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## HENDRICKS COUNTY CENTENNIAL

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"A people which takes no pride in the noble  
achievements of remote ancestors will never  
achieve anything worthy to be remembered by  
remote descendants."

# The Pageant of HENDRICKS COUNTY

BY

MRS. JULIAN D. HOGATE

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All of whom have birthrights in Hendricks County.

## THE PIONEER GRANDMOTHER

"Their home was a crude log cabin  
 With many a crack and patch,  
 A loft and a poplar puncheon floor,  
 An earthen hearth and a clapboard door,  
 With a string and a white oak latch.

The children who worked in the clearing  
 As busy as bees all day  
 Piling and burning the chips and brush  
 But after the supper of milk and mush  
 Had time for study and play.

A game of 'puss in the corner'  
 In the shell bark hickory light  
 Then they huddled down in the chimney nook  
 With the one old slate and the spelling book  
 And learned to read and to write."

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 Invitations ..... C. F. PENNINGTON

## CENTER—

Refreshments ..... MRS. ROBERT HUFFORD  
 Relic ..... MRS. MINNIE BRIDGES  
 Pioneer Evening ..... MRS. CHARLES SMITH  
 Invitations ..... FRED SOPER

## CLAY—

Refreshments ..... MISS HAZEL HADLEY  
 Relic ..... MRS. ELMER HODSON  
 Pioneer Evening ..... MRS. MABEL DAVIDSON  
 Invitations ..... MRS. J. G. SHARP

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Refreshments ..... MISS RUTH RADFORD  
 Relic ..... MRS. NELL SHARP  
 Pioneer Evening ..... MRS. HELEN JONES  
 Invitations ..... MISS MATTIE CAMPBELL

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Refreshments ..... MRS. HARVEY McCLELLAN  
 Relic ..... MRS. C. E. JOHNSON  
 Pioneer Evening ..... MRS. CLAUDE BOYD  
 Invitations ..... MRS. ELMER HALL

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Refreshments ..... MRS. B. C. VESTAL  
 Relic ..... MRS. OTIS KIRTLEY  
 Pioneer Evening ..... ORLA JOHNSON  
 Invitations ..... MISS EMMA HISS

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Refreshments ..... MRS. ARTHUR EDMONSON  
 Relic ..... MRS. WALTER COBLE  
 Pioneer Evening ..... MISS AMY WEST  
 Invitations ..... MRS. W. G. PECK

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Refreshments ..... MRS. EZRA HENSON  
 Relic ..... MRS. W. F. EVANS  
 Pioneer Evening ..... MRS. C. L. HUNT  
 Invitations ..... MRS. CHAS. McDANIEL

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Refreshments ..... MRS. CHAS. KURTZ  
 Relic ..... MRS. AMOS SHELTON  
 Pioneer Evening ..... MISS BESSIE HARDWICK  
 Invitations ..... MRS. FRED HAYS

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Refreshments ..... MRS. W. H. TERRELL  
 Relic ..... ROY FISHER  
 Pioneer Evening ..... MRS. NORA WALTERS  
 Invitations ..... MRS. WINBURN DILLON

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Refreshments ..... MRS. BERT THARP  
 Relic ..... JONATHAN LOWE  
 Pioneer Evening ..... MRS. RUSSELL SHAHAN  
 Invitations ..... MISS VANGIE KENNEDY

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Refreshments ..... MRS. FRANK McCALMENT  
 Relic ..... MRS. WM. MERRITT  
 Pioneer Evening ..... CHARLES LARSH  
 Invitations ..... MRS. MILES TUDOR

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    Judge James L. Clark

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 Mrs. Jennie K. Hadley      Mrs. Raleigh McCoun  
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 Mrs. John Taylor      Mrs. Frank Guthrie  
    Mrs. Arthur Blair

## PIONEER EVENING—

Mrs. Charles Smith      Mrs. Carey Gaston  
    Miss Daisy Howell

## PARADE—

John Taylor      Jewell Stevenson  
 George H. Reitzel      Arthur Hadley  
 Charles McClelland      Mrs. Edgar M. Blessing

## DECORATIONS—

Brewer Hadley	W. T. Brill
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Albert Kennedy	Miss Sadie Cook
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## PARK ARRANGEMENTS—

W. T. Pierson	Frank Roberts
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Charles Clark	Sam Hollingsworth
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## COSTUMES—

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Mrs. Otis Merritt	Mrs. G. N. Wickwire
Mrs. Edgar Pennington	Mrs. Lillian McCoun
Mrs. E. G. Randolph	Mrs. M. L. Hess

## SCENIC—

Miss Edith Peyton	Miss Jeanette Wilson
Miss Opal Bosstick	Miss Mary Edwards
Miss Eula Lawson	Miss Ruth Hadley

## ASSISTANTS—

Joseph Ferree, Jr.	Herbert Sears, Jr.
John Taylor, Jr.	Kevin Smith

## FOREWORD

Pioneer life should be commemorated because it was an age of heroism filled with sacrifice by men, women and children—and this pageant will seek to develop the history as made by the pioneers of Hendricks County dating from the Indian occupation to the present time, grouping these activities in four different episodes—discovery, development, education and achievement—pictured by citizens of the county, many of them descendants of the pioneer characters, who will portray as nearly as possible the actual historical incidents of the times. The pageant ground is the "Community Park" which with its beautiful shrubbery and "White Lick" stream coursing through the east end of the park makes an effective setting for the reproduction of pioneer history.

We wish to acknowledge our indebtedness to Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb for the helpful suggestions in technique of pageantry and to the author of the "Indiana" Pageant for the idea of the wilderness scene.

E. C. H.



## THE GLORIFICATION OF HENDRICKS COUNTY

Joyous music fills the air to welcome the Centennial Spirit so queenly in bearing and gorgeously robed in pure white. She appears in an aesthetic dance on the green, afterwards mounting her throne. Music changes suggesting gurgling water and in the distance is seen bobbing up and down along the hillsides the Spirit of White Lick and her retinue of water sprites dressed in pale blue with white over-dress elaborately trimmed. They give an interpretive dance and retreat to form back ground.

