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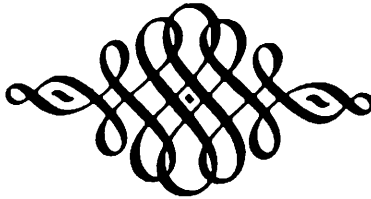
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Dedication

*This book is dedicated to my father,
Norbert Joseph Eisenbath (1913-1972),
whose stories about his birthplace
and surrounding communities instilled
in me an interest in history and in
my roots.*



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The fabric of this community, founded 150 years ago, was woven over many years by a rainbow of persons with diverse convictions.

The community was changed with each movement of persons through the area, but the community remains, thrives, and plans for the future.

In the words of Benjamin Franklin, "a good newspaper and Bible in every house, a good schoolhouse in every district, and a church in every neighborhood, all appreciated as they deserve, are the chief support of virtue, morality, civil liberty and religion." In that statement we find the principles upon which Flint Hill was founded and the reason for its continued existence.



FLINT HILL SPRING

Courtesy of Wentzville Historical Society

Flint Hill is one of the oldest communities in St. Charles County. Originally it was located on Mexico Road and the Salt River Road, two of the early main roads in the county.

Flint Hill was founded in 1836 by Captain Taliaferro P. Grantham. But before we get into the community history, I should like to take you back to the 1800s and give you some idea of what was happening in the area then.

In 1805, Christopher Clark, of Lincoln County, would muster his company of volunteers at the Flint Hill Spring, which is located near the intersection of Hwy. 61 and Hwy. P. This company of volunteers was part of the militia whose purpose was to protect the settlers from unfriendly Indians, as there had been about ten murders of whites in this part of the county.

The settling of Cuivre Township, in which Flint Hill is located, commenced about 1812. The records give the names of Adam Zumwalt, John and Daniel McCoy, William Craig, Daniel Keithley, Daniel Baldrige, and James Crow. Another group of settlers came between the years of 1820 and 1830. They were: Thomas Pearce, Joseph Allen, Charles P. May, George Myers, John and Jonathan James, and Abraham Keithly. For the most part these people were Methodist.

The Methodist circuit riders (preachers) were an integral part of early pioneer life in the community. Methodist camp meetings were held in the Flint Hill community as early as 1817 on the S. Ball farm. (Today this is recognized as the Theodore Feldewert, Sr. place, located on what is now Hwy. P.) Brush arbors for camp meetings were later constructed on a flat near the Flint Hill spring.

On one occasion, a man who had been standing for some time as if in a profound study, suddenly began jumping up and down. He snapped his thumb and fingers and shouted at the top of his voice, "Slick as a peeled onion! Slick as a peeled onion!" Later, when questioned, he replied that he had just received the Holy Ghost and it came so easily he could compare it to nothing more appropriate than the slickness of a peeled onion. While this related incident may seem adverse to our thinking, it was, nonetheless, a definite form of early religion present in the community.

It is difficult to ignore the great business potential that was developed in the next decades. In 1824-1825, Gottfried Duden, a highly educated German, traveled throughout America. He observed climates, soils, and

crop production and took notes of the manners, customs, and laws of this country. He spent nearly a year in the St. Charles, Warren, and Montgomery County region. He returned to Germany and published a 350 page book, giving a complete history of our laws and government, along with a thorough description of the country he visited. In a few years, the effects of his book were manifested by the arrival of German immigrants.

In 1833, many of the immigrants from Germany and Prussia settled in the Augusta area. After a few years, groups of these German immigrants moved to western St. Charles County.

During this same period a group of people living in Flinthill, Virginia, packed their belongings in covered wagons and headed West. Most of these people came West because they wanted to be free; free from the restraints of society and the domineering influence of wealth of the aristocracy. After many days they came to an area that resembled their home place in Virginia where they had raised crops, principally tobacco. They settled near the water courses and built their homes near cool bubbling springs. They called their new home Flint Hill, after Flinthill, Virginia, in Rappahannock County.

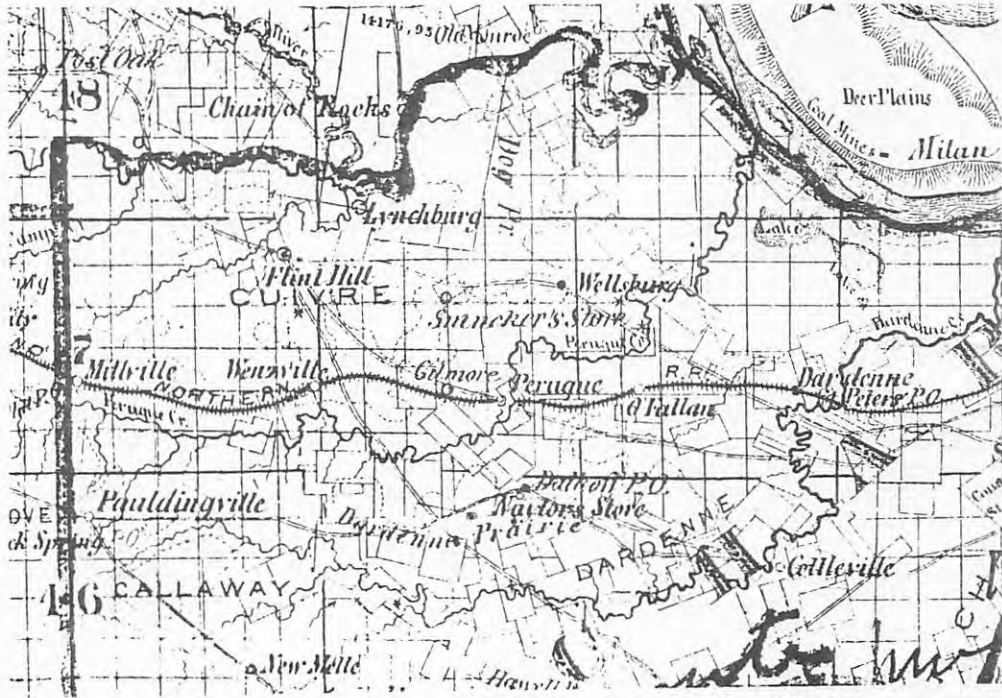
Benjamin C. Pierce (also spelled Pearce) had settled here earlier and was one of the largest land owners in the community. It is said he "owned 1100 acres of land and a yard full of Negroes, was a man of considerable wealth and a leader in all enterprises."

Captain Taliaferro P. Grantham obtained 160 acres of ground from Pierce in 1836; of this he gave ten acres for the town of Flint Hill. Captain Grantham cleared an acre of land and built what was considered a very fine residence, a log house 16 X 18 feet. The people could not imagine what he was going to do with such a fine large house.

At this time, the nearest stores were in Troy (Lincoln County) and Naylor's Store, located east of Pond Fort. Pond Fort was located between Wentzville and the present village of Dardenne, along Hwy. N (the Boonslick Road.) Captain Grantham opened a store, Mr. Collins a dramshop, and the community began to take on city airs. The town was considered a pretty rough place, not so much for having been built on rocks, but because people came from far and near to drink and fight.

Some of the residents of the Flint Hill community at this time were: George Myers, B. Mahor English, Lewis

FLINT HILL SECTION, ST. CHARLES CO., 1872



Campbell's Atlas of Missouri, 1872

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below: A. BROADHEAD home; left side of house is logs. Courtesy of Wentzville Historical Society.



English, John Bailey Allen, Robert Allen, Reuben Carr, Daniel T. Sherman, Sidney, Robert, and Caleb Dula.

The town soon began to be settled by a prosperous enterprising group of people. The post office was established 4 November 1836 and George Myers was the first postmaster. The Justice of the Peace was A. Broadhead. His house (now the second home east of Grothe Road on Hwy. P) is still standing today, and is owned by Wilbert Alexander. The Widow Ford had a school for young girls in Flint Hill. She married the Reverend Andrew Moore, a Methodist minister, who had often visited the Flint Hill community. The Moores later established a seminary for girls at Danville, Montgomery County, Missouri. The building still stands today.

Dr. J. G. Tannor wrote a letter dated 9 September 1844 to his sister, Miss Julia G. Tannor (Wyoming, Dinwiddie County, Virginia) in which he described the people and the land. Following are a few excerpts from the letter.

"I will be near a small village in which two physicians reside, but they are both intemperate men and the people have not much confidence in them as they might otherwise have. By the advise of several gentlemen who were acquainted with the neighborhood and from what I could myself judge my determination was soon made to settle in this part of the country. Whether I succeed or not remains to be told. I will board with . . . who is a good locofoco. When I asked him for what he could board me and my horse by the year the answer was, 'That grain would be scarcer this year than common and he thought accommodations for a man and beast would be worth seventy-five dollars per annum.' Those terms did not FRIGHTEN me at all. . ."

"The crops all look fine to me having so lately left Virginia, but they will not turn but half the usual average so everybody says and I believe. I have not seen an acre of land yet that would not compare well with the richest I ever saw in Va. The poor lands here would be considered creamy in Old Dinwiddie. When the soil is about six or eight inches in depth, then the land is thought quite poor."

"...I am depressed when I think how probable it is that many whom I fondly loved, I took leave of in Va. never to see again, for I know that the emigration of all my relatives and friends to this part of the world is not a thing to be thought

of..."

"My address is Flint Hill St. Charles County Mo:
Flint Hill St. Charles County Mo: (twice that you
may not mistake the reason of my repeating the
Post Office). - ..."

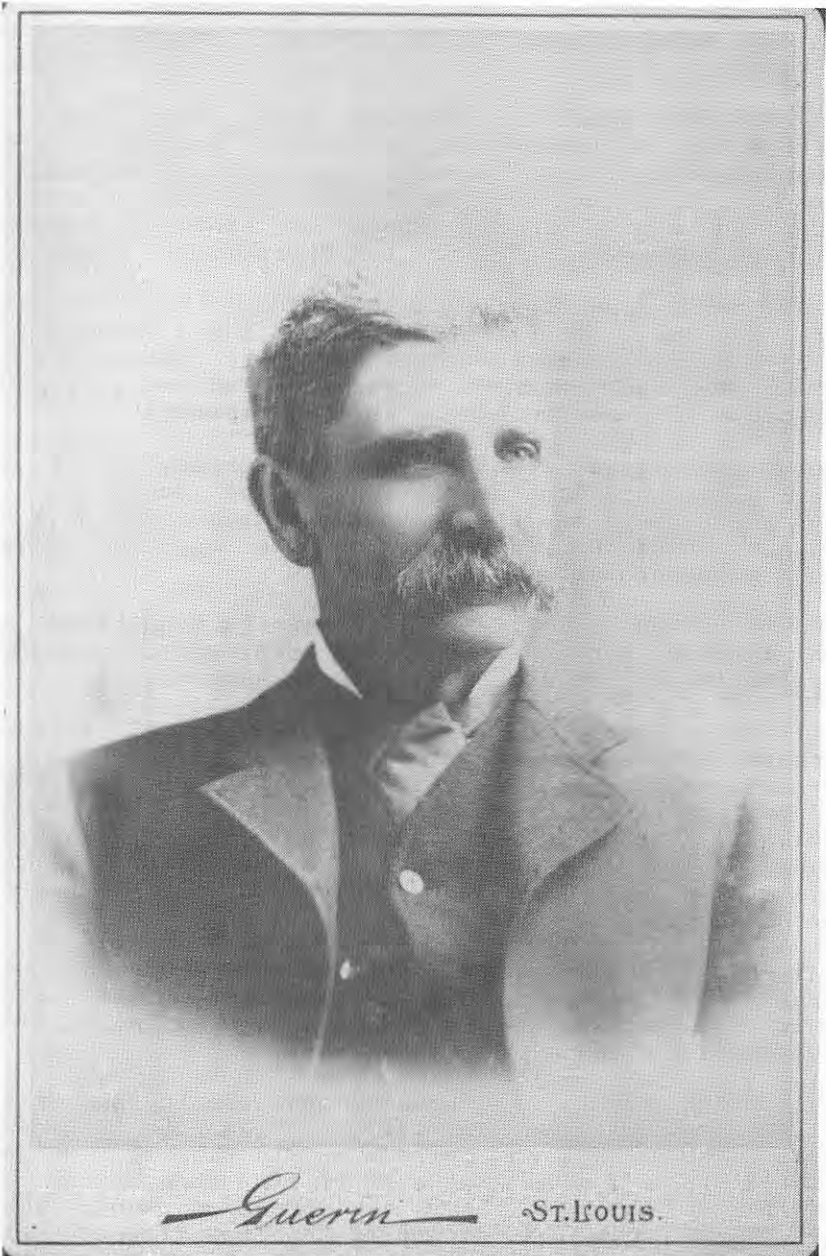
On 13 August 1835 Marshall and Mary J. Bird deeded two acres of land to William M. Allen, Absalem Keithly, Warren Walker, Soloman Zumwalt, Lewis Crow, Pines Allen, and Charles G. May. These men were the trustees for the Bethlehem Methodist Church which was located on what we now know as the May farm. Bethlehem Church and Wesley Chapel (located near Camp Ground Spring) were founded around 1835. They were the results of one of the first Methodist Societies in the county.

In 1846 the Flint Hill Methodist Church was built. The deed, for consideration of \$50, was a transfer from T. P. Grantham (founder of Flint Hill), his wife Mary O. Grantham, and J. B. Brant as grantors to John B. Allen (later transferred parcel of land to Catholic Church for \$1 and other considerations), George Myers (first Postmaster and father of George S. Myers of Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company), William M. Allen (founder of Wentzville), Thomas J. Travis, J. N. Spain (uncle of Paul Brown, of Brown Tobacco Co.), Joseph N. Savage, Edwin W. Mooreman, and Warren W. Walker. All of these men were prominent citizens of Flint Hill.

Between 1848 and 1855 there were a number of Catholic families settling in the Flint Hill community. They had to travel to Josephville in order to attend Mass. The Josephville congregation was organized in 1848 and the first church was built in 1852. As early as 1854 a missionary priest would travel from St. Charles and say Mass in a Methodist home in Flint Hill. The Methodist homes were opened to the priest because their houses were more adaptable for the crowds than the Catholic homes.

It was soon discovered that tobacco grew well in the Flint Hill area and some of the leading tobacco producers had their start in this community. Among these producers were: John and James T. Drummond, George S. Myers, Robert and Caleb Dula, Joel Carr, and Paul Brown.

George S. Myers was born 4 May 1832 in Flint Hill, Missouri. His parents and several sisters are buried in a private cemetery on the Rufkahr property on Mexico Road. He was raised on a farm and attended the Flint Hill school. He started in the tobacco business in Wentzville and was sent to Louisiana, Missouri, as a



GEORGE S. MYERS (1832 - 1910)
of Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.
Courtesy of George B. & Frederick P. Hagee

factory superintendent about 1850 at a salary of \$500 per year.

Between the years of 1860 and 1872, Myers was in partnership with several different people in the tobacco industry. One partner that would be of note is James T. Drummond, who had taught at the first school organized north of Big Creek in Lincoln County. Drummond was later noted for his "Horse Shoe" tobacco.

In 1873, Myers and John E. Liggett formed a partnership and the company became the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. In 1878 Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. was incorporated. "STAR" was the company's largest selling brand of plug tobacco, and a source of its early prosperity.

George S. Myers remained with the company until 19 April 1899 when Continental Tobacco Co. acquired it. Liggett & Myers was the last of the great independent tobacco companies to be swallowed up by the larger tobacco corporations.

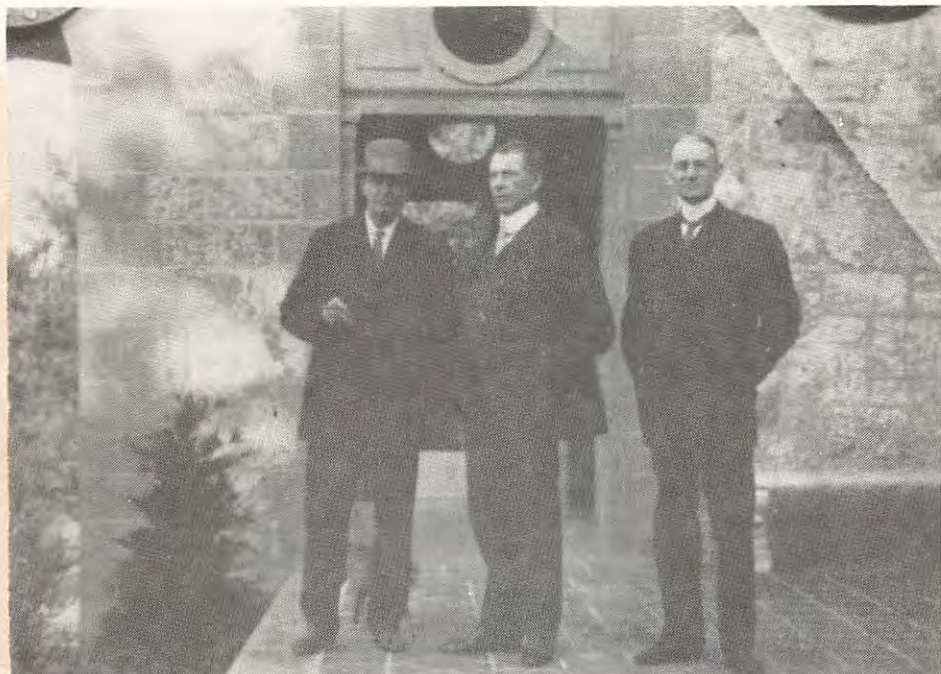
Myers visited the Flint Hill community many times as his farm was located there. He retired to Redland, California in 1905 and died there in August, 1910.

Paul Brown was born 20 August 1848 in El Dorado, Arkansas. He came to Missouri about 1856 with his mother, Martha Ann Spain Brown, sister Lucy Pauline, and two brothers George Samuel and Warner Edward. The family first settled on a farm near Wright City, Warren County, Missouri. Later the family moved to the Flint Hill community to live near J. N. Spain, the brother of Martha Ann Spain Brown.

Paul Brown stated in an interview that he "made his first real money hauling telegraph poles from Wentzville to Troy." He had to borrow a horse from from Charles Grantham to make a team.

Paul Brown entered the tobacco business in the Flint Hill/Wentzville area in 1865. His health became impaired about 1868 and he returned to farming. He re-entered the tobacco business about 1874 as a member of the firm of Sherman, Lacy, and Brown of Wentzville. The firm's name was changed to the Brown Tobacco Co. after a short time. The company moved to Montgomery City in 1880.

The Brown Tobacco Co. incorporated in 1881 and Paul Brown was elected president. Names on the original incorporation papers were: F. H. Lacy, Paul Brown, Lewis W. English, and A. C. Hudson. Lewis English's first wife was Lucy Pauline Brown, sister of Paul



*CALEB DULA, center, on his porch in New York
First President of re-created Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.
Courtesy of Mrs. Mary Harrison.*



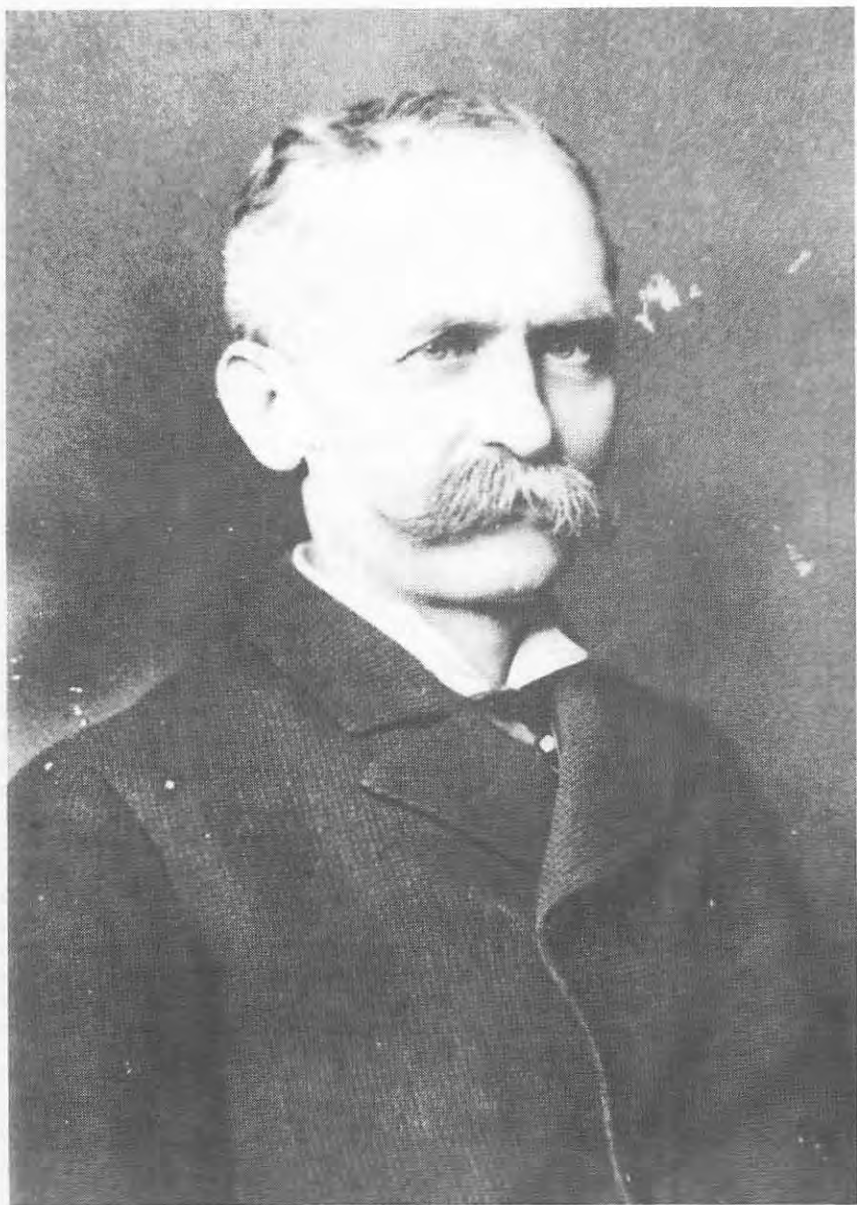
Brown. She died in 1872. English remarried in 1882 to Laura Jane Dula, sister of Robert and Caleb Dula of tobacco fame. A. C. Hudson's sister, Martha Ann Hudson, was Paul Brown's first wife.

In 1893 the company moved to St. Louis. Brown's "STANDARD NAVY PLUG" and "STAGHEAD" brands of chewing tobacco were very popular. In 1898 American Tobacco Co. bought the Brown Tobacco Co. for 1.2 million dollars. Paul Brown became a member of the board of directors, and remained on the board until 1911 when a court decree broke up the giant company. Perhaps the greatest legacy Paul Brown left St. Louis is the Paul Brown Building (located on Ninth and Olive Streets) which was completed in 1927. Paul Brown died in November, 1927, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

"Dula" was also a very prominent name in the tobacco business in this area. Robert and Caleb Dula, brothers, started their tobacco business in Wentzville. They remained in Wentzville for several years and then moved to Danville, Virginia. Caleb Dula returned to Missouri after a few years and became an officer of the Drummond Tobacco Co. This is the same Drummond who was in business with George S. Myers. The Drummond Tobacco Co. was acquired by Continental Tobacco Co. in 1898. Continental was the plug affiliate of the American Tobacco Co. The Brown Tobacco Co. was acquired at the same time, and they became known as the Brown, Drummond-J. G. Butler Branches. Caleb Dula became resident manager of the branches in 1898. In 1903 he was made a member of Continental's Executive Committee. When Continental and Consolidated Tobacco Co. were merged into American Tobacco Co., Dula became vice-president and director of American Tobacco Co. After a court decree of 1911, when American Tobacco Co. was dissolved, Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. was one of the companies re-created and Caleb Dula became its first president. He remained with the company until his death in 1930, in New York City.

Robert Dula returned to the Flint Hill community and went into the tobacco business in Wentzville, where Joel Carr took him in as a partner. Robert Dula at one time had taught school at Flint Hill. He married Josephine Carr, daughter of Joel Carr. Dula and Carr remained in business until 1885, then sold their business to the St. Charles Tobacco Co. (ca. 1884-1889).

By 1857, Flint Hill was a prosperous and growing town. It boasted many establishments, and among them were: a fine hotel (Harnett's), three dry goods stores, a saloon, a tailor shop, a fast growing tobacco factory, a blacksmith shop, and an attorney (John B. Allen).



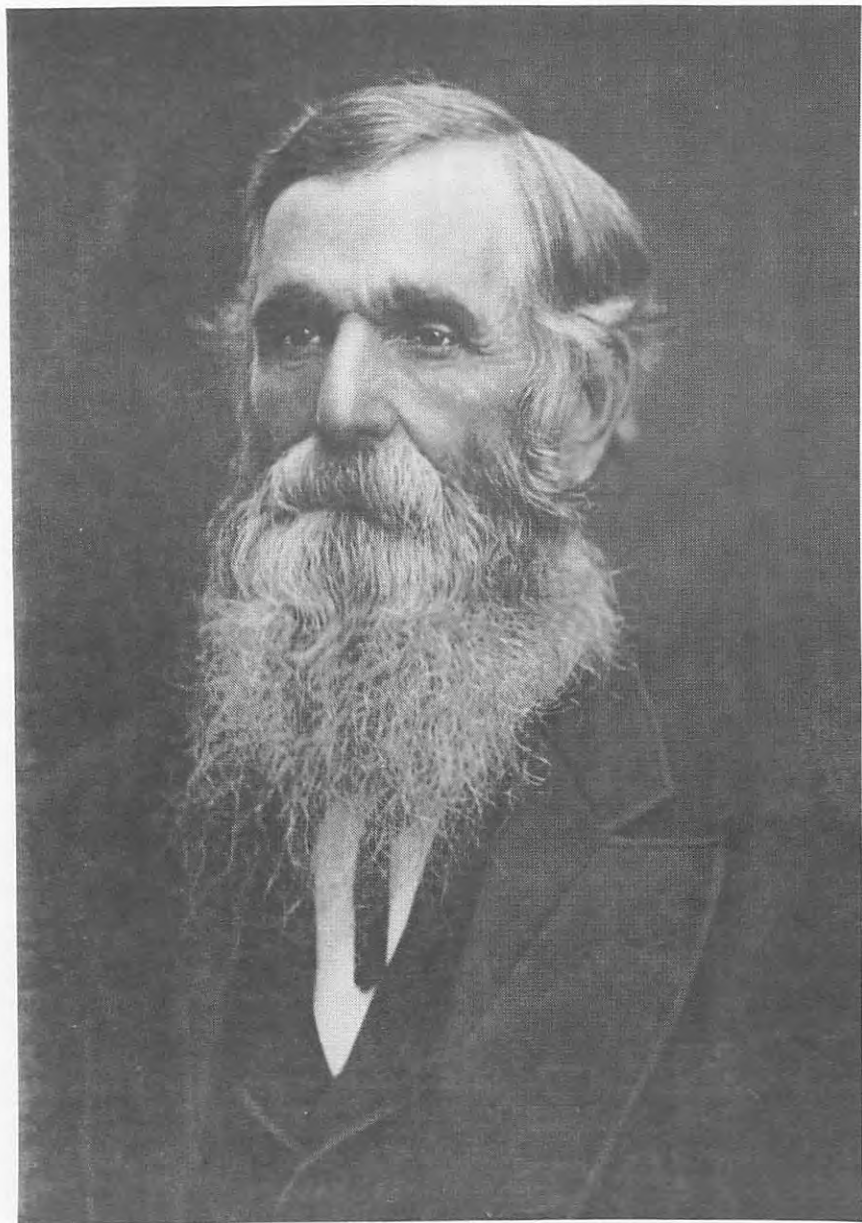
PAUL BROWN (1848 - 1927)
President of Brown Tobacco Company
Courtesy of Mrs. Dorothy Brown Hill

Charles Sack and Newby operated a wheat-fan mill factory, for which they had obtained a patent in 1855. Jack Turner had a factory for the manufacture of plows and other farm implements. Good medical doctors were also located in Flint Hill. A stagecoach, carrying both passengers and mail, passed through Flint Hill and terminated at Troy.

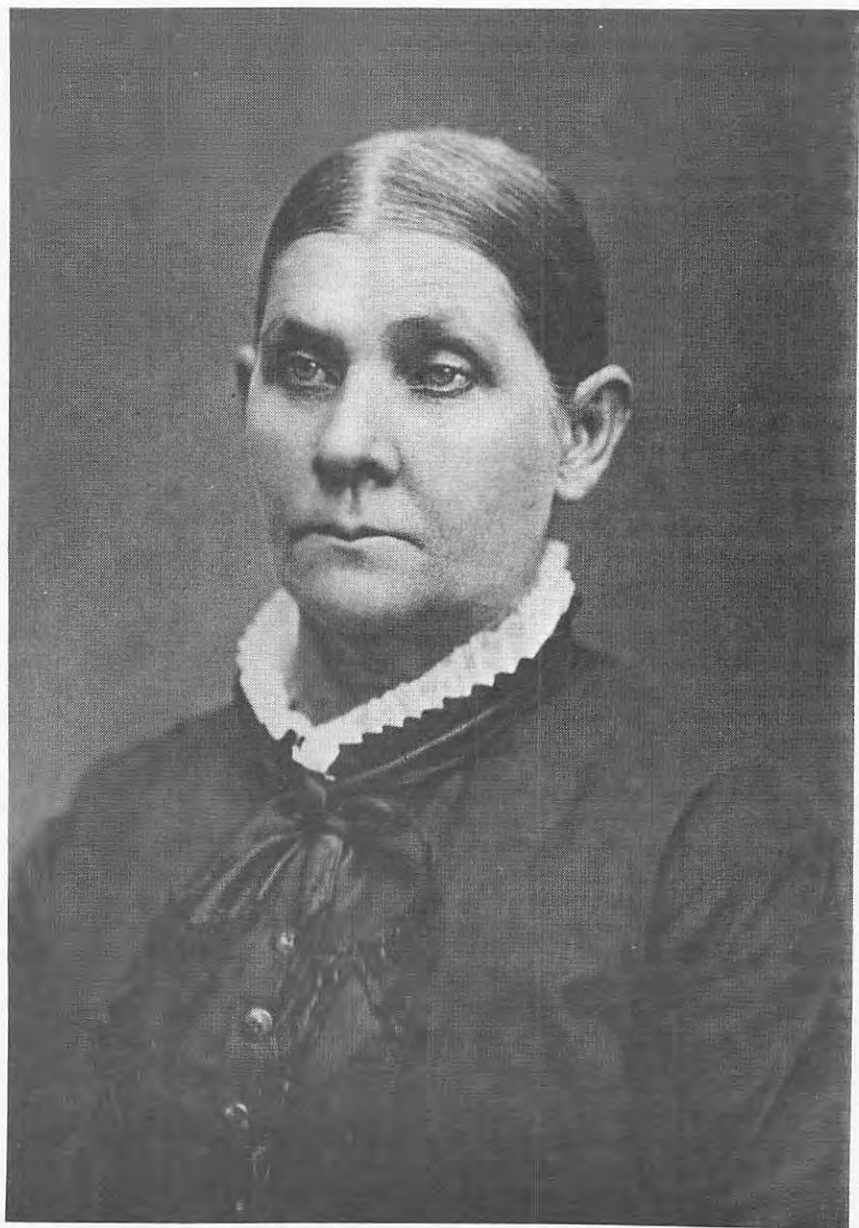
It was also in 1857 that the first train pulled into Wentzville. This, in retrospect, surely marked the beginning of Flint Hill's decline. Factories and producers who had located in Flint Hill gradually moved to Wentzville. The value of the land decreased and owners disposed of their property as best they could. John Bailey Allen (the attorney and charter member of the Flint Hill Grange) and Dr. Russell B. Lewis (brother-in-law of George S. Myers) purchased most of the land and rented out the dwellings.

Much information has been obtained about John Bailey Allen. He was born 4 July 1815 in Henry County, Virginia, and walked most of the way from Virginia to Missouri when he was 15 years old. In 1832, at the age of 17 years, he enlisted in the Black Hawk War and served under Nathan Boone, son of Daniel Boone. He returned from the war with \$2000 which he had saved by washing the soldiers' clothing and doing odd jobs. He invested his money in land and afterward became quite wealthy and he had a store, tobacco factory, and many slaves. He served as Postmaster of Flint Hill for eight years and was admitted to the bar in 1858 at Troy, Missouri. "Through his liberality he endorsed for others large amounts, and in consequence he lost over \$15,000." He closed out his businesses in 1861 and retired to his farm (today recognized as the Mathias Sachs place on Mexico Road) which at that time was one of the most extensive and best improved in this part of the county. John B. Allen died 4 February 1904 in Windsor, Missouri. His remains were interred in the Allen Cemetery in Flint Hill, on Mexico Road.

James Pines Allen, son of John B. Allen and Lucy L. Harnett, was born in Flint Hill 12 August 1855. He graduated from Central College, Fayette, Missouri, and attended Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tennessee. In 1882 he married Mary Miller Boyd of Flint Hill, Missouri. James P. Allen went on to become a prosperous man. He organized the Citizens Bank of Windsor, Missouri, and was founder of Citizens Bank, Newellton, Louisiana (now Tensas State Bank.) He was considered a conservative and successful banker. At the time of his death in 1933, he was the owner of Sunnyside, Belview, Eastland, Locus Land, Possum Run Plantations in Tensas Parish, and Foster Plantation in



*JOHN BAILEY ALLEN (1815 - 1904)
Prominent Early Flint Hill resident
Courtesy of Mrs. Mildred Reed*



LUCY LEWIS HARNETT ALLEN
wife of John Bailey Allen
Courtesy of Mrs. Mildred Reed

Bossier Parish, Louisiana. He also owned property in Kansas City, Missouri, and many farms in the state of Oklahoma.

Getting back to our story, when the businesses left Flint Hill, a large Negro settlement prevailed for some time. A house of worship for the colored stood on the site of the Theodore Feldewerth Jr. property, now Hwy. P directly across from Mexico Road. The proprietors sold the land cheaply, and the new settlers moved into the community. The town once again began to change, but never to be the same as the glory days of the 1840s and 1850s.

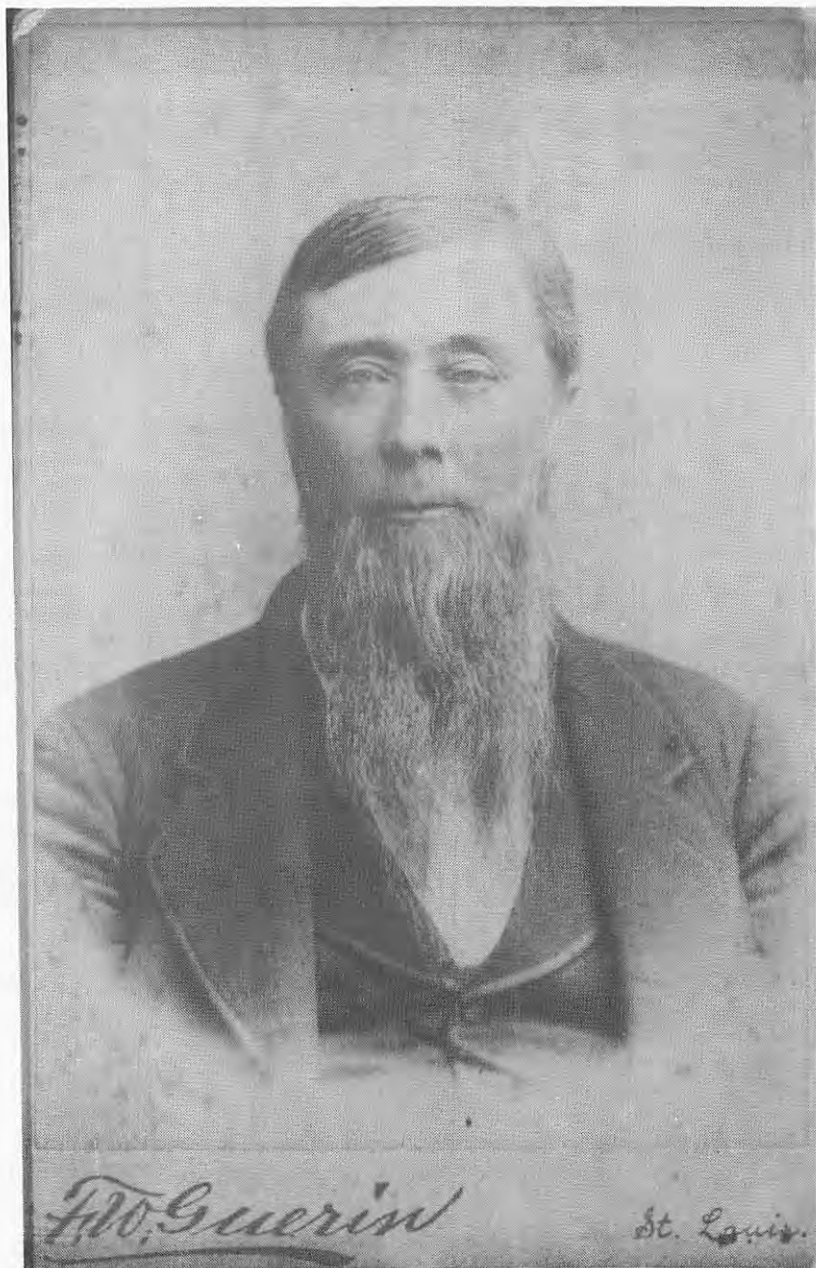
Education was not overlooked. Schools were built as soon as possible wherever pupils could be found to attend. The schools were well attended, especially during the winter months, when students as old as 19 years would come as far as 10 miles on horseback. The public school records date back to 1880.

At this time, M. E. Parson taught the white school a five month term and L. A. Kern taught the colored school a three month term. Dr. Russell B. Lewis was instrumental in establishing the colored school and paying the tuition for the colored children. Different teachers taught the two schools until 1889, when there were no longer enough colored pupils available to maintain a school, so it closed.

Several men from the Flint Hill community served on the school board and as directors. They were: Dr. Russell B. Lewis, Mathias Sachs, Joseph M. Feldewerth, Stephen F. Boehmer, Charles Roettger, and Leo G. Orf. Judge Edgar B. Woolfolk of the 35th Circuit Court received his elementary education in the Flint Hill school.

In the early 1880s, Reverend Theodore Krainhardt, pastor of St. Joseph's of Josephville, travelled to Flint Hill to say Sunday Mass for the growing number of Catholic families moving into the community. According to many sources, Masses were said in Dr. Russell B. Lewis' home as he was a friend of Father Krainhardt's. A few of the early families who attended these services were the Henkes, Bauers, Westhoffs, Tegethoffs, Feldewerths, Mentens, and Orfs.

Reverend Krainhardt saw a need for a public place of worship and urged the Catholic people to build a church. Deeds tell us that in late 1882 and early 1883 Catherine Ross, John B. and Lucy L. Allen, Dr. Russell B. and Anna Lewis, William A. and Mary Harnett all transferred parcels of land to the Archdiocese of St. Louis. All were purchased for "one dollar and other



DR. RUSSELL BELL LEWIS
Courtesy of George B. & Frederick P. Hagee

considerations", except that from Catherine Ross. Her parcel of land was acquired for \$25. These tracts became what is now the center of parish property.

The first Catholic Church was a 20 X 40 foot white frame building, which was completed in one month, five days and was named St. Theodore's, in honor of Fr. Theodore Krainhardt. The original church had a bell but it was on a separate stand because it was too heavy to place atop the church. When the present Catholic Church was built in 1900, the bell was moved to the bell-tower where it remains today. The wood for the framework of the present church was cut off the David Henke farm, now the Englemeyer farm. The original church was converted into a two room school.

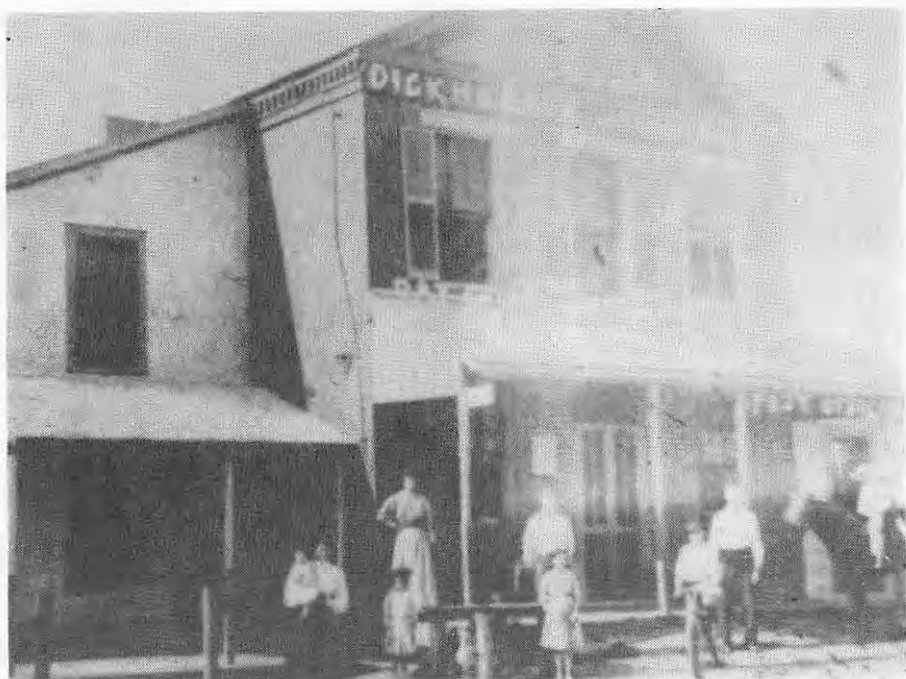


*ST. THEODORE'S CHURCH, FLINT HILL
Building to left is first church.*



*METHODIST CEMETERY Entrance
Courtesy of Wentzville Historical Society*

In 1890, the Methodist Church closed its doors, and the congregation joined the Methodist Church in Moscow Mills, Lincoln County. About 1900 the Methodist Church was dismantled and the Methodist cemetery, which had "probably been established about 1840" became neglected. A trust fund was set up for the perpetual care of the graves in July, 1908. The first trustees of this fund were Paul Brown of St. Louis, S. M. Ball, and A. G. Moore of Flint Hill. Many of the tobacco giants' ancestors are buried in this cemetery. Paul Brown's mother, Martha Ann Spain Brown Keeton, and sister Lucy Pauline Brown English are buried there. Robert and Caleb Dula's parents, Sidney P. and Jane E. Dula, and their sister Laura Jane Dula English are also buried there. Joel E. Carr and his wife Fannie, Robert Dula's in-laws were laid to rest in this cemetery. In 1910, Paul Brown and Mrs. Lewis (Dula) English of St. Louis, Robert B. and Caleb C. Dula of New York, Mrs. W. L. McCoy and others of Flint Hill and Wentzville employed James Linaham, a contractor from Troy, Missouri, to erect a stone wall about 4 1/2 feet high around the cemetery. The cost of this wall was about \$3,000 or more. This cemetery is located south of Boehmer's Store.



*DICKHERBER - BOLAND STORE
Courtesy of Verona Wehde Dickherber*

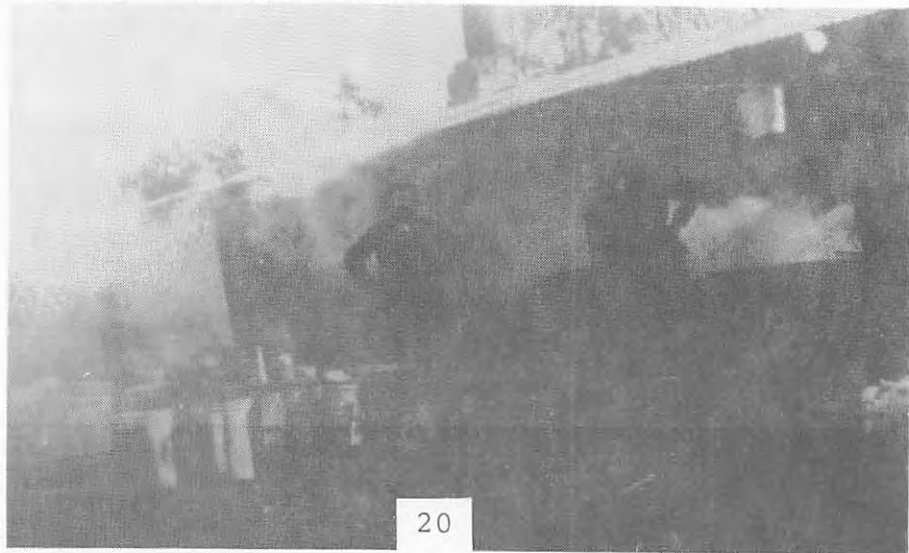
In 1891, Mr. Beller came from Boschertown and remodeled the old tobacco factory into a general store. Miss Minnie Feldewerth, who was 99 years old when she died in July, 1980, recalled horses pulling tobacco to the factory. The tobacco was hung in the second story of the building to dry. After Mr. Beller remodeled the building, he sold the store to Mr. J. C. Debrecht, who ran the store for awhile. Mr. J. C. Debrecht sold the store to Mr. Ed Prinster. In October, 1905, Henry A. Dickherber and John J. Boland obtained the store. At the time of their purchase, the stock in the store was worth \$2500. Henry Dickherber bought out John Boland in the mid-1920s. Mr. Dickherber and his wife Mary



FIRST 8th GRADE GRADUATING CLASS
of ST. THEODORE'S, 1914

left to right: *Father Von Brunn, Alodia Sachs Adams,
Charlotte Sachs, Edmund Sachs, Bernice Eisenbath Koch,
Aura Orf Wilmes. (Courtesy of Bernice Koch)*

below: **STEPHEN BOEHMER SORGHUM MILL**



(called Aunt Mollie by most of the people in town) ran the store until July, 1950 when Robert A. Jungermann bought the business. In July, 1955, Charles Jungermann bought the business from his brother. Jungermann's remained in the building until 1981, when they moved into a new store which they built in Flint Hill. The Dickherber store building has remained in the family all of these years, and today Sherry Juergensmeyer has a beauty shop in the building. She is the great-granddaughter of Henry A. Dickherber.

In 1908, Stephen "Dick" Boehmer started his sorghum mill. At first he used horses to power the mill, but later he purchased a nine horsepower gasoline engine and a new cane press. During World War I (1917) he produced 2400 gallons of sorghum and sold it for \$1 per gallon; this increased production was due to the sugar rationing during the war. With the death of Stephen (Dick) Boehmer in 1942, his son, Anthony "Tony" Boehmer took over the operation of the sorghum mill. During World War II Tony had a peak production of 2400 gallons, again due to rationing of sugar. In 1948 the sorghum mill shut down because the people quit growing the cane.

In 1910, the enrollment of the Catholic school had increased. The community was growing, and a number of Catholic families from Wentzville were sending their children to school in Flint Hill, because at this time there was no Catholic school in Wentzville. Father Von Brunn, the pastor, saw the need to build a new school. Work was begun in 1912 and the school was completed in 1913. Many of the families helped by hauling lumber, bricks, and cement from Wentzville and Enon with a team and wagon.

In 1914, Stephen "Dick" Boehmer and Edward Orf built a store. The store was run by Emil Schultz and Edward Orf for awhile, but when Mr. Schultz went off to World War I the store closed. It remained closed for two years. In September, 1920, the Flint Hill Mercantile Co. was organized by the people of the Flint Hill community. Stock was sold in the store and a board of directors was elected. There was a paid-in capital stock of \$13,500 with about 90 stockholders in 1920. In the mid-1920s the number of stockholders had increased to 125. The first directors of the store were: Henry Nathe, F. G. Kampmann, Leo G. Orf, Mathias Sachs, and Theodore Feldewerth, Jr. Some of the managers of the store were Henry Sachs, Edwin Debrecht, and Theodore Feldewerth, Jr. The Flint Hill Mercantile Co. continued in business until 1932 when Stephen and Mathilda Orf Boehmer acquired the store. The store was then operated by the Boehmer family under the name of



ST. THEODORE'S CLASS, about 1915 - 1916

Front row, l - r: Elizabeth Ahrens, Leona Ohmes Kopp, Agnes Mennemeier, Helen Grothe, Agnes Sachs Adams, Cornelia Parr Wilmes, Leona Menten Hoeber, Loretta Eisenbath Birkman, Margaret Crane

2nd row: Lillian Pieper, Saloma Kirchoff, Johanna Bauer Schaeffer, Irene Parr Witte, Elsie Ohmes Boehmer, Edmunda Nathe (Sister Theresa Marie), Evelyn Parr Wingler, Rose Heppermann Kaimann, Veronica Henke, Edna Orf Rothermich, Agnes Bauer Henke, Leona Parr

3rd row - short row -: Adele Peine Mudd, Stella Dickherber Willerding, Gertie Kirsch Kampmann, Mamie Englemeyer, Stella Boehmer Ohmes, Agnes Loffler

Back row: Mary Roettger Obrecht, Clara Auffenberg, Adele Orf (Sister Bernice), Genevieve Orf (Sister Mary Alice), Marge Eisenbath Schwendemann, Tille Linhorst, Zita Waltherman Duenke, Johanna Boehmer, Elizabeth Menten Byrde, Mary Menten Schleuter, Lena Parr, Rose Schleuter Schulte.

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*Top: Flint Hill Mercantile Stock
courtesy of Urban Boehmer*

*Bottom: Bross Blacksmith Shop
Theodore Bross, left, & Henry Bross
Courtesy of August & Marie Bross Peine*



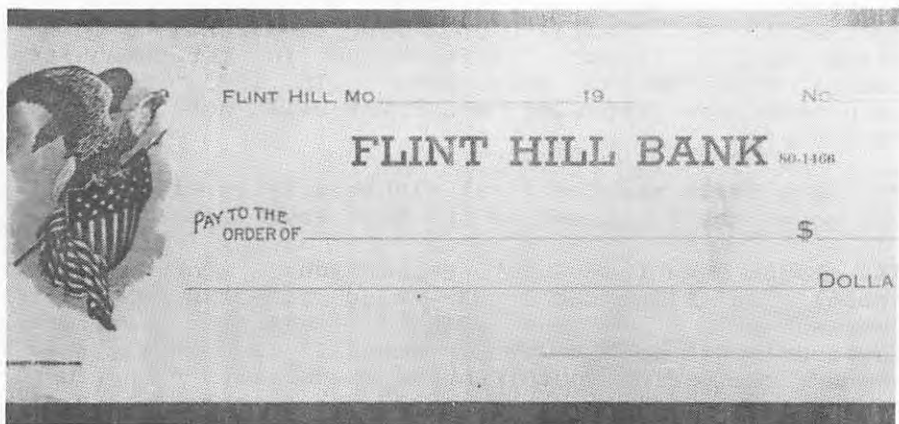
Boehmer Brothers. The store was managed by Urban Boehmer, assisted by Anthony "Tony" Boehmer and Johanna Boehmer. In later years, Viola Boehmer joined them. On 1 February 1975, Leonard and Bernard Boehmer purchased the store from the family. Today, the store is still known as Boehmer Brothers, and run by the grandsons of one of the original builders.

The Flint Hill Bank was organized 27 February 1914 with 36 shareholders. The first directors of the bank were: John J. Boland, Mathias Sachs, John McHugh, Henry Nathe, and William Callahan. The first officers of the bank were: John J. Boland, President; Mathias Sachs, Vice-President; Judge Charles W. Meyer, clerk of the bank; and William Callahan, cashier. The bank served the people of the Flint Hill community and surrounding areas until the bank, due to economic reasons, closed in November, 1930. The bank is still standing today, and is the home of Mrs. Anthony (Elsie) Boehmer.

The era of 1900-1930s saw a great deal of progress in the community with the establishment of several new businesses. The businesses in Flint Hill at this time were: Flint Hill Mercantile Co., Flint Hill Bank, Dickherber & Boland Store, Fetch's Flint Hill Garage, and Flint Hill Telephone Co. Also present were: Henry Hepperman, broom manufacture; Joe Sachs, Alpen Brau beer distributor; Theodore Feldewerth, saloon; Henry Sachs, Sr., trucking company; Joe Hoeber and later Frank Peine, confectionary. Stephen "Uncle Dick" Boehmer had a cane mill. Dr. Ahrens was the general practitioner, George Hughes had a barbershop; later Hilary Dickherber had the barbershop and tavern. Joseph Bross, Sr. had a garage. Austin Sachs had a tavern, later called Doodles Becker's tavern. Judge W. E. Lauer had the Flint Hill Implement Co. Lutz had a blacksmith shop and and knife manufacturing business. The knives were inscribed with "A. Lutz Flinthill" or "It is my duty to cut."

There were two good schools --public, the building which is now occupied by Hakenewerth Drywall, and the Catholic School. The first motorized vehicles appeared on the streets of Flint Hill in 1915. In August, 1917, Bernard Eisenbath, son of Casper and Lydia Orf Eisenbath, passed away. His body was brought to the Flint Hill Catholic Church in a motorized funeral procession, which was a first for the Flint Hill community.

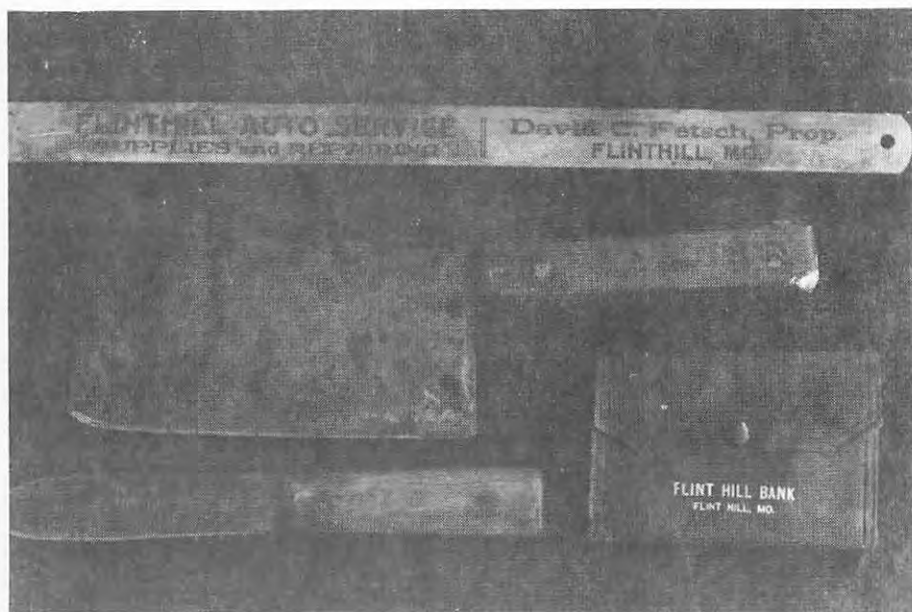
The year 1919 saw the ratification of the 18th Amendment, which prohibited the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquor. The 18th Amendment did not stop the people of the Flint Hill



*FLINT HILL Bank Check
courtesy of Omar "Buzzy" & Jean Dunn Dickherber*

FLINT HILL ARTIFACTS (below)

*Fetsch's "dip stick" for checking gasoline;
Meat cleaver, inscribed "A. Lutz, Flinthill";
Butcher knife, inscribed "It is my duty to cut."*



community from enjoying their spirits and boot leg flourished. Many people from neighboring counties crossed the St. Charles County line to purchase some of Flint Hill's finest. A few barns in the community caught fire during this era. In 1933, the 18th Amendment was repealed and Flint Hill got back to "normal."

The late 1920s saw the first electricity in Flint Hill. The power was furnished by the East Power Company.

The 1930s saw the Great Depression. The Catholic school in Flint Hill was also affected by the depression. In the 1936/1937 school year, St. Theodore's was made a "public school." By making this change the parish would receive state aid for the use of school buildings, payment of the teaching sisters' salaries, books, etc. In 1953, a state court decision prohibited transportation of parochial students, Catholic nuns teaching in public schools, and public schools operating in Church owned buildings. As a result of this decision, St. Theodore's was once again a private Catholic school. This transition was brought about very smoothly by Father Gerhardt Schmidt. He was the pastor of St. Theodore's from 1949-1971, and brought many changes in the parish and community. His love and concern for all, be they Catholics or non-Catholics, made the community as one. One of Father Schmidt's chief contributions was the basement under the Catholic school. This basement was hand-dug by Fr. Schmidt and the parishioners. It is still used extensively today as meeting room for 4-H, town general meetings, Flint Hill Athletic Association meetings, and many parish activities.

In October, 1976, Flint Hill was incorporated in order to preserve its identity. The first elected trustees of the village were: Len Boehmer, Mayor; Urban Boehmer, Hilary Dickherber, Fred Pund, and Hurley Carter.

In 1983 St. Theodore's Church celebrated its centennial with a year-long celebration which included many activities. Parishioners of today include many of the descendants of original families. Over one-fourth of the original families have fifth generation members attending St. Theodore's.

Today, 1986, the village of Flint Hill covers approximately 500 acres, with a population of about 220. The village has one church and school, Catholic, and several businesses: Boehmer Brothers, Inc.; Jungermann's Store and Post Office, Charles Jungermann, postmaster; Hakenewerth Drywall & Insulation; Flint



ST. THEODORE'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL TODAY
Courtesy of Wentzville Historical Society



Hill Ditching (John Boland, Jr.); Joe Schutte, painting; Sherry's Salon (Jurgensmeyer); Vera's Beauty Shop (Rothermich) and New Flint Hill Tavern. The present board of trustees are: Barry Auchly, Mayor; Tom Sachs, Jerry Boehmer, Mike Lumia and Jeff Landwehr. The village is getting sewer lines which should be completed at the end of this year. None of the "original" families reside in Flint Hill at the present time, but many of their descendants are drawn back to the roots of their forefathers, looking for information and exploring old cemeteries.

BASEBALL

Baseball has always been important to the Flint Hill community. At first different locations were used to play ball. Some of the early ball diamonds were: Joe Feldewerth property (Mette Rd.); Rothermich property (Hwy. P); Englemeyer property (across from Harold Scott's, Mette Rd.); field between picnic grounds and where Gertie Sachs lives, and all four corners of Old Hwy. 61 and Hwy. P.

In the summer of 1948 the first ball game was played on the "NEW" diamond. The property belonged to Hilary and Verona Dickherber. On 1 May 1953, Hilary and Verona Dickherber leased to the Flint Hill Athletic Association a parcel of land for a ball diamond. The Flint Hill Community donated monies to help build the diamond. The donations ranged from \$1 to \$35, and a total of \$913 was collected, with 124 donors contributing.

In the latter part of 1948 the Flint Hill Athletic Association was formed. The committee members held a meeting on Monday evening 20 December 1948 and Roy Eisenbath was elected chairman; Viola Boehmer assumed the duties of the secretary. In January, 1949, the first officers of the association were elected, and they were: Judge W.E. Lauer, President; Hilary Dickherber, Vice-President; Ruth Boland, Secretary. In December, 1949, Vincent Orf was elected Treasurer.

The Flint Hill Athletic Association was not only concerned about baseball, but also with the town, as indicated by the minutes of different meetings. In February, 1952, there was discussion of putting up lights in town. In November, 1952, "...it was decided to see Mo. Edison again about lights in town." In February, 1953, "...to permit Missouri Edison Co. to install street lights in Flint Hill and agreed to pay according to contract." In March, 1953, "it was voted by secret ballot that the Association would sponsor two dances each year for the cost of street lights." "What



FLINT HILL HARD ROAD BALL TEAM
Sponsored by Alpen Brau Beer - name on shirts
F. H. Alpen Brau Early 1930s

Front row, left to right: (sitting) Walter "Babe" Clausner, Unidentified, Zeno "Dinky" Mette, Clarence "Mutt" Clausner, Vincent Orf.

Middle row, (kneeling): Raymond "Skeeter" Mette, Omar "Buzzy" Dickherber, Unidentified, Berdell Feldewerth, Johnny Feto, Joe Panke.

Standing: Hilary "Barber" Dickherber, Norbert "Nubby" Eisenbath.

picture courtesy of Urban Boehmer



was over and above the cost of the lights would go into the Association's treasury, and with the town reserving the right to withdraw the excess money, should any further improvements in the town be necessary." The following men agreed to sign an affidavit to guarantee the payment of the street light bills: H. L. Dickherber, Lindy Boland, Urban Boehmer, Bob Jungermann, and Joe Sachs.

In June, 1953, the Athletic Association began sponsoring the Khoury League. In December, 1953, there was some discussion of putting up lights at the ball diamond. The bid for the materials was \$4,988.13, which did not include labor. The Athletic Association, after some discussion, "agreed that we just forget about the lights until later. The majority thought it was too much money for our funds." By February, 1954, the Athletic Association did vote to install lights at the ball park. The estimated cost of installing the lights was close to \$5,000. The digging of the holes for the light poles and building the fence was done by the Athletic Association members. According to the minutes, "some of the money would be raised by selling ads to the different business places, which will be put on a board fence in right and left field. The cost of the ads will be \$10 per foot."

In June, 1954, the "social event" of the year for baseball was held. Excerpts of the 3 June 1954 meeting follows:

"The purpose of the meeting was to make plans for the opening of the nite baseball park. Mr. Russ Emge was present and is going to be a big help on opening nite arrangements. He is handling the publicity with the newspapers and KWRE. KWRE is going to make a tape recording of the ceremonies and rebroadcast them the following evening. Joe Sachs is mailing invitations to the mayors of surrounding towns and managers of different teams and league officials. Flag raising ceremonies is to be taken care of by the American Legion. Starting time for the ceremonies is 6:30 p.m. with the ballgame following. The P.A. system will be gotten from Edgar Willerding. Terry Moore is being contacted as M. Ceremonies and if not available Mr. Emge is going to contact someone else."

"Various committees was assigned to take care of the various stands....B. Jungermann and L. Boland is in charge of the food stand. . Harry Bennett is in charge of the drink stand and the ordering of the beer and soda. . Tony Boehmer is to have the ice there for the soda and beer tubs. . Ted

Becker is chairman of collecting at the gate.

.The parking committee to be asked is Ed Trautman, Louis Mette, John McHugh, Jim McHugh, Zeno Mette, Pete Feldewerth, Urban Hakenewerth. . ."

Thus the beginning of night baseball in Flint Hill.

Today, baseball and softball are still played on this diamond. Through the generosity of Hilary and Verona Dickherber, the Flint Hill Athletic Association obtained a 999 year lease on 1 August 1977. This ballpark is known as BARBER PARK, after Hilary who was a barber.

The Flint Hill community has had some outstanding baseball and softball players. Some of these ball players have played professional ball, Hard Road League Ball, and softball. A few that come to mind are:

Stephen "Uncle Dick" Boehmer began playing ball about 1883 when he was 18 years old. He was voted "the county's most outstanding representative of baseball at the St. Charles Centennial celebration and tournament in 1939."

Bernard "Boobie" Eisenbath played for the House of David, 1929-1930. The House of David went "barnstorming" around the country and played against different minor league clubs, and in some cases major league teams. In 1972, the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame was established, and Boobie was one of the first inductees. In 1985, he was made an honorary member of the St. Charles Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.

Urban Boehmer, son of Stephen Boehmer, began playing ball in Flint Hill. At one time or another, he played for Wentzville, Flint Hill, Troy, St. Charles, and Jonesburg. In 1977, he was inducted into the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame and in 1985 was made an honorary member of the St. Charles Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.

Len, Jerry, and Bernie Boehmer, sons of Urban Boehmer, have all played professional baseball. Len signed initially with the Cincinnati Reds, played minor league ball with them for several years and during part of 1967 played major league ball. He was traded to the New York Yankees and played major league ball in 1969, 1970, and 1971. Jerry signed in 1966 with the Chicago White Sox and played minor league ball for about three years. Bernie signed in 1970 with the Oakland A's and played minor league ball for four years.

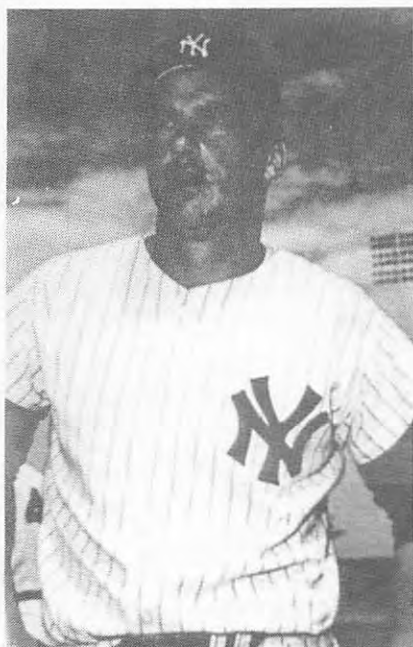
Tony Orf, who played Hard Road League ball for Flint Hill for 26 years, began his ball career when he was 13



Top, left,
STEPHEN BOEHMER

Top right,
"BOOBIE" EISENBATH
courtesy of Mamie
Eisenbath Prinster

Left:
LEN BOEHMER



years old. In 1962 after 26 years of playing ball, he retired. In 1985, Tony was inducted to the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.

Clarence "Tink" Mette, who was born and raised in the Flint Hill community, and now resides in Wentzville, was one of the better softball pitchers in the area. In 1986, he was inducted into the St. Charles Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.

WARS

The wars in which America was involved have had an effect on the Flint Hill community.

The Civil War (1861-1865) caused much stress and hardship to the Flint Hill community. There is no record of a skirmish in Flint Hill, but on 15 July 1861, there was a Civil War skirmish at Wentzville. How many, or if any, people from Flint Hill were involved in this skirmish is unknown. Most of the people living in Flint Hill at this time were Southern sympathizers and slave holders, yet there were Germans living in the community at this time, and they were Union sympathizers. The effects the Civil War had on Flint Hill are not recorded, but one thing is certain, it turned neighbor against neighbor.

On Sunday, 28 June 1914, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, was shot and killed. This murder touched off World War I. Most Americans felt that the United States should not become involved in the European conflict, but three terrible years of war changed public opinion. The invasion of Belgium, the sinking of the Lusitania, German sabotage and espionage in America, and clever Allied propaganda turned Americans against Germany. President Wilson called upon Congress for a declaration of war against the Central Powers. War was declared against Germany on 6 April 1917, and against Austria-Hungary on 7 December 1917.

Quite a few of the young men in the Flint Hill community served in World War I. Only one was killed in action, and that was Joseph P. Menten, son of Henry and Elizabeth Tegethoff Menten. He entered the service 4 October 1917 assigned to Co. I 354th Inf., 89th Div., and later transferred to Regular Army. He was killed in the battle of Chateau-Thierry in 1918. He is buried in Aisne-Marne, France. Three other men died in camp as a result of disease. They were: Conrad A. Lutz, Virgil Turpin, and George Morgan.

America was drawn into World War II on the morning of



JOSEPH MENTEN

*courtesy of Margaret
Menten Orf*



HARRY ENGLEMEYER

*courtesy of Norbert
Englemeyer*

Sunday 7 December 1941. While most of the personnel of the American naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, slept, the Japanese task force approached, undetected through the darkness. In less than two hours, the Japanese had destroyed the heart of the American Pacific Fleet. On 8 December 1941, the United States declared war on Japan. Three days later (11 December 1941) Germany and Italy declared war on the United States. Thus the outbreak of World War II.

Once again the young men of the Flint Hill community responded. Many families agonized over fathers, sons, and brothers who were drafted, saw action, were captured, held prisoners, or died. Only one man from the Flint Hill community lost his life. He was Harry F. Englemeyer, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Boegel Englemeyer. He was in the U. S. Army, 359th Infantry, 90 Div. He was killed in action on D-Day, 6 June 1944, on the Normandy beach head. He felt he would not return home since he was to be on the first landing assault. At the request of his mother, his body was returned to Flint Hill to be buried in St. Theodore's Cemetery. A memorial service was held; "Taps" was played on the organ as a final tribute to a fallen son of the community.

Another son of the Flint Hill community lost indirectly to the war was Paul Feldewerth, who had been in the Korean conflict. He was on his way home from Fort Knox, Kentucky, when he was killed in a car accident in Washington, Indiana. He was laid to rest in St. Theodore's Cemetery.

America was drawn into the Vietnam Conflict between 1960-1975. The young men of the Flint Hill community once again responded. By the graces of God, all returned home safely.

In conclusion, what does the future hold for this quiet, peaceful village? Only time will tell.



Theodore Bross
..General Blacksmith..

Horseshoeing a Specialty

Flint Hill

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1905 ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI,
PLAT BOOK

NEWS ITEMS PERTAINING TO FLINT HILL FOUND IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

Dr. R. B. Lewis Dead.

Dr. Russell B. Lewis died at his home in Flint Hill on Thursday, October 22, 1903, at the age of 80 years, 6 months and 21 days. The remains were interred in the family cemetery near Flint Hill after funeral services from his residence. Dr. Lewis was one of the pioneer citizens and physicians of this county, having located in Flint Hill in 1849. He was twice married; his first wife was Miss Mildred Myers, daughter of George Myers; the marriage took place April 4, 1849. She died April 21, 1870, leaving two children. January 11, 1876, he married Miss Anna Chinn of Frankfort, Ky.; four children were born of this union. Dr. Lewis was a native of Kentucky. His father died when Russell was in his infancy and his mother married Wm. C. Lindsay and the family moved to St. Charles county in 1829. Dr. Lewis was reared in this county; taught school in the county for 18 months, and went to Kentucky to study medicine with Dr. Theophilus Steele of Versailles. He took a course of medicine at the Transylvania Medical College of Lexington, Ky. Returning to Missouri he completed his medical education at the old Missouri Medical College under the presidency of the famous Dr. McDowell, graduating in 1849.

As a man and a citizen none were held in higher esteem than

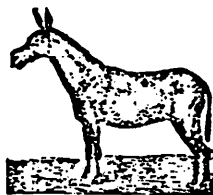
Dr. Lewis. His word was as his gold any day. He was charitable, honorable and conscientious in all his business dealings. As a husband and father he was to be admired for his gentle and affectionate manner and kind indulgence. It is to be regretted that men of his type are fast becoming few in our country.

Peace to his ashes.

1903

1905

HARDNOT 11896 is a beautiful black running Stallion, sixteen hands high, 8 years old heavy tail and mane, good action and form. Sired by Spendthrift, a great race horse and stake winner in England, he by Imp. Pursebearer a great race horse, son of Scottish Chief, out of Thrifty by Stockwell. 1st dam, Palm Leaf, by Duke of Montrose 2nd dam, Palmetto by Imp. Gleneyde. Hardnot comes from a long line of winners and is, beyond a doubt, the best bred running stallion in this part of the state.



BEN TILLMAN, is a black Jack 8 years old, 15 hands high, large bone, good style, and has proven himself a good breeder. He breeds mealy and red nose colts.

Terms and Place: The above described stock will make the season of 1905 at my farm, 1 mile north-west of Flint Hill at the following prices: Richard V. at \$10, Dandy C. at \$10, Hardnot at \$8 and Ben Tillman at \$3 to insure a colt. Colt to stand good for season. Care taken to prevent accident, not responsible should any occur. Money due when mare foals or is parted with.

WILLIAM GROTHE,
Flint Hill, Mo.

FLINT HILL

Jno Henke and wife visited his father at this place Tuesday.

Miss Annie Lauber came home for a few days visit last week.

Cap Eisenbath, of St. Louis, visited his friend here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinne visited at the Feldewarth home last Sunday.

Miss Treace Hammer, of Dardenne, attended church here Sunday.

1905

Pentecost Monday Picnic.

The congregation of the Flint Hill Catholic Church will give its annual picnic at the Sachs grove near that place on Pentecost Monday, June 12. Craven's Band of Wentzville will furnish music and all kinds of refreshments, dinner and supper, will be served on the grounds. Remember the date.

A. Lutz, of St. Loui, visited his family at Flint Hill Sunday.

Monday, June 12.

Don't forget the picnic at Flint Hill, Monday, June 12. Every body will surely be there. Side-bottoms and Co., will run conveyances from here out to the picnic grounds, throughout the day, charging 25 cents for the round trip; 15 cents for single trip.

FLINT HILL.

Anton Westhoff sold a good mule to Jno. Grothe this week for \$140.

Misses Katie and Carrie Bohmer spent last Friday at Wm. Grothe.

Miss Annie and Kate Honerkamp spent Sunday at O'Fallon with friends.

Frank Grothe, wife, of Greenville, Ill. are visiting relatives here this week.

C. H. Honerkamp and Jeff Cosbery spent Sunday at Saint Louis with Geo. S. Meyers.

Miss Mamie Millering and Florence Currens, who are employed at O'Fallon, spent Sunday and Monday here visiting home-folks and attended the picnic.

Some unknown party took Fr. A. J. VonBrunn's black mare from his stable at Flint Hill Monday night about 12 o'clock. When the animal was missed Tuesday morning Fr. Von Brunn was much alarmed and had started to telephone throughout the county to find her when Jack Hanebery who lives about a mile from Flint Hill, returned the animal having found her in the road near his place. Some one evidently stole the mare rode her home and turned her loose or some of Jack Hanebery's friends say that after he took Miss Katie home his horse got loose and he probably rode Fr. Von Brunn's mare home.

THE PENTECOST PICNIC AT FLINT HILL.

Despite the threatening attitude of the weather and showers during the day, a large crowd attended the annual Pentecost picnic at Flint Hill, Monday. A heavy shower and slight wind storm about 5 o'clock drove most of the crowd home early though a hundred or more sought shelter in and under vehicles and umbrellas on the grounds and at town nearby and remained until about 7 o'clock. An elegant and bountiful dinner was served on the grounds and the table was well patronized at the noon hour. No supper was served owing to the fact that the rain ruined the table as there was no covering over it. A most pleasant day was spent by all attending. The crowd as a whole was a thoroughly jovial and happy one, every one seemingly trying to out do

At the picnic at Flint Hill Monday eighteen kegs of beer were consumed. It was furnished by F. J. Goellner, depot agent for the National Brewery Co. at this place.

1906

FLINT HILL

Woody Rhodes of the O'Fallon neighborhood passed through here one day last week with a fine mule which he purchased from Jno. Hanebery.

Vincent Brinker of ; Montgomery City is visiting at the home of his brother. John Brinker of this place.

Hy. Koch has moved his saw mill to A. Ohmes place.

Wm. Kiamann of Chain of Rocks passed through here Monday.

Joe Feldewerth drove to Moscow last Tuesday.

