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A Tribute to Fairport

By Fred McMillin

Fairport is a village, that spawned long ago,
On the open prairie, northeast of St. Joe.
Her inhabitants are people, with integrity high,
Who refuse to let, this little village die.

Over the broad world, where her children roam,
Will never forget, that this was their home.
They are glad to return, to the quaint little street,
And the survivors of time, they are glad to meet.

Her name isn't written, in the hall of fame,
But the people that know her, are proud of her name.
Her neighboring sisters, are withering away,
Their houses are laden, with age and decay.

But the banner she carries, still flies high,
O'er the little village, that will never die.
Her days are not numbered, as some people say
But a beacon to return to, for those that are away.

Now this little village, would never have known life,
If she hadn't been born, with hardship and strife.
And the creators who built her, and have gone on before,
Will look down from heaven, and proudly adore.

A Brief Word . . .

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This Fairport Centennial Booklet has been prepared and dedicated to the pioneer settlers of Fairport, Missouri, and community. A century is a long time in the life of a community, and it is understandable that much of the early history of the town has been lost in the dimness of time.

However, enough has come through to show in pictures and in words, that the people of Fairport, by thrift and counsel, have possessed those qualities of thrift and industry so necessary to keep the town in existence. Not only has it lived but it has thrived and prospered, and has contributed much to this section of our country.

Every effort has been made by those who have prepared this souvenir booklet to keep it accurate and interesting. Some dependence has had to be placed upon folklore and word of mouth, from generation to generation. Lack of space has dictated that some material be deleted, also time to edit and prepare the booklet has been a factor. It is hoped that those who read this booklet will realize that mistakes may be made, for which we ask the readers' forgiveness and pardon.

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FAIRPORT CENTENNIAL

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY,
AUGUST 8, 9, 10

FAIRPORT, MISSOURI

— FRIDAY —

7:00—Best Beard Contest
Doubleheader Softball Game
Fairport Lions vs. Union Star Lions
Fairport Lions vs. McFall
8:30—Best Dressed Woman
Miss Fairport Centennial Contest

— SATURDAY —

9:00—Greased Pig Contest
Boys and Girls, 10 year limit
9:30—Greased Pig Contest
Boys and Girls, 11-15 years
10:30—Little Mr. and Miss Contest
18 month limit
12:00—PARADE!
2:00—Afternoon Program —
Shrine Band
Prominent Speaker
3:00—Talent Show
4:00—Pony Hitch
6:00—Pony Pull
\$150.00 Prize Money; \$5 entry fee
7:30—Old Fiddlers' Contest
9:00—Square Dance
Featuring "Homer's Rhythm
Riders," Larry Morgan

— SUNDAY —

Morning — Worship Service
In Various Churches
12:00—Basket Dinner
Shelter House
2:30—Maysville Historical Society
Program
School Auditorium, "Historical
Review in Music and Dialogue"

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Mounted Patrol
Pony Ride
Shrine Band
Antique Display
United States Air Force Display



**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY,
AUGUST 8, 9, 10**



1871—Joseph Pierce and his wife came to Fairport in 1866. They were the parents of Mrs. A. V. Lincoln. They operated the hotel in the 1870's and the 1880's.



1874—Isaac Ross deeded land for the Fairport Cemetery when his ten year old son, William, died.

CHRONOLOGY

1868—School was erected on the site of the present building.

1869—First Settlers: Mr. John G. Barton, a general store.

1870—Grant Township was formed.

1871—Joseph Pierce operated the hotel.

1874—Isaac Ross deeded land for cemetery.

1875—Mr. Barton sold his stock to John B. Robinson.

1876—Methodist Church was erected.

1877 Mr. Robinson formed partnership with H. C. Burnham.

1878—Oliver & Co. opened a drug store.

1879—Barton & Son bought entire stock.

1880—Stephens, Hall & Company succeeded Barton & Son.

1881—Purchased by Thomas Hall.

1881—Samuel Sherard started a furniture business.

1882—M. Barnaby erected a new hardware store building.

1883-84—Hattie Vanmeter Brown had Millinery Shop.

1884—J. M. Harman, M.D., first doctor of Fairport.

1885—The Grand Army of the Republic was started.

1890—Baptist Church was erected.

1890—Before 1890, Mr. Jacob Waggoner, the Fairport blacksmith, patented a harrow used on many farms. His wife and daughter, Luey (Poff), had a millinery shop at the same time. Grandson, Claud Waggoner, is in this community.



1875—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robinson

Chronology

1890—Thomas and Ellen Davis operated a mill on the farm now owned by George Wm. Tunks, Jr.

1890—H. A. Law started a large mechanical enterprise.

1891—Mr. and Mrs. John Caldwell were the owners of the Fairport Hotel.

1894—Post office at Fairport started. One of the first postmasters was C. D. McCrea.