Then comes the Spirit of the Forest, dressed in glittering green, who with her wood nymphs and wildflowers, so attractively gowned, gives an interpretive dance and retreats. The Spirit of the Fields, beautifully gowned in yellow with iridescent trimming, advances into the circle formed by her fairy attendants of the fruit, grain, flowers and butterflies, charming in dresses of the pastel shades. After a joyous dance they group themselves effectively at the back of the ellipse to review the crowning of "Miss Hendricks County." As music ceases a herald appears dressed in black sateen and mounted on a horse, announces aim of the pageant. "We give pause on this anniversary occasion to review the wonders of a century ago. So, list ye. And good attention give while we unfold for you the memories of the past."

## THE WILDERNESS SCENE

## Characters

Indiana—Daughter of the Union, MISS MARY EDWARDS	Clay Township.
Uncle Sam—Companion of Indiana..ALVIN WOODWARD	Liberty Township.
Spirit of Progress—Daughter of Civilization .....	MISS BEATRICE EVANS
	Lincoln Township.
Herald .....	WILLIAM BRILL, JR.
	Center Township.
Page .....	FLOYD JONES
	Washington Township.

"On the Banks of the Wabash" is played as Indiana rides around the pageant ground. Music changes to "Columbia, Gem of the Ocean," as Uncle Sam enters.

UNCLE SAM: "I've just come out o' the wilderness where I found a gal—just sittin' and a thinkin'."

INDIANA: "Of what was she thinking, pray tell?"

UNCLE SAM: "Wal, she is tired of livin' in the forest and bein' called the 'Daughter of Civilization' and she wants to change her name. Here she comes now—she kin speak for herself." (Spirit of Progress enters to patriotic music.)

INDIANA: "Welcome, Progress, yea thrice welcome—now dost thou wish to ask a favor of me?"

PROGRESS: "Yes, I am unhappy and came here to seek the name thou didst promise me when we met in the wilderness so long ago."

INDIANA: "What good deeds hast thou done since we met?"

PROGRESS: "I have changed the giant forests into fertile fields of grain, fruit and flowers. I have caused many homes to be built and in them live many good people."

INDIANA: "Hast thou been friendly to the Red Men of the Forest?"

PROGRESS: "Truly indeed have we been friendly and much I love them for their kindness and bravery."

INDIANA: "Dost thou not remember any hostility—any bloodshed?"

PROGRESS: "No, indeed! In our wilderness there has been no bloodshed."

INDIANA: "Thou hast been very sincere and loyal indeed to the occupants of the wilderness and as a reward of thy goodness and accomplishments thy name shalt be changed." (To Uncle Sam) "Wilt thou summon a page to bring to me a robe and crown?"

UNCLE SAM: "Your Highness, I will." (Patriotic music as Uncle Sam leaves and returns with page carrying the robe and crown. Indiana and Progress dismount and prepare for a coronation service. Dance of the Centennial Spirit to the throne to act as attendant.)

INDIANA: "Oh, glorious history. In the name of the God of Nations, I christen thee 'Hendricks County'—and may thy sons and thy daughters be blest with the loyalty that thou hast—and may the glories of the present and the glorification of the future ever live in Hendricks County—for that is thy name." Song, tune, "Auld Lang Syne." (Uncle Sam, Indiana, Herald and Page leave as the twelve Townships enter and sing:

Oh, Hendricks County—we love you  
And may you live for aye!  
We've come from ev'ry township, just  
To greet you on this day.

Then welcome, welcome, "Hendricks," dear  
The county of our birth.  
All honor now to thee our friend  
The salt of this old earth!

Music changes to "Love Nest" as the townships, two abreast, ride



around over the pageant ground, the Spirits and their retinue singing the chorus:

Hendricks County—we love you  
Finest people ever we knew.  
We recall the log rollings and barbecues  
When we walked for miles and miles to get the news;  
Then the Indian, who was our friend,  
And upon him we could depend.  
This is the county where we love to roam  
Hendricks County we can call home.

The Twelve Townships depart with the last lines of music while "Miss Hendricks County" and the Centennial Spirit remain on throne.

#### EPISODE I—1820-1850

Brown, Lincoln and Liberty Townships—Director, Mrs. Herbert C. Sears; assistant, Mrs. William A. King.

Let us forget the present busy world and fancy we are living in the long ago.

#### SCENE I

We found a race, the Indian, as sturdy as the primeval trees.

Brown and Lincoln Townships—Chairmen, Carl Patterson, Mrs. Lyle Doty.

Enter squaws with papooses and young men, settle their camp by constructing wigwams and tepees, build camp fires. Enter warriors and hunters with game and trophies. White trappers in distance building fire, broiling meat preparatory for evening meal and night. They are surprised by Indians and taken into Indian camp, (Hendricks County had no blood shed between the whites and Indians) where they buy their freedom also some land with bright objects and furs. (Indian dance.) Sign treaty, quill pen. Peace pipe. Depart slowly and solemnly. Indian music. Camp Fire Girls.

#### SCENE II

We owe to our settlers the best within us for by their fortitude and stability in all things, we shall falter not.

Belleville, Liberty Township—Chairmen, Mrs. Fred Franklin, Mrs. Aden Evans, Mrs. Arthur Hamrick.

Coming of settlers on horses and on foot, in covered wagons drawn by oxen and horses. Establish homes—"Lean to" log cabins—kettles over fire—spider on bed of coals—babies in typical cradles—men enter with bundles of flax and grain cradles—women spin, weave and knit. Stage coach arrives—company and mail. Costumes true to period. Exit.

Solo—"Long, Long Ago" .....MRS. ROBERT KING

#### SCENE III

The reverence of our fore-fathers strengthens our faith today.

#### First Church

Center Valley and Salem, Liberty Township—Chairmen, Mrs. Albert Wilson, Mrs. John Richardson.

Circuit Rider and Church. Church to represent early worship of all denominations and first religious observations. Song and prayer. Costume true to early church.

#### SCENE IV

From the organizing of the first school, one half mile south of Cartersburg, 1823, education in Hendricks County has steadily progressed.

#### First School

Cartersburg, Liberty Township—Chairmen, Miss Clara Ward, Frank Martin.

First district school—form to suit all the first schools. School master and birches. Dunce. Pupils enter two and two with rude benches, books, slates and lunch pails. Sing-song. Alphabet. Geography capitals. Thirty days hath September.

#### SCENE V

The singing school was well attended, for all was not seriousness and labor.