Flint Hill Telephone Co. held a meeting last Tuesday. Mr. Moody of St. Louis being present to further the interest of the Western Electric Supply Co. Through his efforts the company decided to buy their transmitters and receivers instead of renting them as they have been doing.

NOTICE

GRAND BALL

A Grand Ball will be given in St. Theodore's Hall at Flint Hill, on Tuesday evening, September 11th. Good music by a four piece Orchestra. Refreshments of all kinds. All are cordially invited.

1923

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders meeting of Flint Hill Mercantile Company, of Flint Hill, Missouri, will be held at St. Theodore's School Hall in Flint Hill, Missouri, on Saturday, September 1st, 1923 at 2 O'clock P. M.

The purpose for which this meeting is called is to elect a board of five directors for the said Flint Hill Mercantile Company to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

Henry Nathe, President.
W. A. Callahan, Secretary.

Jno. J. Boland, Pres.

Mathias Sachs, Vice Pres.

W. A. Callahan, Cashier

FLINT HILL BANK

FLINT HILL M.

Capital and Surplus

\$13,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jno. J. Boland
Henry Nathe

Mathias Sachs
John McHugn

W. A. Callahan

SAFETY BOXES FOR RENT
INTEREST PAID ON TIME DEPOSITS

FLINT HILL ITEMS

(By Regular Correspondent)

1935

Misses Minnie and Mary Feldewerth, accompanied by their niece, Miss Frieda Feldewerth of Wentzville, left Saturday morning for a trip through the Northern states.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Dickherber and family and Mrs. Henry Sachs spent Thursday in St. Louis shopping,

A large crowd attended the Social Justice meeting held at St. Theodore's hall Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kopp and daughter of St. Louis, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Ohmes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Feldewerth and family spent Thursday in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Minert Adams and daughter Barbara Ann, and Miss Mary Sachs, all of St. Louis visited with Mrs. Katherine Sachs and family, Sunday.

Misses Jean and Catherine Dunn, who are employed in St. Louis, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dunn and family.

Flint Hill defeated St. Peters on the home grounds Sunday, by the score of 8 to 7.

A large crowd attended the air circus east of town Sunday afternoon.

Miss Margaret Rothermich left Monday for St. Charles where she will be employed in the Dr. Jenkirs home.

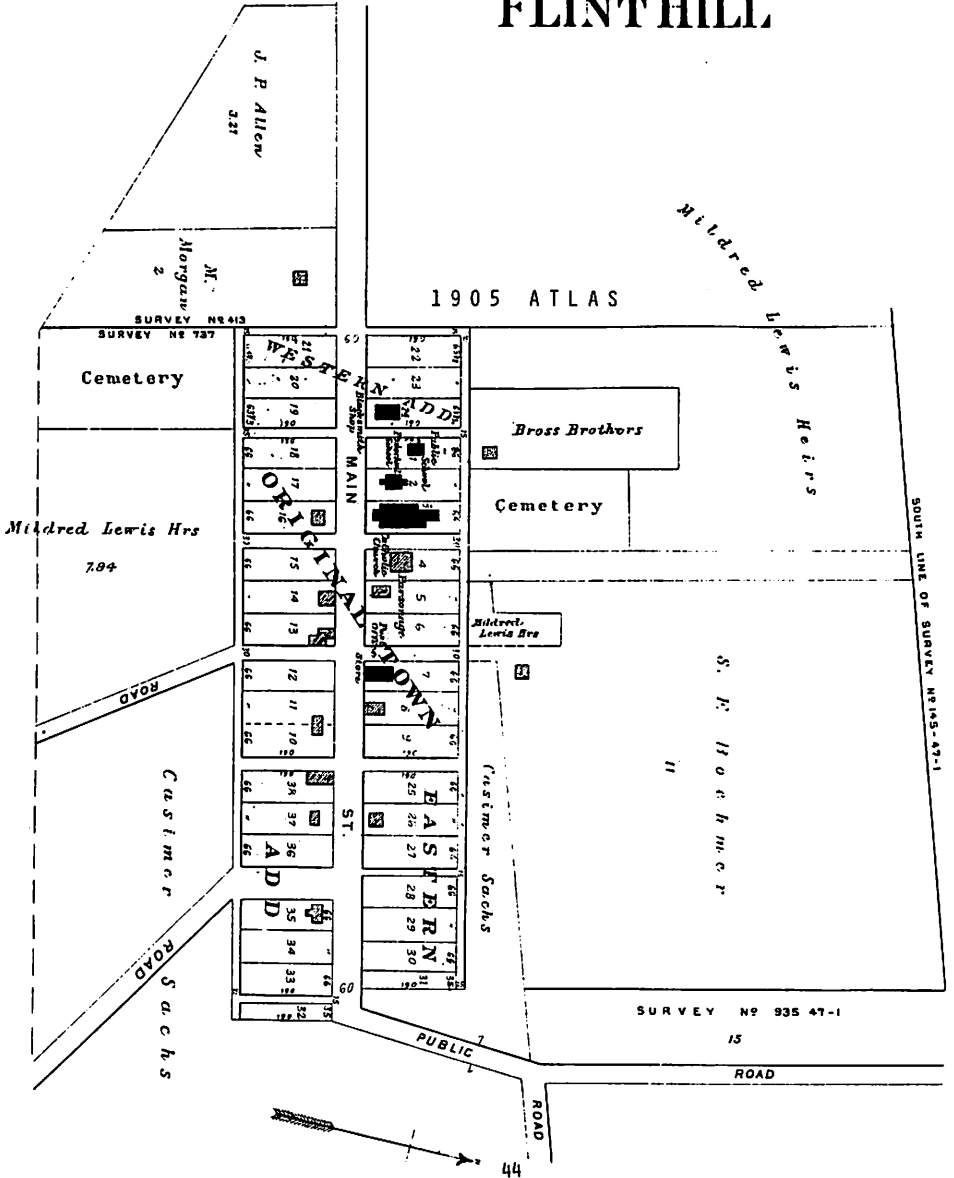
Quite a few from here attended the picnic at Wentzville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Westhoff of O'Fallon and Wm. Feldewerth who are employed at Mary & Clem's cafe at St. Peters, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Feldewerth and family.

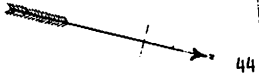
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18. Mrs. Bernadine Scott Orf.
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20. Ms. Genise Eisenbath Willbrand.
21. Boehmer Brothers - Len and Bernie.
22. Gerry Matlock.

Also to those attics and "minds" I have picked dry,
a special thank you.

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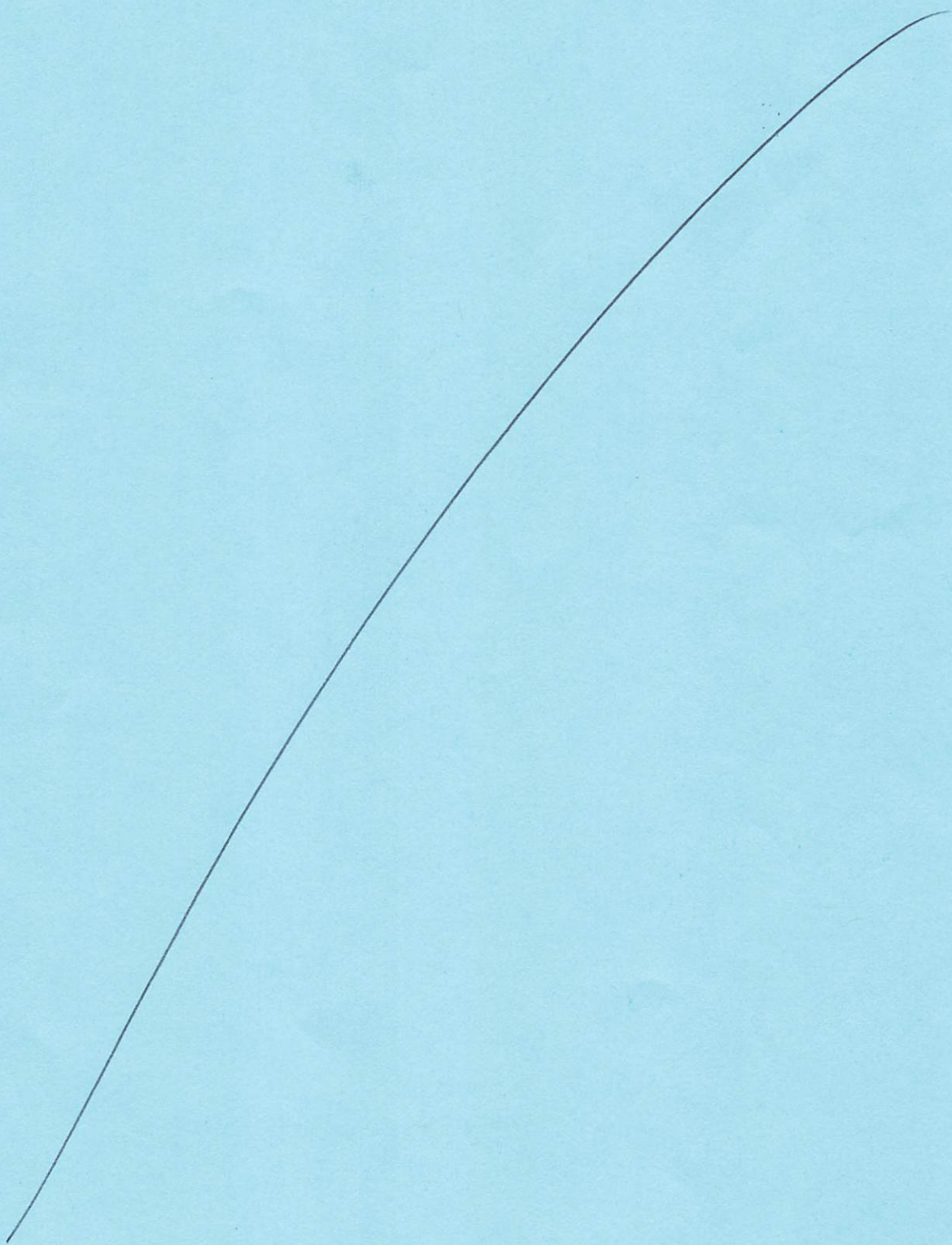
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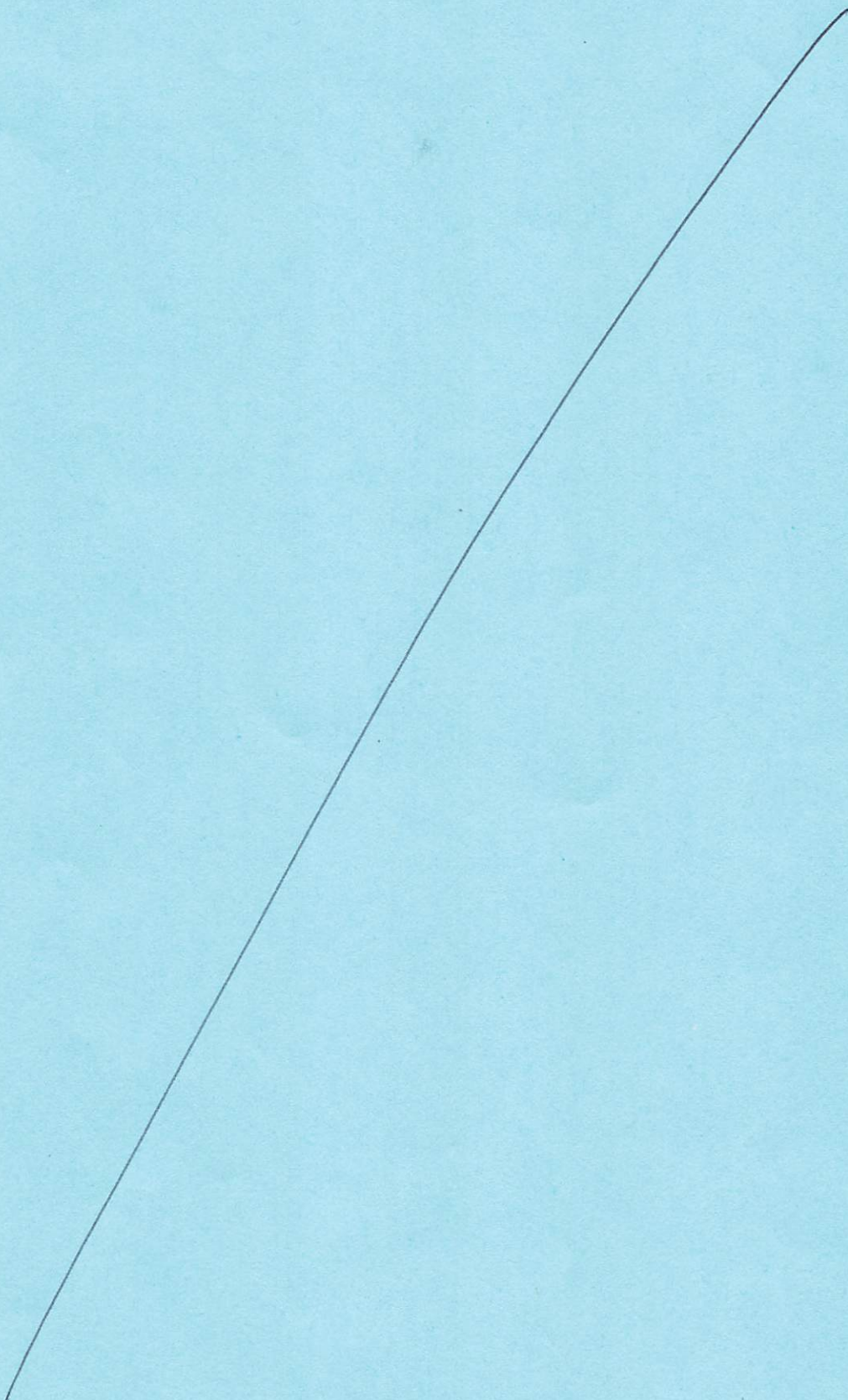
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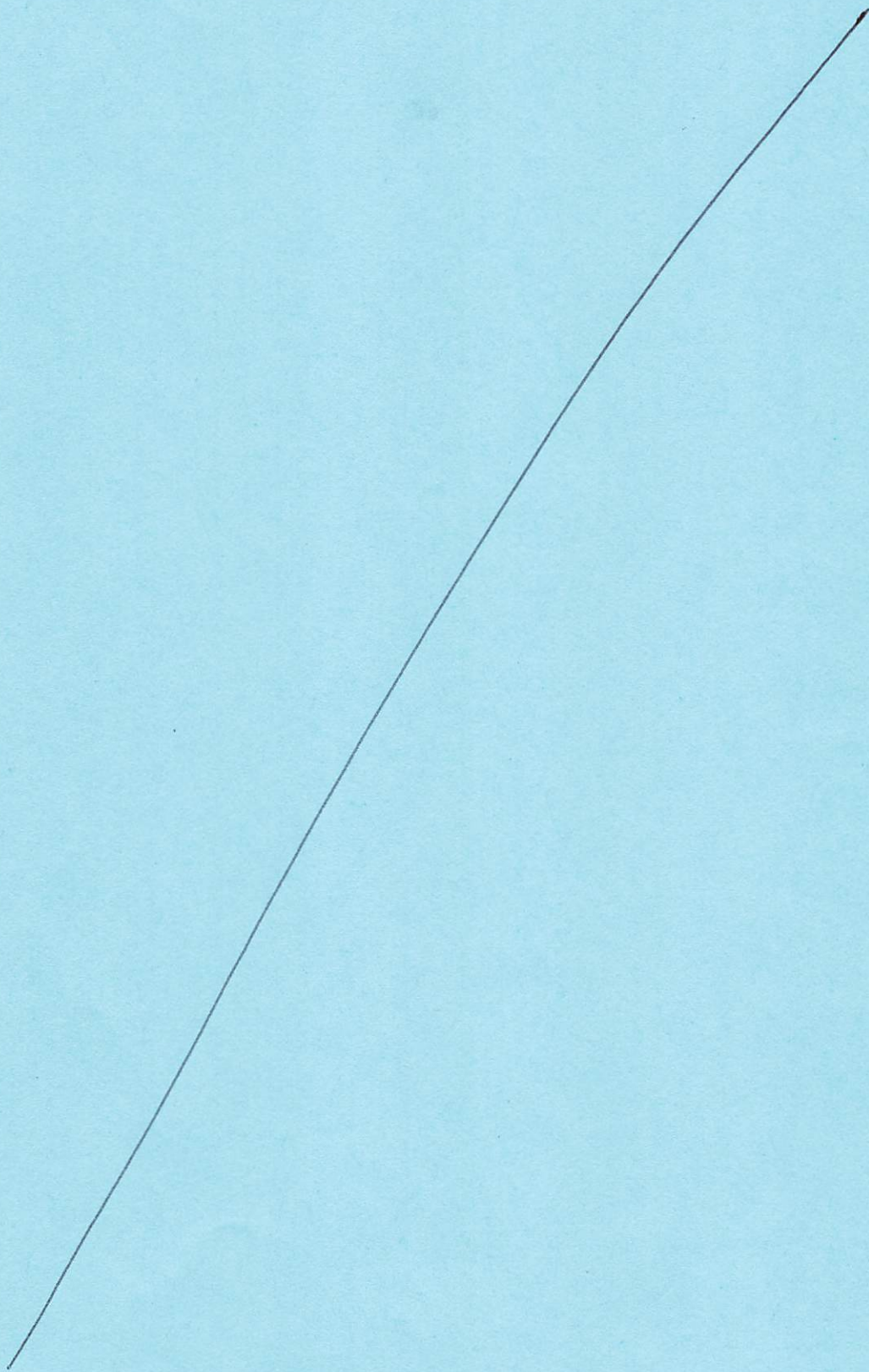
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June 1, 1883**

<u>Certificate</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Cause of Pension</u>	<u>Rate Per Month</u>	<u>Date of Original Cert.</u>
5411	Boyd, Edna	Centre	Widow, 1812	8.00	July, 1873
11550	Ellis, Cynthia	Centre	Widow, 1812	8.00	Nov 1878
163444	Norman, Joseph	Cincinnati	Dis. One eye	1.00	Nov 1879
114370	Hopkins, Wm. V.	Huntington	g.s.w. l. hand	2.00	Nov 1871
77509	Osborn, David L.	Madisonville	g.s.w. r. ankle	8.00	
9425	Conn, Nancy	Madisonville	Widow, 1812	8.00	Sept 1878
91682	Amos, John w.	Madisonville	w. 1 hand	4.00	
23818	Ross, James	Madisonville	surv. 1812	8.00	Aug 1878
109739	Louis, Emily	Madisonville	Widow, 1812	8.00	Dec 1868
86449	Harkins, John	New London	conjunctivitis	6.00	
4335	Norton, Ulysses	New London	loss r. leg	18.00	
3961*	Brashears, Mareda	New London	Widow, 1812	8.00	Sept 1871
219400	Fields, Peter	New London	g.s.w. 1 arm	4.00	Oct 1882
21524	Bentley, Samuel	New London	surv. 1812	8.00	Oct 1874
4673	Hays, George c.	New London	surv. 1812	8.00	Sept 1871
112265	Breshere, Ithre	New London	g.s.w. 1 wrist	4.00	July 1771 (sic)
80909	Anderson, Oregon	New London	g.s.w 1. Wrist	12.00	
220555	South, James F.	New London	chr diar	12.00	Nov 1882
117825	Star, Benj.	New London	g.s.w. r. leg	8.00	July 1872
10848	Chitwood, Rosannah	New London	Widow, 1812	8.00	Nov 1878
153739	Summerfield, Lucy	New London	widow	8.00	Sept 1871
110143	Hazard, Woodhurst	Perry	dis dldrt (sic)	4.00	
101143	McCune, James W.	Perry	chr hepatitis	8.00	
206436	Walker, George W.	Perry	chr diar	4.00	Apr 1882
91545	Grimes, Thomas S.	Perry	g.s.w. l. hand	14.00	
80743	Giboney, Mary	Perry	widow	8.00	
21242	Kinkade, Evaline S.	Rennselear	Widow, 1812	8.00	Mar 1878
16144	Brady Bernard W.	Saverton	inj eye	4.00	
11332	Arthur, George	Saverton	surv. 1812	8.00	Jan 1872
189539	Larcraft, Eugene V.	Saverton	father	8.00	Aug 1880

(*Mareda Brashears was not a woman. See Sept 23, 1885)

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Audrain County Missouri Old-Age Pension Application Listing

<p>Abington, Thomas Hughes Acton, Mary E. Acuff, James Richard Adams, Hallie Mrs. William G. Adkins, George Washington Allen, John Leachman Robert Withers Allison, Jeff Davis Stephen Robert, Entered county home 12 Jul 1936 Armstrong, William Grant Athey, Talitha Austin, Martha K. William W. Baise, Addie Baker, Jacob Venton Richard Baldrige, Sallie Ball, Arabella Meade Barker, Joseph, died 12 Mar 1936 prior to certification Barnes, James William Baskett, Maggie Mae Baxter, Mary Ellen Bay, Charles Alfonza Beagles, James Monroe Bellamy, George Thomas Benjamin, S. E. Nellie Benton, Mary, died 14 Jun 1936 Biggers, Alice Madora Bise, Samuel Heber Bishop, Emma Cordelia Black, George Washington Blair, Nancy Mrs. Bland, Emma Maiden James Theodore Rilla Sammie Mrs. Blue, Walter, died prior to certification Bowers, Mary F. Bozarth, Martha Elizabeth Richard Samuel Bradley, Charles Henan Braxton, Henrietta Brenton, Laura Brisco, Jane Brooks, Joe, Louise Johnson-R.P. for entered State Hospital 12 Sept 1936 Brown, Edith Janie Mrs. John Mary C. Browning, Clara M. Clyde N. Johnson R P for Buchanan, Alice Jane Buckley, Cora Lee Mrs.</p>	<p>Buckner, Charles Aylette Burget, Sarah Burgett, Charles Lena Burks, Elizabeth P. Bybee, Charles Litrell Byrns, Jenetta Callon, John Camerer, Eliza Jane John Henry Campbell, Mary Louise Candy, Charles Adolph Jennie Cannon, Kittie B. Carlyle, Mary Lillie Carter, John Cumberland Richard Charles Caruthers, Mildred A. Chambers, John Missouri Chaney, Susanna J. Childers, Mary Francis Clark, Lizzie, Mrs. Marietta Mrs. Clarkston, Lawrence Mattie Claybrook, John Henry, Entered State Hosp- #1 12 Feb 1936 Cleeton, Mary Elizabeth Clement, Samuel Lewis Coil, Joseph Franklin Cole, Henry, died 14 May 1937 Coleman, Clarence Collins, James Henry Conley, Margaret Ann Cook, Emma Robert Selechal Coons, James W. Katie M. Cottle, Emma Rentha Cowherd, Alice Ann Cox, Rachel William Tucker, died 10 Jul 1936 Craig, Henry Edward Crawford, John F. Creed, Rebecca Jane Creek, George W. Creigh, Annie M. Crum, Lizzie Mrs. Martha Dason Cullers, John Calvin died 23 Apr 1937 Davenport, William Davidson, Calup Collier Davis, James Hord Robert L., died 13 Oct 1936 Deardorff, Ada May Mrs. Deaver, Ruben C. DeLaporte, John Charles</p>	<p>Nancy Jane Dellenbaugh, Harry Lewis Dermody, Jerry Dermondy, Elizabeth John Devaney, Catherine Diggs, Sarah Elizabeth Dilke, Charles S. Dilks, Eliza A, died 22 Nov 1936 Dillard, Albert Galliton Dixon, John Wesley Donnelly, Mary Ann Doss, Lida Ellen Douglas, Albert William David Barba Ida, died 12 Jul 1936 Douglass, Margaret Emma Susan Frances Drake, Alice Willingham Dull, William Henry Dunkin, Ida Belle John W. Durham, Ruth I. Duty, Addie Dye, Elizabeth Eales, Mary Alice Earson, George Washington Eddleman, Amanda Melvina Joseph W. Edwards, Mary Suzanna Erb, John Edward Eubanks, William Richard, died 25 Nov 1936 Everts, Elise V. Fairhavin, Robert S. died 23 Apr 1936 Fecht, Catherine Mrs. Fennwald, Elizabeth Mrs Ferguson, John Mary E. Ferrel, George Moten Fields, James Thomas Fisher, Sallie Elizabeth Mrs Cury Ford, Belle Forrest, John Thomas Foster, Martha Elizabeth Fountain, David Fowler, Fannie Franklin, Jesse Bailey Frazer, William L. Gardner, Alice Gentry, Cornelia Matilda Adeline Gibson, Mary Matilda William Henry Giles, Mildred Glass, William Knox Godberson, Wilhelmina, died 11 Feb 1937</p>
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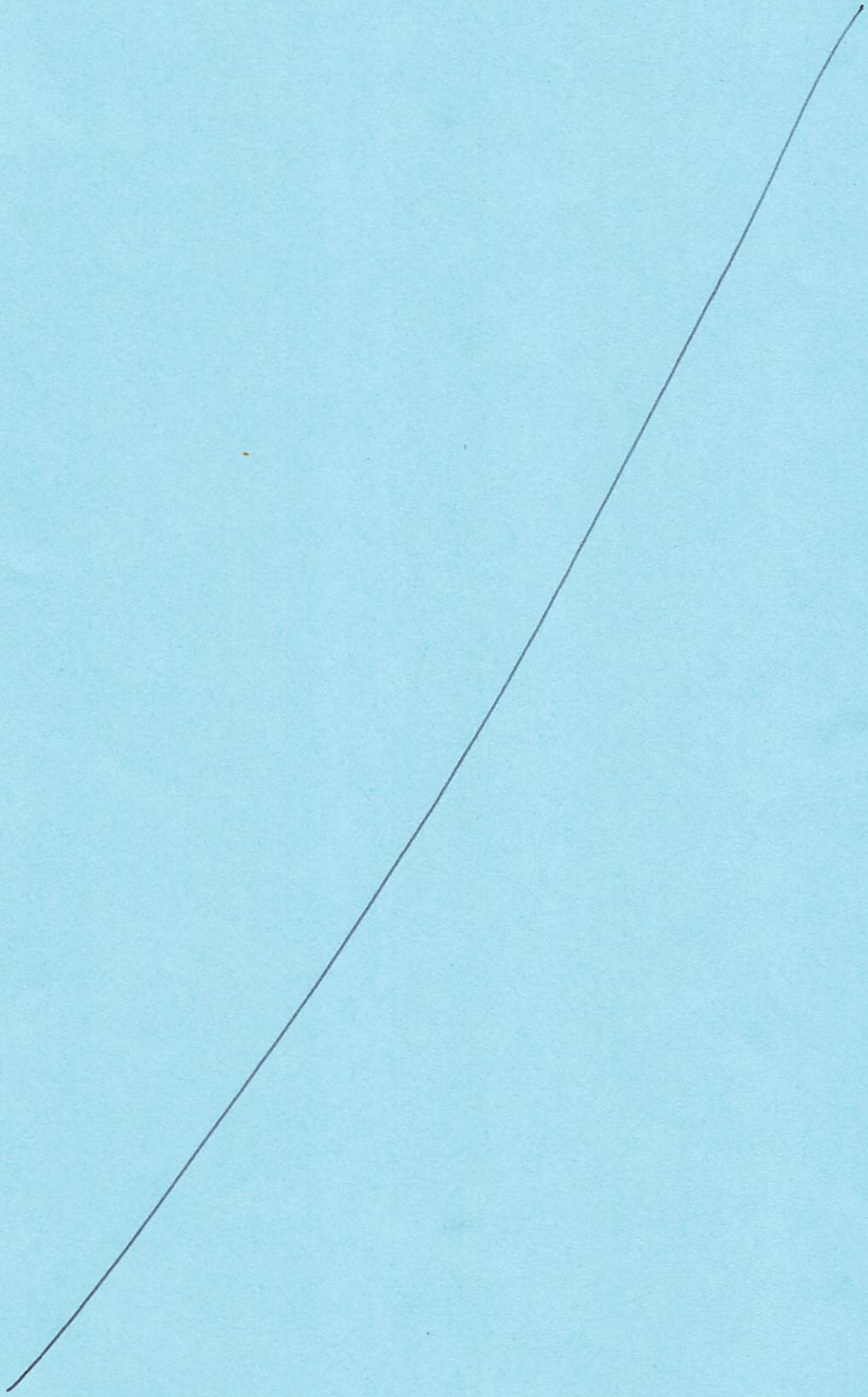
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Maggie	Ingram, Edward Franklin Florence	Mayes, Eudora Roberts Menke, Eliza Mildred, Charles Alfred died 3 Nov 1936
Goran, Mary Virginia Urial Sterling	Inlow, Georgianna John E.	Julia May, died 8 Oct 1936 Mollie Bettie
Grafford, Henry Harrison	Jackson, Helen	Miller, Arvilla Elizabeth G. Mrs. Henry Lee James F, Dan H. Cauthorn R.P- entered county infirmry
Grainge, Robert Viola	Jacobs, Franklin Pierce	Mitchell, James Mary Henry Thomas E.
Gramley, Alice	Jefferies, Mary	Moomau, Samuel Moore, Alice Aurelia John Laura Cuma Lou Vina
Graves, Richard Jones	Jesse, Sallie Maupin William C.	Morgan, William H. Morris, Jo Hannah Morrow, Phillip Elijah Myers, Isabelle Frances N. H.
Gray, Ida Lee Margie Ann Richard Nelson	Jewell, Buford Clay died 4 Mar 1936	Nation, David E. died 12 Feb 1936
Green, Alice Willie	Johnson, Fannie Cave died 28 Jun 1936	Naughton, Rebecca Neely, Hugh Frank Nelson, Henry John Hampston cancelled assistance-entered State Hospital
Green, Ebenezer Mathes George William Glenore S. B. Sarah Ellen	Jones, Cass Reid James William Joseph W. Martha Luticia Richard Marvin	Neville, Mary Ann Mrs. Newkirk, Walter Nickens, Alice Mrs. George, died 12 Jul 1936 Manuel Presley
Greenburg, John Julius	Judd, Sarah Jane	Null, Susie Louisa died 10 Oct 1936 Nutter, Margaret Addie Owen, Monroe Clark William Seaton
Haley, James E.	Kauble, Virginia Belle	Paden, James Porter Palmer, William Thomas Parrott, Robert Pasley, Rebeca Patrick, Joseph Flood Payne, Mattie Hume Pearl, Angerona Matilda Pearson, Alice Marinda George M. Rose
Hall, Caleb Bledsoe	Keithley, Elizabeth Thompson	
Hamilton, Margaret	Kelly, William Wilson died 14 Nov 1936	
Hampton, Mary Margaret	Kemp, James Henry died Aug 1936	
Hape, Charles William	Kendrick, Robert Keilty	
Harper, J. W.	Klein, Thomas Alois	
Harris, Clara Mrs, died 7 Dec 1936	Kramer, Nannie Katherine	
Laura, died 15 Jul 1936	Lampson, Julia	
Harvey, Demmus Theaus, died 4 Dec 1936	Lane, William A.	
Hatfield, Anna	Layman, Jacob Anderson	
Hayes, James Gilmore	Lea, Mary Belle	
Hazard, James L. John H. Nancy Elizabeth	Leach, John	
Hellyer, Lewis Elmer	Lillard, Alice	
Henderson, Charles	Litcher, Tom	
Henke, Bertha	Long, Sidney Elizabeth	
Henry, Leander Cloumbus	Lott, Elizabeth	
Herne, Emma B.	Lovell, Elizabeth Ann died 26 Mar 1936	
Hibbert, Mary Belle	Isaac Rice, died 27 mar 1936	
Hicks, Luther C.	Lovinger, Frances E. James P., died 4 Apr 1936	
Hildebrand, Martin	Lowry, Martha Ann	
Hinton, Joe Wiley, Mrs. George I. Williams R.P- for	Lynn, Minnie F.	
Hoagland, John died 10 Mar 1936	Lyons, Mary	
Mary Ann, died Aug 1936	Mabry, Allie Jane	
Hollowat, John Walter	McBride, Lou	
Holtcamp, Anna	McCarty, Katherine Virginia	
Horton, Hellen J. Y.	McDowell, George W.	
Howard, Mattie Lee	McGhee, Hettie	
Hoyt, A. E.	McGrew, Alodia	
Hundley, George Milton	McIntosh, R. T.	
Huntley, William Martin	McKamey, James Anderson	
Hutcherson, Millard Fillmore died 8 Feb 1937	McKay, Sofronia B.	
	McVey, Margaret Adaline	
	Mahan, Nute, died 7 Oct 1936	

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Pfeifer, Joseph
Pierce, Ira
 Sarah Elliot
Pierceall, Celess
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Pollock, William Austin
Polston, Asa Marion
Powell, James Murphy
 James Price
 Robert Winfield
Pratt, Edward J.
Preston, Edith Anna
 Entered Kings Daughters Home 22
 Feb 1936 cancel assistance
Pringle, Ida
 James
 Milton
Pryor, Kate
 Maggie, died 25 May 1936
Pulis, W. S. Mrs.
Pullum, Fannie
Quinlan, Dan
Quinn, Mary
Radford, Ben
Ragland, Louisa C.
Ratliff, John William Mrs
Ravenscraft, Mary Ellen
Rector, Jefferson D. Mrs.
 Jefferson Davis
Regan, Mary
Reilly, James Joseph
Renken, William
Rex, William Weatherman
Reynolds, James M.
 Nettie Mrs.
Ridgeway, Hattie Ann
 Winfield Scott
Riley, Susie
Rivers, Henry Clay
 Mary Ann
Roberts, James Edward, cancelled
 assistance—entered Boone
 County House 28 Jan 1937
 Martin Hugh
Roe, George Alfred
 died 30 Dec 1936
 Mary Jane
Rowling, Henry Parker
Rutter, Ada
Ryan, James, died 14 Jan 1937
 Matilda, died 29 Sep 1936
 Thomas
Scannell, Patrick Henry
Scott, James Harrison
Seymour, John, died 4 Nov 1936
Sharp, John M.
Sillard, Edmund Bishop, died Sep
 1936 prior to certification
Sills, George Beard
Smith, Hattie
 Henry Walter died 29 Sep 1936
 Irene
 James Albert
 Robert Edward died 1 Jan 1937
 William Hamlett
Sobolewski, Rudolph Edward
Sparks, George Lee
Spencer, Mattie Drucilla
 Warren Sylvester
 William Alvin
Spicer, Susan Melinda, died 3 Feb
 1936 prior to certification
Spradlin, Charles
Squires, Oliver Franklin
Staples, Eliza George
Steele, Mattie
Stevinson, Henry Palmer
Stidham, Laura Annie
Stowers, Charles
Stricklin, Sarah Frances
Stuart, Henry W.
 Jefferson B.
 Susan A. Mrs.
Sullivan, John Henry
Sunderland, James W.
Sutherland, J. E.
 Nettie Mrs.
Sutton, Bell
Syler, Martin Whittington
 Mary Etta
 Mary Jane
Taylor, Celia
 Hall, died 23 Nov 1936
 Jennie
 Joe
Teague, Charley Alphonza
 Mary E.
Terry, Frank
 James Cyrus
Thomas, Arch M.
 Margaret V.
Thompson, Clarence Cook
 David Winston
 Frank
 Lucy, died 10 May 1937
Thorpe, Benjamin
Throckmorton, George H.
Tredway, Susan Freeman
Turner, Wharton Alexander, died
 21 Mar 1936
Underwood, Coello Corbit
Vance, Mattie Eisela
Vanfleet, Emmett
Vanlandingham, Mary Martha Mrs.
Wagner, Poly Mrs.
Walker, Butler, Dean—R.P.for
 James H.
 Sophia
Wallen, William Riley
Ward, Mathra
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 1936
Washington, Sally
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Watts, Abby E.
 William L.
Weaver, Lucy D.
 Samuel A, died 29 Jan 1937
Weidler, Asahel Brandt, died 14 Feb
 1937
Wells, James A.
 Lou Emma
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 1937
 Henry
West, Rebecca
Wheeler, Laura Ann
White, Granville William
Wieland, John
Wilkerson, William Thomas
Williams, Edward
Wilson, Charles Valcola
 Fannie Belle, died 6 Jan 1937
 William H.
 William Wilshire
Wood, Mary E.
Woods, James Madison, Roy A
 McPheeter S R.P-for
 Leah
 Michael Fielder, Georgia Ida
 Woods R.P- for
Woolery, J. B.
 J. B. Mrs.
Worley, John
 Maggie
Worsham, Mary Ellen
Wright, Sarah Elizabeth, Mrs. Ned.
 Turner P.R- for
Yancy, Jane
Yeager, Margaret Mrs
Young, Alice Mrs
 John
Younger, George E.
 Nannie
Zumsteg, Fred, Entered county
 home 3 June 1936

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7630	26	6864-Luther E. Miller(incomp) thru 6940-Anna M. Labus
7631	27	6557-Charles A. Clark thru 6559-Jessie W. Clarke(Retakes from roll 21); 6941-William Howard Barnett thru 7003-Guy Reynolds
7632	28	7004-Louis M. Weathers thru 7086-Lillian E. Anderson
7633	29	7087-Lee Crews thru 7146-Albert H. Schafer
7634	30	7147-Ernest Jasper Powell thru 7212-Edna P. Wyatt; 7213-Allison Ray Banning(still in action)
7635	31	Previously Omitted- 27-John Agnew; 64-Robert Adams; 69-P.H. Lloyd; 70-William Dennis; 71-Christopher E. Colvin; 356-Thomas J. Whitten;; 710-Bettie W. Bagby, minor; 6417 Earl Louis Meisenhelder; 6446-Margaret M. Barto(Bates); 47 Bennett Clark; 7214-Eva May Mallinckrodt thru 7263 Cynthia J. Watkins
7636	32	7264-Louise H. Fuhlhage thru 7323-Marvin T. Winston
7637	33	7324-Kenneth Robert Craig thru 7378-Wilbur R. Bishop
7638	34	7379-Robert C. Shipe thru 7415-Aubrey N. Amick
7639	35	7416-Otis Martin Humphrey thru 7461-Corene Petty
7640	36	7462-Everette Petty thru 7507-Viola Burck
7641	37	7508-Claude E. Ballew thru 7547-Tearose Batterton.
7642	38	7548-Farris Dale Jackson thru 7595-Muriel Elizabeth Waterfield Dougherty; CV279-1P-Charles E. McCutcheon, Sr. thru CV279-78P-Clarence L. Kenepp
7643	39	CV279-81P-Thomas I. Blackmore thru CV279-285P-Mack Lee
7644	40	CV279-288P-Clifton E. Denny thru CV280-45P-Angeline Jackson Jr.
7645	41	CV280-46P-George A. Dougherty thru CV281-26P-Jerry Orville Rice; CV281-27P-Montie Kyle Bently(still active)
7646	42	CV281-28P-Mrs. Fabian Ginter(aka Emma Freese) thru CV283-2P-Janice Virginia Denny
7647	43	CV283-3P-Phoebe Trester thru CV284-11P-Earl Dodson; 856-John Mays, minor thru 894-Coleman Brown
7648	44	894-Coleman Brown(cont) thru 935-Rice M. Maupin
7649	45	936-Matilda Terrill thru 986-Mary J. Sweezer

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4570	0001-0128	Abner - Atkinson
4571	0129-0195	Baer - Battles, Maggia (minor)
4572	0196-0261	Battles, Michael - Birdsong, B.F.
4573	0262-0347	Birdsong, James - Bradford
4574	0348-0405	Bradley - Buchanan, Isabella
4575	0406-0454	Buchanan, James - Byler, Joel W.
4576	0455-0513	Byler, Peter - Chase, Mary E.
4577	0514-0590	Chase, Thomas A. - Coale, Grace M. (minor)
4578	0591-0643	Coale, H.P. - Cox Richard
4579	0644-0697	Cox, Richard - Crum, Sarah H.
4580	0698-0754	Crum, William - Dickerson, T.E.
4581	0755-0792	Dickerson, T.E. - Dritt
4582	0793-0842	Dueber - Eicharst
4583	0843-0892	Eicher - Etter, John
4584	0893-0942	Etter, John (minor heirs of) - Fosmer
4585	0943-1005	Foster - Gay
4586	1006-1074	Geiger - Gist, K.A.
4587	1075-1164	Gist, Lula E. - Griner, John C.
4588	1165-1221	Griner, John E. (heirs) - Hall, Courtland Niles (minor)
4589	1222-1286	Hall, Elizabeth - Hart, Joseph
4590	1287-1346	Hart, Thomas J. - Heite
4591	1347-1393	Hembal - Herrnleben, Henry
4592	1394-1471	Herrnleben, Mary - Hoberecht, Franz
4593	1472-1524	Hoberecht, Franz - Hott
4594	1525-1583	Houchin - Huff, Jacob
4595	1584-1648	Huff, Sandy J. - English, John Sr.
4596	1649-1717	English, Mary - Johnson
4597	1718-1782	Johnston - Kelly, John F.
4598	1783-1840	Kelly, John P. - Kirchoff, Frederick
4599	1841-1910	Kirchoff, William - Langley
4600	1911-1997	Lane - Lusten
4601	1998-2083	Luster - McNair
4602	2084-2173	McNeil - Melton
4603	2174-2261	Mangel - Monroe
4604	2262-2358	Moore - Newkirk, A.P.
4605	2359-2447	Newkirk, David S. - Pennington, J.W.

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4607	2550-2638	Quigley - Rentach
4608	2639-2717	Reusser - Rohrbach, J.F.
4609	2718-2790	Rohrbach, John - Schmidt , Henrietta H.
4610	2791-2865	Schmidt, John - Sherman
4611	2866-2959	Shickles - Smith, William
4612	2960-3038	Smith, William - Stephens, Charles T.
6988	3037-3111	Stephens, Charles W. - Summer & Eckerle Bro. & Co.
6989	3123-3190	Sunday - Thompson
6990	3191-3261	Thorpe - Vifian, Christian
6991	3262-3342	Vifian, Frederick - Welty
6992	3343-3456	Wermelskirchen - Wise, Harriet
6993	3457-3548	Wise, Harriet - Yarnell
6994	3549-3584	Yoest - Wolfrum, John (filmed out of sequence)

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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4719	6-129 - 8-177	Grigg, Hamlet C. - Steere, William A.
4720	8-178 - 11-227	King, Marc C. (minor) - Merrihugh, Frank (insane)
4721	11-228 - 14-311	Hudson, James P. - Miller, Joshua
4722	14-312 - 17-357	Stephens, Stephanan - Shaw, John A. (16-339 missing)
4723	17-358 - 20-432	See, John T. (minor heirs of) - Williams, T.P.
4724	20-433 - 23-493	Wicklein, Andrew Sr. - Phipps, David
4725	23-494 - 27-573	Byers, Simeon - Schramm, William C.
4726	27-574 - 30-663	Maxey, Elva (minors) - Hensley, Benjamin
4727	30-664 - 33-738	Powell, Thomas J. - Kuhne, Henry
4728	33-739 - 36-806	King, Georgia Ann - Carter, William T.
4729	36-807 - 39-880	Carnefix, J.E. - Edney, Eliza J.
4730	39-881 - 42-954	Elkins, S. A. - Heady, Charles
4731	42-955 - 45-1020	Jones, Charles H. - Mardorf, Conrad
4732	45-1021 - 48-1091	Maupin, John - Rockwood, Cliff, Mary
4733	48-1092 - 50-1147	Rice, Adam - Harriossn, Amy
4734	50-1148 - 52-1190	Gatewood, Wm. L. - Nolin, Samuel, Lucy
4735	53-1191 - 55-1242	Jacop, Joseph Y. - See, Noah
4736	55-1234 - 58-1300	Haislip, James - Baker, Mabel
4737	58-1301 - 60-1374	Britt, Florentine - Hensley, B.R.
4738	60-1375 - 63-1486	Lageman, Alonzo - Oliver, Alberta
4739	63-1437 - 66-1517	Jacks, J.W. - Shumate, Harriet
4740	66-1518 - 69-1585	Strack, Charles - Houser, Christian
7030	69-1586 - 72-1667	Bishop, Charles - Wood, Mary C.
7031	72-1668 - 76-1745	White, Mollie E. - Ball, John
7032	76-1746 - 79-1845	Barton, J. D. - Gosen, John
7033	79-1846 - 83-1925	Grossenheider, Frederick J. - Johnson, J.M.
7034	83-1926 - 87-2021	JOnes, Metta B. - Martin, John T.
7035	87-2022 - 91-3004	Martin, Cecil - Deinsch, Ferdinand L.
7036	91-3005 - 94-3093	Richardson, William Ross - Smith, I. W.
7037	95-3094 - 98-3181	Talbot, Salfie Orpha Bartlett Florence - Bobbs, Henry
7038	98-3182 - 101-3236	Binghan, Cynthia Anna - Dunn, Louisa
7039	102-3237 - 105-3315	Eames, E.S. - Layer, John G.
7040	105-3316 - 109-3396	Lansing, A.J. - Schwarzer, Joseph F.
7041	109-3397 - 113-3475	Steuterman, John - Boehmer, William L.

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7044	120-3627 - 123-3694	Holt, W.E. - Muns, George E.
7045	124-3695 - 127-3774	Millikan, Miss Bettie - Sailor, Helen Frances
7046	127-3775 - 130-3850	Surls, William W., Nancy A. - Welch, George W.
7047	130-3884 (out of order) 130-3851 - 133-3915	Walder, Henry Wilson, Elizabeth Mary - Alwarg, Leslie
7048	133-3916 - 137-3978	Ball, Claude - Coleman, Edith (minor)
7049	137-3979 - 141-4060	Christopher, Chartus - Grotewiel, William
7050	141-4061 - 144-4137	Grennan, C.J. - Kemper, Mabel
7051	145-4138 - 148-4225	Kamp, Wanda Dean - Pace, J.H.
7052	149-4226 - 152-4298	Petersman, Lizzie - Thomas, Gwenlin Rosser
7053	153-4299 - 156-4375	Uthlaut, Theo - Fipps, R.A.
7054	156-4376 - 159-4442	Forshey, Caleb P. - Lientz, Morton
7055	159-4443 - 161-4509	Lowry, Robert M. - Shaw, James Clarence
7056	161-4510 - 163-4572	Sharp, Nathaniel - Bezold, Charles G.
7057	163-4573 - 166-4637	Laudau, C. Boehmer - Farichald, Lurean
7058	166-5638 - 169-4689	Flood, Bernhard J. - Lauer, John E.
7059	169-4690 - 171-4737	Leonard, Annie - Penn, Houston Ottmer
7060	171-4738 - 173-4801	Pihale, John J. - Witte, Donald - Eugene - Junior & Christien
7061	173-4802 - 176-4866	Wagner, John Elmer - Young, John E.
7062	176-4867 - 178-4929	McCoy, Charles D. - Tessmer, Walter Fred
7063	178-4930 - 180-4987	Lampe, CArrie - Kuhne, Mary E.
7064	180-4988 - 182-5041	Dustin, Adna L. - Leonard, Lorence
7065	182-5042 - 184-5085	BAker, Alvin Barton - Woodward, Sadie M.
7066	184-5086 - 185-5101	Johnson, William Martin - Wilson, Cora A.

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7009		Cadnalender, Daniel - Carter, Nancy
7067		Carter, N.S. - Collins, Elizabeth
7068		Collins, Louis - Crain, Jack L.
7069		Crain, Jennie - Dean, G.M.
7070		Dean, John R. - Dowell, Beulah
7071		Dowling, Cornelia B. - Egan, Francis Bernard
7072		Ehman, Charles - Faulkner, R.P.
7073		Faulkner, R.P. - Foote, Charles S.
7074		Forbes, Ancel R. - Fulton, Cecil R.
7075		Fulton, Cecil R. - Hell, Charles Alfred
7076		Heller, August - Larsh, Rachel, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, & Robert (minors)
7077		Larsh, Rachael, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Robert (minors) - Matlock, Charles R.
7123		Matlock, Minors - Paver, Mary (guardianship)
7124		Payne, Hallie - Schmidt, H.F.
7125		Schremp, Louis Henry - Swyers, Louis Henry
7126		Tankersley, Frankie - Sulpo, John B.
C7307		Admas, Christine Ambrose - Carlton, Clifford
C7308		Carney, Agnes L. - Dowdy, Joseph P.
C7309		Dowling, Cornelia Belle - Garrett, Gladis, Olive
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7148	Drake, Jesse - Estes, Bird
7149	Evans, Robert D. - Gardner, George W. (minor)
7150	Griffin, James - Harper, Z.
7151	Holt, John - Lessley, John
7152	Lusk, Sarah E., Rebecca - Mitchell, Wesley
7153	McMight, R.B. - Miller, John F.
7154	Massey & Patterson - McCabe, Margaret J.
7155	Winfrey, Owens - McReynolds, Nancy E.
7156	Russell, Joseph - Smith, Ezekiel
7157	Slagle, Martha (minor) - Tow, Jesse S.
7158	Tow, Cornelius - Burris, James B.
7159	Theobald, Allen - Jones, W.F., James, David S. (minors)
7160	Ratcleff, Dennis - Wilson, Virginia
7161	White, Wm. E. - Fox, Thomas
7162	J. M. Jackson Dry Goods (partnership) - Zumwalt, Adam
7163	Stockton, Robert - Ashlock, Obediah
7164	Hodges, Eva - McReynolds (minors)
7165	Stevens, J. H., S. L. - Acocck, Mary R. (minor)
7190	Acocck, Mary R. (minor) - Wallace, James
7191	Tinker, Chas. W. - Burros
7192	Burros - Mills, Jacob M.
7193	Carson, J. & Son - Hensley, W. J.
7194	Hensley, W. J. - William, Gee (minors)
7195	McCracken, J.P. - Hagerman, B.F.
7196	Youngblood, (minors) - Meed, James
7197	Appleby, Mimie - Ham, John H.
7198	Ham, John H. - Crothers, A.S.
7199	Crothers, A.S. - Austin, Elizah
7200	Strong, Barbara Ann - Welsh (minors)
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C7400	Warren, P.A. (con't) to Peirce, Nancy C.
C7401	Owens, Millie M. to Allred (minors)
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C7428	Corneal, James to Jones, Lyon H.
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7082 Cole, Lewis, Benie, Margaret, Mattie, Johnnie (minors) e
Davis, MOses
7083 Davis, Sam - Elsworth, Robert (minor)
7084 Emmons, Belle, Pearl, Wm., Annie (minors) - Gardner, Arthur (incompt)
7085 Gardner, A.G. - Hagler, John D.
7086 Hagood, Alvin Lee - Henson, Effa (minor dec'd)
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7088 Huff,, Peter R. - Jones, E.J.
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7094 Neighbors, J. C. - Pennington, Elizabeth
7095 Pennington, Solomon - Pulliam, B.F.
7096 Quinn, Edward - Ruff, Roswell (minor)
7097 Rumfelt, Andrew (minor) - Skaggs, A.H.
7098 Skelton, G.R. - Steele, Ethel (minor)
7099 Steele, William - Taylor, Andrew (minor)
7100 Taylor, J.E. - Tyra, Anna, William (minors)
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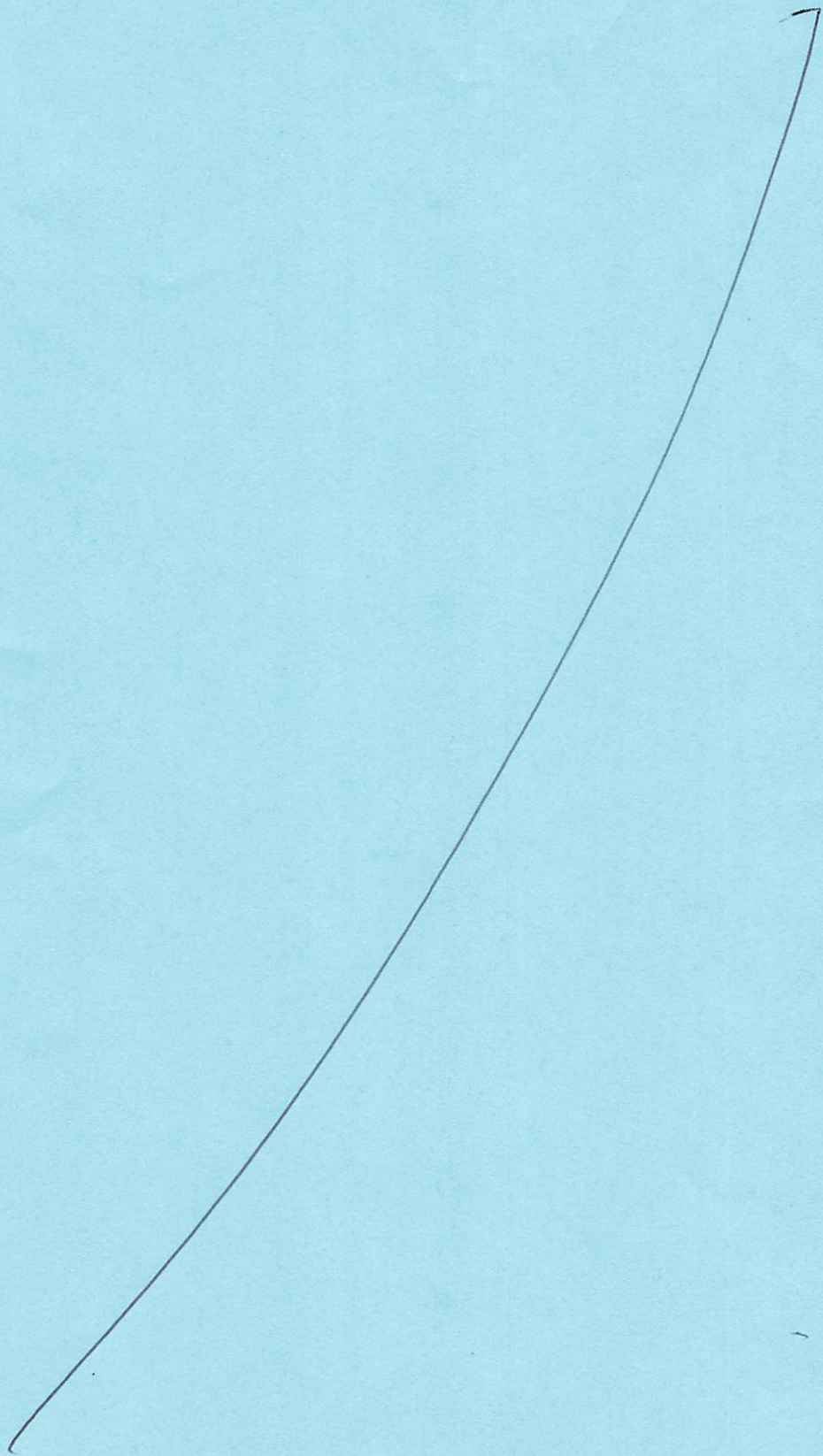
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<u>PATRONS</u>			Year Settled Clay Co.
<u>Name</u>	<u>P. O.</u>	<u>Nativity</u>	
<u>Town 51 North, Range 30 West</u>			
J. L. Hughes	Missouri City	Bourbon Co., Ky.	1831
H. J. Robertson	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1831
A. P. Gano	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1849
J. B. Flack	"	Holmes Co., Ohio	1874
W. T. Berry	"	Mason Co., Ky.	1853
W. B. Mitchell	"	Madison Co., Ky.	1832
R. G. Gilmer	"	Guilford Co., N.C.	1837
G. A. Chanslor	"	Mason Co., Ky.	1836
W. H. Winfroy	"	Adair Co., Ky.	1866
R. Carter	"	Anderson Co., Ky.	1839
A. K. Donovan	"	Mason Co., Ky.	1855
Mrs. S. J. Henshaw	"	Sumner Co., Tenn.	1839
J. H. Mereness	"	Clark Co., Ohio	1854
S. O. Mereness	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1854
H. C. George	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1833
J. L. Taylor	"	Estill Co., Ky.	1858
<u>Town 52 North - Range 30 West</u>			
A. H. Cravens	Liberty	Jessamine Co., Ky.	1852
Foster Means	Pratherville	Clay Co., Mo.	1823
D. Patton	Kearney	Wilkes Co., N.C.	1844
J. A. Lynn	Pratherville	Washington Co. Iowa	1869
L. J. A. Prather	Pratherville	Orange Co., N.C.	1840
J. H. McCracken	Missouri City	Orange Co., N.C.	1836
M. Moore	"	Scotland	1851
Wm. Buxton	"	Campbell Co., Ky.	1837
B. N. Moberly	"	Madison Co., Ky.	1866
Geo. W. Woodruff	Pratherville	Pike Co., Ill.	1871
<u>Town 53 North - Range 30 West</u>			
W. A. Gross	Lawson, Ray Co.	Clay Co., Mo.	1849
T. W. Gross	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1852
W. L. Watkins	"	Woodford Co., Ky.	1830
J. N. Cravens	Prospect Hill	Campbell Co., Tenn.	1856
B. Faucett	"	Orange Co., N.C.	1843
Sallie A. Faucett	"	Lafayette Co. Mo.	1872
Wm. M. Lynn	Claytonville	Clay Co., Mo.	1841
M. J. Lynn	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1848
G. W. Madden	Prospect Hill	Washington Co. Va.	1846
J. F. Nichols	"	Bourbon Co., Ky.	1846
Wm. W. Crosset	Claytonville	Orange Co., N.C.	1830
I. P. Holt	"	Rockingham Co. N.C.	1853
N. C. Holt	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1842

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Name	P. C.	Nativity	Year Settled Clay Co.
Wm. Stevens	Holt	Madison Co., Ky.	1864
J. W. Shouse	Kearney	Franklin Co., Ky.	1827
M. D. Gow	Holt	Clay Co., Mo.	1831
T. Duncan	Claytonville	Barren Co., Ky.	1835
J. Walker	Prospect Hill	Roanoke Co., Va.	1862
H. Chambers	"	Logan Co., W. Va.	1866
G. W. Dollis	Kearney	Mason Co., Ky.	1840
G. B. Finley	Claytonville	Guilford Co., N.C.	1831
T. Donny	"	Guilford Co., N.C.	1833
E. Williams	"	Surry Co., N.C.	1850
S. Schirtz	"	Hampshire Co., Va.	1844
J. H. Lynn	Pratherville	Mason Co., Ky.	1837
J. Vaughan	Prospect Hill	Clark Co., Ky.	1833
Z. Roberson	Kearney	Mason Co., Ky.	1853
M. Roberson	"	Putnam Co., Ind.	1840

Town 54 North - Range 30 West

John W. Gill	Hainesville, Clinton Co.	Stafford Co., Va.	1836
M. Ray	"	Anderson Co., Ky.	1850
M. M. Robinett	Lawson (Ray Co.)	Bourbon Co., Ky.	1868
Sallie Robinett	"	Giles Co., Tenn.	1873
S. T. Robinett	"	Green Co., Ill.	1868
M. O. Robinett	"	Macoupin Co., Ill.	1868
E. M. Robinett	"	Green Co., Ill.	1868
P. D. Witt	"	Jefferson Co., Tenn.	1871

Town 54 North - Range 31 West

Eliz. A. Lindsay	Holt	Mason Co., Ky.	1861
W. S. Oder	"	Garrard Co., Ky.	1856
G. T. Oder	"	Garrard Co., Ky.	1845
A. M. Brown	"	Monroe Co., Ky.	1866
A. P. Cutler	"	Cayuga Co., N.Y.	1867
W. H. McIntyre	"	N. C.	1865
J. F. Lambson	"	Michigan	1868

Town 53 North - Range 31 West

W. H. Pence	Kearney	Scott Co., Ky.	1825
H. C. Scudder	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1841
L. J. Scudder	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1854
L. W. Leavel	"	Todd Co., Ky.	1854
H. D. Leavel	"	Albemarle Co., Va.	1854
Mrs. M. E. B. Major	"	Garrett Co., Ky.	1850
T. T. Bovins	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1847
O. P. Bevins	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1837
J. M. Gow	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1834
S. M. Morrow	"	Orange Co., N.C.	1856
J. J. Corum	"	Platte Co., Mo.	1853

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A. M. Riley	Kearney	Fayette Co., Ky.	1828
Ann Riley	"	Mason Co., Ky.	1848
J. H. Green, Jr.	"	Boone Co., Mo.	1868
J. W. Kern	"	Roanoke Co., Va.	1868
W. M. Gardiner	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1833
W. P. Garrett	"	Woodford Co., Ky.	1853
J. R. Cole	"	Scott Co., Ky.	1846
J. T. Hall	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1832
E. Benton	"	Madison Co., Ky.	1833
A. Phelps	"	Clark Co., Ky.	1870
A. B. Soper	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1845
P. T. Soper	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1835
J. A. Henderson	"	Mason Co., Ky.	1855
J. B. Arnold	"	Garret Co., Ky.	1862
T. G. Tearney	"	Montgomery Co. Va.	1867
George Smith	"	Caswell Co., N.C.	1830
D. M. Bevins	"	Madison Co., Ky.	1821
E. S. Green	"	Mason Co., Ky.	1844
A. K. Porter	"	Orange Co., Va.	1843
L. E. Atchison	Plattsburg, Clinton Co.	Clay Co., Mo.	1848
S. G. Major	Kearney	Franklin Co., Ky.	1867
A. Gow, Sr.	Holt	Mason Co., Ky.	1830
D. Smith	Kearney	Paola Co., Ind.	1842
C. C. Bush	"	Madison Co., Ky.	1836

Town 52 North - Range 31 West

J. Timberlake	Liberty	Madison Co., Ky.	1830
C. B. Lincoln	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1833
E. Rickett	"	Orange Co., N.C.	1830
C. C. Dale	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1837
Ira Peters	"	Woodford Co., Ky.	1844
J. A. Bryan	"	Shelby Co., Ky.	1851
S. W. Creek	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1832
D. J. Mathews	"	Wyandotte Co. Ohio	1866
R. M. Massey	"	Caroline Co., Va.	1871
C. Searcy	"	Madison Co., Ky.	1830
J. J. Eastin	"	Kentucky	1853
W. J. Ferril	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1845
R. L. Ferril	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1831
W. C. Price	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1832
Mrs. S. A. Combs	"	Montgomery Co. Ky.	1864
W. D. Wade	"	Green Co., Ky.	1820
W. H. H. Davis	"	Logan Co., Ky.	1818
J. L. Clark	"	Nicholas Co., Ky.	1857
J. F. McCormick	"	Bourbon Co., Ky.	1865
T. T. Crockett	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1821
E. S. Owens	"	Bourbon Co., Ky.	1834

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Town 51 North - Range 31 West

Wm. H. Lane	Liberty	Ireland	1837
A. J. Calhoun	"	Tennessee	1845
S. G. Sandusky	"	Kentucky	1855
Luke W. Burris	"	Cooper Co., Mo.	1852
A. J. Moore	"	Allemanace Co., N.C.	1846
Clint. Tillery	"	Clinton Co., Mo.	1850
Henry Smith	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1845
Job. Smith	"	Monongalia Co. W. Va.	1876
H. F. Simrall	"	Shelby Co., Ky.	1869
J. M. Sandusky	"	Jessamine Co., Ky.	1856
Jas. E. Lincoln	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1862
Jno. Chrisman	"	Kentucky	1866
D. C. Allen	"	Clay Co., Mo.	-
Henry L. Routt	"	Woodford Co., Ky.	1843
Wm. M. Burris	"	Washington Co., Mo.	1853
R. H. Miller	"	Virginia	1846
Geo. E. Patton	"	Missouri	1844
W. W. Dougherty, M.D.	"	Lawrence Co., Ind.	1850
J. M. Allen, M.D.	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1833
E. H. Miller	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1851
Stephen Ritchey, M.D.	"	Fayette Co., Ky.	1848
J. S. Johnson, M.D.	"	Scott Co., Ky.	1870
A. B. Jones	"	Montgomery Co., Mo.	1858
W. R. Rothwell, D.D.	"	Garrard Co., Ky.	1872
D. Gittings	"	Montgomery Co., Mo.	1842
W. F. Gordon	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1831
R. B. Corbin	"	Spottsylvania Co. Va.	1849
L. B. Dougherty	"	Leavenworth, Kans.	1830
D. J. Adkins	"	Scott Co., Ky.	1835
A. C. Courtney	"	Garrard Co., Ky.	1840
Henry E. Courtney	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1846
Trigg T. Allen	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1824
D. Hughes	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1847
A. B. Everett	"	Kentucky	1820
J. F. Everett	"	Missouri	1845
W. W. Everett	"	Missouri	1844
T. P. Pierson	"	Fayette Co., Ky.	1871
A. Lightburne	"	Scott Co., Ky.	1836
J. H. Loyd	"	Hartford Co., Md.	1867
L. P. Gray	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1848
Martin Wymore	"	Lexington, Ky.	1843
George Hughes	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1826
G. W. Payne	"	Marion Co., Tenn.	1867
M. Goldman	"	Prussia	1852
J. J. Stogdale	"	Randolph Co., Mo.	1857
A. M. Griffith	"	Nicholas Co., Ky.	1852
J. A. Griffith, Jr.	"	Callaway Co., Mo.	1852
J. C. Griffith	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1854
A. H. Chase	"	McDonough Co., Ill.	1866
W. P. Lane	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1843
R. J. Stone	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1842

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J. T. Riley	Liberty	Clay Co., Mo.	1836
Wm. G. Garth	Liberty	Scott Co., Ky.	1856
G. W. Wymore	"	Fayette Co., Ky.	1843
James Love	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1853
S. Nelson	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1849
H. Berkly	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1844
J. W. Collins	"	Fayette Co., Ky.	1828
J. L. Pryor	"	Baron Co., Ky.	1835
J. S. Lightburne	"	Scott Co., Ky.	1838
H. Irminger	"	Switzerland	1841
T. J. Kellor	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1847
Mrs. Eliza Thomasson	"	Fayette Co., Ky.	1854
R. C. Rice	"	Woodford Co., Ky.	1830
H. C. Foley	"	Fayette Co., Ky.	1865
W. W. Estes	"	Saline Co., Mo.	1821
J. T. Field	"	Madison Co., Va.	1838
W. B. Arnold	"	Woodford Co., Ky.	1856
J. A. Stone	"	Fayette Co., Ky.	1848

Town 50 North - Range 32 West

H. P. Lindenman	Blue Eagle	Clay Co., Mo.	1852
P. Falpel	"	St. Louis Co., Mo.	1858
J. F. Foster	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1837
I. Sisson	"	Cannon Co., Tenn.	1833
J. H. Jameson	"	Ashland Co., Ohio	1855
J. H. Burns	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1840
J. Neal	"	Mason Co., Ky.	1837
J. R. Cooper	"	Tennessee	1850
H. Foster	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1845
H. S. Arnold	"	Woodford Co., Ky.	1824

Town 51 North - Range 32 West

John Broadhurst	Liberty	Clay Co., Mo.	1826
John Gragg	"	Cocke Co., Tenn.	1824
A. K. Reddish	"	Nelson Co., Ky.	1857
R. C. Willis	"	Madison Co., Ky.	1864
J. R. Courtney	"	Garrard Co., Ky.	1839
P. L. Moore	"	Lewis Co., Ky.	1870
J. Corman	"	Jessamine Co., Ky.	1871
J. S. Lancaster	"	Jessamine Co., Ky.	1857
Wm. H. Nall	"	Woodford Co., Ky.	1832
J. H. Compton	"	Pr. William Co., Va.	1839
J. Ogden	"	Calvert Co., Md.	1843
J. N. Barnes	"	Woodford Co., Ky.	1826
S. Lee	"	Shelby Co., Ky.	1850
Wm. Beale	"	Fauquier Co., Va.	1841
F. Waller	"	Fauquier Co., Va.	1834
A. L. Stevenson	"	Mason Co., Ky.	1874
Jos. Grooms	"	Clark Co., Ky.	1829
J. T. Speaks	"	Bourbon Co., Ky.	1855
A. Dresslaer	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1836

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<u>Town 52 North - Range 32 West</u>		
O. P. Thompson	Liberty	Montgomery Co., Ky. 1868
J. H. Timms	"	Woods Co., Va. 1857
P. Timms	"	Washington Co., Va. 1857
Wm. H. Francis	"	Madison Co., Ky. 1866
G. Francis	"	Madison Co., Ky. 1865
M. A. Groom	"	Clay Co., Mo. 1834
Jarrott Williams	"	Nicholas Co., Ky. 1854
B. F. Record, M. D.	"	Kontucky 1865
John Boggess	"	Anderson Co., Ky. 1830
B. T. Gordon	"	Clay Co., Mo. 1845
Handal Vance	"	Clay Co., Mo. 1837
W. W. Scott	"	Clay Co., Mo. 1843
L. J. Bayer	"	France 1836
J. C. Wilkerson	"	Platte Co., Mo. 1871
Eugene B. Adams	"	Warren Co., Mo. 1846
O'f. Dougherty	"	St. Louis, Mo. 1839

<u>Town 53 North - Range 32 West</u>		
John Ecton	Kearney	Clark Co., Ky. 1837
Thos. M. Gosney	"	Clark Co., Ky. 1845
Conrad Hessel	"	Germany 1847
Frederick Hartel	"	Germany 1843
B. F. Trimble	Plattsburg	Clark Co., Ky. 1868
W. F. Nelson	Smithville	Jackson Co., Mo. 1865
E. B. Mitchell	"	Woodford Co., Ky. 1858
J. Williams	"	Bourbon Co., Ky. 1854
S. J. Brooks	"	Clarke Co., Ky. 1826
J. C. Youtsey	"	Jennings Co., Ind. 1868
S. E. Breckenridge	"	Bourbon Co., Ky. 1829
A. B. Crewford	"	Nicholas Co., Ky. 1859
J. Brooks	"	Clay Co., Mo. 1829
T. J. Gunn	"	Dixon Co., Tenn. 1838
A. B. Ross	Paradise	Madison Co., Ky. 1841
J. K. Rollins	"	Bourbon Co., Ky. 1830
B. I. Taul	"	Clarke Co., Ky. 1857
J. Carr	"	Scotland 1856
F. V. Dale	"	Woodford Co., Ky. 1847
E. Downing	"	Mason Co., Ky. 1855
H. Summers	"	Sangamon Co., Ill. 1847
J. G. Wood	Smithville	Scotland 1857

<u>Town 54 North - Range 32 West</u>		
Wm. M. Groom	Paradise	Clay Co., Mo. 1831
J. W. Walker	"	Fayette Co., Ky. 1836
W. Wade	"	Cabell Co., Va. 1827
W. T. Grimes	"	Fayette Co., Ky. 1870

<u>Town 54 North - Range 33 West</u>		
J. Moore	Smithville	Anderson Co., Ky. 1861

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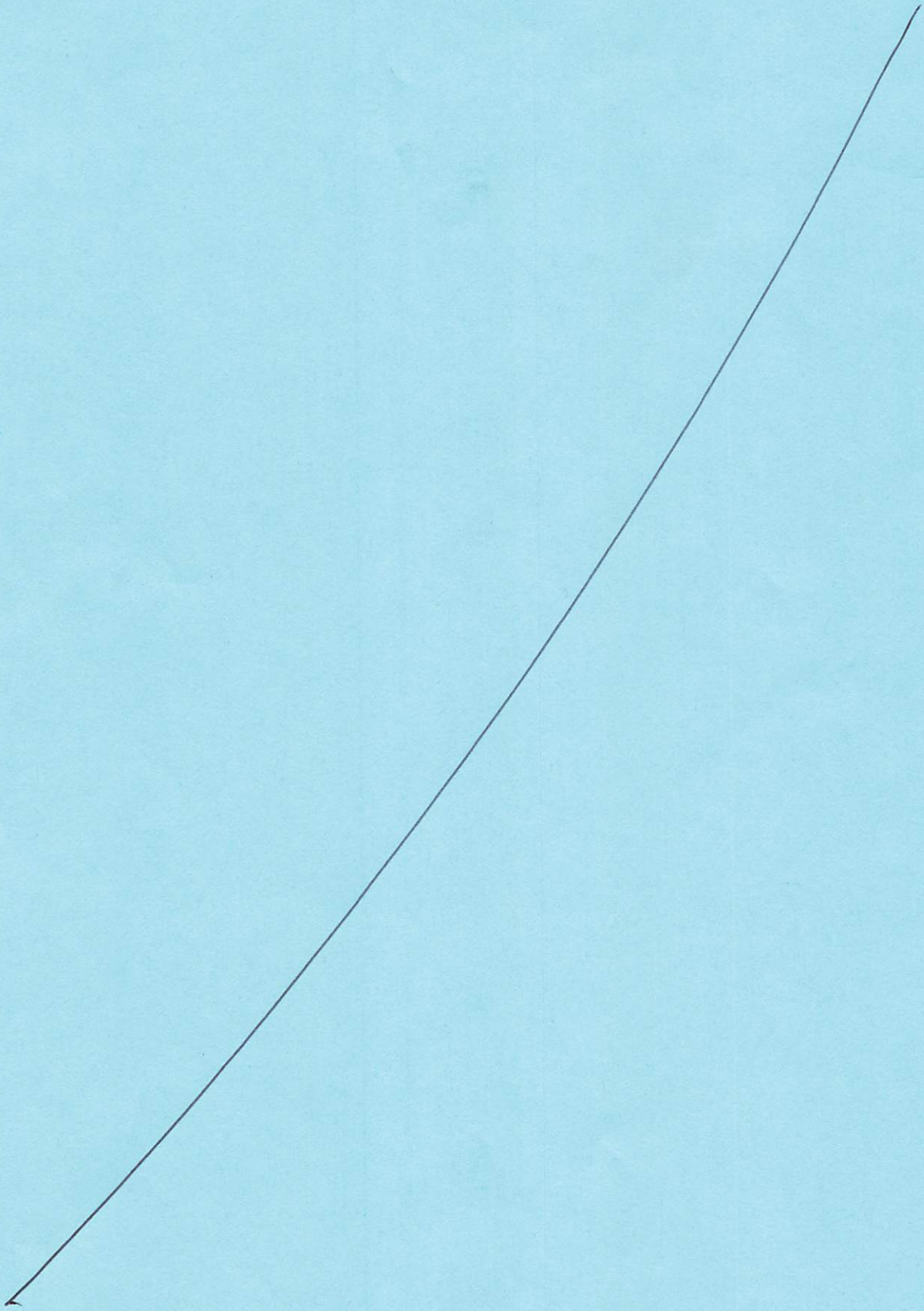
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O. Moore	"	Pickaway Co., Ohio	1865
A. Owens	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1822
H. H. C. Snail	"	Mercer Co., Ky.	1849
M. J. Aker	"	Bourbon Co., Ky.	1828
A. B. Duncan	"	Bourbon Co., Ky.	1825
J. M. Bernard	"	Robertson Co., Tenn	1866
W. H. Patterson	"	St. Lawrence Co., N.Y.	1863
J. W. Thatcher	"	Platte Co., Mo.	1873
J. W. Spratt	"	Platte Co., Mo.	1870
N. W. Letton	"	Nicholas Co., Ky.	1858
R. J. Purdy	"	Bourbon Co., Ky.	1865
W. Martin	"	Amherst Co., Va.	1866
B. F. Rollins	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1832
J. Russell	"	Culpeper Co., Va.	1858
E. Lowman	"	Fairfield Co., Ohio	1852
J. C. Brasfield	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1841
E. L. Thatcher	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1839
W. P. Thatcher	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1834

Town 54 North - Range 33 West

J. R. Scott	Smithville	Clay Co., Mo.	1848
J. A. Thompson	Barry	Jessamine Co., Ky.	1857
Wm. H. Barbour	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1848
J. Bronaugh	"	Spotsylvania Co. Va.	1842
D. T. Bronaugh	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1843
J. S. Beazley	Liberty	Garrard Co., Ky.	1861
E. C. Tillman	"	Chatham Co., N.C.	1842
J. Williams	Smithville	Bourbon Co., Ky.	1853

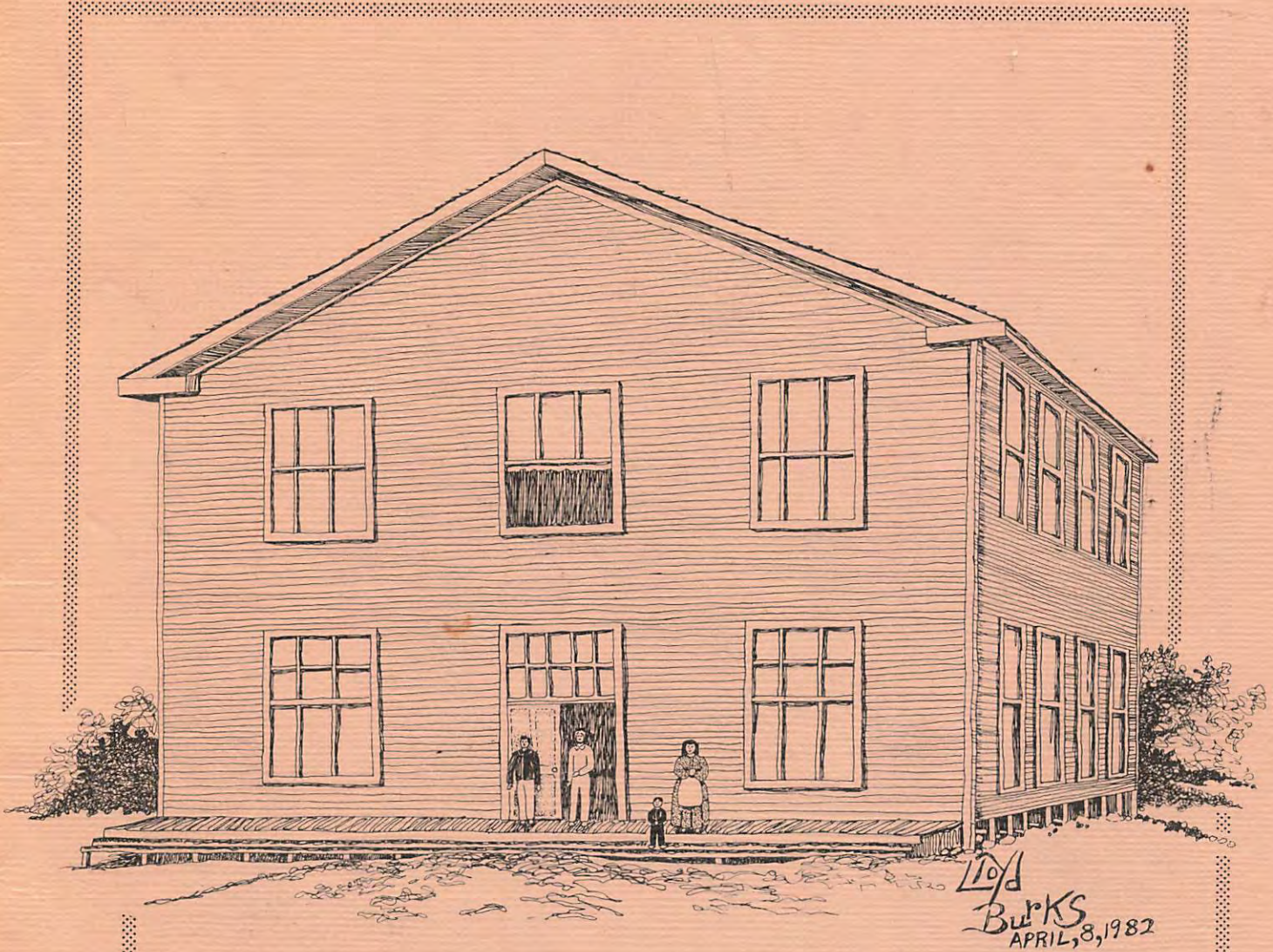
Town 51 North - Range 33 West

H. Sparks	Barry	Montgomery Co. Ky.	1866
E. Williams	"	Owen Co., Ky.	1867
C. Schrader	"	Germany	1853
Dan Carpenter	"	Ohio	1845
R. Good	"	Clay Co., Mo.	1853
G. W. Wester	"	Grainger Co., Tenn.	1873
W. S. Hudson	Harlem	Clay Co., Mo.	1849
T. Martin	"	Clarke Co., Ky.	1845
J. H. Williams	"	Woodford Co., Ky.	1851
J. W. Craig	Barry	Fayette Co., Ky.	1839
S. W. Campbell	Harlom	Madison Co., Ky.	1824
Wm. C. Campbell	"	Madison Co., Ky.	1834
J. C. Evans	"	Jackson Co., Mo.	1861



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The Mountain Dale Seminary

By A. L. Hailey

(from The Webster County Citizen)

The burning of the Mountain Dale school building recently, has caused my thoughts to wander back over the years of school at Mtn. Dale and finally reach the beginning when the idea was first conceived to erect a building to be used for a high school.

