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North Salem Centennial Celebration

Souvenir Program

July 25-28, 1935

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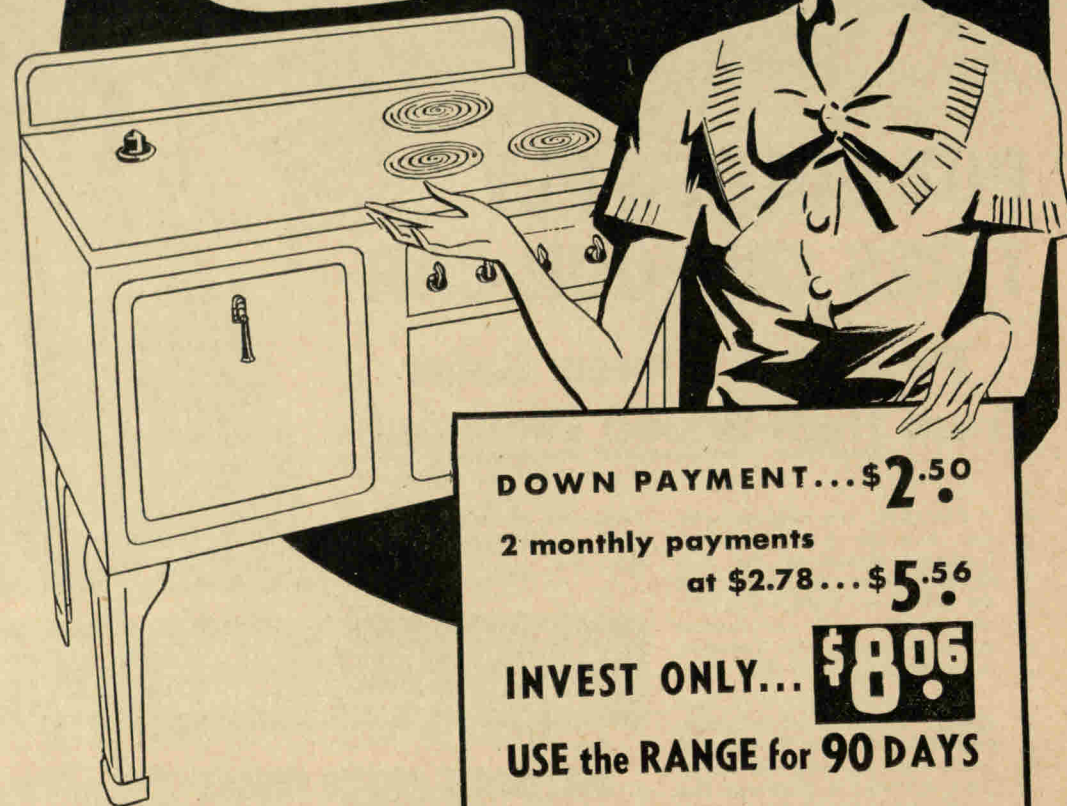


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Thursday, July 25

10:00 A. M. - - - 12 Noon
Dedicatory Service

1:30 P. M. - - - 1:30 A. M.

Parade

Free Dance

Band Concert

Speaking

Old Fashioned Style Show

Baby Show with Free Motion Picture throughout the entire day.

Friday, July 26

10 A. M. - - - 12 Noon

Contests

Cattle Men visit Feed Lots

2 P. M. - - - 1:30 A. M.

Cattle Men's Program

Jim Poole, Market Announcer for Chicago Union

Stock Yards, and other speakers of note.

Contests

Free Dance

Historical Pageant

Band Concert

Baby Show with Free Motion Picture throughout the entire day.

Saturday, July 27

10 A. M. - - - 12 Noon

Contests

2 P. M. - - - 12 Midnight

Speaking

Free Dance

Contests

Historical Pageant

Band Concert

Baby Show with Free Motion Picture throughout the entire day.

Sunday, July 28

Morning:

Home-Coming Services at each of the Churches.

Afternoon:

Band Concert

Centennial Cake Ceremony

Special Music by Young People

Evening:

Vesper Service

Pageant

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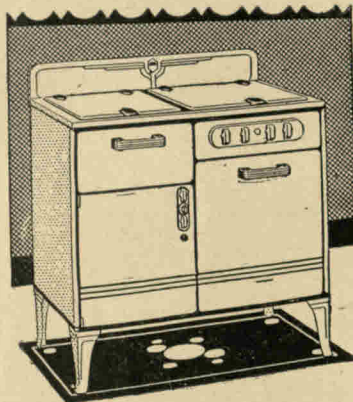


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North Salem Centennial Pageant

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Written and Directed

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ON HER ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

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AGENT

PROLOGUE

1.
"Backward, turn backward, O Time in thy flight
"Turn back a century, just for tonight.
"Turn back the cycles of months and of years
"That all may see glimpses of joys and of tears,
"Of sorrows, of struggles, of pleasures and care
"Let's look, Friends and Neighbors, at what's written
there.
"Let's view this brave struggle, and God give us grace
"To preserve and to cherish what Time would efface.

2.
"Backward, turn backward, O Time in thy flight
"Turn back a Century just for tonight,
"And show us this spot as kind Nature had planned,
"The hills and the rocks, and the thick wooded land
"An unsettled wilderness, rugged and wild,
"With storms cold and bitter, with spring seasons mild,
"With Red-men in wigwams, with tomahawks bold
"Content with existence, sans progress, we're told.

3.
"Backward, turn backward, O Time, in thy flight,
"Turn back a century, just for tonight.
"Show us the progress that came with the years,

"What civilized folk could accomplish, tho fears
"And hardships were present at each weary turn—
"For adventure, desire, opportunity spurn
"Any thought for themselves, for their comforts, their
ease,

"In plans for the future; such spirits were these.
4.
"Backward, turn backward, O Time in thy flight,
"Turn back a Century just for tonight,
"And give us the power to feel and to know
"What suffering came to those folk long ago.
"Who met all their trials with fortitude grim
"Who overcame all; and who trusted in Him
"That we might the fruits of their labor enjoy—
"A heritage rich for each girl and boy.

5.
"Backward, turn backward, O Time in thy flight,
"Turn back a Century just for tonight.
"This march of events let us view with one mind
"With prejudice, envy and malice behind!
"Let's glean from it lessons of friendship forsooth,
"The lessons of kindness, of unselfish truth,
"Let's think of ourselves in Time's measureless span
"As only a part, in a God-given plan."

SYNOPSIS

Episode I

The first scene shows Indians in camp very happy and contented. They suddenly become alarmed and seizing their belongings, vanish silently into the forest, as the "Spirit of Progress" and her attendants come flitting upon the stage. They dance around a few times and disappear in the same direction taken by the Indians.

The first settlers, the Woodward and Claypool families, now appear upon horseback as they rode from Virginia. They dismount and make camp, expressing their determination to settle in this place.

The pioneer home scene shows the visit of the Indians, also that of the pioneer doctor. A number of women arrive and have a quilting bee. This is interrupted by the appearance of the circuit rider, who conducts a brief religious service.

The next scene shows the laying off of the town. This is followed by the store and postoffice scene and the arrival of the mail carrier from Stilesville. Children of the long ago are shown on their way to school, escorted by mother and big brother.

The first episode closes with the story of our churches. As the reader tells the history of the North Salem Churches, a hidden choir sings old church songs and a group of pioneers cross the stage on their way to church.

Episode II

Scene I shows the growth of the schools in town and the laying of the corner-stone of the first brick school building. The first graduating class from the North Salem high school appears; also Trustees Nathan Tucker and Harry Durham, who built the two buildings now in use.

The next scene shows the coming of the railroad to North Salem, with its attendant excitement and rejoicing. A large group of people rush excitedly to greet the first train and to bid goodbye to the lucky individuals about to take a trip to the capital city. The coming of the railroad is followed by another exciting event—the first North Salem fair, held in the Hadley grove. Exhibits are shown and the real scene is reproduced as nearly as possible.

Episode III

Scenes 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Episode III show improvements as adopted in North Salem through the years. The coming of the first automobile, the laying of the brick street, electric lights and gas are mentioned by the reader, while actors re-enact these events. The latest improvement is a water-works system now in course of construction.

Scene 5 is a tribute to our beautiful Fairview Cemetery and Scene 6 is in memory of our soldiers of the Civil, Spanish-American and World Wars and is completed by a patriotic tableau.