1895—Hardware and Implement Company started by John Kennedy and Delaney Sherard.

1895—Myrtle Ross started a millinery shop.

1896—James Oldridge and Melford Denny had a butcher shop and a hide buying station.

1897—The "Fairport Advertiser" was started. It was the first newspaper in town.

1898—Cyclone struck! Everything was destroyed. The wife and three of the four children of the Calvin Smith family were killed. Johnnie Hoskin is the grandson.

1898—H. A. Law returned from a tour down in the Indian Territory in January. The telephone lines were completed.

1899—Fairport school was rebuilt.

1899—The hotel was operated by A. T. Estes. Eva Estes, daughter of A. T. Estes, was the first long distance operator. Central office was in the hotel. The town is connected with the leading cities of northwest Missouri by long distance telephone lines, and a daily stage afforded communication with the railroad at Maysville.

1902—The mode of transportation was a carriage and a pair of fine horses.

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ELLSWORTH 4-H CLUB, Fairport, Missouri



1880's—Steven Hall and Co. succeeded Barton and Son.



1884—Dr. Harmon's house is the present home of the Max Neil family.

1890—FAIRPORT SORGHUM MILL, located on what is now the Junior Tunks farm. Run by Thomas and Ellen Davis. Operated about 1890 to 1915. (Frank Davis is the man on far right, next to the women.)



1891—Mr. and Mrs. John Caldwell were the owners of the Fairport Hotel.



Chronology



1898—On May 31, 1898, Fairport school building was demolished by cyclone. In the fall of 1898 the new building was erected.



1900's—Sherard's Blacksmith Shop, North Maple, east side of street. Jacob Sherard, Harvey Law, Manford Sherard, Al Lincoln, Phil Ausmus.

1894-1895-1896—Left to right, seated and standing: Charley McCrea, postmaster; Fanny Denny McCrea, cook in hotel; Melford Denny, butcher shop owner and hide buyer; Ora Smith Denny; John Kennedy, hardware and implement store owner; and Mandy Sherard Kennedy.



1908—H. A. Perry operated the post office in his general store until 1913.

1909—The Bank of Fairport was started. Dan Truax was the first cashier.

1910—Mr. C. E. Estes became cashier of the bank.

1911—Fairport school board met to pay teachers for the coming school year.

1911—Dr. H. B. Landers tangled with a gas engine and lost his trousers.

1911—Fairport Bank had \$51,358.06.

1911—In November, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Estep. His name was Jackson Richard Christopher Estep.

1911—On December 15, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoskin.

1911—December, Rev. W. E. Prewitt was pastor of the Baptist Church.

1911—Leo Keener was attending school in Warrensburg, and spent a few days with his folks.

1912—In February a store was opened by Charles Swike.

Fairport telephone central was opened in January.

1913—Fairport post office operated by H. A. Perry was robbed. Federal men and bloodhounds were used to track down the robbers.

Alva Yeater owned and operated the drug store.

1915—The town newspaper, "The Fairport Progress," was edited by M. L. Hartwell, D.O. The hotel was run by J. E. Daniel.

The hardware store was owned by H. A. Perry. The blacksmith was owned by H. A. Law. Fairport also had a barber shop which was run by Irma Sherard. M. L. Hartwell was the town doctor.

L. Black was proprietor of the Fairport drug company. Building contracts were issued by E. F. Sherard and son. Harness making was done by Delanny Sherard. C. E. Estes was the cashier of the Fairport Bank.

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1895—Store on northwest corner of Main, known as the Robinson building. Bubbie Fisk, Charley Swike, Joel Rice, Jane Ross, Mrs. Cora Hoskin (grandmother of Johnnie Hoskin), Mrs. Myrtle Ross Estes.





1905-06—Bertha DeHart's Little Missionary Class. First row: Mary Mills, Hubert Pittsenbarger, Margaret Remus, Katherin Beiber, Lawrence Keener, Bun Hull; second row: Mary Fisher, Leo Pritchard, Howard Beiber, Frieda Law, Cashel Robinson, Delbert Williams, Maureen Robinson.



1908—East side of Main Street, general business houses and Post Office located in H. A. Perry's General Store.



1915—Phil Ausmus ran a saw mill in Fairport. The logs in the yard are ready to saw.



1913—H. A. Perry was postmaster, Alva Yeater ran drug store.

1904—Sam Skinner, blacksmith in north end of town, had two children, Eunice and Willie.

1913—A familiar view of a corner in Fairport. J. B. Robinson's home in 1913. Johnnie Hoskin's home today.



1911—Miss Minnie Smith taught primary room at \$40 per month. Miss Smith and her class. Mrs. Minnie Smith Neil today.



Chronology



1915—Hotel run by J. E. and Willie H. Daniels.