#### Singing School

Hazelwood, Liberty Township—Chairmen, Miss Viva Easton, Mrs. Raymond Stout.

Singing master lines songs. Pupils repeat, sing by note. "How Tedious and Tasteless the Hours." "When You and I Were Young, Maggie." Form couples to go home.

Music .....ORCHESTRA

#### SCENE VI

Come and dance on the green, banish all care and sorrow.

#### Square Dance

Chairmen, David Wills, Miss Ethel Peck.

Dancing master calls. Four couples to set. "Dan Tucker." "Dusty Miller." "Turkey in Straw."—Band and Orchestra. I. C. S.

#### EPISODE II—1850-1875

Clay, Franklin and Guilford Townships—Director, Mrs. Allen J. Wilson. Assistants, Mrs. S. M. Hendricks, Mrs. James L. Clark, Miss Sadie Cook.

#### SCENE I

#### Civil War Days.

Hendricks county, proud of the part played by her loyal sons in the war of the sixties, stands humbled in the presence of her "Old Soldiers," and lives anew the days when they answered the call of the President for military service.



Bugle Call—Troops appear (S. O. V.)—Form in line—Depart as those left at home say "Good-bye."—Music, "The Girl I Left Behind."

Camp Scene—(G. A. R.)—Music, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground."

Return of Soldiers—Music, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

Salute Flag (G. A. R. and S. O. V.)—Music "Star Spangled Banner."

Miss Hendricks County gives tribute to Old Soldiers.

#### Tribute to Civil War Soldiers

Oh men of valor, return now from the scenes of war and carnage to the paths of peace. You have spent hours of anguish on the battlefield, knowing not what the next moment might bring; willing if need be to sacrifice your lives to preserve our Union.

No words are adequate to express our debt to you. Your bravery and courage will always be remembered and your deeds endure so long as memory lasts. You will now listen to the singing of birds while following the ploughshare instead of hearing the strains of martial music.

May you have many years of peace and happiness in your homes, conscious always of your noble part in preserving our Nation.

MRS. S. M. HENDRICKS.

#### SCENE II

(Thy people, Oh Hendricks County, during the years of '50 to '75, loving life in all its aspects, were associated together in many ways for mutual enjoyment and helpfulness. They had their picnics and county fairs, their corn huskings and log rollings, their quilting bees and hog killings, their maple sugar boilings and barn raisings, their quilting bees and writing schools, their spelling matches and literary societies. Thy sons and daughters were happy and satisfied with the things at home and did not often travel beyond thy borders for their entertainment.)

(Three of these events will be presented—Picnic, Log Rolling and Yearly Meeting Big Sunday).

#### Green Valley Picnic.

Music—"For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

One of the earliest homesteads of the county was that of Jehu and Jerusha Hadley in Franklin township. This model farm was known as "Green Valley Farm." Here a fine blue grass wood was arranged with every comfort for the many who came to the annual meeting of the Old Settlers.

This scene is given by Franklin Township—Chairman, Mrs. Whitaker.

#### Log Rolling

Music, "Old Dan Tucker"—Gov. Williams—Allen Furnas—Dan Tucker—Fun—Snakes—Speeches—Picture.

#### DINNER

(Fifteen hundred people gathered at the home of Allen Furnas, June 2, 1877 to witness a log rolling. The Governor was the central

figure He wore his famous blue jeans with a linen vest. When he removed his long tail coat there was revealed an unpretending aperture in the hindermost part of his pantaloons that was just a "leetle" too large to pass unnoticed. Dan Tucker was the festive boss of the occasion. A picture was taken, a copy of which hangs in the court room)

#### GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—(IN PART)

"In as much as this is a log rolling, I suppose that should be my text. I have seen some men put the fire on top to burn them but you must put the fire right at the bottom, and the dry logs on first. I can drive the oxen, for I'm a general purpose man. I'm glad to see so many people here today; glad that you are in such a good humor; and are earning your bread by the sweat of your brow. Some of you have doubtless come out here to see what kind of a looking man I am. Dr. Furnas and myself were friends in the legislature and I came out today to show him how to roll and burn logs. I thank you for your attention."

Mrs. Furnas appears and invites them to dinner.

#### GUESTS

Gov. Jas. D. Williams .....	PROF. SHANNON
Gen. Geo. W. Russ .....	ELMER HODSON
Dr. Allen Furnas .....	ALLEN J. WILSON
J. J. G. Billingsby .....	DAYTON KERSEY
John W. Furnas .....	ROSCOE EDWARDS
Dandridge Tucker .....	JOHN SHELTON
J. G. Kingsbury .....	MORRIS HADLEY
Dr. T. W. Johnson .....	JEWELL STEPHENSON

Number of Visitors

This scene given by Clay township—Mrs. Morris Hadley Chairman.

#### Quaker Yearly Meeting

Music—"Faith of Our Fathers"

When the Yearly Meeting first assembled  
In eighteen fifty-eight  
The house made ready for it  
Was strictly up-to-date.

On a twelve-acre campus  
Near the center of the plat  
With neither tree nor shrub to hide it  
In stateliness it sat.

Soon trees were planted around it  
And Nature's handiwork  
Transformed that sunny campus  
Into a cool and shady park



That house, well built, still stands today  
 With foundation firm and solid wall  
 A fitting emblem of the way  
 Our fathers did things great or small.  
 C. O. N.

A number of Friends gather for their annual meeting. The glad handshake and kindly greeting are given to friends and neighbors.

William Penn, "Spirit of Brotherly Love," and prominent leader of the Friends in the early days is seen coming and all advance to meet him in the name of "Mercy and Justice." (The motto on Penn's official seal.)

This scene given by Guilford township—Mrs. W. A. Rushton, Chairman.  
 J. H. W.

Interlude. Minuet—Brown, Marion, Middle, Franklin and Washington Townships.

#### EPISODE III—1875-1900

Eel River, Marion, and Middle Townships—Director, Mrs. George W. Brill; assistants, Mrs. Otis E. Gulley, Mrs. Russell Cook, Mrs. Jonathan Rigdon.

##### I. Transportation.

1. Conveyances used for travel—Wagons, spring wagon or hack, rockaway, carriage, buggy, surrey, stanhope, bicycle—high wheel, safety solid tire, low pneumatic tire.