Episode IV

In the last episode the "Spirit of Progress" again appears, surrounded by her attendants. She reads the crowning speech and summons Miss North Salem, who kneels before her and has the crown placed upon her head. Miss North Salem is then conducted to her throne by the Spirit of Progress. Her attendants take their places and the spirits dance before her. The orchestra strikes up the tune "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and the entire pageant cast group themselves in a semi-circle back of and on each side of the Queen, while all sing—

1. Old North Salem is the place of all
We love thee most and best—
She's the town we'd pick to live in
Tho' we've traveled east and west.
She's the place that wins our vote, for
She's the one that meets the test,
North Salem marches on.

Cho.:

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah,
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah,
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah,
North Salem Marches On.

2. Now, we've crowned our Miss North Salem
With a crown all gay and bright.
And we'll give her all the glory,
And we'll honor her tonight—
For now "Progress" is her watchword
And She always stands for right
North Salem marches on."

Cho.

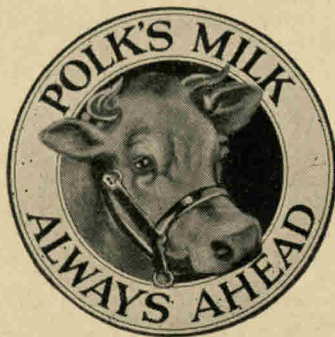
Curtain

*Congratulations and Best Wishes
to the members and friends of
North Salem Centennial and
Homecoming*

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SERVICE FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY IN WHICH TO LIVE; AND A RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE JOY AND PRIDE OF ALL WHO HAVE LIVED OR HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF COMING BACK HOME TO

NORTH SALEM, INDIANA

May this Homecoming be filled with all of the joy and happiness which you so justly deserve after one hundred years of fellowship.



The Polk Sanitary Milk Co.

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The History of North Salem

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and

Eel River Township

written by

Grace Hadley Duckworth

Foreword

It is with a sense of humility and deep gratitude, that this history is prepared for publication. It spans an age that was filled with sacrifice—by men, women and children, that we might enjoy the rich heritage, which is ours today.

The data herein gleaned is the result, of a number of years of research work. It was made possible, by the cooperation of the men and women, from whom much of the information has been gathered. Some of them are living, others have passed on, among them my father and mother, Gillum Taylor and Harriett Kesler Hadley, to whom this history is humbly dedicated.

G. H. D.

"The winds of heaven never fanned
The circling sunlight never spanned
The borders of a better land
Than our own Indiana."

Almost centrally located in this good old Hoosier state is a tract of land, six miles wide and seven miles

long, which bears the name Eel River township, and to all the inhabitants—it is the garden spot of the world.

Owing to the loss of the first commissioners records it is not definitely known when the township was organized, but it was soon after the organization of Hendricks county, which was April 1, 1824.

From an early marriage record, we found that in Eel River township on August 20, 1825, John Fowler and Elizabeth Benson were married.

The first settler in the township—also in the north part of the county—was Noah Bateman, who came from New York and settled two miles south of North Salem, in September 1823. Two months later, John Fowler entered 80 acres, east of Mr. Bateman and in January, 1824, Reuben Claypool entered 80 acres farther north.

The next settlers were John S. Woodward and wife, Charity, and baby Ann, six months old, and Mrs. Woodward's parents, David and Ann Dunbar Claypool. They came from Lee county, Virginia, and settled in Eel River township in September or October, 1824.

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It is our hope that we have contributed something to this splendid community during our several years in North Salem, and we want you to know that we shall endeavor to continue to be worthy of the privilege of serving you, our friends of North Salem and surrounding territory.

Our policy will continue to be "to serve our customers in a manner consistent with the honest principles and progressive spirit of this community."

We invite you to make our store your headquarters during this Centennial Celebration.



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John S. Woodward leased for five years, the farm now owned by Robert Hunt. David Claypool entered 195 acres north and east, of the Woodward farm. In the years 1828 and 1831 Mr. Woodward purchased 84 acres north of the farm he leased.

The fertility of the soil, the number of streams, its natural drainage, and the dense growth of fine timber attracted many settlers to the township.

By 1836, the following were some of the residents; Noah Bateman, Abel Pennington, Lewis Benson, Jacob Shoemaker, William Turner, Adis Jones, James Fowler, Jesse Turner, John S. Walker, Hampton Pennington, Daniel Turner, John Woodward, David Evans, William Hinton, David Claypool, Sr., Wynn Jones, Christian Hartman, John Fowler, David Claypool, Jr., Young L. Hughes, John Claypool, Alva Benson, Little Hughes.

William Fowler, Charles Fleece, Nathan Davis, John Slavens, James Trotter, John Trotter, Anderson Trotter, Alex Bales, James Davidson, Edom Bales, James McMurry, Chesley Page, Thomas Harper, Charnel Russell, John P. Benson, Preston Pennington, Enoch Cook, John Davenport, Isaac Davenport, James Campbell, John Spears, Andrew Clifton, William Robbins, Sam Jones, John Brown, Horatio Owen, Lee Tucker, John Neff, James Gibson, John Scott, John Adams, William P. Wright, John Zimmerman, William Davis, Enoch Davis, Goodlow Walker, Robert Covey, William DeWitt, Dr. Collins, and William Page.

When a new comer arrived, the first thing was to clear a patch of ground on which to build his cabin. The early home was usually a one room cabin, with stick and mud chimney. Greased paper over a small

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window furnished light. A huge fire place in one end was used for cooking as well as heating and at night, it was by the light of the hickory log fire, that the mother did her spinning and weaving. Matches were almost unknown and a settler would sometimes have to walk quite a distance to the home of the nearest neighbor, to borrow a shovelful of coals, with which to start his fire.

As there were no fences, the pioneers marked their hogs, put bells on the other stock and let them roam. Each neighbor had a particular mark for his hogs.

Little stock was raised for market and the nearest selling points were Indianapolis and Lafayette. The pioneers drove their hogs, cattle and turkeys to market and it required several days to make the trip.

With the coming of the early settlers, trees were felled, land was cleared and put into cultivation and mills of various types were built along the streams. The first mill in the township was built by John P. Benson in 1826. One historian gives the location as being on Rock Branch not far from the site of the Morphew mill on Eel River. The Benson mill did not stand many years. In 1830 Andy Crum built a mill on Eel River. A few years later Frank Epperson of Bainbridge bought this mill and in 1850 it was purchased by Benjamin Morphew, a native of Ohio. Mr. Morphew was engaged in the business of buying and selling water mills. The machinery for these mills came from Germany and was shipped over the Vandalia railroad to Fillmore, which, at that time, was the nearest shipping point. Bill Ball hauled the machinery from Fill-

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more for Mr. Morpew. The grist mill Mr. Morpew purchased from Crum was operated by water power until about 1870 when the water became insufficient for power and steam machinery was installed, by John Conover. The site of the Morpew mill was where the abandoned road, leading north from Frank Davidson's residence at McCloud Lodge crosses Eel River. About 1877 Mr. Morpew moved this mill to North Salem.

Another mill operated by water power was the Billy Pounds saw mill, located on the creek in a pasture east of town, now owned by Quincy A. Davis.

There was a mill dam across Eel River about where the railroad bridge spans the creek in Charles Clay's pasture, west of town. It has been impossible to ascertain definitely what mill was located there.

In the late '60's and '70's Abraham Whitenack operated a steam power saw mill across the road, a little northeast of his farm residence on the North Salem-Danville road. In the '70's Mr. Whitenack constructed a tile factory close by the saw mill. The sheds were built across the road west of the mill and tile factory and a narrow track was laid between the two places. A little car, drawn by the gentle old mare, Louisa (Liz for short), hauled the newly molded tile to the sheds. Evidently traffic wasn't so heavy in those days or Liz and the little car could not have made many trips in safety across the road.

In the early days, the roads were mere trails blazed through the forest. It was slow traveling by ox team or horse back, neighbors were miles apart and towns were few and widely scattered.

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Realizing the need of a trading point nearby, on December 10, 1835, David Claypool, Sr., John S. Woodward and John Claypool laid off the town of North Salem. The following description is very interesting and unique.

"North Salem"

The above town laid off by David Claypool, Senr., John Claypool and John S. Woodward on the 10th day of December, 1835: Commencing in section 4, township 16 north of range 2 west, 17 poles and 9 feet east of the line passing through the center of said section from north to south, where a Beech 20 inches in diameter, bears south 19 degrees, and a Beech 8 inches in diameter bears south 82 degrees, east 17 links, then north 35 pole and 1 foot and 6 inches, thence west

35 pole and 1 foot and 6 inches, thence east 35 pole 1 foot and 6 inches to the beginning, containing 7 acres and 112 pole.