Thinking some of the history of the old Mtn. Dale Seminary would be of interest to a number of the Citizen readers, I will at this time give a few of the facts as I have them.

When the building was first proposed there appears to have been no idea of using same for school purposes. The record bears me out in this conclusion.

I have dug down into a remote corner of my desk and brought out the original record of the Mtn. Dale Joint Stock Company and I find the first entry was made in the year of 1870 which is as follows:

AN ARTICLE OF AGREEMENT

We the people of the neighborhood of Bloomington and vicinity do propose building a house by subscription, two stories high. The lower story to be a church house and the other for a Masonic hall. The said house to be built on or close to the road leading from Springfield to Hartville, somewhere between Pleasant McClures' and Thomas C. Loves'. The church house to be for the four leading denominations in the county to wit: The Missionary Baptist, Christian, Presbyterians and Methodist.

The dimensions of the house to be 32 by 60 ft.

To be located by the subscribers and managed by same. Each subscriber to have one vote for every five dollars or less subscribed. The building

to be superintended by a committee appointed by the subscribers.

Following this agreement is a list of the original subscribers and the amount each subscribed. In looking over the names on this list, I find there is not one of them alive today.

Someone later, before the building was completed, proposed that the second floor be used for a high school and was carried out. The building was commenced in 1870 and was not completed until 1873. The first term of school began on the first Monday in September, 1873. The first term of school began on the first Monday in September, 1873. My brother, W. S. Hailey, to whom I am indebted for some of this narrative says he was the first scholar to enter the building that first morning.

J. M. Wilson of Mtn. Home, Ark., was the first principal and James L. Davis of Douglas County as assistant. The school was a success from the beginning. The high school department was filled with scholars from 18 to 25 years of age, all eager to imbibe the benefits of the high school.

Wilson taught two or three years. Following Wilson was J. W. Thomas who taught until 1879. Thomas had several assistants while teaching, Sadie Adams, James Black, Dr. I. S. Wilson and Dickey Thomas, were some of them. The school during Thomas' reign was well known and recognized as a first class school. Scholars from all parts of Webster County attended, with many from Douglas, Wright, Dallas and Greene.

From 1879 to 1883 there was a continual change in teachers, but on May 7, 1883, a contract was made with J. H. Magill of Vincennes, Ind., to take charge. Magill was principal of the school until 1885. The school under his management did well but the attendance was less than under John M. Wilson or J. W. Thomas.

In the past nations have risen; had their hey-day, declined and passed out of existence, so with Mtn. Dale High School. At the close of the spring term in May 1885, J. H. Magill resigned as

The cover illustration, by Lloyd Burks, shows Mountain Dale Seminary as it appeared in the 1870s.

principal and Mtn. Dale high school passed out of existence.

Looking back over these years of school and visualizing the benefits of a better education received by so many young men and women, I can't help but realize that the time, labor and money expended in the establishment of the school was not spent in vain.

It required nerve and lots of back bone for a rural community, thinly populated and not too well off financially to undertake the establishment of such a school. Although the founders of this school have passed on, the good derived from their efforts still lives.

A few words in regard to Mtn. Dale school district and I will desist. At the time of the building of Mtn. Dale Seminary the district school

house was located in the hollow southwest of T. G. Cardwell's home and was known as the Trimble school house.

The last term of school held in this school building was in 1872, taught by C. T. Childress. I attended that term. From then on the public school was taught in the Mtn. Dale building, the district paying rent for same. A few years after the high school passed out of existence the Seminary building was sold, torn down and removed. Mtn. Dale district having sold their school house, had been without a building of their own for about 13 years. The razing of the high school building made it necessary for the district to erect a school building and the one built at this time was the building recently destroyed by fire.



Marshfield grade school students in 1908

These students were in two grades at Marshfield in 1908. Can you identify some of them?

— Picture courtesy Terrie Elmore and Marion Corbett

Masonry in Webster County

By C. E. Boulson

The fraternity of Freemasons is very old, as witnessed by its very name, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Its original beginnings are wreathed in antiquity but in more recent historical times the Lodges are believed to have risen from among the Guilds of operative stonemasons who, over a long period, were the builders of the great cathedrals in Europe and England. As this work drew to a close, the Guild members began to associate themselves into Lodges and instituted a system of speculative masonry, in contrast to their former tasks as operative stonemasons. Speculative Masonry, with its ancient rituals, has continued to this day. Formal organization into Grand Lodges, with jurisdiction over a number of subordinate lodges, was a system first begun in England in the early 1700s and carried into America by the earliest settlers.

Many leaders of the American Revolution were Masons, including our first President, George Washington, who laid the cornerstone of the Capitol Building in Washington, D. C. with appropriate Masonic ceremony. Thus began the tradition of the laying of cornerstones of public buildings by Masonic Lodges in this country.

The expansion and development of the United States from the eastern seaboard to, finally, the Pacific Ocean, brought with it a parallel movement of the Masonic Fraternity. As the country began to be settled west of the Mississippi River after the Louisiana Purchase, several subordinate lodges were chartered in Missouri Territory by eastern Grand Lodges. When Missouri was organized as the 24th state on August 10, 1821, the Missouri Grand Lodge, AF & AM, was constituted in the same year and assumed jurisdiction over all existing subordinate lodges in the state. All subsequent lodges organized in Missouri have been chartered by the Missouri Grand Lodge. This Grand Lodge also issued charters for subordinate lodges located in the western territories beyond the borders of the state, including California. There never has been a

National Grand Masonic Lodge.

Webster County, Missouri, formed in 1855 from Greene County, Wright County and a small portion of Dallas County, had an initial population of about 6,700, a figure which almost doubled by 1880. Many of the heads of households and landowners were members of the fraternity, having previously joined subordinate lodges elsewhere. These men, motivated by a desire to continue their local affiliation with Masonry, decided to organize their own lodges. Subsequently, the following lodges were chartered in Webster County:

Webster, No. 98, Marshfield, 1857
Doric, No. 300, Elkland, 1868
Mt. Olive, No. 439, Dallas, 1872
Hazelwood, No. 457, Waldo, 1872
Henderson, No. 477, Henderson, 1874
Niangua, No. 529, Niangua, 1885
Duncan, No. 589, Duncan, 1907

The Niangua and Duncan Lodges are no longer in existence. Details of the organization of all these lodges follows. A former procedure of the Missouri Grand Lodge was to reassign subordinate lodge numbers when any such lodge ceased to exist. This resulted in later lodges being assigned an early number, thus creating an erroneous impression of age for the new lodge. This occurred in the case of Lodge No. 98, the number first assigned to a lodge named Western Star located in a town called (in the Grand Lodge record) "Convenient Place" in California Territory and chartered May 10, 1848. This lodge subsequently withdrew from the Missouri Grand Lodge to assist in the formation of the Grand Lodge of California in 1850. California was admitted to the Union September 9, 1850, after serving only two years as a territory. Number 98 was then reassigned in Missouri to Webster Lodge of Marshfield. Now, if any subordinate Missouri Lodge ceases to exist, its number is also permanently retired as well as the lodge charter.

**Webster Lodge No. 98
Marshfield, Missouri**

Twenty-three members of the Fraternity signed a petition to the Missouri Grand Lodge in 1857 for the establishment of a Lodge in Marshfield. Before a charter could be granted, however, the proposed officers of the new lodge had to be examined as to their proficiency in the ritualistic work by an existing lodge already chartered. This examination for the Marshfield petitioners took place at Buffalo, Mo., on December 5, 1857 by Buffalo Lodge No. 147, which had previously been chartered in May 1855. (The charter for Buffalo Lodge No. 147 was arrested in 1861.) This proficiency examination having been passed successfully, Webster Lodge at Marshfield was authorized to meet and work on December 15, 1857 'Under Dispensation' by Right Worshipful Marcus Boyd, District Deputy Grand Master in the 18th Masonic District and attested by A. O. Sullivan, Grand Secretary. The charter for this lodge was granted May 28, 1858 and number 98 assigned. The original charter still hangs in the lodge hall at Marshfield, having been twice rescued from fires which destroyed or severely damaged the meeting places.

The original officers of Webster Lodge No. 98 were T. S. Cole, Worshipful Master, David M. Jamison, Senior Warden, William F. McBride, Junior Warden, D. L. Burford, Treasurer, Lemuel Jones, Secretary, J. G. Wharton, Senior Deacon and John E. Haymes, Tyler.

Quoting from the 'History of Webster County', by Floy Watters George, "Webster Lodge No. 98 was one of the few Masonic Lodges in this section of the country which functioned all during the Civil War. It is said that at times, soldiers from both the Union and Confederate Armies met in Lodge in Missouri, and then after Lodge was adjourned, both sides quietly went their respective ways." Captain Robert L. Butts, who was one of the commanders of the Union forces stationed in Marshfield and who was reported to be a cousin of General Robert E. Lee, was made a member of Webster Lodge in 1863 and remained a member until his death several years later. He was also a veteran of the Mexican War. Another Union leader and member of Webster Lodge was Dr. Noah H. Hampton. Dr. Hampton was buried with Masonic services at Marshfield December 24, 1889. He was among a number of local doctors who attended to the injured survivors of the Marshfield Cyclone of 1880. In 1938, due in large measure to the efforts of H. W. "Bill" Caldwell,



Dr. J. E. Blinn

twice Worshipful Master of Webster Lodge, a new Masonic Temple was erected on East Washington Street, two blocks east of the public square. Lodge No. 98 and Eastern Star Chapter No. 439, Order of the Eastern Star, meet regularly in this building.

Webster Lodge No. 98, and the other Masonic Lodges of Webster County, were greatly honored when Bro. J. Edward Blinn became the 135th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, AF & AM of Missouri at the 159th annual Grand Lodge Communication held in St. Louis, Mo., in the Scottish Rite Cathedral on September 28-30, 1980. The installation ceremony was held in public. M. W. Bro. Blinn was appointed to the Grand Lodge advancing line in 1972. Prior to that, in 1944, he became a Master Mason in Mt. Olive Lodge No. 439 in Webster County, serving as Worshipful Master there in 1953. In 1957, he affiliated with Webster Lodge No. 98 and served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1966 and was elected secretary in 1969. Bro. Blinn is very active in Masonic work, particularly in the appendant bodies. No Mason other than Bro. Blinn has ever served as Grand Master from Webster County.



Cornerstone laying ceremony held at the Masonic Temple in Marshfield, 1938.



**Doric Lodge No. 300
Elkland, Missouri**

Although the present location of this Lodge is Elkland, in the northwest part of Webster County, it was originally organized in the vicinity of Warden's Stage Station on the Old Wire Road. Twenty-six members of the fraternity signed a petition to the Grand Lodge dated June 28, 1868 for the establishment of a lodge at Forkner's Hill in Dallas County to be named Acacia. The petition was returned with a notation there was already a lodge named Acacia in Missouri and suggested the name Doric, which was adopted. There is no record from the Grand Lodge whether or not a proficiency examination was held. Doric Lodge was authorized to meet and work 'Under

Dispensation' on July 7, 1868 by Right Worshipful Martin J. Hubble, District Deputy Grand Master and attested by Frank Conley, Grand Secretary. The Charter for the lodge was granted October 15, 1868 and the number 300 assigned.

Forkner's Hill (the original designated location of this lodge) is a place named for a cluster of five sites near the intersection of the county lines between Dallas, Laclede and Webster counties, a short distance west and southwest of Conway, Mo. A postoffice named Forkner's Hill moved about to these various sites from 1852 to 1906.

The first meeting of Doric Lodge, probably 'Under Dispensation', was held sometime between July and October, 1868 and was in charge of I. D. Johnson, Worshipful Master of Webster Lodge

No. 98. It was at this time we could speculate a proficiency examination was held.

The original officers of Doric Lodge No. 300 were David M. Jamison, Worshipful Master, Spencer Marlin, Senior Warden, William Marlin, Junior Warden, John M. Warden, Treasurer, Rufus Phillips, Secretary, James Marlin, Senior Deacon, David G. Gourley, Junior Deacon and James W. Tindle, Tyler. On June 7, 1884, a number of members of Doric Lodge were permitted to withdraw to organize a new lodge at Conway, which was chartered October 18, 1885. On February 9, 1884, permission was given to several other members of Doric Lodge to form a new lodge at Niangua.

On August 3, 1889, Doric Lodge moved to the community of Charity and finally, in 1902, to Elkland where it is now situated.

**Mount Olive Lodge No. 439
Dallas County**

The post office address of this Lodge was originally Dallas, located nearby, but in little more than two years after the Lodge was chartered, this post office closed. The seal of the Lodge still bears the name Dallas.

Ten members of the Fraternity signed a petition to the Grand Lodge dated December 29, 1871 for the establishment of a Lodge at Dallas to be named Mt. Olive. Attached to this petition was a recommendation from Webster Lodge No. 98, Marshfield, Missouri, signed by N. H. Hampton, Worshipful Master, that, after the proposed officers of Mt. Olive Lodge having passed an examination as to their proficiency, the new Lodge be duly constituted. Also attached to the petition was a description of the Hall in which the new lodge proposed to meet and work. This Lodge has been meeting continuously in this same building ever since; two stories high, painted white and situated alone atop a prominent hill. The charter for this Lodge is dated February 16, 1872 and is signed by Frank Conley, Grand Secretary, and Thos. E. Garrett, Grand Master.

The original officers of Mount Olive Lodge No. 439 were Dr. J. H. Williams, Worshipful Master, C. W. Brooks, Senior Warden, Robert J. Johnson, Junior Warden, J. K. Dameron, Treasurer, W. O. Smith, Secretary, Thomas Hensley, Senior Deacon, J. H. Reed, Junior Deacon and James Morris, Tyler.

It was in this Lodge that Past Grand Master, Bro. J. Edward Blinn was first made a Mason, being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1944.

**Hazelwood Lodge No. 459
Waldo, Missouri**

Although the present location of this Lodge is in the City of Seymour, it was originally organized at the trading center of Waldo, situated three miles north of present day Seymour. Waldo had an old post office dating from 1851 but it was finally discontinued in 1886.

Fifteen members of the Fraternity signed a petition to the Missouri Grand Lodge dated May 25, 1872 for the establishment of a Lodge at Waldo to be called Hazelwood. They would meet in a building 45 feet long and 20 feet wide called Hazelwood Hall, two stories high, the lower story being used as a church. This building disappeared long ago. The name Hazelwood was undoubtedly taken from the name of another and much older post office and settlement formerly situated about three miles northwest of Waldo. Hazelwood, incidently, was the first county seat of Webster County for about one year, after which the county government moved to the newly established town of Marshfield.

The proposed officers of the new Lodge were examined as to their proficiency in the rituals of Freemasonry in Webster Lodge No. 98, N. H. Hampton, Worshipful Master, on May 24, 1872 and found to be proficient. The charter was granted July 25, 1872, signed by Frank Conley, Grand Secretary, and Thos. E. Garrett, Grand Master.

The original officers were G. B. Hudspeth, Worshipful Master, J. J. McMullen, Senior Warden, Daniel Thornsberry, Junior Warden, J. C. Trimble, Treasurer, A. C. Heckendorn, Senior Deacon and Sam Winningham, Tyler.

Upon the building of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad through the southern part of Webster County in 1881, a number of new communities were established along this line, among them Seymour. This resulted in the decline of several of the off-line trading centers, including Waldo. It wasn't long after until Hazelwood Lodge moved to the newly established town of Seymour, where it has remained ever since, now the second largest town in Webster County.

No trace of Waldo remains, except for Licksillet Cemetery near the site of Mt. Dale Academy, now defunct.

**Henderson Lodge No. 477
Henderson, Missouri**

Although this Lodge was organized in 1874 at the trading center of Henderson in the southwest part of Webster County and remained there until

1903, it moved in that year to Rogersville, about one and one-half miles south. In spite of the fact that Rogersville first came into existence in 1882 after the coming of the railroad, Henderson continued as a trade center until around 1905, when the post office there was discontinued. This post office had first been established in 1852 with Pleasant Henderson as the first postmaster. The renowned Henderson Academy was also located here.

The members of the Fraternity signed a petition to the Grand Lodge of Missouri in early 1874 for the establishment of a Lodge at Henderson to be called Henderson. They proposed to meet in a two-story, wood frame building, 22 feet wide by 44 feet long and would hold their meetings in the second story. Bro. W. H. Payne, District Deputy Grand Master noted that this was the best hall in the district outside of Springfield.

The proposed officers of the new lodge were examined as to their proficiency in the rituals of Freemasonry in Mt. Olive Lodge No. 439, J. H. Williams, Worshipful Master, on February 27, 1874 and found to be proficient. The charter was granted October 15, 1874.

The original officers were Benjamin F. Dennis, Worshipful Master, Thomas B. Horn, Senior Warden, and James W. Dennis, Junior Warden.

Little of the original settlement of Henderson remains except a few homes. Rogersville continues as a thriving community, situated on the railroad and U. S. Highway 60.

Niangua Lodge No. 529 Niangua, Missouri

The community of Niangua was founded in 1870 with the building of the South Pacific Railroad through Webster County. John J. Redmond, born in Liverpool, England is generally recognized as the founder.

He was an employee of the railroad, the first postmaster, local agent of the Adams Express Company, a businessman, banker and a Mason. The town derived its name from the Niangua River. Niangua is an Osage Indian word literally meaning 'Winding River of Many Springs' which is certainly descriptive, although other more fanciful names have been conjectured.

Eighteen members of the Fraternity signed a petition to the Grand Lodge of Missouri for the establishment of a Lodge at Niangua to be called Niangua. They proposed to meet in a two-story frame building, the main hall to be 20 feet wide and 30 feet long reached by an outside stairway.

The proposed officers of the Lodge were exam-



J. J. Redmond wearing Masonic York Rite regalia.

ined as to their proficiency in the rituals of Freemasonry in Webster Lodge No. 98 at Marshfield, C. H. Greer, Worshipful Master, on July 11, 1884 and found to be proficient.

The new Lodge was authorized to meet and work 'Under Dispensation' under the authority of the Grand Lodge granted February 9, 1885, Robert F. Stevenson, Grand Master. The first meeting of the Lodge Under Dispensation was held February 20, 1885. Meetings were held once a month on the Saturday on or before the full moon. The first return to the Grand Lodge listed a slate of seven officers plus 24 members.

The original officers were John B. Davis, Worshipful Master, James M. Robertson, Senior Warden, John C. Bridges, Junior Warden, P. L. Burford, Treasurer, J. J. Redmond, Secretary, John F. Gardner, Senior Deacon and J. L. Mathis, Tyler. The charter for Niangua Lodge No. 529 was issued October 15, 1885 by the Grand Lodge, James W. Boyd, Grand Master.

This Lodge enjoyed an active membership for most of its existence but with the passing of many of the charter members, interest waned and the charter was arrested by Grand Master W. A. Clark in 1918. One of the last Masonic funeral rites of Niangua Lodge was held for J. J. Redmond on February 14, 1906. The original minute book of this Lodge has been preserved in the archives of Webster Lodge No. 98 at Marshfield. It covers the period from the first meeting in 1885 to July 20, 1907 and contains minutes written by Mr. Redmond in a fine Spencerian style of handwriting.

**Duncan Lodge No. 589
Duncan, Missouri**

Duncan was a trading center situated 11 miles east and a little south of Marshfield on the county line with Wright County. A post office was established here in 1871 which functioned until 1923. The first postmaster was William J. Duncan.

Nineteen members of the Fraternity signed a petition to the Grand Lodge of Missouri for the formation of a Lodge at Duncan to be named Duncan. However, only 15 of the brethren qualified as members. They proposed to meet in a two-story frame building, the main hall to be 24 feet wide and 40 feet long reached by an outside stairway. It was to be shared with the Odd Fellows Lodge. The location was stated to be 13 miles equidistant from Marshfield, Hartville, Niangua and Seymour. Apparently, by the time this Lodge was formed the requirement that the officers be examined as to their proficiency in the rituals of Freemasonry was dropped. No record of such examination is found for this Lodge at any rate.

The new Lodge was authorized to meet and work 'Under Dispensation' under the authority of the Grand Lodge granted January 5, 1907, D. M. Wilson, Grand Master. The first meeting under dispensation (reported to the Grand Lodge) was held September 14, 1907 with eight officers plus 13 members. Meetings were stated as the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.

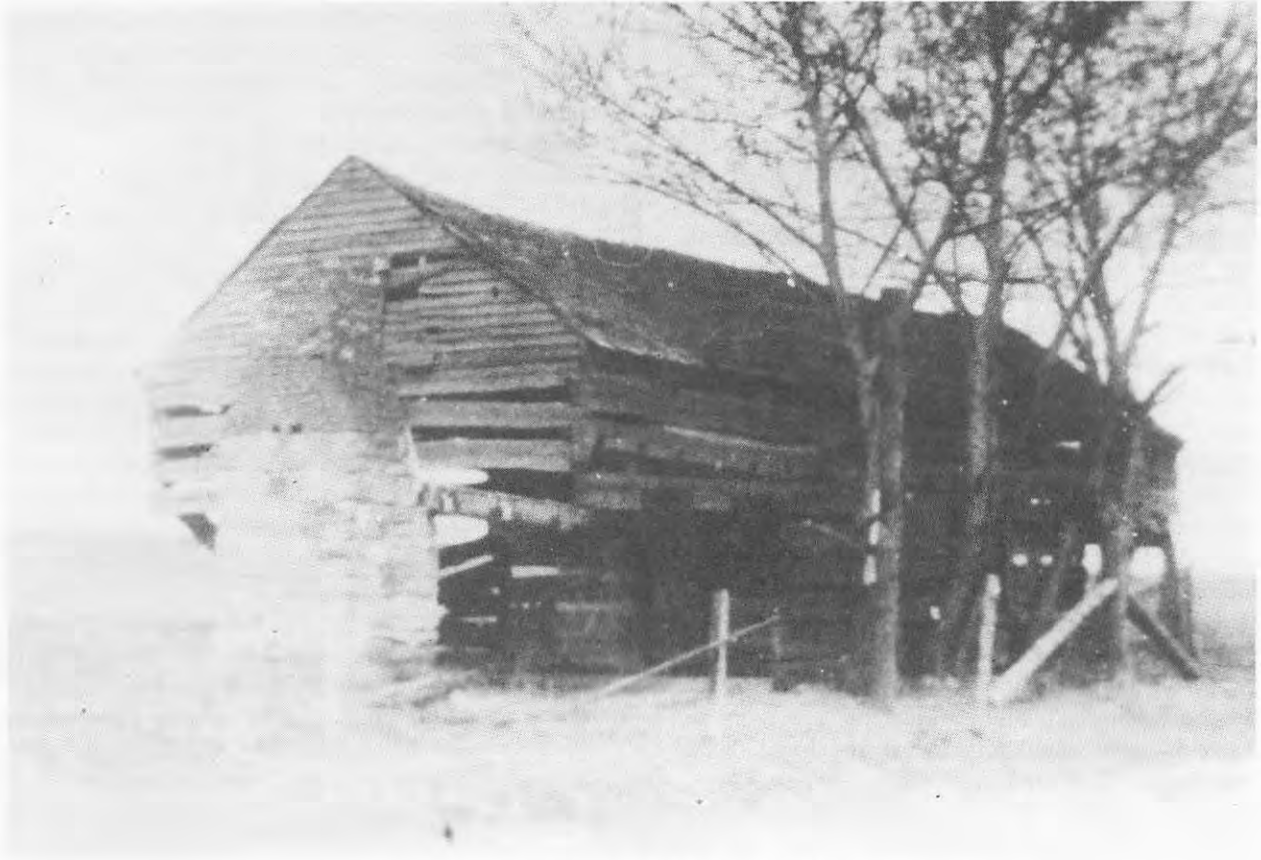
The original officers were Samuel S. King,

Worshipful Master, John H. Connolly, Senior Warden, Leander J. Ellis, Junior Warden, George Graf, Treasurer, Charles H. Reed, Secretary, Wm. A. Dorton, Senior Deacon, Talt J. Hendrix, Junior Deacon and Thomas J. Anderson, Tyler. The charter for Duncan Lodge No. 589 was issued September 26, 1907 by the Grand Lodge, David M. Wilson, Grand Master.

This Lodge functioned at Duncan until it petitioned the Grand Lodge on March 4, 1913 to be moved to Grovespring in Wright County and the name to be changed to Grovespring. Grovespring Lodge had been chartered September 26, 1906, just a year before Duncan. This change was approved by C. A. Stephens, District Deputy Grand Master of the 46th District, and Chas. H. Young, District Deputy Grand Master of the 45th District. The charter of Duncan Lodge No. 589 was cancelled October 2, 1913. Grovespring was, and is, a crossroads trading community located 13 miles north of Hartville. The Grovespring Lodge subsequently united with Joppa Lodge No. 411, Hartville, Mo. (county seat of Wright County) on December 24, 1949.

The five remaining Masonic Lodges in Webster County located in Marshfield, Elkland, Mt. Olive, Seymour and Rogersville meet and work in regular sessions with an active and interested membership. The Tenants of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, reflected in their regard for each other and their communities, their charities and support for the American system of free public schools.

Although the Masonic Order has been characterized by some as a secret society, it is not that at all. It is a society with secrets, held only within itself. Masons make no attempt to conceal their membership and their meeting places occupy prominent places in the community. Beyond that, the appendant Masonic bodies of the York and Scottish Rites and Shrine are well known for their charities. A Scottish Rite Club exists in Webster County.



Remains of old Fort Sand Springs.

Fort Sand Springs

Excerpts from "The History of Webster County",
The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889-

The Eighth Cavalry, Missouri State Militia, was organized May 2, 1862, with J. W. McClurg, colonel; Amos Williamson, lieutenant-colonel; Edward B. Eno, major; John Collins, lieutenant and adjutant, and Marshall W. Johnson, lieutenant and quartermaster. In February, 1863, this command received four companies of the "broken up" Fourteenth Missouri State Militia Cavalry, and G and H formed L and M of this command. The regiment held Springfield, Lebanon and Neosho during the first years of the war. In 1864 the battalion of Neosho drove out the small bands of marauders who infested that section of Missouri and Northwestern Arkansas, while the Springfield and Lebanon detachments shared the last pursuit of Price, and the whole regiment under Col. Gravelly may be said to have been in the field

from Jefferson City to Newtonia from October 7 to October 30, 1864. In March and April, 1865, the command was mustered out at Springfield. Company H, of which Henry D. Moore was captain, held a fair representation of Webster County men. Maj. E. B. Eno commanded the Eighth Missouri State Militia Cavalry, First Battalion, at Marshfield, in November, 1862, while Companies B and D were under Capt. J. J. Gravelly, then stationed at Fort Sand Springs, and the Second Battalion under Col. J. W. McClurg, at Lebanon.

The advance of Marmaduke's army through this country in 1863 is explained as follows: Maj. G. W. C. Bennett, of MacDonnell's Missouri Confederate Cavalry, reporting January 29, 1863, states that on January 9 the command separated

from Shelby's and marched to Marshfield via Sand Springs, entering the town about 7 p.m. There they appropriated everything which could be found, and made six prisoners. The fort was built of heavy oak boards, while the stockades were formed of piles driven into the ground. On the 10th this regiment joined Porter's and Shelby's, and proceeding to Hartville took part in the battle there, where Col. MacDonnell was killed.

Gen. J. S. Marmaduke in his report, dated February 1, 1863, states that Shelby, in retiring from Springfield, camped January 9 at Sand Springs, burning the fortified post there. Col. MacDonnell camped at Marshfield the same night, immediately after the flight of the Federals, and destroyed the fortifications and stores there. On the 10th, Shelby, MacDonnell and Porter joined forces near Marshfield and pushed onward to Hartville.

Gen. Shelby makes the following statement:

"Friday, the 9th, moved east with my brigade on the Rolla road, and camped for the night at Sand Springs, where your escort and Lieut. Scott had fired a Federal fort.

"The 10th we marched through Marshfield, and after burning the fort there, which was done by Cols. MacDonnell and Thompson, and after forming a junction with Col. Porter's command, we camped again for the night, but with orders issued to move at 3 o'clock upon the enemy, as our scouts had brought information of their close proximity."

Owing to the character of the Webster County Home Guards and volunteers, as well as to the fact that the county was garrisoned at Marshfield and Sand Springs, the suffering of the people was reduced to a minimum. In the Panther Creek neighborhood the Fenner family had their buildings burned by the Seventh Missouri Cavalry. Samuel Barnard and old Mr. Criger were killed on account of their Southern sympathies, the Gourley barn and stock were destroyed, and many wanton outrages perpetrated.

The greater number of the soldiers of both armies returned to their homes after the war and many may be found today residing in the county, whence they marched in 1861 to the support or destruction of the Union, the Confederates and Federals living in complete harmony, enjoying the friendship and good will of one another.

Items of interest from The Marshfield Mail

22 January 1903

Someone dynamited telephone line from Hiatt to Susanna.

Hiatt Items — There were a couple of plain drunks at Prospect Church Saturday night. We will mention no names this time boys; please don't do it again.

27 December 1906

Duncan,

The Christmas festivities at Duncan were put to a sudden end Christmas Eve night on account of the tree taking fire, which caused a panic. Everybody tried to get out of the house at once, and in so doing turned over the stove. Some jumped out of the windows, while others stood and screamed.

Easter Program

at the
M. E. Church, Colored
April 5, 1931
Manuel Burford, Superintendent

(This article from the April 9, 1931 issue of the Marshfield Mail.)

Easter program at the M. E. Church, Colored, Sunday night was very well attended.

Opening hymn by the school, "Were You There When They Crucified Him". Prayer, Amanda Burford. Recitation, "Johnny Jump-up," Donnie Bedell. Song, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," with French harp accompaniment by Harry Goodall. Song, "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam," by four girls. Recitation, "Easter Eggs," Parthenia Dalton. Paper, "Easter in Early Days", by Albert Wood. Duet by two girls. Scripture reading, I Corinthians, Amanda Burford. Song, "Bringing in the Sheaves," on the French harp by Harry Goodall. Dialogue, "The Dancing Sun," by two girls. Recitation, "Give Flowers to the Children," Mary Amanda Ray. Scripture reading, Matthew 28th chapter, by Flora Louise Burford. Address, "The Love of God," Rachel Burford. Scripture reading, Romans 8th chapter, Katherine Dalton. Benediction.

We surely appreciate the way Mrs. G. E. Brooks had the children trained. One thing I have found since she has been in our community, she is for the upbuilding of humanity and she is an honest and devoted Christian, always trying to do something for the building of God's Kingdom. We all hate to see her leave our community, but we hope and trust she will get the school next year, because I know the children have progressed in their every day studies and also in the Word of God.

What shall we say of crucifixion, the most torturing and offensive of all punishment? No word strong enough can brand the hideous act. Such was the death on the cross which the Lord of Glory died. So shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth, whereas buried on Friday and raised on Easter Day.

I think that it is a day when everyone of us should assemble ourselves together to worship the



Emanuel Burford as he appeared in the late 1930s.

Lord our Savior.

One day about 15 months ago, H. E. Banning came by on Saturday, going to the Plank school house to organize church and Sunday school. He told me he went back on Sunday and they had guns and about 7 or 8 wolves. So God spent his shepherds out there to scatter the wolves and to gather in the lost sheep, and if we all will take and read the Marshfield Mail, we can see who the shepherds are and we will know what is going on in our county, because the Mail has all the county news in it, and be sure to read the church notes. You will find out and see what a wonderful change has been made in the Plank neighborhood. Every Sunday you will find them going to church with their swords to battle for the Lord and find from 40 to 50 right up in front on the firing line. I read

the Mail and learned the shepherds were Rev. Leonard, Rev. R. S. Kindel, Rev. D. N. Manley and others. We lose something by not reading the Mail and I find we gain something by reading it. Let us all as good people try to do more for the Lord in this year than we have done in the past.

How precious are these revelations of the power and glory of the heavenly body and how blessed the assurance that he will change the body of our abasement that it may be fashioned like unto the body of his glory.

May we hold ever sweeter and closer communion with our risen Lord; and may we talk to others about his spirit on our pilgrim way. May our hearts burn with a love that must find utterance in confession of his grace.

The Ash Hopper

By Gilbert Cruise

The old ash hopper is a thing of the past. It was once used extensively, especially by the country folk, to make lye for different purposes around the home, such as soap making and for making hominy. Ashes were saved from the wood fireplaces or wood stoves and stored in the ash hopper with a cover over it to keep it dry.

Along toward spring, usually after all butchering had been done and waste fat and bacon drippings had been saved, the fat was put into a

kettle out in the yard and boiled for several hours. This mixture was let set until cool, then the fat was skimmed off to make soap.

Rain water was caught in a barrel at the corner of the house, and this was used for soap making. The water was poured into the ash hopper until a desired amount ran through the ashes and was caught in a cast iron pot. A certain amount of this was poured into the grease and this was boiled for a time, then set in pans about one-inch thick to dry. A day or two later the soap was cut in small squares and wrapped in paper to keep for future use. This was hard soap.

Another kind of soap was called soft soap, which was used in a number of ways, sometimes as wagon grease when that was in short supply. In one instance it was used to grease the railroad track so the engine could not start when pulling off a side track. It seems Mrs. Rohland's cow was killed by a train and she got sore at the railroad people. She would go out every time she heard a train on the switch and grease the track so the train would have trouble starting.

Another type of hand soap was made by using yucca plant roots to make the soap milder. When it was almost done lilac blooms, or rose petals, were crushed and added to the soap for fragrance.

Lye was also used to make hominy, to scrub dirty floors, and to clean brooder houses. People who had tuberculosis scrubbed their house weekly with lye water solution.



A story of Rev. F. M. Hooton

by Gilbert Smith

While attending the Ninth District Convention of Christian Churches at Bolivar March 28, 1982, I noticed a picture of three pioneer ministers, Francis Marion Hooton, Morgan Morgans and D. W. Faulkner, taken about the year 1898. The picture was in a prominent spot in the main sanctuary and brought back memories of what Rev. Hooton did for the town of Marshfield and for me, personally, when I was a boy. I was one of a group who visited him on Sundays and on his birthdays. He touched the lives of many people in Marshfield by attending revivals of Baptist and Methodist churches, as well as holding protracted meetings over the county for Christian churches.

In building the present Christian Church building in Marshfield, 1912-1913, he had the full support of the congregation, who helped not only in a monetary way but with their labor. Some of the carpenters were: George and Wiley James, Dave Terry, S. F. Houser, Charley (Chas.) Meyer and Joe Hansard, grandfather of Ed and Joe Brooks. Mr. Hansard was known for building beautiful buildings and large houses like the John B. Foster home on West Washington Street.

The brick layers were Donald C. (Dick) Moore and G. W. (Grundy) Moore. The painters were Clarence Hooton, son of F. M. Hooton, and Julius Singer, father of Paul and Curtis Singer.

Rev. F. M. Hooton served as minister of Marshfield Christian Church from 1902 until 1915, when he retired, and became Minister Emeritus until his death in 1927. In 1921 through 1923, he served actively when the church was without a regular minister.

He was the grandfather of Francis Dave Roper of Marshfield, great grandfather of Nancy (Roper) Potter, who with her husband, the Rev. Paul Potter, gave their lives in the missionary field in the Dominican Republic in 1971.

Mrs. Dave (Helen Davison) Roper comes from a family of Christian ministers, including her father, Noaha E. Davison, and two of his three brothers, Elmer and Emmitt.

I placed my membership in the Christian church the last time Rev. Hooton spoke as guest



F. M. Hooton, 1912.

minister in July 1924. His influence on my life led me to write the following article for high school forensic competition 48 years ago.

THE LIFE WORK OF BROTHER F. M. HOOTON

Pioneers came to Missouri from the Eastern states, building their industries, their institutions and their homes. Professions and trades were built by men who gave all their effort to their respective fields, but the churches depend upon men in the most part who tilled the soil. While they cleared their land to build houses and barns they also built school houses which were used for religious worship as well as for school. There was much

discussion as to what the New Testament did contain. It was common practice for men to carry a New Testament in their pocket, and at the end of a corn row while the horses rested the word of God was read earnestly and thoughtfully, often to see if what the minister had said was true. Neighbors, as they exchanged work, also exchanged Bible truths. Much of the leisure time was spent in debating the scripture. On Sunday they gathered together for religious worship, coming from great distances in farm wagons and on horseback. Sometimes they had all day services with a basket dinner.

Many of these people were well educated in spite of their unpretentious lives, yet they mingled with all the people. This was a pioneer age of struggling and building by people who were determined to go forward and upward. This age of pioneers has been succeeded by a modern age of great churches, which will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of their State Missionary Society Convention at Columbia, Missouri, in 1937.

Francis Marion Hooton, as one of these pioneers, was a part of the great building of Missouri churches. Born in Rush County, Indiana, March 31, 1840, he was the youngest child in a family of 10 children. His parents, who were of Scotch-Irish descent, were farmers and members of the Methodist church. As a boy he walked four miles to a district school. His home was the home where the minister stayed while preaching there. Brother Hooton often related this story of his boyhood. A certain minister, a large middle-aged man—who was always well-dressed and quite dignified—always rode up to his father's home on arriving in the community. Upon dismounting he always handed his horse's reins to young Hooton, with no courtesy, thank-you, or if-you-please. This he could not help but resent. One day he was requested to take the minister hunting. Like a flash it occurred to him, here was the time and place for revenge. In hunting he took the minister through a woods where there was a large hornet's nest. Just before passing under the tree a well-aimed stone brought the hornets out in large numbers and it was just too bad that the minister was not as fleet of foot as he.

His youth and early manhood, the most formative period of his life, was spent near his home in Indiana. These varied experiences included teaching two terms of country school. For an unknown period of time he attended the Friend's College at Spiceland, Indiana and these experiences made a lasting impression upon the

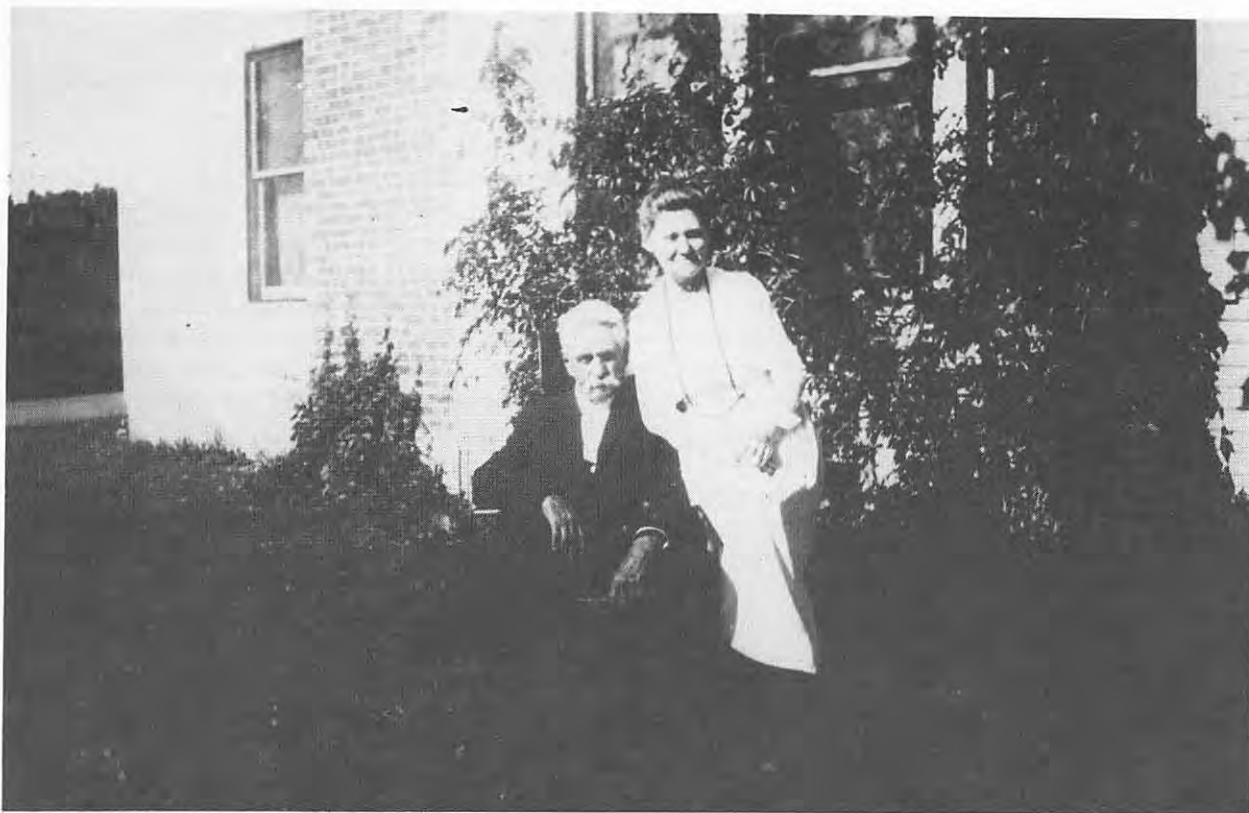


F. M. Hooton, 1920.

spiritual if practical minded youth. Of his stock of stories, one included the account of those awful solemn affairs, the Quaker chapel. Sometimes no one spoke and at other times several wanted to speak at once. The director would decide which should speak, to the never-ending wonder of young Hooton, who couldn't figure out just how he knew which one to call on. He never ceased to have a profound admiration for these good people.

A kindly physician, Dr. Lewis, permitted him to read his medical books and Mr. Hooton later practiced medicine on a small scale. Then came the Civil War and he found his patriotic duty was to doctor disabled soldiers and, as a local police deputy, to catch and return deserters. In the midst of this time of conflict he married and established his home.

In 1868 the Hooton family moved to Riley



Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hooton in 1924.

County, Kan. He found neither Sunday school or church here and so he at once began to hold religious services on Sunday and soon organized a Sunday school. People urged him to speak on religious subjects. He was ordained as a Christian minister on August 16, 1868 and continued the work here until 1880 when he moved to Morris County, Kansas, and settled on a homestead where he again found people without a church. He organized church at Wilsey, Kan., his own community, also Council Grove, the county seat and many other places. These are strong churches today.

Brother Hooton worked on the farm all week. On Saturday afternoon he would ride from 12 to 20 miles to preach Saturday night and Sunday morning, returning Sunday night after services. Then he would be in his field on Monday morning as early as any of his neighbors, who often remarked that his farm was as well tended and yielded as much as they who gave their entire time to their farm.

In the year 1884 he moved his family to Greene County, Missouri, near Bois D'Arc, where he helped to build a church. He also held many

revivals in Stone and Taney counties. After his wife died in 1887, he moved to Bolivar to give his children better school advantages staying until the summer of 1889. He then took charge of the church at Columbus, Kan. In 1891 he accepted the district evangelistic work and continued this work until 1894 when he moved to Nortonville, Kan. He remained here two years and enjoyed a great work. In 1896 he returned to Bolivar and was pastor of the Bolivar and Buffalo churches. In 1902 he moved to Marshfield and began his work in the Niangua Christian Church. Mr. H. Drennan was at that time pastor of the Marshfield Church, but lived at Seymour. He at once said that he would gladly turn over the work in Marshfield to Brother Hooton, that he might give his entire time to the south part of Webster County.

For fifteen years he gave full time service, holding many successful revivals. Some of them were at Richland, Conway, Elkland, Mt. Sinai, Osage, Niangua and Northview. At Northview he more than doubled the membership and built a new church. Up to this time the congregation having always met in the school house. Perhaps his greatest work in Marshfield was his lead-

ership in building of the present church. This was a hard piece of work, the membership being small and with no great wealth. Several members gave work instead of money while others worked and gave money also. But with the help of his devoted wife who led the women in the Aid Society, they worked and prayed, he being over their inspiration, in never giving up until it was said by some that he almost lived at the church. Under his guidance the cost was held to a minimum and every foot of space had been utilized. Even in 1934 it is a very modern and well-equipped efficient church. It was dedicated in 1913, and cost approximately \$17,000. After he became too old to continue as an active pastor he was elected pastor emeritus of the Christian Church, making a total of 25 years in service in Marshfield. He was greatly beloved by all the church and they gathered in groups to honor him on many occasions. The children liked especially to go on his birthday, taking fruit, flowers and gifts, listening in delight while he told many stories of early pioneer life in Western Kansas. He also told them many Bible stories, making them so vivid they can never forget them.

As a citizen of the community he was honored and respected and was always in great demand to conduct funerals and perform marriage ceremonies. During his entire ministry he baptized over 4,000 people. No record was kept of the number of funerals. A list of marriages, being required by law, shows he married 90 couples while living in Marshfield.

His family recalls how he so often spoke of fellow ministers of the gospel in his youth and in pioneer days. One of the earliest ministers of his acquaintance was Love H. Jameson of Indiana, not only a minister but a sweet singer of the old

hymns.

Then there was Ben L. Smith of Topeka, Kan., state secretary for some time. He remembered F. M. Raines, also of Topeka, Kan. He knew M. M. Good of St. Joseph, P. T. Haley of Kansas City, Alexander Proctor of Independence, A. B. Jones of Liberty and Simpson Ely of Joplin, singer and composer as well as a minister. He liked to attend gatherings of the Brotherhood where he came to know many of these worthy pioneers.

He was always watching for new recruits for the ministry, "Timothys" as he called them. Young men who were capable and consecrated to go out and preach the word, and take his place. He often told of a certain minister, whom he had sent out, who was doing a greater work than he himself was doing in winning souls to Christ.

During his work in Webster County he ordained four young men to the ministry. They are now active in the service and are known to the brotherhood throughout the country. They are: J. E. Waterstripe, now of Penn., R. L. Whittenburg of Galena, A. T. Mahanay of Springfield, and Guy Eslick of Kaney, Kan.

Mr. Hooton believed the Christian should be also a Christian citizen fulfilling his duty to home, community, state and nation. His activities as a physician during the Civil War attest his wide civic devotion.

While living in Morris County he represented the county in the Kansas State Legislature two terms and again in Missouri, representing Webster County one term. He is survived by eight children who have endeavored to be good citizens, worthy parents and creditable leaders in church and civic institutions.

While he is gone from us, in spirit he lives and will continue to live in our hearts and lives forever.

Gilbert R. Smith
Marshfield High School
1934

The Johnson Family

From The Old Settlers column, The Marshfield
Mail, July 13, 1905

Benjamin Johnson was born in Virginia in September 1801. When he was only a small boy his parents moved to Tennessee in the first settlement of that country. He was married to Miss Mahalia Denton on February 21, 1821. To this union eight children were born, five boys and three girls. One of the boys died in infancy.

Benjamin Johnson, with his family, was among the earliest settlers in this part of Missouri, having come here in 1841. He left Thompkinsville, Kentucky, just over the Tennessee line, April 5, 1841, and landed in Dade County, Missouri June 5, 1841, having been just three months on the road. He remained in Dade County until October, then came to Greene County and stopped near where Strafford is now. The family remained there for two years and then settled on Panther Creek in February, 1844 on the farm afterward known as the old Ben Johnson place. On this farm he lived most of his life and died at a good age May 31, 1876 within half a mile of the place where he had settled. His wife lived until 1879. When she too passed over they were laid side by side in the old Panther Valley graveyard.

Louisa, their oldest child, was born May 2, 1822. She was married July 10, 1834, before she was 13 years old, to Samuel McFarland. McFarland started to California with McClurg in 1849, but died on the "Plains" of mountain fever. The widow again married, this time to Alfred Amos in 1851. Mr. Amos died in 1894.

Louisa has been the mother of 14 children. She is still living at the ripe old age of 82. She makes her home with her youngest son, W. H. Amos, who lives near Henderson, and while she is very old, yet her mind and eyesight is good and she is still able to get around and visit among her relatives.

Isaac D. Johnson, the next oldest child, was born in 1825, and was married to Sarah Yandle on December 25, 1845. They made their home in Webster County and I. D. Johnson was one among the foremost men of the county. He has filled

some of the most important offices of the county, was once sheriff, and then sheriff and collector. He was the father of five boys and one girl. One of the boys, Bob, died in Texas several years ago. W. B. Johnson carries the mail on one of the rural routes extending from Marshfield. Ben, Sime, Isaac and Sarah make their home in Texas and all have families of their own. I. D. Johnson was a soldier in the Civil War on the side of the Union. He was a lieutenant and was honorably discharged at the war's close. He died in Webster County on December 21, 1894. His wife died March 18, 1896. They also lie buried side by side in the burying ground of his father.

Cyrus H. Johnson was the third child. He was born in 1827, and married Elizabeth Yandle, July 23, 1848. He had eight children, three boys and five girls. Nancy Jane, the oldest, has been dead for several years. Z. B. Johnson, the oldest boy, is working in Colorado, but has a home and family in Rogersville. U. G. Johnson, who superintended the Marshfield schools the last two years, but who has lately moved to Ash Grove school, is one of W. E. Johnson's sons. D. W. Johnson lives at Fordland and is clerking in W. J. Calender's store. He and W. B. both married a daughter of James Burks, one of the pioneer preachers of Webster County. Mary, the oldest living daughter, married Wesley Felkner. After Mr. Felkner's death in 1902, Mary married C. R. Cornelison, and lives in Fordland. Martha Ann married Matthew Prince. She died near Fordland a few years ago. James O. Johnson is a well-known farmer living near Fordland. Liza married M. D. Reed, who is the present postmaster at Fordland. Eudore, the youngest child, married John Brush, and now lives in Texas. C. H. Johnson was also a soldier in the same company and regiment as his brother, I. D. He died at his home in Fordland on October 15, 1903, and was buried in Fordland. He was a leading member of the M. P. Church in Fordland, and furnished the oak for the framing of the church that now stands in the town. His wife is

still living and is in good health. She makes her home with D. W. Johnson, but visits among all the children.

Polly Ann, Benjamin Johnson's fourth child, was born in 1830, and married Isaac Dalton in 1846. Mr. Dalton went to California to make his fortune in the gold fever days of 1849 and never returned. Polly had two children by Dalton, W. H. and R. F. W. H. Dalton, who lives in Springfield, is well known in Webster County. B. F. lives in Texas. Mrs. Dalton is still living but is in poor health. She makes her home with relatives in Texas.

E. M. Johnson, the fifth child, was born August 17, 1833. He and Delany Mudley were married April 4, 1852. To this union eight children were born. John B., the oldest, lives at Henderson. Mary A. married A. D. Ward and lives near Fordland. Robert C. died March 24, 1879. W. J. lives near his father on the old home place. He is a minister of the Gospel and preaches for the Methodists on the Fordland circuit. Margaret M. died June 22, 1880. Isaac, the youngest son, lives near his father. He is Justice of the Peace, notary public, and also tills a farm. Sarah F., the next to the youngest child, married C. W. Towers and is now living four miles north of Marshfield on the old Jameson farm. Annie, the youngest child, has never married and lives at home with her parents. Uncle Frankie, as he is always called, lives in the house in which his father died five miles northwest of Fordland. Of four sons, he is the only one living. He was also a soldier in the war of the rebellion, serving in Co. C., 40th Missouri Infantry.

Nancy A. Johnson, the youngest daughter of Benjamin, married Louis A. Green on July 10,

1855. She raised a large family of children and died several years ago. Her home was in Dallas County, Missouri. Three of her boys live in Colorado. Her husband married again and still lives in Dallas County. He is a prominent minister in the Primitive Baptist Church.

Robert J. Johnson was born in 1837. He went to California in the fifties while a mere boy. He returned after about a three-year sojourn in the land of gold and in 1860 or 1866 married Nancy A. Wells. They never had any children. He was a Methodist preacher and traveled considerably. He made his home in Missouri, Kansas, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and California, but finally came back to the land of his boyhood. He died at Springfield in January, 1905. His wife still lives and has a home in Springfield.

All of the boys served as soldiers in the Union Army, were all honorably discharged at the end of the war, and none of them were wounded.

When the Johnson family settled in Missouri there was plenty of game here. Uncle Frankie says he has seen as many as 80 deer in one flock. There were also panthers and a few bears. Six panthers dened in a cave on Panther Creek, which was the reason the creek was given that name. A Mr. McAdoe killed one of those ferocious animals with Uncle Bennie Johnson's gun.

The Johnson family has always taken great interest in the educational and religious development of our county. The members stand today among a great many pioneers and point with pride to our high moral standing and to the educational facilities we have, and each member can say with pride, "It was by the sterling qualities and by the many hardships of our ancestors that we are enabled to enjoy the blessings of today."

Halley's Comet Drops 'Meteor' on Marshfield

By Joe Clayton, August 24, 1981
Springfield Daily News

It wouldn't be surprising to find a meteor memo tacked to the bulletin board in The Daily News office someday soon . . .

"Topic for Wednesday's staff meeting: Preparations for coverage of the return of Halley's comet into Earth orbit."

Last visible in 1910, the celestial visitor isn't scheduled to sail back into view until 1986, but local editors want their staff to be thoroughly indoctrinated in its behavior. The little fireball gave Springfield's newspapers quite a ride 71 years ago.

Nervous earthlings heard all sorts of catastrophic predictions as their planet approached the tail of the comet in the spring of that fateful year. Some scientists fretted about poisonous gases that might suffocate cities; others flatly predicted the end of the world.

Excitement reached its peak on May 19, when astronomers warned that cosmic debris could fall on populated areas.

Then it happened. In Marshfield.

"Meteor Falls to Ground," bellowed the front page of the May 20 edition of the Springfield Republican, destined to become The Daily News.

"Red Hot Mass of Ore Drops From Heavens Into Courthouse Yard at Marshfield. Citizens Near at Hand."

The scary story continued:

"A meteor about six inches in diameter and weighing several pounds came sizzling red hot through the air and buried itself in the ground near the courthouse at Marshfield.

"Walter Haymes, who was standing in the courthouse yard at the time, saw a blazing piece of iron, sulphur and other meteoric ingredients fly through the air and fall to the ground near him. He ran to the place where the missile had sunk into the earth and dug a big piece of ore from the ground.

"It was still so hot that he could not touch it for some time. He called several people to the scene to see the red hot metal that had so mysteriously come from no one knew where."

Marshfield was poorly prepared for its uninvited visitor from space and the publicity it caused. Several fearful residents insisted meteor-proof shelters should be dug to protect the Ozarks from

comet droppings. Others were proud that their community had been blasted and wanted a monument built for proper display of the clinker.

The editor of the Marshfield Mail, John H. Case, generously offered to provide window display space in his newspaper office for the piece of galactic junk. But he suddenly suffered a fit of fidgets upon learning that a herd of reporters and photographers from several cities was rushing to Webster County to report on the incident.

Apparently no other American town had been similarly blessed. Everyone found out why when Marshfield's singular blessing turned into a curse the following day. As a matter of fact, several curses were muttered by the suckered gentry when Case confessed the meteor was a hoax.

The editor, abetted by friends Haymes and Dug Thomas, had been unable to resist and practical joke opportunities offered by the Earth's proximity to the comet's tail.

Obtaining large coals from a mill, they heated them red hot with a blow torch and Thomas carried them to the cupola on the courthouse. When he hurled the homemade meteorites to the ground, Haymes and Case were nearby to point them out to terrified pedestrians.

Two days later, the Springfield newspaper admitted in embarrassment and small type - "Meteors are Home Grown."

The Republican's editor apparently assigned the clean-up job on the story to a verbose reporter who spent a lot of time at the card table. He wrote:

"The new game of 'who can draw metal from the comet's tail' is all the rage in the Webster County capital since the advent of the big star and his caudal appendage of wonderful dimensions.

"To successfully play the game, however, there has to be a joker and a few other necessary ingredients of a lively time. It is the only game which depends on whether or not the joker is caught. It takes a trump to catch him, and a misdeal will likely lose the game."

Quite some time passed before Marshfieldians could chuckle hollowly about the hocus-pocus, and Case lost a few huffy subscribers.

"We thought our timing was good, but I guess it was too good," said Thomas in discussing the incident with a reporter's years later. "I'd always wanted to make my mark in the world, but after that happened I had the feeling that the world wanted to make a mark on me."



Eureka Music School

This was the Eureka Music School in 1907.

First row: Artie McClanahan, Robert Lee, Ezra Rader, Joe Rader.

Second row: Orville Fite, Tim Fite, Ella Fite, Ivah Fite, J. W. Dennis, Eli Rader, Ora Rader holding baby Ivan Rader, Walter Rader holding daughter Lina, Ollie Rader holding Mattie on her lap.

Third row: Lewis Summers, George Johnston, Liza Jemes, Linn Maroney, Cinda Maroney, Ella Burrell, Grace Little, Carrie Rader, Martha Summers, Georgia Medlock, Dollie Medlock, Pearl Williams, Sadie Mace, Becca Rader, Lee Maroney, Labe Mace.

Fourth row: Frank Jemes, Creed Summers, Jasper Rader, Elbert Summers, Carl Keesling, Lawrence Langdon, Boto Rader, Herman Davis, Porter Officer, Dexter Summers, Jim McClanahan, Randolph Burrell.

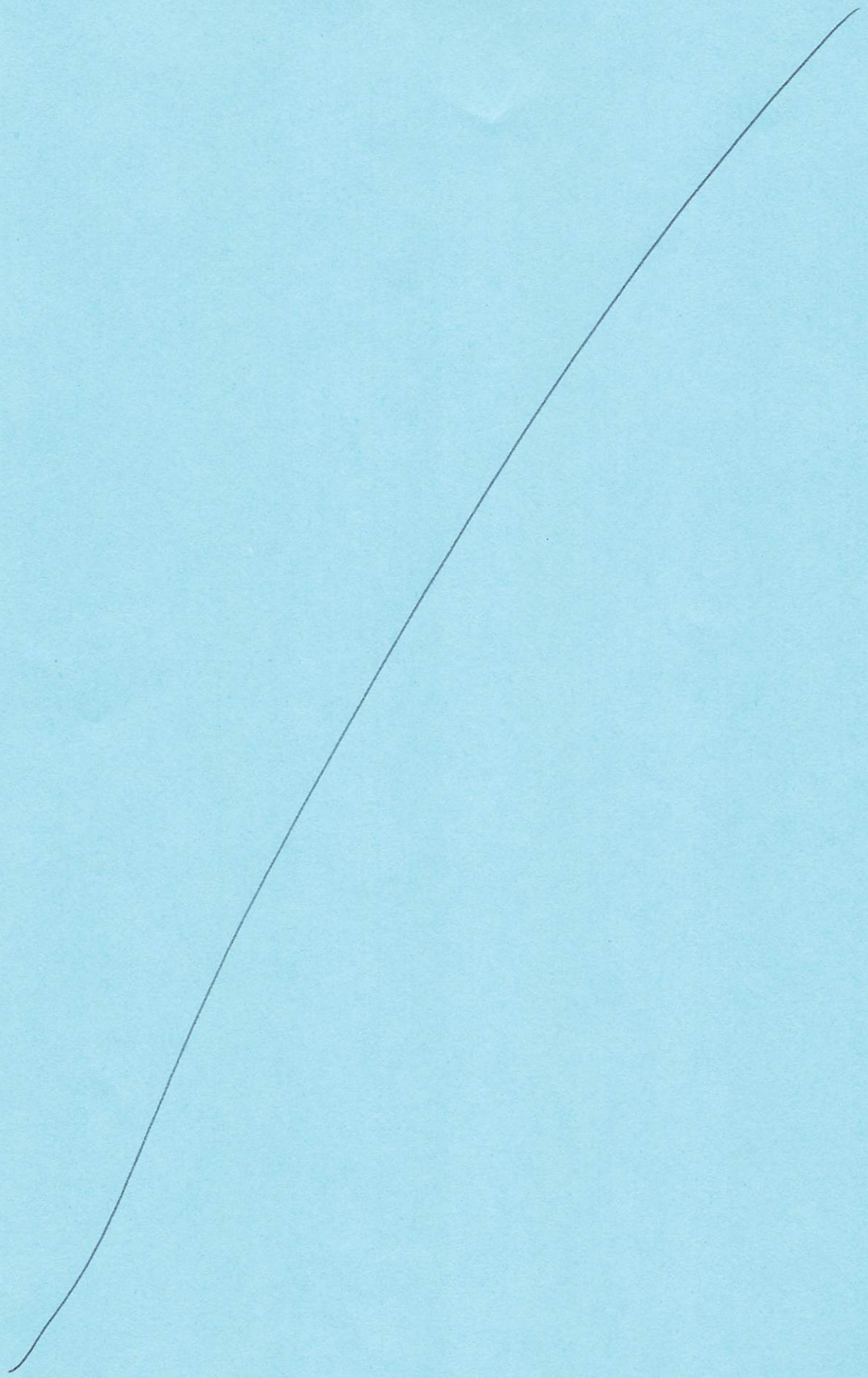
Fifth row: Wash Barker, Stanley Little, Bart Medlock, Bill Barker, Sim Rader and John Mace.

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Elijah and Mary Elizabeth (Wright) SMITH Family Bible Clark County, Missouri

This is a typed copy of a Bible record of Elijah and Mary Elizabeth Wright Smith who lived in Clark County Missouri in 1860 and later moved to Bible Grove, Scotland County, Missouri. It is a handwritten copy of a Bible record, for which the Bible has since disappeared. Vernadline Collins of 1800 5th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa 50112 sent it to me.

Elijah Smith, son of John and Isabell Smith was born March 4, 1826

Mary E. Wright Smith, daughter of Joshua and Mary E. Wright was born March 15, 1829.

1. Joshua W. Smith, son of Elijah and Mary E. Smith was born April 15, 1848
2. John R. Smith, son of Elijah and Mary E. Smith was born June 7, 1850.
3. William Irvin Smith, son of Elijah and Mary E. Smith was born April 3, 1853.
4. Mary E. (Molly) smith, daughter of Elijah & Mary E. Smith was born Sept. 24, 1855
5. Infant boy born and died Jan. 29, 1858
6. Sara Jan Smith, daughter of Elijah and Mary E. Smith was born June 3, 1859.
7. Ollie D. Smith, daughter of Elijah and Mary E. smith was born April 11, 1862.
8. George Washington Smith, son of Elijah and Mary E. Smith was born Feb 23, 1865.
9. Rosanna Wright Smith, daughter of Elijah and Mary E. Smith was born Nov. 17, 1867.
10. Alexandra Dillon Smith, son of Elijah and Mary E. Smith was born Jan 16, 1871. He was kicked by a horse and died at the age of 16.

- (1. Elijah SMITH was born in Indiana, county unknown.
- (2. He married Mary E. WRIGHT on 14 January 1847 in Hamilton County, Indiana.
- (3. Mary E. WRIGHT was born in Washington County, Indiana
- (4. Mary E. WRIGHT SMITH's parents were Joshua and Mary (MORGAN) WRIGHT also came to Union Township, Clark County, Missouri and are buried there.
- (5. Of their children [based on census records] it appears that the first three were born in Indiana and the remainder in Missouri.) This is information added by Janet Pease.

Charley and Mary E. (Smith) DeMONEY Family Bible Bible Grove, Scotland County Missouri

Name	Place of Birth	Birth Date	Marriage Date	Death Date
Charley Demoney (Father)	Scotland County MO	10 May 1846	20 Jan 1876	31 Jul 1882
Mary E. Smith (Mother)	Clark County, MO	24 Sep 1855	20 Jan 1876	1 Jan 1935
Virgil Demoney	Scotland County MO	28 Jan 1877	27 Dec 1898	1 Feb 1966
Oscar Demoney	Scotland County MO	29 May 1881	3 Sep 1905	
Charles Demoney	Scotland County MO	22 Nov 1882		15 Dec 1882
J. M. Lancaster	Scotland County MO	30 Oct 1859	6 Apr 1888	
Hartley Lancaster	Scotland County MO	13 Oct 1884	26 Mar 1903	
Alvin Lancaster	Scotland County MO	25 Jan 1888	16 Jan 1919	6 Dec 1950
Clarence Lancaster	Scotland County MO	13 Aug 1891	2 Feb 1916	
Leesco Lancaster	Scotland County MO	25 Sep 1894		1 Feb 1898
Rosco Lancaster	Scotland County MO	25 Sep 1894		16 Aug 1895
Ina Lancaster	Scotland County MO	7 Sep 1898	16 Sep 1916	
Eliga Smith		4 Mar 1826	14 Jan 1847	9 Oct 1903
Mary E. Smith		15 Mar 1829		24 Dec 1899
Mary E. Lancaster	Scotland County MO	24 Sep 1855		1 Jan 1935
John M. Lancaster	Scotland County MO	20 Oct 1857		21 Jun 1938
Anna Demoney (and Virgil)		2 Oct 1883	27 Dec 1899	7 Nov 1957

- (1. Charley DeMoney's birthplace notes as "Scotland County MO" is incorrect. He was actually born in Jackson Township, Richland County, Ohio.
- (2. At the bottom of this family Bible record, is a listing for John M. Lancaster – this was the second husband of Mary
- (6. Elizabeth (SMITH) DeMoney. This is information added by Janet Pease.

I have chalk drawings of Elijah and Mary Elizabeth (WRIGHT) SMITH and photos of Charley DeMONEY, Mary Elizabeth (SMITH) DeMONEY and her second husband, John LANCASTER.

Submitted by: Janet Pease – 10310 West 62nd Place #202 – Arvada, CO 80004

Editor's Note: I typed this from a copy of the handwritten pages. The Demoney Bible was difficult to read. I may have made errors. Kay Ginter

Ahnentafel of Mildred Maxine PHILLIPS

— 1st Generation —

1. Mildred Maxine PHILLIPS was born on 29 Sep 1903 in Emerson, Marion Co, MO. She married Wilfred Michael EISENBERG, son of Frederick Johann EISENBERG Jr and Ernstine Bertha ERNST, on 8 Jun 1929 in home of James Howard Phillips, Palmyra, Marion Co, MO, by Rev Bryon Ingold. She died on 28 Dec 1994 in St Luke's Hospital, Tempe, Maricopa Co, AZ. She was buried on 31 Dec 1994 in Greenmount Cem, Quincy, Adams Co, IL (Rev Carol Blackwell officiating at the Mt Olivet Methodist Church which is on their farm).

— 2nd Generation —

2. Herbert PHILLIPS had the nickname Herb. He was born on 27 Dec 1874 in Emerson, Marion Co, MO. He married Mary Teresa MARKSBURY, daughter of John Emerson MARKSBURY and Mary Angeline BOWLES, on 22 Jun 1899 in First Christian Church, Quincy, Adams Co, IL, by L. H. Stine. He died on 2 Nov 1909 in Quincy, Adams Co, IL (head injury). He was buried on 5 Nov 1909 in Emerson Cem, Emerson, Marion Co, MO.

3. Mary Teresa MARKSBURY had the nickname Sis. She was born on 8 Jan 1875 in Emerson, Marion Co, MO. She married Herbert PHILLIPS, son of William Milton PHILLIPS and Cora Josephine LAFON, on 22 Jun 1899 in First Christian Church, Quincy, Adams Co, IL, by L. H. Stine. She died on 25 Mar 1975 in Palmyra, Marion Co, MO. She was buried on 28 Mar 1975 in Emerson Cem, Emerson, Marion Co, MO.

— 3rd Generation —

4. William Milton PHILLIPS was born on 28 Jan 1850 in Philadelphia, Marion Co, MO. He married Cora Josephine LAFON, daughter of Thomas V. LAFON and Josephine V. BOWLES, on 9 Sep 1871 in Marion Co, MO. He died on 8 Dec 1934 in home, Emerson, Marion Co, MO. He was buried on 10 Dec 1934 in Emerson Cem, Emerson, Marion Co, MO (Rev Floyd Foley officiating at the Emerson Baptist Church).

5. Cora Josephine LAFON was born on 8 Mar 1851 in Emerson, Marion Co, MO. She married William Milton PHILLIPS, son of Thomas Thornton PHILLIPS and Isabella Mary MULDROW, on 9 Sep 1871 in Marion Co, MO. She died on 21 Dec 1926 in Emerson, Marion Co, MO. She was buried on 23 Dec 1926 in Emerson Cem, Emerson, Marion Co, MO (Rev G. E. Mayfield officiating at the Emerson Baptist Church).

