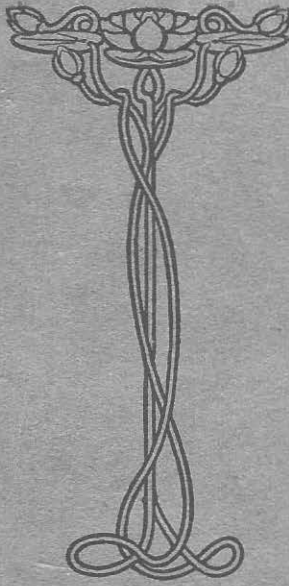


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INDIANA CENTENNIAL
1916

Washington Township

Centennial Celebration

March 17, 1916

COMMITTEE IN CHARGE

David H. Chapman, Trustee, Chairman

Arthur Ritchey

Reed Groninger

Otis Mullikan

Agnes Porter

Samuel Smith

Mrs. Sylvester Guckien

Dr. J. H. Kitchell

History of Washington Township Carroll County

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP occupies the northeast corner of Carroll County. It has an area of thirty (30) square miles, or about nineteen thousand two hundred (19,200) acres. The commissioners of Carroll County, at their May session in 1835, passed an order creating the township of Washington from a portion of Jackson, and they ordered that an election be held for the purpose of electing township officers, choosing the residence of John G. Treen as the voting place, and in this same year the first election was held in the said township. The first three trustees of the township were Mr. Odell, Mr. Stephen and Mr. Treen, and they did not charge anything for their services.

There was no sale of public land in the township prior to 1829 and by 1836 all these lands had been entered except one tract in Section 5, which was purchased by Sylvester Guckien, Sr., in 1850. This land sold for \$1.25 and the Government Land Office was located at Crawfordsville.

The first family that came to the township for the purpose of making their home was Moses Stanley, Sr. He was born in Virginia, then came to Kentucky, and later, in 1827, he moved to Deer Creek township, Carroll county. Then in 1829, on March 18, he came to the said township and built a cabin on his tract in Section 32, on the south bank of Rock Creek. In this tract of one hundred and sixty acres, one-fourth acre of land was set aside as a township cemetery, and the first person to die and to be buried in this cemetery was a man by the name of Jacob Coffman, who died in the fall of 1833.

The second family to come to the township was William Cox, from Ohio, who arrived on June 11, 1829, and settled also in Section 32. His oldest child, Mrs. Sarah Dale, was two years old when they arrived here, and his daughter Mary, who was born in 1830, was the first white child

born in the township. She married William Brown, Sr., who died recently.

The first families that came to the township were: Treen, Stanley, Watson, Cox, Cohee, Slusser, Wright, Crockett, Hayes, Newers, Odell, Brown and Stephen.

The first school taught was in the year of 1838. The teacher was Miss Amanda Huston. She was only sixteen years of age, though she possessed fine accomplishments. Three terms were taught in this cabin, the other two being taught by Mr. Saunder and Moses Stanley, Sr. This school house was a cabin that stood on Mr. Stanley's farm. Then in the year of 1842 a hewed-log cabin was erected a short distance from the old cabin. This house was built for school purposes by the residents of the township, and it was used for many years. William Hardy was one of the first teachers.

Shortly after this three more school houses were erected. Two were log and one was frame. Some of the first teachers of the township were: William Hardy, Amanda Huston, Enoch McFarland, John Smith, O. Glasscock, James Newer and Phil Ray. The first marriage was Mary Ann Stanley, daughter of Moses Stanley, Sr., and Perry Crockett. They were married Feb. 6, 1836, by George Fouts, J. P.

The first minister in the township was a man by the name of Cooper, from west of Camden. He was a Methodist Episcopal minister and used the house of Moses Stanley Sr. as a church, Mr. Stanley being a staunch member in the church. He took an active part and organized a Sunday school class, but in a few years the class was greatly weakened by the death of many of its members and finally it ceased to exist.

The next that came were two Mormon missionaries by the name of Tibbits and McGaughey. They came in the winter of 1842-43 and used a man's cabin by the name of George Brown. They got many converts from this and adjoining townships.

The Lutheran, Baptist, M. E. and Catholic were each represented by ministers at an early day. Each organized societies.