The above town of North Salem is situated on the west half northeast and east half, northwest quarter of said section. All blocks square 250 feet, all lots front 60 feet and tail 120 feet; all streets are 60 feet wide and all alleys are 10 feet wide.

We, David Claypool, Senr., John Claypool and John S. Woodward, proprietors of the town of North Salem, do acknowledge we have laid off the town aforesaid, according to the within plot and explanation, for the purpose of establishing and locating a town.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands, on this 15th day of December, 1835. Signed by David Claypool, Senr., John Claypool and John S.

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MANAGER

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Woodward. This was acknowledged before William Trotter, Justice of Peace.

The three proprietors of the town owned more than 350 acres of land in and adjoining North Salem.

The center of the town was the street crossing, now between the Linco Oil Station and the little frame Church of Christ. The plot consisting of 4 blocks, extended a block in each direction from the above center.

The new town plot took in the country home of John S. Woodward, thus making it the first house in North Salem. It was located on the lot south of the Linco Oil Station. (Lot 7, block 2.)

The David Claypool house stood about where the Joe Morpew home is located. (Last house on west

side of Ladoga Avenue.) This new country was all a dense wilderness at the time and the Claypool and Woodward houses were the only ones in the immediate vicinity. With their axes they cut a narrow path through the forest from one home to the other and on down the hill east from the Woodward home and across the creek to a spring in the hillside, near the present home of L. O. Hayes.

John S. Woodward built the first store in the new town, just across the street east of his dwelling. It was located about where the Buckingham garage now stands. He hauled his goods by wagon from Cincinnati, a long journey in that day.

He was very original and wrote his own advertisements. The following is one of them.

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Kothe Wells & Bauer Co.

"I digs, I hoes; I reaps, I mows
And off I goes, to buy my clothes,
At Woodward's store,
The cheapest place, every body knows."

To procure their bread making materials Mr. Woodward went to a mill at Mooresville, located on White River. One day when he had gone to the mill, a band of Indians came down the trail, sneaked up to the cabin window and stole the pies Mrs. Woodward had placed there to cool. The Indians often visited them, but fortunately never harmed them.

The post office was established July 5, 1839, and Matthew Mark was the first post master. His salary was a little more than a hundred dollars a year. The mail was carried on horseback once a week from Stilesville. It was a long day's journey and to make the

round trip, the carrier started early in the morning to get back home by night. Captain Neff's brother, Frank, was one of the early carriers. He received the sum total of \$125.00 per year. They continued to carry the mail from Stilesville until the latter part of October, 1854, when a mail route was granted and put into operation from Danville to North Salem, the carrier making two trips a week.

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 John R. Ballard, October 25, 1861.
 Samuel W. Jones, May 30, 1863.
 George W. Gibson, March 4, 1864.
 William H. Neff, March 12, 1864.
 John Fleece, February 21, 1865.
 John Adams, April 28, 1865.

James R. Claypool, November 30, 1865.
 William R. Scott, January 11, 1867.
 William R. Claypool, March 19, 1867.
 Aaron Smith, November 27, 1867.
 John D. Adair, September 18, 1884.
 William H. Fleece, April 28, 1885.
 George W. Robbins, July 26, 1889.
 William H. Hocker, April 13, 1893.
 John D. Adair, April 26, 1897.
 Samuel S. Waters, September 1, 1909.
 Harry A. Seaton, December 15, 1916.
 John H. Wetz, June 19, 1919.
 Daisy D. Warring, December 22, 1921.
 Retta House (acting), September 14, 1923.
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Retta M. House, January 18, 1935.

The first school in the township was taught about 1829, by William DeWitt. According to early history, Mr. DeWitt fled from New Orleans for some crime and joined a pirate vessel and sailed around the world more than once. He finally left the vessel and came, to the wilderness of the north, to begin life anew. He was a man of intelligence and taught in Eel River, for a number of years. He lived to be very old, tradition says 115 years. But in an interview with Frank Morphew, who is past 93 years of age, the writer learned that shortly before his death DeWitt told Mr. Morphew he was 104 years old. DeWitt lived on the north side of the road and a short distance west of the Mahoney school house. The first school building was a

little log house with stick and mud chimney and was located about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile southeast of North Salem, at the foot of the hill below the farm home, built by Emily Mellinger.

The pioneer school house was a crude affair. A great box stove occupied one end of the room. On Saturdays the boys cut wood and hauled it to the school house to be used for fuel the next week. Greased paper over the windows furnished light. A split log was placed on supports under the window and this was used for a writing desk. Logs several feet in length were split in two and six pegs fastened in them for legs. These furnished the uncomfortable seats for the pupils, no backs, no desks and with feet dangling four or six inches off the floor, the children sat and studied their lessons aloud. There were no grades in the early

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and schoolhouses constructed, until there were thirteen schools in the township.

Some of the early teachers were William DeWitt, Bill Byrd, Whitt, Ghoomley, John Hunt, Milligan, Rus Noland, Geo. M. Brown, in the 60's, Bob Trotter, Jim Yeager, Thomas Lockhart, Lizzie Waters, Owen Waters, Cyrus Baugh, Doshia Duckworth, Jake Harlan, Waller Benson, George Harlan, Bob Long (who founded the Long Hospital), Dave Russell, Hodgkins, Jim Yeager, Sam McClain, Maggie Ellington, W. J. K. Bailes, John Ragan, John Hayes, Q. A. Davis, in the '70's, Jake Buchanan, Charles E. Davis, D. L. Tucker, Lou Nash, Lizzie Ellington, J. R. Covey, Calvin Ballard, Mary Ballard, Charles F. Martin, Larkin Dodson, H. T. Storms, Sol T. Adams, Mat Davis, Lou Riggen, Ella Whitenack; some few of the 80's and early 90's, Lillie

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Old records show that there was a township library in existence in the '70s. The record reads thus, "August 3, 1873. John Harlow for keeping township library, \$18.00." The books were available to any

one in the township and were kept in one room of the dwelling of John Harlow, which stood on the site of Mrs. Jack Ragan's home.

Mr. Harlow was a blacksmith in North Salem for many years. His shop was across the street east of his home. Two of the early business men of the town were Jake Faught and George A. Givan. Faught's house and store stood on the corner across the street west of the little church of Christ. He was in business as early as the late '40s. George A. Givan began business when the "Old Brick" was built in 1856.

There were three country schools near North Salem that the children in town attended prior to 1873, namely; the Duckworth school north of town, now the dwelling on Dr. Wisehearts farm; the Pounds school, which is the abandoned dwelling across the railroad

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south of Clarence Trotter's home, and the Hunt school, which stood in the northeast corner of the Taylor Owen farm west of town, where the road leads south from the North Salem-Roachdale road.

July 31, 1873, James Shields, township Trustee, purchased the west half of the block in which the bank is located and began the construction of the first school building in town. It was a large, two-story frame structure with two rooms below and one above. Jacob Buchanan was the first principal, Quincy Davis the second and Dr. John Ragan the third or fourth. This building was used for school purposes until 1885, when it was converted into a hotel and is now, the modern apartment and office building owned by Dr. Royer.

In 1885, Trustee John Durham built the first brick school building in the north part of town. It was in

this building that the high school was organized by Mary Benbow in 1894. In order to accomplish this, Miss Benbow placed two teachers in the primary room to take care of the incoming pupils, the total enrollment in this room numbered about 80. This was the first time two teachers had ever taught in one room in North Salem. These very capable teachers were the Misses Nora and Kate Walsh of Roachdale and to Nora, falls the honor of being the first music and art instructor in the North Salem schools.

Memory wanders back, to the girls' ball team organized by Miss Kate. Cora Clay was the star at the bat, Evelyn Tinder the fleet runner, the writer was right fielder and among the other players were Nell Fleece, Edna Clay, Retta Hocker, Agnes Davis, Maude Clements, Anna Gill and Stella Tinder.

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To the south of the grade building stands the high school building which was constructed by Trustee Nathan Tucker in 1904 and '05. It was with the construction of this building, that North Salem was able to meet the requirements of a commissioned high school and received her commission in 1905.

It was not until 1873 that the graded system was begun and the school term lengthened to five months. During the '80s, the six months term began and now has been extended to eight or nine months.

The first class to be graduated in Eel River was composed of sixteen pupils from the various schools of the township, who had passed a satisfactory examination in a required number of subjects, and were entitled to a diploma. The commencement was held in the Christian church at North Salem, March 10, 1883, and the following is a list of the graduates and the subject of their orations.