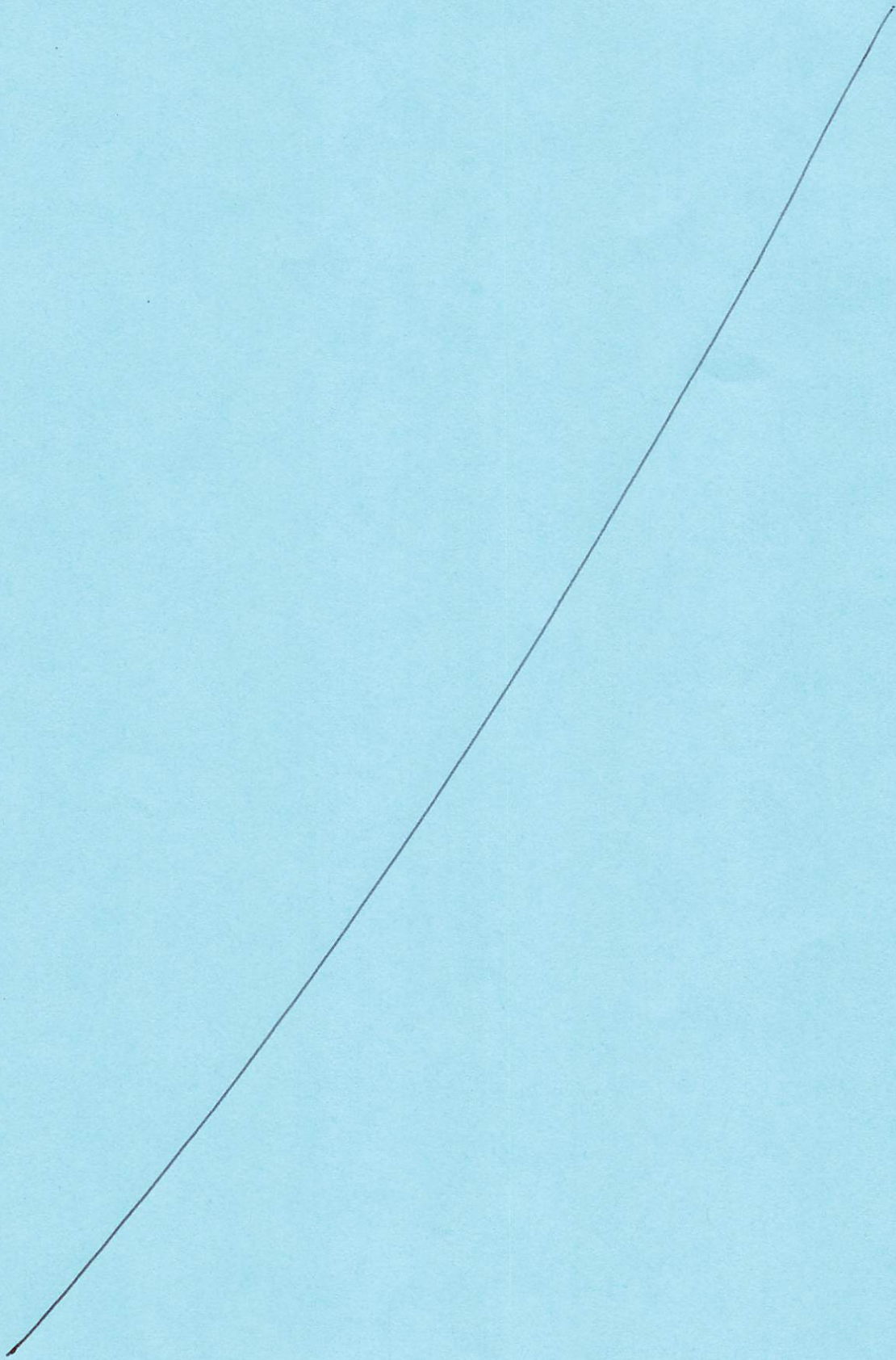
6. John Emerson MARKSBURY had the nickname Judge. He was born on 30 Oct 1843 in Emerson, Marion Co, MO. He married Mary Angeline BOWLES, daughter of Benjamin Perkins BOWLES and Burilla TYLER, on 5 Jan 1868 in Marion Co, MO. He died on 14 Mar 1932 in Emerson, Marion Co, MO. He was buried in Mar 1932 in Emerson Cem, Emerson, Marion Co, MO.

7. Mary Angeline BOWLES had the nickname Mollie. She was born on 10 Jan 1843 in Emerson, Marion Co, MO. She married John Emerson MARKSBURY, son of William MARKSBURY and Teresa BANKS, on 5 Jan 1868 in Marion Co, MO. She died on 29 Mar 1928 in home, Marion Co, MO (or 30 Mar 1928). She was buried in Mar 1928 in Emerson Cem, Emerson, Marion Co, MO.

— 4th Generation —

8. Thomas Thornton PHILLIPS was born on 15 Nov 1820 in Washington Co, KY. He married Isabella Mary MULDROW, daughter of Col William Milton MULDROW and Elizabeth HUGHES, on 11 Apr 1848 in Marion Co, MO. He died on 15 Jan 1899 in home, Marion Co, MO (at 7:30 a.m.). He was buried in Jan 1899 in Little Union Cem, Marion Co, MO.

9. Isabella Mary MULDROW was born on 27 May 1830 in Philadelphia, Marion Co, MO. She married Thomas Thornton PHILLIPS, son of Col William PHILLIPS and Sarah MAXWELL, on 11 Apr 1848 in Marion Co, MO. She





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Date		Office	Office Holder	Term	Appointed/Elected
Nov 7	1857	Judge of County Court	Jeremiah Coates (Coats)	til Aug 1858	Appointed by governor
Nov 7	1857	Judge of County Court	Joseph Wheat	til Aug 1858	Appointed by governor
Nov 7	1857	Judge of County Court	John Cisney (Sisna)	til Aug 1858	Appointed by governor
Nov 7	1857	Sheriff	John Hopper	til Aug 1858	Appointed by governor
Jan 4	1858	Clerk of County Court	Robert Hicks	til Aug 1859	Appointed by County Court
Jan 6	1858	Clerk of Circuit Court	Robert Hicks	til Aug 1859	Appointed by Circuit Judge
Aug 18	1858	Judge of County Court	Josiah Wheat	six years	Elected Aug 1858
Aug 18	1858	Judge of County Court	Joseph Gardner	four years	Elected Aug 1858
Aug 18	1858	Judge of County Court	W. T. Walters	two years	Elected Aug 1858
Sep 26	1859	Sheriff	James M. Hawkins	not listed	Appointed by governor
Dec 2	1859	Clerk of Circuit Court	Robert Hicks	six years	Elected Aug 1859
Dec 2	1859	Clerk of County Court	Robert Hicks	not listed	Elected Aug 1859
Jan 13	1860	Judge of County Court	George W. Tompkins	not listed	Appointed by governor
Sep 5	1860	Judge of County Court	John Spurlock	six years	Elected Aug 1860
Sep 5	1860	Judge of County Court	Isaac Hall	two years	Elected Aug 1860
May 13	1862	Sheriff	James M. Hawkins	not listed	Appointed by governor
May 13	1862	Judge of County Court	Josiah Wheat	not listed	Appointed by governor
May 13	1862	Judge of County Court	John Spurlock	not listed	Appointed by governor
May 13	1862	Judge of County Court	Isaac Hall	not listed	Appointed by governor
Feb 9	1864	Judge of County Court	Thos. S. Brown	not listed	Appointed by governor
Feb 9	1864	Judge of County Court	Isaac Hall	not listed	Appointed by governor
Feb 9	1864	Judge of County Court	John Spurlock	not listed	Appointed by governor
Feb 9	1864	Sheriff	Henry Elliott	not listed	Appointed by governor
Dec 8	1864	Judge of County Court	Hiram H. Potter	six years	Elected Nov 8 1864
Dec 8	1864	Judge of County Court	Isaac Hall	four years	Elected Nov 8 1864
Dec 8	1864	Judge of County Court	John Spurlock	two years	Elected Nov 8 1864
Jun 6	1865	Judge of County Court	George W. Mallonee	Middle Term	Appointed by governor
Jun 6	1865	Judge of County Court	James T. Ince	Short Term	Appointed by governor
Jun 6	1865	Judge of County Court	John Spurlock	Long Term	Appointed by governor
Jun 6	1865	Sheriff	Moses F. Woods	not listed	Appointed by governor
Aug 2	1865	Clerk of County Court	James A. Wilson	not listed	Appointed by governor
Nov 24	1865	Clerk of Circuit Court	John R. Gaudin (Gaulding)	not listed	Appointed by governor
Feb 11	1866	Supervisor of Registration	Jacob Huffman	not listed	Appointed by governor
Dec 29	1866	Clerk of County Court	J. C. Sellers	not listed	Elected Nov 1, 1866

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 OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK
 DANIELA M. GARDNER

Date		Office	Office Holder	Term	Appointed/Elected
Dec 29	1866	Clerk of Circuit Court	J. C. Sellers	not listed	Elected Nov 1, 1866
Mar 4	1867	Judge of County Court	Henry Day	six years	Elected Nov 1, 1866
Mar 4	1867	Judge of County Court	G. W. Mallonee	four years	Elected Nov 1, 1866
Mar 4	1867	Judge of County Court	M. L. Alsup	two years	Elected Nov 1, 1866
Mar 4	1867	Superintendent of Public Schools	T. K. Yandell	two years	Elected Nov 1, 1866
Mar 4	1867	Sheriff	John Wheat	two years	Elected Nov 1, 1866
Nov 25	1868	Judge of County Court	Oliver Gentry	six years	Elected Nov 3, 1868
Nov 25	1868	Judge of Probate	J. A. Wilson	not listed	Elected Nov 3, 1868
Nov 25	1868	Superintendent of Public Schools	Joiner Gentry	not listed	Elected Nov 3, 1868
Nov 25	1868	Supervisor of Registration	J. W. Rice	not listed	Elected Nov 3, 1868
Nov 25	1868	Sheriff	Wm. C. Breazeale	not listed	Elected Nov 3, 1868
Nov 25	1868	Surveyor	L. T. Lawhorn	four years	Elected Nov 3, 1868
Nov 25	1868	Public Administrator	Richard Lawrence	four years	Elected Nov 3, 1868
Sep 24	1869	Judge of County Court	John Robberson	not listed	Appointed by governor
Apr 6	1870	Judge of County Court	Wm. Lawrence	not listed	Appointed by governor
Oct 17	1870	Supervisor of Registration	J. F. Huffman	not listed	Appointed by governor
Dec 16	1870	Judge of County Court	Stephen P. Falls?	unexpired term	Elected Nov 8, 1870
Dec 16	1870	Judge of County Court	John Spurlock	six years	Elected Nov 8, 1870
Jan 24	1871	Sheriff	W. C. Breazeale	six years	Elected Nov 8, 1870
Jan 24	1871	Clerk of Circuit Court	J. C. Sellers	not listed	Elected Nov 8, 1870
Jan 24	1871	Clerk of County Court	J. C. Sellers	not listed	Elected Nov 8, 1870
Jan 30	1872	Superintendent of Public Schools	N. E. Ide	not listed	Appointed by governor
May 15	1872	Sheriff	Clark Doby (Doby)	not listed	Appointed by governor
Oct 19	1872	Clerk of Circuit Court	James Hailey	not listed	Appointed by governor
Oct 19	1872	Clerk of County Court	James Hailey	not listed	Appointed by governor
Dec 18	1872	Collector of Revenue	James A. Payne	not listed	Elected Nov 5, 1872
Dec 18	1872	Sheriff	James A. Payne	not listed	Elected Nov 5, 1872
Dec 18	1872	Superintendent of Public Schools	James S. Davis	not listed	Elected Nov 5, 1872
Dec 18	1872	Prosecuting Attorney	Rufus V. Burns	not listed	Elected Nov 5, 1872
Dec 18	1872	Assessor	Abner Garrison	not listed	Elected Nov 5, 1872
Dec 18	1872	Public Administrator	S. S. Potter	not listed	Elected Nov 5, 1872
Dec 18	1872	Surveyor	L. T. Lawhorn	not listed	Elected Nov 5, 1872
Dec 18	1872	Coroner	James Ratlage (Ratledge)	not listed	Elected Nov 5, 1872
Dec 18	1872	Treasurer	Wm. C. Kelton	not listed	Elected Nov 5, 1872

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Date	Office	Office Holder	Term	Appointed/Elected
Jan 8 1873	Judge of County Court	James H. Martin	two years from Oct 1872	Elected Nov 5, 1872
Feb 11 1873	Clerk of Circuit Court	James Hailey	not listed	Appointed by governor
Apr 30 1874	Surveyor	James Wood	not listed	Appointed by governor
Nov 30 1874	Judge of County Court	M. L. Alsup	not listed	Elected Nov 3, 1874
Nov 30 1874	Judge of Probate	M. L. Alsup	not listed	Elected Nov 3, 1874
Nov 30 1874	Collector of Revenue	J. S. Alsup	not listed	Elected Nov 3, 1874
Nov 30 1874	Sheriff	J. S. Alsup	not listed	Elected Nov 3, 1874
Nov 30 1874	Clerk of County Court	John Wheat	not listed	Elected Nov 3, 1874
Nov 30 1874	Clerk of Circuit Court	John Wheat	not listed	Elected Nov 3, 1874
Nov 30 1874	Prosecuting Attorney	R. V. Burns	not listed	Elected Nov 3, 1874
Nov 30 1874	Assessor	Ed O. Wilson	not listed	Elected Nov 3, 1874
Nov 30 1874	Treasurer	W. C. Kelton	not listed	Elected Nov 3, 1874
Nov 30 1874	Coroner	Josephus Eddings	not listed	Elected Nov 3, 1874
Apr 19 1875	Judge of County Court	James Hailey	Until Jan 1, 1877	Appointed by governor
Apr 28 1875	Judge of County Court	James L. Davis	Until Jan 1, 1877	Appointed by governor
Jan 24 1876	Prosecuting Attorney	Nathan E. Ide	Until next election	Appointed by governor
Nov 20 1876	Sheriff	James S. Alsup	not listed	Elected Nov 7, 1876
Nov 20 1876	Collector of Revenue	James S. Alsup	not listed	Elected Nov 7, 1876
Nov 20 1876	Prosecuting Attorney	James L. Davis	not listed	Elected Nov 7, 1876
Nov 20 1876	Surveyor	James Wood	not listed	Elected Nov 7, 1876
Nov 20 1876	Assessor	Bailey Eddings	not listed	Elected Nov 7, 1876
Nov 20 1876	Public Administrator	S. S. Potter	not listed	Elected Nov 7, 1876
Nov 20 1876	Judge of County Court	Moses L. Alsup	two years from Jan 14, 1877	Elected Nov 7, 1876
Nov 20 1876	Judge of County Court	George Hale	two years from Jan 14, 1877	Elected Nov 7, 1876
Nov 20 1876	Judge of County Court	Josiah Wheat	two years from Jan 14, 1877	Elected Nov 7, 1876
Apr 17 1877	Judge of County Court	A. M. Ellison	until general election of 1878	Appointed by governor
Nov 17 1877	Coroner	William C. Breazeale	until general election of 1878	Appointed by County Court
Mar 9 1878	Prosecuting Attorney	A. C. Kice	until the next gen'l election	Appointed by governor
Nov 16 1878	Judge & President of Court	George Hale	four years	Elected Nov 5, 1878
Nov 16 1878	Judge of County Court (Eastern Dist.)	Aaron Clinton	two years	Elected Nov 5, 1878
Nov 16 1878	Judge of County Court (Western Dist.)	A. M. Ellison	two years	Elected Nov 5, 1878
Nov 25 1878	Judge of Probate	James Hailey	four years	Elected Nov 5, 1878
Nov 16 1878	Prosecuting Attorney	A. C. Kice	two years	Elected Nov 5, 1878
Nov 16 1878	Clerk of County Court	Sampson G. Haws	four years	Elected Nov 5, 1878

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Date		Office	Office Holder	Term	Appointed/Elected
Nov 16	1878	Clerk of Circuit Court	Sampson G. Haws	four years	Elected Nov 5, 1878
Nov 16	1878	Sheriff	H. H. Vicory (Vickery)	two years	Elected Nov 5, 1878
Nov 16	1878	Collector of Revenue	H. H. Vicory (Vickery)	two years	Elected Nov 5, 1878
Nov 16	1878	Assessor	Bailey Eddings	two years	Elected Nov 5, 1878
Nov 25	1878	Coroner	M. L. Moss	two years	Elected Nov 5, 1878
Nov 25	1878	Treasurer	Moses C. Reynolds	two years	Elected Nov 5, 1878
Apr 26	1879	Sheriff	H. P. Kelly (Kelley)	until the next gen'l election	Elected Apr 4, 1879
Apr 26	1879	Collector of Revenue	H. P. Kelly (Kelley)	until the next gen'l election	Elected Apr 4, 1879
Aug 9	1880	Judge of County Court (Western Dist.)	Asa Elliott	until next gen'l election	Elected Jul 9, 1880
Nov 13	1880	Sheriff	H. P. Kelley	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1880
Nov 13	1880	Collector of Revenue	H. P. Kelley	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1880
Nov 13	1880	Judge of County Court (Eastern Dist.)	R. F. Beesley	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1880
Nov 13	1880	Judge of County Court (Western Dist.)	W. S. Lewis	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1880
Nov 13	1880	Assessor	J. P. M. Norman	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1880
Nov 13	1880	Public Administrator	R. N. Lee	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1880
Nov 13	1880	Coroner	William Clinton	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1880
Nov 15	1880	Prosecuting Attorney	N. E. Ide	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1880
Dec 21	1880	Surveyor	James Wood	four years	Elected Nov 2, 1880
Mar 6	1882	Treasurer	M. C. Reynolds	until next gen'l election	Elected
Nov 24	1882	Clerk of Circuit Court	Sampson G. Haws	four years	Elected Nov 7, 1882
Nov 24	1882	Clerk of County Court	Sampson G. Haws	four years	Elected Nov 7, 1882
Nov 24	1882	Sheriff	Henry Kline	two years	Elected Nov 7, 1882
Nov 24	1882	Assessor	J. P. M. Norman	two years	Elected Nov 7, 1882
Nov 24	1882	Presiding Judge of County Court	George Hale	four years	Elected Nov 7, 1882
Nov 24	1882	Judge of County Court (Eastern Dist.)	William Freeman	two years	Elected Nov 7, 1882
Nov 24	1882	Judge of County Court (Western Dist.)	Wiley S. Lewis	two years	Elected Nov 7, 1882
Nov 24	1882	Judge of Probate	James Hailey	four years	Elected Nov 7, 1882
Nov 24	1882	Public Administrator	Franklin A. Thomas	two years	Elected Nov 7, 1882
Nov 24	1882	Coroner	George W. Mason	two years	Elected Nov 7, 1882
Nov 24	1882	Collector of Revenue	Hamilton P. Kelly (Kelley)	two years	Elected Nov 7, 1882
Nov 24	1882	Prosecuting Attorney	John H. Payne	two years	Elected Nov 7, 1882
Apr 23	1883	Collector of Revenue	Henry Kline	until Mar 1, 1885	Elected
Mar 20	1884	Judge of County Court (Eastern Dist.)	John Heard	until next gen'l election	Appointed by governor
May 27	1886	Clerk of County Court	Lewis O. Hailey	until next gen'l election	Appointed by governor

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Date	Office	Office Holder	Term	Appointed/Elected
May 27 1886	Clerk of Circuit Court	Lewis O. Hailey	until next gen'l election	Appointed by governor
Nov 11 1886	Sheriff	Joseph M. Lyons	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1886
Nov 11 1886	Collector of Revenue	Barney Mallonee	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1886
Nov 11 1886	Clerk of Circuit Court	John H. Martin	four years	Elected Nov 2, 1886
Nov 11 1886	Clerk of County Court	J. M. Curnutt	four years	Elected Nov 2, 1886
Nov 11 1886	Assessor	John E. L. Douglas	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1886
Nov 11 1886	Presiding Judge of County Court	David C. Walker	four years	Elected Nov 2, 1886
Nov 11 1886	Judge of County Court (Western Dist.)	Barney Brixey	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1886
Nov 11 1886	Judge of County Court (Eastern Dist.)	T. H. Smallwood	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1886
Nov 11 1886	Prosecuting Attorney	George B. Waters	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1886
Nov 11 1886	Judge of Probate	Henry H. Roller	four years	Elected Nov 2, 1886
Nov 11 1886	Coroner	S. M. True	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1886
Nov 11 1886	Treasurer	J. A. Baker	two years	Elected Nov 2, 1886
Mar 19 1888	Treasurer	James Hailey	until next gen'l election	Appointed by governor
Nov 26 1888	Collector of Revenue	Calvin Wilson	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1888
Nov 26 1888	Sheriff	Joseph M. Lyons	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1888
Nov 26 1888	Prosecuting Attorney	William B. Watts	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1888
Nov 26 1888	Assessor	George M. Siler	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1888
Nov 26 1888	Surveyor	Jefferson J. Bell	four years	Elected Nov 6, 1888
Nov 26 1888	Judge of County Court (Western Dist.)	Blu.ord M. Burchell	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1888.
Nov 26 1888	Judge of County Court (Eastern Dist.)	John Heard	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1888
Nov 26 1888	Coroner	Thomas Proctor	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1888
Nov 26 1888	Public Administrator	Jesse Huffman	four years	Elected Nov 6, 1888
Nov 17 1890	Presiding Judge of County Court	A. F. Johnson	four years	Elected Nov 4, 1890
Nov 17 1890	Judge of County Court (Eastern Dist.)	A. M. Rackley	two years	Elected Nov 4, 1890
Nov 17 1890	Judge of County Court (Western Dist.)	J. P. Ince	two years	Elected Nov 4, 1890
Nov 17 1890	Judge of Probate	Jno. A. Spurlock	four years	Elected Nov 4, 1890
Nov 17 1890	Clerk of Circuit Court	D. Hartin	four years	Elected Nov 4, 1890
Nov 17 1890	Clerk of County Court	John Malloy	four years	Elected Nov 4, 1890
Nov 17 1890	Prosecuting Attorney	J. K. Reed	two years	Elected Nov 4, 1890
Nov 17 1890	Sheriff	Henry Klineine	two years	Elected Nov 4, 1890
Nov 17 1890	Collector of Revenue	J. P. M. Norman	two years	Elected Nov 4, 1890
Nov 17 1890	Assessor	J. H. Bridges	two years	Elected Nov 4, 1890
Nov 17 1890	Treasurer	A. D. R. Hamby	two years	Elected Nov 4, 1890

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LISTING FROM THE CIVIL REGISTER (1857 - 1902)

Date	Office	Office Holder	Term	Appointed/Elected
Nov 17 1890	Coroner	William Coats	two years	Elected Nov 4, 1890
Mar 4 1892	Surveyor	John L. Creech	until the next general election	Appointed by governor
Nov 16 1892	Judge of County Court (Eastern Dist.)	Seth H. Cooper	two years	Elected Nov 8, 1892
Nov 16 1892	Judge of County Court (Western Dist.)	James P. Ince	two years	Elected Nov 8, 1892
Nov 16 1892	Collector of Revenue	John W. Singleton	two years	Elected Nov 8, 1892
Nov 16 1892	Public Administrator	George B. Waters	four years	Elected Nov 8, 1892
Nov 16 1892	Prosecuting Attorney	Edwin H. Farnsworth	two years	Elected Nov 8, 1892
Nov 16 1892	Sheriff	William D. Hancock	two years	Elected Nov 8, 1892
Nov 16 1892	Coroner	George W. Osborne	two years	Elected Nov 8, 1892
Nov 16 1892	Assessor	Henry Huffman	two years	Elected Nov 8, 1892
Nov 16 1892	Surveyor	John L. Creech	four years	Elected Nov 8, 1892
Nov 16 1892	Treasurer	James A. G. Reynolds	two years	Elected Nov 8, 1892
Apr 28 1894	Surveyor	Charles H. Duckett	until the next general election	Elected
Aug 20 1894	Recorder of Deeds	L. O. Hailey	until the next general election	Elected
Dec 4 1894	Presiding Judge of County Court	John Malloy	four years	Elected Nov 6, 1894
Dec 4 1894	Judge of County Court (Eastern Dist.)	Houston Freeman	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1894
Dec 4 1894	Judge of County Court (Western Dist.)	Isaac Kester	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1894
Dec 4 1894	Judge of Probate	George M. Siler	four years	Elected Nov 6, 1894
Dec 4 1894	Recorder of Deeds	John A. Spurlock	four years	Elected Nov 6, 1894
Dec 4 1894	Clerk of Circuit Court	Andrew P. Miller	four years	Elected Nov 6, 1894
Dec 4 1894	Clerk of County Court	Henderson Inman	four years	Elected Nov 6, 1894
Dec 4 1894	Prosecuting Attorney	Edwin H. Farnsworth	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1894
Dec 4 1894	Collector of Revenue	John W. Singleton	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1894
Dec 4 1894	Sheriff	William D. Hancock	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1894
Dec 4 1894	Assessor	Henry Tyler	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1894
Dec 4 1894	Surveyor (to fill vacancy)	Charles C. Depew?	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1894
Dec 4 1894	Treasurer	Henry S. Wilson	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1894
Nov 4 1895	Sheriff	Charles S. Herr	until the next general election	Elected
Dec 2 1896	Judge of County Court (Eastern Dist.)	Edmond J. Chambers	two years	Elected Nov 3, 1896
Dec 2 1896	Judge of County Court (Western Dist.)	Anselm C. Bralley	two years	Elected Nov 3, 1896
Dec 2 1896	Collector of Revenue	Charles H. Duckett	two years	Elected Nov 3, 1896
Dec 2 1896	Prosecuting Attorney	Alexander H. Buchanan	two years	Elected Nov 3, 1896
Dec 2 1896	Sheriff	George W. Johnson	two years	Elected Nov 3, 1896
Dec 2 1896	Coroner	Columbus W. Snow	two years	Elected Nov 3, 1896

LISTING FROM THE CIVIL REGISTER (1857 - 1902)

Date		Office	Office Holder	Term	Appointed/Elected
Dec 2	1896	Assessor	William Walls	four years	Elected Nov 3, 1896
Dec 2	1896	Surveyor	Jefferson J. Bell	four years	Elected Nov 3, 1896
Dec 2	1896	Treasurer	John Squire	two years	Elected Nov 3, 1896
Dec 13	1898	Presiding Judge of County Court	Daniel O. McMurtrey	four years	Elected Nov 8, 1898
Dec 13	1898	Judge of County Court (Eastern Dist.)	John A. Baker	two years	Elected Nov 8, 1898
Dec 13	1898	Judge of County Court (Western Dist.)	Hiram B. Barnes	two years	Elected Nov 8, 1898
Dec 13	1898	Judge of Probate	Samuel P. Smith	four years	Elected Nov 8, 1898
Dec 13	1898	Recorder of Deeds	John A. Spurlock	four years	Elected Nov 8, 1898
Dec 13	1898	Clerk of Circuit Court	Fred Stewart	four years	Elected Nov 8, 1898
Dec 13	1898	Clerk of County Court	Henderson Inman	four years	Elected Nov 8, 1898
Dec 13	1898	Prosecuting Attorney	Alexander H. Buchanan	two years	Elected Nov 8, 1898
Dec 13	1898	Collector of Revenue	John F. Patterson	two years	Elected Nov 8, 1898
Dec 13	1898	Sheriff	Richard M. Roper	two years	Elected Nov 8, 1898
Dec 13	1898	Treasurer	T. Ed Turner	two years	Elected Nov 8, 1898
Dec 13	1898	Public Administrator	Isaac Story	term ending Jan 1, 1901	Appointed by governor
Nov 29	1899	Surveyor	Daniel F. Wood	not listed	Appointed by governor
Dec 22	1900	Judge of County Court (Eastern Dist.)	John A. Baker	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1900
Dec 22	1900	Judge of County Court (Western Dist.)	John C. Surguine	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1900
Dec 22	1900	Prosecuting Attorney	Joshua S. Clarke	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1900
Dec 22	1900	Collector of Revenue	William M. Miller	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1900
Dec 22	1900	Sheriff	Ben S. Martin	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1900
Dec 22	1900	Treasurer	Richard M. Roper	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1900
Dec 22	1900	Assessor	George M. Siler	four years	Elected Nov 6, 1900
Dec 22	1900	Surveyor	Homer O. Martin	four years	Elected Nov 6, 1900
Dec 22	1900	Coroner	Jasper L. Gentry	two years	Elected Nov 6, 1900
Jun 13	1901	Public Administrator	Isaac Story	not listed	Appointed by governor
Dec 5	1902	Presiding Judge of County Court	James A. Nash	four years	Elected Nov 4, 1902
Dec 5	1902	Judge of County Court (Eastern Dist.)	John H. Barker	two years	Elected Nov 4, 1902
Dec 5	1902	Judge of County Court (Western Dist.)	Ezra Johnson	two years	Elected Nov 4, 1902
Dec 5	1902	Judge of Probate	James Thompson	four years	Elected Nov 4, 1902
Dec 5	1902	Clerk of Circuit Court	George B. Wilson	four years	Elected Nov 4, 1902
Dec 5	1902	Clerk of County Court	J. Preston Hesterly	four years	Elected Nov 4, 1902
Dec 5	1902	Recorder of Deeds	John A. Spurlock	four years	Elected Nov 4, 1902
Dec 5	1902	Prosecuting Attorney	Fred Stewart	two years	Elected Nov 4, 1902

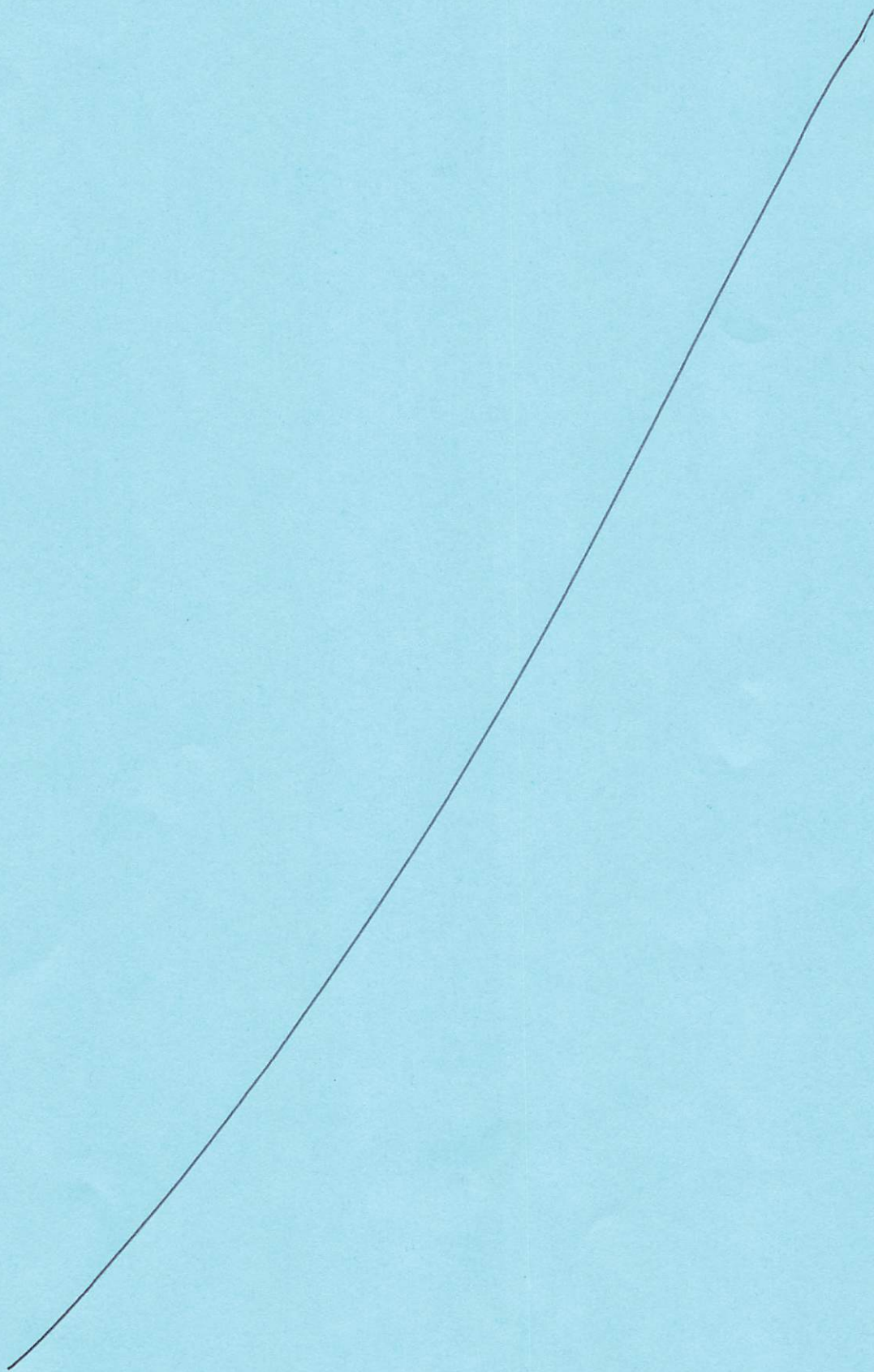
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Date	Office	Office Holder	Term	Appointed/Elected
Dec 5 1902	Sheriff	Grant Eslick	two years	Elected Nov 4, 1902
Dec 5 1902	Collector of Revenue	William M. Miller	two years	Elected Nov 4, 1902
Dec 5 1902	Treasurer	Richard M. Roper	two years	Elected Nov 4, 1902

Surnames in paratheses are from the most recent census.



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THE BUSHONG FAMILY

The Bushong family history and the Johnson family story that follow are from a family genealogy book prepared by Glenda Joiner for her children.

John and Marcus (Mark) BUSHONG were born in Augusta County, Virginia. Their parents were Abraham and Mary FOLAND BUSHONG, who were of Huguenot ancestry. John was born 22 February 1819 and died 12 October 1909. He was married 18 February 1847 to Elizabeth NOEL. Her parents were Matthew and Mira PUETT NOEL. She was born 10 October 1831 and died 30 August 1891.

Marcus (Mark) was born 27 March 1803 and died 31 January 1885. He was never married and lived with his parents, John and Elizabeth, before the time he moved west with his brother.

In 1846 the brothers, John and Mark, left Virginia and went to Park County, Indiana, where John learned the carpentry trade and married Elizabeth NOEL. John, Elizabeth and Mark came to Livingston County, Missouri, in 1857 and on to Grundy County about 1865. John and Mark were partners in all things and owned 200 acres of land. They donated the land for the Salem Church and cemetery. They were staunch Baptists and always sat behind the preacher on the podium during church--they felt it was their own.

John and Elizabeth had 11 children. Henrietta Lansing, the ninth child, was born 7 August, 1864, in Livingston County, and married William H. JOHNSON.

When John and Mark BUSHONG were boys, their family lived on the farm that joined the Robert McCORMICK farm and played with the McCORMICK children. This farm was in Rockbridge County, Virginia. Mr. McCORMICK had been working on a grain reaper but couldn't make it work properly. Later on his son Cyrus perfected and patented it. He moved to Chicago, built a factory, and became a millionaire.

In 1893 John and Mark went from Grundy County to their old home in Virginia for a visit. On the way home they stopped off in Chicago to see their old friend, Cyrus. He had a beautiful home with uniformed servants. He insisted that they stay a few days. Mark went outside to chew tobacco, but Cyrus said there was no need for that. He had a servant bring a pan of dirt into the house, and these three old men sat around and chewed. John and Mark were 84 and 90 years old at that time.



THE JOHNSON FAMILY OF GRUNDY COUNTY

Alvin JOHNSON (1806-1883) and Jestin BARKER (1809-1914) were married in 1836 in Surrey County, North Carolina, and came to Grundy County in 1837 with a group of the first pioneers to settle in Harrison Township. They were the parents of nine children.

John, the oldest, married Mandilla WELCH and had a son, William H. JOHNSON, born 30 August 1865. As John died of tuberculosis when William was just 16 months old, William (Bill) was raised by his grandparents, Daniel and Sarah WELCH. As a result of a bout with typhoid fever when he was 19, Bill's hair turned white. On 22 June 1885 he married Henrietta Lansing BUSHONG, the ninth child of John and Elizabeth BUSHONG, born 7 August 1864. Their home was northwest of Spickard. Henrietta died 13 July 1937 and Bill, 1 July 1940. Both are both buried in Salem Cemetery.

Bill was six feet two inches tall. Because he was hard of hearing, he almost bellowed when he talked. However, he was very tender hearted and cried easily. Henrietta ("Hallie"), only five feet tall, could work like a man on the farm. She made Bill a pie every day and tried to please him, as he was spoiled.

Bill and Hallie had three children: Mont H., born 1 January 1886 and died 25 January 1971, married Emma CRAWFORD and had no children. Ada Mead, born 9 July 1889, contracted tuberculosis and died on 25 January 1915. She was never married. Hugh Daniel, born 14 November 1891, died 9 June 1969. He married Lois Ruby WITTEN, daughter of Henry and Minnie SIRES WITTEN.

SURNAMENES INCLUDED IN THE JOINER FAMILY HISTORY BOOK

Names representing Russell's JOINER side of the family:

JOINER	FIGURE	STRICKLIN	CHANDLER
BROWN	McLAUGHLIN	HOBBS	RADER
GANN	BENNETT	SCOTT	

Names representing Glenda's JOHNSON side of the family:

WITTEN	CECIL	THOMPSON	PATTON
BORDEN	BROWN	BOWEN	McILAHNEY
GOOLMAN	DRAPER	DAVIDSON	BUSHONG
NOEL	PUETT	JOHNSON	BARKER
WELSH	IRWIN	BEAN	HARVEY
SIRES	DRINKARD	STANLEY	McDOWELL
FINLY	McHARGUE	CLARK	ROUNDSWELL

ANNUAL ENUMERATION OF DUNLAP SCHOOL 1899

The annual enumeration of Dunlap School taken in May 1899 lists parents and children in the school district. The original record is stored at the Grundy County Jewett Norris Library.

<u>Parent</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Sex/Age</u>
Samuel ALLISON	Joe	M 17
	Charles	M 15
	Walter	M 13
	Harry	M 10
	Roy	M 8
	Clifford	M 6
C. D. AXTELL	Stella	F 16
	Walter	M 14
	Glenn	M 13
	Karl	M 12
	Guy	M 10
	Roy	M 6
G. E. BANTA	Fred	M 18
	Maude	F 15
	Grace	F 11
	Floyd	M 9
	Howard	M 6
	Henry	M 18
Jas. BAILEY	George	M 18
John BOSTIC	Amy	F 14
R. D. BAKER	John	M 19
	Willie	M 15
	Earnest	M 12
Seb. BLACKBURN	Lee	F 12
	Fred	M 10
	Arthur	M 6
J. K. BRADLEY	Eva	F 10
	Emma	F 8
	John	M 11
Edward BUTLER	Berta	F 14
	Beulah	F 10
	Edna	F 8
Wm. DOSSEY	Roy	M 6
	George	M 14
	Mary	F 12
S. L. FLESHMAN	Agnes	F 9
	Cora	F 12
	Agnes	F 10
Jno. FLESHMAN	Eva	F 6
Chas. FUNK		

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GEORGE THOMAS MULLINAX

By Robert Greiner

George Thomas MULLINAX, well known in Mercer and Grundy counties as a businessman, civic leader and farmer, was born 30 November 1862. He was the oldest son of Eli and Sarah Frances MOSS MULLINAX. He attended school in a Baptist church before the first Princeton school was built, and then continued his education in the Princeton schools.

As a young man, he went into the dry goods business with his father. When he was 22 years old he entered banking as secretary of the Bank of Princeton. On 15 March 1911 he was elected president of the Bank, and he served in that capacity through 1916.

MULLINAX took part in the work of the Princeton Chamber of Commerce and other civic enterprises. It was largely through his efforts that the park in the center of the Princeton square was purchased by the city following the courthouse fire and the present courthouse site was obtained. On his ninetieth birthday when he was interviewed about his accomplishments, he said he considered his part in securing the courthouse site to be one of the most noteworthy events of his life.

In 1891 he married Clare WRIGHT in Princeton. Mrs. MULLINAX had been born in Princeton 25 March 1872, a daughter of Judge C. M. and Phoebe GORDON WRIGHT. Shortly after their marriage, the young couple moved to Trenton, where they lived for three years before returning to Princeton for the balance of their lives. George and Clare had three daughters: Frances M., who married Dr. C. H. CULLERS of Trenton; Shirley, who married a Mr. ATKINSON of Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Phoebe, who died at the age of four.

In 1928 MULLINAX became one of the founders of the Lineville State Bank, which opened for business on Saturday, 4 May 1929. He was the majority owner and served on the board of directors until 1950.

Mr. MULLINAX was beloved by his family. His grandchildren affectionately called him "Papa George." He died on 4 November 1952 and was buried in the Princeton Cemetery. His survivors included his wife, Clare, and his two daughters, as well as a brother, Alvin P. MULLINAX of Los Angeles; a sister, Mrs. Adda AUFRIEHT, St. Louis; and three grandsons: Robert E. CULLERS and George A. CULLERS of Trenton, and Walter ATKINSON of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

DEATHS REPORTED IN EARLY NEWSPAPERS

(Continued from previous issue)

The following deaths were reported in 1876, 1877, and 1878. This information was extracted from the Trenton Republican, available on microfilm in the Genealogy Room of the Jewett Norris Library. A typed list of these and other early deaths was prepared by library staff.

Dates indicated are newspaper publication dates.

1876

February	3:	Mr. O. B. SCOTT
March	16:	Luther BAILEY
	30:	Mary TUCKER
April	6:	Mattie B. DARLINGTON
	20:	James McGUIRE
May	4:	Mary BROWNHILL
	25:	Margaret B. LESH
June	1:	Alfred M. MAUPIN
	15:	Clara LONA George W. SHIELDS Rachel WOODS
July	29:	Lincoln GRANGE
	6:	James F. MOORE Barbara KERN
	13:	William M. MASON (see also 7-20)
	20:	Betsy B. SMITH
August	10:	Allen KACKLEY Annie M. HUNT Aytchmond J. DEVERICKS
	17:	John MORIARTY ? MINOR
	24:	Annie McREYNOLDS (obituary 9-7)
	7:	Sallie B. TURNEY
September	14:	Alford GIBSON
	28:	Judson DAVIS
	12:	Anthony CUSTER Mary BRAINARD
October	12:	Anthony CUSTER Mary BRAINARD
	2:	Laura E. LANE (obituary 11-9)
November	9:	Harrison LONG
	21:	Eliza WINES

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January	4:	Charles W. McREYNOLDS
	11:	Ellen WHITACRE Mrs. Joel K. GARKENS (see also 2-15)
	18:	Richard T. BLEW Fanny Inez CONRADS

January 25: Mrs. Tillie K. DYKES
 February 8: Mrs. Mallada CRANDALL
 15: Dr. Thomas JOHNSON
 22: N. M. WILSON
 March 1: Mary DENNIS
 8: Dodie HERRING, dau. of Neals & Mary
 15: Ruth TURNER
 Bertha Meroy MOSES
 22: R. F. DETRICK
 Alford SIMONS
 29: Flora HUNTER (obituary 4-19)
 Thomas WILSON
 Elizabeth LACOUNT
 April 19: Franklin Emerson HUNTER
 May 3: Mrs. A. E. WOLCOTT
 William HENRY
 Mrs. Susan LORD
 17: Francis Joseph HALL
 31: Ann BERRY
 June 14: Son of George TRUEBLOOD
 July 19: John KELLY
 26: Coracrates EVANS
 Mrs. Joseph McMULLEN (obituary 8-2)
 August 2: John MIZNER
 Infant of Mr. J. B. BERRY
 16: William WELTY
 September 6: Dr. I. M. PATTON
 October 11: Father of Frank WARD
 F. FLEMING
 18: William M. BRANDON
 25: Son of Marshall YOUNG (obituary 11-1)
 November 1: Mrs. Florence BOSLEY
 David R. BENSON
 22: Emery WILD
 29: Mary BORDER
 Alonzo CROWDER
 December 20: Mrs. Perry FROMAN

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January 10: Son of J. H. BURROWS
 Adaline ADAMS
 James ADAMS
 William ADAMS
 February 14: Isaac STAFFORD
 Andrew THARP
 February 21: Seabird RHEA
 March 14: Johnathan WISEMAN
 Corie HERRON
 Hallie HERRON
 March 21: Mr. RALSTON

March	21:	Sarah WINTERS
	28:	Emily WYNN
		John M. WRIGHT
April	4:	Judge William METCALF
		Mrs. HART
		Lucy TRACY (obituary 4-18: Mary L.)
	11:	Mary J. FULKERSON
	18:	Mrs. Edwin RYDER
		Annie J. BENSON
	25:	Nellie STAPP
May	2:	Mrs. Jesse PRESTON
	9:	Infant son of Mrs. Charles CULLERS
	16:	Infant son of Mrs. JONES
	23:	Son of George COLVILLE
	30:	John W. NORCROSS
June	6:	M. J. MEYERS
	13:	John JACKSON
		Sam DILLON
	27:	Martha B. COLLIER
July	4:	Andrew BECKNER
	11:	Jesse BOYCE (obituary 8-22)
		Rev. Phinas HATHAWAY
		Eliza M. SMITH
	18:	Nancy CROUCH
August	1:	Otis AKARS
		Hiram ADAMS
	8:	Jimmy TOLBERT (obituary 8-22)
	15:	Infant of James AKERS
	22:	Isabella MORRIS
September	5:	George WHITE
	12:	Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles
		ASHBROOK
	19:	W. W. GORDON
		Olney P. HUBBELL
	26:	Charles Henry POWELL
		Elizabeth RAMAGE
October	3:	Mary E. LANGSHORE
	5:	Jacob SPICKER
	10:	Urania H. WHITE
		John ORAM, Sr.
	17:	J. H. FOULK
		Child of J. A. BROTH
		Emma C. McCOLLUM (obituary 10-24)
November	7:	Henry J. MOORE
	28:	Judge James G. BENSON
December	12:	John W. CABELL
		Jessie Estell PACKER
	19:	Jacob SWISHER

 Most early newspaper death reports were short and without
 much genealogical data. Examples follow on the next page.

DEATH NOTICES FROM THE 1876 TRENTON REPUBLICAN

17 August 1876: "A man by the name of John MORIARTY was run over by a train near Gallatin, one night last week, and instantly killed. It was supposed he was under the influence of liquor, and laid down upon the track where he went to sleep."

24 August 1876: "Died in Trenton on the 21st last, Annie McREYNOLDS, aged six years and six months. Annie was an only daughter--a bright, lovely little bloom of earth--the light and joy of her parents' home. It seemed a hard thing to give her up to death and back to earth. We can only ask that He who calls away will give the effected strength to bear the grief. The Sunday school below will miss her, but the one above will welcome her to its eternal joys."

12 October 1876: "Died, on the sixth inst., at the residence of his son Jacob CUSTER, Mr. Anthony CUSTER, aged about 60 years. On Saturday afternoon the funeral services were held by the writer in the presence of children, grandchildren and several neighbors of the deceased. The interment took place at the old grave yard, where side by side, with his aged companion, who preceded him about 13 months, he awaits the general resurrection. H. LIVINGSTON."

DUNLAP SCHOOL ENUMERATION (Continued)

Joe GILKERSON	Henry	M 16
	Nellie	F 13
	James	M 11
J. T. HARRIS	Orville	M 10
J. B. HARRIS	Albert	M 17
	Charley	M 12
	Gertrude	F 15
	Bennie	M 10
	Leo	M 7
Hosey JOHNSON	Ora	F 19
Frank MATHENY	Cora	F 18
	Charley	M 16
	Roy	M 12
	Harry	M 7
Edwin UR TEN	Ralph	M 9
	Merle	F 6
John WALTERS	Gilbert	M 15
	Estella	F 14
	Albert	M 9
J. A. WILSON	Roy	M 15
	Inis	F 8
Mrs. Mary ROWOTH	Fannie	F 15
	Joe	M 10

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THE SHANKLIN FAMILY IN GRUNDY COUNTY

(Material made available by Judge Herbert S. Brown, great grandson of Colonel John H. Shanklin, from personal files)

The SHANKLIN family has been important in Grundy County history since the first SHANKLIN came from Virginia in 1846. His immigrant ancestor was Richard, who came with his brothers William and Robert from the village of Shanklin on the Isle of Wight. Richard settled in Virginia in 1750 and died about 1800. He married Agniss WATTERSON (or DICKSON) and had six children, one of whom was Elizabeth Francis SHANKLIN, the mother of Absalom SHANKLIN. Absalom, born 5 May 1787 in Botetort County, Virginia, married Nancy LUSTER, who was born 1 September 1786 in Campbell County, Virginia. Both died in Grundy County, Missouri, he on 12 July 1862, and she on 23 July 1873.

Absalom and Nancy were preceded to Grundy County by their son, John Henderson SHANKLIN, who was born in Monroe County, Virginia (now West Virginia), 2 November 1824. The eighth of ten children, his brothers and sisters included William P., born 12 June 1810, married Judy ELLISON; Elizabeth, born 12 January 1812, married Hezekiah MANN; Squire Robert Dickson, born 11 February 1814, married Margaret BALLARD KEATON; Louiza F., born 11 May 1816, did not marry and died 31 August 1872 in Trenton, Missouri; Tabitha A., born 31 March 1818, married Wilson LILLY; Andrew Young, born 7 April 1820, married Rachel SHARP and died 18 January 1895 in Trenton; Richard Dickson, born 22 April 1822, married Caroline HOUCHINS; Nancy Agnes, born 18 March 1827 did not marry and died 14 March 1897 in Trenton; and Alexander C., born 8 November 1829, married Olivia MANN.

John SHANKLIN attended school in Virginia until he was sixteen and then became a teacher and a farmer. On 4 March 1846, with less than \$100 in his pocket, he left Virginia for Missouri. After many days on foot and by steamboat, he arrived in Grundy County on April 10.

Here he resumed his teaching career, at a school 12 miles north of Trenton. In the summer of 1847 he began a school near Trenton, but in August he employed a substitute to complete the term and enlisted as a soldier in the Mexican War. As a private in Captain John C. GRIFFIN's company he took part in a march over the Santa Fe Trail, and in 1848 he was made quartermaster and commissary sergeant under Lieutenant Ashley GULLY.

Upon his return home, he taught again in Trenton during the winter of 1849-50. On 22 January 1850 he married Kitty Ann COLLIER, who had been born in Fayette, Howard County,



Missouri, 22 January 1830, the daughter of William (son of James COLLIER and Mary EASTON) and Susan HIGBEE (daughter of Joseph HIGBEE and Sarah ANDERSON). Natives of Kentucky, William and Susan and their younger children had moved to Grundy County in the 1840's from Howard County because William had a contract to make brick for the first court house in Trenton.

Kitty, a descendant of Revolutionary War soldier John COLLIER, was one of 13 children. Her brothers and sisters included Sally Ann, born in Nicholasville, KY 1817, who married Hamilton LOWEN of Fayette, Missouri; Rebecca Frances, born Nicholasville, 1819, who married David LOWEN; Joseph Flourney, born 16 March 1821, who married first Elizabeth WOOD and second Frances TEMPLEMAN; James M., born 9 November 1822, who married Catherine GOOCH; Susan, born 21 October 1824, who married James AUSTIN; Elizabeth, born 21 July 1827, who married Mitchell PEERY; William, born 21 January 1829, who married Mattie TULLY; David Anderson, born 16 March 1832; Charles Lewis, born 18 February 1834, who married Lucy BLACKFORD; Martha J., born 14 February 1836, who married first Ficklin THOMAS, and second W. C. BENSON; Robert, born 19 March 1838, who married Anne COOPER; and Luther (Dick), born 19 June 1842, who married Martha CARTER 27 March 1862, and was mayor of Trenton.

After his marriage, John Henderson SHANKLIN was appointed probate judge. He began to study law, and upon his admittance to the bar in 1853 he formed a law partnership with Jacob T. TINDALL.

When the Civil War began, SHANKLIN was made division inspector of state troops by Governor GAMBLE, with the rank of colonel. He helped to organize the Third Regiment of Missouri State militia, and in 1862 he organized the Thirtieth regiment. When Colonel TINDALL was killed at the Battle of Shiloh, SHANKLIN took his place as a representative to the Missouri State Convention in 1862-63. In 1863 he left his military post, but after a year of practicing law, he reenlisted and remained in service until the end of the war.

James AUSTIN, who had joined the Tindall and Shanklin law firm in 1858, became SHANKLIN's only partner upon the death of TINDALL. From 1860 until 1888 SHANKLIN and AUSTIN owned their own bank, and eventually AUSTIN left the law practice to devote his time to banking. Colonel SHANKLIN in 1868 became president of the Chillicothe and Des Moines Railroad Company, and he helped bring the Rock Island to Trenton. He was a delegate to the Missouri constitutional convention in 1875. In 1876 SHANKLIN formed a partnership with Low and McDougal of Gallatin, and as a partner in this

firm Colonel SHANKLIN participated in the famous trial of outlaw Frank JAMES.

SHANKLIN was known both for his legal prowess and for the leadership he provided at home and throughout the region. He was president of the Missouri Bar Association in 1882-83. In 1886 he was in charge of building a railroad and highway bridge across the Missouri River at Fort Leavenworth. In 1890 President CLEVELAND appointed him the legal and judicial member of the townsite commission at Guthrie, Oklahoma. He was vice president of the Grundy County Fair association and president of the Trenton Gas Light and Power Company, the Grundy County Coal Company and the Trenton Handle Manufacturing Company.

Colonel John H. SHANKLIN died on 14 June 1904. Kitty COLLIER SHANKLIN also died in Trenton about five years later, on 21 October 1909. The Colonel and his wife had five children, three of whom survived their parents: Walter H., assistant cashier at the Trenton National Bank; Orville M., an attorney at St. Joseph; and Carrie, wife of John C. VAN NATTA. The two others had died in infancy.

Walter Henderson SHANKLIN was born 15 March 1858 and on 4 February 1886 married Jennie BAILEY, born 3 October 1864 in Lindley, the daughter of James M. and Margaret DOBBINS BAILEY. Walter, a banker and community leader in Trenton, died 25 March 1938, and his wife on 21 July 1948. They had two daughters: Francis, born 23 December 1896, who married Roy L. MILLER, lived in Rock Island, Illinois, and died 31 October 1966; and Blanche, born 27 December 1886, who married Herbert Everly BROWN (born 18 September 1882 in Daviess County, the son of Lewis M. BROWN and Ella EVERLY, died 23 June 1955). Blanche died 23 May 1983.

Herbert and Blanche had one son, Herbert Shanklin BROWN, now a retired lawyer and judge who continues to make Trenton his home today. After completing law school at the University of Missouri, Herbert S. BROWN was a special agent for the FBI during the early part of World War II, and later enlisted in the Army. Upon returning home to Grundy County, besides maintaining his practice he served as prosecuting attorney for three terms and then as associate circuit judge. He and his wife, Dorothy M. FRENCH, also of Trenton, have three children, all born in Grundy County: Linda Louise, born 11 October 1946; Cynthia Diane, born 29 March, 1950 and Brian Harlan BROWN, born 19 August 1955.

Members of the SHANKLIN family have lived in Grundy County for 150 years. Their contributions to the community have been memorialized by the naming of Shanklin Avenue in Trenton in their honor.

GRANDY COUNTY CALIFORNIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BAIN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT RECORDS 1893-1894

(From the original record book on file in the Genealogy Room
at the Grundy County Jewett Norris Library)

In the 27 March to 16 June 1893 term of Bain School, Lincoln Township, Grundy County, Annie L. HARRIS was the teacher. Students and their ages were as follows: Hallie BAIN (15), Mary BAIRD (12), Lizzie BAIRD (9), Sadie BAIRD (7), Katie THOMPSON (17), Linnie THOMPSON (15), Winnie LOWRY (14), Lucy LOWRY (12), Bertha LOWRY (8), Elsie LOWRY (5), Mettie TRACY (15), Hilda TRACY (9), Ida CLARK (10), Alpha CLARK (8), Lizzie CLARK (7).

Minta FANNING (10), Jessie FANNING (8), Laura FANNING (7), Irma LEGG (7), Bessie FRINGEMAN (6) (Note: This surname is spelled "FREMGEN" in succeeding term lists), Grace WINBURN (6), Nora SUTTON (10), Annie STARR (11), Mattie HOSOM (14), Mollie HOSOM (8), Lillie MOFFIT (9), Josie MOFFIT (6), Alice HOLLAND (6), Minnie BRANNON (13), Rosa BRANNON (11), Ruth BRANNON (9), Edna BRANNON (7), Bertha WIGGINS (14), Sarah HOLLAND (6), Carl FRINGEMAN (11), Sydney FRINGEMAN (9), Herlis FRINGEMAN (8), Carl THOMPSON (14), Earnest THOMPSON (12).

~~Frank TRACY (12), Carl PROCTOR (6), Richard WIGGINS (12), Eugene WIGGINS (8), Pearl WIGGINS (6), Scott HOSOM (10), Roy SMITH (6), John CLARK (12), Herbert FANNING (6), Willie HUGHES (8), Tommie HOLLAND (8), Ben PORTER (11), Albert PORTER (7), Ora HOLLOWAY (9), Joseph DURANT (9), Frank DURANT (6), Eddie CLARK (6), Rachel MOFFIT (13), Jessie MOFFIT (13), Edna MURPHY (9), Blanche MURPHY (8), Martha DURANT (12), Nettie BUTCHER (10) and Lottie STARR (9).~~

In the 9 October 1893 to 2 March 1894 term, H. L. LOWRY was the teacher. The following were new students not listed the previous term: Freeman BROKAW (16), Tommy HOWLAND (8), Alice HOWLAND (12), Charlie LOWRY (17), Irma LEGG (7), Fred STARR (13), Eva SCOTT (9), Charlie THORNBERRY (11), Willie THORNBERRY (13), Viola THORNBERRY (7), Rosa THORNBERRY (6), Edgar WELLS (no age given), Richard MOFFIT (11), Horace SCOTT (7), Virge HUGHES (5), Boone SCOTT (no age given), Sarah HOWLAND (6).

Etta SMITH (15), Ira SMITH (18), Jas. PORTER (13), Ada LEGG (15), Linnie BRANNON (17), Agie CRABB (7), Alva HOLLOWAY (15), Ora MURPHY (16), Eddie MALONE (11), Ernest MC VEIGH (16), Mary HOWLAND (15), George SUTTON (15), Nathan DURANT (17), Maude SMITH (9) and Ira SMITH (6).

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THE HATFIELDS OF NORTH MISSOURI

(Information submitted by Barbara Rewis,
abstracted from records of Tom and Margaret Wilcox)

In August 1861 four sons of Alford HATFIELD and Sarah WALTON enlisted in the 23rd Infantry Regiment of Grundy County to serve the Union in the War Between the States. They were Andrew, George Washington, John Tilford and James Riley HATFIELD. The records show that all claimed to be born in Tazewell County, Virginia (the birthplace of their stepfather), but they were probably born in Missouri, where their parents were married in 1841.

Their father, Alford HATFIELD, was born 7 August 1816 in Campbell County, Tennessee, the son of James HATFIELD (son of Joseph) and Sarah "Sally" STANLEY (daughter of Reubin). Alford had three brothers, John Tilford, James and Riley, all born in Ray County, Missouri. Alford's father, James, served on jury in Campbell County, Tennessee, in 1815, was on the Campbell County tax list in 1818, and with Alford attended the property sale of Anthony ENGLISH on 27 April 1839 in the same county.

Alford married Elizabeth ?, and the couple had a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth HATFIELD, born 8 January 1837, in Campbell County, Tennessee, and possibly a son Isaac J. HATFIELD, born 1840. Elizabeth and Isaac must have died in 1840, as there is no further trace of them.

Alford's nephew, James, moved to Ray County, Missouri, in 1837. In 1840 or 1841, Alford followed. His maternal grandfather, Reubin STANLEY, was in Ray County at that time, as well. Alford's uncle, Reubin HATFIELD, voted in Marion, now Knoxville Township, in August 1836 and later moved to Livingston County, Missouri. Alford's father, James, went north to Decatur County, Iowa, about 1842.

Alford married Sarah WALTON on 14 September 1841 in Ray County. She had been born 8 January 1818 in Halifax County Virginia, possibly the daughter of George WALTON. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Alford and Sarah became the parents of the four sons who would later be Civil War soldiers: Andrew, born between June and August 1842, George Washington, born 4 July 1843, John Tilford, born October 1844, and James Riley HATFIELD, born January 1846.

Alford died when his sons were just boys, probably between 1847 and 1849, in Decatur County, Iowa. After

Alford's death, Sarah WALTON HATFIELD remarried. Her second husband was Zachariah TOTTEN, and the couple had a daughter, Martha TOTTEN. They bought land north of Jamesport in Daviess County, and in 1860 were recorded in Grand River Township.

At the conclusion of the Civil War only three of the HATFIELD brothers returned home. Andrew had been wounded in the battle of Shiloh on 6 April 1862 and died a few days later. Upon his return home, George HATFIELD, the oldest surviving son, took over the family farm after the death of his stepfather, Zachariah TOTTEN. George married Anna RADAR in 1865 and became the father of a daughter, Arnetta. Riley moved into Grundy County and had a farm near James HARDING, husband of Riley's sister, Sarah Elizabeth. John Tilford moved south to Henry County along with his mother. Sarah WALTON HATFIELD died 5 August 1873 in Montrose, Henry County, Missouri.

James HARDING and Sarah Elizabeth HATFIELD HARDING moved to Johnson County, then to Henry County, and later to Appleton City in St. Clair County. After James died, Sarah and some of her children moved to Independence, Missouri.



Members of the HATFIELD family:
Seated, Ella Mae HATFIELD FLESHER and her father James Riley HATFIELD (son of Alford). Standing, grandchildren and great-grandchildren Glenn FLESHER with Barbara Jean; Marie FLESHER STOBBER and L.V., Jr.; and Gail FLESHER with Marjorie Jane.

DEATHS REPORTED IN EARLY NEWSPAPERS

(Continued from previous issue)

The following deaths were reported in the Trenton Republican in 1874 and 1875.

This information was extracted from newspapers available on microfilm in the Genealogy Room of the Jewett Norris Library. A typed list of these and other early deaths was prepared by library staff.

Dates indicated are newspaper publication dates.

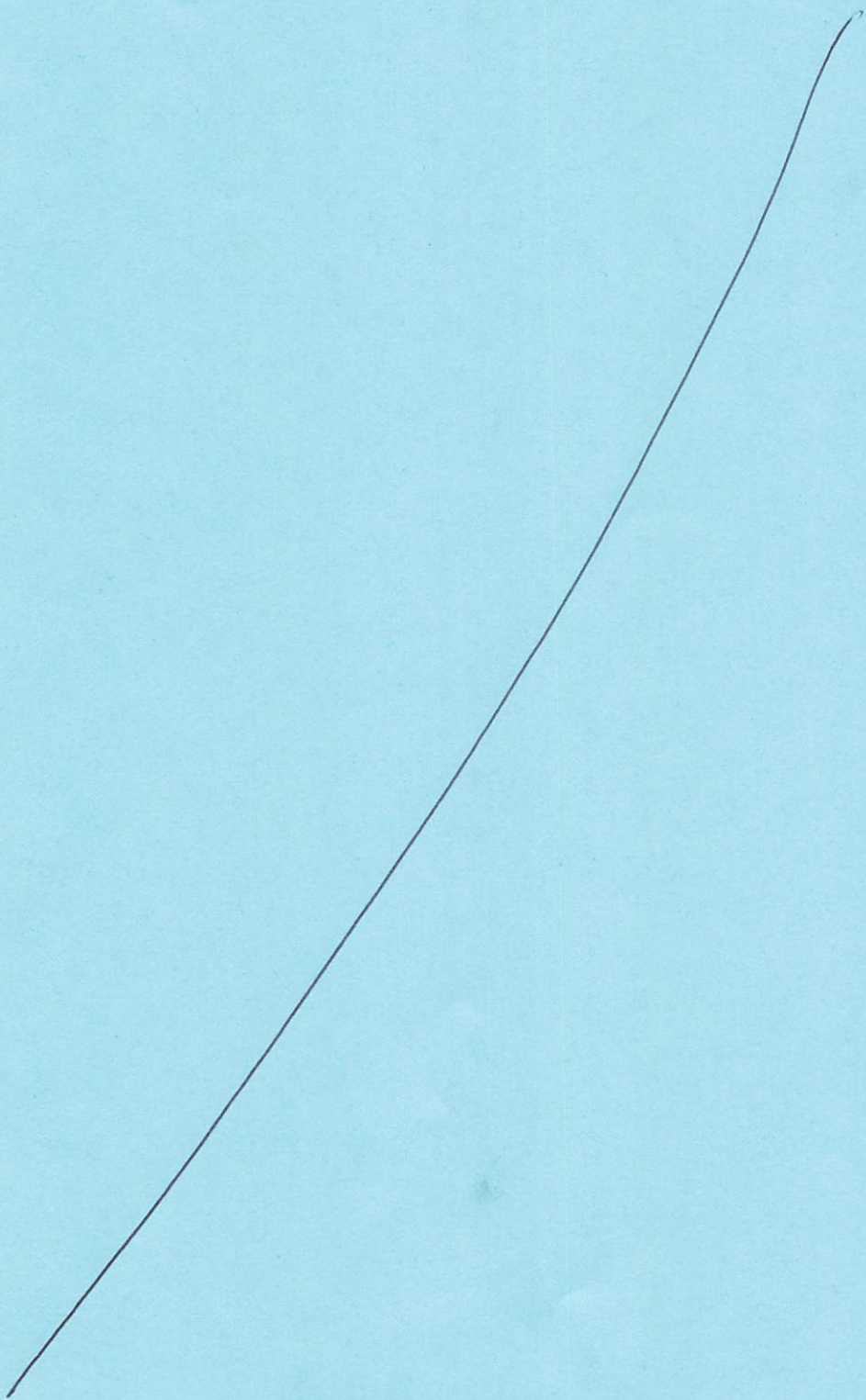
1874

January	1:	Judge Carey TATE Archibald TAYLOR
	15:	Son of George and Sarah SCHLOTTERBACK
	29:	Mrs. Catherine BEECHLER Mrs. Amy GRIFFIN BERRY
February	12:	Mrs. S. L. HARVEY Infant of J. W. CAUGHLIN Mrs. Benjamin LACOUNT (obituary 2-19)
	26:	Eliza D. BOYCE
March	5:	Dr. W. W. SMITH
	26:	Martha HURST
April	2:	Dr. W. D. SHOOT (obituary 4-9) Mrs. John O. WOODS
	16:	Susannah WILD
May	28:	Infant of William A. BERRY
June	11:	Jessie B. CONRADS
	18:	Mrs. John WRIGHT Mary Ann FORD (obituary 7-2) Child of Mrs. A. J. LEE
July	9:	William Arthur EVANS
	16:	Charles BLAND Marion LEE Caroline Francis GOOCH
	30:	Adda LAMB Lucy HUBBELL (obituary 8-27) Almarena LA COUNT Blanche MOORE
August	6:	Thomas AUSTIN Olive C. SHEETS Mrs. Torrey H. TOLLE Nancy JOHNSON
	27:	Rosanna MC CAMMON
September	3:	Richard GRACE
	10:	Birdie NORTON Armenas TATE Nettie TATE

September 24: Robert CARNES
Clement BERKHART
October 1: Arthur HARTLEY
29: Korah May DARNABY
November 5: CLARK family
Hudson Burk BUTLER
12: W. H. SENTELL
26: Elbert SAPP
December 3: Charles Scott SHOOT
10: Daughter and Niece of Mr. LEZENBEE
17: Sarah SMITH

1875

January 14: Orville MOBERLY
James P. MOORE
21: Martha Virginia HOUSTON
February 11: Joseph ROOKS
18: Mr. and Mrs. HERRIMAN
25: Almeda FUSSELMAN
March 4: Son of William CORNWELL
Ruth SLOCKMAN
25: Rev. John EVANS
April 8: Charlotte W. TOWNSEND
15: Thomas NARY
29: Catherine LEE
May 20: Margaret A. POWELL
June 10: James CLARK
24: Thomas AUSTIN
Mrs. CURTIS
Thomas B. HILTON (obituary 7-22)
July 4: Otto Lee SHIPLEY
Mrs. MURRAY
15: Warren R. TURK
Jennie CRAWFORD
22: Mrs. Julia GREEN
29: Mark S. BUSHONG
August 12: Walter Dale HOFFMAN
19: Rosa Lee ROTH
September 9: Isaac N. COMER
23: W. P. DILLON
James BUNNELL
30: Evan WYNN
Mr. SMITH, father of William
Henrietta CUSTARD
October 21: William HALL
Mary Jane SAYER
28: Dr. B. F. SHERMAN
December 16: Cora B. YAKEY
Ella ROBINSON



HISTORY OF FISK, MISSOURI

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By
Marshall S. Shain
October, 1973



History of Fisk, Missouri

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Dedicated to the memory of my father, OSCAR ULYSSES SHAIN, who moved his family to this small sawmill town on November 7, 1900 at the age of 35 years and who spent the rest of his life here raising his family, giving freely of his time and talents in supporting all things for the betterment of the town and surrounding territory, especially schools, churches, good roads, drainage, etc.

HISTORY OF FISK, MISSOURI

By
Marshall S. Shain

To justify the establishment of a town at this location it is necessary to go back to the pre-Civil War days and tell something of the development of the Bootheel section of Southeast Missouri.

Due to the swampy nature of the land the Bootheel was slow to develop. At first settlements were made along the west bank of the Mississippi River. New Madrid was first to be settled and soon became a thriving town. Soon thereafter settlements were made at various points along the river from Ste. Genevieve to the Arkansas border. Later settlements were made at other points in the district where the land was high enough to prevent flooding. Charleston, Blodgett, Sikeston, Bloomfield, Dexter, and Kennett soon became prosperous towns. Asherville, at first named St. Francisville and also called CRACKSKULL by many old timers was for years one of the leading towns in Stoddard County.

In Butler County, Ash Hill was the largest town in the county outside of Poplar Bluff. About three miles west of Ash Hill was a good sawmill town called Blue Springs. This place is now named Junland. South of Ash Hill along the Butler County Railroad which is now Missouri State Highway No. 51 was located Marshall's Mill, Batesville, Broseley, and Qulin. Seven miles east of Fisk, a town named Dudley was settled.

After these settlements were started relatives, friends, acquaintances and, in many cases, drifters, were attracted and thus the area began to develop. At Asherville the Hodges, Williams, Laceywells, Clubbs, Metcalfs, Smiths, and other families were early settlers. To the south of Asherville the following families were early settlers - Berry, Campbell, Hayden, Hobbs, Johnson, McClellen, McGowen, O'Mohundro, Madden, Rasor, Robinson, Tate, Zoll, and Zuck. South and east of Fisk in Stoddard County the following families settled - Akers, Casey, Hill, Spicer, and Williams. North of Fisk in Butler County the following families settled - Allspaugh, Blanford, Casper, Clark, Cravens, Foster, Harrell, Lewis, Mattingly, Mercer, Morgan, Neal, Owens, Snyder, Tate, and Williams. South of Fisk in Butler County were located the following families - Darby, Devinnie, Elfers, Funck, Gerth, Hayes, Hesselrode, Keith, Bock, Lee, May, Mayberry, Norden, Smith, Waters, and Williamson. At Ash Hill and in the Ash Hill

country to the south were located the following families - Abbott, Allison, Avery, Bates, Crafford, Cook, Dabbs, Davidson, Dodson, Francis, Gray, Greer, Lankford, Hall, Heacock, Hortsman, Johnson, Kerr, Kelly, Landreth, Little, Wade, and White.

Because of a lack of roads these different communities were isolated and much of the time it was necessary that they were more or less self sustaining. Each family cleared a small field of land upon which they raised corn and hay for their livestock and also potatoes, beans, peas, pumpkins and other produce for feeding the family. They also kept cows to produce their milk, chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys for eggs and also for food; hogs, goats, and calves for meat. In addition to their farm work most of the men also hunted and trapped fur bearing animals, sold the hides and ate the meat. Many of the men also worked in the timber. There would be at least one store in the community to provide many of the things that could not be produced by the family. Churches, one room school houses, grist mills and blacksmith shops were eventually built in many communities. Doctors located in some of the larger settlements. At Asherville was Dr. Hodge; at Dudley was Dr. Kerr; at the Hobbs settlement was Dr. Hobbs; Drs. Jones and Johnson located at Ash Hill; and Dr. Crump at Broseley. Each of these doctors served a large territory, often making their calls on horseback.

FISK, STODDARD COUNTY, MISSOURI

During the year of 1872 the CAIRO AND FULTON RAILROAD COMPANY built a railroad from Birds' Point, Missouri to Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

The railroad opened up the territory so that it was possible to market the vast supply of timber which at that time covered the entire area of Southeast Missouri.

Soon thereafter a man named Perkins built a sawmill on the east bank of the St. Francis River a short distance north of the railroad. A short time thereafter Stephen W. Fisk platted a town just south of the railroad. He built and operated a general store and sold lots for dwellings. He named this town FISK. The town was usually called Poplin by the older residents. Application was made for a post office and on October 30, 1891, John T. Plasnick was appointed postmaster. Mr. Plasnick served until June 12, 1893 when he was succeeded by Stephen W. Fisk. Mr. Fisk served until June 22, 1897 and was succeeded

by Kit C. Dodson.

The post office was moved across the river to the new town of Fisk in Butler County on January 13, 1899 with Kit C. Dodson remaining as postmaster.

Following the removal of the post office the town of Fisk in Stoddard County began to disappear and at this time there is no trace of its former existence.

FISK, BUTLER COUNTY, MISSOURI

Fisk, Butler County, Missouri is a town of 498 population and is located on U.S. Highway 60 and on the west bank of the St. Francis River 11 miles east of the county seat of Butler County, Poplar Bluff. It was named after Stephen W. Fisk, who had established a town by that name on the east bank of the St. Francis River in the 1880s.

Butler County was organized in 1849. Population of the county in 1850 was 1616. Population of Butler County in 1880 was 6011 and that of Poplar Bluff was 791. At that time Ash Hill was the largest town in the county outside of Poplar Bluff and continued to be until the late 1890s.