In charge of Marion Township—Leader, Mrs. John Kurtz.  
 Assistant, Mrs. Ansen Kellum.

##### II. Costumes.

1. Display of styles for men, women and children.

In charge of Middle Township—Leader, Miss Frances Weaver; assistant, Miss Blanche Ashby.

##### III. Education in County.

1. Advancement made in school system.

- a. For a number of years there were several private schools in the county. The Danville Academy is an example of the private school. It was established in 1858 and closed in 1868.

Represented by former students

- b. After the Academy closed, the free school became more popular. Prof. A. O. Lawrence who in 1874 had charge of the school moved his pupils into the new school building now known as the Mattie A. Keeney building. The grade school was then established.

Represented by "Lawrence Girls."

- c. High School—In 1880, Miss Isabelle Kennedy graduated from the Danville high school, the first high school in

Hendricks County. Miss Louise Depew represents the graduate.

Today there are eleven high schools in the county. The high schools of today are represented by eleven graduates of 1924, chosen from the schools of Middle, Marion and Eel River Townships.

- d. Removal of Central Normal College from Ladoga to Danville in 1878. Danville citizens went with wagons to Ladoga and removed equipment, teachers and pupils to new location. A representation of Central Normal College today—Science, History, Commercial Department, Home Economics, Teachers, Cap and Gown. All depart to Central Normal song. This scene in charge of Mrs. Russell Cook and Mrs. Jonathan Rigdon.

#### IV. Spanish American War

1. Twenty-nine boys went from Hendricks County.

- a. Scene represents the return of the soldiers from camp, and the reception by friends and relatives. Young ladies club gives lawn party. Spanish American war veterans are represented by the Kurtz-Booker Post of American Legion of Eel River Township. Scene in charge of Eel River Township—Leader, Miss Veva Noland; assistant, Miss Belle Hennon.  
 M. G. B.

Interlude—Virginia Reel. Union, Liberty, Lincoln and Eel River Townships.

#### EPISODE IV—1900-1924

Center, Union and Washington Townships—Director, Mrs. Walter G. Hadley.

##### COMMITTEE

Miss Ruth Adams .....	Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Edward Courtney .....	Washington Township
Mrs. Vera Hall .....	Union Township
Mrs. Bernice Sallust .....	Center Township
Mrs. Amos Harvey .....	Music

##### Scene 1—1900-1914

In charge of Washington Township—Byron Cox, Chairman.

The hum of motors announces the approach of this group who are busily and actively engaged in demonstrating the many inventions and conveniences of this before-war period.

March of Industrial Progress—First automobile, 1902; first inter-urban to Plainfield, September 1902; to Danville, September 1906; New Court House cornerstone laid, May 29, 1913; ground for park bought in 1913; motor driven machinery; motor school bus; electrical improvements.



## Scene II—1914-1924

Late War Period—Preparation for war. Departure of the boys.

Members of the American Legion representing 550 ex-service men of Hendricks County, led by a spirit of patriotism and love of justice, cross the water and exemplify the suppression of the Hun.

At the same time the Red Cross, represented by Joe Hess, assisted by the Auxiliary of the American Legion and patriotic women of Hendricks County, demonstrate the untiring efforts of the ones at home.

When the victorious army returns from war bringing peace to Hendricks County at the cost of thirty gold stars, they are met and welcomed by their younger brothers and sisters, the Boy and Girl Scouts of Hendricks County. "Peace" represented by Anne Hadley.

The war is exemplified by Center township, assisted by the American Legion and ex-service men of Hendricks County.—Walter G. Hadley, chairman.

The Red Cross work is demonstrated by Union township, assisted by the Auxiliary of the American Legion of Hendricks County.—Roscoe Leak, chairman.

J. C. H.

Medley of War Songs.

## FINALE

Patriotic music is played for the ensemble each coming in order of its appearance on the program. When the procession has passed around the pageant ground, the Spirits and their retinue follow as the audience rises and sings:

## AMERICA

My country 'tis of thee  
Sweet land of liberty  
Of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring.

Our father's God to Thee  
Author of Liberty  
To Thee we sing  
Long may our land be bright  
With Freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King.

## THE END

## THE MUSIC FOR THE PRELUDE

"Fairy"—Overture—Aesthetic Dance ..Centennial Spirit  
Spirit of White Lick—"By the Brook" .....Boisdeffre  
Spirit of the Forest—"Anitras Tanz" .....Grieg  
Spirit of the Fields—"Spring Song" .....Mendelssohn

Furnished by the Hendricks County Band and Hendricks County Orchestra.

## AN AFTERTHOUGHT

This Centennial pageant has been planned by the committee in the hope of it being a great contribution toward promoting community interests and stimulating historical memories.

We trust no episode has passed without leaving behind its imprint of worthy deeds of great consequence.

Human sacrifices and human achievements, as we have seen them recalled and revived here today in the struggles of the pioneers—the hardships of war—the glory and romance of the past buried in the growth and promise of the future, should inspire us to 'carry on' with greater hope, greater courage, with a pledge of more loyalty to our native soil—HENDRICKS COUNTY—for she has taken high rank in all that promotes worthy and honorable membership in the sisterhood of counties standing for the highest ideals of citizenship. Her contributions to the Red Cross—her purchase of Liberty Bonds were never below the quotas requested. She fully measures up to the sterling standard of her social honor—and now we not only pledge allegiance to Hendricks County, our historic home of happiness and hospitality, but to our beloved State.

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

E C. H.

## OUR HERITAGE

No epic-making history is ours,  
 Within our borders, battles there were none,  
 World histories make no mention of our towns or men.  
 Of world events we have not had a single one;  
 No mighty rivers gave us arteries for trade  
 No ores or oil wells brought us crowds and fame;  
 Only a smiling land, a richness of the soil were here  
 To hold the sturdy pioneers who came.

But after all, what blessings we have had  
 Peace and prosperity and progress mark the years—  
 The hundred years we now look back upon,  
 A hundred years of work, hope, faith and fears—  
 A splendid heritage is given us;  
 We need not seek afar for beauty, comfort, health.  
 We have them here and give our thanks heartfelt  
 For these, that make our Hendricks County's wealth.