1920—Our first high school. Left to right, top row: Muriel Redman, Ruth Pittman, Mildred Magee, Pansy Graham, Bernice Halter, Viola Maret, Etta Sherard, Jimmy Sherard, Homer Hill, and Kirk Roberts. The principal, standing in the back row, was Mr. B. F. Meek.

1925—James L. Sherard, owner of Fairport Produce House.



D. E. Williams and Company had dry goods, groceries, and notions. A millinery shop was operated by Mrs. C. P. Bledsoe.

1919—Reverend A. H. DeLong, D.D., was speaker at the Fairport Methodist Church.

H. A. Law, the Fairport blacksmith, received a shipment of wagon box lumber and was making black gum wagon boxes. The highest hog price ever paid for average weight of 327 pounds was \$68.

1920—A high school was started at Fairport.

1922—H. A. Perry rebought the general store.

1923—The store owned by Bud Hill was destroyed by fire. The present building was erected that same year.

The general store was owned by Bob Burnett in the new building.

1925—James Sherard and son purchased the poultry house from John Kennedy.

The poultry building was purchased by Bob Casper.

1926—On Sunday, July 29, the Estes Family had their reunion at the home of C. E. Estes. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Estes and their four children of Louisville, Kentucky; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Estes and their two children of Maryville, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hancock and son, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Harmon and their two children, Charles Perry and his family, Mrs. Claud Boner and her two children all from Maysville; and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Estes.

On August 1, the Pittsenbarger annual family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Carrie Eggleston. The ten brothers and sisters of the Chris Pittsenbarger family were together for the first time in twenty-five years. Mrs. Alec Pittsenbarger of Bolekow, Missouri, who was 82 years old, was the honored guest. There were 102 present.

1927—A public sale was held Wednesday, January 12, at the home of C. M. Chaney, two and one-half miles north and three-four mile east of Fairport. There were nine head of horses, nine head of mules, thirteen head of cattle, and implements sold. Lunch was served by the Ladies of the Methodist Church of Fairport. The auctioneer was Col. E. E. McClure with J. R. Dunham as clerk.

On January 13, the annual meeting of the Bank of Fairport was held. Directors Golden Wolf, A. M. Gromer, A. J. Hitt, M. A. Denny, John Graham, John Halter, and John B. Owen, Jr., were elected. The cashier was C. E. Estes. The assistant cashier was B. N. Burnham.

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Chronology

On January 20, Mrs. Harry Fisher of Maysville installed the officers of the Ladies of the GAR at Fairport.

On February 12, the Fairport Baptist aid served an oyster supper at the Fairport Hall.

The H. A. Law Manufacturing Company of Fairport, Missouri, announced that it had manufactured a new hoe called the Hoe-Plow—referred to as the “Law Hoe.”

On March 3, Miss Ruth Pittman gave a recital and play at Stewartsville which was sponsored by the Outlook Club and the Stewartsville High School. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pittman of Fairport.

The Sanford G. Thompson Family and Mr. and Mrs. Granville Thompson moved to Fairport.

1930's—Maggie Eggleston ran a library in the general store owned by H. A. Perry, which was later torn down. Sam Riggs operated the general store on the north side of Main Street.

1933—Bank of Fairport was robbed.

1933—Bank of Fairport was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt where it now stands. T. C. Rice's garage destroyed by fire. It was located across the street from the Granville Thompson property.

1935—Blacksmith shop and poultry house which was owned by H. A. Law was destroyed by fire. Blacksmith shop was rebuilt and run by Gerry Ferguson.

1935—Poultry House which was owned by James Sherard was moved to the Manford Sherard property.

1936—The sixtieth anniversary of the erection of the Fairport Methodist Episcopal Church building will be observed at the fifth annual homecoming.

1939—Pioneer resident of Fairport Edwin Stanton McMillin died at the age of 74 years on July 12th.

1939—G. C. Fisher and son Harley Fisher purchased a purebred shorthorn bull from Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bellows of Maryville.

1939—June. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Merritt and son and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ross, Jr., left for California to attend the World Fair in San Francisco.

1939—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on June 23.

1940—February. Grant township purchased a new snow plow.

1940—February. A new furnace type stove was purchased and installed at the school.

1951—Ellsworth 4-H was organized. Front row, left to right: Jackie Johnson and Linda Crosswhite; back row, left to right: Joan Riggs, Lynn Boyer, Sue Greer, and Barbara Jestes.



1925—Bob and Kate Casper at the Fairport home.



1936—The 60th anniversary of the erection of the Fairport Methodist Episcopal Church building was observed at the Fifth Annual Homecoming.



Chronology



1954—After the school building was destroyed by fire, school was held in the churches. This is the upper room held in the Methodist Church.



1955—First day in new school building. Margaret Holt and Evadene Casper, teachers.



1955—Post office was moved to the northwest room of the present Lions building. Marjorie Burnham is postmistress.

1940—February. Whitchurch Comedians showed on Thursday at the Fairport Hall.

