

HISTORY OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP

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Thomas and Frances Sterling settled in Jackson Township in 1830. James Porter Sterling was born to them in 1830, and he married Margaret Paster. Their son, Otway, was born on July 20 1856. He married Laura Lenon on Jan 31, 1906 and died July 14, 1932, and they are buried in the Camden Cemetery. He lived his whole life on the Sterling farm in Section 20 of Jackson Township

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INDIANA

A century has gone into the shadows of the past since Indiana became a sovereign state of the great government of the United States and the 1916 finds her inhabitants celebrating the centennial not for the sake of that which is gone but that we can think of the many things which were done that now add to the welfare of the present generation.

CARROLL COUNTY

The county was organized from territory of Wabash Co. by an act of the legislature of 1827, which approved January 7th, 1828. This act gave the name Carroll in honor of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence.

April 1st, 1828 was time arranged for this territory to have all rights of a county government and this was aided by the choice of the seventy-six voters at the first election, April 28th, 1828.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

The township was organized at the August session of 1830 of Carroll County commissioners, Jacob Baum, and Thomas Sterling, when the order for an election the third Monday of October was made. The election was held in Enoch Alldridge's house on the farm now owned by O. C. Sterling in section 29.

Jackson Township's territory was bounded by a line beginning at the North East corner of Section 15, Township 25, N. Range 1 E, thence west to Deer Creek Township, thence South to Clinton County line, thence East on County Line to same meridian as starting point, thence north to place of beginning. This territory makes Monroe and Democrat Townships, and part of Burlington, Carrollton, Washington, and Jackson Townships.

Jackson and Monroe townships are so they are bounded by Carroll County Townships

Deer Creek, (that gets it's name is such a way no explanation is needed) and made famous by the poem "on the banks of Deer Creek" by James Whitcomb Riley. Bachelors Run's named from a suggestion by Uncle John Little at a log rolling, where five unmarried men that had settled near this unnamed stream. Little was troubled by an unsteady tongue --- "B-B-Better name it B-B-Bachelor's run" --- and this will continue to be its name. The men are Elisha brown, Moses Alldridge, Jeremiah Ballard, John Ballard and Adam Porter; some of the descendents of Brown, Porter and others are making the name yet applicable.

There are some smaller streams that aid in draining the township – Paint Creek, Snake Creek, Robinson's Run, and Hoff's Branch – these streams are aided in their work by many miles of open and tiled ditches, both publicly and privately constructed.

The first settlement was made in section 18 T. 25 N of range 1W in 1826. This was purchased May 6, 1825. John Odell's family were the people and the farm is known as the Sieber Farm.

Mr. Odell was so much of a pioneer that he and family in 1851 moved farther West and traveled across the continent beyond the Cascade Mts. to Oregon where he and wife lived to a very old age. Some of the family are now living.

The home of Mr. Odell was the place of the first meeting of a religious kind. This was a prayer meeting. This was the first visited by death of a member of a family and where the first marriage took place.

The first school was on the Odell Farm. Nebo Church came from this start at the prayer meeting in 1826.

Sara Odell died May 20th, 1827. She was buried in a coffin made of riven boards and dressed with an axe to the form they wished. The burial was on the home farm – what afterward became Nebo Cemetery.

The marriage was Adam Porter to Catherine Holman, a sister to Mrs. Sarah Odell. April 1 1830 was the date. They lived to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary. Judge Carey performed the ceremony, as there was no minister.

The bride and groom moved into their new home, a rail pen roofed, and only one room. This was in Sec. 20. They constructed a larger house later in the year, of hewn logs. This was torn down a few years ago.

The first school was taught in a rough log house, with greased paper as windows and the sets rough slabs with peg legs and no back supports. George C. Saunderson was the teacher.

The second farm on which work was done as early as 1827 was S. W. ¼ of Sec. 19. Moses Alldridge did this work but soon left in early day.

David Harter's family was the second in the township. He was a man of some wealth so he purchased a large tract of land from the Government and to be an aid to his neighborhood he erected a mill on Bachelor's Run.

The public land of Jackson was sold the first tract May 6th, 1825 and the last February 1st, 1837.