On the 25th day of January, 1892 an incorporation was formed by two brothers, Frank A. Garetson and James S. Garetson, and A. Hewett Greason, all residents of Poplar Bluff, Missouri to manufacture, buy and sell all kinds of lumber; buy and sell piling, railroad ties and all other products manufactured from timber; and, as incident to said business to buy and sell lands, horses and cattle. The name of the corporation was Garetson-Greason Lumber Company.

On September 12, 1890, previous to incorporation date, the Garetson-Greason Lumber Company had purchased the site where the town of Fisk is now located together with other lands.

On July 20, 1894 they had the town of Fisk platted and surveyed. On February 28th, 1895 this plat was filed in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in Butler County. The original town consisted of 17 blocks and was bounded by the railroad right-of-way on the south; St. Francis River on the east and north and Dale Street on the west. In addition to this there were two parcels surveyed west of Dale Street, one designated school lot and one church lot. The school lot was deeded to the Fisk School District and the church lot to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The Garetson-Greason Lumber Co. then built a large sawmill

on the bank of the St. Francis River in the northeast corner of the town and it was called the "Riverside Mill"; they then built an office building for company use and constructed a box factory building. In 1900 they erected another large sawmill called the "Ray Mill" near the location of the present cotton gin. A railroad switch was built from the railroad to the Riverside millsite with numerous spurs. They had a dinkey engine to switch the cars. The box factory burned in December, 1905, the Ray Mill was sold, dismantled and moved to Morehouse in 1906 and the Riverside mill burned in March, 1924.

In the 1890s a mill was built on the bank of the river south of the railroad tracks for the manufacture of hardwood staves and also barrell hoops. This mill operated until 1903 when it was closed. Later a small sawmill and then a mill for the manufacture of soft wood staves was located at this location.

All of these mills were modern in every way at that time. They were steam operated and the boilers were fired by slabs and waste lumber from the mills. The saw carriages were steam powered and also the rollers which carried the lumber from the saw to the cut off saws and the edgers. A steam "Nigger" turned the logs on the carriage and a steam crane lifted the logs from the log yard to the saw platform. They also had generators to generate electricity for illumination.

Logs were brought to the mills by log wagons, on tram cars, railroad cars, and by boats and also rafted down the river during times of high water. Tram roads were built into the woods and logs were brought to them by log wagons in dry weather and by mud boats and lizards in wet weather. The logs were then loaded onto tram cars and pulled to the mills by horses or mules. A log train brought logs from the south and west over the Butler County railroad and then over the St. L & S Railroad. Also there were two steamboats - the "Ike" and the "Roy" which brought logs from downstream. At points up the river from Fisk logs were brought to the river and banked awaiting high water and then were rolled into the river, rafted, and then floated downstream to the Riverside mill where they were stopped by a boon across the river and later pulled into the mill by cable.

Another timber industry was the making of cross ties for the railroads. The ties were made from hickory, white oak, and other hardwood trees. The trees would be sawed down and cut into proper lengths for the ties. Then they would be scored with a double bit ax after which they would be hewed to proper size with a broad ax. It took a skilled man to make a good tie and

there were many tiehackers who could make one with scarcely an ax mark left on the tie.

To do the work in these timber operations required a large labor force. As was usual in frontier sawmill towns, men were attracted from far away places. Many were married men with families but perhaps a majority were young unmarried men. Many were staple, hardworking men who made good citizens and helped make this a good community. Some were drifters and camp followers, who, after a short time, moved away. Naturally among these were some trouble makers. However, there was a minimum of serious trouble.

Robbery and stealing were practically non-existent before good roads came which allowed roving hoodlums to come in at all hours of the day and night. Churches were well attended and the community prided itself upon taking care of its unfortunate people without outside assistance.

The first railroad bridge was a "Turn Bridge." A pier was constructed of pilings on each side of the river and another larger pier was built in the center of the river. A circular track was built on the center pier with wheels supporting a platform on which the railroad rested. A cog mechanism was installed so that a group of men could insert long bars and, by walking around and around, turn the bridge until it was headed up and down the river thus allowing large boats to pass through.

The first railroad depot was built in 1902. This was built about 300 feet west of the railroad bridge. When the St. Francis River levee was built in 1918 this necessitated moving the depot and in 1919 it was moved to a site on the west side of town. After passenger trains were discontinued and local freight hauling was taken over by trucks the depot was closed and then torn down in 1966.

A water tank was built near the depot to supply water for the steam locomotives. This, too, has been torn down as diesel locomotives have supplanted steam engines. J.W. Manion was in charge of the pumping station and water tank.

Prior to 1910 the following mills were in operation in and around Fisk:

Marshall's Mill - Located 1 mile south of Lowell Junction or 2 miles and 1 mile south of Fisk.

Perkins' Mill - Located on east bank of St. Francis River.

Garetson-Greason; Quercus; R.L. Garetson - Located in Fisk.

Sheffield, Shain, and Coleman - Located 2 miles south of Fisk.

Since 1910 there have been numerous sawmills and stave mills located in and around Fisk, including the following - Spicer

& Pierce, John Pierce, E.H. Mohrstadt, F.G. Zillmer, W.H. Snyder, W.C. Fain, Mansbridge and McKinzie, J.M. Sidwell, Monroe Campbell, Bennie Lynch, Lester Clark, A.D. Holden, and many others.

The first store building in Fisk was built by R.L. Garetson, brother of Frank A. Garetson and James S. Garetson. This building was on the west side of Garetson Street between Second Street and the railroad. He also built a hotel building between the store and the railroad and a barber shop south of the store on the corner of Garetson and Second Streets. Mr. Garetson operated a general store for a few years and then the store building and the barber shop building burned. The first post office was located in the store building. The hotel building was later moved to a location near the present General Baptist Church and is known as the Smith home.

Jas. Mathis then built a store building on the north side of Second Street and on the west side of Garetson Street. John F. Jordan built the third store building on the northeast corner of this block and Mrs. M.L. Perkins built the fourth on the east side of the street across from the Jordan Store. These two buildings were two stories high with the store rooms on the ground floor and living quarters above. On the west side of the street was built the Mathis dwelling and a saloon. The saloon was owned by a Mr. Wolfe and then by Billy Griffin. Later, it was occupied as a store by O.M. Jordan, brother of John F. Jordan and then by Joseph Hayes and later a restaurant run by John Kyle. Between the Mathis residence and the saloon was a building occupied as a drug store by R.L. Davis and later by Robert Davidson. In June of 1914 the post office was moved to this building.

On the east side of the street between Second and Third Streets were located a small restaurant building operated by Joe Allison. North of that building was a barber shop operated by John Baker and later by Alex Reeves. Next to the north was the Odd Fellows' building with lodge rooms above the store. The store was first owned by J.M. Sidwell and then by Union Mercantile Company which was succeeded by O.U. Shain and W.J. Harrington. The buildings in this block along the east side of the street were built along the river bank and on stilts.

In the next block north on the corner next to the river the Parks Hotel and Saloon was built. They did a rough and rowdy business until it burned in 1903. Later this was the site of a grist mill and blacksmith shop. A short distance south of the Riverside mill was a hotel known as the "White House" and on

the southeast corner of Greason and Third Streets was the Parker Hotel which was known far and wide as having the best dining room in the territory.

The streets in Fisk were of ungraded earth, dusty in summer and muddy in winter and after rains. The sidewalks were built by laying wooden stringers on the ground and nailing rough boards to the stringers. The stores, churches, and homes were illuminated with kerosene lamps. There were no street lights and it was necessary to carry lanterns to see the way at night. Hogs, cattle, and goats roamed the streets as there was no stock law. Wages and prices were low in the early 1900s. Common labor was paid \$1.50 per day for eleven hours work. Carpenters and painters were paid as much as \$2.00 per day. Stores sold fat hens, alive, for 25 cents each. Eggs were 10 cents per dozen and other groceries were sold at similar prices. Saw-mill wood for cooking and heating was sold for 50 cents for a wagon load, delivered. House rent was from \$3 to \$5 per month. The doctor charged \$1 for an office visit and \$2 for a house call in town and made no extra charge for the medicine. Haircuts were 25 cents and shaves were 10 cents. Train fare from Fisk to Poplar Bluff was 25 cents.

After the town of Fisk in Butler County was established its population soon exceeded that of Fisk in Stoddard County. In order to get their mail the citizens from the Butler County side of the river had to walk across the railroad bridge to the Stoddard County side to the post office. It soon became evident that there was a greater need for a post office on the Butler County side than on the Stoddard County side of the river. On January 13, 1899 the office was moved to Fisk, Butler County with Kit C. Dodson remaining as postmaster.

Following is a list of postmasters who have served since Kit C. Dodson:

Postmaster	Date of Appointment
R.L. Garetson	January 9, 1900
A.M. Foster	December 6, 1904
Joseph Hayes	February 12, 1909
Arvillus N. Miller	June 6, 1914
Joseph U. Cherry (Acting)	July 20, 1922
Charles H. Jones	January 23, 1923
Joseph R. Brothers (Acting)	January 3, 1924
Mayme M. Hayes	February 13, 1924
Joseph R. Brothers (Acting)	April 17, 1925
Audie Brothers	October 2, 1925

Nellie G. Pope (Acting)	July 26, 1928
Charles H. Jones	May 10, 1930
Elsie Reeder (Acting)	September 30, 1933
Kelly M. Sumpter	May 28, 1934
Eldon H. Edmundson (Acting)	July 21, 1937
John W. Johnson	March 11, 1938
Donald Peck	July 1, 1970

Rural Route No. 1 was established at Fisk on June 16, 1915.
 Carriers who have served this route are as follows:

James W. Smith	(Temporary Carrier)	6-15-15 to 12-31-15
Marshall S. Shain	(Regular Carrier)	1-3-15 to 12-10-17
Verlin Shain	(Temporary Carrier)	12-11-17 to 12-31-17
Fred Penrod	(Temporary Carrier)	1-1-18 to 3-31-18
Earl F. Jordan	(Temporary Carrier)	4-1-18 to 2-13-20
William Manley	(Temporary Carrier)	2-14-20 to 5-15-20
Jesse L. McKinzie	(Regular Carrier)	5-17-20 to 10-3-36
Avon Adams	(Temporary Carrier)	10-5-36 to 8-31-37
Avon Adams	(Regular Carrier)	9-1-37 to 5-24-67
James Alvin Below	(Temporary Carrier)	5-25-67 to 6-14-68
Robert L. Haislip	(Regular Carrier)	6-15-68

It would have been impossible for Fisk to exist, grow and prosper without having stores, and in this respect we have been fortunate in having stores owned and operated by men who were high class citizens, community minded and who worked for the best interest of the town, its surrounding territory, churches and schools. Among these were R.L. Garetson, Jas. Mathis, Mathis and McCollum, John F. Jordan, Mrs. M.L. Perkins, J.M. Sidwell, O.M. Jordan, G.S. Rider, L.A. & James Warren, O.U. Shain and Son, W.J. Harrington, J.B. Richardson, John Kyle, Joseph Hayes, C.W. Blanford, Mason Snider and Sons, C.S. Harrell, John Lombard, George Wade, H.M. Yates, Verlin Shain, Sam Laceywell, P.B. Kinder, John Edmundson, Russell & Norman Edmundson, B.V. Adams, J.A. Gambill, John Pierce, H. Maxwell, Ralph Cochran, and others.

There have been three drug stores with registered druggists. They were R.L. Davis, Robert Davidson, and a young man named Smith who worked in the Fred Myer Drug Store. There have been numerous drug sundry stores, the present one being owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. L.B. McKinzie.

The first resident doctor serving the town of Fisk was probably a young man whose name I have forgotten and have

been unable to learn from older residents. He was employed as a company doctor by the Garetson-Greaseon Lumber Company to take care of the health needs of its employees and their families. Each employee was charged a fee which was deducted from his pay check and the company paid the balance of the doctor's salary. In addition to taking care of the company employees and their families the doctor also served the other residents of the town and the surrounding territory.

At later dates the following doctors were in practice here - Dr. R.P. Brice, Dr. J.P. Johnson, Dr. V.L. Greathouse, Dr. Gordon C. Hemphill, Dr. Vernon Skillings, Dr. Williamson, Dr. B.L. Ellis, Dr. R.F. Tarpley, Dr. Davidson, Dr. Geo. A. McElrath, the two Drs. Holliday, and Dr. Francis Skillings.

Good roads and nearby hospitals have made it unprofitable for a doctor to keep an office in Fisk.

GRIST MILLS

Grist Mills were an important part of the local economy for many years. Farmers depended upon them for grinding their corn for corn meal and chops. Corn meal was used for making bread and was an important part of the diet of the early settlers. Corn chops were used for feed for the horses, mules, cows, hogs, and chickens.

A few of the men who have operated grist mills in Fisk were Charles Harrell, Frank Lidenton, George Rennison, James Pool, C.W. Blanford, J.D. Mercer, A.F. Brothers, W.R. Henderson, and Lyon & Son.

BLACKSMITH SHOPS

One of the most important men in a community such as this was the blacksmith. People depended upon him to repair the wagons, plows, farm machinery, sharpen plow points and mowing machine sickles, build harrows, shoe horses, and make various other repairs.

The following men were among those who served Fisk and surrounding country well for many years - Dave Kimbrel, John Walker, Jack Reeves, George Rennison, Van Halferty, Sr., Pete Thompson, Jesse Buchanan, and Raymond McCain.

LIVESTOCK BUYERS

In the early days it was the custom for livestock dealers to travel on horseback throughout the countryside to buy hogs, cattle, horses, mules, and goats. They would dicker with the owner and, if a price could be agreed upon, the livestock would be driven to Fisk from which point it would be shipped by rail

to market at the National Stock Yards in East St. Louis, Illinois.

Among the well known buyers were James Pool, Ed Blankinship, George Hayes, Alf Edmundson, Arch Edmundson, Lyman Wright, and his son, Floyd.

Later, after roads were built and the country became more settled, James Pool established a market at Fisk where he bought livestock of every kind, wheat, corn, hay, and practically everything that a farmer had to sell. Mr. Pool built an enviable reputation for honesty and fair dealing and it was said that a man could send his son to market with the produce or livestock and never get cheated on price, measure, or weights. The market continued to grow and prosper until the death of Mr. Pool on July 25, 1941.

EARLY RESIDENTS OF FISK

Among the early residents of the town of Fisk were the following families:

Garetson, Foster, Miller, Reeves, Kimbrel, Williams, Rice, White, Mathis, McCollum, Shain, Coleman, McKinney, Brown, Clark, Ingram, Weaver, Miles, Patterson, Wilson, Roberts, Perkins, Parker, Jones, Board, Smith, Jordan, Walters, Young, Johnson, Fields, Brown, Reed, Smothers, Abshear, Graves, Rennison, Harrell, Lidenton, Blankinship, Pool, Cook, Kerr, Treadway, McReynolds, Ely, Manley, Treadway, Crady, Kyle, McReynolds, Allison, Baker, Edwards, Pipkins, Hargrove, Lewis, Jolly, Rider, Cherry, Miller, Wolfe, and Griffin.

SCHOOLS

Many of the early settlers had little or no education. However, they recognized the need for a school and soon a subscription school was started in the building that had been built for a community church.

In the year of 1900 a one room frame school house was built on the lot that had been donated by the Garetson-Greaseon Lumber Company for that purpose. The first teacher was a young man named Hines. In 1901 a space was curtained off in a corner of this room and a second teacher was employed, Miss Ida Endicott. In 1902 a second room was built and these two rooms served the community until 1922 when an additional room was built. During the early years we had several outstanding teachers among whom was Otto McKinney and his sister, Birdie McKinney; Joseph Hayes, George S. Rider, Bertie Coffman, Mittie Coffman, Norma Gray, Portia Kinsolving, Mrs. A.N. Miller, and Norma Eastwood.

In 1925 the Fisk, Riverside, Ash Hill, Little and Snyder School Districts consolidated and formed Consolidated School District No. 3 and a two story brick school house was erected at Fisk to house the grade schools and the newly formed high school.

At first the one room schools at Little, Ash Hill, and Riverside were kept in operation because of the bad roads. Then the Snyder School House burned and because of the small enrollment at Riverside it was impracticable to keep that school open; it was decided to bring the pupils from those schools in to Fisk. Covered wagons were used to transport the children as it would have been impossible for a truck or bus to get over the roads much of the time.

D.T. Harrison was the first superintendent.

Later the Depoyster, Caledonia, Junland, and the Rombauer Consolidated School united with the Fisk Consolidated School District No. 3 to form Consolidated School District No. C-3.

There have been many additions to the school building and it is now a modern school with vocational agriculture, home economics, commercial, and other departments necessary for a first class school. There is a band room, gymnasium, school lunch room, and athletic field which is lighted for night games.

Total enrollment for the 1968-69 term was 890 pupils.

In 1968 the Fisk, Broseley, and Qulin Consolidated Districts united to form Twin Rivers Consolidated School District No. 10.

CHURCHES

In writing the story of the early days in a frontier sawmill town such as Fisk, all too often the evil rather than the good is emphasized. While it is true that Fisk was not without its rowdy element it is also true that there were many good law-abiding and religious persons who settled here and it was these who helped build the town with its churches and schools.

Soon after the town was first settled these good people got together and built a church building of rough lumber on the bank of the St. Francis River just north of the Riverside Park. This building was for the use of all denominations who chose to use it. The General Baptist, Christian, and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches were the first to hold services in this building. It was heated with a wood burning stove and lighted by kerosene lamps. This building was also used for a Subscription School before the first school house was built in 1900.

The General Baptist Church bought the interests of the other

churches in the early 1900s. They were obliged to move the building to the location of the present General Baptist Church when the levee was built in 1918. They now have a nice concrete block building with Sanctuary, class rooms, dining room and kitchen, central heat and air conditioning, etc.

In the year of 1900 the Cumberland Presbyterian Church erected a nice one room frame church building on the lot which had been set aside and donated to them by the Garetson-Greason Lumber Company. They also built a parsonage on the same lot. The first minister was Tom Kerr, a young giant of a man who was very dedicated to his work. He worked as a carpenter on the building and also built all the pews. This building was destroyed by fire on the night of December 23, 1920 at which time the Spider and Sons Store, the John Lombard Store and the W.J. Harrington Store which was housed in the Odd Fellow building were destroyed. Prior to this time the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. had united and became known as the Presbyterian Church.

In 1921 the Presbyterian Church erected a new church house on the lot where their present church building is now located. A few years later they erected additional rooms for kitchen, dining room, and furnace room. In 1965 this building was extensively repaired with brick veneer siding, new room and belfry and new furniture in the Sanctuary. This building was destroyed by fire in 1967 and a new building with brick veneer, carpeting and new furniture was built in 1968.

There are now five active churches in Fisk.

DRAINAGE

The bootheel of Southeast Missouri was formerly referred to as "Swampeast" Missouri. The area between the Mississippi River and the foothills of the Ozarks, with the exception of the Sikeston Ridge, Crowley's Ridge, and the Ash Hill country, was a vast swamp covered with a heavy growth of virgin timber. Settlements were first made along the Mississippi River and then spread westward. These settlers usually built on the ridges and higher elevations. They made their living by hunting for fur bearing animals, fishing, raising a few cattle and hogs on the open range and by cutting timber. Most of them had a small patch of cleared land upon which they raised corn and garden produce for their own use. There were no roads, bridges, or ditches. It was generally believed that it would not be possible to build roads across this swampy land.

Improvements were first made in the counties near the Mississippi River. It was evident that it would be necessary to drain this land before it could be settled and improved. Soon after the turn of the century attempts to accomplish this were begun. By the year 1910 drainage ditches were dug in Stoddard and Dunklin Counties. After the virgin timber had been harvested and agriculture was taking over, the need for levees and drainage ditches in Butler County became imperative.

After much discussion the Inter-River Drainage District, comprising a territory of some 127,000 acres of land in eastern Butler County, was formed and incorporated in 1913. The leaders in this planning and organization were W.N. Barrow, John C. Corrigan, John P. Funck, T.M. Morris, William Ferguson, and others. A levee was built on the west side of the St. Francis River from the high land north of Rombauer to the Arkansas line and one was built on the east side of Black River from the hills about three miles north of Poplar Bluff to the Arkansas line. Large drainage ditches were then dug about one mile apart between the two levees. The ditches emptied into Black River near the Arkansas line.

Work on the levee and ditch project was begun in 1918 and completed in 1921. This project has been a complete success and practically all the land in the district is now improved and producing good crops.

When the St. Francis River levee was built it necessitated the moving of all the business buildings on Garetson Street, the General Baptist Church and dwellings located east of Garetson Street to locations further west.

Before drainage ditches were dug and the levee was built there were few good farms or farmers in the vicinity of Fisk who depended entirely upon farming for their livelihood. Mostly the farms consisted of a few cleared acres of land which was cultivated during the summer months to provide feed for their horses, mules, hogs, cattle, and poultry. They then spent of their time working in the timber and would raise a few cattle and hogs on the open range. At that time there was no stock law requiring that livestock be kept up and each farmer had to fence his fields to keep his and his neighbors' cattle out. The open range provided free pasture and it was the common practice for the cattle and hogs to run out. Thus they were able to raise quite a few cattle and hogs at little expense. This practice ended with the enactment of the Stock Law which prohibits livestock from running at large and now we have a much better grade of livestock.

With the coming of drainage there has been a great improvement of farms and farming. There are very few tracts of woodland. Farms have been cleared of timber, limed and fertilized. Good farm homes have replaced the rough lumber cabins. Modern machinery has replaced the horses and mules. Electricity and telephones are available to most farms, good roads cover all rural areas and modern consolidated schools have replaced the one room country schools.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

When our family moved to Fisk the only roads were wagon trails winding through the woods following the higher ground where possible. These roads were impossible much of the year. Travel was by railroad, wagon, or horseback. In good weather it was a five or six hour trip to Poplar Bluff; in wet weather the only way out was by train. The people soon saw the need for roads and presented petitions to the county court for roads to be established. Each petition was acted on separately and, if granted, the county court would cause the right-of-way to be surveyed. It was required that the landholders donate the right-of-way. The county court paid a part of the costs for clearing the right-of-way of trees. Labor for building the roads was generally donated by the people who would use the road and by merchants, doctors, and others who would be benefited. The roads were built by pulling dirt from the sides of the road bed to the central part of the right-of-way with horse or mule drawn scrapers or slips and then dragging it down until it was fairly level. The bridges were built by the county court and with donated labor.

These roads had to be worked each year and this was largely accomplished by the Poll Tax then in effect. Under the Poll Tax Law each able-bodied man between the ages of 21 and 50 was required to work two days on the roads or pay \$2 in cash for maintenance of the roads. Also there were many donations from men who were anxious to see certain roads maintained.

In 1910 the road between Fisk and Poplar Bluff was built of dirt. This road was dragged regularly by the county and was in fair condition much of the year. In the early 1920s a concrete highway, Missouri State Highway No. 16, was built between Cairo Illinois and Poplar Bluff. Missouri State Highway No. 16 was later to become U.S. Highway No. 60 and now extends westward to the Pacific Ocean.

Prior to 1910 the St. Francis River at Fisk was crossed on a cable towed ferryboat. This boat was operated by A.M. Foster,

John Baker, and others.

In 1910 Butler and Stoddard Counties built a road bridge at Fisk. This bridge was a steel bridge with plank floor and was a great improvement over the ferry. It served until about 1930 when a new bridge was built.

The earth roads around Fisk were gradually made into gravel roads and later many of them have been blacktopped. A greater part of the surrounding country now has good gravel or blacktopped highways.

THE SHAIN FAMILY IN FISK

Oscar Ulysses Shain, his wife, Sarah Elizabeth, and their infant daughter, Stella, came through what is now Fisk in the early spring of 1888. They were in a covered wagon and were accompanied by his uncle, Ed Shain, and Ed Shain's step-son in another covered wagon.

Oscar Shain was a young man, 22 years of age, and had been a tenant farmer in Saline County, Illinois. His uncle, Ed Shain, was a country doctor whose wife had recently died. Grover Cleveland was serving his first term as president of the United States. The crops had been poor, prices were low and times were hard in Saline County, Illinois and they had heard that times were better in Arkansas and decided to go there.

There were only wagon trails to travel. They had crossed the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau on a ferry, traveled southwest through Aquilla, Bloomfield, The Rock Hill Settlement, on through Asherville and then crossed the St. Francis River at Hodge's Ferry near the present town of Rombauer. They then followed the old levee road south to the place where the town of Fisk is now located. There was no town here at that time. However, across the river there was a saw-mill and a few houses. They then traveled west to Ash Hill which was a prosperous village. Harvey Hortsman, a former Colonel in the Confederate Army, had a store, grist mill, and a large farm there. Leaving Ash Hill they went southwest through the Ash Hill country to the Black River a few miles south of Poplar Bluff. They then traveled northwest along and near the east bank of the Black River to Poplar Bluff.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau the population of Butler County in 1880 was 6011 and that of Poplar Bluff was 791. In 1888 it was undoubtedly larger. The Vine Street bridge had been built in 1883 and the Bank of Poplar Bluff established in 1886. From Poplar Bluff they traveled in a southwesterly direction until they reached Pochontas, Ark. This was not a

farming country and my father obtained employment working in the timber. Wages were low and employment was not steady. They had all contracted malaria and were away from home and among strangers and got homesick. They decided to go back home to southern Illinois. On the way back their infant daughter, Stella, died and was buried at Mole Hill Cemetery which is northeast of what is now Broseley.

After returning to Saline County, Illinois my father resumed farming near Harrisburg.

I was a five year old boy when I was brought to Fisk by my parents, Oscar U. and Sarah Elizabeth Shain from near Harrisburg, Illinois, together with my two sisters, Minnie and Elsie, my older brother, Verlin, and my father's mother, Susan, a widow who continued to make her home with us until her death on April 19, 1923.

We arrived by train at about 7 o'clock on November 7, 1900.

There was no depot in Fisk when we arrived and the train stopped just west of the river bridge where there was a cinder platform. Quite a few persons had gathered to meet the train to see who was leaving and who arrived. My parents knew many of the people as they too had moved here from southern Illinois. It was after dark and many of the men carried kerosene lanterns since there were no street lights. The sidewalks were built of boards nailed to wooden stringers laid on the ground. The streets were of dirt and often muddy or dusty, all the buildings in the town were built of rough sawn lumber.

We were met at the train by my father's uncle, Ed Shain, who had moved here a year or so before with his step-son, Charley Abbott. We stayed with him until our household furnishings which had been shipped by freight arrived and my father had rented a house in which to live.

My father had been a tenant farmer in Saline County, Illinois, and, having purchased an interest in a farm located about two miles northeast of Fisk, had decided to move to that farm. However, he had failed to give the tenant legal notice to move and could not get possession at that time. He then obtained employment as a lumber grader in the planing department at the box factory. Later he was promoted to foreman in the nailing department where they made box heads and continued in this position until the factory burned in December, 1905.

In 1906 he farmed a part of the Frank Jolly farm just east of Fisk in Stoddard County.

In 1907 he entered into a partnership with J.T. Sheffield and James Coleman and they bought two sections of virgin timber

from C.A. Gierth and leased a sawmill belonging to Mr. Gierth. This mill was located about two miles south of Fisk on the west bank of the St. Francis River. Mr. Coleman was an experienced lumber inspector and had charge of grading and loading the lumber on the freight cars. Mr. Sheffield was a head sawyer and filer and ran the mill. My father was woods foreman and saw to the cutting and hauling of the logs and of the hauling the lumber to the railroad switch at Fisk for shipment. Before entering into this enterprise that had already received contracts for the sale of the lumber and the operation was very successful.

In 1908 my father accepted the position of manager of the Union Mercantile Company Store in Fisk. This store had been organized under the auspices of the Farmer's Union and was owned largely by farmer shareholders. Mr. W.J. Harrington accepted the position of assistant. They let it be known that they would buy any shares that were for sale and in a few years owned all the stock in the corporation. Mr. Harrington and my father continued as partners until 1917 when they decided that they could do better by each owning their own store, Mr. Harrington bought my father's share and my father then opened up a store on Third Street opposite the location of the State Bank of Fisk. They continued their friendship and remained friendly competitors until the death of Mr. Harrington.

I entered the store as a partner with my father upon my discharge from the Army February 22, 1919 and this partnership lasted until his death in 1939.

Verlin Shain became associated with the store in 1923 and after our father's death continued to operate it until ill health forced his retirement in 1953.

Eugene Reeder, husband of my sister, Elsie, became associated with the store in 1925 and continued until his death.

Oscar Ulysses and Sarah Elizabeth Shain were the parents of six children. They were as follows:

STELLA, who died in infancy.

MINNIE, who married Jim Pinkleton and who died childless in 1905.

VERLIN, who married the former Alice Hesselrode, daughter of John S. Hesselrode and Alice Hesselrode. Mr. Hesselrode was a well-known preacher, farmer, and timber man. Verlin attended the Fisk School and during vacation times worked in the mills. After his marriage he farmed for a few years, and in 1923 he became associated with the O.U. Shain & Son Store in Fisk. Following the death of our father he became full owner of

the store and continued to operate it until ill health forced his retirement in 1953. Verlin was very active as treasurer of the school district. He served on the town board. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and filled all the chairs in the local lodge. His hobby was hunting and fishing.

Verlin died on August 1, 1955 and is survived by his wife, Alice; one son, Kenneth, who is married to the former Christine Parker and has one daughter, Mary Alice; daughter, Christine, who is married to Robert Snider and has two sons, Mike and John; daughter, Vesta, who is married to Harold Duggins and has one daughter, Mary Beth.

MARSHALL SPENCER, who is married to the former Regenia King, daughter of Benjamin H. King and Chloe King. Mr. King was a barber. Marshall S. and Regenia were the parents of five children, two of whom, Morris King and Jack Spencer, died in infancy. Doris Virginia, our only daughter, was married to J.C. Kennedy, formerly of Poplar Bluff, Missouri and now a Civil Engineer at Cincinnati, Ohio. Doris died in Cincinnati on January 23, 1970. Doris and Jim had two sons, Jack Bruce and Dale, who survive; Marshall Gene, who is married to the former Sue Cunningham. Gene is the executive vice president of the State Bank of Fisk, served for 18 years as secretary of Consolidated School District No. 3 and is now treasurer of Twin Rivers Consolidated School District No. 10. He has served on the town board and is presently mayor of Fisk. He is very active in Masonic affairs and is presently master of the Poplar Bluff Lodge No. 209, A.F. & A.M., is a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. His hobby is hunting and fishing. Gene and Sue are the parents of three children, Marshall Gene, 11, Nancy and Jane. David Spencer who is married to the former Judith Ann Davis, and the father of one son, David Spencer, Jr., is vice president and cashier of the State Bank of Fisk. He is a former mayor of the city of Fisk and is presently a member of the city council. He is a licensed pilot and his hobby is flying. He also likes golf.

When Marshall Spencer was a boy he sold newspapers and magazines and worked at the factories during school vacations. He then taught school for one term, was rural letter carrier at Fisk for two years from which position he resigned to volunteer in the U.S. Army during World War No. 1. After returning from service in the Army he worked in the O.U. Shain & Son Store for 4½ years and became cashier of the State Bank of Fisk on October 22, 1923. He has remained with the bank continuously since that date and is now chairman of the board and

president. He served many years on the school board and as president of the Board of Consolidated School District No. 2. He also served on the town board. He is a Mason and a Shriner.

ELSIE married Eugene M. Reeder, son of G.I. and Genevieve Reeder, who were farmers near Broseley, Missouri. Eugene farmed near Broseley, was manager of a cotton gin at Broseley and in 1925 became associated with the O.U. Shain & Son Store in Fisk where he continued to serve until his death. Elsie attended the Fisk School and in 1918 she taught one term at the Ash Hill School. She served as acting postmaster at Fisk from September 30, 1933 to May 28, 1934. Elsie and Eugene were the parents of one daughter, Darlene, who is married to Russell E. Edmundson.

OREN KENNETH - 1904-1907.

STATE BANK OF FISK

Early in 1912 E.M. Ford of Cape Girardeau County arrived in Fisk and let it be known among the businessmen that he was interested in organizing a bank in this community. He succeeded in interesting a number of the leading citizens in the project and on March 2nd, 1912 an organization meeting was held in the Odd Fellow Hall; this meeting being attended by the prospective shareholders. The following men were elected on the first Board of Directors - O.M. Jordan, W.J. Harrington, James K. Pool, W.E. Myers, J.M. Williams, James Warren, and John F. Jordan. An application was made to the State Finance Commissioner for a charter.

At a meeting held in the Odd Fellow Hall on June 13th it was found that O.M. Jordan and J.M. Williams had failed to qualify by not purchasing the requisite number of shares and E.H. Blankinship and N.B. Cook were elected in their stead.

The first shareholders and the number of shares purchased were as follows:

Name	No. of Shares
W.E. Myers	30
W.J. Harrington	8
James Warren	2
E.H. Blankinship	2
J.W. Manion	2
E.M. Ford	48
N.B. Cook	2
W.N. Barron	4
Ryrd Duncan	4

M.C. Horton	4
E.W. Graves	4
H.L. Ruth	4
John F. Jordan	2
James Pool	4

The bank was capitalized for \$10,000 and \$5,000 was paid in, the balance to be paid in within one year.

Charter for the bank was issued July 3, 1912 and the bank was immediately opened for business. The bank was first located in a rough lumber building, about 15 ft. X 80 ft., which was on the east side of Garetson Avenue on the bank of the St. Francis River. The building was rented from J.W. Manion for \$5 per month.

Total resources at the close of the first day of business were \$6,708.48. First day deposits amounting to \$1,698.48 were made by Arthur Davis, W.D. Ely, A.M. Foster, O.M. Jordan, J.R. McIntosh, James Pool, James Rasor, O.U. Shain, Union Mercantile Co., Mrs. Ida Warren, and James Warren.

The following have served as president:

W.E. Myers	1912-1922
E.W. Graves	1923-1932
John C. Corrigan	1932-1933
J.W. Manion	1933-1935
James K. Pool	1935-1941
John C. Corrigan, Jr.	1942-1946
M.S. Shain	1946-

Former and present cashiers are:

E.M. Ford	1912-1914
R.L. Fitzgerald	1914-1922
Charles Saltzman	1922-1923
Fred Penrod	1923
M.S. Shain	1923-1946
Russell Edmundson	1946-1948
Harold Pennington	1948
M.S. Shain	1948-1954
M. Gene Shain	1954-1964
Russell E. Edmundson	1965-1966
David S. Shain	1966-

M. Gene Shain has served as executive vice president since Jan. 1, 1965.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 22, 1913 a bid of \$1,100 made by I.D. DeLapp to construct a brick building 20 feet wide by 32 feet deep to be located on the east

end of Lot 8 in Block 6 of the original town of Fisk for bank building was taken up and accepted. President W.E. Myers was authorized to go into contract with said I.D. DeLapp and to have general supervision of erection of same. The new bank building was erected and occupied later that year and served the bank until 1953.

The bank's present home, built in 1953, features drive-up window, after hours depository, coffee room for customers and employees and blacktopped parking lot.

At the time the State Bank of Fisk was established the economy of Fisk and the surrounding territory did not really justify the establishment of a bank here. However, due to a lack of good roads, the town was isolated from other towns, except for railroad trains, the larger part of the year. Also, there was a popular demand for banks and banks were being established throughout Southeast Missouri.

Before the year of 1920 there were twelve banks in Butler County. Five of these banks were located in Poplar Bluff. They were the Bank of Poplar Bluff, State Bank of Poplar Bluff, Butler County Bank, Farmer's Savings Bank and Poplar Bluff Trust Company. There were also banks at Quin, Fagus, Broseley, Hendrickson, Harviell, Neelyville, and Fisk.

During the depression years all these banks were closed or merged with other banks with the exception of the Bank of Poplar Bluff, State Bank of Poplar Bluff, and State Bank of Fisk.

The State Bank of Fisk got off to a slow start and during its first eleven years had four cashiers who were the chief executive officers. On October 22, 1923 when I became cashier and executive officer its total resources were only \$68,068.88. Since that time we have had a steady growth and at this time we have total resources in excess of five million dollars.

Stockholders at this time are as follows - M.S. Shain, M. Gene Shain, David S. Shain, Elsie Shain Reeder, Russell Edmundson, A.L. Bates, Marjory Pool Bates, James Pool Bates, and Elton Bates.

The Board of Directors at this time consists of Marshall S. Shain, M. Gene Shain, David S. Shain, Russell Edmundson, and A.L. Bates.

Officers of the bank are Marshall S. Shain, President and Chairman of the Board; M. Gene Shain, Executive Vice President; David S. Shain, Vice President and Cashier; Francis

McGowan, Assistant Cashier; and Lois Cunningham, Assistant Cashier.

Officer personnel consists of Sue Shain, Arcille Cunningham, Sue Roe, Amy Maxwell, and Beth Ginn.

At 12:10 on June 19, 1950 a man entered the bank, drew a gun and, producing a paper bag from his pocket ordered Miss Reba Manion, a teller to "fill it up." She complied stuffing the bag with currency amounting to \$3,922, the amount in her cash drawer. He then ran from the bank and jumped into a blue Ford Coupe and drove away toward Highway No. 60. Miss Manion had the presence of mind to run to the window and get the license number of the car and then immediately telephoned to me at my home giving me the license number and description of the car and telling me that the robber was a young man that had been in my office earlier that day. I called the sheriff's office and the Highway Patrol giving them the information. Within four hours after the robbery a city policeman arrested Leonard Ray on a used car lot at Kennett, Mo., where he was trying to buy a used automobile. All the money was recovered and Ray later pleaded guilty before Judge Randolph Weber and was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of 15 years.

At about 9:30 a.m. on July 25, 1951 a bandit dressed in a white sailor uniform entered the bank and, pulling a gun ordered cashier, Marshall S. Shain, to "fill it up" handing him a paper bag. I put \$3,214 in the bag and he left on foot and was seen to cross the St. Francis River levee about three blocks northeast of the bank. The sheriff's office and Highway Patrol was notified immediately but the bandit was not apprehended.

Shortly before 3 o'clock p.m. on December 22, 1955 two shabbily dressed men, unmasked, entered the bank and approached the assistant cashier, M. Gene Shain, and said "You get it for us," pointing his gun to some money. They had him give them all the currency in the cash drawers and then that which was in the vault, a total amount of \$34,686. They then ordered Gene and the two tellers, Lois Cunningham and Francis McGowan, to lie down on the vault floor, and just before slamming the vault door shut shouted "Merry Christmas" and then fled in Gene's car which was parked in front of the bank. State Patrol Officers found this car a short time later where it has been abandoned about five miles southwest of Fiak on the Snyder Ditch Road.

A few days later the FBI arrested Arthur C. Silas at Piggott, Arkansas and charged him with the crime. Silas was positively identified as being one of the robbers by M. Gene Shain, Lois

Cunningham, and Francis McGowan and the FBI thought they had an air tight case against him. However, he was later acquitted in U.S. District Court at Cape Girardeau, Mo. None of the money was recovered.

At about 1:30 p.m. on December 27, 1965 a man entered the bank and, approaching Cashier Russell Edmundson, handed him a brown paper bag and told him to "fill it up." Edmundson put \$5,914, the amount of currency that was in his drawer in the bag and handed it to the robber. The robber then said, "I know you and I know who your family is. Give me at least five minutes to get out of here or you'll always be sorry." He then ran out of the bank and turning to the left, ran to his car which he had parked one block west of the bank. M. Gene Shain, the executive vice president, ran to the door and fired a shot at the retreating man but, because of the distance, missed him.

A short time before the robbery the car had been observed by Dean Ham and others and they got a good description of it. The car was seen leaving town on Highway 60 heading east. Within one hour a Highway Patrol plane spotted the car parked at a tavern in Dudley and within minutes thereafter the Highway Patrol arrested William Elmo Lasters who was in the tavern. Lasters was brought back to the bank and identified as being the man who had robbed the bank.

Lasters was taken before Magistrate Francis Kinder at Poplar Bluff where he entered a plea of "not guilty" and bond was set at \$25,000. He took a change of venue from Butler County and later entered a plea of "guilty" before Judge Rex Henson who sentenced him to a term of five years in the penitentiary. The Prosecuting Attorney, William Batson, recommended a parole but this was denied by Judge Henson.

All of the money except \$59 was recovered.

Shortly after one o'clock on the afternoon of September 12, 1966 two men, one armed with a revolver and the other with a sawed off shotgun entered the bank and the man armed with the revolver stepped behind the counter and informed David S. Shain, the vice president and cashier, that "This is a hold-up" and the man with the sawed off shotgun remained out front covering the employees with his gun. M. Gene Shain, the executive vice president, was in his office off the lobby at the front of the bank and he heard the commotion and saw that a robbery was taking place. He grabbed his revolver and stepping to the door ordered the robber with the shotgun to "drop it." Instead, the robber wheeled and shot Gene in the right upper thigh. As he was falling, Gene shot at the robber but missed and the

robber fired again and missed.

In the meantime, David and the other robber dropped to the floor. The robber on the floor grappled with David as he, the robber, attempted to get a revolver from his pocket. David got loose and ran to my office and to my desk and got a gun and ran back to the banking room. The two robbers were leaving and David fired several shots at them as they left.

Gene was rushed to the Lucy Lee Hospital at Poplar Bluff where it was found that the bone in his thigh was shattered and he had lost a large amount of blood from the wound. He was in critical condition for several days and in the hospital for several weeks.

The sheriff, his deputies, the Highway Patrol and the FBI were on the job immediately. Within four hours after the robbery the two robbers were located at a dwelling in Malden, Mo. The house was surrounded by eight Highway Patrolmen, Dunklin County Officers and Malden policemen. One of the men was arrested by Highway Patrol Sgt. W.E. Lemonds when he walked to the back door of the house and the other was captured when the officers rushed the residence. They were identified as Calvin Ford, 38, of St. Louis and who formerly lived near Fisk and Arlington Edward Green, 20, of Manchester, N.H.

Bank personnel present at the time of the robbery were M.S. Shain, President and Chairman of the Board; M. Gene Shain, Executive Vice President; David S. Shain, Vice President and Cashier; Lois Cunningham, Teller; and Francis McGowan, Teller. No money was taken in the hold-up attempt.

At a later date Ford and Green entered a plea of guilty before U.S. Judge Meredith in St. Louis. Ford was sentenced to 15 years and Green to 10 years in the Federal Penitentiary.

Below is a list of Civil War Veterans who lived in or near Fisk after the Civil War:

John M. Brown

James Rose

Henry L. Miller

Abraham M. Foster

Henry Jones

James Johnson who lived south of Ash Hill

William H. Avery who lived south of Ash Hill

Harvey Hortsman, Colonel in the Confederate Army, Ash Hill

Below is a partial list of veterans of the Spanish-American War who lived in Fisk following that war:

Frank G. Jolly

John S. Jolly

Charles Spicer

John Walker

John Harrelson

Following is a list of men from Fisk who served in World War

I:

Frank Berry

Curtis Board

Aden Baldrige

Oden Baldrige

Audie Brothers

Dave Carpenter

Lee Roy Coonce

Clarence Crady

Curtis Crady

Alpha Doughett

Allen Givens

Charles Harrington

Mit Henderson

Clyde Henderson

Elmer Henderson

Jesse McKinzie

James Mattingly

Gilbert Miller

Thurman Ely

Luther Miller

Rube Landrum

Frank Lyon

Harvey Parker

Sid Pipkins

Ralph Risinger

Pembroke Robinson

Riley Rose

Roy Thompson

James Townsend

Farrar F. Foster

*Thomas Miller

Marshall S. Shain

Conrad Salings

Jesse Sipes

Bright Rowden

Briton Reasons

McCoy Wells

*Died in Action

Listed below are the men and women from Fisk and vicinity who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II:

Virgil Allen

Raymond Allen

Gale Allen

Willie Joe Bathe

Cecil Batten

Curtis Board, Jr.

James Board

Paul R. Board

Richie Bostwick

Roy Bostic

Barney Bradshaw, Jr.

Bobbie Joe Bradshaw

George Bradshaw

Howard Bradshaw

Almon Branch

W.D. Branch

Riley Brantley

Audie Bridges

R.J. Brockman

Ted Brothers

John W. Campbell

Ralph Causey

Donald Gambill

Norman Chronister

Richard Chronister

Bobby Cline

George Cline

Charles E. Coffman

Lee Roy Coffman

Ernest Coulson

Melvin Coulson

Bill Crabtree

Luther Crafford
 Walter Cravens
 Noel Crenshaw
 Ralph Crenshaw
 Elmo Curry
 George Davidson
 Betty Edgerton
 Norman Edmundson
 Russell Edmundson
 Cleo Edwards
 Dono Edwards
 Kish Evans
 Olivet Fain
 E.C. Gillihan
 John Givens
 Argil Gullledge
 Tweedle Gullledge
 Bill Hesselrode
 John Hesselrode, Jr.
 Estil Hicks
 Lee Roy Hicks
 Alma Holden
 Mock Holden
 Kenneth Hopkins
 Monroe Hopkins
 Walter Howe
 S.D. Johnson
 Bradley Jolly
 Frank Jolly
 Henry Jolly
 Ebon Jones
 Elmer E. Jones
 Harold Jones
 Henry Jones
 *Homer Jones
 Orland Jones
 *Russell Jones, Jr.
 Walter Jones
 Evelyn King
 Cecil King
 Eugene Lindsey
 Elton Lindsey
 Walter Loyd
 Alvin McGowen

Gail Mansbridge
 Everett Marler
 *Ivan Massey
 Marvin May
 Ernest Metz
 William Metz
 Dick Miller
 *George Miller
 Ralph Miller
 Walter Miller
 Cleo Monday
 Dwain Montgomery
 Junior Montgomery
 R.E. Montgomery
 Dick Moran
 Frank Morgan
 Lowell Morgan
 Clifford Mosbey
 Charles Odell
 *James R. Odell
 Charles Parker
 Joe Parker
 Loren Parks
 Russell Patterson
 Dale Payle
 *James Pool, Jr.
 Isom Pope
 Joe Allen Rice
 Ivan Risinger
 *Charles Roe
 William Rose
 Cleo Rowley
 Arthur Sanders
 Russell Sanders
 Jack Seay
 William Seay
 Kenneth Shain
 Bill Sisco
 C.W. Sisco
 Thurman Smith
 Jack Snider
 Louie M. Snider, Jr.
 Robert Snider
 Dennis Stoker

Jimmy Stucker
 *John Sutt
 Tony Sutt
 Clifford Taylor
 Thurman Taylor
 Charles Thomas
 Clyde Thurman
 Rowe Thurman
 Marion Tyree
 Buford Wallace
 Harrison Waters
 Luther Waters

Leo White
 Smith Wicks
 Wes Williams
 Cecil Willeford
 William E. Willeford
 Milton Yates
 Roy Bridges
 Tolbert Curry
 Carl Hicks
 Demp Holden
 Kelly Sumpter
 *Died in Service

The following people, events, and things from the early days in Fisk, I remember-----Our journey to Fisk on the train. We got up early on that November morning and went to the railroad depot in Harrisburg, Illinois. Several relatives and friends were there to see us off. At Cairo, Illinois, we changed trains and the train was run onto a ferry which took us down the Ohio River and then across the Mississippi River to the landing at Birds' Point, Missouri and from there we rode the train to Fisk, arriving here at about 7 o'clock p.m. Our first night in Fisk we stayed with our father's uncle, Ed Shain, who lived in a house which was located on the lot at the northeast corner of Dale and Third Streets. The house in which my wife, Regenia, and I lived for the first 16 years after our marriage is located on this same lot.-----The Cumberland Presbyterian Church House was nearing completion just across the street to the west-----the first term of school was being conducted in the new one room school house-----the Smallpox epidemic in 1901 when Verlin and I had the smallpox-----R.L. GARETSON, who was postmaster and also ran a general store-----JACK WHITE who ran a barber shop in the Garetson Building-----TOM MATHIS and his brother-in-law, JESS MCCOLLUM who owned and operated a general store and sold everything from diaper pins to coffins. Jess McCollum was a favorite with the kids in town.-----A.M. FOSTER who ran the ferry, was later postmaster, insurance agent, Notary Public, and who taught the boys' Sunday School class for many years-----JOHN F. JORDAN, merchant, farmer and owner of the Golden Rule Stock Farm on which he raised Registered Aberdeen-Angus cattle and Duroc hogs-----JOE ALLISON who owned a small lunch room on the bank of the river and who later committed suicide by shooting himself-----OSCAR JORDAN,

farmer, merchant, buyer of cross ties, etc.,-----JOHN BAKER, barber and ferryman-----MRS. M.L. PERKINS, merchant and farm owner-----A.J. WILLIAMS, log scaler for Garetson-Greaseon Lumber Co. and also their timber buyer. It was said that he could ride horseback through a tract of timber and make a close estimate of the board feet of logs standing on the tract.-----LOU LOWERY, superintendent at the Garetson-Greaseon Mills-----J.T. SHEFFIELD, General Baptist preacher, head sawyer, farmer and merchant-----DAVE KIMBREL, blacksmith and millwright-----GEORGE REN-NISON, blacksmith-----JOSEPH HAYES, school teacher, postmaster and later Recorder of Deeds for Butler County-----ALES REEVES, logger and a barber for many years whose shop was a favorite loafing place. Alex had lost a leg when a young man in an accident while hauling logs on the tram road. He slipped and his leg went under the loaded tram car and was crushed so badly it had to be amputated-----JACK REEVES, logger, drag line operator and blacksmith-----A.N. MILLER, sawmill owner, farmer, school teacher and postmaster-----JOHN BROWN, who owned the Riverside Park at which the Fourth of July picnic was always held. This was always a great event in our lives. There would be a public speaking, barbecue, dance, mule drawn merry-go-round, ice cream, and red soda pop, greased pig races, greased pole climbing contests, swimming races, sack races and many other attractions-----HENRY L. MILLER, Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Sunday School superintendent, and very active in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church-----GEORGE S. RIDER, merchant, sawmill operator, school teacher, Sunday School teacher. He was very popular with the young people-----OTTO MCKINNEY, bookkeeper at the mills, school teacher and later an attorney at Poplar Bluff.-----The night in December 1905 when the box factory burned-----J.W. MANION, operator at the Mo. Pac. Pump House and Water Tower, insurance agent, dealer in funeral supplies, agent for National Oil Company Products in Fisk, bank director and vice president of State Bank of Fisk-----WILLIAM DUNCAN who was blind, having lost his sight during the smallpox epidemic. Despite his handicap he always worked and made a living for himself and family without asking for help from anyone. He worked in the timber and owner and operated hay balers-----JAMES ABSHEAR, HENRY GRAVES, J.M. LANE, and JAMES ADAMS, draymen-----W.E. MYERS, farmer, road builder and the first president of the State Bank of

Fisk-----J.B. RICHARDSON, who built the first brick building in Fisk in which he ran a general merchandise store for several years. He also owned and operated a farm just southeast of Fisk in Stoddard County and was a director in the State Bank of Fisk-----ARTHUR BROTHERS, store clerk, grist mill operator and school director-----LAFAYETTE MCKINZIE who among many other things delivered mail between the depot and post office-----BILL WEAVER, foreman at the Riverside Mill-----J.M. SIDWELL, merchant and sawmill operator-----W.R. HENDERSON, sawmill man and grist mill operator-----C.H. LYON, lumber yard and grist mill owner, farmer. JOHN S. JOLLY, farmer, contractor, carpenter-----FRANK G. JOLLY, farmer, contractor, stockman-----MASON SNIDER, owner and operator of general store in Fisk for many years, church and school worker.

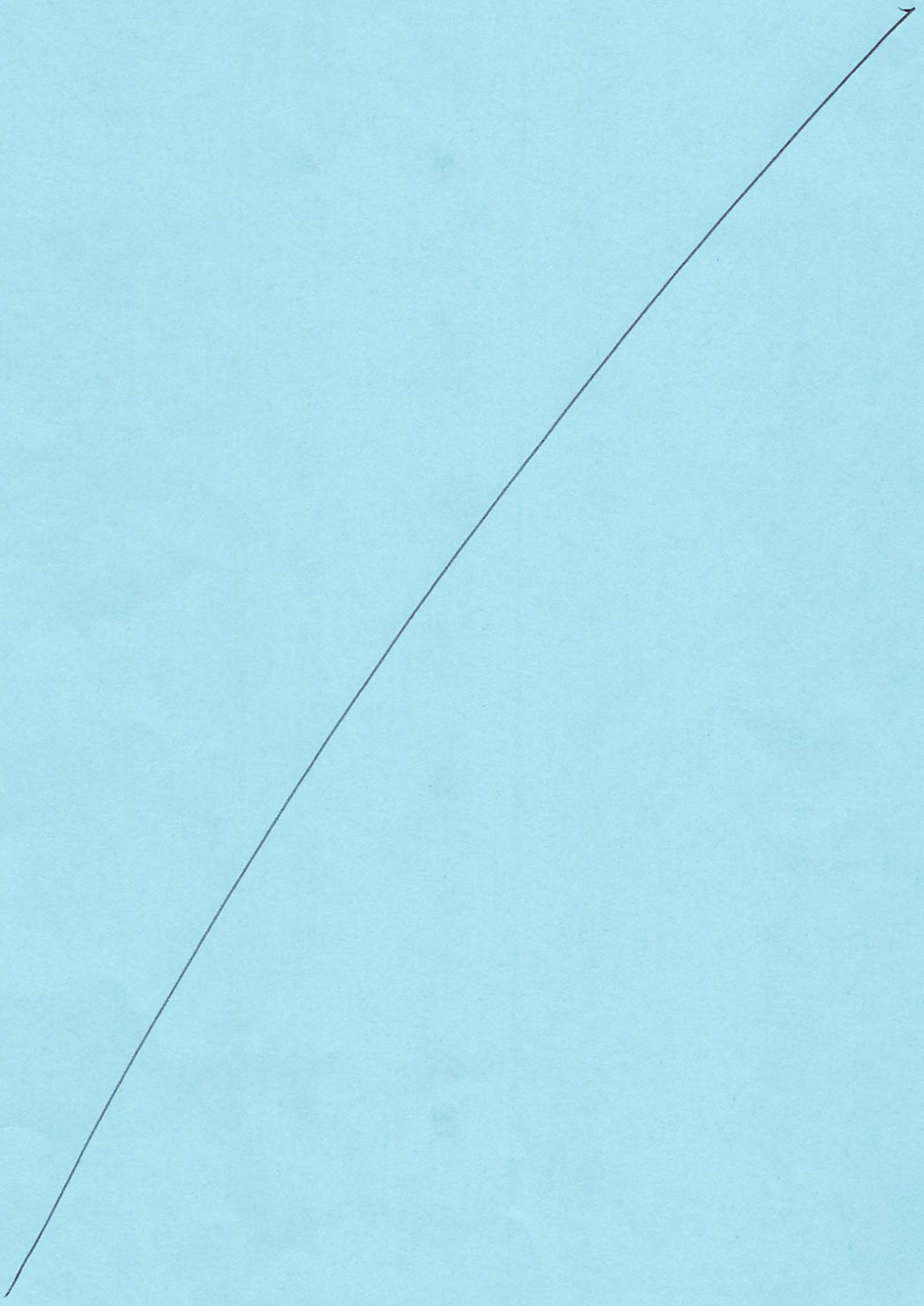
Lest it be thought that Fisk has always been a peaceful town, I will mention a few of the crimes and tragedies that have occurred here.

In 1900 two men were gambling and drinking in the Parks' Tavern. This continued throughout the night and near morning they began quarreling. Finally they agreed that each would go home and get a gun and come back and settle the quarrel with a duel. This they did. Meeting in front of the tavern they each fired at the same time and both were killed-----In the early 1900s C.R. Hayes waylaid two men who were in a wagon and passing his farm about one-half mile south of Fisk and shot and killed each of them.-----A man named McClellan and Kerr were having a fight on the street in Fisk and McClellan threw a brick and killed Kerr-----On the afternoon of July 4th about 1910 Kaley Hogan cut Jesse Buchanan's throat during a fight on Garetson Avenue narrowly missing the jugular vein. Buchanan was in critical condition but finally recovered-----In June, 1908, Verlin and I were on the porch of John F. Jordan's Store and saw Mr. Jordan and Wm. Manley fighting in the store. Manley had a knife and was after Jordan with Mrs. Jordan in behind hitting Manley over the head with a stick. Jordan was backing up to reach his desk where he got a revolver. At this point my legs got uneasy and took me away in a hurry but Verlin stayed until the first shot was fired when he ran after me. Manley was seriously wounded but recovered.-----In April, 1914, Elbert Johnson shot and killed Lee Warren on the post office porch.-----Aussie Murray was drowned in the St. Francis River while in swimming.-----Lloyd Wright was drowned when he tried to swim his horse across the river at

flood time.-----Preacher W.C. Fain shot and killed a young man named O'Dell and a girl named Beulah Evans. For this crime he received a life sentence in the pen.

ADDENDUM

**Fisk, Stoddard County, Missouri founded 1885
Fisk Post Office established in Stoddard County October 31, 1891
Fisk, Butler County, Missouri founded February 28, 1895
One room school house built 1900
Presbyterian Church House built 1900
Depot and water tank built 1902
Steel road bridge built across St. Francis River 1910
State Bank of Fisk established 1912
Electricity brought to Fisk 1918
St. Francis River levee built 1918
Three stores and Presbyterian Church burned night of December 23, 1920
Missouri State Highway No. 16 built through Fisk 1923-24
Grade and high school building built 1925
Cotton gin built by Cox and Ainley 1925 (Later sold to Boeving Brothers)
Streets blacktopped 1957
City Water 1964
Natural gas 1968**



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The 100th

Old Settlers Celebration

in Shelbyville, Missouri

August 17-20, 1988

Includes prelude articles published in the Shelby County Herald beginning with issue of January 6, 1988. The final pages include the complete account of the 1988 Old Settlers which appeared in the issue of August 24, 1988.

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Prelude for 1988 Shelbyville Centennial Old Settlers Reunion

The 100th Old Settlers Reunion was celebrated in 1988 in Shelbyville, Missouri, from Wednesday, August 17th through Saturday, August 20th. Beginning with the January 6, 1988 issue of the Shelby County Herald, in preparation for the Centennial Old Settlers, there appeared articles practically every week which gave an account of history, pertaining primarily to events surrounding many of the previous Old Settlers Celebrations in Shelbyville--accounts of published history which had not previously been publicized in special issues.

The articles, for the most part, were researched by Kathleen Wilham, Genealogist, Shelbyville and were edited by Martha Jane East of the Shelby County Herald staff.

The articles were not printed in chronological order. They contained a lot of old names, some unique writing and just a general mishmash of unrelated events that would be impossible to categorize in an index.

Therefore, having told you this truthful description of the reprinted articles in this booklet and still willing to spend the purchase price of it, would indicate that you: (1) have someone near and dear to you listed in it; (2) a "history buff;" (3) feel sympathetic to the publisher for the money he has tied up in it; or (4) are one of the last of the "impulse spenders." It has been interesting reading for us. Rogers Hewitt, Publisher.

Shelby's Old Settlers from 1889 to 1988

January 6, 1988

As stated in last week's Herald we will devote space throughout this year, 1988 to Shelbyville [Shelby County] Centennial Old Settlers Celebration which will be held the third week in August, 1988.

The articles will be researched by Kathleen Wilham, Shelbyville, and will be published in segments from now to Old Settlers time.

This week, the first article appears. It was taken from the Shelby County Herald, issue of September 4, 1895, and is the address of welcome used for the Old Settlers that year:

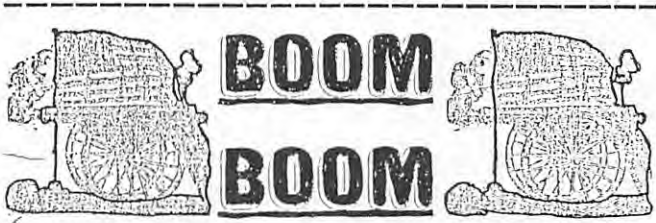
"The following is the address of welcome delivered at the Old Settlers Reunion in this city Friday, August 30, 1895, by Judge John T. Perry:

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, and old settlers of Shelby and adjoining counties:

I have been chosen by the committee to deliver the address of welcome. I am sorry that a more able and better man had not been selected. For the subjects and listeners "Old Settlers" demand the very best on this occasion. However, I will do the very best I can. So let me in the very beginning, on behalf of the citizens of Shelbyville, extend to you both our thanks for your presence this morning, and a most cordial welcome. We are

glad to welcome you because we feel that the Old Settlers of Shelby -one of the best counties in this our great state-have given to us, their posterity, a most excellent legacy for which we are surely very grateful, and for which we feel you ought to always be most welcome at gatherings of this kind."

"As Maj. Obediah Dickerson was the first settler we will mention him first-He came to Mo. from Ky. in 1816 or '17, and settled in Louisiana, Pike county, where he assisted in the organization of that county. The first circuit court of Pike county was held in his house in April, 1819. In 1820 having lost his wife at Louisiana he moved to Marion county. He and Samuel K. Caldwell bought lands and laid out and founded the now flourishing city of Palmyra. He was the first postmaster of Palmyra, and the following story is told of how he gave to this part of the state the first postal delivery system:-He was a great hunter and fisher, and went away from home quite often, and when he went he gathered up such letters and papers as he thought he might very easily deliver, and put them in the top of his "bell crowned hat" and took them along, and as he would see the people he would inspect his mail and hand it out. He was elected to the legislature from



Old Settlers' Re-union!

AT COURT HOUSE PARK,
SHELBYVILLE, MO.

THURSDAY, AUG. 22, 1889.

The old settlers of Shelby county, Missouri, will meet in re-union at the above time and place, and invite everybody to come and bring well-filled baskets and join with them in the pleasures of the day.

Hon. J. J. Lindley, of St. Louis, and Hon. W. P. Harrison and Hon. W. H. Hatch, of Hannibal, have been invited to be present and address the people.

A premium of \$5 in gold will be awarded to the oldest resident of Missouri, \$5 in gold to the oldest resident of Shelby county, and \$5 in gold to the oldest person on the grounds.

Music will be furnished by the Shelbyville Cornet Band. By order of Committee.

LEONARD DOBBIN, Chairman.

The first "boom boom"

The advertisement above is the first such display which welcomes people to SHELBY COUNTY'S OLD SETTLERS REUNION. It appeared in an August, 1889 edition of the Shelby County Herald.

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Marion county in 1834 while living on Salt River, and assisted in organizing Shelby county, in whose territory he then resided, showing that for a time at least we were part of Marion County. Maj. Dickerson was the Supt. in the erection of the first court house. If he ever held any other official position I have not found any record of it. He had three children by his 2nd wife, Mrs. Matson, who was a widow when they married. Mrs. Matson had several children by her first husband. Capt. Matson, who taught many dancing schools in this country and was said to be the most popular man that ever lived in the county [except, of course, until myself, Judge Hale, Frank Dimmitt and Col. V. L. Drain came on the stage of action—this by way of a joke as we must have a little fun as we go along. Capt. Matson left this county in the early forties and got a position as "roust about" on a steam boat on the Mississippi River from which he worked his way up to Captain. He married Miss Creel, I think Mary was her name, and she is yet probably living in St. Louis. David W. Graham says "Golly, sir, Capt. Matson was the best man who ever lived in Shelby county," and from all I can find out he was, certainly, a very popular man. He was a half brother of John Dickerson, who was three times elected Sheriff and the Collector of Shelby county, showing the family were popular. It was his [Capt. Matson's brother] Wm. P. Matson, who was returning from Palmyra in 1833, when cholera broke out in that city, and returning to his home in this county, came to A. McD. Holliday's, and Black Creek being past fording, stopped over night with Mr. Holliday and took the cholera and died next morning. At the burial of Mr. Matson Mr. Holliday was seized with the dread disease and died the next day. These were probably the first deaths from cholera in this county.

Russell W. Moss, who was the first assessor of Shelby County, came from Messamine county, Ky., and settled in what is now Jackson township, on Sec. 28, Township 57, Range 9, in the fall of 1833. He was a brother-in-law of Maj. Wm. H. Davidson, who also moved here at an early date

and was elected county surveyor in 1839. Mr. Moss was elected Representative of the county in 1844, John W. Long being his opponent and was only 5 votes behind. Mr. Moss was living on the same farm he entered when I come to the county in 1872, and lived there many years afterward. He died at his son-in-law's Dr. A. S. Yancey of Hunnewell, in 1888, at an age of over 80 years. He owned about 1,000 acres of land in Jackson township and in Monroe county at the time of his death, and prior to the war owned a large property in slaves and was at one time the wealthiest man in that part of the county. Mr. Moss and Mr. Samuels ran a pork packing business at Hannibal back in the forties where he lost considerable money. He had a family of three boys and three girls, only two of whom are now living—Mrs. Dr. Yancey of Hunnewell and Mrs. Robt. F. Lakenan of Hannibal. Of Mr. Thos. Holman, who succeeded Mr. Moss as Assessor, I can find out but little. He came to the county prior to its organization and settled somewhere near Black Creek, perhaps near my place, in Sec. 17-57-9."

Address of Welcome

Wm. B. Broughton, who was appointed the first County Treasurer, was a native of Kentucky, and lived at Oak Dale when the county was organized, and had probably settled there in 1832. The first county court convened in his house in April 1835, and the first circuit court also convened there in November, 1835, and the first circuit court also convened there in November, 1835, Judge McBride presiding, and held court in his house as well as several subsequent courts. He and Wm. J. Holliday had the first store in the county and he also conducted the first carding machine in the county which was a very necessary institution in those days, as most all their clothing was home made and home spun. Mr. Broughton's sons Benj. and Thos. live in Paris, Mo., and conduct a woolen factory, and W. C. Broughton, his son, who owns the farm entered by his father, lives at Odessa. Mr. B. died in 1868.

Thos. J. Bounds was the first clerk of the county court

and circuit clerk as well, for he held both offices. He came to this county from Maryland in about 1833, and settled on Black Creek, near the old Alex Anderson's Mill site, which was not located at the time. Judge Parker now owns the land where Mr. Bounds settled. He was a man of small stature, with auburn hair standing on end, but a pretty good orator and was often pressed into service on occasions, such as 4th of July celebrations, and political rallies. He was an uncompromising Whig and was elected several times to the clerkship, to which he was appointed, and never was defeated for the office, and was succeeded by Wm. Vannort, a Democrat, in about 1846. Mr. Bounds was a very determined man and most always carried his point; He was a Methodist in Christian belief and of very decided convictions, and yet he was a charitable man toward other denominations. He had six children, 3 sons and 3 daughters, 2 sons and 1 daughter yet living. One of the sons is the Rev. McKendree Bounds, now of Georgia, one of the leading preachers of the Southern Conference of the Methodist church, who has several times received considerable votes for Bishop of said church. He has filled some of the best appointments in Conference of his Church and is recognized as one who approaches the life of Christ as nearly as any one now living, and preaches complete holiness as possible in this life, and it is the Christians duty to approach the pattern as closely as he may. He is a very pious and Godly man.

Dr. A. E. Wood came to this county from St. Jago, Cuba, in 1833, spending the first fall and winter in Hannibal. Settled on Salt River near what is called Woods pond, on south side of Salt River, in 1834. Capt. Matson and the Blackfords were his nearest neighbors. He was a physician and practiced for the people from his home to the Marion county line. He had 10 children, 9 of whom are still living, Chas. S. Wood of Oak Dale being the oldest. Uncle Charley was born in Cuba. Dr. Wood of Lentner, Henry M. Wood of Oak Dale, Oscar Wood of Monroe City, Mrs. Jas. Gooch and Mrs. John E. Davis are also his children

and are among the first families of this part of the state. Dr. Wood was the brother of Fernando and Benjamin Wood of New York, one a prominent merchant and the other a prominent newspaper man, politician and Mayor of City, and Congressman from N.Y.

George Parker, one of the early constables of Black Creek township, was a native of Virginia and settled in this county in 1831, on Douglass Branch near Oak Dale. The house which he built and lived in when he first moved here, is also a thing of the past. Perhaps R. W. Douglass of Black Creek township, was the last person who lived in it. Wm. D. Parker, one of his sons, says after they moved to that place he remembers seeing many Indians pass that way. But he always saw them from ambush, as he was almost afraid to peep around the house, although they were friendly. He had nine children, 8 boys and 1 girl; and Uncle David W. Graham, says he had a way of saying, that he had eight boys, and each of them had a sister, and from the way he spoke, that he thought surely he had 16 children. His name occurs quite frequently in the early county records; he has been dead many years. Only four of his children now remain.

Not one of the early settlers who was here at the organization of the county and were old enough to participate, are now living among us. All the old settlers now among us were boys when the county was organized. A man to have been 21 years old at that time, would now be over 81 years of age. There are few men or women of that age in the county.

James L. Foley, known all over the county as Judge Foley, the first presiding judge of the county court, and as most all say, he was one of the best judges the county ever had. He was a native of Virginia, but emigrated to Kentucky and thence to Missouri, and settled on North River near where his grandson B.N. Moore now lives. He was judge for many years and was never beaten for office. He owned several stores and considerable land at his death. He died in Shelbyville before the war. Bushrod Foley and Mrs. Wm. Moore (mother of Jas. W. and Barney Moore and Mrs. J. N. Evans) were

his children.

Robert Duncan was the first sheriff. He came from the "Bluegrass" regions of Kentucky and settled in the county near R. W. Moss in an early day, before Shelby was a county. He was once wealthy, being of a very wealthy family in Kentucky, but was overtaken in misfortune and died a poor man. He had five girls and one son. Charley his son is still living in Keokuk. The girls are all dead. Mr. Samuel Blackburn's second wife was Emma Duncan, his daughter, and Tandy Gooch's first wife was his daughter. They were married before Shelby was a county. The other three girls were never married. One was afflicted and bed-ridden for nearly 30 years and was taken care of by her sisters and tended with greatest kindness and patience. These women were the best old maids I ever knew. I was well acquainted with them and their mother who died after I came here. Mr. Duncan died soon after he lost his property. Perhaps of a broken heart. He loved his family and knew they were left poor and helpless in the world. He was a good man.

At the election in 1835 there were 85 votes cast in the county. The population was probably not more than 600, but it increased very rapidly and in 1860, was near 7,000; now 35 years after it is 16,500 or 17,000. The wealth of the county in 1840 was probably not more than \$600,000, for in 1860 we find it was less than 2 million. But at present the assessed wealth of the county is nearly \$6,000,000, and the actual wealth probably \$12,500,000, or perhaps \$10,000,000 in excess of our debts, which makes an average of \$600 or more to each man, woman and child in the county. Now our national wealth is about 70 billion of dollars, divided between 65,000,000 of people. After deducting our debts, which are estimated at about ten billion of dollars by some, and by others at thirty billion, we will take the average indebtedness as correct (20 billion) and we find the wealth of the country would be about \$770 to each man, woman and child in the United States, showing that we are not much below the average, and yet the eastern half of the country is almost twice our

age. This shows that our forefathers did not plant unwisely, nor have they nor their posterity and successors, by later emigration been slothful nor has our growth been less rapid and wonderful in other directions.

The first school house in the county was built, so says W.D. Parker, on part of section 17, in township 57, Range 9, the land now owned by Mrs. Joseph I. Bowles, of Shelbyville, in 1834, or 1835, at least Mr. Parker says it was his first school and the school was taught by Wm. Riley, who had only 6 or 7 pupils. This old school house was destroyed soon after it was built by the forest fires, which were about as regular in their season as mosquitos and horse flies, which Dr. A.E. Wood's brother of N.Y., who once paid him a visit, got so disgusted with.

This was the first school house of Oak Dale district, which now has 5 school houses in the same territory. The next school house of Oak Dale district, was built on the Musgrove place, just south of my orchard, the foundation stones of the old chimney are still visible or were in 1877, when I moved to that place. Uncle Cyrus Vannort once taught school in that house.

Now in 60 years or less we have built about 80 school houses, some of which, [Shelbina for instance] cost over \$16,000. The first church was built in about 1836 and was called Hickory Grove church, and was built on the spot where the residence of Judge George J. Parker now stands. This church was never finished, but was used for holding meetings in warm weather and was afterwards sold to be converted into a residence, and part of the frame is now in use in the house owned by J. L. Pence. It was perhaps many years before there were any churches completed for use outside of Shelbyville, but these people did not go without the counsel and advice of the "Man of God," for many of their homes were converted into use and each season the tents were pitched and a big camp meeting held in the groves, "God's first Temples." The county now has 66 churches, 12 in Jackson township, 12 in Salt River, 4 in Jefferson, 10 in Clay, 6 in Taylor, 9 in Bethel, 3 in Tiger Fork and 10 in Black Creek.

The churches cost at least \$100,000, and many of them are open every Sabbath in the year, for both preaching and Sabbath school. I do not believe there is one thing connected with our growth that we could mention with more credit to ourselves, than our wonderful growth in moral and religious sentiment, and no doubt we have inherited this sentiment from the fixed religious character of our forefathers.

The first postoffice was at Oak Dale and Wm. B. Broughton its postmaster. They had mail once a week from Palmyra on horseback. To show some of the hardships and privations of the early settlers, who sometimes for months heard no word from loved ones left behind, but by word of mouth from some one going out to or returning from the West. Postage being very high, 25 cents for a letter and payable on delivery. My old friend Dr. W. Graham says he remembers once on account of high water, the mail did not reach Shelbyville from Palmyra for three weeks, and the mail was called out alphabetically so if the persons were not present to receive the letters, some one knowing them could notify them; and perhaps some of them were so poor that they must catch a coon and sell the skin to pay the postage. But how gladly they would make this sacrifice for the pleasure of one letter from loved ones left behind. Oh, how eagerly those letters would be read and how they would read and reread them until they had committed the whole to memory and then carry them around until worn out.

Now we have a postoffice at every town and country store. 20 in the county and messages to loved ones may be sent with the wings of lightning.

I have not the space nor time to make mention of many of the old settlers who figured very prominently in the affairs of the county in an early day, and give a sketch of their lives; I wish that I had, for such men, whose lives were filled with deeds of kindness and benefaction, deserve special mention on such occasions, and especially is this true of the young mothers who left homes and loved ones and early associations, and came with their lives in their hands [for they were beset with many

dangers, especially from fevers and ague and medical help scarce] to do and dare for their husbands and children that we might have this rich legacy-our homes-homes for the free and the brave. In closing I could wish for you [the old persons present] that your few declining years may be full of bliss and joy, and when the sun has gilded the last receding object of life, the ever green mountains of yon country may appear and the smiles of the blessed Savior may bid you welcome."