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One by one, the district schools were abandoned and
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the destruction of the White school house, by fire, in
the spring of 1927, the district school ceased to exist
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In May, 1852, Robert Conover a Presbyterian min-
ister from Kentucky, laid off the Conover addition to
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another, then owing to political views Reverend Conover returned to Kentucky. Harve and Add O'Rear took charge of the Academy and taught for some time. It is not definitely known just how long the church and school continued, but it was closed sometime during the Civil War.

In 1828 the Methodist Church had its beginning in Eel River Township. It was in the White Lick circuit, which comprised the state of Indiana and part of Illinois. Joseph Tarkington, the grandfather of Booth Tarkington, was the first minister, and he preached to the pioneers in their cabins. Reuben Claypool was another early minister and lived in the township. He preached to his neighbors in their homes and organized a class in 1833. Some of these early members were John S. and Charity Woodward, John Claypool and fam-

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Their first church, which was a one room log building, was located on the corner of Main and Vine streets, where the Fleece hotel later stood. The date of this church is not known, but it was very early in the history of the town. In September, 1843, the Trustees purchased a lot on Ladoga avenue, across the alley, north of Mrs. Zack Ragan's home. Here a one room frame building was constructed. This was used as a house of worship, until the third church was built, some time before the Civil War. This building was a large frame structure, located on the west side of North Main street, just south of the Thomas Davis home. The congregation worshiped in this church until the construction of the new church, down town was under

way. June 3, 1923, their beautiful edifice on West Pearl street was dedicated.

The Christian church was organized in the cabin home of Charles Fleece in 1836. The charter members were Charles Fleece, John Zimmerman, Smith Russell, George A. Givens and their wives. The first minister was Nathan Waters, the grandfather of Newton, Owen and George Waters. Meetings were held in the homes of the members, until the first church was built about 1837. It was a one-room log building, 16x24 feet, built without pulpit, seated with rude slab benches and lighted by windows, covered with greased paper. It was called the Pleasant Spring church and was located at the head of a ravine near a big spring, on the southwest corner of the farm now owned by Robert Hunt.

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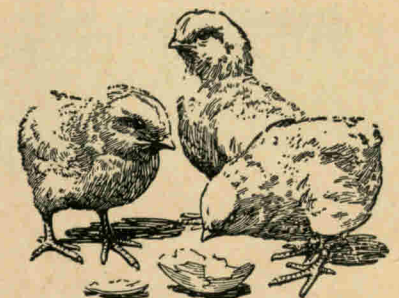
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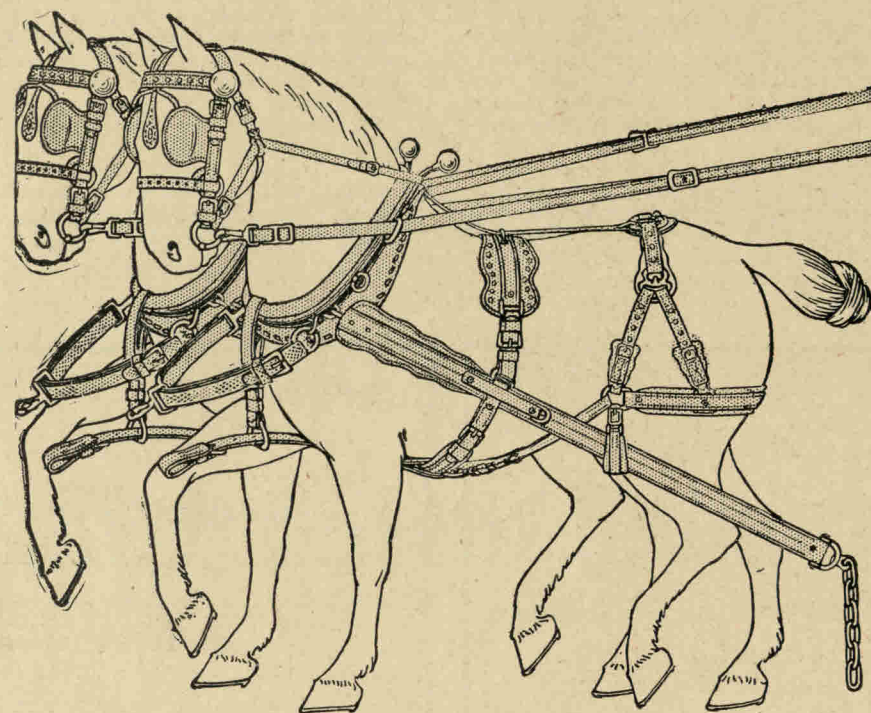
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The second church was a small frame building erected probably in 1841, on the same corner where the first Methodist Church had stood. (Lot 5 block 2 original town of North Salem.) This little frame church was sometimes used as a school building. William Trotter and Peter T. Russell, one of the early ministers, were both teachers there.

The third church was the large frame building located on the lot south of the Dr. Adams' home. The trustees purchased this lot in 1854 and the church was completed in 1856. It was in this house of worship that Urban B. Brewer, when a mere boy in his teens, preached his first sermon. In 1902, this church was moved off the lot and the construction of the present brick building was begun. It was dedicated November 1, 1903.

Nancy Myers Zimmerman, one of the founders of the North Salem Christian church, has left a remarkable heritage to this community. The unbroken line of six generations, from 1836 to 1935, have been members of this church; namely Nancy Myers Zimmerman, 1836; her daughter, Katherine Zimmerman Davis, 1838; her granddaughter, Clarinda Davis Page, 1870; her great-granddaughter, Daisy Page Sellers, 1896; her great-great-granddaughter, Geneva Sellers Gossett, 1917, and her great-great-great-grandson, Franklin Otis Gossett, 1935.

The Baptists built the first house of worship in Eel River township. Organized by the Penningtons at an early date, they built their first church, a little log structure, prior to October, 1835. It was built on the Preston Pennington farm, now owned by Otis Coons,

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and stood on the brow of the hill, in the corner of the field southwest of the Coons farm house. The deed of conveyance made by Preston Pennington, to the trustees, states that the parcel of land contained 80 rods, and included the meeting house and spring. Some of the early members were Levi Pennington, Preston Pennington, Hampton Pennington, William Heather, Valentine Brown, Elizabeth Ballard, and George Barber and families.

The Baptists frequently held meetings in the Pennington grove in Round Town and Jackey Case is one of the early ministers often mentioned. In 1854 the Baptists purchased the little frame Christian church in town (lot 2 block 5) and worshiped there until about the time they began the construction of the large frame church, north of town. This building was completed

in 1864. They are still worshipping in this structure, although it has since been remodeled.

The little frame Church of Christ, located on the northeast corner of Main and Pearl streets was built in 1903. The congregation held services in the town hall, until the church was erected.

History is rather hazy as to the first doctor in North Salem. In an early history of Eel River, the name of a Dr. Collins is given as a resident of the township prior to 1830. None of the oldest residents of the community remember ever hearing of him, so in all probability, he did not remain in the township until North Salem was laid out.

The earliest known doctor, in the town was Dr. Trowbridge, who practiced in North Salem as early as 1851. Dr. Adams (not T. J.) was there in the late

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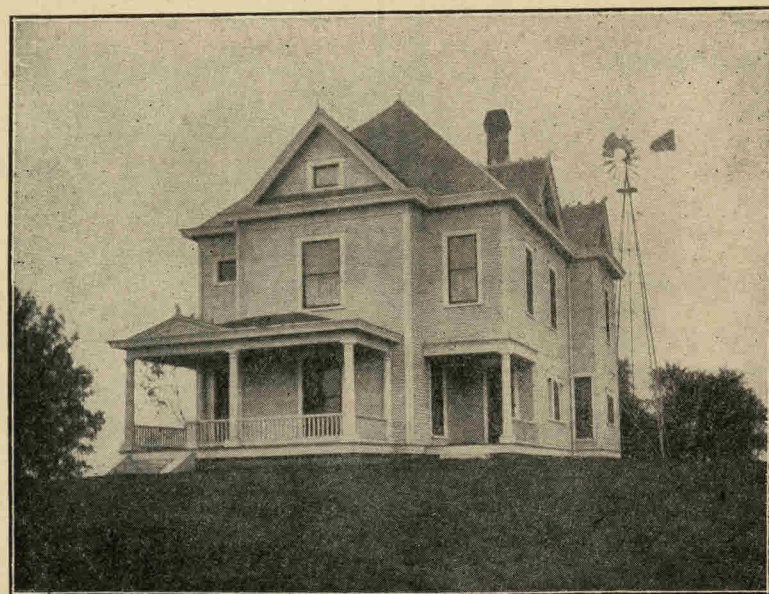
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50's, and Dr. Proctor, Dr. Broadhurst and Dr. Fleece were some of the earlier physicians. Dr. Thomas J. Adams began the practice of medicine shortly after the close of the Civil War and continued in his profession until a year or so before his death in 1902. Dr. Will Robbins, Dr. McAlpin, Dr. Grimes, Dr. Simeon Martin, Dr. Sinclair, Dr. Mozingo, Dr. Thixton and Dr. Baker are some of the doctors who have practiced in North Salem. The present physicians are Dr. E. Ray Royer, Dr. O. H. Wiseheart and son, Dr. Robert H. Wiseheart.