There are a few farms owned by the descendants of original purchasers, to wit –

| PRESENT OWNER | | FIRST OWNER | DATE |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| John Harter | Sec 33 | David Harter | Dec 17, 1827 |
| John W. Cripe | Sec 26 | John E. Cripe | Jan 18, 1834 |
| Barbara Hitchins | Sec 27 | John E. Cripe | Oct 13, 1830 |
| John and Malinda Cree | | Jacob Wolf | Oct 13, 1834 |
| Frank Musselman | Sec 23 | John Musselman | Dec 16, 1826 |
| Anna Rule | Sec 22 | Samuel Wise | May 3, 1828 |
| Samuel Wise Jr. | Sec 20-21 | Samuel Wise | May 3, 1828 |
| Susan Cripe | Sec 20 | Samuel Wise | May 3, 1828 |
| S.T. Sterling | | | |
| M.A. Stansell | Sec 20 | Adam Porter | Apr 30, 1827 |
| O.C. Sterling | Sec 20 | Adam Porter | Apr 30, 1827 |

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|---------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------|
| Ruby Shaw, et al | Sec 20 | Adam Porter | Oct 9, 1829 |
| Jane E. Hanaway | Sec 30 | William Wilson | Jul 4, 1827 |
| John W. Bowman | Sec 19 | William Wilson | Oct 30, 1826 |
| David and Elisha Brown | Sec 30 | Elisha Brown, Sr. | Feb 21, 1827 |
| S.S. Campbell | Sec 13 | John Campbell | Sep 23, 1833 |
| John D. Wise Heirs | Sec 19 | Samuel Wise | May 22, 1826 |

The lands of the 29 sections (exclusive of sec. 16) were sold to one-hundred-sixty-eight purchasers. The warrants for this were issued during terms of Presidents John Q. Adams, Andrew Jackson, and Martin Van Buren.

Number of entries made by Samuel Wise – 5
 William Wilson – 4
 Peter Replogle – 7

Sec 16. The school section was sold by a commissioner representing Indiana, who sold this section for \$1,500 excepting 16 acres that were reserved for a town plat. This was platted in 1833. The village was named Camden.

There are many personal and traditional statements that are of interest to our people, that cannot be stated now, but these are in form to be preserved in work edited by James Harvey Stewart in 1872, and by a more extensive work of 'History and Personal narrative and incidents' edited by Mr. Thomas B. Helm for many years a citizen of Logansport, Ind.

INCIDENTS OF EARLY DAYS

Simeon and Hamilton Mills in an early day took a load of wheat to Michigan City to exchange for necessaries for their homes. For their wheat they received 37½ cents per bushel. One item purchased was a barrel of salt for which the price was \$7.00 taking 18¾ bushels of the wheat.

Mrs. Mary Seiber has the warrant given to the first land sold in Jackson Township. This was signed by President John Q. Adams.

Two (2) pine trees on the farm of S. T. Sterling and a few apple trees were brought to the above farm from Indianapolis, on horseback by Adam Porter.

The first brick house built in the township was of home-burned brick and erected in 1838 by William Hance, a man that was a help to the community in both public and private ways. The surviving member of the family is Mrs. Joseph Paden, who was three weeks old when the new home was occupied.

Taxes levied on non-residents to be the same as residents. This regulation was an ordinance passed by congress in 1787 for formation of the Northwest Territory. None of the United States was acquired or claimed by conquest under the usages of war.

All lands were gotten by treaty or other considerations.

The first Postmaster was John E. Snoeberger and the office was at his home a mile west of Camden. The name in 'Postal Guide' of 1836 contains name of office and officer. The village received its name from first Post Office, and when some homes were established the office was taken to the village.

EARLY MANUFACTORIES

The first food-preparing machine was a corn cracker erected in Sec. 29 by Philip Hewitt in 1828 or 29 and it was so crude we now would think the contrivance a very poor plaything as did William Armstrong when he had his grist of corn made into meal and then wished to take the mill home with him as he thought the children would be pleased to see the mill. Many homes had their mortar and pestle for making their own meal.