—HAZEL HARGRAVE

## PERSONNEL OF THE GLORIFICATION OF HENDRICKS COUNTY

## Guilford Township

Chairman .....MISS NONA CALBERT  
 Centennial Spirit .....MISS PORTIA COOPER  
 Spirit of White Lick .....MISS VIRGINIA MATTERN

## WATER SPRITES—

Marcia Dena Rushton	Grace Hume
Lucile Osborn	Clara Hancock
Doris James	Mary Marley
Helen Tucker	Juanita Winsted
Ruby Toland	LaVona Milan
Dana Mattern	Olive Winsted
Florence Clendenning	Norma Harbaugh
Melba Ely	Catharine Stafford
Evelyn Bonham	Olive Mills

## Clay Township

Chairmen .....MISS FLEETA HARBAUGH  
 .....MISS KATHLEEN WEST  
 Spirit of the Forest .....MISS ETHELENE HUNT

## WOOD NYMPHS—

Margaret Knight	Ruth Wheeler
Geneva Shirley	Garnet Riggles
Ruth Masten	Frances Hadley
Ethelene Horn	Natalie Nichols
Kathleen Campbell	Freda Riggles
Pauline Archer	Rosemary Draper
Gladys Mills	Mary Masten
Blanche Shortridge	Doris Montgomery
Alma Hadley	Gladys Berry
Blanche McDaniel	Geraldine Mark

## VIOLETS—

Frances Stark	Naomi Kersey
Kathryn Montgomery	Frances Brown
Virginia McCoy	Mary Walton
Mildred Stallings	Thelma Wheeler
Margaret Vannice	Ruth McDaniel
Dorothy Shelton	Doris Kelly
Mary Soots	Irene Buis
Iola McCammack	Josephine Beck
Rosamond McCoy	Lucille Masten
Louise Gregson	Ruth Knight

## Liberty Township

Chairman .....MISS CORDELIA WOODEN  
 CLAYTON—BLACK-EYED SUSANS—  
 Catherine Weesner Mildred Williams



Essie Oral  
 Esther Mitchell  
 Elizabeth Kelly  
 Edna Hudson  
 Helen Edmonson  
 Mary Williams  
 Martha Wooden

## CARTERSBURG—BUTTERCUPS—

Helen Maxine Ward  
 Mary D. Lowe  
 Alta Crowe  
 Helen Gibbs  
 Edith Wood  
 Florence Fuller  
 Freda May Thomas

## HAZELWOOD—WILD ROSES—

Rosaleen Barnes  
 Viola Price  
 Catherine Overton  
 Dee Neat  
 Thelma Sawyer  
 Margaret Evans  
 Viva Barnes  
 Imogene Mynatt

## BELLEVILLE—FORGET-ME-NOTS—

Louise Oursler  
 Nellie Coopriders  
 Eva Mae Weber  
 Iris Canary  
 Amy Breedlove  
 Helen Kerkendoll  
 Frances Hall  
 Marie Owens

Nellie Mullis  
 Ruby Brown  
 Rita Boyd  
 Vivian Anderson  
 Virginia Wooden  
 Viola Graham

Norine Hayden  
 Helen Vire  
 Dorothy Wethington  
 Leona Towell  
 Helen Snodgrass  
 Elizabeth Tomlinson  
 Dorothy Hayden

Laura Warren  
 Maxine Mynatt  
 Mildred Thompson  
 Anna Smith  
 Ola Burns  
 Ruth Hampton  
 Marjorie Smith

Dorothy Oxley  
 Ethel Kenworthy  
 Vera Smith  
 Terral Hopson  
 Opal Leachman  
 Marion Franklin  
 Catherine Smith

## Center Township

Chairman .....MISS HELEN HADLEY  
 Spirit of the Fields .....MISS LENORE MARTING  
 Attendants .....MARY MARTHA ROBERTS  
 KATHRYN DARBY

## APPLE BLOSSOMS—

Alberta Pennington  
 Dorothy Hadley  
 Margaret Armstrong  
 Josephine Moore  
 Pauline Thompson  
 Margaret Franklin

Maxine Hadley  
 Gertrude Clark  
 Veva Hadley  
 Pauline Gentry  
 Imogene Wood

## CHERRY BLOSSOMS—

Mary Pennington  
 Gladys Pierson  
 Nita Lugenbeel

Harriet Grimes  
 Dora Miles

## POPPIES—

June Thompson  
 Mary Ellen Harrison  
 Martha McKamey  
 Gretchen Neiger  
 Mary Margaret Parker  
 Maxine Sears

Milne Williams  
 Elizabeth Osborne  
 Frances Hiatt  
 O'Leiva Williams  
 Anna Lucile Simpson

## WHEAT—

Pansy Baker  
 Charloite Hollingsworth  
 Alice McCoun  
 Beulah Jenkins  
 Grace Whittinghill  
 Lucile Alexander

Ethel Arnold  
 Lois Parker  
 Marjorie Huff  
 Louise Key  
 Huldah Canine  
 Thelma Chatham

## DAISIES—

Pauline Foxworthy  
 Ernestine Blair  
 Doris Brown  
 Sallye Price  
 Beatrice Wood  
 Joyce White  
 Lora Friend  
 Eleanora Parker

Hazel Porter  
 Elizabeth Stevenson  
 Hazel Cooksey  
 Elizabeth Huff  
 Mary Kivett  
 Helen Porter  
 Doris Armstrong  
 Clarice Gibson  
 Helen Huff

## CORN—

Leora Comer  
 Marjorie Hufford  
 Elsie Miles  
 Velma Gorrell  
 Catherine McDaniel

Dorothy Ramsey  
 Margaret Shane  
 Doris Towell  
 Mildred Wickwire

## CORN FLOWER—

Mary Adams  
 Hortense Guthrie  
 Lucile Haworth  
 Maxine Fox  
 Ruth Randolph

Phyllis Barrett  
 Mary Kiefer  
 Katherine Ferree  
 Katherine Hamilton

## MORNING GLORIES—

Shiela Smith  
Rosemary Goff  
Pauline Beasley  
Nora Johnson  
Helen Lucille Mood  
Mabel Bolton  
Maurine Deich  
Marjorie Hess  
Lucille Meldrum

Mary E. Worrell  
Mary Whittinghill  
Dorothy Hess  
Doris Dickerson  
Helen Hadley  
Virginia Brill  
Ruby Rutledge  
Anne Hadley