1940—February. A play "The Old Maids" whose object is matrimony was held at the Fairport Hall.

1940—Teachers chosen for the coming school year were Rena Pittman (Hunt) and Ernest Ellis.

1940—Fairport school attended the Elimination Meet at Amity. They won a trophy for the most points, which was 228.

1942—Pvt. Max Neil, who was stationed at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., was home on furlough over the 4th of July.

1942—July. Miss Frieda Perry became the wife of L. L. Boyer at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry.

1942—July. Wayne Logan was home on furlough.

1942—July. Smith Lincoln and Gerald Keener were met in Kansas City by Mr. and Mrs. Worth Lincoln and spent their leave with home folks.

1942—July. A group of men from Fairport left for the harvest fields in South Dakota.

1942—April. The school lunch program came to an end.

1943—April. The Fairport Extension Club sponsored the play "Let's Go Somewhere."

1943—April. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Neil and son Rex moved to their farm northwest of Fairport.

1943—April. Willard Bledsoe and his sister Ethel moved to a farm purchased from James Bledsoe.

1943—April. The pupils of the Fairport school were entertained by teachers, Mrs. Marietta Owen and Mrs. Rena Hunt.

1944—January. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Estep gave a birthday party for their daughter Marilyn.

1944—Mrs. Freida Boyer left to be with her husband who was stationed at Jamestown, R. I.

1944—June. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pearl held a dinner in honor of their son Max Pearl.

1944—June. A wind storm damaged the William Newby and the Carl Berry farms.

1944—Jimmy Custer, six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Custer, suffered pretty bad burns when he lighted a corn cob.

1944—Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lincoln moved to the farm of the late Will McMillin.

1946—Garage, now owned by Max Neil, was owned by C. W. Perry. Berlin lodge moved to Fairport. Joe Hill purchased the store owned by H. A. Perry.

1947—Lowell Rush purchased the general store from Joe Hill.

1947—Dale Casper, who had been employed at the Pittman Grocery, leased the gas and oil business from Bert Rice. Bert continued to repair cars.

Transportation Beginning with the Turn of the Century

The most desired mode of transportation in the early 1900's was a carriage or buggy with a beautiful fast-stepping team.



1902—Goodricke Charles Fisher with his wife, Delphine McMillin Fisher, and their children, G. Harley and Mary (Mrs. Paul Keith), are shown here with their carriage and team.



1906—Miss Gertie Ackley riding side saddle.



1917—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Perry shown in buggy with team owned by Charles W. Perry.



1915—Mr. A. L. Perry standing in front of his Model T Ford.



1915—James and Delaney Sheard with Model T in the background.



1903—The lowly donkey had his day in the evolution of transportation. Mrs. Ernest Daniel recalls that her mother, Kate Pittman Murray, made the harness for the donkey out of an old ingrain carpet. The wheels were old cultivator wheels and the shafts were old tree limbs. The picture was made in front of photographer George Harvey's house (now Wayne Magee's home). Those in the picture were Carl Pittman, Dr. William Pittman, Guy Murray, Harley Fisher, and G. Charles Fisher.



1929—Arthur E. Perry standing by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Perry's Model A.

Chronology

1948—On January 8, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gromer purchased the 400 acre farm of Mrs. Nancy Pierce, located northwest of Maysville. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Spiers moved there the next summer.

The Masonic Lodge held an installation of officers for the coming year in Masonic Hall on January 15.

On January 20, Fairport Community club presented "A Womanless Wedding" at the Fairport Hall. The cast was composed of 24 male characters.

1950—The store on the north side of Main Street was purchased by Kenneth Parrish.

1951—The Ellsworth 4-H Club was organized.

1952—E. B. Ross purchased the store from Lowell Rush.

1954—James L. Sherard, who owned the poultry house, passed away. It was operated until 1955 by his wife.

In March, the Fairport school was destroyed by fire and rebuilt on the present site in 1955.

1955—The post office was moved to the northwest room of the present Lions building.

1956—E. B. Ross sold at auction all goods and merchandise of the general store. John Burnham purchased the building and later tore the south part of it down.

1958—The store on the north side of Main Street was purchased by Johnnie Hoskin.

1959—The garage was operated by Galen Castor. The cafe was in operation in the present Lions Club building.

1960—The Lions Club was organized. The first street sign was erected.

1962—Judy Eggleston sang at Krug Park Band Concert in St. Joseph, Mo.

1963—The store was purchased by R. B. Sandgren.

1964—The Fairport Lions Club Pancake Day was held Sunday, June 28.

The Planned Progress held their Ice Cream Social on August 3.

1965—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ross, Sr., formerly of Fairport, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

1966—Marvin Whitt purchased the store and now operates it.

1967—Max Neil installed a fertilizer operation and built a new modern building which he now operates.