There were five sawmills and one flourmill furnished power by Bachelor's Run.

Deer Creek had crooks enough that the fall was ample to make short races all that was needed. There were three flourmills, two woolen mills – the demand was so great that three places that made lumber were needed.

The flow of water of Paint Creek was not wasted as it was harnessed to two sawmills.

The flour mill of Ray and Rice was erected on Deer Creek by Daniel and James McCain and had been the property of several men among them was Anton Karasynski who moved it to present site.

Steam saw mills and tile mills were aids to the betterment of the township. The tile mills used clay for their product. These mills are abandoned.

There is one steam sawmill, John Redding owner. The tile mill uses sand and cement.

IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS

The forward work for betterment of all the people was made in three lines, viz - Religious, Educational and Governmental. Each of these topics will be considered separately.

Educational work in early times was as it is now, first in the homes. It seems strange to us now when examining our legal and recorded records of an early day so many were made with his or her mark. The larger number by women and the mothers - and the mothers in these homes that did above kind of work became much interested in giving their children a start in an anxiety to what comes from a combination of the twenty-six characters forming the alphabet and the things that could be done with the digits.

The first school in Jackson Township was in a building of rough-hewn logs erected for community use. There was an opening for light that was covered with greased paper. This house was on the first purchased land and there is no record of number of pupils. The teacher did many things that make tradition now. His burial place is a few rods from this first school.

New centers of settlement called for more meeting places and schools. District No. 2 was Mt. Pleasant which was used for many years, was abandoned for Walnut Grove and maple Grove which were abandoned in course of time and District No. 2 and house now is near where the first one was.

Paint Creek School Building was used for both school and church. The teacher for the first term was Royal Grosvenor. Six boys of school, F. G. Armstrong, William Wright, Perry McFarland, James Cline, John Lenon and William Hance, these when men, were called to serve in places of trust for their people. Until 1851 – 1852, the schools

were sustained by subscriptions. After this date, free schools must be established and maintained. From that time the schools gained in influence.

For school year 1880 – 1881, Trustee’s report:

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| Value of school property | \$10,200 | |
| Tuition fund – Balance Sept 1, 1880 | | \$ 1,601.63 |
| Tuition fund – Received Feb 1881 | | 1,392.31 |
| Tuition Fund – Received June 1881 | | 1,383.88 |
| Total | | \$4,377.82 |
| Expended from Sept 1880 | | 2,836.57 |
| Balance | | 1,541.25 |
| School Fund | Balance September, 1880 | \$1,860.77 |
| School Fund | Receipts | 1,222.18 |
| | Total | 3,082.95 |
| | Expended | 859.58 |
| | | \$2,223.37 |

Pupils enrolled – 419 Average attendance – 295
 Twelve teachers – average compensation male \$2.87 – female \$1.75

Trustees Report for 1915 – 1916

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|-----------------------|----------|-------------|
| Township Fund | Receipts | \$ 1,172.27 |
| | Expended | 1,161.15 |
| | Balance | \$ 11.12 |
| Tuition Fund | Receipts | \$11,030.31 |
| | Expended | 6,853.00 |
| | Balance | \$ 4,177.31 |
| School (special) Fund | Receipts | \$ 3,635.46 |
| | Expended | 2,121.35 |
| | Balance | \$ 1,514.11 |
| Road Fund | Receipts | \$ 820.89 |
| | Expended | 766.23 |
| | Balance | \$ 54.66 |
| Poor Fund | Receipts | \$ 275.00 |
| | Expended | 29.00 |
| | Balance | \$ 246.00 |

Camden Schools – Supt. R. E. Young \$6.25 per day

The building abandoned by the Lutherans in 1873 was secured by the lodge and moved to a lot on Water Street and so reconstructed that Camden had an "Opera House". This was burned in 1910. To keep in touch with progress the lodge purchased Lot to Main street and made a new home by erecting a fine building in 1911 for Lodge, Opera house and two business rooms.

The K of P had made the I.O.O.F. Lodge room their meeting place, so this lodge secured a lot adjoining the Odd Fellows and erected a building for lodge room and other parts for it uses and three business rooms on the ground floor.