With the passing of the years, many doctors have come and gone, but the memory of the faithful family friend will ever be cherished.

The earliest dentist in North Salem was Dr. Henry Morrison, who began practicing in the '50s. Dr. Anna Sweeney of Roachdale and Dr. Will Thompson of In-

dianapolis were the dentists, during the '90s. Neither were residents of the town, but had office hours here certain days each week. The present dentist is Dr. C. M. Trotter, who began his practice in the summer of 1902.

The first secret order in town was the Masonic Lodge, organized in 1853. They first met in the upstairs of the Taylor Owens frame building, on South Main street. Later, they moved into the hall, in the "old brick," then in 1895 they built the hall which they now occupy on the southwest corner of Pearl and Broadway. The Eastern Star Chapter was organized in 1902. They have always met in the present Masonic Hall. The Odd Fellows Lodge was organized in 1855. They built their hall on the north side of Pearl street in 1882 and continued to occupy this until they dis-

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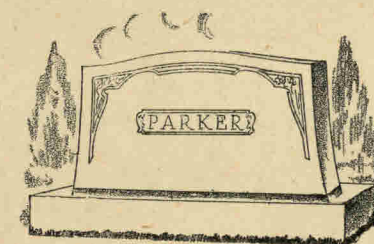
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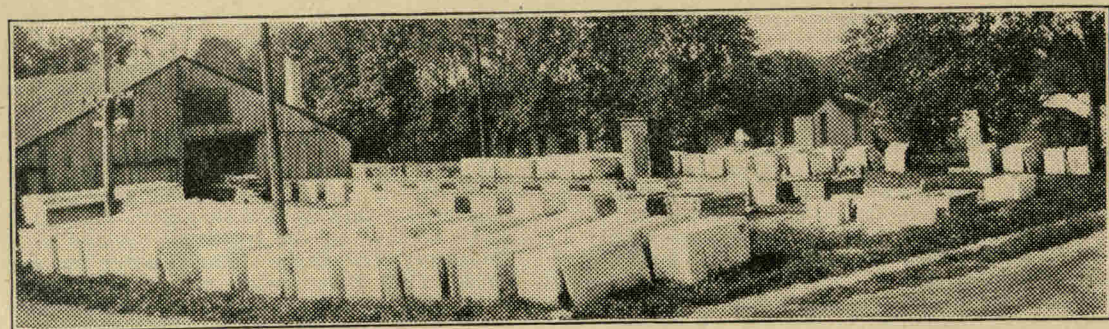
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banded in 1932. The Daughters of Rebekah Lodge was organized in December, 1891, and disbanded in 1932. The Knights of Pythias Lodge was organized in 1892. Their first hall was in the brick building, on the north side of the Buckingham garage, on South Main street. They met there, until the completion of their new hall on Pearl street in 1900. They consolidated with the Danville Lodge in 1932. The Pythian Sisters was organized in 1900 and disbanded about 1910.

During the 70's there was a farmers organization, known as the Grange Lodge, that flourished in this part of the country and continued on to the West, where it was a powerful organization, for many years. The Grange Lodge in Eel River was organized in the Round Town community, in the '70s and they held their meetings, in the Round Town school house. Edmund R. Had-

ley was the leader in that community and after his death in 1876, the organization began to decline and ceased existence in a few years.

In 1914 Miss Mary Garvin of Purdue University organized the Home Economics Club in North Salem, with Mrs. Clay Waters as the first president. In 1921, the club joined the State Federation of Clubs, entered a broader field of work and changed its name to the Woman's Club. This organization is a very helpful factor in the community, both socially and civically and are sponsoring the Centennial celebration. The present membership is forty-six.

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horse wagon to jolt along over the bumpy roots, ruts and stumps. With the building of dirt roads, two-seated hacks and high-wheel buggies could travel during good weather.

The building of gravel roads made transportation much easier and buggies—even rubber-tired buggies—came into their own. Along came the bicycle in the late '80s and '90s, and a shining new wheel was the dream of every boy. The year 1901 brought the greatest change in the mode of travel, when John Campbell purchased the first automobile, owned in the township. It was a one-cylinder Oldsmobile sold by the Fishers at Indianapolis. Wallace Leach owned the second car in the township, buying it shortly after the Campbell purchase.

Today, hardsurfaced roads, automobiles and filling stations have made Old Dobbin and the one-horse shay a thing of the past.

Eel River township has always had the distinction of possessing much musical talent. In the early days the Woodwards and Claypools were beautiful singers and they sang for many occasions. The Waters family, beginning with Father Nathan and on down to the present generation, have been very musical. Joseph Waters (a son of Nathan) led the singing in the North Salem Christian church for years. His work was then carried on for some time by his son, George H. Waters. California as well as North Salem will cherish the memory of George H. Waters and the influence of his beautiful voice will live on. After his passing, it was his nephew, Arthur Waters, who took up his work as

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chorister in the Pomona, Calif. Christian church, and served in that capacity until his death. Harney Waters followed George H. as leader of song in the North Salem Christian church and carried on until his death in 1915. He conducted many singing schools over the township, and there are very few of the older generation who cannot sing readily by note. Harney Waters died at the age of 72, with a record of forty-five years of service in song. The name of Jacob Waters is closely associated with band music in North Salem. After moving to Advance he became song leader in the Christian church there and continued until his last illness. Since his death, his son, Glen H. Waters, has been director of the music.

In 1894 Jacob Waters organized and directed the "North Salem Juvenile Band". This organization was

composed of boys from 8 to 14 years of age. Attired in black sateen blouses, with huge sailor collars and white bow ties, navy blue knee pants and blue caps trimmed in gold braid, these boys looked the part when they marched forth to play. The personnel of the band was Arden Waters, Ed Hadley, Fred Hadley, Glen Waters, Otha Duckworth, Harry Page, Edgar Duckworth, Fred Click, Frank Davis, Ora Gill and Charles Fleece. Brewer Clay, who was quite grown up, assisted them on the cornet. The band continued as an organization for about four years under the leadership of Jacob Waters and became quite an accomplished bunch of musicians.

About 1883 a band was organized by a Mr. Schweitzer as director, and later R. B. Rudy of Indianapolis became their director. They met for practice in the

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old frame building of Wm. H. Fleece. The following were some of the members. John Adair, William Hocker, Jacob Waters, John Duckworth, Crit Clay, Frank Waters, Grant Carter, Roy Moore, Joe Clay and Jim Duckworth.

About 1889 or '90, R. B. Rudy directed a band composed of Lon Davis, Homer Bales, Jacob Waters, Charles Gregory, David Clements, Clarence Carter, Percy Adams, Deloy Landers, Brewer Clay, Arthur Waters, Billie Stevens and Joe Clay.

Bands of more recent date have flourished under the leadership of Sherman Waters, a former resident of North Salem, and Walter Huckstep of Lebanon.

A program, lavishly decorated with pink rose buds and gold leaves, announced the first recital of the Ladies Choral Union, to be given at the parlors of Dr.

and Mrs. T. J. Adams, December 8, 1892. This organization had its beginning in the early part of 1892, under the direction of R. B. Rudy of Indianapolis. Both vocal and instrumental music was taught and there were about forty members. The organization continued through the '90s and gave many concerts, not only in North Salem, but in the surrounding towns. The following is as nearly a complete list of members as is possible to get: Anna and Emma Williams, Mayme Conover, Adda and Minnie Clark, Mattie Campbell, Lettie Clements, Bess and Lida Waters, Cecil Crose, Mollie and Lille Davidson, Nettie Clay, Alma Hackley, Laura Bryant, Myrtle Davis, Clara and Nell Fleece, Cora Clay, Clara Rogers, Ada Hunt, Adah Ragan, Hattie McClure, Agnes and Eva Davis, Maude Clements, Belle Sellers, Lula Duncan, Maude Moudy, Gert Lackey,

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Beulah and Una Adams, Edna Clay, Ethel Fleece, Retta Hocker, Mortie and Grace Hadley. Brewer Clay and Arthur Waters assisted on the cornet. Another musical organization during the '90s, was the "North Salem Mandolin Orchestra", directed by C. W. Hume of Indianapolis.