1968—Kathy Boyer (Ward) was Queen of the DeKalb County Fair and Horse Show. She was sponsored by the Fairport Lions Club to both the County and State Fairs.

1969—The Fairport Lions Club purchased the cafe. It is now known as the Lions Cafe and is operated by Coleen Taylor.



1960—Only street sign in Fairport.



1968—Kathy Boyer (Ward) was queen of the DeKalb County Fair and Horse Show. She was sponsored by the Fairport Lions Club.



1969—The Fairport Lions Club purchased the cafe. It is known as the Lions Cafe and is operated by Colleen Taylor.

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LONG BEFORE 1969

Fairport — Our Town



Jacob Sherard holding Betty Casper Collins. His blacksmith shop in background.



THEATER AND STORE

About 1923. We judge the auto at the left to be a 1918 Buick.



Prize Winning Rhythm Band



BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO?

Nellie Sherard Swaney and Marjorie McMillen Moore in front of Post Office and James L. Sherard's Poultry House to the left.



The Chet Hardin Family
Evelena's "Little Ball Team"



FAIRPORT'S LAST BAND
Maysville's Main street in background. Notice modern transportation.



FIRST BASKETBALL TEAM
They really look like winners.



HOTEL IN FAIRPORT

Late 70's to early 80's. Left to right in picture: Besser Higgins, postmaster; Abigail (Conger) Pierce; Joseph Pierce, hotel owner; Iral Higgins; man on fence, unidentified.

FAIRPORT

Located
IN GRANT TWP.
Plat Book 1897
of DeKalb County
MISSOURI

ROAD

- J. Sherard
1/2 a
- Lee Sigler
1/2 a
- Sarah
Hoskins
- Seth
Davis
- I a.
- c.c.
Davis
- Barbara A.
Steinmetz
- A. Stephen
- A. Stephen

OUR LITTLE TOWN

I like to live in a little town
Where the trees meet across the street . . .
Where you wave your hand and say
"Hello"
To everyone you meet.
I like to stand for a moment
Outside the grocery store,
And listen to the friendly gossip
Of the folks that live next door.
For life is interwoven
With the friends we learn to know . . .
We hear their joys and sorrows
As we daily come and go.
So I like to live in a little town
I care no more to roam,
For every house in a little town
Is more than a house . . . it's a home.

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C. E. Bird

J. M. Harman

H. C.

Burham

S. E. Stephen

Simon Bird Est.

Marlon Hartwell

a. Hartwell Est.

Jane Ross

J. C. Leonard

Mrs. J. C. Burnham

Meth. Parsonage

Jane Ross

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ROAD School

ROAD



Four generations of the Pittman family. Capt. William Pittman, Mrs. Robert (Jane) Smith, Dr. A. J. Smith of St. Joseph, and his daughter, Martha.

The William Pittman Family

William Pittman, son of A. and Sarah Boyce Pittman, was born in Knox County, Ohio, February 19, 1833. He finished his education in Dennison University, Ohio. In 1861, he enlisted in Company F of the 81st Regiment of the Volunteer Infantry, and was made orderly sergeant of his company. He served with this company three and one-half years and was then mustered out, and commissioned by President Lincoln as assistant adjutant-general and assigned to duty with the Second Brigade of the Fourth Division of the Fifteenth Army Corps, and was subsequently on duty with the Third Brigade and next with the Fourth Division of the same corps at headquarters, as adjutant to General Corse. He was mustered out August 15, 1865, and returned to Ohio.

He was united in marriage to Rebecca Stephen, December 31, 1854. To this union eight children were born: John, Thomas, Carl, Dr. William Pittman, Mrs. Sarah Barnaby, Mrs. Jane Smith, Mrs. Kate Sherard, and Mrs. Minnie Palmar.

He emigrated to DeKalb County, Missouri, in the fall of 1865 and located one-half mile south of Fairport where he died. He taught school for three years during the winter season and then gave his attention to farming. He served as road commissioner of the county for three years and as justice of the peace for three terms. He was a member of the John Williams Post No. 218 G. A. R. He helped to survey much of the land, establish the public roads and organize the school district of the county. He also was court stenographer. At that time all cases had to be taken in long hand and his last case was the Robert Tucker case.

Fairport's Beginning

In 1869, Mr. John G. Barton and his four year old son purchased lumber in Osborn and brought it in a wagon and threw the lumber out in tall prairie grass a few hundred feet to the north of the school building.

Due to the neighborhood's demand for a trading point, Mr. Barton used the lumber to erect a building and stocked it with a miscellaneous assortment of merchandise and for six years carried on a very successful business. In August of 1875 he sold his stock to John B. Robinson and in 1877 he formed a partnership with H. C. Burnham and erected another store building and after 18 months Barton and Sons purchased the entire stock.