The Masonic lodge has shown itself to be for progress in a visible way for Camden. Its first attempt to home making was in 1874 or 75 when a lot and building was purchased, repaired and used until 1902 and then they again made a new home that is named the "Masonic Temple".

SOME OF THE TOWNSHIP'S RELIGIOUS HISTORY

The religious of the first settlers was established in their old homes and they were found arranging for the same to be used in their wilderness homes.

Peter Iman was the first preacher for the German Baptists. In 1831, each alternate Sunday was service day at homes and in barns until in 1853 a building was erected near the Musselman farm and with some repairs is yet used by the Church of the Brethren with J. G. Stinebaugh and William Angle as Elders.

There is a Sunday school each Sunday of the year, Wm Angle Superintendent.

The German Baptist have an organization and a meeting place one mile south of Camden. This house was built in 1879. David Landis and Jacob Flora are the leaders.

The old Brethren is the latest branch of the Dunkards. J. D. Musselman and John Leedy are in charge.

The oldest organization was Nebo M.E., which was sustained for many years and then it was added to Camden. This church was organized in 1846. Services were held in a log schoolhouse until 1854 when a frame building was erected in the West part of town. In 1869 it was moved to the parsonage lot. Rev. A. M. Hagenbook was in charge when a brick house was built in 1897 near the Camden Cemetery.

At this date the membership of church and Sunday School are larger than ever before. Rev. T. L. Stovall, pastor; W. W. Purner, S.S. Supt.; Mrs. T. L. Stovall, Epworth League Pres.; Mrs. Mont Evans, W.F. M. S. Pres.; Aid Society Pres.; Mrs. V. F. Cohee, Junior League Pres.; Mrs. J. M. Harrison, Stewards, Andrew Wise, Mrs. C. C. Cole, Mrs. Mont Evans, Bruce Wallace and George A. Hunt. Trustees, V. F. Cohee, George A. Hunt, Andrew Wise, John U. Shanks, Elisha Brown, J. M. Harrison and John Shedron.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

This organization was founded at Tiptonsport on Rock Creek in March of 1834 when six members of Baptist Church met at the tavern with Rev. William Reese as the pastor. They met once a month at the tavern. In a few years David Williamson's house was their meeting place. This membership was transferred to Camden and met in the schoolhouse on Jonathan Martin's farm until 1844 when the frame building on Main St.

was built. This was the meeting place until August 21st, 1881. Then the brick building, which is now their meeting place was built. Rev. Lotus Aspy is the pastor. The membership on the Eightieth Anniversary was 220 and in 1916 is 230.

The Junior organization Leader – Mrs. R. O. Sharp
B.Y.P.U. – Howard Landis
Missionary Circle Pres. _ Mr. R. O. Sharp
Young ladies World Wide Guild Pres. – Evelyn Wyatt
Cradle Roll Pres. – Mrs. Nannie Richter
Sunday School Supt. - Jesse Martin Assistant – S. A. Gordon
Deacons – E. T. Oliphant, Jesse Martin, Howard Landis, Halleck Robeson,
O. W. Wyatt, S. W. Smith and S. A. Gordon
Treasurer – O. W. Wyatt
Clerk – Mrs. J. M. Miller
Trustees – Milton Wilson, J. M. Miller and A. N Holmes

There have been other denominations with organized churches. The Cumberland Presbyterians had a church of fair membership in Camden. Deaths, removals and other causes made it so the organization could not be sustained.

There was a Lutheran congregation with its home in the southeastern part of the township that was abandoned years ago.

Paint Creek Predestinarian Baptist Church was constituted in 1831 or 32 and built a log house that was used for school and also for many years. In 1853 the edifice that is now used was erected. This is about two miles east of Camden.

The membership is small. Services are held once a month with Elder John Thompson, Pastor. Funerals are held in this building frequently when interment is in the adjoining cemetery.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded in August 1846. At this time, it consisted of three charges know as Camden charge.

During the seventy years existence, seventeen pastors have served. No pastor on the field at present, but a call is extended to Dr. D. P. Drawbaugh, Altoona, Pa. And his coming is expected by the first of August.