## FOUR O'CLOCKS—

Opal Hawkins  
Martha Boling  
Dessie Bolton  
Ruth Bridges  
Mary Elizabeth Hadley

Eileen Howard  
Forest Swindler  
Mary Ellen Borders  
Bessie Johnson

## BOUNCING BETTIES—

Norris Cummings  
Mary Mather  
Mary Ileen Lucas  
Dorothy Davidson  
Maybelle Miles

Catherine Dean Harvey  
Virginia McManigell  
Louise Stuart  
Marian Smith  
Ethel Vannice

## BLUE BELLS—

Lois Stevens  
Geneva Scott  
Wilma Walls  
Virginia Walker  
Mary June Pierson

Frances Gowin  
Annie Laura Phelps  
Lora Kivett  
Helen Baker  
Louise Bain

## CALIFORNIA POPPIES—

LaVonne Martin  
Mary Frances Marshall  
Marjorie McManigell  
Ruth Beasley  
Emma Elizabeth Mills

Martha Parker  
Genevieve Hunt  
Aura Lee Ageton  
Mary Frances Jordan  
Zola Lawson

## BUTTERFLIES—

Mary Louise King  
Edna Frances DeBra  
Lois Blair  
Kathleen Williams

Josephine K. Thomas  
Bartlettsville, Okla.  
Laverne Kivett  
Florence Elizabeth Higgins

## VIRGINIA REELS

## Union Township

Chairman ..... MISS JEANETTE WILSON  
Marilois Shirley  
Roger Overstreet  
Mabel Montgomery

Jeannette Wilson  
Earl Williams  
Ethel Pratt

Merrill Tharp  
Beulah Biggs  
Harold Tanselle  
Charlotte Ellis  
Huber Swain

Bueford Bailey  
Rowena Harrison  
Robert Kennedy  
Elizabeth Leachman  
Raymond Snyder

## Liberty Township

Chairman ..... MISS FRIEDA STALEY  
Louise Edmonson  
Gail Stout  
Myrth Shields  
Pauline Staley  
Mildred Hubbard  
Eva Hudson  
Hortense Cooper  
Cecil Edmonson

Joe Jones  
Irwin Eray  
Arthur Burns  
Jewell Shields  
Horace Anderson  
Glen Tudor  
Walter Edmonson

## Eel River Township

Chairman ..... MRS. IRENE ROBBINS  
Margaret Purviance  
Beatrice Blaydes  
Nellie Smith  
Mabel Erganbright  
Louise Wisehart  
Catherine Sellers  
Mary Eunice Davis  
Leora Tucker

Harlie Walton  
Richard Trotter  
George Merritt  
John Clay  
Edward Evans  
Dorman Sowders  
Ernest Sheets  
Jesse Monical

## Lincoln Township

Chairman ..... MRS. NINA WEBB  
Louis Herdrich  
John Button  
Charles Chamness  
Max McCoun  
Arlo McCammack  
Horace Bell  
Verle Poland  
Averett Jenkins

Bernice Watson  
Onargo Campbell  
Lucy Poland  
Mary Thornburgh  
Maxine Kennedy  
Christine Lingeman  
Luna Parsons  
Susannah Herdrich

## MINUETS

## Marion Township

Chairman ..... MISS LOIS SHIRLEY  
Marguerite Kearns  
Doris Sheets  
Gladys Money  
Clara Belle Cassity  
Edna Higgins  
Harriet Sharp  
Twila Pearson  
Thelma Ghare

Myrtle Hughes  
Mildred Kearns  
Naomi Joseph  
Lorene Greenlee  
Lela Zimpleman  
Martha Noland  
Marvel Hunt



## Washington Township

Chairman .....	MISS HELEN McCALMENT
Jaunita Thomas	Faye McCalment
Edith Huron	Eunice Hall
Mary Mitchell	Eleanor McClain
Frances Morrison	Minnie Walls
Louise Flanagan	Bertha Jackson
Wavie Scott	Mildred Cutrell
Mabel Francis	Edna Larsh
Mary Louise Fort	Frances Ferree

## Franklin Township

Chairman .....	MISS JOY FISHER
Lucille Elrod	Jewell Duthridge
Leona Buis	Beulah Reitzel
Beatrice Vaughn	Rachel Ousler
Sally Robards	Loda Wise
Eva Pearce	Flossie Clarke
Clarice Whicker	Maye Wiltshire
Fern Arnold	Fern Warmoth
Harriet Smith	Evelyn Fisher

## Brown Township

Chairman .....	MISS ELVA A. EVERETT
Betty Feltner	Annie Louder
Mildred Eaton	Ruby Kersy
Fanchon Tarpy	Lillie Feltner
Merle Burns	Marjorie Eaton
Lauretta Maloney	Mary Tarpey
Katherine Dugan	Esther Hession
Edith Arbuckle	Anna Marie Maloney
Mildred Belcher	

## Middle Township

Chairman .....	MRS. LULU YEAGER
Martha Hession	Julia Mehara
Geneva Cocherell	Helen Sparks
Lucile Wall	Lanta Swail
Margaret McConnaha	Fern Dale
Janice Shields	Patricia Surber
Jeannette Evans	Eva Strange
Cleta Henning	Crystal Rosebaum
Marjorie Ellis	Mitchell Harlan

## A CENTURY'S PANORAMA OF HENDRICKS COUNTY

(Wa-pe-ke-way Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, sponsor of the Hendricks County Centennial, offered prizes to seniors and juniors of the high schools of the county for the best sketches of the county's history. Many manuscripts were submitted to the judges who were Prof. Fred Bringle, Mrs. Mattie A. Keeney, Prof. H. M. Whisler. The judges awarded first prize, \$25 in gold, to Juanita Thomas, Avon high school; second prize, \$20 in gold, to Beulah Biggs, Lizton high school; third prize, \$15 in gold, to Sarah Goodman, New Winchester; fourth prize, \$10 in gold, to June Thompson and fifth prize, \$5 in gold, to Elizabeth Haworth, both of Danville high school. The paper winning first prize follows.)

What more interesting than the evolution of a century? There is something almost sacred in the word, century, for if we will only stop and think what the past century has brought forth, we will be astonished to see how our county has been brought from a howling wilderness to its present state of greatness, power, and prosperity.