January 20, 1988

The article starting this week appeared in the Shelby County Herald issue of December 28, 1927 and explains the "old" people in Shelby County. The article was titled "Shelby Countians who defy father time."

That Ponce de Leon, that famous Spanish gentleman who spent so many unfruitful years of his life in the search of the Fountain of Youth, did not seek that wonder of nature in the right section of the country would be the logical conclusion arrived at by anyone who glances over the list of names of those residents of this Northeastern Missouri county, who have defied the wrath of time for more than eighty years. Whether it is the picturesque terrain of Shelby county with its stretches of virgin prairies, broken here and there by small streams, and wooded hillsides, its fertile fields of grain and wide pasture lands or whether it is some nourishing vitamin in the air, blended with the vigor of pioneer physical endurance that allows the dwellers in Shelby county to defy the destroying swath of Father Time -- whatever may be responsible is not known to the writer, but the life histories of the forty residents of the county, who have reached and passed the roles of octogenarians, exist for affirmation. In no other immediate section of the country is there believed to be so many who are nearing the century mark.

The annual occasion when the old people of Shelby county come into their own again, when the stories of pioneer hardships and experiences are again told and the scenes lived over again, is the annual Old Settlers Reunion,

which is held in Shelbyville the latter part of each summer. The affair was organized in 1888 and has been held ever since. At the thirty-ninth occasion, held here the latter part of last August, ten thousand people were present.

In a section of ten miles radius is living a group of eight pioneers who have passed the 90th milestone and 32 others who are beyond 80, all outstanding characters of their communities.

J. L. Oliver, by right of his 108 years, leads the group. Mr. Oliver was born in Virginia January 29, 1820, and came to Missouri an even 90 years ago and has been living at Shelbina for the past 44 years. Until about a year ago he walked down town each day to get his mail, but lately has been confined much to his bed. His grandfather lived to be 120 years old. Mr. Oliver contributes his span of life to lots of manual labor, no alcoholic drinks and very little tobacco. Mrs. Oliver, his second wife, is 95 years old and cast her first ballot at the general election held last year. Mr. Oliver is a life long Republican, while his wife voted the Democratic ticket.

Next in order comes W. J. Fisher, also of Shelbina, who was born at Whallonburgh, N. Y., May 5, 1830, being now 97 years old. Mr. Fisher for many years was a clown with the celebrated Dan Rice circus, and came to Shelby county in 1900, first settling on a farm near Leonard. About seven years ago he and his wife moved to Shelbina to make their home. Mr. Fisher is well preserved for one of such an advanced age and goes up town each afternoon, walking the six or seven blocks from his home with apparent ease.

Third honors are held jointly by Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Matilda McKethen and Mrs. Elizabeth Ellen Perry, each 95 years old.

Mrs. McKethen was born in Kentucky Oct. 13, 1832, and came to Shelby county when a small child, her father dying on the way to Missouri. Her health is good and she does her own housework, keeping house for herself and son. Her husband died 57 years ago.

Elizabeth Ellen Perry was also born in Kentucky Nov. 17, 1832, and came by boat up

the Mississippi to Hannibal and thence to Marion and Shelby counties by oxen team in 1843. She has been a resident of Shelby county continuously ever since. At the time she came to this section there were no railroads in the county and the towns of Shelbina and Clarence, now each of about 2,000 population, were as then unfounded. She has lived for 75 years in the same house. Asked of her early life, she replied, "Yes, I have had ups and downs in life, but how good the Lord has been to me to give me so many blessings." When asked what she considered her greatest blessing, her reply was, "My family of children and the many years upon earth." Such is the outlook that this aged woman has upon life. That many sorrows have come to her thru the 95 long years, there can be no doubt, but faith and optimism have carried her thru until today age finds her unbittered and smiling.

Fourth place is held by Mrs. Sybia Ann Geigley and Mrs. Anna Crawford, both of Shelbyville, and each 92 years old.

Mrs. Geigley was born in Ohio October 14, 1835, and came to this section when a young girl. She has been a resident of Shelby county for the past 70 years.

Mrs. Crawford was born near Hannibal, Mo., Jan. 6, 1836, and has lived for more than 70 years in Shelby county. Despite her age she keeps up with the times by reading. Her eyesight and memory are extra strong for a person of such an advanced age. Her father, a native of Virginia, helped frame the constitution of Missouri.

Next is T. J. Sheetz of this city, who is 91 years old. Mrs. Sheetz was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, and came to Shelby county when 2 years old. For many years he was a prominent farmer and stockman of this community and operated a 400 acre farm near here. He helped haul the ties that went into the Burlington railroad thru Shelby county and is also the last survivor of the company who left Shelbyville in 1894 to join the gold rush in California.

These then are the eight veterans who have seen 90 years come and go.

Others who have passed the 80th year mark are:

James Edelen, 88; born at

Warren, Mo., 1839. Has lived the greater part of his life in the Shelbyville community.

W. C. Clark, 82; born at Brighton, Canada, Aug. 3, 1845. Came to Shelby county 53 years ago.

J. T. Keith, 90; born in Monroe county, Mo. Has lived on same farm in Shelby county for nearly 60 years.

Edward G. Spencer, 82; born in Marion County, Mo., Nov. 3, 1845. Has lived practically all of his life in Shelby county. Health good though blind.

Mrs. Madora Saunders, 80; born March 18, 1847.

"Uncle Rat" Parker, 86; born in Maryland. Has resided in Shelby county nearly 50 years. Shelby county's champion rifle shot. Uses 22 caliber rifle and can shoot squirrels out of tallest trees. A veteran of the Civil War.

Mrs. Matilda Hester, 83; born in Wayne county, Ohio, April 15, 1844. Came to Shelby county when six years old. Mother of 14 children. Has been an invalid for several years.

Preston K. Walters, 83; born near Monticello, Mo., Nov. 3, 1844. Came to Shelby county in 1880. Has been a Justice of the Peace of Tiger Fork township, continuously, for 43 years. Health good though about blind.

John Kinchelov [colored], 84; born in Shelby county June 1, 1843. Has lived in same community all of his life.

W. H. Churchwell, 83; born July 12, 1844. Has lived entire life in Shelby county. A veteran of the Civil War. Saw service against the Indians in the Northwest.

C. C. Calvert, 83; born in Marion County, Mo., April 1, 1844. Has spent most of his life in Shelby county. A veteran of the Civil War.

F. M. Churchwell, 84; born Aug. 4, 1843. Has spent entire life in and around Shelbyville. A veteran of the Civil War.

Mrs. Katherine Bower, 86; born in Lima county, Ohio, Aug. 26, 1841. Came to the old Bethel Colony with parents in 1845. Lived there ever since.

Wesley Rice, 80; born in Wheeling, West Va. Came to Missouri when 7 years old. Has lived at Bethel for 30 years. A veteran of the Civil War.

Mrs. Louise Moffett, 85; born in Germany March 24, 1846. Came to the United States

when 6 years old. Has lived in Bethel community most of her life.

John Durrett, 80; born in Marion County, Mo., Sept. 2, 1847. For 45 years has lived on the place where he was born.

Mrs. Christina Fink, 83; born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 23, 1844. Came to Shelby county when 3 years old and was a member of the old Bethel Colony until its dissolution. Has real good health at present time.

A. J. Roof, 87; born in Beaver county, Pa., August 5, 1840. Followed printing and publishing trade for 60 years. Held rank of Major during Civil War.

Mrs. Alice Davis, 85; born near Oak Dale, Sept. 23, 1842. Has spent practically her entire life in Shelby county.

Mrs. Jane Gaines, 86; born Dec. 6, 1841. Has resided in Shelby county about ten years.

Mrs. John S. Barton, 83; born March 16, 1844. Has spent her entire life in Shelby county in the same community. The only surviving charter member of the Oak Ridge church.

Mrs. Elvira S. Majors, 80; born in May, 1847. Has lived in Shelby county for the past 62 years.

August Bower, 81; born Oct. 24, 1846, in Shelby county and has spent entire life in Bethel community. Now engaged in business at Bethel, probably the oldest merchant in the county;

S. G. Parsons, 84; born in Paris, Mo., Aug. 29, 1843. Has been a resident of Shelby county for 63 years. For many years engaged in the mercantile business at Shelbina.

Dr. J. J. Smoot, 80; born in Marion County March 21, 1847.

Dabney Gaines, 86; born in Monroe county, Mo., Aug. 9, 1888. Has been living in Shelby county for the past 56 years.

Mrs. Laura Davis, 84; born in Shelby county, Mo., near Kirby Oct. 24, 1843, and has spent her entire life in this county.

Mrs. Charlotte Tannehill, born in Georgetown, Ohio, Feb. 20, 1840. Came to Missouri in 1852 and has spent the greater part of the time since then in Shelby county. Does her own housework and is able to come up town almost every day.

Mrs. Hester Sherwood, 83; born in Maryland in 1844.

Came to Shelby county 75 years ago. N. C. Miller is the only person now living here who was here when she came. St. Louis was a scattered settlement at the time she landed there in 1851.

J. P. Claggett, 84; born in Lewis county, Mo., May 4, 1843. Came to Shelby county when 3 years old. A veteran of the Civil War.

February 3, 1988

The following article was written by Nicholas Watkins and appeared in the Shelbina Democrat, issue of February 21, 1877:

Mr. Watkins mentions a first letter which was reprinted in this newspaper several years ago. His second letter reads as follows:

"During the session of the legislature in this year (1834), Major Dickerson represented Marion County. He came home during the holidays, he and Abraham Vandiver went to Florida in Monroe County and bought the land where Shelbyville now stands, the south half of section twenty, township fifty-eight, range ten. In February 1835, he succeeded in getting the legislature to pass an act organizing Shelby County. The first county officers, including three commissioners to locate the county seat were appointed. Col. Elias Kincheloe, who then lived in Marion County, was one of the commissioners. Judge Hardy, of Ralls another, and a gentleman from Lewis County, whose name I have forgotten, the other one. Judge Foley, Dr. Wood and Judge Clemens composed the first county court, with Thomas J. Bounds as clerk and Robert Duncan as sheriff. The act of the legislature allowed the commissioners to locate the county seat anywhere within three miles of the center of the county. The county was then eighteen miles north and south and twenty from east to west. The commission met on the 20th of October, 1835, at Lewis Gillispes' house, one half mile east of Shelbyville. They fixed the location and drove the stake where Mr. Copenhagen's hotel now stands. Great excitement prevailed among the people about the location of the county seat. Wm. Muldrow, Dr. Ely, and John McKee had laid off a large city about a mile north of

Shelbyville, with streets, alleys and grand avenues, which they called New York. S.W.B. Carnegy was their surveyor, and their city was laid off before the commissioners met to make the selection and locate the capitol of the county.

One of the best acts of Mr. Kincheloe's life was exhibited the day the stake was driven. The commissioners had agreed to let no one know where they intended to locate the county seat until they drove the stake. But it leaked out by some means, and much excitement and anxiety were preplexing the minds of the people. The Col. learned this and determined to face the opposition and when the commissioners came out of the house he announced the result to the people, who cheered him loudly.

The first circuit court was held the fourth Monday in November, 1835 at Oak Dale, Judge Hunt presiding. He disapproved of Major Dickersons title to the land where Shelbyville now stands, and I, on behalf of Jam. Dickerson, rode to Florida and back in one day and got the title fixed up by a proper acknowledgement to the deed. Dickerson and Vandiver gave fifty acres for the county seat and Lewis Gillispis and Samuel Parker ten each. This brings us down to the year 1835.

Since my last, the politics of the county have been in such a fix, I concluded I would wait a while."

The following article appeared in the Shelbina Democrat, issue of April 19, 1882 and involved an interview (conversation) with the OLDEST INHABITANT. It read as follows:

"Your correspondent chanced to have the following conversation with the oldest inhabitant of Shelbina a few days ago. Henson J. Thomas said, "I am the oldest inhabitant of this city, having settled here in 1857. Wm. A. Reid is the next, and David Morgan next, the railroad then extended to about the limit of the corporation at Wilhoit's. I went on the first train that ran up to Clarence. I kept hotel for Morgan Thomas, and in the spring of 1858, a gentlemen, a stranger stopped there and in the morning, it being Sunday, asked if there was a Bible

about the house. I said I did not think there was, except a small one upstairs in my trunk given me by Mother. I got it for him and he spent a part of the day reading it. That gentleman was Wm. A. Reid, and the circumstance was impressed on my mind by the fact that the morals of the town were then at a pretty low state, there being more drinking and swearing than praying and reading the Bible. Profanity, drinking and gambling were the order of the day. The first improvements were put up in the fall of 1857, and were principally on the north side of the railroad. Some time in the year 1858 Judge Foster came here and put up some houses. Charley Miller is the oldest business firm in the city, not having changed firm or business since he came here, the growth of the city has been steady and permanent, and now she claims to be, and justly too, the liveliest and most prosperous city in northeast Mo.

The first death in the town was a Negro man, and he was buried in the late Dr. Minter lot. When Dr. Minter bought the lot afterwards he had him removed to the present cemetery, and was the first corpse interred there. The next was that of Charley Huss who died in the fall of 1858. The first preaching was in the hotel dining room, I have forgotten the name and demonination of the preacher. The first store was kept by J.C. Lovelin, Jim Veal was the first blacksmith, and David Morgan was the first wheelwright. Dr. Lee was the first physician. The oldest house in the city is the one now owned by R.B. Taylor, west of Doby's stable. Ed Wood kept the first regular drug store. The first regular preaching place was the house in which Mr. Giles now lives. The first paper published in the place was the gazette, edited by Moudy in the fall of 1866. Fred Schaebel was the first tailor, and Brandt, now of Moberly, was the first shoemaker."

February 10, 1988

The first, this week was taken from the Shelby County Herald, October 13, 1897 and is entitled "Some Shelby County History." The second, taken from a 1893 issue of the Herald is entitled "Shelby County's Oldest

**Man":
SOME EARLY SHELBY
COUNTY HISTORY
SCH Oct. 13, 1897**

W. D. Parker, living 2 miles south of Oak Dale, called at our office one day last week. He is one of the earliest settlers of Shelby County, having come here with his parents from Virginia in 1831 when he was two years old. He is now living within 3/4 of a mile of where the first school house in Shelby County was built. It was known as the Oak Dale school house and was built in the edge of the timber. A few years after it was built the woods surrounding it caught fire and the school house was also consumed. This spot this year raised a corn crop. Mr. Parker thinks some of the people who register from year to year at the old settlers reunion in this city get their dates wrong. He thinks Alfred Saunders, the blind man, who is now at Valley, Neb., is the oldest born resident of Shelby County. He was born in 1832 in a cabin 1-1/4 miles southeast of Oak Dale. At that time there was no settlement in the county except at Oak Dale and vicinity; except two cabins, both on Salt River, one in the Highland farm just this side of the bridge between Shelbyville and Shelbina, then known as the Dickerson cabin, and the other near Hunnewell. These cabins were occupied by hunters. Mr. Parker recently received a letter from the wife of Capt. Scott Matson, who was one of the early settlers of this county, and who was held in the highest esteem by all the early settlers. She now lives in St. Louis and is 81 years old. She was married in this county, her maiden name being Creel. Her brother Arthur Creel was the first man who died in Shelby County. He died on Black Creek, southeast of Shelbyville, in 1832 of cholera and was buried in the grave yard located near the Reason Baker farm, which is not now used as a burying ground, but which contains the remains of some 15 or 20 early settlers.

Mr. Parker carries a cane of white thorn wood, which grew in this county and which was cut by his father George Parker over 50 years ago. Mr. Parker is 68 years

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old and his wife 70. They are nice old people.

SHELBY COUNTY'S OLDEST MAN

We met Uncle Jimmy Ralph on the street last Friday evening and in conversation with him he told us he thought he was the oldest man in Shelby County.

He was born May 15, 1807, and is therefore in his 86th year. He came to Quincy from Delaware in 1835 and built the first frame house in that now thriving city. The house is still standing but it has been repaired several times. It was built on the spot where the old John Wood mansion now stands, the frame house being moved across the street. Mr. Ralph came to Shelbyville in 1836 and has been a resident here ever since. He also built the first frame residence in this city it being the ell part of the residence now occupied by E. T. Gooch, which however has been repaired and still looks well. Mr. Ralph did nearly all the carpenter work in this place for many years after he first came here. In 1836 there were only a few log huts here all of which we believe have been torn down.

Mrs. Ralph is also living she being 76 years old and they have been married over 50 years.

February 17, 1988

The first two short articles this week appeared in a Herald issue of 1897. The next two appeared in February, 1896. The final two (one being the obituary of Dr. Phil Dimmitt) appeared in an issue in 1895:

1897: E.M. Coe and Uncle Davy Graham met in our office last Monday and they at once began to talk about old times. Mr. Coe told about the big ball at the court house in this city on New Years night, 1847. He came here from Newark with a delegation of 13 sleigh loads, headed by Dr. Baldwin. They took supper at the tavern then kept by John Kemper. On the same night a party was given at the residence of James Marmaduke in this city. The crowd was somewhat divided but the dance lasted until daylight. Mr. Coe says the girls then were very pretty and mighty fine dancers. Mr. Coe and Mr. Graham got so enthused in talking of the dance that we are satisfied that could we

have sprung Yankee Doodle on them they would have joined hands and swung around a time or two at least.

1897: L. Dobbin called at our office Monday. He remembers the night of the falling stars in the fall of 1833. At the time he lived in Western New York. Mr. Dobbin was born at Auburn, New York, Dec. 17, 1819. He came to this county in 1840 and he and his brother Wm. built the Lone House 3 1/2 miles east of Oak Dale. He was constable of Jackson township in 1840-41, he succeeding his brother-in-law Jim Foster.

1896: S.J. Stevenson, who lives 2 1/2 miles southeast of Oak Dale, sends us word that the big snow storm of 1855, of which D.W. Graham told us about some weeks ago, fell on Saturday, January 20th, instead of Saturday, Jan. 19th, as Mr. Graham says. Mr. Stevenson at the time was living at LaGrange and was engaged in cutting timber on the Mississippi bottom. He kept account of each day's work, and these accounts he still has, and in referring to them he finds the big storm begun on Saturday, Jan. 20th, 1855, at 9 p.m. and fell to a depth of 30 inches. The storm however was not so severe further south. Lewis county's Representative at Jefferson City started home on horseback shortly after the storm and found the snow deeper as he came further north. At Jefferson City the snow fell to a depth of only one inch.

1896: While in Texas J.A. Doyle met Jim and Zach Nesbit and James C. Duncan, all living at San Antonia. Jim and Zach are in the money loaning business and doing well. Mr. Duncan, who is a brother of John S. Duncan of this city, is in the real estate business. He has been in San Antonia for 20 years and is well to do. These men rendered great assistance in the transfer of the remains of Rev. Welch, baggage, &c. at San Antonia. Mr. Doyle also met Joe Stuart, Geo. Davis, John Tarbet, and Gus and Ed. Bower and sister Miss Christine. Geo. Davis and John Tarbet are teaching school and the Bower boys are on a farm. Joe Stewart, we are sorry to state, is in poor health and had to give up his school. Mr. Doyle states that the

farmers are now sowing oats in Texas, the grass is green, buds are swelling and indications of spring can be seen on every hand.

1895: Anna M. Gillis sends us one dollar from Martinsdale, Montana, for the HERALD. They formerly lived in this county and went to Montana some ten years ago and have made considerable money out there. She writes us that her mother, who is 89 years old, received a fall last January, causing paralysis in the lower limbs and she is entirely helpless. She also writes us that they appreciate the HERALD very much but are sorry to read of so many deaths of dear old friends in Shelby county. Ah, yes, death has played havoc in Shelby county among the old people during the recent years. There is J.M. Ennis and wife, Mrs. Dr. Dimmitt, John T. Cooper, Uncle Bud Hall, Capt. Collier, Mrs. Hiter, Benj. Grogg, John Wesley Dines, James Ralph, and many others of the oldest inhabitants, who have gone to their long home.

1895: The death of Dr. Phil Dimmitt is universally regretted by all who know him and his acquaintance was very large throughout Shelby county. He died peacefully and quietly at his home in this city at 8 o'clock Friday morning, Nov. 23, 1895, after a lingering illness. We have known him for 20 years and always regarded him as the leading citizen of Shelbyville in push and enterprise. He had great influence over the people, and his advice, not only by the medical fraternity, but by men of business, was much sought for. There are a very few of the old families of Shelby county that he has not visited as a physician, and wherever he went he made friends. While in recent years he had been out of active business, yet he was with us and ready to counsel and advise. Shelbyville has lost one of its most prominent citizens in the death of Dr. Dimmitt. Very few of the old landmarks in Shelbyville are left now. In recent years Capt. Collier, John T. Cooper, James Ralph, Robt. Hall, Benj. Grogg, and others who came here in the thirties and forties are gone, and before many years Shelby county will be populated by almost a new generation.

Dr. Dimmitt was a very suc-

cessful man and leaves large property interests to his sons. Elsewhere will be found a lengthy article, portraying the leading events of his life, written by his son Prince.

February 24, 1988

The following obituary and list of pioneers appeared in an April, 1906 issue of the Herald.

Samual Parker Engle died at his home in this city at 6:05 p.m. April 11, 1906, after a two week's illness, aged 91 years and 29 days. He was the oldest resident of this city and one among the oldest of our county...In the death of uncle Sam Engle the last of a generation of men whose faces were familiar on the streets of this town as far back as the civil war period has been removed.

There are yet living in this city several ladies who were here during the war but all the men have fallen. The last two to pass out were John S. Duncan and Mr. Engle, both born in Kentucky in 1815, Mr. Duncon on Feb. 1 and Mr. Engle on March 12. Mr. Duncan came to this city in 1856 and Mr. Engle in 1857. Mr. Duncan died at the age of 91 years and 7 days and Mr. Engle at the age of 91 years and 29 days. It seemed as if there was a contest between these two old men as to who should be the last representative of his generation.

The list of departed pioneers includes:

Ben. Grogg, Capt. J. H. Forman, Dr. Phil Dimmitt, J. M. Ennis, Capt. J. M. Collier, Stanford Drain, Wm. J. Holliday, J. T. Cooper, Thomas S. Priest, Alex. McMurtry, W. H. Shofstall, W. W. Lair, William Conner, Wilson Vaughn, O. T. and J. M. Terrill, J. A. Carney, Geo. W. Baker, John Copenhaver, Lee Copenhaver, A. E. West, James L. Dunn, S. F. Dunn, James Gunby, Thomas Applebury, James Riley, William Glover, J. D. Melson, John Nesbit, C. W. Vannort, James M. Gentry, Wesley Dines, William Gooch, Geo. G. Muldrow, Madison J. Priest, L. Dobbin, O. F. Boettcher.

The following is a marriage announcement that appeared in the Herald in 1892:

Vernon L. Drain of this city and Miss Nellie Turner of Maryville, Mo., will be married to-night at the bride's

home. Mr. Drain is one of our brightest and best young men and Miss Turner is held in high esteem by our people. She spent last summer in this city with Rev. S. H. Milam and family, and made many friends while here. All our people will extend to her a cordial welcome upon her return to this city. Mr. Drain was born and raised in this place, and not a better young man can be found in the county. All our people join in wishing this worthy couple an ideal married life. They will return to this city to-morrow.

March 2, 1988

The following article was written from McWilliams & Wright's Store on July 1st, 1874 and sent to the Shelbina Democrat as a letter to the editor:

As your many readers would likely be interested in a letter from this portion of the Co. if you will indulge me I will try to give them a short sketch of this section. This northern portion of the county is noted as a corn growing country. Last year there was a fine corn crop here, when south, crops were light. Their corn crop prospects are flattering at present, oats meadow and wheat are good. Most of the wheat is harvested, so chinch bugs are making sad havoc with corn-fields; where there is wheat you will find those contemptable little pests. Oats is being harvested in order to save them from the destruction of the bugs. Should it remain dry much longer there will be acres and acres of corn that will succumb to these small but powerful destroyers.

We saw fields that were almost entirely swept clean of the growing corn. Some are adopting the plan of ditching and dragging a log back and forward pulverizing the soil so that they can't pass so rapidly out on the opposite side. The soil becomes very fine and rolls them back, so that the log has a fair sweep over them greatly checking the little tyrant in his pursuit. We think this is the garden spot of Shelby county though a little way from Rail Road advantages, but nevertheless has the soil the timber and water also good Schools and Churches. The people are industrious social honorable high minded citizens, they seem to be

progressing fine as their houses look neat, fencing in proper shape, have good roads which is fine for the traveling public. A ride over this section will not fail to convince you of my statement.

McWilliams and Wrights store is some eight miles north of Hager's Grove. These gentlemen are ever ready to wait on their many customers, they have been at this place some four years and have built up a good trade by dealing fair with their customers. Nothing else in the way of a town except Mr. McWilliams residence and school house. South of this four miles is Millersburg which has one mill where sawing grinding and carding is done on short notice and is guaranteed to please the most fastidious, also one store and Blacksmith shop. Mr. Smith & Sons owns and controls the store. They have been here but short time in business but old settlers, they are having a fine trade and moving on with right side up with care. The Blacksmith shop is run by Mr. G. W. Hall & Son formerly of Clarence. Mr. Hall is having a good run of custom, present indications are that he is giving good satisfaction to his many visitors. We were informed that steps have been taken to procure a Post Office at this place. A wagon shop is very much needed here and we think would command a good trade.

West of this some four miles is Cherry Box which has but one Blacksmith shop and Wagon shop and Post Office. This brings us out on a fine prairie where you can view the landscape over, for many miles around can be seen neat and elegant farm land.

March 9, 1988

These articles pertain to the California Gold Rush as observed by several Shelby Countians and appeared in the Herald in 1927:

Shelby County Gold Hunters

The St. Louis Republic recently instructed its correspondents in the various counties of Missouri to interview a half dozen or so of men who now live in each county who went to California after gold in 1849. The following will be of interest to Shelby county readers:

Hiram Collins left the vicinity of the present site of

Shelbina late in '49 for California. There were three in his party. They traveled by ox team and touched the points St. Joseph, Fort Kearney, Fort Laramie and the Humboldt country. They were 90 days on the way.

Mr. Collins located mines on Weaver Creek and remained there five years, making quite a sum of money.

He returned by way of the Isthmus and was one of the first to ride over a newly built railroad from Panama to Aspinwall. With the money realized in mining he bought a large farm near where Shelbina now stands, and is a prosperous farmer to-day.

Preston Adams left Paris, Monroe county, Mo., for California the latter part of the year 1849, in company with two others, both now dead. They traveled by ox team across the plains. They arrived at Weaver Creek, where they spent two years at work in the mine.

Mr. Adams was successful and brought back a considerable sum of money, which he invested in land near Shelbina.

John W. Jacobs left Shelbyville, Mo., May 11, 1849, in company with two others. After three months' travel across the plains they reached Sacramento, Cal., near which place Mr. Jacobs worked at mining. He, like many others, suffered considerable sickness. After spending 11 months there he returned to Missouri via the Isthmus of Panama and New York City. He crossed the isthmus on foot and made the entire trip with no other weapon of defense than a small pocket knife.

He arrived home with over \$2,000. This he invested in a farm in Shelby county, and soon became one of the most extensive farmers and stock raisers in the county.

John M. Bates, in company with 13 others, left Monroe county for California, in July 1849, traveling overland by ox teams. Their route was through Arizona, 600 miles along the Gila River. The party was six months on the road. He remained in California until February, 1851, when he returned to this county. He was sick much of the time spent in California, but fairly successful as a miner. Mr. Bates is the only survivor of

the company of 14 who made the trip to California. He is now in comfortable circumstances and owns valuable city and farm property.

T.H. Maupin was one of a party of 14 who left Monroe county, Missouri, in '49 for California. But three of the party are now living. They traveled by ox teams overland and were six months making the trip.

Mr. Maupin returned to Missouri with several thousand dollars, which he invested in land. He now owns a large tract of fine land near Maud, Shelby county, Missouri, and is one of the heaviest tax-payers in that township.

These letters, written by William D. Marmaduke, are addressed to his wife, Mrs. Elmira Marmaduke, who remained with relatives here in Shelbyville while her husband sought his fortune in the placer fields. It is said that the actual reason for Mr. Marmaduke going to the California gold fields was not because of his desire to create a large fortune for himself, but was due to the fact that he had made himself surety on a \$5,000 note of a friend, who was unable to pay, and that he, Marmaduke, refused to take advantage of the bankrupt law, but chose to withstand the dangers and hardships of the gold fields in an effort to discharge his financial obligation. It is further said that the hardy miner was one of the few who were successful in their quests and he returned to this section by the way of Panama, walking over the mountain defiles by the side of a burro, across which the bags of gold were strapped.

When the Civil war broke out, Marmaduke organized and drilled a company of Confederate troops and joined the forces of General Price, who made him a Colonel. On July 7, 1861, following a hard fought battle, he lay down to rest in a nearby cabin and there later was found dead.

The letters referred to above, written in the California gold fields, are given here, in part:

Dry Digginsville, Calif.,
Oct. 14, 1849.

Elmira Marmaduke,
Shelbyville, Mo.
Dear Wife:

I have been here seven weeks and have taken in gold

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over \$1,000, and the ground seems yet good. Each miner is entitled to 15 square feet of ground and he holds the same by having any mining tool on or in said "hold" or pan. I have seen several hundreds of dollars worth of gold in their holds while the owners were at dinner; in a Christian land they would have the lock and key on same instantly. There is more true honor observed here than any place I ever saw.

I expect to toil through this winter and leave for home next June provided I can raise the amount I left my name to get which is \$5,000. I desire once before I die to be a free man, though I toil all day in mud and water and think it hard, but it is easy when I draw my pay at night, which has been as yet, from \$16 to \$100. This money you may receive, do as you think best about it. I do not fear your extravagance.

Keep my children in school and tell them God help them. I want to see them all once more, which I will so do if fortune favors me as it has done since my arrival, though I live poor and having my living cost me \$9 per week: 50¢ pork, 25¢ and 30¢ lb. flour, 50¢ a piece per No. 3 mackerel, 2¢ per oz. for onions, 78¢ per bushel for Irish potatoes at the mines.

California, Hangtown,
March 6, 1850

Dear Elmira:

I have not received any letter written since my arrival in California, notwithstanding I have written often, and only have as yet received two letters in ten months, dated July 4 and August 3.

I can now define the time of my return home. If a good opportunity presents itself to cross the plains in July, I will start. If not safe or prudent I will have to come by November steamer--by the isthmus.

I have about 1,000 ounces in gold on hand and want 100 more to quit digging and, if safe, will cross the plains.

March 23, 1858

Delivered by J.D. Dale

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen:--

We have assembled for the purpose of celebrating the second anniversary of the reun-

ion of the old settlers of Shelby county. This is an annual festivity, the importance of which was not at the time of its inauguration, and can not now be estimated. It is a day set apart by our people for the benefit of, and to which the pioneers of old Shelby look forward with much pleasure. It enables them to come together and mingle and commingle as in the embryo days of the county. While there are many pleasant and joyful memories connected with the annual coming together of the old settlers of this or any county, yet the word reunion in itself suggests a review of the history of the county for the past year. Something has occurred during the year which will mar the pleasure to a certain extent of a part, if not all who participate. We look over this vast audience and discover a vacant seat. The sickle of death has been thrust into the group of old settlers who met here one year ago, and three of the ripest in years have fallen. W. H. Eakle, who for many years was an active coadjutor in all the early enterprises of the county, is not one of us to-day. The summons came to him very unexpectedly on the 27th day of August, A.D. 1889, just 5 days after he had enjoyed an occasion of this kind. Without a moment's warning he was dashed from his wagon and so bruised and mangled that death soon followed the accident. The seat of another old pioneer is empty. Reuben Wallace, who had passed the allotted mile post of three score and ten, and attained the ripe old age of 89 years, since our last coming together has succumbed to the inevitable, and on the 19th day of May, A.D. 1890, he started out on that voyage from whence no traveler returns. There is still another vacant chair. Elijah Pepper, one of the very early settlers of this county, and who one year ago was apparently hale and hearty, and bade fair to live to enjoy many occasions such as he enjoyed then, on the 28th day of June, 1890, passed over the river. Wm. H. Eakle is dead. Reuben Wallace is dead. Elijah Pepper is dead. Our old pioneer friends have been welcomed to another, and to them a new country, where they go as they came here, unacquainted with the

manners and customs. Those of you who remain, I come to bid you welcome.

At the request, and as his representative, in the name of his honor Lewis A. Hayward, mayor of this lovely little city, I come on its behalf to welcome you to the enjoyment of the hospitality of the citizens of Shelbyville. As the head of a municipality who is proud of its magnificent achievements, he, through me, extends to this assemblage, and to each and every member thereof, his official welcome. I feel authorized to say in this connection that in extending to you this official welcome, Mayor Hayward means more than the cold formality of official etiquette; be assured his generous heart and hospitable nature stand by enforcing his official voice, and he has delegated to me the authority to issue this his proclamation of welcome, welcome, thrice welcome.

There is nothing for you to do but to be happy, contented and mirthful, but to make yourselves feel at home: for you are among friends who will be pleased at your pleasure, happy at your happiness, and rejoice at your joy. Shelbyville is proud to welcome you for many reasons prominent among them being because of your culture and social training. She is glad and proud to extend to you to-day her good old-fashioned welcome, such as is only known and extended by Missourians. She welcomes you because you are citizens of a State and county whose history and grand achievements, whose triumphs and successes I, as one of her sons, am unwilling to admit are second to those of any State in this glorious sisterhood of States; whose future shall beam bright, tower and blaze, bloom and fructify into a lasting monument and common glory of our noble, free country. Shelbyville to-day gladly and proudly steps forward with smiling countenance and open palm to welcome you. We are to-day situated unlike our forefathers when they depart from the heights and cliffs of the Hindoo Koosh, and took up that wonderful march of progress and development which swept over western Asia and built those gigantic and phenomenal monuments

which proclaim in mute silence the genius and knowledge of our people more than a century ago, and which, notwithstanding flood and fire, goth and vandal, turned Europe into a beautiful garden of happiness and refinement and culminated in modern European civilization; with all it means a civilization which the foam-capped Atlantic could not stay, but which, lighting its torches and beacon fires on the eastern slope of the western continent, pushed its pioneers over the Alleghanies, rolled them through the great Mississippi valley, God's grandest and most beautiful earthly heritage to man, scaled the Rockies, bathing their bases in the slumbering, peaceful waters of the shining, glittering Pacific, and glinted their rays of peace, hope and prosperity back to the eastern base of the Hindoo Koosh whence they departed on their march of conquest and human development. I repeat, we are not situated on this occasion as were those old pioneers. They did not meet a people with an extended palm and a smiling countenance, bidding them welcome as do the people of Shelbyville bid you welcome to-day. On the other hand, they were met at every point with the rattle and clash of an Indian war club and war cry; but in that rude throng of half savages our present magnificent civilization lay in embryo. From that day to this the word that I am authorized to tender you to-day, welcome, has been duly regarded and appreciated, and hence is an active coadjutor in all matters of great social undertaking.

Shelbyville is honored by this assembly in her midst, and I can only say she duly appreciates this occasion--this assembly and its lofty and patriotic aims and objects--and is glad and proud to say to you, the active, intelligent representatives of Shelby's inhabitants, welcome. Her citizens with open palm and extended hand say welcome, their homes say welcome, their firesides and hearthstones say welcome. Shelbyville boasts of her varied substantial enterprises, and she is proud of her housewives, who have the reputation of being the best cooks in the State. We have but few old maids, and

they are old maids from choice, having seen enough of married life to warrant them not to enter into a contract which would impose on them the additional burden of making a living for a husband. I want to say to the young men under the sound of my voice that Shelbyville has an additional welcome for them. Shelbyville is the home of pretty, cultured and refined young ladies, who have been taught by their thoughtful mothers how to serve a good meal, hence if you will select one of Shelbyville's daughters as a help-meet you will ever afterward praise me for this little bit of domestic history. We are proud of our little ladies just entering their teens, and I challenge any town in the State to show sixteen prettier and more accomplished little ladies than we will present from this rostrum to-day.

While Shelbyville does not tender you the freedom of the city in a glittering box studded with precious jewels, yet she through me tenders you the key--welcome--and that freedom is none the less yours to appropriate and enjoy.

I have said that our enterprises are varied; so they are: and they are as substantial as they are varied. Our newspaper, the SHELBY COUNTY HERALD, ranks among the first county papers of the State, and to its editor, Mr. Joseph Doyle, we are much indebted for the establishment of this reunion. Coming as this paper does, from the county seat, if you are not now you should at once become a subscriber. Our merchants are of that class who are ever on the alert for the interest of their customers, and the great number of customers they have is conclusive proof that they appreciate this effort of our merchants in their behalf. Our blacksmith shops, wagon and carriage factories are among the best the country affords.

I am authorized to say on behalf of our city officials that at the date for the holding of our next and third annual reunion those of you who in the providence of God are permitted to be present shall walk through our streets on solid rock, and I submit to this vast assemblage if the present indications will not bear me out in this assertion. The history of our city is too voluminous to

enter into details, hence I speak only of the enterprises that I consider worthy of your attention.

Our banking institution is as firm as the base of the Rocky mountains. Its founder, Dr. Phil. Dimmitt, is one of the pioneers of the county, and his manipulation of financial affairs has been such as to cause the confidence of the people to rest and abide with him. As to our doctors and lawyers, there are none better. With a new brick structure and an able educator, our public school has become so good that a private institution of any kind could not live. Our mill when completed will be second to none in Shelby county. It is of the best machinery, which is guaranteed to make flour equal to that made by the Hannibal Eagle Mill. Last, but greatest of all, we have four church edifices, created to God and dedicated to Him who died on the tree that all men might have eternal life; to an inspection of all which we invite and welcome your closest scrutiny.

Hoping that your associations may be of the most happy character, and your stay with us be a green and cherished spot in memory's fruitful field, so that time finite can not obliterate it from that attribute of humanity which the children of men call memory, in conclusion I again say--WELCOME.

Prelude to Old Settlers, 1988

The following information, researched by Kathleen Wilham, Shelbyville, is presented in preparation for Shelby's Centennial Old Settlers Celebration. This segment in the series of articles is a list of military pensioners for Shelby County, Missouri in 1884.

April 6, 1988

Wilson, Mary A.....	Bethel.....	Widow 1812.....	\$8.00.....	August, 1879
Shaffer, Peter.....	Bethel.....	g.s.w. rt. shoulder.....	4.00.....	
Ellis, Margaret F.....	Bethel.....	widow.....	25.00.....	
Vanskike, John.....	Bethel.....	dis. of eyes.....	6.00.....	
Adams, Naomi.....	Bethel.....	dep. mother.....	8.00.....	May, 1869
Daughenbaugh, Martin.....	Clarence.....	loss sight, rt. eye, dis. l. eye.....	12.00.....	
Lukens, Charles A.....	Clarence.....	g.s.w. rt. lung.....	18.00.....	
Harbord, Melchert H.....	Clarence.....	g.s.w. l. hand.....	12.00.....	Apr., 1881
Jourdon, Anderson.....	Clarence.....	dis. of lungs.....	8.00.....	Dec., 1881
Matteson, Harriet.....	Clarence.....	widow.....	8.00.....	
Christian, Charles.....	Clarence.....	surv. 1812.....	8.00.....	Oct. 1878
Ward, Harrison M.....	Clarence.....	chro. diarr.....	4.00.....	Dec., 1882
Nolte, Henry.....	Clarence.....	injury to abdomen.....	8.00.....	Feb., 1880
Spate, Orpha.....	Clarence.....	widow.....	8.00.....	
Peppenger, Daniel F.....	Clarence.....	g.s.w. rt. l. above ank. joint.....	8.00.....	July, 1874
Peppsinger, James H.....	Clarence.....	inj. to l. hand & wrist.....	18.00.....	
Coder, George M.....	Clarence.....	g.s.w. l. hand & breast.....	6.00.....	Mar., 1873
Combs, Benjamin F.....	Clarence.....	chro. diarr. & dis. abd. vis.....	18.00.....	
Bowman, William C.....	Clarence.....	injury to abdomen.....	4.00.....	May, 1873
Clark, Abraham.....	Clarence.....	dis. of lungs.....	12.00.....	
Gerry, Edson.....	Clarence.....	inj. to left leg.....	20.00.....	
Bronson, Samuel P.....	Clarence.....	inj. l. arm & should & atrophy of arm.....	17.00.....	Apr., 1882
Brown, Isaac M.....	Clarence.....	loss rt. index finger, g.s.w. left foot.....	8.00.....	
Rider, Louis.....	Clarence.....	g.s.w. l. forearm.....	17.00.....	June, 1874
Cross, Thomas J.....	Clarence.....	wd. left leg.....	6.00.....	
Eldred, Julius.....	Hager's Grove.....	scurvy, dis. lungs.....	6.00.....	Feb., 1882
Gilbert, John.....	Hager's Grove.....	asthma.....	18.00.....	
Edwards, Harriet.....	Hager's Grove.....	mother.....	8.00.....	Oct., 1879
Shelton, Susanna E.....	Hunnewell.....	widow.....	8.00.....	
Frisbie, Ira H.....	Hunnewell.....	total blindness.....	72.00.....	
Coyley, William.....	Hunnewell.....	dis. of heart.....	18.00.....	
Witherup, Alexander.....	Hunnewell.....	g.s.w. rt. shoulder & neck.....	6.00.....	Apr., 1881
Mays, Lucy A.....	Hunnewell.....	widow.....	10.00.....	Aug., 1878
Huggins, Albert F.....	Lakenan.....	g.s.w. l. thigh.....	8.00.....	
Evans, Mary C.....	Leonard.....	widow.....	8.00.....	
Barker, Isaac T.....	Shelbina.....	dis. liver & lungs.....	8.00.....	May, 1882
Hardy, Sam'l B.....	Shelbina.....	partial paralysis lf. side.....	18.00.....	
Hauts, John B.....	Shelbina.....	inj. to rt. knee.....	4.00.....	Aug., 1881
Baird, James.....	Shelbina.....	wd. hand and thigh.....	6.00.....	Mar., 1879
Lyons, Charles W.....	Shelbina.....	wd. rt. shoulder.....	6.00.....	June, 1863
Munch, Frederick.....	Shelbina.....	g.s.w. l. leg.....	6.00.....	June, 1873
Monroe, Felix M.....	Shelbina.....	inj. to left hand.....	4.00.....	
Moore, Thom. E.....	Shelbina.....	g.s.w. left leg.....	4.00.....	Aug., 1880
Chandler, John S.....	Shelbina.....	g.s.w. rt. foot.....	8.00.....	
Couch, Elizabeth.....	Shelbina.....	widow 1812.....	8.00.....	Sept., 1879
Reid, Wm. P.....	Shelbina.....	g.s.w. left hand.....	8.00.....	
Steuart, Joseph.....	Shelbina.....	chro. inflammation eyes.....	16.00.....	
Shafer, John A.....	Shelbina.....	g.s.w. rt. arm.....	20.00.....	
Beck, Michael.....	Shelbina.....	inj. of side, paralysis l. side.....	18.00.....	
Way, John.....	Shelbina.....	g.s.w. rt. leg.....	6.00.....	
Stalewp, Mary A.....	Shelbina.....	widow.....	8.00.....	
Roop, Sarah.....	Shelbina.....	mother.....	8.00.....	June, 1869
Doolittle, Monroe.....	Shelbina.....	g.s.w. rt. arm.....	18.00.....	
McKillip, Hamilton.....	Shelbyville.....	loss l. arm.....	18.00.....	
Powell, Robert.....	Shelbyville.....	blindness from smallpox.....	8.00.....	Oct., 1865
Phillips, William H.....	Shelbyville.....	g.s.w. rt. elbow.....	8.00.....	
McCready, William A.....	Shelbyville.....	chro, dia. & dis. of eyes.....	8.00.....	Oct., 1880
McMaster, William H.....	Shelbyville.....	g.s.w. l. leg.....	4.00.....	July, 1879
Panchot, Christopher.....	Shelbyville.....	g.s.w. l. wrist.....	4.00.....	Aug., 1881
Wallace, William.....	Shelbyville.....	g.s.w. rt. foot.....	6.00.....	
Glover, Virginia.....	Shelbyville.....	widow.....	30.00.....	Mar., 1882
Carlile, Henry C.....	Shelbyville.....	g.s.w. adomen, rt. leg & arm & dis. of abd. viscera.....	18.00.....	
Higbee, De Witt C.....	Shelbyville.....	chro. diarr.....	10.00.....	
Hanegan, Joseph.....	Shelbyville.....	g.s.w. l. leg.....	8.00.....	
Hayward, Albert L.....	Shelbyville.....	chro. diarr., & dis. of heart & lungs.....	18.00.....	
Bell, Frances.....	Shelbyville.....	dep. mother.....	8.00.....	Feb., 1869
Vauter, William.....	Shelbyville.....	dis. of eyes.....	31.25.....	
Snowder, John.....	Shelbyville.....	rheum. & res. dis. of heart.....	8.00.....	Mar., 1880

Drennan, Lucinda.....	Shelbyville.....	widow.....	8.00.....	
Emler, Wesley.....	Shelbyville.....	g.s.w. l. hip.....	6.00.....	Feb., 1881
Eaton, George W.....	Shelbyville.....	g.s.w. rt. leg.....	6.00.....	Oct., 1882
Dobbin, Leonard.....	Shelbyville.....	paralysis rt. arm.....	18.00.....	June, 1876
Davis, William B.....	Shelbyville.....	g.s.w. rt. leg.....	6.00.....	
Graham, Americus.....	Shelbyville.....	g.s.w. l. hand.....	2.00.....	Aug., 1881
Reynolds, John.....	Shelbyville.....	wd. rt. hand.....	8.00.....	
Thomas, Samuel.....	Shelbyville.....	partial loss of vision.....	18.00.....	
Fessenden, Charles B.....	Shelbyville.....	chro. rheumatism.....	8.00.....	
Moore, Hugh.....	Shelbyville.....	dep. father.....	8.00.....	June, 1880
Pitts, Margaret.....	Shelbyville.....	widow.....	8.00.....	Sept., 1872
McKelken, Sarah.....	Shelbyville.....	widow 1812.....	8.00.....	Oct., 1879
Lockyer, Augustine.....	Shelbyville.....	chro. diarrhea.....	8.00.....	Aug., 1878
Forsyth, Margaret.....	Shelbyville.....	mother.....	8.00.....	May, 1868

April 13, 1988

The obituaries contained in this presentation give a glimpse of life in the early days of the county, as they pay tribute to the deceased.

**In Memory of
Russell W. Moss**

Mr. R. W. Moss, one of the early settlers of Shelby county, departed this life at the residence of his son-in-law, Dr. A. L. Yancy, at Hunnewell, June 7th, and the following day his remains were interred in the new cemetery northeast of Hunnewell, on the farm of Mrs. Penelope Browne. After appropriate singing and prayer at the house the large procession headed by six old men as pall-bearers, viz: Hon. W. F. Blackburn, Sam'l. Cox, Sam'l. Vance, John Lasley, Mr. Alfred Pond and J.E. Davis, slowly followed the remains to the grave where, at the request of friends, we read the Masonic burial service; then during appropriate singing, conducted by Mrs. W. B. Thiehoff, the grave was filled after which Hon. W. F. Blackburn assisted by some ladies beautifully and appropriately bedecked the graves of Mr. and Mrs. Moss with beautiful *garden flowers*. Appropriately we say, for Mr. Moss came to Missouri when this county contained nothing but *wild flowers*, and was a wilderness inhabited by probably not more than 600 or 700 people, and the woods and prairies infested with wolves and panthers. He has lived long enough to see this county blossom as the "Rose of Sharon" and bedecked like the "Garden of Eden" and her prairies one vast field of waving grain and green carpeted pastures, with many beautiful garden plots and bowers of pleasure resort.

Mr. Moss did much to help the early settlers to make this county the enjoyable place it now is. And to us it is a sad thought that these old men who braved the dangers of the early settlement of this country, are fast fading from our sight. But long shall they live in our memories.

"Uncle Russ" (as he was familiarly called), was born in Jesamine

county, Ky., in the year 1809, moved to Missouri about 1831 or 1832, and settled in Shelby county in the Spring of 1833, two years before Shelby county was organized, and upon the organization of the county was appointed the first Assessor by the county court in session at Oak Dale on the 9th day of April, 1835, and at the Nov. term, 1835, his first account as Assessor was allowed, amounting to \$12.75. Compare this with the account of W.P. Martin, our last Assessor, and we may form some idea of the contrast and the development of this county. In 1844 he was elected Representative of Shelby county and was afterward elected Sheriff and Collector for a term of four years.

He held many important positions of honor and trust and his name occurs upon the county court records quite frequently in important business matters. He was at one time a member of the Masonic order, but for reasons best known to himself he severed his connection with the order during those troublesome days of the rebellion.

He leaves one son, two daughters and several grand-children to mourn their loss, his estimable and good wife having preceded him to the grave about one year.

J.T. Perry.

Shelbyville, Mo., June 11, 1888.

Feb., 1892 - Uncle Tom Swearingen died suddenly Sunday evening at his home in Walkersville. Sunday morning he was feeling as well as usual, but after dinner he felt bad and laid down on the bed. At about 4 o'clock he became restless, and after tossing himself about on the bed a few minutes he uttered two words--"Oh, mamma"--and died. He was born in Kentucky in 1816 and came to Shelby county in 1831, being a resident of this county for over 60 years. Had he lived until the 8th of March he would have been 76 years old. He attended the old settlers' meeting in this city on Aug. 27, 1890, and while here called at our office and stated to us that he had never in his life taken a drink

of whisky, smoked a cigar or taken a chew of tobacco. Nor had he been sick enough since coming to Shelby county to need the services of a physician. This is a remarkable statement. His remains were buried yesterday. He leaves a wife and several children.

From Leonard

Ed. Herald:--Since our last writing, that grand and good old man, Lewis H. Gillaspy, has passed to the great beyond. He was one of the pioneers of this country, having lived in Taylor township for 52 years, living to the ripe old age of 84, having seen this country in all its stages, living in it in its wild and undeveloped state, when the deer and log cabin were common, long before the steam engine began to whistle o'er our prairies and the din and clatter of business was heard in hill and dale. It was he and others with him who helped to establish our country and planted the nucleus of our institutions of religion and learning. These old pioneers whose silver threads of life have been lengthened out to more than four score years are to us what George Washington is to America. They are "the fathers of our country."

(1928)

John L. Oliver

108 Years Old Died Monday

John L. Oliver died at his home in Shelbina Monday morning of the infirmities of age. Deceased was born in Virginia January 29, 1820, and was therefore 108 years and 9 months old on the day of his death.

For many years he has been the oldest citizen of Shelby county, if not the oldest in North Missouri. He has taken the prize as the oldest citizen at the Old Settlers annual reunion many times. Mr. Oliver moved to near Macon in 1866 and twenty years later located near Shelbina. Later he moved into Shelbina and has resided here since that time.

He was first married to Louise Warren, who died about forty years ago, leaving a family of twelve children. His second wife is

now 96 years of age. Surviving him also are four of his sons, John, of Clarence, A.J., George and Sherman of Shelbina and near here. In addition there are about forty grand children and great grand children. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War and was a member of the 77th Ill. regiment. A few years ago he united with the Christian church in Shelbina.

John McAfee, a former resident of this county, and a gentleman highly esteemed by all who knew him personally or by reputation, died on Saturday morning last, at his residence in Quincy, Ill. aged 71 years. Deceased was born near Lexington, Kentucky, in November, 1808; removed to Missouri in 1832 and located in Monroe county, and in 1840 moved to Shelbyville, Shelby county, Mo., and engaged in the practice of law and merchandising. He was elected four times to the Legislature, from 1848 to 1860; was elected Speaker of the House in the winter of 1860, and was with the Legislature at Neosho when the ordinance of secession passed. He cast his lot with the fortunes of the confederate cause, going from the legislative halls direct to the army. Says the Quincy Herald; Sunday's issue:

In the year, 1867 he came to this city and engaged in business. He made this city his residence from that time until his death.

The deceased was a man of remarkable energy and of the strictest integrity. He was a true man and a good citizen. He was universally esteemed, and died honored by all who knew him. He leaves surviving him his wife and six children, two sons and four daughters.

The funeral services will take place from the late residence of the deceased this afternoon at three o'clock.

April 20, 1988

The following letter was written in 1927 by Code Hayward Davis reminiscing about a visit back to Shelbyville for Old Settlers Reunion. The letter will be printed in two segments.

Review of Girlhood Days in Shelbyville

Dear Mr. Hewitt:

There is a notation on my Herald--"Sept. 30-27"--and I cannot figure out whether I owe you three dollars or you owe me two years subscription. Either way is all right. I have wanted to tell you that I "wired flowers" to Harry Hale when he paid me that compliment about being eighteen years old. I see the dear boy is just as gallant as ever. I was afraid he was going to include me in that episode of the watermelon patch made famous by Socrates Garrett. However, said patch is not entirely unknown to me and I have never tasted a melon quite so good as the hot, juicy ones Mr. Garrett so kindly left in the patch over Sunday for the approval of the young fence climbers. I have an idea that barbed wire fence looked like it was decorated for a Carnival on Monday mornings. Not long ago one of our subscribers wondered if there was anything left to remember in Shelbyville on account of the many fires.

With your permission I will copy a few "Notes" I made while attending the Old Settlers Reunion about a year ago. I found everything about the same. We came over from Shelbina in Lon Hiles' Hack. Fortunately it rained the night before, so the mud rolled up on the wheels--just like old times. (It might be well for me to explain right here that I was supposed to be with Budge and his family in their car.) However, the Hack was good enough for me and, as usual, made the grade. Finally we sighted the Court House dome through the trees and pretty soon we were going through "Chilcoat Pass" or the "Big cut"--a mile high on both sides. Yes, as I remember it was a mile--anyway, it is just as high as it ever was. Then a big, new bridge looms up over Black Creek. It is a fine bridge and all that, but I looked out in time to see that the Old Bridge was still there--so I got out and walked over on it. Back in the Hack now, rolling along by the old ball grounds; a game is going on and through the crowd of girls I could see Dollar Corcoran and Dallas Smith, the Star, paid players. That was thrilling! Passing Drain's pasture we noticed the homes of the Engles' and Sanders' and realized that once more we were back in "our old end of town." Forman's house on the left--I saw all the family; Mrs. Riddell and Frank; looking again at the same house--the one next to Forman's--I saw every one of the Marshall kids

playing in the yard and "Davy Crockett" was doing a washing. Across on the other hill, through the pine trees I saw a brick house. Mrs. Hale was on the porch calling to Terry not to forget what she told him to do; Harry was up as far as Vestry's gate so he got out of an errand. Then "our" house, still standing like a rock. It looked so lonely I went over and sat down where my pet duck is buried. Passing by on their way up town was Uncle Sam Engle, with his basket on his arm; Judge Hale with "Fannie Hale" trotting close behind; Uncle Bill Sanders, Mr. John Vestry, and Mr. Walt Dimmitt rode by on a horse. I thought I heard my mother call me so beat it up to Carlile's where "Shug" and I picked some johnny-jump-ups; Emmett was hid in the lilac bush in the corner of the yard pulling a string on one end of which a good knife was attached. For some reason I was never able to land that knife! Milt Baker's home on the other side, and out of the dim past I seemed to see the Dines family and remembered the story that Miss Nellie walked in her sleep, usually choosing the porch railing for her stroll. Mr. Baker was out calling to Harry, who was having a scrap with Velma and Leota Powell in front of Len Copenhaver's house. The Powell kids were several whacks ahead, but I did not wait to see the finish of this particular bout. Mr. Copenhaver was on the porch with Nora's baby in his arms. Then I heard a noise which sounded like fire engines but it proved to be Len, Jr., driving that gray team--having a hard time holding them back. In front of the Powell Hotel was Lulu, with her little princess dress on, and, as I live, there was old "Stupie" all dressed up going out to keep a big date. Looking the second time I saw Janie Padgett playing the piano; Press Dunn was turning the music. Doc Pendleton breezed out the door; Eck Parson, the deep well expert, was tilted back in a chair and the quiet gentleman who looked up from his paper was Clay Gatewood. I thought I would see if any of the Winetroub's were home. Sure enough there was Net. Mat and Bird out in the yard wrestling with a feather bed trying to get it on the clothes line. I think they must have been house cleaning for I saw "Blabber" and Joe sneaking around the house--looked like they were dodging the big works. Toad was hanging on the gate talking to Glenn. At the old Guard office Flo Hines, Anna and May Vestry could be seen through the window; in sort of a daze I seemed to see Tom

Tingle and Ed Mahaffey. Doc Carter was busy grinding a tooth; Mat Gentry and Ruby Vestry were going up the steps. Below, Anna Mitchell and Maud Wood in the millinery store and I am positive I heard Miss Jennie Davis practicing a vocal lesson. Looking up at the Herald office windows saw Howdy Holmes, Eva Sanders and Emma Hayward all setting type; Squick Doyle was at the press and Watt Griffith slinging the ink roller. Mr. Joe Doyle had just climbed the steps three at a time. I hated to be left out of this picture so I went in and set up a few columns of type just to show those birds I had not forgotten my onions. And who walked into the office but Uncle Davy Graham. He had lots of clippings in those old saddle pockets! I wonder how many remember Uncle Davy? Well I have been a long time getting up town but it takes time to zig-zag across the street. I do not know how they ever happened to get over there, but standing in front of Henry Reinheimer's store was Mr. Newt Miller, George and Brent. Mr. Miller did not know who I was until I asked him for some "tins." Next is Damrell-Sanders grocery--or as I remember, the original Town Hall. Eva Sanders was having difficulty behind the candy counter so I went back by the stove and danced, thus giving Eva a chance to fill up her blouse with candy and dried apples. My orchestra consisted of Mote West, Lon and Ned Damrell, Windy Sanders, Uncle Bill and several others. They had more music in their hands than most of the people around there. At the same time Allie Stewart, Kitty Sanders, Emma, Maud Stewart and May Vestry, all business women, were kicking a watermelon out the back door. Jim Howard was sweeping out so I know he helped the girls. After we had "dined", we went to Winetroub's Dry Goods. Nate, May and Carrie were there; in front of the grocery I saw Mrs. Winetroub and Uncle Billie; inside, was Ben and Sol and I think I saw Judge Buckner swiping a handful of prunes. Sol was in for a visit from Hurdland, Mo., looking prosperous and handsome as ever. Mr. Dick Collier's furniture store; Ed, Earl and Mote loafing around; Mr. Collier was selling Mrs. Tannehill a chair or something; Tom and Orville near by. Along there some place I saw Mr. J. M. Kinsey in a meat market. He always gave you the biggest fifty cents worth of meat for forty-five cents I ever got anywhere! (Figure that out for yourself). And there was Marshall-grown tall and handsome. Pratt's

Grocery, with that quiet, gracious man behind the counter. I have skipped Doc Hammond, but I just heard a yelp--so I know he was in his office. I hope my memory will not let me forget anybody, I remember a well with an iron pump was near the next corner, but here is where I overlooked a bet. All this time I might have been gathering up rags and bones to sell at McDowell's Bone Yard. I am going to detour to Mead's Blacksmith Shop; Bill and Tom Mead were at work. Their shop was near the old Virginia House. Beckley's barn across the street as well as Mrs. Newt Robinson's millinery store; from there I could see the Vannort and Mahaffey homes. I heard a voice in the M.E. Church, South, and hurried over to see what it was all about. It was Brother O'Bryen telling the congregation a thing or two--and HOW! Mr. John Hewitt was near the window I was peering through and Ona Hiles all set to play the organ. Believe it or not, there is the old Doyle House looking like new; Cratic Marshall in his shop shaving a "Drummer," hanging around to see how much he tipped was Budge Hayward, Phil and Walt Dimmitt, Lubby and Roy Engle, Oscar Carney, Fishy Buntton, Garnett Holmes, Charlie and Colie Sanders, Clyde Marshall, Joe Miller, in fact, all the elite. In that same pace I seemed to see Grandpa Dobbin and Pearl Hayward "breaking all records" in sorting mail at the postoffice. Next was Dutch Krueger's Jewelry store. Dutch, who was a "world-beater"--and knew it, was leaning on the counter shooting hot air to Ola Doyle and some other girls. I saw two long-legged youths coming up the street so I rushed out to meet Vance Hewitt and Harry Carson and ran smack-dab into Henry Allen. Doctor Carson was at the foot of a stairway talking to Claud. Mr. Jim Lloyd and brother Sam were in their office upstairs, south; across the hall in the abstract office was Mert Dunn and my dear father, Lew Hayward. Then I went to Penn's Drug Store to talk to Mr. Penn and Miss Nora. Mary Carson and Dimmitt Wainright dropped in. At the old Shelbyville Bank I remember seeing Prince, Marv and Pope Dimmitt and as sure as I live I saw the shadow of their father, Dr. Dimmitt, crossing the walk to the court house. He had on a linen suit and a palm leaf fan in his hand. Went in to see Mr. Ritter and Jule at the harness shop and while there who walked in but Laura. She looked quite natural in her polka dot dress and it was good to see old "Grinny" again. Mr. Walt Dim-

mitt has a little store near the harness shop, but I do not know just what kind of a store it was. Pearl and Pet Hiles were in front of the Livery barn hitching up the Hack; across the street the old jail. Oh, how I have longed to snoop around in that jail! Mrs. Terwilliger was in her yard picking flowers. Sounds like a pipe organ I hear at the Little Brown Church, so decided to go in. Miss Lillie Duncan was playing that beautiful music; Ivie Chatten in the pulpit preaching about "The Meanest Boy in Town," Uncle John S. Duncan sitting in the front seat. Grandpa Dobbins' in the "Amen" corner; Charley Duncan in the choir--all the Duncans and Dines were in the choir--they were about the only ones who could sing. Mr. and Mrs. Newt Miller came down the aisle and sat in the second pew on the south side of the church; Mrs. Miller's hair was in curls and she looked, as she always did to me, like a miniature painting. Cora Priest was on the back seat with me and Joe Ennis. Joe was "making faces" at the babies; (Now the mothers will know what made their infants cry!) which always tickled me more than anything else, unless it was when Grandpa Dobbins sneezed. If you remember, it was WOW. In the church I saw Etta and Flora Dines, Mrs. Tannehill, Florence, Daisy and Pearl Hewitt--Mack too. Mr. and Mrs. Dussair and Guy Lewis; Homer Dines; Edgar Taylor and his wife. Mrs. Taylor, to me, was like a tiny bunch of violets or a piece of Dresden. (If grownups only knew how much they are noticed by the youngsters!) I do not want to miss Steve Terwilliger so must hurry. Have you ever thought about how many "corners" were occupied by blacksmith and millinery shops in that town? Mr. Terwilliger was very polite and nice to me. He HAD to be--for wasn't Laura Ritter and I his best customers? (Again God bless and thank Mr. Kinsey). Ida Forman's Millinery on the opposite corner. While there Edith Allen and Mrs. Dora Saunders came in, Mrs. Saunders does not change--I would know her any place, anywhere. Saw Earl Collier in front of his father's Dry Goods and Grocery store; Miss Mamie Allen was there also. The Odd Fellows and Masonic Halls; could not resist climbing the steps to see if I could see the Goat or that "coffin" they always kept in the "secret closet." (Sure, the coffin was still there.) Dr. and Mooter Priest were sitting on the wooden bench in front of their Drug Store. The Doctor was one of my Heroes--for didn't he

usher me into this world and name me for his daughter Cora! I must get the "Calibose" in here some place before I cross the street. It occupies a "rear" address and there was a disturbance of some kind. Just Dick Collier taking one of the darker, more determined citizens over to spend the night. Mike and Pat Raft were in their "Racket" Store; Sanford Garrett's Shoe Repair Shop just below; Col. B. F. Smith and Miss Fannie are in the Postoffice; coming in for their mail I saw Lillie Bauer, Ella Vestry, Doll Mercer, Mayme, Mag and Edna Perry, Jess Dunn, Daisy Bethards, Lillie Duncan, Cora Ritter, Edith Goe, Nora Carney, Docia Gunby, Esta Hewitt, Fannie Cooper, Etta, Mat, Myrt, Lizzie and Dolly Forman, Nora Riddell, Della and Lillie Gilbert, Pearl West, Pearl Tyner, Mabel McBride and probably a great many more. I was particularly interested in the strangers and upon inquiry learned that the Peyton Comedy Company was in town. Stopping at the Bauer Hotel and was to play "East Lynne" that night at the opera house. Anybody remember Larry Kane, the boy who did the "buck and wing" dances between acts? Well, I have had the pleasure of seeing Larry on a Chicago stage and talking with him. He remembers his visit to Shelbyville, in fact, he says he can never forget it. Seems that they nearly froze to death coming over from Edina (or some of those big cities to the North) in a sled. Now that I have hit the high spots all around the Court House Square I am going over to see Who is Who and Why over there. First, the hitchrack all around. I thought I might not see that, but I did. Eva Mahaffey, Judge Maupin, Enoch O'Bryen, Charley Wailes, Ned Damrell, Uncle Bill Sanders, Judge Hale, Reason Baker, Jim Collier, Gene Terrill, Vernie Drain. Sitting on the steps were Squire Bunton, John Terrill and Squire Vaughn, with his umbrella. It is getting late and I must start home. On the old Scales opposite the Herald office steps I saw "Coon" and Jackie Douglass, Art and Albert Copenhagen; Buddy Copenhagen, Lou Rosenberg and quite a few others. Coon was playing the guitar and they were singing "Jesse James Had a Wife, etc." A little further on was another musical group--Tom and Jim Howard, "Tarheel," Crip Frazer, "Charley Marshall," better known as Davy Crockett, and young Judge Buckner; they were all huddled together and it looked like a crap game to me. It is growing quite dark now and I seem to see Mrs. Freeman and Cora sitting

on the front porch of the Carlile house. Ah, I can brag that I combed Miss Cora's hair the night she was married to Tom Turner! I hope there is a wedding picture around. Across the street, there was Miss Nellie walking in her sleep on the porch railing! Eva is staying all night with me so moved some of the cargo which now occupied my bedroom, and went to bed in the big room upstairs. We heard Judge Hale say good night to Uncle Sam Engle and Mr. Sanders; Lovie Damrell and Jim Miller were talking to the Vestry girls, making a lot of noise. We did not care to sleep anyway, since we wanted to watch the circus wagons go by. It was exciting for Pearl Reynolds was going to make that balloon ascension and parachute leap next day in the balloon Mrs. Foreman made for him. (As far as I am concerned Charley Lindbergh has nothing on our Pearl Reynolds!) Finally we were lulled to sleep by the faint sound of music down in the parlor. It was my sister Lulu playing her piano. Daylight, and another day. We must come down to earth for our time is limited. My only regret is that I did not get down to see John Dave Copenhagen's Blacksmith Shop. There was the fascinating shop--he didn't care HOW MANY kids watched him work! And I did not get to see Aunt Emily and Uncle Dick Garner's flower garden. Oh, well, perhaps next time I can stay two days and get around and really see something. I was glad to take in the Court House Square, since most of my young life was spent there anyway. I visited the Herald office and found the present editor very cordial and good looking; a little young to remember as much as some of us, but I would not call that a fault. Miss Rena Carney was in the office and it would not be Shelbyville without Miss Rena, either. I met Hanly Baker and Roland O'Bryen--just two handsome editions of their Daddies. Alive and well among others were Cousin Tina Gooch, Mrs. Alpaugh, Ella Schofield, Rena Baker, Nellie Damrell, Mrs. John Hewitt, Fannie Gwynn, Mr. and Mrs. Penn, Ora Doyle, John Freeman, Charley Chinn, Lew Jennings, Byrd Miller and her mother, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Sallie Miller and Miss Lillie Duncan--Miss Lillie is just the same sweet, charming person she always was. They have a regular depot down in Foreman's front yard--sell you a ticket and everything. With much regret I waved a goodbye to the dear old home town, climbed aboard the little train and was off for Shelbyville. I learned then

and there the origin of the famous "Black Bottom" dance. And who do you suppose was "shaking a mean shoulder" on that train? None other than Jim Goe. Passing the old Fair Grounds near Shelbyville called to mind a fellow who was the object of much childworship. In fact, he has the only job worth while, that of selling programs--rushing around among the crowds--not missing anybody. May I present Mr. Fred Haskins.

Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year to everybody. To those in doubt as to what I have written all I have to say is "That's MY story and I stick to it!"

Very sincerely,
CODE HAYWARD DAVIS.
4967 1/2 Lake Park Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

May 4, 1988

Several years ago, when Roger Cress Hewitt was a young boy (he's 30 now), he spent a considerable amount of time for a school project, learning about Shelbyville history from Mrs. Cary Winetroub.

During one, or more of those visits he had Mrs. Winetroub list all the old businesses in Shelbyville as she remembered them and the dates they were in existence.

Recently we got a copy of that list from Cress and, as best we could, we updated the "what's there now" location to account for changes since the death of Mrs. Winetroub. We imagine most of Mrs. Winetroub's locations were accurate, however, there may be a few discrepancies.

We will list below the old businesses by numer and the year, listed by Mrs. Winetroub. At the bottom of this article we will list the number and tell what is in that location now, according to Mrs. Winetroub, with some up-dates of our own.

(1) Winetroub's Store, 1876-1919; (2) Winetroub's Grocery, 1920-1924; (3) Shelby Theatre, 1930-1953; (4) Superway Market, 1953-1960; (5) Sanders Grocery, 1930-1960; (6) Priest Drug Store, 1926-1947; (7) Shelbyville Bank, 1910-1933; (8) Henderson Produce, 1935-1955; (9) Singleton Feed Store, 1955-1960; (10) Temple Stephens Grocery, 1934-1958. (11) John's Barber Shop, 1934-1941; (12) Thompson's Furniture Store, 1941-1964; (13) Dr. Spencer (Dentist), 1917-1920; (14) Dr. Hammond (Dentist), 1890-1925; (15) Terrie's Barber Shop, 1925-1940; (16) Train Depot, 1920-1938; (17) Mrs. Merideth's Hat Shop, 1910-1924; (18) Herald Office, 1889-1918; (19) Smoot's Gas & Ga-

rage, 1910-1935; (20) Opera House, 1900-1917.

(21) The Shelbyville Guard Newspaper, 1880-1900; (22) Miller's Hardware, 1872-1965; (23) Hollyman's Blacksmith Shop, 1880-1900; (24) Ida Elgin's Dress-making Shop, 1901-1906; (25) Telephone Office, 1904-1946; (26) Beckley's Livery Stable, 1880-1900; (27) Picket & Spicer Clothing Store, 1925-1938; (28) Schofield's Clothing Store, 1940-1952; (29) Dr. Gladys Siompson, 1935-1948; (30) MFA Service, 1935-1950.

(31) Goes Cafe, 1930-1942; (32) Red Eagle Oil Company, 1935-1950; (33) Illinois Oil Company, 1945-1955; (34) Brick's Garage, 1935-1958; (35) Shelbyville Shoe and Harness Repair, 1935-1950; (36) Dimmitt's Jewelry Store, 1925-1945; (37) Capitol Cafe, 1925-1968; (38) Fox Service Station, 1925-1935; (39) Farmers Exchange, 1930-1962; (40) Shelbyville Cleaners, 1945-1955.

(41) Cut and Curl Beauty Shop, 1950-1960; (42) The Coffee Pot, 1940-1955; (43) Johnson's Beauty Shop, 1955-1956; (44) Office for E&E, 1958-1969; (45) Clauss Machine Shop, 1945-1955; (46) E. M. O'Bryan's Law Office, 1920-1932; (47) J.D. Dale Law Office, 1920-1930; (48) R. Fitzpatrick Shoe Repair, no dates listed; (49) Penn's Drug Store, 1882-1920; (50) Dolph Cord's Ice House, 1889-1929.

(51) Library, 1945-1955; (52) Broom Factory, 1940-1943; (53) Dora Sanders Millinery Store, 1880-?; (54) Smith Racket Store, 1900-1902; (55) Wydelich & Perry Drug Store, 1920's; (56) McCarty's Boarding House, early 1900's.

Ok--realizing that some of these locations are going to be off a little which is going to cause us to receive a lot of flack like "gee, you should have known better than that," here goes with what's there now:

(1)W.S. Stevenson's Store; (2) The Hair Loft; (3) Welfare Office; (4) Welfare Office; (5) Vacant lot east of Forman's; (6) Dobyns Package Building; (7) Extension Office; (8) Ned Churchwell (Senior Citizens) Building; (9) Ned Churchwell (Senior Citizens) Building; (10) Moonshiners Hall;

(11) Vacant lot east of Forman's Grocery; (12) east part of Forman's store; (13) above Stevensons; (14) above Abstract (Steve Raymond's building--back (east) part; (15) Sheriff's office (west front of courthouse); (16) Shelbyville Elevator; (17) some say Johnson's Antique (Mid-States Elevator) building; some say Sheila Fults home, northeast part of

town; (18) above Parsons Hardware; (19) King's One-Stop; (20) Johnson's (Mid-States Elevator) building;

(21) above Steve Raymond's building; (22) Parsons Hardware; (23) west of Johnson's (Mid-States Elevator); (24) small house west of Dobyns Package building; (25) small house west of Dobyns Package building; (26) Hardy's, Inc. (filling station); (27) Health Office; (28) W.S. Stevensons; (29) Shelbyville Inn; (30) Post Office;

(31) Connie's Flower Shop; (32) King's One-Stop; (33) Mahaffey D-X; (34) Laundromat building east of King's; (35) between Mahaffey and Greening Funeral Home; (36) Shelbyville Inn; (37) middle portion of Forman's Grocery; (38) across street west of Shelbyville Elevator; (39) parking lot of bank; (40) Citizens Bank;

(41) Hardy's, Inc.; (42) small building at Eagan's Service; (43) small building at Eagan's Service; (44) small building at Eagan's Service; (45) back part of Hardy's, Inc.; (46) above Extension Office; (47) above Dobyns Package building; (48) not listed, some old-timer will know; (49) Shelbyville Inn; (50) just north of old Nettie Day house, north part of town;

(51) back part, lower, Steve Raymond building; (52) south of vacant lot east of Forman's (53) west of Dobyns Package building; (54) Johnson's (Mid-States Elevator); (55) vacant lot east of Forman's; (56) old Winetroub house, west of Schwartz Implement (old lumber yard).

EDITOR'S NOTE

As plans are being made for the 100th Old Settlers Celebration, Miss Katharine Drain, Shelbyville, wrote a tribute to Shelby County which is included here in the Prelude to Old Settlers.