Mr. Barton had just finished putting up a new sign on his store one afternoon shortly after he made the latter transaction when William Pittman and his nephew, Edwin McMillin, came to the store. Mr. Barton said, "We've got a town now, Bill, what'll we name her?" Mr. Pittman, recalling a lovely little village he saw during the days he spent in the Union Army, said, "Let's call it Fairport." So it was Fairport from that time on.

Fairport at the time it was named, had a school, church, and two stores.

Sponsored by CAPTAIN PITTMAN'S GRANDCHILDREN

William (Bill) Pittman, Rena Pittman Hunt, Ruth Pittman Grantham, Donald Pittman, Addie Smith Butler, Laura Smith Maret, Rebecca Smith Lincoln, Minnie Smith Neil, Wade H. Smith, Georgia Murray Daniel, Harold Pittman Sherard, William Pittman Palmer, Ora Palmer Stott, Gerald Pittman.





THE FAIRPORT LIONS CLUB

organized

October 24, 1960

First president — Leroy Haley

OTHER CHARTER MEMBERS

J. B. Burnham
 John D. Eggleston
 Johnnie Hoskin
 G. W. Keener
 Croval Knorr
 Dean Lincoln
 Harold Maltzberger
 Larry McCrea
 Stanley McCrea
 Max Neil
 Max Pearl
 Bruce Pittsenbarger
 R. D. Pittsenbarger
 Clayton Stockton
 Leland Warner
 Ralph Clay
 Jack Estep
 Keith Lincoln
 Charles Lincoln
 Bert Sherard
 Wendell Berry
 Stanley Berry
 Willis Eulinger
 Stanley Bird
 B. N. Burnham
 Paul Eggleston
 Coval Johnson

The Fish Fry has been an annual event since 1964. In 1969, 1½ ton of fish was served to around 2300 people in the Fairport school building.



PICTURE OF OFFICERS—*Top Row:* Bill Bodine, Past Tail Twister; Willis Eulinger, Secretary; Gene Hudson, Past Secretary; Dick Pittsenbarger, Past Treasurer. *Bottom Row:* Max

Pearl, President; Roy Greer, Past President; Maurice White, First Vice President; Jack Sealey, Second Vice President.

FAIRPORT LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club is an international organization with the primary interest in helping the blind.

The Fairport Lions Club started out with money making projects such as light bulb sales, broom sales, pancake day, plowed and did field work for farmers and finally they hit on the big money-maker for the club—the Annual Fairport Lions Club Channel Cat Fish Fry.

With profits from the Fish Fry they have supported Lions International and the Blind Bank which is located at the college campus in Columbia, Mo. Locally, the club furnishes eye glasses for the needy, sponsor and pay expenses of a boy to Boys State, and a girl to Girls State, sponsors the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, ball teams, Rodeo Queen candidates and other worthy projects.

PRESIDENTS

Leroy Haley	1960-61
Max Neil	1961-62
Covell Johnson	1962-63
Bert Sherard	1963-64
Leland Warner	1964-65
Dean Lincoln	1965-66
Stanley McCrea	1966-67
Sam Davis	1967-68
Roy Greer	1968-69
Max Pearl	1969-70



Uncle Sipe and Aunt Sapp



"Grand Ole' Opera" Cast

The Planned Progress

Fairport Planned Progress was organized January 16, 1958. Max Pearl was elected chairman. A committee of twelve interested people was appointed to the council board. The other officers were Brisco Burnham, vice chairman; Bernice Pittsenbarger, treasurer; Lawrence Shipp, reporter. Other chairmen have been Max Pearl, Gerald Keener, Larry McCrea, Leland Warner, Harrison Henry, B. J. Eiberger, Sam Davis, Brisco Burnham, and the present chairman, Gilbert Jestes.

Some of the goals set were to get street lights for the town, which has been accomplished. Also a blinker light for the intersection, school signs, conduct a clean up day twice a year, install a water system, home beautification, town and community improvement, planting red petunias at each home, and installing road markers are projects of this organization.

A flag pole was placed at the Post Office, and flags were ordered for several of the citizens to display. A fire extinguisher was purchased and installed, a bulletin board built with climbing roses planted at each end. Other projects completed are installing house numbers, making lap robes for the Sunset Nursing Home, installing a trash can in the business district, and paying for street lights as well as mowing the park.

The community park and shelter house has been a long time project finally realized. A purchase of three-fourths of an acre was made from Johnnie Hoskin for this purpose. All labor was donated by citi-

zens of the community. The north part of the building was enclosed, paneled and wired for electricity. Heat was installed and cooking facilities are available for the use of the public.

Planned Progress meets at the shelter house the first Monday night of each month with a covered dish meal preceding the meeting. There are picnic tables in the south part of the building. The park has been beautified by planting over 100 peonies around the entire area and shade trees have been added.

This organization has raised money in various ways but the big project was presenting the "Fairport Grand Ole' Opera" in November, 1961. There was a capacity crowd at the Fairport School as well as surrounding towns where it was presented.