This orchestra was organized about 1895 and continued to function four or five years. The members were Arden and Glen Waters, Charles Fleece, Brewer Clay, Will Perkins, Dora Landers, Harry Page, Eva Morton Hadley, Bertha, Evelyn and Clara Tinder, Merle Hadley, Lottie Davis, Flossie Page, Will Waters, Frank Davis, Fred Hadley, Ed Hadley, Elmer Nichols, Herbert Whitenack, Ed Keith, May and Effie Landers. Grace Hadley, Badger Bymaster, Robert Stevenson, Walter McCoun and Deloy Landers.

On down through the years, North Salem has developed much musical talent and there are talented musicians among the young people today. Time and space will not permit naming them all.

Early industries in North Salem were developed according to the needs of the people. The first grist mill was located southeast of the bridge, which spans the creek at the east edge of town. This mill was owned and operated by Billy Pounds. The next owner was John Bateman. Later on the Batemans owned a flour mill which stood on the lot north of the railroad trestle, at the intersection of South Main and Broadway. This mill burned and was never rebuilt.

An early saw mill in North Salem was located on the east side of North Main street and south of the Jim Clements property. This was operated by the sons

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of Ennis Dodd in the early '50s. Mr. Dodd was fatally injured in the mill in 1853, living only a few days after the accident. In the '70s, Marion Davis owned a saw mill which stood on the east side of the creek and a little north of the bridge at the east edge of town. About 1877 Benjamin Morpew, who had operated the water mill southwest of town on Eel River, built a flour mill on the gas well lot and moved his machinery to the new location. Later, Marion Davis bought this mill, moved his saw mill nearby, and operated both by the same power. In the early '90s, Joseph Sellers bought the flour mill and owned it several years. Mr. Sellers sold it to John Harvey, who was the owner at the time it burned in 1906. It was never rebuilt.

Another early industry was the tan yard owned by Oliver Fullen. Originally located in the country, about half way between North Salem and Jamestown, Mr. Fullen moved the tan yard into town and it stood on the west side of North Main street, a little north of the intersection of Ladoga avenue.

The heading mill and Eli Gill's saw mill stood west of the Allen A. Wilkinson lumber sheds, near where the Linco oil plant is located. The tile factory was located north and west, of the heading mill and was owned by George Duncan. William Gill's brick yard stood east of his house, which was located near the intersection of the Montclair and Danville roads.

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ment walks as does North Salem. The first walks were laid on Pearl street in 1900. In the summer of 1915, Pearl street was paved. In 1917, the electric lights were installed. July 28, 1934, natural gas was turned on and lighted in North Salem for the first time. Plans are being made for the installation of a water works system during 1935.

As North Salem began to grow, new territory was taken in and new additions platted. The following is a list of the additions: In 1850 the John S. Woodward and Abram Hurt addition of 15 lots; 1854 Hurts second addition of 24 lots and 3 one-acre lots; 1880 the Davis and Duckworth addition; 1896 the Mellissa P. Hypes addition; in 1915 Hypes second addition. The town was incorporated in May 1899.

The census report shows the growth and development of the town and township and the trend of the population away from the rural communities in the last 25 years.

Year	Township	Town
1850	1,346	
1860	1,541	160
1870	1,676	261
1880	1,998	358
1890	1,905	505
1900	1,986	599
1910	1,867	569
1920	1,739	595
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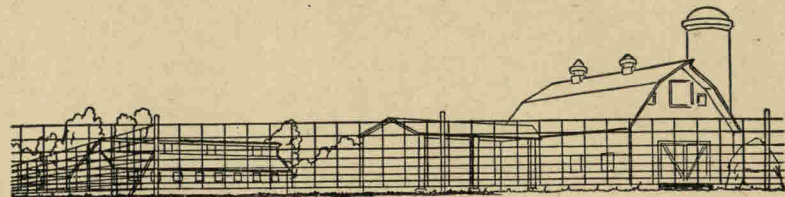
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to build west on Pearl street. The oldest business house, familiarly known as the "Old Brick" is located on the northeast corner of Pearl and Broadway. An interesting bit of history is attached to this building. In an interview with Capt. Will Neff of Ladoga, whose age was 95 years, the writer asked, "Can you tell me anything about the old brick in North Salem?" His face brightened and he immediately replied, "Yes. I made all of the brick by hand that are in that building." Here is the story: When a lad of 17 or 18 years, his father, John Neff, took the contract to build a two-story brick building for Jacob Fleece and George A. Given, for the sum of \$1,000. John Neff owned the farm northwest of town, which now belongs to John M. Smith. The bricks for the building were made and burned on this farm. The brick kiln stood across the

road west of the Smith home. To the son, William, fell the task of molding the brick. The lime for the mortar was hauled by ox team from a kiln at Stilesville. John Robbins (the father of Aunt Susan Robbins) was foreman of the brick layers. James David Walker, his son-in-law, was one of the carpenters and built the cornice around the building. Burdine Harris was another carpenter who worked on the job. The building was constructed in 1856. These workmen have long since passed on, and Capt. Neff was laid away for his last, long sleep, more than a year ago. But the old brick still stands, as mute evidence of a task well done.

An unusual bit of family history is interwoven with the bricks and boards in this old land mark. John Robbins supervised and helped lay the brick. His son-in-

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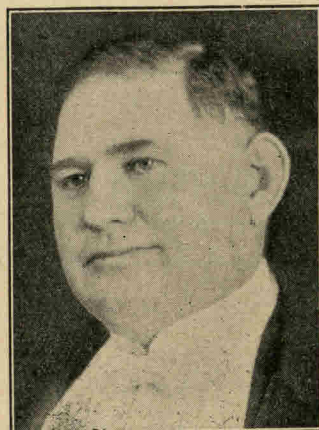
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law, James David Walker, was one of the carpenters in the '80s, when a skating rink was built in. Oliver M. Walker, a son of James David, assisted with the carpenter work. In the early 1900's, when the lower floor was remodeled for a post office room, Treat Walker assisted his father, Oliver M., with the carpenter work. And when the wrecking time comes, perhaps Treat's son will assist, and thus round out the fifth generation of the family, who has had a part in the life of the "Old Brick."

(Note: Since writing the above account, information has been received that the State Fire Marshal has decreed that the "Old Brick" must go. Not on account of its instability, but, as being a fire hazard. The work of the wrecker is beginning and regret it as we may, the "Old Brick" will soon be only a heap of rubbish.)

In 1880 the Hackley block was erected. In 1882 the Odd Fellows building. In 1891 the Gill Hall and rooms below. In 1895 the bank building; in 1900 the Knights of Pythias hall, the rooms of the hardware and the Davis furniture company. The other business houses are of more recent date.

The town was swept by a disastrous fire April 29, 1903. The frame buildings, from the alley west of Keating's store, east to Main street and then north to Jack Ragan's property were swept away. This included five business rooms, the dwelling and barn of Mrs. Sarah Kelly and the barns of H. C. Gibson and Jack Ragan. Some of these were never rebuilt.

The oldest dwelling in town is the home of Mrs. Nettie Mattox, which is next to the last house on Ladoga avenue. Originally, this was the Claypool home

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The first newspaper was the North Salem Reporter, published in 1884-85 by J. J. and H. E. Hennon, who came from Roachdale. The North Salem Herald was established in 1892. Some of the editors were Lyell Dobson, Bert Pace, John Patmor, Sherman Waters and John H. Wetz, who was the editor at the time it was discontinued.

The first fair was held in the Hadley grove south of the depot Saturday, October 17, 1885. More than 1,500 people attended and there were 364 entries. Some of the promoters of the fair were Jacob Kurtz, Henry Kurtz, Burdine Harris and Lew Hale. C. F. Fleece was the first secretary. The race track was in the field north of Robert Hunts house. The second fair was held

October 7 and 8, 1886. Crowds continued to increase each year until they reached 5,000 in attendance. The last fair was held in the fall of 1892.