During the eighth pastorate, Rev. J. L. Guard, pastor, the present church was built. Also a new organization was affected at Flora and added to the Camden charge.

The charge had grown to be too large for one pastor's care and was deemed advisable to divide it into an east and west charge, Camden and Flora being one. During twelfth pastorate, Rev. D. J. Kiefer, the present parsonage was built. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society was organized with Mrs. C. J. Keifer as President. The Christian Endeavor Society was organized for the young People.

In the fourteenth pastorate, Rev. B. F. Grenoble, the Christian Endeavor Society was change to the Luther League. At the end of the sixteenth pastorate, Rev. H. C. Stuckenbery, the Flora charge was abandoned and the Camden remains alone.

Membership at the present is 210. During Rev. M. L. Webb's pastorate (17th), through the efforts of---

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Kuhn, A. N. Grant, Simeon Mills, Samuel F. Thompson and George McCormick by District Deputy Grand Patriarch, Charles Angel.

The membership July 1st, 1916 – 22. The organization is in good condition.

Present officers – Chief Patriarch, James Morganson; Senior Warden, William Bowdle; Junior Warden, Jesse Kendall; High Priest; John W. Bowman; Financial Scribe, D. F. Atkinson; Treasurer, John F. Lake.

EDEN REBEKAH LODGE NO. 29 I.O.O.F.

This is one of the oldest lodges as the number indicates, August 17th, 1869 being date of organization with a membership of 25 on charter. The 1st of July 1916 the membership was 45.

MT. ZION LODGE NO. 211 F & AM

Was under dispensation from July 14th 1856 to May 27th, 1857. The first meeting was held July 30th, 1856, at which George Kuns, W.M.; James Sterrett, S.W.; Jas. M. Justice, J.W.; Cornelius Conover, Sec'y; Jas. R. Laird, Andrew Robeson, John B Kane, Charles P. Freeman, William M. Wright and William Armstrong were present.

The meeting was held in an old church near the cemetery.

The report for 1856 was approved at the session of Grand Lodge and a charter was granted, May 27th 1857 and the lodge named Mt. Zion No. 211. Bro. Abner H. Brown of Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 48 F & AM was Deputy Grand Master who instituted the Lodge and installed James M. Justice, W.M.; George Kuns, S.W.; J. G. Patterson, J.W.; August 5th 1857 was time of this meeting. The lodge met in same hall used by Odd Fellows.

Mt Zion Lodge has been at work for sixty years, extending the hand of charity, giving words of a demonition and bidding adieu to many good and faithful servants

There have been 1600 meetings. Forth-two brothers have been installed Master, Brother Levi Lenon served eight terms.

In the sixty years, twenty-four members have been secretary, two doing this for twenty-four years.

There have been more that 320 petitions received. One hundred members added since Oct. 30th, 1902.

Present officers – Charles B. Hanaway, W.M.; Will Nieworth, S.W.; David Maxwell, J.W.; Philip Ray, Treas.; W. K Schenck, Sec'y; Bert McCain, A. O.; Zopher Humerickhouse, J.D.; John Graham, Tyler; Trustees: Z.W. Humerickhouse, U.E. Tesh and D.B. Stief.

CAMDEN LODGE NO. 332 K of P

Was instituted October 23rd, 1891 with 27 charter members. The following officers were installed. P.C., A.O. Armstrong; S.S., A. E. Davidson; V.C., L. R. Shanks; Prelate, J.C. Reeves; M. of E., H. W. Graham; M of F., O. C. Sterling; O. G., J. M. Harrison; Trustees: E. A. McFarland, T.H. Leslie and J. M. Wallace.

The lodge has gained in membership and has done much good.

Officers: C. C., Fred Case; V.C., J. C. Sink; Prelate, James H. Lesh; M. of W., H. Reese Mills, K. of R. & S., J. M. Harrison; M. of R., Harve Bloom, M. of E., Virgil I. Sink; M. of A., Charles McGriff; I.G., C. C. Cole; O. G., W. W. Snoeberger; Trustees: J. H. Lesh, U. E. Tesh and C. E. Baker.