The Planned Progress was presented a check for \$750 by the Missouri Power and Light Company of Excelsior Springs. This was a reward for their outstanding achievements.



Planned Progress Building and Community Park

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FAIRPORT PLANNED PROGRESS

Congratulations on your 100th Anniversary



Planned Progress members erecting the bulletin board by the bank building.



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Fairport, Missouri



FAIRPORT School Nov. 24th 1899

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Fairport Baptist Church

The Fairport Baptist Church was formed in 1867 in a school house near Lost Creek, and was called Lost Creek Baptist Church. Later they moved to the Liberty School. The Rev. William Turnage was listed as pastor in 1877. In 1890 a church was erected in Fairport, and the name was changed to the Fairport Baptist Church.

The church building has undergone many changes. It was first heated by wood fires and later a coal burning stove. Starting in 1951 considerable improvement was made on the edifice. A basement was dug, a furnace was added, Sunday School rooms were partitioned off and a kitchen was equipped. The cupola and bell were removed, and the bell placed on a low tower before the church. Much was added to the worship service when a beautiful new organ was anonymously presented to the church in 1962. With the exception of new front doors, aluminum awnings, and the decorated windows, the exterior still looks very much as it did when it was built 79 years ago.

Many of the records have been lost, but some of the pastors were D. C. Campbell, J. B. Seats, Luther Roberson, W. G. Ball, J. E. Dotson, W. P. Broadbeck, T. C. McNeely, W. A. Boyd, A. L. Christian, Welburn Bowman, Roy Heriford, Victor Hadley, F. A. Funk,

W. A. Crumb, Kenneth Davis, H. L. Morris, Elvin Cross, Glen Byrant, Howard Lewis, Harold Craig, Frank Bullock, J. W. Meade, Guy Etter, Robert O'Kane, Carl Taylor, and Eugene Hayes, who is the present minister.

Sunday School was first recorded in 1896 at the expense of \$15.00. Some of the Sunday School superintendents were J. H. Estes, A. T. Estes, C. E. Estes, W. L. Troxel, Coley Shaffer, Kate Sherard, Floyd Ross, J. N. Davis, Kent Estes, Willis Ginn, Carl Gaiser, Bert Sherard, Keith Eulinger, Larry McCrea, and Carl Botoroff, today's superintendent.

Rev. H. A. Funk held the first Vacation Bible School in Fairport in 1938. In 1951, the Woman's Missionary Society was organized with the first meeting held in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Glen Bryant. The present president is Mrs. Kathryn Riggs.

In 1951, property was purchased in the north part of town for the pastor's house. In 1956 a new, modern parsonage was built. Much appreciation goes to J. N. Davis who built the building with volunteer help. Rev. and Mrs. Guy Etter and family were the first residents of the new house.

Active deacons at present are J. N. Davis, Roy Dickey, Floyd Ross, Lonnie Ginn, and Larry McCrea.

The church, with a membership of 150, is a member of Mount Moriah Association.

Fairport United Methodist Church

Kingsley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church at the village of Fairport was organized in 1868 under the ministerial labor of Rev. Handley. The original membership numbered 25 or 30, and for eight years after the organization they met for worship in a log house in what was known as the Union School.

In 1876 a plot of ground adjoining the village of Fairport, which had been donated for burial purposes by John G. Barton and Isaac Ross, was secured for a church building site. Work began upon the same at once, and some time during the year a fine frame house was erected, valued at \$1,500.

The carpenter was F. M. Applegate, who stayed at the Joseph Pierce Hotel, who were charter members of the church. The pastor was Rev. L. H. Stocking.

When first organized the church was attached to the Maysville Circuit, but later it became head of the Fairport Circuit.

Memorial windows were placed in the church in 1900 in memory of the pioneers, who, "being dead yet speaketh". There are ten of these windows for Isaac W. and S. R. Ross, Henry and Mary Roloson, S. E. and A. J. Steven, J. C. and S. J. Pierson, George E. and Jane Ross, Joseph and Samuel Curtis Pierce, Abel Hensel, Kingsley Chapel Pioneers, The Epworth League, and one for the Junior Epworth League by Rev. Bolin.

The name of the church was changed from Kingsley Chapel to Fairport Methodist under the ministry of Rev. Torbert.

In 1949 the church was redecorated with wall blocks. In the summer of 1951 a new basement was made, and the church moved on it. A dedication service was held on March 23, 1952, by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Rev. G. C. Irvin, District Superintendent, and Rev. Ned Hill, pastor. Rev. Hill was also pastor when a Hammond organ was purchased in 1952.

Memorial doors with stained glasses were dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Estep and Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Bird by their families.

In 1967 the DeKalb County Cooperative Parish was formed. This joined the following churches in a cooperative effort of evangelism: Fairport, Bethel, Weatherby, Maysville, Epworth, and Amity Methodist Churches.