By a treaty negotiated at St. Mary's, Ohio, in 1818, by Governor Jennings, General Case, and Judge Benjamin Park, commissioners of the part of the United State Government, the Indians relinquished all title to their lands south of the Wabash river, except reservations which included the territory in Central Indiana, out of which about thirty counties have been coined, among them Hendricks. This was the largest of forty-three purchases which it required to get from the Indians all of the land in Indiana.

Before this, the lands of Hendricks county were owned and occupied by the Delaware Indians and not being situated on any of the great war trails or Indian highways, it contained no villages or extensive Indian improvements, but seemed rather to have been used by them as a hunting ground or temporary abode.

The government proceeded to survey the new purchases at once, and Hendricks county being on the meridian from which the survey proceeded, it was surveyed first in 1819.

As soon as the purchase was made there began a flood of immigration into every part of the purchase. From all parts of the United States they came pushing their way into the unbroken wilderness.

The Indians having sold their lands and made up their minds to become emigrants, gave the pale-face a hearty welcome and oftentimes valuable assistance. They were only troublesome as beggars or occasionally by a petty theft.

Though the Indians were to be removed upon their reservations or beyond the Mississippi in 1821, it was 1826 before they were all gone from Hendricks county.

When the first settlers came to Hendricks county a great many Indians were found living along White Lick and Eel River. The former they called by a most beautiful name Wa-pe-ke-way meaning "white



salt." Eel River they called Sho-a-mack, which means "slippery fish." Other streams which make the natural drainage of Hendricks county are Mill creek, Big, Little, East Fork, West Fork, and Abner's creek. Owing to the elevation of the land but few valuable springs are found in the county, but pure water is obtained at no great depth by digging through sand and clay.

Hendricks county occupies a central position in the State. The county seat is nearly in the exact center from north to south and twenty miles west of the center on an east and west line. It is bounded on the east by Marion county, on the south by Morgan county, on the west by the counties, Montgomery and Putnam, and on the north by Boone county. The general elevation of the surface of Hendricks county is much higher than surrounding counties except portions of Boone and Putnam counties.

The first settlement in Hendricks county was made more than a century ago by Bartholomew Ramsey, Samuel Harriman, Harris Bray, John W. Bryant, and James Dunn in 1820. Later in the same year, Nathan Kirk an intelligent and enterprising man settled in the southwest corner of the county and later became associate judge.

In the spring of 1821, Noah Kellum, Thomas Lockhart and Felix Belzer settled on East Fork. Mr. Belzer was a "mighty hunter" and killed, in the winter of 1821-22, one hundred and twenty-five deer. In 1822, Uriah Carson, who had come from Ohio to enter land, died at the Belzer home. This was the first death in the county.

In 1824 the county was organized, and the population was about one thousand. But not one settler had yet been so adventurous as to brave the swamps and mosquitoes of any portion of the county now occupied by Union, Middle, Brown, and Lincoln townships. Then, due to the fact that the natural drainage became better in 1840, the settlement of these townships proceeded slowly.

A fair description of pioneer life can hardly be understood by one who has never seen it. However after many vivid descriptions of it given us by a number of our earliest pioneers, we may attempt some of the scenes and incidents of that day.

When a newcomer first arrived, the first thing he did was to begin a clearing for a site for his cabin, and in this and the building of the cabin he was generally assisted by his neighbors. The cabin was generally composed of round logs, puncheon floor, and a chimney of sticks and clay, or of mud alone. The doors were of split boards and hung upon wooden hinges and fastened by a wooden latch which was raised by a string run through a gimlet hole in the door. This was the latch string, which was always out. The family generally moved from beneath a friendly beech tree into the house when half roofed and floorless.

These were the days of "Johnny cakes," venison, buckskin breeches, coonskin caps and wooden bottom shoes. Wolves, deer and turkeys were plenty; bears frequent, and 'coons, 'possums and snakes abounded. A long sled, grubbing hoe, jumping plow and an axe com-

posed the stock of farming implements. Instead of the piano or the victrola, the spinning wheel made the music of the home.

Rolling logs, building houses, clearing ground, cutting out roads, going to mill, digging ginseng, hunting bees, shooting deer and turkey constituted the work and play of these days.

In the winter days, after it was too dark to work in the clearing, in a single room of the cabin which served very well for kitchen, dining room, bed room and parlor—sat a family before a huge fireplace blazing with hickory wood which scattered live coals all over the room, with no danger however to the rugs.

Near one jamb of the fireplace could be seen the large three legged oven with a pile of live coals under it, and in it a pan of corn baking for the next day's dinner. Before the fire stood the Johnny cake board, leaning against the sad iron, and on it was baking the delicious Johnny cake for the coming supper. In one of the jambs was fastened a pot rack and upon its trammel hung a pot of pounded hominy boiling for future use.

Roasting-ear time was a season of rejoicing to men, women, children, squirrels and 'coons. But after that had passed the ripening of the corn was looked to with anxious solicitude, and the first ripening ears were picked and hung in the cabin to dry. Late it was shelled in quantities of one or two bushels and taken to the mill. Before the corn was hard and dry enough to grind in the mill the tin grater was used and meal was manufactured from it which was made into mush, the deliciousness of which was never dreamed of in these "piping times of peace."

In the early autumn days of those times this mush was a staple food and came as manna from Heaven to those who were out of corn and money too, and no corn to be bought for thirty or forty miles.

Of the early school houses many interesting stories are told. Beech was the educational timber of the times. Out of the trunks were built the school houses and limbs in the teacher's hand furnished the unanswerable argument in most cases of discipline. The teachers were usually masters of the situation in everything except the subjects which they were required to teach and many a venturesome youth came to grief from venturing a little beyond the teacher's ken in the scholastic field.

Thus lived the pioneers of Hendricks county.

By an act of legislature December 29, 1823, Hendricks county received its franchise, and an area 420 square miles was approved by Governor William Hendricks for whom the county was named. Then the real activities for the new county were commenced.

The following April, according to the franchise, men were appointed to select a site for the county seat, and a site was selected about two miles east of Belleville, where a town had been laid out named Hillsboro. Later this site was discarded for one more centrally located and on the second Monday in July, 1824, the site of Danville was chosen. Four men, Daniel Beals, George Matlock, Robert Wilson and



James Downard, being owners of land in four sections having a common corner, each donated twenty acres touching the common corner for the benefit of the county seat.