The first church organized in the township was the Plank Lutheran church by Rev. McReynolds, in 1852, with a membership of 29. This church was in connection with the Lutheran church in Camden. Rev. McReynolds served for two years after its organization, at the end of which he resigned. Rev. David Smith was then called and resigned after two years. He was succeeded by the Rev. L. L. Bonnell and then in two years by Rev. Simon P. Snyder, who took charge in 1856. In 1859 he erected the first church in the township. Rev. Snyder was pastor for nine years. In the spring of 1870 Rev. John L. Guard became pastor and continued for a number of years. While Rev. Guard was pastor he organized the

Lutheran church in Deer Creek in 1880 with a membership of forty-two persons. Solomon Fouts donated two lots upon which the church was built. The first sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Guard on Dec. 19, 1880, but the church was not dedicated until Jan. 2, 1881.

The Morse Lodge No. 477, I. O. O. F., was organized on Jan. 15, 1875. S. P. Strahan, W. A. Snodgrass, W. M. Loop, J. C. Newer, Lewis Hinkle, Z. Motter, Wm. Martin, A. Showalter, James Slusser, John L. Hinkle and Francis Joyce were charter members.

Washington township has only one village and that is Deer Creek. It was well known as early as 1851. It was an important point on the Michigan Pike. A tavern was kept by Benjamin Smith. The first house built in Deer Creek was a cabin built in 1847 by Thomas Deford for his young bride. The present Mrs. Clara Deford Moore was the first white child born in Deer Creek. Mr. Deford was a blacksmith. The second house was Mr. Cook's, that stood between the cemetery and the Michigan Pike, and the third was that of Mr. Freeman. Dr. Moore, an herb doctor, was the doctor in this vicinity, and the first doctor to locate in Deer Creek was Dr. Loop, Sr.

What a wonderful change in Washington township in eighty-seven years. Today we find almost all those fine hard wood forests gone and in their places we find the most fertile fields in the United States. The abundance of water gone and we find a more healthy location. We have schools that rank among the best found, and this accounts for her intelligent people. We have four churches, all of different religious views. The township has many good pikes, thanks to the good pioneers. We are enjoying the fruits of their labor today.

EFFIE GUCKIEN.

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY

- 10:00. Band Concert.....Deer Creek Band
Parade.....Washington Township Schools and Parents
- 11:00. Picnic Dinner in Town Hall.
- 1:00. Music.....High School Orchestra
Song—"America".....Audience
Invocation.....Rev. Wood
Welcome Address.
Poem—"Indiana"..... Gladys Lenon
Quartette.....Selected
D. V. McCloskey, J. E. Kitchell, Taylor Fouts, Garfield Todd
Riley's Selection.....Leonora Campbell
Song of the Day.....Ella Donahue
Piano Solo.....Beulah Baker
Solo.....Mildred Adams
- 1:45-2:15. Toast to Washington Township.....Miss Effie Guckien
Piano Duet.....Ione Bussard, Margaret Yeakley
Cornet Duet.....Willard Caldwell, Clarence Nice
Piano Solo.....Ione Bussard
- 2:25-2:55. Address.....Ed Honen
Solo—Selected.....Mrs. T. L. Cooper
"That Old Sweetheart of Mine".....Robt. Hinkle
"Glorious Flag of Freedom".....Mud Sock School
"Like Mother Used to Make".....Ethel Appleton

3:15-3:45. History of Indiana Constitution.....	Arthur Ritchey
Song—"Indiana".....	Washington Township Schools
Solo—Selected	Urban Newer
Riley Selections.....	Mrs. Mary Hardy
Song—"Daddy"	Eva Shanks
Deer Creek High School Chorus	
Piano Solo.....	Nora Hayes Hinkle
Indiana State Song	
"On the Banks of the Wabash".....	Schools and Audience
Benediction	Rev. Wochter



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

David B. Chapman.....Trustee

District No. 1 (Mohawk) 32 Pupils

Miss Agnes Porter.....Teacher

District No. 4 (Buttermilk) 22 Pupils

Cecil Yakey.....Teacher

District No. 5 (Center) 28 Pupils

Thomas Forgey.....Teacher

District No. 6 (Mud Sock) 22 Pupils

Gerald MooreTeacher

District No. 7 (Rock Creek) 26 Pupils

Otis MullikanTeacher

District No. 9 (Deer Creek) 67 Pupils

Miss Pauline NewerPrimary

Miss Ella Donahue..... Intermediate

Miss Effie GuckienGrammar

Deer Creek High School—37 Students

Arthur Ritchey.....Principal

Reed Groninger.....Assistant Principal

Samuel Mitchell.....Music