PYTHIAN SISTERS

Instituted April 24th, 1912. Charter members 37 Sisters and 19 Knights. Members at present 41 Sisters and 21 Knights.

Officers at present: P.E., Bertha Niewerth; M. E.C., Vella Harrison; E. S., Maud Mills; E. J., Margaret Bloom; M. of T., Harriet Armick; M. of R. & C., Cova Lesh; M. of F., Margaret Shanks; P. of T., Gladys Kendall; G. of O.T., Belva Hunter.

KENNETH CAMP #4571 OF M.W. OF A. OF CAMDEN, INDIANA

Organized February 22, 1897. Charter members – F. G. Armick, A. O. Armstrong, C. E. Baker, J. E. Britton, C. R. Horn, F. L. Koontz, J. S. Mills, D. Paden, S. C. Ray, W.E. Sturgeon, R. E. Van Deman, G. B. Wingard and D. I Payton.

Present membership – 21.

WYATT SMITH LUMBER COMPANY

Was incorporated in 1905 – Capitol \$10,000. The firm's stock of building supplies is very full and does an extensive business. Fencing and Fence posts a specialty.

J. P. Smith, President

O. W. Wyatt, Sec'y and Mgr

GRAIN DEALERS

The first elevator was built by Dillen and Lenon and was under their management for some time. Thomas & Rice in 1871 or 72 put up an elevator, which, with the Dillen and Lenon, burned. In 1875, Ray and Rice became sole owners of grain business of Camden and held same until 1909.

The Farmer's Grain and Supply Co. was founded in 1909 with Capitol of \$10,000. This company deals in all kinds of grain, coal, feeds and fertilizers.

Officers – John U. Shanks, President; Jesse martin, Sec'y; J. W. Bowman, Treas.

THE CAMDEN CEMENT TILE CO.

Organized in 1913 – Capitol \$16,000. Manufacturers of drain tile of many sizes, silos, building blocks, burial vaults, and ornamental pieces.

Major A. Cline, President; Arthur Ritchey, Vice Pres; U. E. Tesh, Sec'y and Treas.

The Drug Stores are controlled by F. G. Armick, the store established by Armstrong and McKinney afterward owned by Dr. B. F. Snyder from whom Armick bought and by V. F. Cohee, located in the Masonic Temple. The store had been

established by Tesh and Beggs and they transferred same to Cohee and Co. August 5th, 1912. These are retail Drug Stores.

INSURANCE AGENCIES

C. C. Orahood, agent for the Ohio Farmer's Insurance, looks out for his patrons. His is the oldest agency in Carroll County. S. F. Neher and Wm. Niewerth are Insurance Agents.

HARDWARE

C. E. Baker is the dealer in hardware with the best-furnished store in Carroll County and a full stock. This store was established many years ago and has kept up to the requirements of all times. Undertaking is a special line of work for Mr. Baker. He is the successor of his father, Peter Baker.

GENERAL STORES

Twenty-three years ago, Enoch A. McFarland established a business in a small way that has grown with the demands. In 1909 the son became a part of the firm. The death of Mr. E. A. McFarland in 1912 caused a change and Dec. 2nd, 1914, the son, C. C. McFarland became the proprietor.

At the completion of the "Masonic Temple", Mears, Melson and Morley put in a stock of general merchandise which they managed for some years, after which it was changed to Evans & Evans which firm has had charge for a few years.

O. L. McDowell became a merchant of Camden by the purchase of Mr. John Crooks' stock of groceries to which other lines have been added until in 1916 it is a general store.

J. Mont Evans is the restaurant man. Raymond Shanks, the owner of the meat market.

Ralph Taylor the caterer to public need of novelties.

Harry Ensley is the man that furnishes Camden with the staff of life of a fine quality.

C. Howard Landis's is the place for pleasant things for the palate, etc.

E. M. Cripe does business in place of Ray and Rice in farm machinery, vehicles and harness.

A new building has been added to the business places of Camden. Bruce Wallace's barbershop is the place on Water St., everything up to date.

The Vandalia R. R. has had many agents at Camden and the present one pleases the patrons, William Stangle, Agt.