A TRIBUTE TO SHELBY COUNTY AND BEYOND

By Katharine Drain

Many Shelbyville thoughts will be going back through the years remembering the Old Settlers Reunion. Childhood years of riding the Merry-Go-Round, playing in the Court House "yard" and enjoying that last special celebration before school started are a part of history. Back then one saw horse-drawn buggies and surreys hitched around the Court House Square and over-town. Picnic lunches were spread and a general renewing of friendship and old ties made the day significant. Sons, daughters and grandchildren recall or have heard about that time.

An afternoon address by some

speaker from Northeast Missouri or beyond was given studied attention as a highlight of the day. In a recent Shelby County Herald under the caption of "110 Years Ago" attention was called to the Public School opening with 100 scholars in the three departments of the school attesting to the fact that the community believed in education. From a limited curriculum by today's standards came graduates to be known in Law, Education, a College President, a Bishop, missionaries to Foreign fields, mercantile establishments of note, business, agricultural successes and generally just good people. The article named a Mrs. Manville as principal, a name held in respect for her administration and discipline - a name I remember hearing from my father and his associates. As a today value do you remember the recent Nobel Prize awarded to a St. Louis scientist who said these words: "Science is not enough" and he stressed human values?

The Court House Park was very attractive this last summer with flower beds planted and cared for from the Court House. Also, a recent article called attention to two trees planted in the Park by a California member of the Wayne Fox family honoring the parents. The visiting of friends during the several days of celebration observed now at Old Settlers Reunion is a heart-warming scene with many types of entertainment added for enjoyment. Community spirit is a present blessing to be utilized.

A characteristic of the past--integrity of the people--is the password for a vast majority of Shelby countians who know values. For sometime I have been wishing for a time when I could quote one of my favorite Shakespearean quotations and this gem honors the history of Shelby County today. It is - "Good name in man and woman--

Is the immediate jewel of their souls.

Who steals my purse, steals trash -

"Twas mine, 'Tis his and have been slave to thousands;

But he who filches from me my good name

Robs me of that which not enriches him

And makes me poor indeed."

-Othello

In the early 1900's many Shelby countians knew the values of reading history and literature as minds sought lasting values in education. A more common place quotation from Shakespeare will close this article.

"Sleep, blessed sleep, that knits

again the ravelled sleeve of care."

-Macbeth

May 18, 1968

The following History of Shelby County, Missouri was compiled by J.C. Hale for Edwards Brothers appearing in an 1878 atlas. The history will be reprinted over the next several weeks in segments for the prelude.

Introduction

It may be proper for us to preface what we shall hereafter say, by an apology to the readers and subscribers. We have felt our inability to make this history of Shelby County what it should be, for two reasons. First, because the time in which we are compelled to finish it, is too short; and secondly, because the early records of our county are so meagre and incomplete, that anything like details of important events cannot be obtained. And we have therefore had to rely upon the memory and recollections of some of our older citizens now living. But we think we can promise the Atlas Company and its readers, that, while brevity characterizes the following historical sketch, it can be relied upon as nearly correct.

Of course we cannot be expected to be as exact in all particulars, as if we were dealing that which we had witnessed, and will therefore be pardoned if we permit imagination, in some instances, to supply the place of absolute, positive facts.

In a labor like this, intended only for the eyes of the descendants and successors of the noble pioneers of "old Shelby," and to commemorate and preserve their virtues, there should not be a single thought or expression introduced into it calculated to cast a blur upon the history of the early settler.

If we take the pains to look into the history of the early settlement of any civilized country, the manners, customs, genius, fortitude and prowess of the "old settler" are revered and held in high esteem, and handed down from generation to generation as something to which the breath of suspicion can never attach. "These are the men who laid the foundations of empires," and took the steps that raised the structure of free government to the exalted pitch of grandeur we so much admire and that to-day constitutes our true glory and happiness.

So shall it be with those who reduced the wilds of Shelby county to a state of civilization, so far as we are concerned. They are all noble men and women, every one as brave and honorable as ever followed "the Star of Empire as westward it took its flight."

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But, before closing these introductory remarks, we desire to state, that since beginning the work of compiling this short history, reflections upon the lives of the pioneers of this, as well as of other counties in this State, have been a source of great wonderment and interest to us. Our imagination has retrograded to the times, when perhaps there were not more than a dozen white settlers west of the great "Father of Waters," and fancy has whispered in our ears the question: "What motives prompted the noble sons of toil to seek the deep forests and wide prairies of the West, where lurked only the Indian, who danced with savage glee and ferocious joy around the lurid, infernal flames that flickered at the feet of his dying victim?"

Why would the American citizen in years gone by, leave the shades of Mount Vernon and the Hermitage, and with his face toward the setting sun, never cease to brave the dangers of frontier life, until he lay down to sleep beneath an azure sky in "the great West?" Why is it, that the desire to place the barren mountains that sleep off yonder in the dim blue distance, between them and civilization, still impels the American people to struggle with difficulties in strange lands?

Perhaps an answer is found in the records of remote antiquity. By going back to these ancient histories, (profound and moral,) we discover an important truth connected with the migrations of man. Profane history tells us, that at the dispersion of the posterity of Noah into the several countries of the earth where they settled, "*liberty, different views of interest, love for certain countries, and such like motives, were, in outward appearance, the only causes of the different choice which men made in these various migrations.*" But the inspired historian informs us, that amidst the trouble and confusion that followed the sudden change in the language of Noah's descendants, God presided invisibly over all their councils and deliberations; that nothing was transacted but by the Almighty's appointment; and that He alone guided and directed all mankind according to the dictates of His mercy and justice; "The Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of the earth."

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When we turn our backs upon the future, and let our vision glide down the aisle of the past, we see the virtues of these frontiersmen

stamped upon the institutions of our country as they rose from chaos and conflict. Can even trace them to the very "spot where the principles of a great, free government were born; where the throes of constitutional liberty were first felt in a definite form; where the volcanic ideas were first engendered, which tore, as by a mighty eruption, an ancient monarchy in twain, and made the dissevered fragments overshadow the colossal proportions of the parent trunk."

And as we stand gazing in awe-struck silence, along the fleeting years of a little more than a century, we can but conclude that, freedom of speech, freedom of thought, freedom of action, a generous love of liberty, a desire to obey the ancient commandment delivered to the original founders of the human race--to be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth, and the hope that the rich promises given to the Patriarchs of old, that their tribes and descendants should increase until they became as the leaves of the forest and the sands of the sea-shore, should be ultimately and abundantly fulfilled, led these noblemen to carry the standard of civilization from one end of this vast country to the other, and dig deep the foundations of a republic, which "seems as fabulous as the palace of Aladdin."

And as we have further contemplated the lives and characters of these heroes of the past, we have asked ourselves the question, did it ever enter their minds, that they were carving out the foundations of a country destined to become so gigantic and great? No. The wonderful proportions of the present--"the living, breathing present, with its arteries of action interlacing the globe, with its pulses of life beating high and bounding with an irresistible energy--its great heart throbbing beneath the weight of the destiny of the human race," was too stupendous a thought to ever electrify the romantic and vivid imagination of him who held the outposts of civilization. Why, if some visionary enthusiast of those days had said: "We are working a phenomenon in our country's progress that will astonish our children," his neighbors would have supposed him a fit subject for a lunatic asylum.

Make the political dreamer of even as late a period as 1814, when the Capitol at Washington lay in ashes for weeks before it was known all over the country, believe that children were then born who would live to see the day when such startling news would flash with lightning speed into every hamlet on the continent, and follow the cable as it lies mid-ocean,

into the old world, ere the smoke ceased to ascend from the smouldering ruins? Never!

They could not comprehend the idea that this infant republic would go on extending its borders, and acquiring new territory until its western boundaries were marked by the waters of the Pacific Ocean. And we find that wise and prudent statesmen of the earlier days apprehended danger in extending our possessions. They did not believe the Atlantic and Pacific States and territories could be brought within a family circle by the strong, iron arms of American energy and progress.

In 1820, when Missouri was admitted into the confederacy of States, no one supposed that the Mississippi Valley was destined to become the garden, the farm, the granary, and, indeed, "the grand amphitheatre of the world," with its commerce extending to the Arctic Ocean on the north, and to China and Japan on the east.

Even the great Benton, in his most enthusiastic moments, never supposed that in a little more than half a century, the European continent with her 270,000,000 people, and Oriental Asia and its islands with a population of 700,000,000 souls, would be looking to us for their future supplies of bread and meat.

But this has nevertheless come to pass, and to-day fifteen of the forty millions of human beings who people this vast land of ours reside west of the great artery of nature, over whose bosom and through whose channel flows the life-blood of commerce and the traffic of the nations.

No one will suppose that the powers of France and Spain while ceding and retroceding this great valley of the Mississippi, ever believed that her mountains were filled with richest ores, her rivers bedded with the purest gold; or that her American genius, standing midway between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, extending one hand over the sea and the other over the land, would ever create the energies that now exert an influence in all the world.

Thomas Hart Benton, Edward Hempstead, John Scott, Rufus Easton, Alexander McNair, David Barton or Frederick Bates never pictured to their children the festive processions and industrial pageants that now celebrate the inauguration of enterprises that were then regarded as impossible; nor the ovations of the useful arts that now commemorate the trophies of western triumph. No "litanies of civil peace, nor pæans for the conquests of nature," were then chanted in the far-off West, as now.

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ry part of this history, (which we have already perhaps made a little prolix,) without farther contrasting then and now, and the character of the people of early times with that of the "latter day saints."

The pioneer possessed doubtless more soul than has ever been permitted to enter into the composition of man since, as a general rule. He was honest and true, never happier than when engaged in doing a kind act that lifted a neighbor from difficulty, and would even go beyond the reach of "his cabletow" to rescue friend or foe from the environs of danger.

Clad in the home-spun garb of early days, his open, frank countenance said to all he met, a heart palpitates within "that knows no guild." The expression of his eye, looking out from beneath the coonskin cap, betokened a nature as void of selfishness, and corruption and meanness, as it were possible for human nature to be. Descended from a stock of refugees, who had fled the terrors of monarchy, he yearned for that freedom which permitted him to "worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience," and believing firmly in the doctrines promulgated by the "Babe of Bethelhem," his life was spent in doing unto others as he would be done by.

Covetousness was no part of his nature, and all his accumulations, were already made subservient to his own and his neighbors happiness.

That charity, benevolence, and magnanimity of soul that reaches out beyond the confines of one's own household, made the land to him in those primitive times an Eden of bliss.

Legislation then, (if any they had,) was for the protection of all alike, and its rigors rested lightly upon all. There was then no class legislation. No antagonisms between the rich and the poor, and no discriminations in favor of one class to the oppression and burden of another.

They were truly a "band of brothers among whom no contention ever existed," and thus, and perhaps innocently too, they laid the foundations of the "fairest fabric of human government that ever rose to animate the hopes of man."

But how unlike the present in every particular. Now we find the "God of mammon" laying siege to the citadel of the human heart, the temple of justice often desecrated to foul and indecent purposes, and the very religion of the "despised Nazarene," in many places made to blush and hide its face in shame.

The present is a race for wealth,

and although just as good people live now as ever greeted any age, the casual observer might conclude that whilst we were advancing in the accumulation of riches and grandeur, and in the science of government, we were retrograding in morals, and that abundant charity and benevolence which serve greatly to make men and nations happy and contented.

Now, we see everything run by steam and lightning, with railroad cars glancing through our hills and over our vales, "like fiery meteors and blazing centaurs, with untiring nerves and unwasting strength," and a busy forty millions of people furiously rushing to and fro, intent only on hoarding up treasures that must soon fade away, and many of them to all outward appearances, worshipping God by proxy. Then, we had business transacted upon the principle of "live and let live"; now we have it conducted upon the cut-throat basis, in a measure.

Then, the merchant could go to his home at night leaving his store unlocked, and return in the morning to find his treasures undisturbed; now nothing short of a standing army with an arsenal at its command will deter the rogues and thieves who infest every village in America from appropriating that which does not belong to them.

Then, they feasted upon game, fish, and the products of a prolific soil; now we live at lightning speed upon wooden nutmegs sandwiched between a bottle of Dr. Sandord's liver invigorator and a box of Mandrake pills.

Then, they drank a beverage that did not poison to death all whose lips it touched; now, we take "forty-rod bust-head-tangle-foot and "Jersey lightning," run "Crooked" by moonshine.

Then, young maidens grew up to womanhood as healthy, virtuous, vigorous and free as the air they breathed, as the God of Nature intended they should, with rosy cheeks, and pouting lips and happy hearts, and at the age of twenty could stand on the rim of a bushel measure and shoulder three bushels of wheat; now, we take them from the cradle to the grave on pain-killer and tonics, and look on them with pride while they hide their frail forms beneath a multiplicity of flounces and furbelows, and change the hectic flush of the pallid cheek with a Yankee substitute for the roseate hue of health and beauty.

Then, men surrendered to the grim monster death at the age of three-score and ten; now, insurance companies in their mortality

tables tell us we must cross over the river at thirty three years.

And so, we might go on contrasting then and now until we had written a volume, and then leave the differences poorly drawn. But this we cannot here do. And in concluding these prefatory remarks, we desire to say that we make no special application to the people of Shelby county, but on the contrary, they are general and apply with equal force to the people of all this country.

The history of Shelby county is more or less connected with the history of adjoining counties, and to arrive at a correct starting point, reference must be made to them.

Soon after the purchase of Louisiana from the French by the United States, which occurred in 1803, the country of St. Charles was organized, embracing within its boundaries all the country between the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, and extending northwest indefinitely. So that we observe that.

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was at one time a component part of perhaps the largest county ever organized in this country. This vast territorial county boundary was first lessened by the organization of Howard in 1816, and then in 1818 its limits were further diminished by the organization of Lincoln, Pike, and Montgomery counties, leaving Shelby within the limits of Pike. In 1820 Pike was reduced to its present limits by the organization of Ralls, still leaving the territory after ward made into Shelby, within the borders of the new county, and it so remained, so far as we are able to learn, until in 1835, when it was organized into a separate county.

We know that some of our respected old citizens hold to the belief that Shelby was once a part of Marion, but this view, however, cannot be a correct one, for in 1826 Marion County was taken from Ralls by legislative act, and its boundary lines fixed. The western boundary of Marion was fixed where it remains to-day, on the range line between Ranges 8 and 9, and in 1831 Monroe County was organized from Ralls, with its northern boundary line fixed within two miles of where it remains today, still leaving all the territory between Monroe, Marion, and the Iowa line unorganized; so we conclude that Shelby was until its organization as a distinct and separate county, a part of Ralls. Under the old territorial organization, citizens of unorganized territory may have been required to pay taxes at the nearest county seat; of this we cannot speak authoritatively, because the records and books at our command furnish us no certain information on that subject.

In the early organization of this State into counties, the object of the legislature seems to have been to make as many counties as the population of the territory would permit. And this may have been the reason for restricting Marion to its present limits. Be this as it may, however, we cannot agree that Shelby was ever a part of Marion after the organization of Marion into a county.

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Many of the early settlers of Shelby stopped in Marion, and rested from their westward march, before pressing on to the wide prairies then embraced in the territorial domain, some for a greater and some for a less period of time. Major Obadiah Dickerson was perhaps the first permanent settler in the territory afterwards organized into Shelby county. In 1830 he settled on Salt River on the farm now owned by James Foley, coming from Palmyra in Marion county, which village he founded some ten years before. He was originally from Kentucky, and came to Missouri in about 1816 or 1817, landing at Louisiana in Pike county, where he assisted in the organization of this now populous and wealthy county, and in the founding of what is now the flourishing city of Louisiana. The first circuit court ever held in Pike was at the house of this old pioneer in April, 1819.

In the city of Louisiana Major Dickerson lost his wife, and being moved by that laudable ambition that led so many others to follow the sun as it journeyed to the west, in 1820 he came to the spot where Palmyra, in Marion county, now stands. Here, he and Samuel K. Caldwell bought lands and laid out and founded this, now flourishing city of Palmyra.

He was once post-master at Palmyra, and we have an old legend handed down, to this effect, that when the Major went from home on a hunting or fishing excursion, (of both which he was very fond) he took the office in his hat, and in his travels would deliver the mail at the cabins and tents of his neighbor's thus making the post office at Palmyra what it never has since been, a general distributing office.

Here he resided until the spring of 1830, when he removed to the place above named on Salt River, and was a member of the Missouri legislature in 1835 when Shelby county was organized.

In the act organizing the county, Joseph Hardy of Ralls; A. Lay, of Lewis; and Elias Kinchella, of Marion county, were appointed to select and locate the county seat. This duty these commissioners soon performed, and fixed the capital of the county where it yet re-

mains, on parts of sections 20 and 29, township 58, Range 10, for which services they each received twelve dollars. The site for the county seat was donated by Major Dickerson, A. Vandiver, Samuel J. Parker, and Lewis H. Gillaspay, and is within one and a-half miles of the geographical centre of the county.

The town was at once laid off into blocks, lots, streets and alleys, and a sale of town lots took place March 31st, 1836.

In 1835, Daniel Dunklin, who was then Governor of Missouri, appointed as justices of the county court James Foley, Thomas Clemmons, and Dr. E. A. Wood. He also appointed Thomas J. Bounds, clerk, and John M. Milton, sheriff, who failed to qualify by giving bond, and Robert Duncan was afterwards appointed, all of whom have long since passed away, leaving a respectable lineage to enjoy the fruit of the good seed sown by a noble ancestry. Dr. Wood was the brother of Fernando and Benjamin Wood, of New York, and was the recipient of a visit, in these early times, from his brother "Ben," who was so disgusted with the flies, (green-heads) and ticks, that he soon returned home satisfied with frontier life.

The first term of the county court was held at the house of Wm. B. Broughton, at Oak Dale, where Mr. Broughton in the winter of 1833 and '34 had opened a stock of goods, and the Post-office Department had also established here a post-office, with Mr. Broughton as master. Up to the establishment of this office at Oak Dale, the citizens of this district were compelled to go to Palmyra for all mail matter, a distance of twenty-five to thirty miles.

The first business this court transacted was to appoint Wm. B. Broughton treasurer of the county, and Russell W. Moss, assessor, and at its first session divided the county into two municipal townships, calling one North River, and the other Black Creek.

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PIONEERS

Among the earliest settlers of Shelby county in territorial times and before its organization as a county we mention the following: Lewis H. Gillaspay, Nicholas Watkins, Julius C. Gatriel, John McAfee, Wm. J. Holliday, Russell W. Moss, and Charles Christian, who still live, and have well nigh served out their "three score and ten," and James Y. Anderson, James Blackford, Henry Saunders, C.A. Saunders, Samuel Buckner, George Eaton, Thomas Holman, Levi Dyer, Wm. B. Broughton, Anthony Blackford, Issac Blackford, Hill Shaw, Henry Musgrove, Henry B.

Musgrove, John Eaton, A. McHolliday, George Parker, A. Vandiver, Robert Duncan, Thomas Clemmons, Thomas J. Bounds, Samuel Bell, Elijah Pepper, James Swartz, George Anderson, Major Obadiah Dickerson, James Foley, Peter Roff, Elisha K. Eaton, Robert Joiner, William Moore, John Ralls, Bryant Cochrane, Peter Stice, Peter Looney, Oliver J. Latimer, Josiah Abbott, George W. Gentry, John Sparrow, Samuel S. Matson, Dr. E. A. Wood, Alex, Gillaspay, and Ezekiel Kennedy, all of whom have gone "to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

And among those soon added to the above list, who have passed "through the valley and shadow of death," we name Wm. H. Davidson, John W. Long, John G. Gillis, James L. Peak, Stephen Miller, Joseph L. West, Saml. M. Hewitt, Joseph Ennis, Abraham Matlock, William S. Chinn, James B. Marmaduke, A.B. Glasscock, Thomas O. Eskridge, Dr. James Riggs, Alex Buford, John Jacobs, John Dunn, Elijah Pollard, Josiah Bethards, Henry Louthan, Perry B. Moore, and Hiram Rookwood. Some of those who took up their abode in the county in about 1835, 6, and 7, and are yet living in the county are: William Conner, William Gooch, G. H. Edmonds, Elias Kincheloe, John J. Foster, Sam'l B. Hardy, James G. Glenn, Joshua M. Ennis, William Looney, James S. Pickett, S. W. Miller, Charles N. Holliman, Addison Lair, Robert Lair, Kemp M. Glasscock, Benjamin F. Forman, Sylvannus J. Bragg, James R. Barr, Lacy Morris, and Joseph Moss.

The current expenses of local government in these early times amounted to nothing as compared with the present. County expenditures in 1835 and 6 were not much in excess of five hundred dollars. In February, and on the 4th day thereafter, 1837, the county court made an order appropriating four thousand dollars to build a courthouse, which was erected by Charles Smith and Wait Barton, and now stands in the centre of the Public Square in Shelbyville, as a relic of the past, appealing with the reverberations of nearly half a century to the pride of our people to keep step with the progress of the age and erect another.

Our early officers made short work of official business, if we judge from the brevity of the records. The order appropriating this money to erect a courthouse does not take more space on the records than an order now opening court occupies.

If the court now makes an order appropriating one hundred dollars to build a bridge across some ra-

vine, and will take the pains to get some lawyer to write it up for the clerk, he can string out a sufficient number of "whereases" and "aforesaid" to spread over forty pages of record that is not less than fourteen by twenty inches. The first term of circuit court was held at the house of W.B. Broughton, at Oak Dale, commencing on the 26th day of November, 1835, with Priestly, H. McBride presiding. A grand jury was empaneled, sworn, charged and discharged. The names of the first grand jury were as follows: William Moore, George Parker, George W. Gentry, William S. Chinn, Peter Stice, Bryant Cochran, Joseph L. West, Elisha K. Eaton, Silas Boyce, James Blackford, Saml. Bell, Albert G. Smith, Josiah Bethards, Cyrus A. Sanders, Hill Shaw, John Thomas, Robert Reed, Russel W. Moss, Henry Musgrove, and Ezekiel Kennedy, twenty in number. This jury found nothing to do, came into court and reported the fact and were discharged.

The July term, 1836, was held at the same place, Judge Ezra Hunt, (the father-in-law of Hon. David P. Dyer), presiding. The jury empaneled at this term found no business, and such was the condition of society in those days that for about eight successive terms of the circuit court "no business" was the unanimous report of these conservators of the peace. But finally things took a change, and in 1839 two friends whose names we shall not call, bet a coon skin or something of less value, on the result of a dog fight, and at the next term of grand jury had work to do, and the prosecuting attorney supposed he had struck a "bonanza."

Among the names of attorneys who made semi-annual visits to the county in these early days, we notice J. Quinn Thornton, John Heard, A.B. Chambers, S.W.B. Carnegy, Thomas L. Anderson, who now resides in Palmyra; Uriel Wright, who died in Richmond soon after the close of the late war; Edwin G. Pratt, lately deceased; Saml. T. Glover, who now stands in the front ranks of the St. Louis Bar; Wm. J. Howell, yet living in Paris, Monroe county; John I. Campbell, who died several years ago in Hannibal, Missouri; William Porter, James R. Abernathy, Phil. Williams and W.K. Vanarsdall.

Among the attorneys who have at one time or another made Shelby their home, we call to mind the names of A.W. Slayback, who was the father of Hon. A. W. Slayback, a rising young lawyer of St. Louis; Col. Henry S. Lipscomb, now of St. Louis; John McAfee, now of Quincy, Ill; J.M. Irwin, Fleming Turner, George W. Hillias, Hall, Robinson, E. McBounds, J.W. Roundy, A.M.

York, John C. Logie, J. F. Benjamin, who was three times sent to Congress from this district, and died in Washington recently; E.P. Burlingame, M.J. Manville, E.D. Tingle, and J.R. McLeod. The resident attorneys now are, B. F. Dobyms, P.B. Dunn, W.O.L. Jewett, C.M. King, R.P. Giles, J.W. Shafer, C.S. Brown, and J.C. Hale.

Shelby county was originally peopled by emigrants from Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland, and Tennessee, who underwent many hardships in opening up a new world. They were a hardy, healthy people, and were afflicted with no disease except chills and fever until the doctors came. In 1832, there were two or three cases of cholera in the county, and it prevailed to an alarming extent in Palmyra and Marion county.

Some of our early settlers seem to have possessed a peculiar notion about farming. For here were then all the prairie lands that heart could wish, and much more easily put in cultivation than the timber lands, and we find that some of the oldest farms in the county were hewn out of the timber. We have surmised that a reason for this was, that perhaps in those days there were not enough oxen in the county to turn over the sod of the prairie land. The sod of the prairies in those days was very tough, and yielded to the plow only when drawn by six to eight yoke of cattle. Although our forefathers endured these many toils and difficulties, from all we can learn and know of them, we conclude they enjoyed it notwithstanding. Wild game was plentiful and the range for their stock was inexhaustible.

The settlement and development of Shelby county was very much retarded by eastern capitalists in an early day. These capitalists and speculators entered at government prices large tracts of our best lands, and held them at too high a price to sell to the actual settler. And in many instances they would not sell in small tracts, or, in other words, would sell none, unless they could dispose of all their possessions.

This condition of things of course forced many to go further in search of lands where the quantity and prices were suited to their feeble means.

This state of affairs was finally much changed, and these lands to a very great extent have been sold to persons who have improved them. So that now the county is pretty well settled, and eastern land owners are in a manner bought out.

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PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

Shelby is bounded on the east by Marion, on the north by Lewis and

Knox, on the west by Macon, and on the south by Monroe county.

It extends east and west from the east line of Range No. 9 to the west line of Range No. 12, a distance of twenty-four miles, and north and south, from two miles south of the north line of township No. 56, to the north line of township No. 59, a distance of twenty miles, with a corner of four miles, by six added at the south-west corner of the county, and contains about 322,560 acres, quite two-thirds of which was originally prairie lands.

Nearly all these prairie lands are now enclosed and in a state of cultivation, together with a goodly portion of the timber lands. Shelby possesses some as fine farms as any county in the west, and perchance some as thrifty, expert farmers as are found anywhere. The soil is uniform in quality, and although not quite so rich and loamy as some other spots in Missouri, it is unsurpassed for the productions of the general agricultural and horticultural classes. And we venture the assertion that no county can be found better adapted to stock-raising than Shelby.

Blue-grass, orchard-grass, timothy and clover growing abundantly, gives Shelby an advantage over any district we now call to mind for stock-growing purposes. Indeed, blue-grass is indigenous, and has literally taken the soil, so that the blue-grass region of Kentucky does not surpass us in the verdure and bountifulness of pasture lands.

Our chief crops are corn and hay. Yet wheat, oats, rye and tobacco are cultivated to some extent. Our timber is composed of White, Black, and Spanish oak, Walnut, Maple, and in the bottoms and lowlands, we have what is called Water oak. We also have a reasonable supply of Hickory, which with the almost inexhaustible supply of Pin-oak poles, goes to make our fires.

Our Prairies are sufficiently undulating to furnish drainage, and although several years ago we were the recipients of a large amount of what the legislature was pleased to denominate swamp-lands, our people have never been put to any great trouble in draining their farms.

Shelby county is watered by Otter Creek, Crooked Creek, Black Creek, North River, Tiger Fork, South Fabius, and North fork of Salt River. The last stream enters the county near the north-west corner thereof, and meanders diagonally through it, winding out a distance of nearly one hundred miles.

This is the largest stream in the county, and is only navigable at

one season of the year, and then only in the imaginations of defeated politicians.

North River, Tiger Fork and South Fabius, are in the northern portion of the county; Black Creek and Salt River supply the central portion, and Crooked and Otter Creeks the south-western. There are also branches and tributaries to all these streams, the names of which we cannot enumerate.

Living water, as pure as that which gushed from the rock smitten by Moses, can be found by digging only a short depth in many places in the county. Our people, however, are largely supplied from cisterns, the clay beneath the soil being of such a compact nature as to hold water as though it was made by "Him who doeth all things well," just for that purpose.

In many portions of our county the finest and best quality of limestone abounds, and geologists say we are underlaid with superior coal. For building purposes our rock cannot be excelled, and as for quantity it is simply abundant.

So we conclude, that, taken all in all, no county in the State presents a finer view or brighter prospect to the eye and mind of the agriculturist than Shelby.

In 1839 Shelby County sent a volunteer company to what was known as the "Mormon war," under the command of Capt. S.S. Matson. This soldiery only went, however, on their way to battle, as far as Keytesville, in Chariton county, when orders came to halt. The forces were soon after disbanded, and our volunteers returned home, happier and in better condition perhaps than if they had met the "Josephites" in mortal combat.

Next came the Iowa war. This difficulty grew out of a dispute between Iowa and Missouri in reference to the State line. Citizens all along the border of each State organized into bands, and for a time a bloody conflict seemed inevitable. Wisdom and conciliation happily prevailed, the differences were peaceably adjusted, and the calamities of inter-state strife and bloodshed averted. Shelby sent a company of infantry in this case to assist their brethren of the border in repelling any supposed invasion of their rights. So Shelby's soldiers in this instance, as before, "marched up the hill, and then marched down again."

But finally a war came, (a war of extermination, and yet a bloodless one), that caused our predecessors much trouble and annoyance. About 1841, the chinch-bug made its appearance, and through a term of successive years made

havoc of the crops. These were afflictions the like of which have only been endured by the citizens of a neighboring State, when recently suffering under the visitation of myriads from the grasshopper kingdom.

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The braves of those days resisted this visitation manfully, and resorted to every means known to civilized warfare to drive this enemy from our borders, and finally succeeded in utterly routing and putting to flight the multitudinous pests, so that for several years past we only see an occasional bug. As soon as the first settlers of Shelby could get log cabins and houses erected in which their families were sheltered from the storms and wintry blasts, they commenced providing for the education of their children. Log school-houses, with stick and mud chimneys, were built, with fire places sometimes filling one end of the house, and furnished always with benches, split or hewn out of the hardest wood to be found. These early, uncomfortable and poorly furnished houses served a great purpose, however. For they were the cornerstone and foundation of our educational fabric, without which free government cannot exist. Although these facilities for education were miserably poor, these log cabins and hard benches have sent up great men, who perfected and gave to us a system of Public Schools, to the fountains of which the poorest and most destitute may come and drink freely. May these influences continue to grow, onward and upward, until the accomplishments and beauties of education shall brighten the countenance and illumine the mind of every son and daughter of Missouri! In the early times the country was so sparsely settled that the districts were necessarily large, or embraced a large scope of territory, and some of the little fellows were compelled to walk, three, four, and some perhaps five miles to school. The first one of these huts, (we cannot conveniently find any other descriptive word) was erected in what is now Jackson township, near the farm of William H. Eakle, in the autumn of 1833, and the second was built the following year, just south of the great bridge that spans Salt river and adjoining country, near the road leading from Shelbyville to Shelbyna.

The others followed, as the county was settled, until School Houses now number about seventy-five, and cost perhaps sixty-five thousand dollars, which are generally comfortably arranged and furnished with the latest improvements in school-room furniture

and apparatus, and accommodate nearly five thousand pupils. The exact number of children between the ages of six and twenty years, as shown by the enumeration for 1877, is as follows: White, four thousand three hundred and fifty-one; colere, two hundred and seventy-seven.

These children are educated and these school supported from a State, county and township fund, amounting to something over fifty thousand dollars, and, by direct taxation.

This public fund, (the interest of which is only used), was derived from the sale of every sixteenth section, donated by the United States Government to the State of Missouri, and by the State to the county; from the sale of swamp lands, and by fines, penalties, etc. Besides these public schools, we have a number of private schools in the county, the chief of which are, "Shelbina Collegiate Institute," and "Shelby High School."

In an early day, the "Embassadors of Christ," catching the inspiration of the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," came bearing the banner of the *Cross*, and with heavenly unctored Tongues, proclaimed the "glad tidings of great joy." These missionaries, all of whom, perhaps, are now gone across the beautiful river, were men of great hearts and noble works, and to their efforts in part, we are justly indebted for the high eminence we have attained in civilization and Christian progress. And although we are not writing an essay upon the causes that impelled us to the altitudes we now maintain, we cannot refrain from remarking in this connection, that we owe it to all the influences shed abroad in the human heart by the approach of the gospel of truth.

The early preachers of Shelby county, as well as the pioneer preachers in all early settlements, although not missionaries in a heathen land, underwent many hardships, and passed through many trials that put their faith to a severe test.

The first church-building ever erected in the county was built in Shelbyville in about the year 1845, under the auspices of the Methodists. Since then the Redeemer's cause has so spread, and the good works so progressed, that we now have within our boundary lines no less than about thirty of these temples of God looking heavenward, from off whose altars the exhalations of love and obedience continually ascend. These church-houses cost perhaps an average of eight hundred dollars, and are owned by Presbyterians, (Old School and

Cumberland,) Methodists, (M.E., Evangelical and M.E. South), Baptists, Christians, German Lutheran, and Roman Catholic.

POLITICAL

In the early days of this county, the admirers of Henry Clay and Daniel Webster seem to have predominated, and the county officers were usually what were called Whigs. The Whig majority was small, however, and occasionally a Democrat could find enough personal friends among the Whigs to elect him to office, until finally the followers of "Old Hickory" took the county, and consequently all the offices.

In 1855 an ominous star burst out upon the political horizon, and many Democrats thought their sun had set. Go where you would the question, "Have you seen Sam?" was timidly whispered in your ears, and Know-Nothingism for the time appeared to absorb both political parties. But in 1856 the Democracy was triumphant, and the tender plant so generously nurtured perished away, and the little darling of the Whigs was gently laid in the tomb.

The Democrats maintained the ascendancy then until our "cruel war" broke their strength. For a period of about nine years, (during and after the war), the Republican party was in power.

Our county produced no very great military heroes during the war, but our people suffered largely, from roving bands of armed men, first upon one side, and the upon the other. Consequently unexampled and died-spread excitement pervaded in the county during four long and weary years, and our people were continually kept in the midst of threatening perils and impending danger. No bloody battles were fought in our borders, but many scenes were enacted, the memory whereof is too vivid in the minds of us all to require a recital here. Serious divisions existed among our people, and bad passions were aroused that we are glad to note have all passed away. The wrongs committed then, are forgiven and forgotten, and our people have turned their backs upon the past with the determination to look alone to the future. The county now is Democratic on a strict party vote by about 600 to 800.

POPULATION

Our population has increased rapidly since the war, and according to the census of 1876, we possessed a total population of 13,244 persons. Of this number 12,376 are white, and 868 are colored.

Of the white population 5919 are females, and 6456 are males; and of the colored, 443 are females

and 424 are males.

At the election in 1876 we cast about 2500 votes, quite an increase over the vote of 1835, which only footed up all told, 45 votes.

WEALTH

Our assessment valuation for the year 1876 was as follows:

Real Estate.....	\$2,334,815.00
Personal Property.....	1,055,898.00
Making a grand total	
of.....	\$3,290,713.00

And our records show the following statistics that go to make this sum total, from which we extract items of Horses 6156, Mules 1880, Jacks 22, Jennetts 45, Cattle 17,635, Sheep 16,713, Hogs 30,213, Corn (product of 1876) 788,865 bushels, oats 55,876 bushels, Tobacco 527,190 pounds; Wool 40,208 pounds, Hay 21,638 tons, and Sorghum Molasses 17,618 gallons. Many who ought to be competent judges, put the yield of 1877, in Corn and Hay, at about double what the above figures show for the year previous.

The Revenue collected for the year 1876, (that of 1877 is now being collected), amounted in round numbers to \$21,706.85 and the expenditures for the same year were \$19,657.38.

INDEBTEDNESS

Shelby county is perhaps in better condition financially than any of her sister counties. Instead of a great, huge debt weighing us down and imposing burdens that oppress our people like some terrible night-mare, we are in comparatively easy circumstances; our bonded indebtedness amounting only to the sum of \$8355.45. This sum when compared with three to eight hundred thousand dollars' liabilities, the ponderous incubus that hangs like a death pall over some of our neighbors heads, is as nothing.

RAILROADS

Shelby county can boast only one of these evidences of thrift and prosperity, the Hannibal and Joseph, otherwise known as the "Old Reliable." Twenty-four and 73/100 miles of this thoroughfare traverses the Southern portion of the country. This Railroad was surveyed through our county in 1851, but was not constructed until 1857. Another survey of a north and south Railroad has been made, and it may be that many of our people will live to see this projected enterprise completed.

MANUFACTORIES

The facilities for manufacturing establishments in Shelby are quite good but these interests, for some cause to us unknown, have not flourished as in other localities. We have about one hundred of the various kinds of manufacturing es-

tablishments, consisting of saw, flouring and grist mills, wagon and plow factories, etc., etc., but their operations are not as extensive as we would wish.

OUR TOWN

The first of these we shall mention is New York.

This beautiful embryo city was laid off in 1835 by William Muldrow and others, on sections 1, 2, 12 and 13, in township 58, Range 11, and was perhaps as magnificent a city as man ever beheld on paper.

We are not certain, but we do not think this city ever possessed an actual settler, until some farmer drove down Broadway with a prairie plow. We have heard, however, that many corner lots and stately sites were sold to eastern people. New York, in Shelby county, was a failure as to population.

SHELBYVILLE--is centrally located, has a population of 597, according to the last census, and is now incorporated under the new law, making it a city of the fourth class. Contains four church buildings; Presbyterian, (Old School), Methodist E. Church, Methodist E. Church, South, and Baptists; one Seminary, under the management of the Methodist E. Church, South, one graded public school, one public school for colored children, one bank, (the Shelby County Savings Bank), with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, with John T. Cooper, President, and Dr. Phil. Dimmitt, Cashier, a saw-mill, four black-smith shops, five dry-goods stores, three hardware stores, two drug-stores, and one newspaper, *the Shelby County Herald*.

W. L. Willard is the proprietor and editor, and makes a handsome, readable, country newspaper. The *Herald* is Republican in politics, though not stubbornly so, and with this exception, we put the *Herald* down as a first class sheet. It is in its eighth year, and is quite liberally patronized. The *Herald* also has a Job office, at which very skillful work is put up.

BETHEL--is situated five miles north of Shelbyville, and is on both sides the stream, called North River. It was settled in 1845, by Germans from Pennsylvania, under the leadership of one Dr. William Keil, who lately died in Oregon. Bethel is quite a flourishing little town, with a population of perhaps 200. Its people are characterized by thrift and industry, farming extensively, manufacturing, and merchandizing.

Dr. Keil, after locating and settling the colony at Bethel, went himself to Oregon, and founded another colony, where he remained until his death. Bethel con-

tains one church-building, three stores, one mill, boot and shoe and black-smith shops, etc., etc. A colony of these people has gone to a settlement in Adair county, this State, and named the new colony, Nineveh. Some, who still remain in Bethel, have seceded from the colony, and do for themselves, on their own responsibility.

SHELBYVILLE--the largest town in the county, is situated on the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad, eight miles south of Shelbyville. This town was founded in 1857, by the Railroad Company, and has grown very rapidly since the close of the war. It is forty-seven miles west of Hannibal, the eastern terminus of the Railroad. It has a population of about thirteen hundred, and is surrounded by a beautiful farming country. Its inhabitants are of a very enterprising character, never letting the outlay of money prevent them from taking such steps as will beautify their young city and advance their material interests, and now boasts five churches. The denominations owning those places of worship are the Methodist E. Church, Methodist E. Church, South, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Christian. Its schools are "Shelbyville Collegiate Institute," a graded public school, and a school for colored children. It is the principal shipping point for Shelby and the Northern portion of Monroe county, and is therefore destined to control to a certain extent the commercial business of the county. It possesses about twenty stores, a brick flouring mill, a large leaf tobacco warehouse, one bank, with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, with Daniel Taylor as President, and William A. Reid Cashier, one wagon and plow factory, a nursery, and one newspaper, the "*Shelby Democrat*."

The *Democrat* is owned and published by E.D. Hoselton, and is quite ably managed. Mrs. Hoselton is a practical printer herself, and gives much attention to the make up of his paper.

The color of the *Democrat's* politics is "Democratic at all times and under all circumstances." It possesses a Job office in connection with the paper, that turns off some handsome work. This paper is liberally supported, and is in the eleventh year of its age.

HUNNEWELL is on the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad, in the South-eastern corner of Shelby county, ten miles east of Shelbyville. This town is located in good farming district, and is quite a shipping point. Its citizens are thrifty and enterprising, always having an eye to business.

This town was located in 1857, by the railroad company, and was

named for one of the company's original incorporators. It has a population of 405 persons, according to the census of 1876.

We can count here about a dozen stores, a flouring mill, a large grain warehouse, an excellent graded public school, and two churches--Methodist E. Church, South, and Roman Catholic.

CLARENCE is another town in our county founded by the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad Company, and is twelve miles west of Shelbyville. This is a flourishing town, in a very fertile portion of our county, and bids fair to rival any of the other towns in point of trade.

Clarence has live merchants, and does a mammoth business for its size and population, which was according to census of 1876, only 532. This town boasts better roads leading in and out, and for miles away, than any other town in the county. This city, (for we must so recognize it, as it has a Mayor and City Council), has two churches, (Presbyterian and Methodist E. Church, South), one graded public school, about a dozen stores, a flouring mill, and one tobacco warehouse.

These towns are all on the upward tendency as to internal improvements. Brick buildings of commodious dimensions have gone up in all of them recently, and everything in and around them indicates industry, energy and prosperity. Besides these towns we have the villages of Lakenan on the railroad, five miles east of Shelbyville and Walkersville on the north fork of Salt River, three miles north-west of Shelbyville, with one church, (Baptist), one saw and grist mill, carding machine, etc.; and a population of about 50, and in addition, we have the following post-offices scattered around at different points in the county, for the accommodation of our people.

CHERRY BOX, fifteen miles north-west of Shelbyville.

HAGER'S GROVE, ten miles west of Shelbyville.

LEONARD, ten miles north-west of Shelbyville.

MOULTON, sixteen miles north-west of Shelbyville.

LENTNER, five miles west of Shelbyville.

NELSONVILLE, twenty miles north-east of Shelbyville.

WEST SPRINGFIELD, fifteen miles north-east Shelbyville.

We had hoped to give in this history an official register, but we cannot do so in the time we have in which to prepare it, and must therefore content ourselves with giving the names of the different

gentlemen who have filled the office of Sheriff and Collector:

Robert Duncan.....1835 to 1840
 Russell W. Moss.....1840 to 1844
 Guilbert,
 H. Edwards.....1844 to 1846
 J. M. Ennis.....1846 to 1850
 G. H. Edmonds.....1850 to 1854
 Jacob, Vandiver.....1854 to 1856
 J.M., Ennis.....1856 to 1860
 John Dickerson.....1860 to 1861
 Jos. H. Forman.....1861 to 1866
 J.M. Collier.....1866 to 1870
 Samuel F. Dunn.....1870 to 1872
 John Dickerson.....1872 to 1876
 F.M. Harrison.....Present incumbent

All these are living in Shelby county to-day, except Duncan and Vandiver, who are dead, and our readers can see that in the forty-second year of our history, only ten of our citizens have filled the most important county office in the gift of the people. It does not look much toward rotation in office, but it speaks well for the honesty and integrity of the officeholders of this county.

July 6, 1988

CONCLUSION

In concluding this imperfect history of Shelby County, we desire to say, that many incidents connected with the early settlements have been omitted because of the vagueness and uncertainty of our records. And we desire also to say that for a great portion of what we have written, we are indebted to some of our older citizens, the records furnishing no clue to such facts as we have been able to obtain from them in many instances. Perfect accuracy is of course impossible, but we have taken some care, and therefore trust we have committed no errors of very great importance.

And let us also remark before we conclude, that, whilst our county offers perhaps as inviting a field for the pursuits of labor as any of our neighbor counties, much depends upon the conduct of our people in the future. A laudable solicitude for continued prosperity should rest in every heart, and be as all-pervading among our people as the light that breaks with the opening morn. The strongest of all human inducements appeal to the people of every grade and condition to bend their united energies toward this great purpose. The farmer, who forces the bosom of the earth to yield its annual products for the support of men and nations; the mechanic, who increases the value of things by his skillful industry; all of every avocation are equally interested in united and

combined effort to push us on to greater attainments.

We are citizens by birth or choice of the same county of our State, and this county ought to concentrate our affections. We have the same religion, the same habits, and with slight shades of difference, the same political principles. We therefore have a common cause and common interest in our future growth and prosperity. These considerations, however powerfully they address themselves to our mind, are greatly outweighed by the holy ardor and ambition engendered by the reflection that our sister counties all around us are sparing no means, and making every effort to help them on to greatness and grandeur. A noble zeal and desire to keep pace with our neighbors in the great race for prosperity, should stimulate us to redouble our labors. So my fellow-citizens of Shelby county, we cannot afford to lie supinely down, or sit idly by and see our industrial interests blighted and the further development of the county retarded.

By so doing we would affix a stigma upon our history that all time may not efface, and cause the blush of shame to mantle the stainted cheeks of our ancestral fathers.

Hence, we look down the stream of time, and not in the very far off future, we behold thousands of happy, contented, and prosperous people residing in Shelby county, enjoying all the rich legacies and blessings that the energy and industry of the nineteenth century may hand down to them. We see the zephyrs of the morning, wafting to them glories we know not of, and the very atmosphere redolent with the perfume of ages.

SHELBY COUNTY! The home of our adoption! **SHELBY COUNTY!** Around the mention of whose name cluster memories that awaken responses in eternity!!

SHELBY COUNTY!! The burial ground of our father, and the final resting place of the remains of our two little children, whose lovely innocence was as fresh as the kiss of the morning dew!! **SHELBY COUNTY!!** THE SACRED SPOT OF ALL ON EARTH TO US!! WHEN WE CONTEMPLATE YOUR RISING AND RAPIDLY DEVELOPING GLORIES, AND BEHOLD THE PROUD DESTINY OPENING BEFORE YOU, YOU APPEAR LIKE A RICH BRIDE, RECLINING ON THE LAP OF OUR BOUNTIFUL PRAIRIES, AMONG YOUR SISTER COUNTIES THE MOST POWERFUL OF THEM ALL!!!

July 13, 1988

Mrs. Ruth Lasswell, Shelbyville, has submitted some comments regarding preparations for the 100th Old Settlers Celebration. They are printed here followed by accounts of the reunions held in 1889 and 1896. Kathleen Wilham, Shelbyville, has researched the historical accounts for use in the Prelude to Old Settlers series.

Old Settlers

I feel sure each and everyone of us are aware by now that soon we will be celebrating one hundred years of Old Settlers. Yes, we are aware of and should be proud of our rich heritage.

In the midst of our happiness and good time this year, let us think with love and respect to those persons that had the first Old Settlers celebration. The time, work, money, ideas and planning that went into the very first celebration have been guidelines for people to follow through all the years. They gave it their best to make it a time of happiness, friends meeting friends, and no doubt a very able speaker talking on these various things of the time.

So let us too give it our best, this 100th celebration, because we too are making history. So, let it be the good quality of events that we would be proud for it to be read in history.

Meet you at Old Settlers August 16-20.

Ruth Lasswell Old Settlers Reunion-1889

August 28, 1889 Edition

The Old Settlers' meeting is over, and everybody who attended said it was a success, and the business men and citizens of Shelbyville are satisfied. The following is the report of the meeting as furnished us by the Secretary, C.M. King:

Meeting called to order by Leonard Bobbin, President. Music by the Bethel band, after which, at the request of the President, the Rev. S. J. Martin, of Shelbina, offered an appropriate prayer, which was followed by an address of welcome by the Hon. James C. Hale, of Shelbyville, after which the meeting was favored by an address from Prof. W. P. Nason, of LaBelle.

After a recess of 1-1/2 hours the meeting again convened at the call of the President, and were entertained by Hon. C. S. Brown, of Clarence, followed by a short address from James T. Lloyd, in which he stated that the object of the meeting was of a purely social character and entirely free of politics. He read a letter from Hon. Wm. P. Harrison, of Hannibal, who had been invited to be present and address the meeting.

At two o'clock and forty minutes

the speaker of the day, the Hon. Wm. H. Hatch, of Hannibal, was introduced by the President and interested the meeting for an hour.

After music the Old Settlers' love feast furnished us with a talk from A.W. Sanders, Jonathan Barker and Rev. Swinney, and at the conclusion the committee on award of premiums made its report.

Notes of the Day

It was a big day for Shelbyville. The merchants decorated profusely.

Everybody said it was a grand success.

Dr. Geo. B. Rush, of Warren, was here.

All the merchants enjoyed an immense trade.

The court house front was nicely decorated.

There were 5,000 people here, easy--Monroe Teachenor.

Julius Green took a photograph of about 50 of the old settlers.

Everybody said it was the largest crowd ever in Shelbyville.

All the vacant lots in town were filled with wagons, buggies and horses.

The small boy and the fire cracker did not take much part in the reunion.

W. L. Reid, of Monroe City, would have got lost entirely had he been here.

The Bethel and Shelbina bands vied with each other in making sweet music.

The Shelbina band came over in the afternoon and made some most excellent music.

Dr. Dimmitt and many others say we must have an Old Settlers Reunion every August.

The Teachers Institute adjourned in the afternoon and the teachers attended the Reunion.

The lunch and lemonade stand conducted by the ladies on the east side cleared \$38.00.

Mayor J.D. Meison says it was the biggest crowd he ever saw either in Ralls or Shelby counties.

C. K. Cotton, of Shelbina, was able to attend. He is 87 years old and came near capturing one of the prizes.

The Clarence Courier puts the crowd at 3,000. Make it 6,000 and it would come much nearer the real number.

C. Hornback and William Kemper, of Clarence, said it was the most sociable and good feeling crowd they ever saw.

The streets were sprinkled all day and kept the dust down, so that the enjoyment of our visitors might be complete.

The bank in this city did more business on Thursday than on any other day in its history, which means a great deal.

F. H. Chenoweth, our photographer, did a large business. He is a

new man in our town and we are glad he did well.

We heard a man who attended the Clarence celebration on July 4th say that there were as many people here as there.

In Aug. 1890 another Old Settlers Reunion will be held in the court house park at Shelbyville. All are cordially invited.

The ice water committee did their work well. The barrels were kept full of water all the time. All got a drink that wanted it.

Teachenor, Reinheimer & Co. sent up a large elephant balloon in the afternoon amid the applause of the multitude. The elephant sailed off to the southeast.

Shelbina, Clarence, Bethel, Leonard, Hunnewell, Oak Dale, Hagers Grove and in fact all towns in Shelby were well represented. Many were here from Marion, Lewis, Knox and Macon counties.

John Gatewood and Thos. Mead got a rope in the pulley on the flag pole in this city last Wednesday evening by means of a kite, and on Old Settlers day the stars and stripes waved triumphantly from the top of the pole.

The Bethel band was highly complimented by all for their excellent music. The members that compose this band are all trained musicians and play the most difficult music. The band has a great many admirers in this city.

C. M. King, of Shelbina, who was the secretary of the Reunion, writes us that he has attended most of the large meetings in Shelby County held during the past 40 years, and he thinks the Reunion of Thursday was the largest county meeting of county people ever held in Shelby county. Mrs. Peter Allpaugh, living southwest of town, informed us that some party or parties stole a portion of her dinner out of the wagon near the Presbyterian church. At the Shelbina fair last Sept. she also had her dinner stolen. The only theory we can advance for Mrs. A's frequent losses is her most excellent reputation for good cooking, which has spread over the land.

September 2, 1896 Edition

The annual old settlers reunion of Shelby county was held in this city last Friday, August 28th. The usual crowd of 5,000 or 6,000 people were in attendance and all seemed to have a most pleasant time. The weather was cool and pleasant, the dust being the only thing that in any way contributed to make the day unpleasant.

The exercises were opened at 10:30 a.m. by chairman W. G. Sanders, who called the crowd to order and Rev. J. S. Todd offered a short prayer. W. H. Burroughs followed with the address of welcome, which was delivered in an

excellent manner and in a loud clear voice, and well received and highly complimented by all. Hon. Geo. W. Chinn of Clarence responded in a short and appropriate speech. The next speaker was Hon. L. F. Cottey of Knox county who talked for an hour and was attentively listened to. He has a fine voice and was easily heard by all. The crowd was then dismissed for dinner. Interspersed with the speeches were songs by the male quatered and music by the Bethel band.

Nearly all the people from the country brought their dinners with them, and the crowd distributed itself in all parts of town under the shade trees and partook of their dinners. The hotels and eating houses however were all crowded and did a good business.

At 1:30 Chairman Saunders again called the crowd to order and speeches were delivered by Elder Clinton Lockhart, President of Canton Christian University; Prof. J. T. Muir, President of La-Grange, Mo. College; Prof. G. L. Byrom, President of Centenary College, Palmyra, Mo. Prof. E. C. Crabb, President of the Clarence High School. These men all made interesting and instructive talks, and they all spoke distinctly and were easily understood.

Interesting talks were also made by Tom Irons and Dr. E. C. Davis of Hunnewell, Rev. Swinney of Clarence and Uncle Steve Gupton of Kirby, and perhaps others whose names we did not learn.

At 4 p.m., the prizes were awarded as follows, the prize to each being a \$5 gold piece and appropriate baded: 1st--to the oldest person on the grounds, the prize was awarded to John McLeod, of this city who was born in Pennsylvania in 1807; came to Missouri and Shelby county in 1865; present age 89 years. The presentation speech was made by Rev. J. S. Todd. 2nd--the prize to the oldest resident of the state was awarded to Mrs. M. L. Winston, who lives near Lentner. She was born in Georgia in 1811, came to Missouri in 1822; don't remember when she came to Shelby county. Present age 86. Presentation speech made by Judge J. T. Perry. 3rd--The prize for the oldest resident of Shelby county was awarded to Samuel Saunders of near Leonard. He was born in Virginia in 1830, and came to Missouri in Shelby county in 1831. Present age 65. Presentation speech made by Rev. J. H. Bryan.

It was now 4:30 p.m. and as the balloon was announced to go up at 5 o'clock the crowd about the speaker's stand was dismissed and gathered in the street west of the court house to see T. W. Greenleaf, representing Baldwin Bros. of

Quincy, made a balloon ascension and parachute jump. At 4:40 the inflation of the balloon began, and at 5:02 it went up. It was a beautiful ascension and an easy, successful parachute jump. He probably went up 800 or a 1000 feet before he cut loose. The parachute lit near Alex Burnett's house, not over a quarter of a mile from the court house. It landed Mr. Greenleaf in the top of a tree, but he escaped unhurt. Everybody seemed pleased with the ascension and jump.

This closed the exercises for the day, and the people got their teams and left for home, after, we hope, a most pleasant day spent in our city.

July 20, 1988

A huge crowd attended the reunion in 1899 according to the following account although only 228 signed the register. The register includes the date of birth, the date they came to Missouri, the date they came to Shelby County and their age at the time of the reunion. It also shows the areas they came from. This material was researched by Kathleen Wilham, Shelbyville, and is printed in preparation for the 1988 reunion.

Old Settlers Reunion

The Largest Crowd Ever Assembled in Shelbyville--The Reunion a Grand Success in Every Particular--Crowd Estimated From 7,000 to 10,000 People.

The Annual Old Settlers Reunion of Shelby County has come and gone and all admit that it drew an immense crowd, probably the largest ever assembled in Shelbyville. The day was clear and warm but not so hot as some days we have had this summer. People began arriving in town as early as 8 a.m. and from 9 to 12 o'clock there was almost an unbroken procession of vehicles coming in from all directions. The program as published was carried out in every particular.

Total number registered 228.

There were four prizes and badges awarded to the old people. Some of them have received prizes before, but the committee decided not to bar them on that account.

Prizes To Old People.

Stephen Rogers of Monroe City won the prize as the oldest person present. He was born in Virginia in 1807 and came to Missouri in 1835. Aged 92 years. He is the father of Mrs. P.B. Dunn in this city and has been here visiting her for several weeks.

Newton Bates of Shelbina won the prize as the oldest resident of Missouri. He was born in this state in 1825.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gunby of near Lentner won the prize as the oldest

resident of Shelby county. She was born in the county in 1829.

Jonathan Rodgers and wife, living north of Hunnewell, captured the prize for the couple that have been married the longest. They were married Feb. 13, 1840. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1813 and she in Kentucky in 1819.

The band marched to the park from the hotel at 9:30 a.m. and called the crowd together. At 10:15 the crowd was called to order by Chairman James T. Lloyd. Rev. J. S. Todd led in prayer, followed by a song by the glee club, which furnished several songs during the day.

The Speeches

The address of welcome was delivered by Hon. Jno. D. Dale of this place. His speech was well worded and attractively delivered. Mr. Dale fully sustained his reputation as a man well fitted for such assignments. Aside from the usual routine of thoughts expressed in such speeches he insisted that our fathers had wrought well from the landing of the pilgrims, and that we were more favored than they ever were. He called attention, however, to the questions of the day and insisted that the work now upon us is as important to future generations as any that ever engaged the attention of American citizens. He specially praised the citizenship of Shelbyville and vicinity as being the best moral community within his knowledge, and concluded with a beautiful reference to the relation of youth to age.

The response to the address, delivered by Rev. W. W. McMurry, was an interesting, historical production. Perhaps no man is more conversant with the early settlement and development of the county. He said he had been personally acquainted with every county officer the county ever had, with but few exceptions. He gave a number of incidents in connection with the lives of men, the progress of the churches and education that have never been published and made some corrections of published incidents, based upon his own knowledge of the facts. To old settlers this address was peculiarly attractive because of its early reminiscences.

The address, however, that was most complimented, was the one delivered by Congressman M. E. Benton, of Neosho, Mo. For simplicity of language, beauty of diction and grace in delivery it was a stranger to most of our people, excepting his colleague in congress, Mr. Lloyd, but on account of his excellent social qualities and pleasant bearing he made many friends

among our people. His speech was non-partisan, but patriotic. He dealt at length upon the excellent character of the early citizens of the United States. He called special attention to that period in the lives of old persons present when one's word was as good as his bond, and when men were governed by the code of morals rather than by legal ethics. He recited much of Missouri's history, showing its trials and development. He called attention to its phenomenal growth--its educational and religious progress, and gave woman credit for being an equal factor with man in securing our country's greatness. He rejoiced that she had kept her place in this state, and that she was content with the position that Providence expected her to occupy. He claimed that Missouri owed her prominence to the integrity and moral character of her citizenship, and depreciated the selfish tendency of the times. This was one of the best addresses ever delivered in the county on an occasion of this character.

Hon. R. E. Anderson, of Hannibal, known personally to so many of our old citizens, delivered an excellent address. It was carefully prepared and was regarded as possessing superior merit on account of its elegance and beauty of language. The subject matter of the address has been universally commended as an extraordinary production. He dwelt somewhat on early history of the country, the character of the pioneers, the nature of their civilization, the grandeur of the government, and insisted upon devotion to country and purity of citizenship as the hope of national progress and exaltation. He, like Mr. Benton, elevated women, and begged that she should not degrade herself by seeking to occupy man's place. He lauded the fathers for their integrity and devotion to the right, and by comparison with other countries showed the superiority of the United States. He made personal reference to association with the pioneers here in a touching manner and to his father, Hon. Thos. L. Anderson, who was acquainted, in his lifetime, with so many of the old people present.

Notes of the Day.

Shelbina was largely represented.

No accidents of any kind occurred.

Every watermelon in town was sold.

J. N. McWilliams of Novelty spent the day here.

Every section of the county was largely represented.

Bethel and Leonard people were here in large numbers.

The feed stables and hotels were crowded to overflowing.

The business houses were beautifully and profusely decorated.

The young people and children were here as well as the old people.

Orders for 2,000 pictures were taken that day at Neff's photo gallery.

The war view man who had a tent on the south side cleared \$43, so he said.

Uncle Steve Gupton made his usual speech and the people were glad to hear him.

A great many people from Monroe, Marion, Lewis and Knox counties were here.

All bills against the old settlers reunion should be presented to this office for payment.

T. S. Gunby of near Bacon Chapel had four stalks of rattling good corn on exhibition in the park.

Everybody complimented the band both as to the excellent music and fine appearance in parade.

J. S. Smith and daughter Miss Sallie and a host of other people from Jefferson township were here.

The merchants parade was not what it should have been. Many promised to go in it who failed to do so.

All the merchants did a big business, and the lemonade stands fairly coined money. The heat and dust made people thirsty.

Sheriff Kemper, who was marshal of the day and rode about town considerable, says there was from 8,000 to 10,000 people here.

The banks were besieged all day for small change. Both banks gave out at least \$500 in nickels, dimes, quarters, half-dollars and dollars.

Most all of the prospective candidates before the primary next spring were here shaking hands with the people and inquiring about their chances.

Watermelons were certainly in demand. Not a melon could be found in any of the stores on Friday morning. Probably 1000 melons were eaten here that day.

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There were no fights and no trouble of any kind. The sheriff and his deputy and the marshal and his assistants had an easy time so far as keeping order was concerned.

An immense crowd remained until after the band concert at night and they acted wisely. The concert was not only very fine but it was much cooler to go home by moonshine than sunshine.

Jolly Billy Martin of Shelbina was here. He took supper with W. C. Chick and Mr. Chick says he done justice to everything in sight.

We are glad of this as it shows his health is better.

Uncle Davy Graham was here and enjoyed the occasion very much. He was born in Kentucky in 1821; came to Missouri in 1831 and to Shelby county in 1836. He remembers much of the early history of Shelby county.

The court house park at night was certainly very beautiful. The Japanese lanterns were strung on wires from tree to tree and presented a most pleasing scene, and the sweet music from the band made the place one of enchantment.

Frank Dimmitt, wife and children and Pope Dimmitt came over and greatly enjoyed the day. They are mighty nice people and know everybody. We supposed Frank came over to enter the horse-shoe pitching contest, but his name does not appear in the list.

Winetroub & Son had a lemonade stand in their grocery store, giving a person all they could drink, for five cents. A tall, lean man went in there and Mr. Winetroub says he drank 19 big schooners of lemonade before he quit. He evidently had a strong appetite for lemonade that day.

The court house park on Friday morning was littered from one end to the other with paper, melon rinds, &c., but Sheriff Kemper had it all cleaned off and it is as clean as a pin now, but the grass does not look as green and fresh as it did. Sheriff Kemper takes a great deal of pride in keeping the park clean.

There were eight contestants for the best lady rider, and the contest was very exciting. The young ladies all rode well, but the judges decided Miss Blanche Baldwin, living near Duncan Chapel, was entitled to the prize. She is not only a very graceful rider but a handsome, accomplished and popular young lady.

Mayor Bragg, Wm. Hanly and family, Henry Lasley and family, C. P. Bodine and wife, L. W. Kelley, G. W. Humphrey and wife, Reason Baker and wife, Judge Maupin and family, Al Bowling and family, John Miles, John Cox, Rev. W. W. and J. F. McMurry, and hundreds of others from Shelbina, including many young people, were here.

All the speaking in the morning was done from the stand in the park, but in the afternoon there was speaking in two places--in the courthouse and also in the park. Messrs. Benton and Anderson both spoke in the big court room, J. T. Lloyd presiding over the meeting. J. D. Dale presided over the meeting in the park, where the old people spoke.

Miss Pearl Shale of Clarence, who was here all last week the guest of M. Dimmitt and family,

was awarded the prize as the prettiest young lady on the grounds. We are not acquainted with Miss Pearl, but if she was prettier than all the girls who were here that day she must be a beauty indeed. Miss Pearl is a daughter of S. P. Shaie and a very fine young lady and we congratulate her upon securing the prize.

There were 20 couples of young people in the contest for the best appearing couple on horseback. They paraded about town considerably and highly entertained the people. The ribbon was tied on Mr. Harry Carson and Miss Grace Carmichael, and it seemed that everybody agreed that it was tied right. Harry and Miss Grace are among the most popular young people in the county and they received many congratulations.

The Edina Band boys arrived here Wednesday night and furnished the best of music during the day, and the concert given by them at night was very fine and highly appreciated by all. The boys in their marches about town made a very fine appearance and they were complimented by all. Shelbyville and its people can cheerfully recommend this band. They not only make the best of music, but they are nice, gentlemanly young men.

The horse-shoe pitching contest was very interesting. 16 men participated and 12 more wanted to get in but could not do so on account of darkness. The contest began at 5 p.m. Each man pitched 30 shoes. The prize was won by L. Boggus, who lives northeast of town on the J. N. Evans farm. He made 22 points in 30 pitches. Pope Dimmitt and Sam Lloyd were referees and Jule Ritter scorekeeper. The following is a list of the pitchers and the number of points each made--J. W. Thompson 14; Jim Tarbet 15; Abe Springsteen 12; Wm. Engle 10; L. Boggus 22; A. D. Parsons 12; James A. Doyle 12; J. W. Collins 11; Ed Mahoney 15; C. L. Ennis 16; J. T. Hayden 1; Henry Nicol 3; Joe Neff 12; Wes Griffith 18; Ed Boyles 19; Fred McEwen 12.

John Thrasher of near Elgin drove here in a two horse buggy and hitched his team north of the jail. When he went after them to start home after the band concert they were gone. He inquired about town but could learn nothing. He thought possibly they might have went home, so he procured a horse and rode home, but they were not there. He came back here and by that time the team was located. Some one drove the team to Shelbina and turned it loose. The horses were caught about 11 p.m. at the fair grounds coming this way. They had no driver but were coming along leisurely and keeping the

road. The buggy was a bran new one, but nothing was missing from it and no damage done. The team and vehicle was taken back to Shelbina and cared for and the telephone soon found the owner. The

same night in this city some one unhitched John Pence's team and drove it about town and hitched it in a different place. John lives near Plevna.

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The following register was taken from the 1899 Old Settlers Reunion. A huge crowd was in attendance, estimated from 7,000 to 10,000; however, only 228 registered. This material was researched by Kathleen Wilham, Shelbyville and is printed in preparation for the 1988 Reunion.

The following is a list of the old settlers who registered. The figures "18" are understood in the following table: Example--The first line of figures should read 1811, 1838, 1838, 89. The colums refer to Names and Nativity, Date of Birth, Came to Mo., To Shelby County, Present Age.

Solomon Evans Md.....	11.....	38.....	38.....	89
Newton Bates Mo.....	25.....	25.....	59.....	74
A. W. Saunders Mo.....	32.....	32.....	32.....	67
M. M. Bigelow Ohio.....	30.....	56.....	56.....	69
Geo S. Duncan Mo.....	44.....	44.....	44.....	55
E. T. Gooch Mo.....	46.....	46.....	46.....	53
J. M. Bates Mo.....	27.....	27.....	68.....	72
C. W. Christian Mo.....	33.....	33.....	35.....	66
J. J. Christain Ky.....	39.....	51.....	55.....	60
Jonathan Rodgers Pa.....	13.....	36.....	36.....	86
Liza E. Rodgers Ky.....	19.....	24.....	40.....	80
H. M. Nicol Mo.....	47.....	47.....	55.....	52
H. G. Miller Mo.....	42.....	42.....	42.....	57
J. W. Robb Mo.....	45.....	45.....	49.....	54
Samuel Gorby Ohio.....	29.....	54.....	62.....	70
Stephen Forman Mo.....	26.....	26.....	42.....	73
J. S. Todd Va.....	25.....	48.....	74.....	74
John Cox Ind.....	18.....	58.....	58.....	81
Jane Elliott Ind.....	38.....	49.....	49.....	61
Joel Elliott Mass.....	26.....	56.....	84.....	73
J. J. Swinney Ky.....	18.....	37.....	66.....	81
J. D. Melson Va.....	18.....	56.....	72.....	81
Obediah Bell Va.....	13.....	37.....	37.....	86
David W. Graham Ky.....	21.....	31.....	36.....	78
Elijah Chinn Ky.....	25.....	34.....	34.....	74
John Wood Mo.....	39.....	39.....	39.....	60
D. D. Ward N Y.....	34.....	65.....	65.....	65
Alex Clark Ohio.....	22.....	46.....	50.....	77
D. N. Melson Md.....	23.....	37.....	37.....	76
J. W. Cochran Ky.....	28.....	32.....	33.....	71
Phil Ruth Germany.....	37.....	65.....	65.....	62
J. W. Jacobs Tenn.....	24.....	36.....	36.....	75
G. W. Chinn Ky.....	31.....	34.....	35.....	68
H. S. Morris Va.....	18.....	29.....	97.....	81
Henry Schilling Germ.....	29.....	79.....	79.....	70
J. L. Metcalf Va.....	30.....	40.....	81.....	69
Mary L. Metcalf Va.....	32.....	40.....	81.....	67
R. T. Sparks Ky.....	33.....	39.....	82.....	66
J. F. McMurry Ky.....	28.....	35.....	42.....	71
Mrs. H. A. Butler Mo.....	55.....	55.....	55.....	44
Sallie Robison Mo.....	49.....	49.....	49.....	50
F. M. Harrison Ky.....	26.....	31.....	57.....	73
W. O. Lowman Va.....	15.....	56.....	57.....	84
B. F. Vanvactor Mo.....	46.....	46.....	46.....	53
B. Perry Ky.....	26.....	71.....	71.....	73
John Peoples Tenn.....	33.....	37.....	38.....	66
J. S. Lowe Ky.....	26.....	58.....	67.....	73
Ellen Culler Mo.....	39.....	39.....	74.....	60
L. Carver Ky.....	49.....	58.....	71.....	50
Enoch Harding Mo.....	52.....	52.....	52.....	47
W. L. Priest Mo.....	37.....	37.....	37.....	62
J. W. Chick Mo.....	50.....	50.....	50.....	49

Chas Vanskike Mo.....	45.....	45.....	45.....	54
Stephen Gupton Mo.....	30.....	30.....	87.....	69
Samuel J. Bair Ohio.....	43.....	46.....	46.....	56
H. G. Britton Va.....	41.....	70.....	70.....	58
J. N. Simmons Ky.....	33.....	41.....	81.....	66
J. B. Vestry Mo.....	44.....	44.....	54.....	55
Chris Panchot N Y.....	39.....	70.....	70.....	60
A. J. Hilton Mo.....	39.....	39.....	39.....	60
J. A. Tyner Ind.....	50.....	60.....	75.....	49
John P. Porter Ky.....	21.....	38.....	59.....	78
J. H. Vanvactor Mo.....	44.....	44.....	44.....	55
W. D. Parker Va.....	29.....	31.....	31.....	70
C. S. Wood Cuba.....	23.....	34.....	34.....	76
Judith Fredrick Mo.....	58.....	58.....	58.....	40
W. C. Rodgers Mo.....	55.....	55.....	55.....	44
E. C. Vannort Mo.....	45.....	45.....	45.....	54
J. S. Duncan Ky.....	15.....	40.....	41.....	84
P. T. Thomas Mo.....	50.....	50.....	50.....	49
G. W. Phillips Ill.....	30.....	57.....	57.....	69
Geo Lorentz Mo.....	57.....	57.....	57.....	42
P. W. Naylor Germany.....	42.....	65.....	65.....	57
Geo A. Sutart Mo.....	47.....	47.....	47.....	52
J. H. Pope Va.....	26.....	26.....	73.....	73
A. L. Perry Mo.....	60.....	60.....	60.....	39
S. G. Butner Pa.....	34.....	71.....	72.....	65
S. W. Priest Mo.....	46.....	46.....	46.....	53
S. P. Engle Ky.....	15.....	57.....	57.....	84
N. P. Oaks Ill.....	50.....	58.....	58.....	49
J. W. Hoffer Mo.....	40.....	40.....	40.....	59
W. R. Poage Mo.....	34.....	34.....	39.....	65
J. S. Chinn Ky.....	30.....	34.....	34.....	69
John McElroy Mo.....	36.....	36.....	71.....	63
Geo. E. Bell Ky.....	24.....	37.....	37.....	75
J. H. Arnold Ky.....	47.....	91.....	91.....	52
Francis Baltzer Pa.....	40.....	69.....	69.....	59
Geo. Kendall Ind.....	35.....	65.....	65.....	64
G. F. West N.Y.....	41.....	69.....	69.....	58
J. M. Smith Mo.....	31.....	31.....	35.....	68
J. R. Ridge Ky.....	38.....	52.....	54.....	61
R. J. Taylor Va.....	28.....	52.....	52.....	71
R. A. Saunders Mo.....	34.....	34.....	34.....	65
J. W. Lyell Va.....	29.....	31.....	50.....	70
R. L. Kincheloe Va.....	23.....	30.....	37.....	76
Oliver Coleman Ill.....	44.....	71.....	80.....	55
Margaret Perry Ind.....	31.....	37.....	37.....	68
Eli Critchlow Ky.....	44.....	62.....	62.....	55
J. L. Oliver Tenn.....	24.....	44.....	85.....	75
J. W. Chinn Mo.....	49.....	49.....	49.....	50
C. C. Christman Mo.....	52.....	52.....	52.....	47
Henry F. Glahn Germ.....	41.....	43.....	65.....	58
B. F. Perry Ind.....	27.....	45.....	45.....	72
Leonard Dobbin N. Y.....	19.....	36.....	40.....	80
W. H. Bell Ky.....	30.....	37.....	37.....	60
J. W. Wood Ky.....	31.....	32.....	34.....	68
J. W. Carothers Mo.....	43.....	43.....	43.....	56
J. D. Edwards Ill.....	41.....	56.....	56.....	58
Edward Edmonson Ky.....	27.....	81.....	81.....	72
J. S. Saunders Va.....	30.....	31.....	31.....	68
Susan Singleton Va.....	23.....	29.....	37.....	76
J. P. Griffith Va.....	45.....	67.....	75.....	54
Mrs. J. F. McMurry Mo.....	29.....	29.....	36.....	70
S. R. Gunby Md.....	17.....	36.....	36.....	82
Mrs. Elizabeth Gunby Mo.....	29.....	29.....	29.....	70
John H. Woodward N.Y.....	34.....	83.....	87.....	65
D. M. Moore Pa.....	32.....	45.....	45.....	67
J. W. Garrison Va.....	37.....	39.....	39.....	62
Thornton Adams Ky.....	18.....	48.....	83.....	81
Susan M. Smith Mo.....	48.....	48.....	48.....	51
J. T. Garnett Mo.....	47.....	47.....	47.....	52

H. Rennaker Ohio.....	33.....	89.....	89.....	61
J. D. Erwin Va.....	30.....	68.....	68.....	69
Mary J. Erwin Va.....	41.....	68.....	68.....	58
J. H. Sturm Ill.....	40.....	68.....	70.....	59
Lucy A. Sturm Canada.....	40.....	68.....	70.....	59
Cooper Gupton Mo.....	26.....	26.....	72.....	72
J. E. Staggs Ky.....	35.....	40.....	40.....	64
W. M. Finney Ky.....	31.....	45.....	45.....	68
John Finney Ky.....	33.....	45.....	45.....	66
F. P. Taylor Ky.....	29.....	29.....	34.....	70
W. H. Shofstall Va.....	29.....	58.....	58.....	69
W. A. Hirlinger Ohio.....	46.....	51.....	52.....	53
J. T. Baker Mo.....	30.....	30.....	35.....	69
C. P. Glahn Prussia.....	39.....	43.....	64.....	60
L. W. Kelly W. Va.....	48.....	69.....	73.....	51
Ellen Swearingen Mo.....	40.....	40.....	40.....	59
C. Winget Ill.....	48.....	70.....	74.....	51
H. C. Forman Mo.....	40.....	40.....	40.....	59
Elizabeth Hightower Va.....	16.....	36.....	36.....	82
Nancy Shofstall Tenn.....	40.....	50.....	73.....	59
Max Sorley Ill.....	57.....	57.....	57.....	42
Jno W. Chambers Ky.....	41.....	47.....	66.....	58
J. C. Mayes Ky.....	26.....	33.....	34.....	73
A. J. Blackford Mo.....	42.....	42.....	42.....	57
E. D. Tingle Md.....	40.....	69.....	69.....	59
C. A. McKethen Tenn.....	24.....	44.....	36.....	75
Geo. Schnauffer Pa.....	42.....	45.....	45.....	57
J. W. Collins Mo.....	56.....	56.....	56.....	43
J. S. Greening Mo.....	52.....	52.....	61.....	48
J. W. Carroll Mo.....	60.....	60.....	60.....	39
J. H. Moore Mo.....	48.....	48.....	48.....	51
C. Reinheimer Australia.....	56.....	68.....	68.....	43
J. H. Forman Ind.....	11.....	38.....	38.....	87
J. G. Burckhardt Germ.....	42.....	69.....	69.....	57
P. D. Dunn Mo.....	43.....	43.....	43.....	56
Stephen Rodgers Va.....	07.....	35.....	35.....	92
J. W. Hawkins Mo.....	55.....	55.....	55.....	44
C. A. Snyder Mo.....	48.....	48.....	49.....	51
J. G. Killinger Va.....	39.....	52.....	53.....	59
Dr. A. G. Priest Va.....	28.....	41.....	52.....	70
G. W. Gee Mo.....	40.....	40.....	40.....	59
H. H. McElhiney Pa.....	36.....	57.....	37.....	63
Charlotte McElhiney Mo.....	41.....	41.....	41.....	58
Bettie Adams Del.....	31.....	37.....	38.....	68
M. H. Beary Pa.....	40.....	69.....	69.....	59
Geo. Whitelock Mo.....	44.....	44.....	44.....	55
Ruth Rudd Mo.....	45.....	45.....	54.....	54
S. J. Stevenson Ky.....	26.....	30.....	55.....	73
W. M. Minnick Tenn.....	29.....	52.....	61.....	70
E. Davis Mo.....	52.....	52.....	52.....	47
Francis Burckhardt Iowa.....	43.....	45.....	45.....	56
P. E. Steinbach Mo.....	47.....	47.....	47.....	52
Ella Dunn Mo.....	51.....	51.....	51.....	48
J. S. Leach Ohio.....	32.....	53.....	82.....	67
John Kincheloe Mo.....	44.....	44.....	44.....	55
N. S. Wingate Mo.....	48.....	48.....	63.....	51
Annie Owens Mo.....	34.....	34.....	65.....	65
Martha E. Phipps Mo.....	45.....	45.....	54.....	54
Mrs. Annie Barnes Mo.....	43.....	43.....	86.....	56
Mrs. Martha Coe Mo.....	44.....	44.....	95.....	55
Mrs. Belle Smith Ohio.....	39.....	65.....	65.....	60
Mrs. Nannie Dodd Mo.....	49.....	49.....	49.....	50
C. W. Timbrook Va.....	47.....	53.....	53.....	52
D. T. Stewart Mo.....	57.....	57.....	57.....	42
W. A. Hughes Mo.....	30.....	30.....	38.....	69
Wm. Vandiver Va.....	28.....	29.....	37.....	71
Jno T. Jarboe Ky.....	26.....	49.....	49.....	73
H. H. Bonnell Ohio.....	35.....	61.....	61.....	64
J. S. Smith Mo.....	39.....	39.....	60.....	59
Mrs. Aggie Pollard Ind.....	41.....	42.....	49.....	58
Mrs. Jane Brawner Tenn.....	14.....	42.....	49.....	85
T. M. Churchwell Mo.....	40.....	40.....	69.....	59
S. C. McElhiney Pa.....	40.....	57.....	57.....	59
B. L. Noel Mo.....	71.....	71.....	76.....	28

Mrs. Annie Tolle Md.....	50.....	50.....	49.....	49
Jno D. Tolle Mo.....	42.....	42.....	69.....	57
J. C. Garrison Ky.....	55.....	55.....	55.....	44
C. L. Joyner Mo.....	39.....	39.....	39.....	60
S. M. Hewitt Mo.....	42.....	42.....	42.....	57
Mary C. Rufner Mo.....	70.....	70.....	70.....	29
Annie Jarboe Mo.....	70.....	70.....	70.....	29
Justine Grogg Mo.....	79.....	79.....	79.....	20
Constance Frederick Mo.....	80.....	80.....	80.....	19
Millie Grogg Mo.....	81.....	81.....	81.....	18
Minnie Carmichael Mo.....	63.....	63.....	63.....	36
Dr. A. Keil Pa.....	37.....	44.....	44.....	62
Wallace Davis Mo.....	39.....	39.....	39.....	60
J. C. Priest Mo.....	55.....	55.....	55.....	44
J. P. Griffith Ohio.....	41.....	48.....	48.....	58
J. T. Alexander Mo.....	44.....	44.....	48.....	55
C. W. Coard Mo.....	55.....	55.....	55.....	44
Mrs. Mary Chinn Mo.....	37.....	37.....	37.....	62
Valentine Krauder Germ.....	29.....	68.....	68.....	70
Mrs. V. Krauder Germ.....	30.....	30.....	69.....	69
Susan Howe Mo.....	42.....	42.....	42.....	57
J. N. Evans Md.....	33.....	38.....	38.....	66
S. C. Smoot Mo.....	38.....	38.....	84.....	61
Elizabeth Brown Md.....	33.....	38.....	38.....	66
Elizabeth Todd Mo.....	47.....	47.....	47.....	52
Mrs. Henry Nicol Mo.....	51.....	51.....	51.....	48
Peter Reinheimer Germ.....	19.....	68.....	68.....	80
M. Swearingen Mo.....	54.....	54.....	54.....	45
B. G. Doyle Ind.....	26.....	31.....	72.....	73
C. N. Beary Pa.....	65.....	69.....	69.....	34
Mrs. A. E. Bowles Ky.....	29.....	41.....	84.....	70
G. A. Panchot N. Y.....	50.....	70.....	70.....	49
A. B. Forman Mo.....	40.....	40.....	42.....	59

Total number registered 228.