In 1893 a stock company was formed and money raised for the purpose of drilling for oil or gas on a lot at the east edge of town. A pipe was sent down several hundred feet, but the drill broke and could not be raised. Another well was sunk nearby, but not quite so deep as the other. There were slight indications of gas in this well. When a lighted match was held over the flow of water, it created a small blue flame. With excuses, that left doubts in the minds of many, the drillers ceased work, pulled the derrick and moved away. All that the stock company had left as a reminder was two flowing wells. These wells have

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at the crossings to take on passengers when signaled to do so.

When the first survey for the railroad was made through this section of the country, the citizens of North Salem were very much wrought up, for the proposed line ran three-quarters of a mile south of the town. The survey was made to run due east from Barnard along the section line, and this left North Salem far to the north. To Uncle Jerry Page goes the credit for the railroad running through the town. The proposed route ran through some very rough country southwest of North Salem. Hills and hollows were numerous and by no means small. Far sighted Uncle Jerry went to the officials and told them he could show them how to save thousands of dollars. Upon inquiry, they were informed that by bringing their survey

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In a Hendricks county paper of 1879, the North Salem correspondent was admonishing the citizens to clean up the alleys, gravel the streets and open up more streets and alleys in anticipation of the completion of the railroad within a few months. The town at that

time did not extend any farther south than Pearl street. Just a month after the completion of the railroad, the Davis and Duckworth addition was opened up, which included a section of lots extending south to the right-of-way of the railroad.

From the Hendricks county paper of May 10, 1880, we learned that the agent of North Salem did not appreciate the efforts of the officials of the new railroad to carry on in style. The following item is self explanatory.

"The I. D. & S. railroad is putting on a great deal of red tape just now, by requiring their agents to pay \$25.00 for a suit worth about \$8.00 and \$3.50 for a hat worth about \$2.50. Mr. Thompson, our efficiently, gentlemanly agent, says that he will not bear the outrage, and that we may expect a new agent soon." Whether

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the gentlemanly Mr. Thompson became reconciled to his new uniform is not known, as the length of his services at North Salem was not found.

Through the courtesy of J. G. Van Norsdall, division passenger agent of the B. & O., the writer received a very interesting account of the development and construction of the I. D. & S. railroad, written by O. L. Atkins, agent at Russellville. This account is incorporated in the history, as submitted by Mr. Atkins.

The Springfield Division of the Baltimore and Ohio was originally the Indiana & Illinois Central, and was surveyed through from Decatur, Ill., to Montezuma, Ind., in 1852. Quite some grading was done, especially across the Wabash River bottom at Montezuma and the deep cut just west and up the hill through what is now Hillsdale and Dana. The bridge abutments and

pier foundations for the Wabash River bridge were also placed and built up some two feet above low water, and some 20 years later, when the bridge was built, were found perfectly serviceable.

Now came a depression in the money market, and the lines forming what later became the Vandalia, Indianapolis to St. Louis, caused investors to hesitate on what was considered as a parallel road. Then came the Rebellion which ended all financial expenditures.

The line crossed some of the richest farming land in Illinois, and to hold the franchise a new company was organized, taking over the I&IC in 1870, with H. B. Hammond as president, and Col. H. C. Moore, general superintendent and chief engineer. The line was built through to Montezuma, Ind., the then Eastern terminus, with round house and repair shop at Monte-

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zuma, and the general offices at Tuscola, Illinois.

The equipment consisted of 2 baggage cars, 8 coaches, 5 freight engines, and passenger engine No. 9, a beauty, having brass jackets over the cylinders, steam dome, sand dome, and Russian sheet iron covering the boiler and held in place by brass bands; all polished to a high lustre and finished in gold stripes and black paint.

There were two local freight trains over the line leaving Montezuma and Decatur each morning, and the passenger train left Montezuma 7.00 A. M. for Decatur and return to Montezuma. No Sunday trains.

Engineers and firemen received \$3.00 and \$2.00 per day respectively, regardless of time worked. Twenty-four hours was a day and, fortunately, delays were few.

Where the business came from is now hard to conceive. There was no through traffic from connecting lines and many of the rural towns of today were only a board platform and a name. But the Company managed to pay expenses and the interest on the bonds. Passenger traffic was good, as Illinois, during most of the winter, was impassable. Even Decatur had few good streets, and used mud-boats, as they were called, instead of drays.

The only Union Station was at Decatur, a large two-story, unpainted frame located in the southeast corner of the Illinois Central and TW & W Ry. crossing, with waiting room, ticket office and restaurant combined. Then a room on the south side for baggage, mail and express, with sleeping rooms on the second floor. No modern conveniences. All gone years ago.

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At that time the lines into Decatur were the ID & S, PD & E (now the Illinois Central), Terre Haute & Peoria (now the Pennsylvania), Illinois Central, and the TW & W—now Wabash—better known in that day as Take Water & Whiskey. The ID & S office, and end of the track was an old board, up and down, about large enough to park two automobiles by crowding, just east of the Union depot.

In 1874, in order to hold a land grant and right-of-way dependent on running a passenger train from Decatur to Indianapolis before a certain date, a special passenger train with engine No. 9, 2 baggage cars—one used as a dining car or buffet—and 6 coaches, was run from Decatur to Indianapolis, detouring from Hillsdale to Terre Haute via ETH & E Ry., and Vandalia line to Indianapolis. The passengers were prominent Decatur citizens and others at various stations riding upon invitation. Their transportation and meals were free, and the return train was held at Indianapolis three days and used as the base of supplies and location. (The origination of today's all-expense, vacation tours.)

The line was extended from Montezuma to Guion, 16 miles, in 1876, and trains were operated from Decatur to Guion, the passenger doubling as from Montezuma, but this extension added very little to the revenue as there was nothing at Guion but the LC & SW Ry. crossing. Bloomingdale and Marshall, way stations, were simply small rural communities, with the main settlement of Bloomingdale some half mile south of the railroad. Then in 1879 the road was continued through to Indianapolis, opening up a rich section of territory and giving the line the benefit of the long haul on various commodities.

In 1903 it was decided to extend the main line from Decatur to Springfield to try and gain some of the in-

terchange traffic, but it was necessary to use the Wabash tracks to get through Decatur and 8 miles to Boody, Illinois. Then the CP & StL and Chicago & Alton at Springfield some 4 miles, then using the C & A passenger station and freight depot at Springfield. The lease and track privileges added a heavy expense, taking a large percent of receipts, making the extension not a profitable addition until the B & O absorbed the then CI & W and C & A.

The Red men, the first inhabitants of Eel River township, left evidence of their sojourn there, for many years. There was an Indian village located on the north side of the road, about half a mile west, of the Mahoney school house. In the hill side near by was a big spring, which supplied them with water. About a quarter of a mile farther west was their burying grounds, a big mound in a wide hollow between two bluffs.

Near a quarter of a mile south of where Eel River and Ramp Run join, there was another Indian village, on top of the hill above Ramp Run. (This site is on the Bob Lister farm southwest of town.) The Indians built a rock dam across Ramp Run and this was constructed so that the water flowed through the rocks instead of over the top of the dam.

On the east side of the Zimmerman cemetery, west of town, stands a modest little monument bearing the inscription, "Teco Retanico, son of John and Nancy Zimmerman, died February 11, 1844, age 19 years, 5 months and 4 days." The story of how this boy got his name is very interesting. The young man's father, John Zimmerman was a native of North Carolina and when a young man, he and a man by the name of Bales were captured by the Indians. They were to be burned at the stake, and knowing this, they little cared what happened. Zimmerman and Bales both were young

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The name on the little monument gives evidence that this promise was kept.

The grave of young Teco Retanico was the first one made in the Zimmerman cemetery, which was one of the three early burial grounds in Eel River township. The Campbell cemetery east, and the Fleece cemetery southwest of town were the other two burial sites. Many of the early pioneers were laid to rest in these sacred spots, but the ravage of time has left its mark and little of their beauty remains.

One of the most beautiful spots in the township is Fairview cemetery. The original tract of land was purchased from the family of Marion Davis. Mr. Davis was the first person buried there in 1887. Although negotiations were under way before his death the sale was not completed until February 12, 1891, when the land was deeded to the newly organized cemetery association. Robert Hunt is the only surviving member of the original board of directors. The blue prints of the cemetery were made in Chicago. The ground was platted and the sale of lots began either in 1891 or '92. The cemetery now contains a little over nine acres of ground. It is well planned, well kept, and in the summer is a veritable flower garden.