Jackson Township has been honored in law making for the State by being represented in lower house by Thomas Thompson in 1847, 1850 – 1860, A. P. McFarland Dr. C. E. Scholl and Perry Rule in 1915.

The State Senate in 1865 had as a member Dr. F. G. Armstrong that made himself useful for the State's good.

Dr. C. E. Scholl served one term as State Senator. He was able to grasp the ideas presented and needed to advance the State's statutes to a higher level.

Early in 1854, there was organized an Agricultural Society for Carroll County and the first County Fair was held at Delphi in 1852.

The second Fair was at Camden, Oct. 20th and 21st, 1853. There were exhibits in various classes. There were seventy-five premiums on distinct articles and products.

Adam Van Gundy received a premium of \$5.00 for best acre of corn. The yield was 109 Bu., 2 Pks, 3 Gal., and 1 Qt.

Alexander Sanderson's corn of 106 bu 3 Pk per acre, premium \$2.50. To gain premium the corn had to be at place of exhibit, with methods of cultivation.

The schools of the township for 1916 – 17 are to be cared for by the following teachers: Camden Schools – Supt. F. E. Young, with Toinette Spray, Roy S. Mason, Raynes Miller and Thurman Crooks in the high School. George Barnes, Leona Mills, Mary Martin and Ada Jarvis in the lower grades.

The district schools are to have Virgil Stinebaugh, Madge Humerickhouse, Gail Lenon, Carl Johnson and Ruth Asbury as their teachers.

FIRST RAILROAD

Early in 1869, the Logansport, Camden and Frankfort R.R. Co. was organized, but soon after became Logansport Crawfordsville and South Western R.R. At the June session of the County Commissioners a petition was filed asking for an election to decide as to a tax of one percent to aid in building the railroad. July 20th, 1869 was Election Day. Jackson Township said yes by 150 votes, no by 36 – majority 114.

This road is part of the Pennsylvania system and is too much improved that it does not seem like when first constructed. This is Jackson Township's only railroad.

The public roads are not of highest grade only in part, but each year sees a gain. In 1916 the contract was let first section of cement-constructed road. This is in North part of Township and streets of Camden.

The citizens of Jackson Township took their part in National Defense when needed. The veterans are becoming few in number and frail in body.

There is at this time one Mexican Soldier still living, Marvin Sherman. The rebellion survivors are John Fesler, Jefferson Dickey, Sam. M. Simmons, John L. Harrison, George Arrmick, Joseph McCain, Thomas Simmons, George Griffey and Theophilus M. Shank. The Spanish American – Jesse Kendall and Fred Sturgeon.

Some of the older people are Mrs. Peter Baker, Mrs. Joseph Paden, Mrs. W. Spencer Campbell, Mrs. James Sharp, Mrs. Jacob Angle, Mrs. Levi Lenon, Mrs. Thomas Mills, Mrs. Enoch Sieber, Mrs. Jesse Plank, Mrs. Lewis Mullen and Mrs. George A Settle, Mrs. A. J. James, Mrs. A. J. Martin. George Griffey and wife celebrated Golden Anniversary July 30th, 1916. Mr. & Mrs. John F. Thomas are old citizens. Others are Mr. & Mrs. Israel Grant, George Wallace, Kelly Heiland, Philip Ray, E. C. Rice, John C. Penn, Henry W. Gaumer, There are others that are beyond the three score and ten limit. Mr. And Mrs. Thomas H. Britton belong to the above list.

CONCLUSION

There are so many things of the recent past that seem as current events, so they do not take a place in history and from this we are puzzled to make our thoughts apply to the past and the now.

So great have been the movements of Jackson Township's people for 86 years as history that what seemed a matter of no account at the time of acting has become one of the shining pages of our history. The thoughts in concluding this feeble attempt to make a record of things past, and some of the recent date that are now history have been worked out with a desire to overcome all that would point to self laudation. May our people do things for good in such a way as to improve nature and not take away all beauty spots. The pen with which this was written was given to the groom of Jackson Township's first wedding, when Golden Wedding was celebrated.

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