A court house of peeled hickory logs was completed at the cost of one hundred and forty-seven dollars. The first term of court was held in Danville in April of the year 1826. The jail was also built of the same material, but we find no data of the first prisoner in the new log jail.

In the year 1824, the first dwelling was erected on the site of Danville by one Daniel Clark. The structure was a log cabin. Soon a small log store was erected on the north side of the square and there the first merchandise was sold.

The town of Danville was named in honor of Daniel Wick, brother of Judge Wick, a pioneer jurist of Indiana.

The first marriage license was issued by the county clerk for the marriage of James Reynolds and Rachel Demoss, dated November 17, 1824. The first land deed was made November 3, 1825, between Samuel Woodard and his wife, Abigail. The first will was that of Uriah Hultz, a farmer. In the year of 1830, Hendricks county had advanced so rapidly that a new courthouse was decided upon and a square brick building was erected which was used until 1862. Then a substantial and elegant structure was erected at the cost of \$60,000; but on the ninth day of January, 1912, the whole roof collapsed ruining the upper floors of the building, and for the fourth time a new court house was to be discussed. Monday, January 22, 1912, the County Council met for the purpose of appropriating money for the present court house, which is constructed of Bedford oolitic stone and the best steel. The building has a copper roof; is considered absolutely fire-proof, is the finest structure in Hendricks county.

The present jail was erected at a cost of about \$30,000 in the year of 1869.

The chief educational feature of Hendricks county is the Central Normal College located at Danville, the county seat. The school had its origin back in 1876 at Ladoga, Montgomery county, Indiana, but owing to financial difficulties the school was lost at Ladoga and on May 10, 1878, vehicles from Danville were sent to Ladoga to haul the teachers, their one hundred and seventy-five students, their personal belongings including the school apparatus to Danville, where the old seminary had been remodeled for its use. The beautiful library in Danville was dedicated September 5, 1903 and is a great educational source. There are high schools at present in the following towns: Amo, Clay township; North Salem, Eel River township; Stilesville, Franklin township; Plainfield, Guilford township; Clayton, Liberty township; Brownsburg, Lincoln township; New Winchester, Marion township; Pittsboro, Middle township; Lizton, Union township; Danville, Center township; Avon, Washington township. These are all commissioned high schools.

Danville has miles of macadamized roads, cement walks, extensive sewerage systems and a septic tank for purification of sewerage, east of Danville. The water used in Danville is without a superior in the United States, from artesian wells of medicinal value and almost entirely pure.

The First National Bank, of Danville, was organized September 24, 1863 with a capital of \$60,000. The Danville Trust Company was incorporated March 29, 1899 with a capital of \$25,000. The Danville State Bank was organized with a stock capital of \$25,000, deposits \$160,000 and surplus \$17,500.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable features of Danville considering its size is that the town boasts a public park which was purchased at the cost of \$4,000 for a twenty acre tract. The park was purchased in 1913.

Plainfield, the second town in size in the county, was platted in 1839 in Guilford township which was settled in 1820. It has two banks, a splendid library, Central Academy, a Friends school, and here the Western Yearly Meeting is held. The Indiana Boys' School is located a mile south of Plainfield. The purpose of this institution is the reformation of criminal and incorrigible boys. The institution owns five hundred and twenty-seven acres of land and fifty-four buildings.

Marion township was settled in 1826. The only town, New Winchester, was platted in the year 1832.

Liberty township was settled in 1822. Clayton, the largest town, was platted in 1857 and named Claysville in honor of Henry Clay, but was changed to Clayton because of another Indiana town of the same name. Cartersburg was platted by John Carter, great-great-grandfather of the writer of this article, in the year 1850. Cartersburg Magnetic Springs are noted for their medicinal value.

Middle township was settled in 1830, and platted for the town of Pittsboro soon after.

Brown township named for James Brown, who was the first settler. This township has no town or interurban line.

Clay township was settled in 1825 and within its borders are Pecksburg, Amo, Reno and Hadley.

Eel River township was settled in the spring of 1824. North Salem the only town in the township, was laid out in 1835.

Franklin township was settled in 1820. Stilesville was platted in 1828 and at that time was a popular stopping place for immigrants bound for the west.

Lincoln township was settled in the autumn of 1824. Brownsburg, the only town, was laid out by William Harris in 1835 and was first named Harrisburg, but upon the establishment of the post office was changed to the present name.

Union township was settled in the year 1828. Lizton, the only town in Union township, was laid out by Jesse Vieley in 1837 and

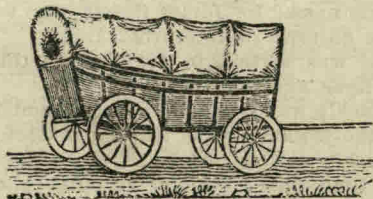
named by him New Elizabeth in honor of Mrs. Vieley. The name was contracted to Lizton when the post office was established.

Washington township was settled in 1822. Avon, which in turn had been named Hampton, White Lick, Smootsdell and Avon, is the only town of any size in Washington township.

The first interurban ran into Danville at 11:05 a. m., August 30, 1906, over the Indianapolis and Western, now a division of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern. On July 4, 1907 the Brazil division of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern was opened to Terre Haute and in the same year the Ben Hur line was opened from Indianapolis to Crawfordsville.

The churches represented in Hendricks county are the Methodist Episcopal, which was organized at the home of Robert Wilson near the present Shiloh church in the winter of 1828; the Christian organized in the fall of 1844, at Danville by Love H. Jamison, of Indianapolis; the Presbyterian organized at Danville in 1832; the Baptist organized at Danville in 1823; the Friends organized at Plainfield in September 1858, and the Catholic St. Malachi organized at Brownsburg, August 26, 1867, and the Lutheran church at Pecksburg, not at present active.

Hendricks county is one of the richest agricultural counties in the State, with its wide spreading fields of waving grain, telephone system, electric lights, steam heat, water power, sewerage system, interurban lines, automobiles, paved highways, beautiful country homes with well kept lawns, and available facilities to the State capitol. Who can say that we are second to any county in the State of Indiana?





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