In the early day, two other towns were planned in the township, but were never successfully developed.

Sometime before the founding of North Salem, there sprang up a little settlement two miles south, which was called Round Town. It consisted of a blacksmith shop, a store and a doctor's residence. This settlement was located on the Preston Pennington farm. The present day description places the site of the store in the southwest corner of the G. T. Hadley farm, the blacksmith shop just across the fence west in the southeast corner of the Otis Coons farm. The residence of the doctor, whose name was either Hann or Hand, seems to have been a short distance west of the store and blacksmith shop. The little settlement ceased to exist after the founding of North Salem, but the name Round Town still clings to that community.

December 21, 1835, Hampton Pennington, Enoch Davis and Stephenton Toney laid off the town of West Centreville. The platt was two lots wide and thirteen lots long and contained a little more than seven acres. It was located on the west side of the North Salem-Ladoga road, beginning at the intersection of the Crit Waters road and running northwest, parallel with the Ladoga road, the length of the thirteen lots. The abandoned Eel River school house is on a part of this site. The town was laid off, but no lots were ever sold.

Eel River township possesses a rich productive soil and the 27,185.55 acres in the township are largely under cultivation. The dense forest has given way to the many fields of wheat, corn, oats and hay. The landscape is dotted with silos, which bespeaks the fact, that many cattle are fed.

The most outstanding shipment of cattle in the township was made in October, 1918. Edward L. Woodward of Indianapolis, buyer for Swift & Company, on the above date shipped 25 car loads of cattle from North Salem. There were 450 head in the bunch. They averaged around 1,450 pounds and the price paid was

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Thousands of hogs are fed in the township and Eel River has the distinction of feeding more cattle and hogs than any township in the state of Indiana. From \$250,000 to \$300,000 worth of stock is sold annually.

It is with a degree of hesitancy that the writer attempts to give a fitting account of Eel River's boys, who answered the call of Uncle Sam, to bear their patriotic responsibilities and give their loyal support to the United States. Some of these boys came back, wounded and crippled for life, others sleep in an unmarked grave, on some battle field. Many are living, many are dead, who answered the call of Uncle Sam and marched forth from Eel River, to defend their country's flag. May all honor and glory be theirs, as long as time shall last!

Records are few and have been inadequately kept and it is an impossibility to give a complete and correct list of all the soldiers of the township. The names herein given are those who enlisted from the township or have been closely associated there, some of them being residents later. Perhaps in some cemetery in a distant state sleep some of Eel River's soldier's whose

names we have been unable to secure. The following is a list of the soldier dead buried in the cemeteries of the township. Mexican War: James Campbell; Civil War: Abraham Adams, Alexander Lytle, Taylor Owens, John Clements, Dudley Blanton, Robert Hackley, James Miller, Freeman Woodward, George Proctor, James Hackley, William Wynn, Thomas Lockhart, Alfred Flinn, Jacob H. Fleece, Robert Page, Elijah T. Robbins, Joseph Steele, John Gray, Frank Parker, John W. Hunt, Capt. William Robbins, John Parker, Reason Biggs, Joseph Fleece, Harvey Slaven, Charles Marks, John Givans, Adam Fiscus, Dr. Thomas J. Adams, Benjamin F. Davis and son Smith R. Davis, David Huffman, Lewis Lotka, John Akers, Thomas Day, Benjamin Lowe, Peter G. McCoun, Burdine Harris, Daniel Miller, James Dooley, James Emmons, Elijah Christie, Addison Soots, William I. Gill, Thomas Rose, John W. Barber, George Duncan, John E. Walker, Harrison Wright, Alexander Williams, Hiram Storms, Charles Wilson, John V. Hedge, Samuel Clay, Mark D. L. Robbins, Willis Slaven, James Scott, John F. Nichols, Allen Weddle, Joshua Thompson, John D. Wiseheart, William Hackley, Jacob Lockhart, Benjamin Kesler, Clinton Bunten, Williams Higgins, Robert Robbins, Troy Lamb, Isaac Miller, Jeremiah Davis, Vanuel Parsons, Lemuel Wickham, David Jones, Joseph Woods, John Zimmerman, Eli Gathright and in a grave in the prison pens at Laurence, North Carolina, was buried the body of James David Walker.

Quincy A. Davis is the only living Civil War veteran in Eel River township and at the time of this writing is very ill. Mr. Davis is past 90 years of age. He was a member of company H, 132 Indiana Infantry. He was mustered in the service May 18, 1864, and mustered out May 18, 1865. The field of activity of the 132 Indiana Infantry was in Tennessee.

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Charles Temple was the only Spanish-American soldier to enlist from Eel River township. He now lives at New Maysville.

The following is an incomplete list of the World War boys from Eel River township. Some of these boys did not live here at the time of their enlistment, but had been former residents or had close associations with the township. Henry Bales, Clarence Smith, Dr. Thixtun, Urban Miller, Asa Page, George Wren, Arlie Morphew, Kenneth Smith, Carson Trent, Walter Ross, Charles Booker, Ralph Robbins, Harlie McHargue, Homer Williams, William Beeson, Cleo Richardson, J. E. C. Miller, Perry Moore, Hollis Walker, W. T. Walker, Russel Gray, Maynard Zimmerman, Dewey Lotka, Crit Waters, Paul Weakly, Dr. E. Ray Royer, Gobel Hall, Verlin Mattox, Herman Shockency, H. R. Davenport, Carl Booker, H. C. Walton, Wm. Runion, Emmons Clay, Fred Smith, Ralph Kurtz, Elbert Smith, Chas. Keating, Guy Owens, Lyle Kurtz, Russel Wiley, Alta Morphew, Arlie Hutchinson, Vance Elder, Blynn Gill, G. P. Duckworth, Ernest Lane, Hobart Walton, Sam A. Smith, Ernest H. Peck, B. O. Jeffries, Everett Davis, D. S. Robinson, O. D. Davis, Andra Huckstep, Brewer Blaydes, K. L. Gray, Earl Duncan, Pete Hubble, B. H. Graham, C. S. Booker, Adams Fiscus, Theodore Mellinger, Vernon Fiscus, Harry Rawlings, Gerald Jones, Charles Hunt, Edgar Bryram, Henry Kurtz, Carlos Page, Neil O'Donald, Carl Runion, Scott Plaster, Rholla Proffitt, George Frazier, Herschel Kurtz, Viri Sheckels, Everett Baldwin, Winifred Birden, Russel M. Baird, Carlos Clark, Ernest Noland, Clarence B. Shepard, George Summers, C. B. Core, Walter Bulion, Glen Neaville, Raymond Wiles, Glen Durham and Gerald Fiscus.

The World War boys buried in Fairview cemetery are Herschel Kurtz, Henry Kurtz, Carlos Page, Paul Weakly, Second Lieutenant Everett Davis and Lester Rounds. Claude Samuel Booker is buried in France. Harlie Walton met his death at Camp Knox, while in service, as a member of the Indiana National Guard.

The Kurtz-Booker Post of the American Legion, No. 217, was established September 14, 1922. The Auxiliary to the Kurtz-Booker Post was organized May 18, 1923.

Eel River township still claims as her own, Aunt Susan Weakley, who is only a month younger than North Salem. Born east of town, January 12, 1836, Aunt Susan has lived in the township until the past six years when, on account of the infirmities of age, she went to Ben Davis to live with her daughter and son-in-law. Aunt Susan is able to walk around in the house with the assistance of her cane and everyday reads her Bible without the aid of spectacles. She still owns her modest little home in North Salem, and to her it is the dearest spot on earth.

Another who belongs in the parade of the '90s is Franklin Morphew, 93½ years of age, who lives southwest of town, with his daughter, Mrs. Clarence Morphew. Mr. Morphew, while not so active in body, is very keen in mind, and the writer is indebted to him for some of the data in this history.

Aunt Eliza Long, who at the present time is very sick, celebrated her 92nd birthday last fall. She has been a resident of Eel River since she was 10 years of age. Although confined to a wheel-chair the last few years, she is keenly alert and interested in the happenings about her.

Another resident of North Salem, until the last few months, and one who is past 93 years of age, is Mrs. Eliza Wiseheart, now living at Danville. Until the last year she has led a very active life.

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Tears of joy, will be mingled with laughter, as friend greets friend and together, they wander over the scenes of childhood days. The ole' swimmin' hole has shrunk, the space between roof and sky seems wider, the me'on patch is no more, many familiar faces are gone, but memories, Ah yes! sweet and sacred memories are there, and the days of long ago, will once again, return.

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