August 10, 1988

Continuing with material researched by Kathleen Wilham, Shelbyville, the Herald publishes the following 1890 reunion account in preparation for the Centennial Old Settlers Celebration.

The Reunion-1890

It was a success in every particular

Fully six thousand people were here

August 27, 1890 Edition

The second annual Old Settlers Reunion of Shelby county was held in this place last Thursday, the 21st last. The day was specially suited for the occasion, moderate rain having fallen on Wednesday night, which destroyed the dust, and the day was cool and clear. The Clarence band arrived early and made good music during the day. At about 10:30 a.m. Dr. Dimmitt called the vast audience to order and a song, "Glory to God in the Highest," was rendered, after which prayer was offered by Rev. W. W. McMurry, of Shelby. Then the address of welcome was delivered by Hon. J. D. Dale which we furnish to our readers. Mr. Dale was followed by Rev. Duncan Brown of Brookfield, who made a very interesting talk of about 20 minutes duration. A vacation was then announced and at 1:30 p.m. Hon. R. P. Giles made an extempo-

aneous speech which pleased the audience greatly. He spoke in a loud, clear voice and was often cheered. He said that it was to be regretted that there was no complete history of Shelby county. The best sketch of the early settlements of the county was that written by Judge J. C. Hale and prefixed to the county atlas. It was to be hoped that the facts and incidents given by the old settlers at these gatherings in their accounts of their early life in the county, would be preserved, and thus sufficient data could be gathered to write a true and full history of the county. There had been vast changes since the pioneers first came to this region--the forest had been felled, the prairies broken, and what was then a wilderness had been made to "bloom and blossom as the rose." The early settlers had endured wonderful hardships in laying the foundation for our present prosperity and splendid civilization. Among some of the great changes which have taken place since then are the improvements in farming implements and labor-saving machinery of all kinds. Great changes have also been made in the mode of travel and transportation; and instead of the early log school house built in the hazel brush, there was now a splendid school house

on almost every eligible site in the county, and where there is not a school house you will find the site occupied by a church. It is believed that there are now about as many churches annually built in the county as were here altogether in 1835. Then the county newspaper was an unknown quantity. It did not exist in the economy of the early settlers of the county, but now we have an able and active county press which furnishes information to the people and keeps them abreast with the news of the times. But it was not about these changes that he desired to speak so much as about the character of the early settlers. The standard of excellence in human character among them was very high. There was no tradition of great crimes, lawlessness or immorality in those days, for if they had existed the record of them would have come down to us. In speaking of the public spirit of the early pioneers Mr. Giles said that the men who plowed up these wastes and helped make this country what it is were public spirited and enterprising. When the taxes were only about \$500 they had the nerve to enter into a contract and build a court house which cost them about \$4,000, and Mr. Giles remarked that if those people were now living and in their prime and composed the population of the county when it is 15,000 and has property of the assessed value of over \$4,000,000, they would have erected on the present site a court house, with broad and deep foundation, whose summit would pierce the skies. (Applause.) They believed that the place where justice is administered and where the citizen may be deprived of life and liberty should be grand and awe-inspiring, and instead of indulging in costly luxuries they would have erected a Temple of Justice which would not only preserve our records safely, but be a credit to one of the grandest counties in the State of Missouri. (Applause.) This much he was sure they would have done. And he was not sure but that they would have built a gravel road from Shelby through Shelbyville and Bethel to the Knox county line, and another east and west through here from Marion county to the Macon line. (Applause.)

After music by the band Mr. Stephen Gupton, of Marion county, made a short speech, followed by Hon. C. M. King and Cooper Gupton. Then the premiums were awarded. The first premium of \$5 to the oldest person present was awarded to William M. Haley of Shelby, who was born in Kentucky in 1800, came to Missouri in 1882, to Shelby county in 1888; present age 90 years, but he looked

much younger than many who were here that day. The premium of \$5 in gold to the oldest resident of the State was awarded to Hawkins D. Smith, of Shelbina, who came to Missouri in 1817. He was born in Kentucky in 1816; came to Shelby county in 1836; present age 74 years. The premium of \$5 in gold to the oldest resident of Shelby county was awarded to Thomas F. Parker, of Oak Dale. He was born in Virginia in 1815; came to Missouri in 1830 and to Shelby county in 1831; present age 75 years.

The old people seemed to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent, and all we have talked to in reference to the reunion say it was a grand success.

Notes of the Day

It was a big day.

Everybody enjoyed themselves.

All the merchants report a big trade.

"That's a good band" was a common remark.

The weather was clear and cool, and no dust.

A better day could not have been selected.

There was a larger crowd present than last year.

Geo. Stewart living north of Palmyra, was here.

We believe that full 6,000 people were here.

All unite in saying the Reunion was a grand success.

Mayor J. D. Jordan and wife of Shelbina, were here.

There were lots of pretty girls here--so we are informed.

The hotels reaped a big harvest and so did the livery stables.

Wm. Handley and Miss Annie Vestry of Monroe City were here.

The stars and stripes floated from the top of the flag pole all day.

Everybody thought the Fan Brigade was mighty nice, and so it was.

Editors were scarce, none of them being here from neighboring towns.

The table conducted by the temperance ladies done a thriving business.

The young and middle aged, folks enjoyed the day as well as the old people.

Uncle Davy Graham enjoyed the day as much as any one. He loves to talk old times.

There wasn't even a dog fight to disturb the serenity of the day. No disturbance of any kind.

All bills against the Old Settlers reunion should be presented to Joe Doyle for payment.

Uncle Tom Mitchell and wife of Lentner were here having arrived on Wednesday night.

The ice water committee done its work well. The cool weather made

it an easy job to keep the barrels full.

Judge Henry and Union Davis, Horace Pope, Joseph Rogers and Tom Ballard, living near Warren, were here.

J. M. Kinsey, Dr. Phil. Dimmitt and a host of others state that it was the largest crowd ever in this town before.

John F. McMurry brought his yoke of oxen to town and Henry Pickett drove them several times around the public square.

A museum was on exhibition in a tent north of Cooper's harness shop, but it didn't take all day to note the wonders inside the tent.

We received so many callers at our office that it was impossible to keep track of all the names, but we are glad our friends called to see us.

We are indeed thankful to both Mr. Dale and Mrs. Giles for the complimentary remarks made in their speeches in reference to this paper and its editor.

Rev. Duncan Brown, son of Hon. C. S. Brown, made an interesting talk from the platform. He is president of Brookfield, Mo., College, and a former resident of Clarence.

The drill on the platform by the Fan Brigade was greatly enjoyed by the old people as well as the young and middle aged. The girls looked awful nice and went through the drill perfectly. Hurrah for the Fan Brigade.

Uncle John S. Duncan came up from Quincy to enjoy meeting old friends at the Reunion and to visit relatives. He was born in Kentucky in 1815, came to Missouri in 1840 and to Shelby county in 1841, being now 75 years old.

A refreshment stand was run on the south side by parties who refused to pay a cent towards defraying the expenses of the day. We heard many express their opinion of the proprietor and none of them bordered on flattery by several hundred feet.

Hawkins D. Smith, the man who was awarded the prize last Thursday as the oldest resident of the State of Missouri, assisted in the building of the court house which now stands in this place. His father, Mr. Charles Smith, had the contract for the erection of the building.

College professors were numerous, Prof. Peters of Shelbina College, Prof. Shultz of Clarence College, Rev. Welch of Leonard Academy, Rev. Duncan Brown of Brookfield College, and W. B. Anderson and W. P. Nason, president and vice president of LaBelle Academy, were all here.

Uncle Billy Henniger, living near Bacon Chapel, and one of the best men in the county, was here

and came within six weeks of capturing the prize for the oldest person present. He was born in the early part of 1801 and Wm. Haley in the latter part of 1800, there being only six weeks difference in their ages.

One couple took advantage of the day and got married, the parties being Mr. Thomas L. Hodge and Miss Lillie J. Wilson, both of Newark, the ceremony being performed by W. P. Nason of LaBelle at the Doyle House. The Lord only knows how many engagements were made among spooney couples that day.

The game of ball between the Leonard and Shelbyville clubs in the afternoon was witnessed by several hundred people. The game resulted in a big score on both sides and one or two crippled players. The Leonard boys won the game by 8 tallies out of a total score of 78 for both sides. Now figure the score for each side if you can.

The Clarence Band arrived about 9 o'clock. The band had improved, wonderfully since it was here two years ago. Besides making most excellent music, the boys composing the band are a gentlemanly set of fellows. Another thing worthy of mention is that they were at their post all day and ready to make music. They didn't run all over town and have to be drummed up every time.

On the platform were three vacant chairs draped in black with the names of W. H. Eakle, Elijah Pepper and Reuben Wallace printed on card board and one name placed on each chair. These three persons were at the last reunion but all died before the next annual meeting. We wonder how many who were here last Thursday will be laid away to await the last final reunion, before our meeting again next August.

Thos. Swearingen called to see us. He has been in the county 59 years the 8th of next month and will be 75 years old next March. He never in his life took a drink of whiskey, smoked a cigar or took a chew of tobacco, nor has he been sick enough to need the services of a physician since he has been in the county. He remembers well the first barrel of whiskey that came to this town. It arrived on Sunday and was opened in the house that now stands just south of B. F. Smith's hotel. A hole was bored in the barrel and the whiskey poured in a bucket, tin cups being used to drink with Uncle Geo. Parker, long since dead, was the first man to take a drink. Prairie grass then was taller than a man's head where his office now stands, and the same way all over town.

The following column was written by H. S. Carroll in 1929 as the time was approaching for the annual reunion of the Old Settlers at Shelbyville. It is presented now in preparation for the 100th Old Settlers Celebration. Material for use in the Prelude to Old Settlers has been researched by Kathleen Wilham, Shelbyville.

In Memory of our Old Settlers

By H.S. Carroll
(Too late for last week)

As the time draws near for the assembling of the old settlers in their annual reunion at Shelbyville our mind seems to run back over the short space of time we have lived, and which connects readily with the old pioneers with whom we have lived and conversed on many occasions. The gathering of these old folks is to us one of the finest things that takes place in our county. The time was when we looked forward to this day with much pleasure and anxiety, for we never missed being there to mingle with the big crowd that always met to celebrate the setting of Shelby county. However, for the past 16 years we have been deprived of this pleasure as we have duties that for good and sufficient reasons have kept us away. But while absent in person, we are always there in mind and thought.

As we look back on the years past we can still visualize a picture of our own father and mother arising early and making ready to go to Shelbyville to this reunion. Mother would cook and bake the day before to have something in the way of a repast to spread under the big maple trees at noon for her family of seven children and all the friends that would accept an invitation to gather with us and eat and visit at the noon hour. While packing up the dinner in a big wooden box father would be busy greasing the old lumber wagon and harnessing the team which he drove to the capital, and as was customary with them, we always started early and also started home early, for it was the staid and steadfast rule in those days to do that way and by the time we returned there was a tired lot of children who had tramped the streets all day blowing whistles and playing with the little rubber balls that were common to the day's fun. We had but little money to spend in comparison to what the boys and girls of today have but we got just as much fun and kick out of it as any do these days.

So after the old timers who came to make the big speeches were thru, the homeward trek began.

Altho young, we always delighted in a way to listen to those speeches and talks, for by nature we always loved the old pioneers, and we do yet for that matter, and why should we not? For it was thru their many hardships and trials and troubles that we of today enjoy the great civilization and many comforts we do. But few today realize what the first settlers had to endure and undergo in those days, deprived of many, yea practically all the great labor-saving inventions we enjoy today;for great fortitude and many privations we of today do not realize, or seldom think of. When the early settlers came to this county, as well as all the western country, they found only a wilderness and wide open spaces, and true to nature and tradition, they all settled on or near the streams where they could find a hill to build on and a stream of water and a small parcel of ground to clear and plant. For be it known to all, the beautiful prairies that are now dotted with beautiful homes and waving fields of grain were in those days but a swamp. The water draining from them kept Salt River running at a good depth the year around, so that even in our day and memory we know that the old mill at Walkersville was kept running all summer thru, as the water was always plentiful in this stream, and many are the trips we have made with father to this old historic spot to get his corn ground into meal and to get his wool carded, for in those days our mother spun the little rolls of wool into yarn from which she knit our gloves and stockings and wove the cloth that was finally cut and made into our clothing, and one of the most interesting things of those days was the days the neighbors drove their sheep in off the old Bacon prairie to an agreed settlement and sheared, after which the wool would be taken down to the river at the old Hughey Moore ford, just above the Carroll bridge, and there washed out clean and spread out on the rocky beach and grass to dry before taking to the carding mills as before mentioned, and when the rolls were brought home, then the hard work of mother began. The old spinning wheel was brought out and the work of spinning begun, and today as our memory runs back to those days, we can see mother tramping back and forth as she spun the tiny yarn. After the other work of the day was over she would put the little ones to bed, which was a small low bed that slipped under the old high bed corded with ropes and which rolled to the center despite all efforts to make the ropes

tight, but when the babies were safely in bed and while father worked at mending his harness and many other chores he could do after dark, mother would keep up her work spinning and as she tramped back and forth until the wee hours of night, we can hear her singing the good old songs, "How Firm a Foundation," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "A Wayworn Traveler," and many of those old soul sitting hymns that are now almost discarded and forgotten, and after fatigue had won out she would blow out the little grease lamp that was her only source of light and which had to be snuffed every little bit to keep it bright, and lay down for a short rest, only to rise early and begin all over, day after day, laboring to keep her home and little children in comfort, so day by day and night by night the work went on, and as we think of this great toil and sacrifice of sleep and rest, how could we think otherwise than that our bringing up and our many blessings of today were bought with a price that but few of today would endure, and that we owe our great debt of love and gratitude to those who toiled as no others have to toil today, won for us the heritage of the times and things we enjoy today. From the grease lamp the tallow candle came, which was a great step forward in those days, and from that to the kerosene lamp, which was then thought to be the pinnacle of lighting the home, and well do we remember in making the announcements at the old church for any night service it would begin at early candle lighting, and they did, and not an hour or two after, as is now often the case.

Our own memory runs back to the days of the ox team and the wild turkeys, but when our grandfather and our father came to this county in 1830 there were still plenty of the red men here, also deer, wolves and much other wild game, and his trusty rifle kept the larder filled with fresh meat in season, and in this respect we admit the early settlers had some things to enjoy that we lack today, but we are not one who would like to go back to the log cabin days, with the Indians, big snakes, mosquitoes and malaria, with their attendant ills. I figure that we are today living in the best time of the history of the world, nor do I believe that the future generations will have much, if any, greater advantages. There will be many changes, to be sure, but as the country becomes more congested, more and more trouble will arise. We reach this conclusion by studying the past as compared even with these times. The pio-

neers were, we think, much more friendly and much more sympathetic with their neighbors, always ready and willing to go far and near to help without a thought of compensation other than a good conscience of a deed well done. Churches have changed with the times and away back in our early recollections, when we were always at church for all the services, we can still hear ringing in our ears the old songs, sung by the entire congregation without any accompaniment, as led by that old pioneer, S.R. Gunby, who never missed a chance to sing "A Charge to Keep I Have," as he only could, as well as many of the old time hymns. They had prayer meetings every Wednesday evening in those days and at many of them souls were saved and converted. More folks came to these meetings than now go to regular preaching services. But they had their differences in those days as they do now and we well remember when soon after the present building at Bacon Chapel was finished they had a Christmas tree which was the cause of a great row and almost caused a general break up, as many did not believe it the place to hold such things, but it all cleared up with time and the old church continued on its course up to the present time. In those days the membership was strong and the people were religious to a great degree and many of them exhorters. Such men as John W. Wailes, Stephen R. Gunby, Perry Taylor, James Barr, Mr. Drain, the father of our good Judge Drain, P.G. McBroom, John S. Gurdane, James Carroll and many others were giants in their belief in God and they had the power to proclaim the gospel as we seldom hear today. In their time they felt their dependence on a divine Being more than we of today and they lived each day as tho it was their last, and as they left the stage of action others took their place but many of them have also passed on to be with the older ones and we today follow up, wiser and much weaker.

So today as the great crowd gathers once more to commemorate the early settlement of our county we can see but a small remnant of the early settlers and once more we say, they came upon the scene, did their acts and passed off and others take their places only in a measure, for while the picture may be more beautiful today, it lacks much of the goodness of the early day settlers. As we look into the face of the old man and old woman we can read a story more thrilling and more beautiful than any author ever wrote, and as the scripture says, they spent their

days as a tale that is told, and the young generation of today has much to be thankful for by having been reared in a country that was conquered and settled by folks who knew God and who left to us the heritage of industry and right living and the example of right living which we enjoy today, and as the old that now remain reach the sunset of the journey of life we can only say that we hope that their days will end in peace and that they will finally join in the great reunion above with those who made our country's change from the wilderness to the beautiful country it is today. Their toil has outlived them and their works do follow them. And as they gather at the river and sing that beautiful old hymn, "We are Going Home," may the Master of the universe take them by the hand and lead them gently over the stream into the country that needs no pioneering, but which is ready and waiting to receive them to an everlasting rest, which they have everlastingly earned, and may we as their offspring take this opportunity to look back over the past one hundred years and see what they endured for our sakes, and resolve to emulate and carry on where they leave off until we too come to the end of our days and leave the work to our posterity. And as we write these lines we hear a voice saying, "Write, blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth, for tho they are dead their works do follow after them." Their memory is sweet to we who, amidst the busy activities of life find time to look back and see wherein they toiled and labored for those they loved and gave their time and best thought, their energy and their lives that we of today might live with less labor and more pleasure than they ever knew. All hail to the old pioneers! We love their memory as a divine thing to be cherished and kept inviolate as a sacred memory of the days they lived so many years ago. Their whitened heads and tottering forms tell us a story that is well to stop and consider and should cause us to halt for at least one day each year and pay this tribute to the old settlers of Shelby county.

Continuing with articles researched by Kathleen Wilham, Shelbyville, the Herald reprints the following material from the August 15, 1934 issue of the Shelby County Herald as L.E. Hayward reflected on the origin of Old Settlers. The material is presented in preparation for the Centennial Old Settlers Celebration.

Origin of Old Settlers

Suppose we go back through the years to the summer of 1889. Shel-

byville then had a population of 486. It was the county seat, and on the same location as the present court house stood the old court house which was destroyed by fire in 1891.

Most of the business houses were then located on the west and south sides of the square. Over on the southwest corner was the drug store of A.M. Priest, who remains in the same business and in the same location as on that first Old Settlers Day. On the west side was the hardware store of N.C. Miller, the store that is still being operated by his sons. The Shelby County Herald was being published then by Joe Doyle. And then there was the Shelby County Abstract & Loan Company doing business then as it is now. A number of other stores and business houses were enjoying good trade.

One afternoon about the middle of July, 1887, a group of business men had gathered on the street and were talking earnestly.

"We didn't have any Fourth of July picnic here this year," said one. "It looks like we ought to have some kind of a celebration for the folks around here."

"I think we should, too," answered another man. "Why couldn't we have a picnic or fair or something of that sort?"

"Why not have a big gathering and invite the whole county?" suggested another.

"That's it!" said another fellow. "Let's have a reunion--an Old Settlers Reunion."

And so the idea was formed. But it required long weeks of work and preparation before everything was in readiness. A group of business men met in the court house and formed an Old Settlers Organization with Postmaster Leonard Dobbin as president and the following as vice-presidents: James Ralph, James Gooch, Addison Lair, Hiram Pickett, Samuel Greenfield, A.L. McAfee, Dr. J. W. Ford, J.H. Doctor, and C.M. King, secretary.

Various committees were arranged as follows:

Seats and speakers' stand--Dr. William Carson, John T. Perry, and John D. Dale.

Ice and water--John D. Melson, Frank Smith, John J. Hewitt and John M. Kinsey.

Music--J.C. Hale, Richard Collier and Frank Dimmitt.

Advertising--James T. Lloyd, Joe Doyle and P.B. Dunn.

Decorations--Capt. J. M. Collier, L. A. Hayward, Monroe Teachenor, E.E. Collier, N.C. Miller, A.M. Priest, Nathan Winetroub, Frank Schofield, C.L. Ennis, W. A. Dimmitt and Julius Ritter.

Registration--P.B. Dunn, W. F. Blackburn, C.S. Brown, Daniel

Taylor and Philip Steinbach.

The third Thursday in August, 1887 was set as the date. Among the men who participated in the first Reunion arrangements and who are still living are: Judge V.L. Drain, James T. Lloyd, Frank Dimmitt, Joseph Doyle, E. E. Collier, N.C. Miller, A.M. Priest, Nathan Winetroub, Frank Schofield, and W. A. Dimmitt.

The summer of 1887 was hot and dry, so dry that by the time for Reunion Day, leaves were falling from the trees in this part. The roads were dusty, and the merchants had the space around the square sprinkled to keep down the dust.

Everything seemed in readiness for a big day, when someone noticed that there was no flag on the flagpole. With the courthouse blazing with colored bunting, a flag on the flag-pole seemed a necessity. But the rope had pulled out of the hook at the top and no one was brave enough to attempt to climb the pole. But two Shelbyville men, John Gatewood and Thomas Mead, decided the flag must fly. They procured a child's kite and attached a rope thereto, and while a crowd of spectators looked on, they coaxed the kite into the air above the flagpole and in some deft manner, slid the rope into place and the flag was hoisted.

Reunion day dawned bright and clear. Long before daylight people were up and making preparations for the trip to Shelbyville. Some from a distance even started the trip the preceding day and stayed overnight. The early morning hours found the roads filled with horses and vehicles. All through the morning the visitors arrived--in farm wagons, in fine surreys with fringed top, in buggies, in carts, on hay frames, on horseback, or walking. The hitchracks surrounding the square were soon filled to capacity. Every street and alley, every vacant lot, every available barn was put in use. The livery stables did an amazing amount of business. One livery fed 230 horses on that day, and someone counted 96 vehicles in front of the place at one time.

Fully 5000 people attended--the biggest crowd which had ever assembled in Shelbyville.

The morning was filled with the stirring music played by the band from Bethel, a town which has always been famous for her fine bands.

The guests were welcomed by the Hon. James C. Hale, who was then probate judge.

The Rev. S. J. Martin of Shelbyville offered an appropriate prayer, and an address by Prof. W. P. Nason of LaBelle was also a part of the morning program.

At the noon hour, out of each wagon or buggy or cart, came baskets and boxes of good things to eat. The guests had brought along their lunches and they gathered in little family or neighborly groups on the lawn or in their wagons and enjoyed the repast.

But one family was disappointed at lunch time. Mrs. Peter Allpaugh had carefully prepared a nice lunch and left it in her wagon, near the Presbyterian church, and someone had stolen it. Since the same occurrence happened to her the preceding year at the Shelby County Fair, the Shelby County Herald commented that it must have been on account of Mrs. Allpaugh's excellent reputation for good cooking.

About 1 o'clock, the crowd was called back to the speakers' stand and talks were made by C.S. Brown, A. W. Sanders, Jonathan Baker and the Rev. Mr. Swinney, and the speaker of the day, Congressman William H. Hatch of Hannibal. Music was furnished by the Shelbyville band.

Then came an address by Hon. James T. Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd was then prosecuting attorney of this county. It is quite fitting to quote from Mr. Lloyd's first Old Settlers Day address. Among other things, Mr. Lloyd said, "The object of this meeting is purely social in character, and entirely free. And that is as true today, as it was then.

Following the speaking, the awards were made. The oldest person on the grounds was found to be Reuben Wallace, 88 years old; the oldest settler of the state who was present was Hawkins D. Smith, who had lived in Marion 71 years; the oldest settler of this county present was Mrs. Elizabeth Gunby, wife of Stephen Gunby, who had lived in Shelby county 59 years.

Of course, listening to speeches was not the only thing the visitors did. They talked and gossiped; stores, and the youngsters watched with awe as the balloon sailed up, up, up and out of sight to the southeast.

Perhaps there was a baseball game or two--there is none of record on the first Reunion day, but on the second Old Settlers there was a game between Leonard and Shelbyville--and those boys really played baseball in those days! The game was won by Leonard by a score of 43 to 35.

A lunch and lemonade stand on the east side of the square was operated by a group of ladies, and \$38 was cleared. As the day drew toward a close, the crowd started homeward, for travel by horse was slow and in some cases the distance to be covered was too long to wait until dark. But as the old set-

tlers and the youngsters returned to their abodes, they took with them a happy memory of an enjoyable occasion.

Even with the first Old Settlers Reunion such a marked success, there might never have been another had it not been for the suggestion of Dr. Phil Dimmitt, who urged that the business men make the Reunion an annual affair--and the business men agreed heartily. And that is how the Old Settlers Reunion was started.

Hon. R. P. Giles, speaking at the second annual reunion, remarked that the spirit of the pioneers would build a fine court house here--that has been done. And he said that the same spirit would some day build a gravel road from Shelbyville through Shelbyville and Bethel and to the Knox county line, and another east and west through here from Marion county to Mac-county.

That was a rash prophecy forty years ago--but it is almost a reality today.

The Old Settlers Reunion is not just another picnic day; it is not just another place to have a good time; it is something far finer and greater than that. The Old Settlers Reunion is an institution; it is an institution which should be cherished and perpetuated.

And on through the years, through generation after generation--long after the present citizenship have become old settlers and their children and their children's children will carry on in memory of Shelby County pioneers.

L.E. Hayward

Kathleen Wilham, Shelbyville, has researched the articles being printed by the Herald in preparation for the 100th Old Settlers Celebration being held August 17th through August 20th, 1988.. The following is an account of the reunion held in 1891.

August, 1891

It was a success. This was the unanimous verdict of the seven or eight thousand people who attended the third annual old settlers reunion. It was an occasion that was enjoyed by all, from the youngest to the oldest, and from the smallest to the greatest. The day dawned bright and cool, and at an early hour in the morning it was apparent that an immense crowd would attend, as a stream of vehicles crowded the streets from morning until noon, when a crowd that is thought by many to be the largest ever here had gathered in the park and streets adjoining. At 10:30 Hon. P. B. Dunn mounted the rostrum and called the assemblage to order, and Rev. J. S. Todd then led

in prayer, he being the oldest minister present. After music by the Bethel coronet band and a song by our home choir, Chairman Dunn introduced V. L. Drain, who delivered the address of welcome, which is printed elsewhere. This was responded to by Stephen Gup-ton of Marion county, on behalf of the old settlers, and he made an interesting talk, embellished with many humour incidents of pioneer days. He spoke about the growing extravagance of the people and by way of illustration said that his mother was a large woman, weighing in about two hundred pounds, and to his certain knowl-edge never required more than nine yards of cloth to make a dress, which now a girl who could not tip the beam at 100 couldn't rig herself out in less than 16 yards of calico to one dress. He said that when he courted his sweetheart they both went barefooted, and well did he remember the times when they went to Sunday school together and in climbing the clay hills of Marion county see the mud as it spurted up between her pretty toes, and this, too, after he was 21, remarking that if his parents had heard him say "sweetheart" once before that time they would have sweetened him. He closed in a strong appeal for the citizens of Shelby county to build a court house for the rising generations, as our fathers had builded one for us. He is a solid, sensible man, and made a splendid talk. This was followed by music, and then came dinner, and our citizens upheld the fame of Shelbyville for hospitality, though the greatest part of the crowd had brought provisions with them. After dinner Hon. W. O. L. Jewett entertained the assem- blage in an interesting talk, fol- lowed by Phil Ruth, and then the old settlers had a sort of love feast among themselves, and when the shadows began to lengthen the crowd dispersed and started homeward, and by nightfall old Shelbyville had emptied herself of the biggest crowd that ever came within her gates.

Notes of the Day

Everybody had a good time.

7,000 is a fair estimate of the crowd.

It was a beautiful day--clear, cool and no dust.

About 300 horses were fed at the livery stables.

Leonard and Bethel were largely represented.

It was the largest crowd ever assembled in Shelbyville.

Dr. Smoot and family, living north of Bethel, were here.

Postmaster Freeland and family

of Lakenan were here.

Shelbina sent an immense dele- gation of young people, and they had a big time.

V. L. Drain's address of welcome received many compliments. It is printed elsewhere.

A. M. Priest sent up a paper bal- loon about 2 o'clock and it sailed out of sight to the southeast.

Joe Heifner, editor of the Bee, headed a delegation from Hunne- well, and they came in with colors flying.

Benj. Melson, living near Clar- ence, called to see us. He has been a resident of Shelby county since 1837, and is 68 years old.

Lyman Arnold of Monroe City was here, but Col. Bill Bush failed to show up. He missed a fine chance to test his lung power.

We didn't have much opportuni- ty to mix among the crowd, but at night found that we had added about 15 new subscribers to our list.

John Ellis of Bethel township was here and enjoyed the day im- mensely. He is known by almost every one, and is a jolly, popular man.

Rev. Welch of Leonard Acade- my, Rev. Shultz of Clarence High School and Prof. T. E. Peters of Shelbina Collegiate Institute were here.

Over 200 persons registered and only a few of them are under 50 years of age. We believe their ages will average between 60 and 65 years.

Uncle Jake Lair of Shelbina was here and enjoyed the occasion im- mensely. He came to Shelby coun- ty in 1853 and was born in 1830 in Kentucky.

The reunion demonstrates that Shelbyville is capable of taking care of a crowd, however large, as all who attended found desirable accommodations.

Arthur Winget, the young man who had a rake tooth run through him on July 24th, was here, to the surprise of his many friends. He will soon be well.

We had so many callers at our office that it was almost impos- sible to keep a list of names. We are always glad to have our friends call and see us.

A. P. Gooch and S. W. Miller, of Madison, Mo., and Zach Nesbit, of Knob Noster, arrived in time for the reunion, and met hosts of friends on that day.

Uncle Tom Mitchell and wife of Lentner were here. They are far advanced in years, but enjoy good health, and have a host of friends in all parts of the county.

One noteworthy thing hap- pened, or rather failed to happen--amid all those here not a drunken man was to be seen on the streets;

at least we have heard of none.

Judge C. H. Hornback and wife of Clarence, Mrs. Dr. Wood and children of Lentner, Dr. Cheuvront and family; Sil Bragg, Lee Perry and many others from Leonard were here.

During our absence Misses Nel- lie Simmons, Amanda Ruth, Alice Hughes, Sarah Ruth and Mr. G. W. Mayes, all living near Emden, called at our office and left their names.

It was a big day for the young folks as well as the old ones. Spoon- ey couples could be seen almost anywhere. Quite a number of brides and grooms were also here with smiles all over their faces.

Dr. Dimmitt was on the ground and worked manfully to make it a success--and that always means that it will be. He was also talking court house, and is very much en- couraged at the expressions in its favor.

Hon. C. S. Brown and the editor of the Clarence Republican called at this office in our absence, but left their names on a piece of paper. Senator Brown was born in New York in 1818 and came to Shelby county in 1856 and is 73 years old.

Sheriff Martin is a might good man to have around. He is right where you want him, and he has a knack of making everything move right along. He rendered invalua- ble services in handling the crowd and in making it comfortable for those who attended.

The two beautiful drills given by the little girls from Bethel, under the leadership of Prof. W. V. Lear, were greatly enjoyed by the large crowd. The little girls did splendidly and were not in the least excited by the gaze of the immense audi- ence.

The Bethel band arrived about 10 o'clock and furnished excellent music during the day. The band is made up of skilled musicians, and they are nice gentlemen besides. This is a favorite band in our town and they have never yet disap- pointed us. They have always given the best of satisfaction. Henry Ziegler, manager of the Bethel Mills, is the leader.

W. O. Lowman estimated the crowd at from 6,000 to 8,000 peo- ple. Mr. Lowman came into this county about 35 years ago, when the country where he now lives was almost a wilderness. Shortly after he came here he and Rev. W. W. McMurry were riding on the prairie near where Henry Duncan now lives and they started a deer. They gave chase, but the deer soon left them far in the rear. Mr. Low- man also saw near Walkersville a drove of 19 deer, one of the drove having a hind leg broken, probably the result of a hunter's bullet.

Old Settler Reunion 1945

Reunion Saturday

Shelby county's fifty-seventh Old Settlers Reunion, sponsored by the Shelbyville Lions Club, will be held here all day Saturday. Every- one is invited to attend and there will be fun and entertainment for all.

Judge Harry J. Libby of Shelbi- na will be guest speaker.

Shelbyville merchants and busi- ness men are extending their greet- ings and welcome you here Satur- day through the pages of this paper. Many prizes will be given away. Don't fail to attend. Fifty dollars in additional premiums will be given through the state on the 4-H exhibit.

The Palmyra band will furnish an hour's concert on Friday night beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Hartssock carnival company will be on hand Thursday and Friday nights and all day Saturday. A complete pro- gram will be found on page six of this issue.

No doubt, many discharged vet- erans of World War II as well as servicemen on leave will be in at- tendance. Let's recognize and wel- come them and help them to know they have been missed at the Old Settlers Reunion the past few years.

Many Prizes Given Saturday

Roger Finney of this city drew the two-year-old heifer given away by the Shelbyville Lions Club at the Old Settlers reunion Satur- day.

Other prize winners included: Joe P. Motter of Edina, \$5 from The Citizens Bank; Mrs. Tommy Miller of Edina, \$3 from Thomp- son's; Mrs. Gaylord Wilkins, \$2 from the Capital Cafe; P.M. Bailey of Maywood, \$2 from Temple Ste- phens.

Dorothy V. Alexander, \$1 from J.J. Pflum; J. L. Holderieath, \$1 worth wax from Kenneth Stewart; L.O. Williams of St. Louis, \$2 from Farmers Exchange; Joe Porter of Brookfield, \$2.50 from Brick's Ga- rage; Mrs. Lola Erdman, \$3 from Doc's Service, John Moffett of Clarence, \$2 from Central Abstract and Loan Co.; Sylvan Reigel of La- Grange, \$2.50 from Lee Hardy; Sylvan Reigel of LaGrange, \$2.50 from Al's Electric; Mrs. Ruth Frye, \$2 from Garner's Service; Jo An- nAdkisson of Hannibal, \$1 from Mada Lee Beauty Shop; O.R. Howe of Hunnewell, \$2.50 from

Missouri Power & Light Co.

Milton Hubbard, \$2.50 from Shelby County Abstract & Loan Co.; A.W. Rost of Quincy, \$2 from Farmers Elevator; Mrs. C. W. Rash, \$3 from Shelby Theatre; J. E. Hale, \$2 from Shelbyville Cleaners; Cecil Jarrell, \$2 from Arnold's Trucking Service; Don Davis of Leonard, alarm clock from W. T. Dimmitt; Mrs. C. W. Rash, \$1 from Claus Machine Shop; Charles Nixon of Quincy, \$1 from E. E. Logan; Virgil Alexander of Shelbina, \$2.50 from Henderson Produce Co.; N. W. Harris, \$2 from J. E. Kelso; Mrs. Lloyd Blackford of Shelbina, \$2 from Campbell Service; Ern McKillip, \$2 from E. H. Arnold.

W. L. Smith of Hull, Ill. \$1 from Jameson Hotel; Harry Holderieath of Bethel, \$2 from Steve Gupton; Joe Wilson, \$2 from Ralls Service; Roy Cooper of Shelbina, \$1 from Shelbyville Locker; Billy Hamilton, \$2 from H. V. Archer; Mrs. Guy H. Snider of Lakenan, \$2.50 from N. C. Miller's Son; Jim M. Sherwood, \$2 from the Coffee Pot; Doris Arnold, \$2 from Forman's Grocery; Garland Waibel of Novelty, \$2 from Shelby County Herald; Genevieve Anderson, \$2.50 from Meisner's Harold Hall of Hunnewell, \$2.50 from P.E. Sanders Grocery; Jas. Wirick of Maplewood, \$1 from J. W. Waite.

Any of the above who have not received their certificate may have same by calling at this office.

Old Settler Reunion 1950

Sixty-Second Old Settlers Reunion, All Day Saturday, August 26

1:00 p.m. Music by Shelbyville Band

Old Settlers will speak at 2:30 p.m.

Baby Show--In circuit court room of court house. Prettiest baby girl under one year, first prize \$1.00; second prize 50¢.

Prettiest baby boy under one year, first prize \$1.00; second prize 50¢.

Register in the circuit court room by 1:30. Mrs. Arthur Burk and Mrs. Jim Kelso in charge.

Register in Court House Corridor--Oldest man to register, \$2.50; Oldest woman to register, \$2.50; Oldest twins to register \$2.50; Couple married longest time, \$2.50; To each couple married 60 years or more, \$1.50; To couple, over 65 years of age, most recently married, \$2.00; To person who has lived continuously in Shelby County the longest time, \$2.50; To person traveling longest distance to Old Settlers, \$2.00; To couple with largest number of children (Each

member of family must register), \$2.50; To youngest great-grandmother to register \$2.00;

Needlework Exhibit--\$1.00 each to Prettiest Patch Quilt; Oldest Quilt; Prettiest Applique Quilt; Best Crocheted Rug; Best Hooked Rug; Prettiest Hand Made Rug (any type); Best Specimen Crochet Work; Best Specimen Embroidery Work; Prettiest Luncheon Set; Prettiest Sampler; Prettiest Afghan; Prettiest Chair Set; Prettiest Apron; Best Embroidered Pillowship; Best Pillowship with crochet work; Best Dresser Scarf (any type). Last year winners not eligible, all entries must be registered in Circuit Clerk's room by 1 p.m. in charge of Mrs. Roger Finney and Mrs. John Latimer.

Games and Contests include--50 yard dash, ages 10-16; Sack race, ages 10-16; Three legged race, ages 10-16; Hog calling contest, men and women; Husband calling contest, women; Chicken calling contest, women. All who wish to enter these contests please contact C. J. Kessler or Noaln A. Walker before 1:30 p.m.

Old Fiddler's Contest--C.J. Kessler in charge. First prize, \$5.00; Second prize \$3.00; Third prize, \$1.00. All contestants wishing to take part must be near the speakers stand to register by 5:00 p.m.

Flower Show, 1:00 p.m.--Prizes \$1.00 each, Wild flowers, Gladioli, Dahlias, Zinnias, mixed bouquets, most artistic cut flower arrangement, potted Begonias and ferns. Register in Probate Judges room by 1:00 o'clock with Mrs. Ellsworth McMaster, Miss Lovina Schudy or Mrs. W. S. Parrish.

Agriculture and Garden Exhibit--First, \$1.00, Second 50¢--Tallest stalk of corn, Best peck of oats, Best peck of wheat; Best bundle of red clover hay; Best sample of Bromegrass; Best sample of Reed Canary grass; Best bundle Lespedeza hay; Best bundle Ladino clover; Soybean plant with most pods.

Cash prizes total \$31 will be awarded. Hay bundles must measure 6 inches in diameter.

All exhibits must be home grown. Best display of garden vegetables \$2.50 and \$1.50.

(Must include six or more vegetables.) Prizes \$1.00 and 50¢--Best plate peaches, Best six onions, Best six peppers, Best six cucumbers; Best six beets; Best six carrots; Best six tomatoes; Best six potatoes; Best peck potatoes; Heaviest home-grown watermelon; Best six ears sweet corn; Best 10 ears yellow corn (1949); Best 10 ears white corn (1949). Entries must be registered by 1 p.m., August 26 at the county surveyor's office with John Douglas, J. Fred Burckhardt or E. W. McKillip.

4-H Club--Virginia Norris, Home Agent, Mrs. Earl Forman, Carolyn Forman, Mrs. Ralph Kaylor and Mrs. Arnold Davis.

Exhibits are to be in place by 10 a.m. in the county clerk's office and are to be removed by 4:00 p.m. Printed ribbons will be awarded instead of money.

Clothing I--Apron, laundry bag, tea towel, sewing box fully equipped, slip and skirt.

Clothing II--Pajamas, slip, ironing board cover, school dress.

Clothing III--Summer dress, remodeled dress, slip 4-H uniform, shorts, slacks, sunback dress, house coat.

Clothing IV--Child's garment, winter dress, slip, remodeled dress or suit.

Clothing V--Suit, remodeled dress or suit, "best" dress, accessories, hat, purse.

Food Preparation--Drop cookies, fancy tea cookies, white bread (rolls or loaf of bread) butter cake, cup cakes, nutbread, sweet rolls.

Home Furnishings--Pillow cases, dresser scarf, lunch cloth, waste basket, slip cover for back and seat of chair, foot stool.

Home Grounds--arrangement of flowers in appropriate container, before and after photographs or drawing of yard.

Woodwork--Any article made this year.

Farm Electricity--Any article made this year.

Garden--Peck potatoes, plate of 5 tomatoes; 1 lb. green beans in pod, 6 ears sweet corn, head of cabbage, plate of 5 peppers.

Mound City Carnival Friday night and all day Saturday.

Old Settler Reunion 1955

Old Settlers Reunion Enjoyed by Large Crowd Each Day

One of the Largest Crowds in Many Years Attend the Three Day Celebration

The 67th Old Settlers reunion got off to a good start Thursday evening at Shelbyville with a large crowd gathered in the city park.

They were entertained before the Amateur contest started by the winners of last years contest, Miss Lavonne Tarter, Shelbina and her group of students all under 12 years old, played several numbers on their accordions. The Saunders girls, Cynthia and Cecile, Lakenan, danced an Indian tap dance to "Red Wing." A little spice was added to the program by a group of

"girls" from "South Shelbina" who presented several numbers from their recent minstrel.

The entries in the amateur contest were divided into two classes, those 12 years of age and under, and the adult group. Winners in the juvenile division were: first, Little Nancy Magruder from Shelbina, with an accordion number; second, Jerry Harris, Shelbina, who tap danced, and third was Kathy Clark, also from Shelbina, with a tap dance.

The adult class winners were a musical trio of youngsters from Holiday, Missouri, with a drum, accordion and piano band. They called themselves the "Rythm Three." Another trio composed of Shirley Jurardo, Dwain East, and Judy Ramsey all from Shelbina, came in a close second with their tap dance number. Third, was young Bobby Leftridge of Lentner, who sang a song he composed and accompanied on his guitar.

One unusual entry was a gentleman from Edina named Myers who called himself the "dancing farmer." He performed and then informed the crowd that he was a youngster of 73 years.

Oldest Man to Register: S. R. Maupin, Shelbina, Born Nov. 4, 1864, 90 years, 9 months, 23 days.

Oldest Woman to Register: Mrs. Mary Smith, Shelbina. Born Jan. 9, 1856, 99 years, 7 months, 18 days.

Youngest Twins to Register: Kent Swisher and Keith Swisher, Bethel, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Swisher. Born Aug. 3, 1950. Age 7 years 24 days.

Oldest Twins to Register: Edgar C. Barton, Chapman, Neb. and Eva B. Barton, Lentner. Born Feb. 25, 1880. Age 75 years, 6 months, 2 days.

Person who has lived continuously in Shelby County the longest period of time: J. R. Ray, Sr., Leonard, born Jan 22, 1866. Age 89 years, 7 months 5 days.

Couple married 50 years or more and who have the largest family of living children: Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Mann, Shelbyville. Married Sept. 7, 1898. Five living children 56 years, 11 months, 20 days.

Youngest Mother with Baby 6 months or under: Mother, Mrs. Bertha Ritter, 17 years. Steffenville. Baby, Yvonne Ritter, 5 months, 3 weeks.

Girls Baby Show--First: Kim, 11 mo. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Garrison, Shelbyville; second, Gloria Lee, 7 mo. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bowen, Clarence; third, Jeral Lynne, 3 mo. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bridges, Shelbyville.

Other entries: Ruth Elizabeth, 4

mo., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Lowe, Shelbina; Rebecca Lee, 10 mo., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Schnitger, Shelbyville; Diana Lynne, 11 mo., daughter of Mr. and Darrell Austin of Lewistown; Jody Ann, 11-1/2 mo., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Latchford, Shelbina.

Diana Lynne, 11 mo., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kesner, Shelbyville; Peggy Ann, 11 mo. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall March, Shelbyville Anette Lynne, 2 mo., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Echternacht, Leonard; Charlotte, 8 mo., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker, Hannibal;

Linda Joyce, 6 mo., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mason, Shelbyville; Alma Jean, 5-1/2 mo. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Waite, Shelbina; Neita Jane, 4 mo. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Latchford, Shelbyville; Cindy, 11 mo., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Snell, Shelbyville; Brenda Jean, 12 mo., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts, Bethel; Carla Faye, 7 mos. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Douglass, Novelty.

Boys Baby Show--First, Mark Allen, 10 mo. old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wood of Lentner; second, Michael Wayne, 10 mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Novinger of Leonard; third, Allen Ray, 12 mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morrison of Bethel.

Other entries: Steve Austin 1-1/2 mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Austin, Lewistown; Donald Eugene, 9 mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vanskike, Shelbyville; Terry, 3-1/2 mos., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks of Leonard; Robb Roy, 12 mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Blanton of Shelbyville; Frederick, 4-1/2 mo. son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kohn of Bethel; Randy, 7-1/2 mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Perry of Novelty; John Richard, 11 mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of Taylor, Mo.; Steven Lee, 6 mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kent, Shelbyville.

Gary Don, 8 mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Kidwell, Shelbina; Dennis Lynn, 11 mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sparks, Shelbyville; Lester, 11 mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rogers, Novelty; Jerry Dean, 7 weeks son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Smith of Leonard.

Old Settlers meeting

(August 2, 1905)

A meeting was held at the court house in this city last Thursday night for the purpose of making arrangements for holding the

Eighteenth Annual Old Settler's Reunion. J. J. Hewitt was elected Chairman and J. D. Dale, Secretary of the meeting. Saturday, September 2, 1905, was selected as the day for holding the reunion. The following committees were appointed:

Financial committee.--A. J. Neff, E. M. Damrell, John Perry, Jr., Tilden Doyle and J. M. Pickett.

Committee to secure speakers.--J. D. Dale, J. T. Perry, J. J. Hewitt and J. T. Lloyd.

Committee on music.--Rev. C. E. Wagner, W. R. Moran, Fred Krueger, Misses Edythe Dimmitt, Lillie Miller and Anna C. Robertson.

Committee on seats.--A. J. Neff, J. C. Priest, Ralph Brown and Thos. Engle.

Committee on printing and advertising.--C. L. Ennis and W. A. Dimmitt.

Committee on water and ice.--N. Winetroub, J. T. Headrick and Ralph Brown.

Committee on Band.--E. M. Damrell, N. Winetroub and Dr. Wm. Carson.

Committee on decoration.--All the business men in the city.

Committee on amusements.--Frank Beckley, Ennis Noland, Geo. Miller, Josh Ennis, Eakle Davis, Zora Howerton and John Perry, Jr.

Registering committee.--S. C. Myers, J. A. Doyle, J. C. Priest and Joe Doyle.

Premium committee.--George Miller, J. M. Freeman, R. E. Maupin.

Marshals of the day.--A. J. Neff and J. W. Thompson.

Chairman of the day.--Hon. Jas T. Lloyd.

The following vice-presidents were elected.--J. D. Dale, Black Creek township; J. Wm. Towson, Salt River township; Wm. Glasscock, Tiger Fork township; Dr. Davis, Jackson township; Dr. J. J. Smoot, Bethel township; R. D. Goodwin, North River township; Mosco Garnett, Taylor township; M. Dimmitt, Clay township; S. Gorby, Jefferson township; Judge John Byrum, Lentner township.

Old Settler Reunion 1925

August 26, 1925

Record Crowd Here on Old Settlers Day

For the first time in a number of years, the weather man dealt kindly with the Old Settlers committee, contributing in a large measure to

making the Thirty-seventh Annual Reunion one of the most successful in history. The day was perfect and the attendance was a record breaker. The crowd was estimated at more than 5,000 persons, who apparently enjoyed the day to the fullest.

Eighty-eight old settlers registered Saturday, just twice the number registering last year. John L. Oliver, of Shelbina, was here again and, as usual, was awarded the prize for the oldest person on the grounds. Mr. Oliver is in his 106th year.

Next in point of age was W. J. ("Uncle Billie") Fisher, also of Shelbina. Mr. Fisher was born in New York in 1830 and is 95 years old. Mrs. Martha E. Moore, of the Duncan Chapel neighborhood, was the next oldest person registering. Mrs. Moore is 93 years old. She came to Missouri and Shelby county in 1836 and has since lived in this community.

Samples of Shelby county's big corn crop were on display and first prize for the tallest stalk of corn went to Henry Claussen. The stalk was 16 feet tall, with two suckers each 14-1/2 feet high. Each sucker bore an ear of corn and there were two ears on the main stalk, making four in all. Mr. Claussen has 13 acres of big corn from which the winning stalk was taken.

Jess Wood, colored, was awarded second prize, the stalk he exhibited measuring 15 feet and 3 inches. Other exhibitors of tall corn were Andy Perrigo, J. M. Forman, Lloyd Todd, Judge John F. Barton, Roy Jarrell, Amos Forman, David Claussen.

In the old fiddlers contest, 60 years old and over, Wm. Stalcup of Clarence won first prize, George Vanskike of Newark, second; John Culler of Epworth, third.

A. W. (Wood) Brown, of Paris, who was second when Henry Taylor won the championship of Missouri, was first in the contest for fiddlers 50 to 60 years old; James Miles of Epworth was second, and Peter Snyder of Clarence, third.

Henry Taylor, of Cairo, champion fiddler of the state, was here with his wife and daughter, Miss Bessie, and two sons; Epperly and F. G., Jr., the latter 14 years old. He was also accompanied by E. R. Taft, guitar and banjo player, of Madison, Mo. Mr. Taylor and party entertained with many old time selections, providing one of the most interesting features of the program. Mr. Taylor did not enter either of the fiddlers contest.

Wm. Stalcup and Emmett Sanders made a big hit with their interpretation of "Pop Goes the Weasel." George Sebastian and Jess Vanskike were other musical entertainers. N. C. Parsons, who had

charge of the "fiddlin'" feature of the program, declared that the talent assembled here Saturday was the best Northeast Missouri has ever seen.

Lee White, of Shelbyville, won the fat men's race, with C. H. Stevenson, of Bethel, a close second. In the foot race for boys Raymond Gander was first and Robert Easdale second.

Lee Goe won first prize for the best decorated automobile, second prize being awarded to Mrs. A. M. Caca.

Miss Eula Green was declared to be the best lady rider, second prize going to Miss Helen Gaines.

Stanley Mefford, 11 year old, a son of Roy Mefford of the Lentner vicinity, climbed the greased pole for a purse of \$5.

Claude Easterbrook and wife, of Cherry Box, were awarded the prize for the largest family. Mr. and Mrs. Easterbrook are each 37 years old and are the parents of 11 children, the family including one pair of twins. There are six girls and five boys, ranging in age from 13 months to 18 years. The couple were married at the home of J. T. Headrick in Shelbyville, nineteen years ago.

Second prize went to Perry Mix and wife of this city, who are the parents of ten children, ages 3 to 26 years.

The ball game between Shelbyville and Lewistown resulted in a victory for Shelbyville by a score of 8 to 6.

One of the most delightful features of the program was the singing of a male quartet composed of H. H. Heinze and Dr. C. H. Kaylor, members of the Flower City Quartet of Palmyra, and Shirley Moore and Elmer Green of Hannibal. Miss Draughn, of Hannibal, was at the piano. The quartet sang both afternoon and evening.

Sixteen babies were entered in the baby contest which was won by Martha Jane Gilstrap, 11 months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gilstrap of Shelbina. Second prize was awarded to Carol Hope, 10 months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sowers of Shelbyville.

Among the visitors were James T. Lloyd, of Washington, D.C., former congressman from this district, and M. A. Romjue, of Macon, our present representative in Congress.

Prosecuting Attorney Roland F. O'Bryen delivered the address of welcome and a number of short talks were made by old settlers.

Music for the day was furnished by the Shelbyville Band.

(August 26, 1925)

Farmers of Shelby county are facing the gravest problem that

has come up for their solution in recent years. They are at a complete loss to know how they will be able to gather the 1925 corn crop. Corn fields resemble great forests with big ears of corn hanging high out of reach. It has been suggested that a committee of representative men be sent to Iowa, Illinois and some of our neighboring states, where the so-called "tall corn grows," for ideas.

Corn exhibited here on Old Settlers day was a sight worth seeing. Some of the stalks measured 16 feet in length with ears of corn all the way from 6 to 9-1/2 feet from the ground.

Monday morning J. A. Christine brought in a stalk of corn 16 feet high from which hung one ear of corn 9-1/2 feet from its roots. Ingram Pickett, the tallest man in Shelby county, could not reach it.

Whether corn huskers will walk on stilts, ride in airplanes or work from the basket of dirigibles and captive balloons has not been determined, but some very drastic measures will have to be taken in order to place the season's corn crop in the bin.

Old Settler Reunion 1935

Centennial Big Success
(August 7, 1935)

Attracting probably the largest crowd ever assembled in Shelbyville, the four-day Shelby County Centennial Celebration which came to a close Sunday evening, was pronounced a huge success by all connected with it.

The total attendance was estimated at more than 25,000 but not a single arrest was made here by officers during the four days. The only event which marred the happiness of the occasion was the airplane crash north of town Saturday morning, an account of which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

There were so many big features that no one of them could be singled out as the most interesting or best.

Undoubtedly, the feature of Thursday, the first day, was the trip to the scenes of the old Bethel communistic colony.

Gov. Guy B. Park arrived here about noon, and officially opened the Centennial with an address from the speakers' stand. He was introduced by Representative Morris E. Osburn. The Governor

was met here by the Bethel band, under the direction of Dias Bower, who escorted him to Bethel.

Upon their arrival in Bethel, an address of welcome by Dr. S. L. Simpson was heard and Governor Park spoke. Special music was played by John Q. Steinbach's "Little German Band" from Chicago, Ill. Hundreds of visitors joined in the tour of the places of historical interest in the town.

A fine group of articles used in the old colony days, and other antiques were on display in the Miller building across the street from the Bethel band stand.

The night program presented here by talent from Bethel, was another high-light of the Centennial. The program was opened with a concert by the Bethel band, which was attractively dressed in white shirts and trousers and white and blue caps and capes.

Vocal solos were presented by Miss Virginia Lair and Mrs. Fern Logan Northrup, and a song and dance was given by little Miss Jo Ann Zeigler of Boonville. Warren and Darrell Young, two small boys with plenty of talent, presented some songs, and Mrs. Carlie Miller gave a reading.

The principal speaker of the evening was Prof. L. E. Ziegler, Superintendent of Public Schools at Boonville. He is a former resident of Bethel, and he recounted many of his early experiences in that town. He said that there were many things about his home town and home county that he never knew until he came back during this Centennial.

The second afternoon of the Centennial included addresses by Lieut. Gov. Frank G. Harris, who was introduced by Senator Frank P. Briggs; Fred Naeter, one of the editors of the Southwest Missourian at Cape Girardeau and former Shelby countian; Lloyd King of Monroe City, State Superintendent of Schools; Joseph Doyle of Washington, D.C., former editor of the Shelby County Herald; Dr. J. H. Wood, president of Culver-Stockton College, Canton; Maj. Lloyd Stark of Louisiana; Joe Bone, Jr., Audrain county prosecuting attorney, of Mexico. Other entertainment included a vocal solo by Bob Wynn of Ralls county. Lane B. Henderson presided at the speakers' stand.

The big parade of floats was a feature of the afternoon's program.

The \$15 prize for the most beautiful float was awarded the Kings Daughters Sunday school class of the Shelbyville Methodist church. Their float was a beautiful white and lavender creation. It represented a white swan pulling with white and lavender streamers a

white float upon which were girls, some of whom were dressed in old-time costumes. The girls were all daughters of members of the Kings Daughters class.

Second prize of \$10 went to the Shelbina Chamber of Commerce for a colorful white and yellow float on which were riding costumed girls. On the side of the float in large yellow letters was the word "Shelbina."

First prize of \$15 for the best historical float was awarded for a representation of the old Bethel colony. In the center of the platform was a representation of old colony headquarters, "Old Elim." Grouped around the house were several persons in appropriate costumes demonstrating the different trades which flourished in the colony days, such as spinning and weaving, glove-making, shoe-making, etc.

Second prize of \$10 in this division went to the Hunnewell Methodist church, who had costumed people grouped around a grandfather's clock and other antique pieces.

Tin the antique conveyance division, first award of \$10 was presented to the fine cab pulled by a team of horses and driven by two "negroes" dressed in longtailed coats and high hats. The passengers in the cab were also dressed in old-time costumes. Second prize of \$5 went to the Hannibal Chamber of Commerce for their 1910 Cadillac car with a group of passengers, one representing Mark Twain. The car is a brass-trimmed, five-seated, right-hand drive machine. Its original cost was \$3800, according to its owner, Gerald Gerard of Hannibal.

Third prize of \$2.50 went to Willie Todd of near Lentner, who was driving a two-cylinder, chain drive automobile, which had been made sometime previous to 1900 by the Columbus Buggy Co. The car is built on the same principle as the old horse-drawn buggy with high wheels and an adjustable top. The two-cylinder engine is located in the rear under the back seat. Instead of a steering wheel, the car has a "stick" with which to guide it. In spite of its age, the car ran under its own power.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Temple Stephens of Moberly was awarded \$1 for driving his midget car in the parade.

The parade of floats was under the supervision of a committee headed by Miss Katharine Drain.

A fiddlers' contest, under the direction of N. C. Parsons of Shelbina, was held Friday afternoon for fiddlers under the age of 50. This was won by Otho Hudson, of Bethel, with Pete Foster, of Hannibal, second, and E. J. Conrad, of Hanni-

bal, third. Judges were Tom Howerton, M. H. Haskins, and B. S. Robertson.

Friday night's program was started with a concert by the Clarence Band under the direction of Howard Vanskike. A group of popular selections were presented by the Flower City Male Quartet from Palmyra, composed of Thad R. Smith, G. H. Kaylor, Paul Menge and Harold Heinze. Vocal solos by Mrs. Lillian Kern Potter were next featured and violin music by Miss Ricie Maupin. Miss Gertrude Dobyns played the piano accompaniments.

Because of a threatened storm, the program by the Men's Centennial Chorus and the Centennial Mixed Chorus, scheduled for Friday night, was postponed until Sunday.

Judge Harry J. Libby presided at the Saturday program, which began in the morning with a concert by the Shelbyville band.

The afternoon speaking program was started with a short talk by John C. Collett, chairman of the Public Service Commission; John D. Taylor, representative from Chariton county, was the next speaker; Floyd Shoemaker, secretary of the State Historical Society followed; a talk by Fee Barton, from near Clarence, was next and this was followed by a talk by the Rev. L. C. Maggart of Shelbina. James T. Lloyd, former congressman and Shelby county resident, now living in Canton next gave a fine address, recounting many historical facts of interest. Mr. Lloyd was one of the speakers at the first Old Settlers' Reunion ever held here.

The speaking program was followed by a beautiful service in honor of all Shelby county couples who have been married fifty years or more. The service was in charge of Mrs. Arthur Burk, and pieces of silverware engraved with the words "Shelby County Centennial: and the name of the couple, were presented each couple.

An old fiddlers' contest for those over 50 years of age was next held in charge of N. C. Parsons. It was won by George Simmons of Emden, with Al Kendrick of Shelbina, second, and Frank Simpson of Hagers Grove, third. The judges were J. P. Roberts, T. W. Parsons, John Holderieath, B. S. Robertson and David Schnauffer.

Fine music was featured at the Saturday night program, furnished by the Shelby County Centennial Band, directed by Marion E. Million, and "The Little German Band," directed by John Q. Steinbach. In addition to the band mu-

sic, several fine solo numbers were presented by various musicians of the organizations.

C. B. Bowles of Hannibal was awarded the new Plymouth car given away that night. He held but one coupon out of the 3000 which had been distributed. J. B. Carmichael of this city was given the \$5 and Roy Tuggle of this city received the \$10 premium.

Sunday afternoon the first of the two religious services was held, with William Souther, Jr., of Independence, Mo., delivering the address. Preceding his talk, old-time hymns were sung by the audience, with the Rev. J. M. Bone, of this city, leading the singing.

Mr. Southern, who is editor of the Independence Examiner, spoke on the relationship of religion and law.

Another fine religious service Sunday night concluded the Centennial Celebration. The feature of this program and one of the highlights of the entire celebration was the singing by the Shelby County Centennial Mixed Chorus of 100 voices and the Centennial Men's Chorus of 50 voices. The choruses were directed by Wm. R. Moran of Shelbyville and Marion E. Million of Shelbyna, who are to be complimented on the wonderful success of this chorus. The accompaniment of the chorus was played by Miss Gertrude Dobyns of Shelbyna.

The principal speaker of the evening was Dean W. J. Lhamon of Columbia. For seven years Dr. Lhamon was Dean of the Bible College at the University of Missouri; for nine years he was Dean of the Bible department in Drury College, Springfield, Mo.; and for two and a half years he was in charge of the Bible department in Eureka College, Eureka, Ill. The topic of his address was "The Universal Creed of the Universal Church."

More about these speeches will appear in next week's Herald.

In addition to the speaking and music, there was ample other entertainment. The carnival rides and concessions provided fun for the younger set, and an open air platform dance was held each evening.

Some fine displays of valuable and interesting antiques were arranged. Part of these articles were placed in the court house, and a part displayed in the windows of the Pickett building west of the Herald office. A. M. Priest and William McDowell also had personal displays of relics and antiques in their store windows.

The Shelbyville band, under the direction of William Cadwell, pre-

sented good music at various times during the Centennial.

More particulars of the celebration will appear in next week's Herald.

Old Settler Reunion 1940

Fifty-Second Old Settlers Reunion Attended by Many (August 28, 1940)

Secretary of State Dwight H. Brown addressed one of the largest crowds ever assembled here in recent years at the fifty-second annual Old Settlers Reunion here Saturday afternoon, although at the time many were attending the Grand Opening of the new \$15,000 theater here and the championship ball game at the local park.

The Honorable Lawrence McDaniel, Democratic nominee for governor who was scheduled to speak, was unexpectedly called to New York and Washington for conferences and so was unable to be present here.

Mr. Brown extended congratulations to Shelbyville on offering this opportunity for people to get together, commenting that this meant more than any program which could be presented. He appealed for non-partisan action in support of the armament program of the nation and pointed out the political blessings we enjoy, those things guaranteed under the Bill of Rights, and then commented on the physical blessings.

His address in part follows:

"We have a better appreciation of the United States when we take stock of our comparative position among the nations. We should remember that our population is six per cent of the world's population and our land area is seven per cent of the land area of the earth. Remembering these two figures, let us see what part of the good things we have. We have thirty-two per cent of the steam railroads of the world; we have thirty-six per cent of the developed water power; we have fifty-eight per cent of the electric services; we have seventy-six per cent of the automobiles and trucks of this earth; we have thirty-three per cent of the broadcasting stations and forty-four per cent of the radios or receiving sets of the world. Some understanding of our table may be had when it is remembered that we use half of the world's sugar and half of the world's coffee. Some understanding of the way the nation dresses in comparison with others may be had when it is remembered that we use three-fourths of the silk of the earth. On and on we can go, among other things pointing out the fact that we have 38,000,000

savings accounts with two billion dollars in them. We spend annually for education three billion dollars.

"I never fail to recall the day that I stood before the nation's gold store at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Your nation and mine had stored there—nearly seventy per cent of the world's monetary gold. And, standing guard, were the great bristling guns of the army and across the mountains upon the sea rode the grand fleet and in the skies moved an incomparable armada. No empire of ancient or modern history has stored such vast gold reserve to protect the credit of the nation. Let us help to have the multitude to understand that while above all things we desire peace, we are asserting the maximum of effort to give to our nation an army, a navy and an air force capable of insuring to Americans a continuation of the blessings which are ours. It is with such high purpose that we are assembled here."

Speakers besides Secretary Brown were Prof. E. J. Powell, superintendent of schools at Emden; the Rev. L. C. Maggart of Shelbyna; and James T. Lloyd of Canton, former congressman. The Rev. Charles H. Nininger, pastor of the Shelbyville Christian Church, gave the invocation, and Mr. Maggart gave the benediction.

There was a large number of entries in the needle-work exhibit in the circuit clerk's office in the courthouse in charge of Mrs. L. A. Kaylor. Winners were as follows:

Prettiest patch quilt, Mrs. P. E. Sanders, Shelbyville; oldest quilt, Mrs. J. W. Stewart, Shelbyville; prettiest applique quilt, Mrs. E. M. Damrell, Shelbyville; prettiest crocheted bedspread, Mrs. Chester Stewart, Shelbyville; prettiest crocheted tablecloth, Betty Jameson, Shelbyville; best yarn hooked rug, Mrs. Ernest Parsons, Emden;

Best rag hooked rug, Mrs. Walter Bower, Bethel; and prettiest hand made rug, Miss Alice Priest, Shelbyville. Judges for this event were Mrs. John Shaffer, Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. John Martin of Philadelphia, Mo.

The Leonard 4-H Club was first in the contest for 4-H Girls Clubs, with the Fairview Club second and Lakenan third.

Everett Turner of Philadelphia won the horseshoe tournament, beating Martin Hesse of this vicinity in the finals.

In the livestock contests, the prize for the best mule colt under 1 year old went to W. W. Maddox of near Shelbyville, with George Baker second. Maddox also won the prize offered for a mare and one mule colt. Merton Moore of Lentner won both the draft colt contest

and the contest for the best draft mare and colt. Guy Dickson of Clarence was second in the contest for the best draft colt. Steve Broughton of Emden was first in the beef cattle contest and Erwin Shores of near here was second.

In the baby shows, Sara Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bigelow of Shelbyville, was chosen the prettiest baby girl and Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Sage of Clarence, was the prettiest boy. The second-prize winners were Judith Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith of near here, and Leroy Glendell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Calvert of near Emden.

Oldest person attending the reunion was James H. Vanskike of Shelbyville, who is 93 years old.

The award to the largest family attending the reunion went to Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Nothnagel of west of Shelbyville, and their eight children and six grandchildren. The children are: Henry, Rose, Carl, Louise, Walter, Elizabeth, and Kenneth Nothnagel and Mrs. Stanley Pogue. Second prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood and their seven children, Roland, Paul, Leon, Truman, Marvin and Roscoe Wood and Mrs. Oreta Nothnagel.

The results of the fiddlers contests, in charge of N. C. Parsons of Shelbyna, who started them here twenty-two years ago, follow:

Old fiddlers group—First, Mrs. Jessie Parsons of Emden; second, J. B. Timbrook of Lentner; third, G. C. Simmons of Emden.

Young fiddlers group—First, Leo Dawkins of Shelbyna; second, Otho Hudson of Bethel; and third, Leroy Kennedy of Holliday.

In the agricultural exhibits, Earl Bowen had the tallest stalk of corn, his entry measuring an even 14 feet. Mike Healey was second with 13 ft. 10 inches.

The best peck of wheat exhibited was by Charles Harrison, with second prize going to Dean McDaniel of north of town.

The barley prize went to Wayne Fox, with second to E. H. Feely, both of this city.

In the garden exhibits, first prize for the best display of garden products went to H. E. Crain of northwest of town. Tied for second were Arlene Willey and Lois Wai-bel.

Winning for the best peck of potatoes was Wayne Carroll. Lewis Manning won the best six tomato exhibit. George Collier of this city won the prize for the best display of six beets. Eugene Ballard was the winner in the display of six carrots.

Charles E. Pogue of southeast of town was first in the contest for the best six onions, with Mrs. Mike Healey winning second. The heav-

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