After the uniting of the Methodist and E. U. B. Churches in Dallas, Texas, in 1968, the church is known as the Fairport United Methodist Church.

A convenient ramp and decorative wrought iron rail at the entrance of the church was added in 1968, and a church bulletin board during the ministry of Rev. Pritchett was constructed by him.

Church records were destroyed by fire in early 1900. Ministers who have served the church during these 100 years are as follows: Isaac Hill, W. H. Turner, Bovee, Bieber, C. Bruner, Cooper, Clayton, Wolcott, Geo. Hill, S. R. Reno, Rostoch, Edgar O. Wills, Stokesberry, Crickett, Fletcher, Bullock, McKay, Reno, Fanning, LaFranz, Jordon, Francisco, Fanning, John Cox, Wallace Torbert, W. W. Clay, Ned Hill, Blood, Dick Pixler, Herbert Rogers, A. K. Pritchett, Ed Lathrop, Victor Williams, Glen Ride-nour, and Harold Johnson and Marie Hyatt, Minister of Education, our present pastors.



Rail Fence in Front



Hitch Racks on the Right



Modern Transportation in the Late 50's



THE FAIRPORT CEMETERY

As the frontier community became more and more settled by many of our ancestors the need for county government, school, and churches became a necessity to their growth as a new country. Consequently many of these began to organize in many obscure places in this area.

Along with the settlement of a new country there became a need for a public burying ground in a central location. To this end we have compiled a few dates and facts about the Kingley Chapel Methodist Church and Cemetery. On January 19, 1874, Isaac Ross deeded two acres of land for a public burial plot. John Barton, the first merchant of Fairport, on the same date deeded the location for the church.

The Isaac Ross family lived on the land next to the Fairport Village. This land was later owned by the J. B. Robinson and the C. E. Estes families. A son of Isaac Ross, John W. Ross, was born October 14, 1862, and passed away November 23, 1873, and was buried in this family plot. Also, other children of the family were buried there before it was a public cemetery.

This was a half-brother of the late Ernest Ross, Sr.

Soon this land was occupied and it became necessary to obtain another acre of ground from J. B. Robinson and at a still later date another acre of ground was obtained from Mae Steinhauser. The present burial grounds consists of four acres.

In later years the Cemetery and Church were referred to as the Fairport M. E. Church and Cemetery. The trustees of the church also managed the Cemetery until in December, 1968. It was then deemed good management to organize an Incorporated Cemetery Association, independent of the church, and the present board of directors is as follows: B. N. Burnham, Wade Smith, Jack Wolf, Claude Estep, and Charles Lincoln.

In loving remembrance to the many early settlers who bore many hardships to carve a fine livable community out of the wilderness here, we offer these few words of history and dedication to the people who rest here.

In memory of all veterans who have served our country in all wars from the Revolutionary War to the present conflict in Viet Nam.



Civil War Veteran

Dr. William Stanley, father of Mrs. Nathaniel Bird, died March 3, 1905, at the age of 86. He was buried in the Fairport Cemetery. He practiced medicine for 42 years, from Maysville to Bethany and from Albany to Gallatin. In all his practice, he never collected one dollar in the courts and died a poor man. While traveling on horseback, this pioneer doctor practiced medicine to within three weeks of his death.



M. E. CHURCH WINDOWS IN HONOR OF
 S. E. and A. J. Stephen
 J. C. and S. J. Pierson
 George E. and Jane Ross
 Kingsley Chapel Pioneers 1876-1902
 Epworth League
 Junior League by Rev. G. M. Bolin 1900
 Joseph and Samuel Curtis Pierce
 Abel Hensel
 Isaac W. and S. R. Ross
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The Fairport Saddle Club



The Fairport Saddle Club was organized March 31, 1967. Officers for the year of 1967 were: President, Galen Castor; Vice President, Ernest Denny; Secretary and Treasurer, Roberta Ellis; Ring Master and Trail Master, Galen Castor and Lloyd Ellis. Three members were elected to the Board of Directors, for a two year term and they were Sam Davis, Jerry Hailey and Keith Jestes.

In 1968 Max Neil donated a tract of land north of Fairport, on the old Neil farm. This was to be used as an arena for the Fairport Saddle Club. The bulldozing was done by Austin Coffey. At the present time electric lights are being installed, by Jack Sealey, so evening programs can be enjoyed by all.

Officers for the year of 1968 were: President, Roy Stockdale; Vice President, Harry Otis Pritchard; Secretary and Treasurer, Sharon Jestes; Drill Master,

Keith Jestes; and Trail Master, Ernest Denny. An additional three members were elected to the Board of Directors, for a term of two years and they were Larry Steiner, Max Pearl and Leroy Haley. A Junior Drill Team was started in 1968 and the leaders for this were Sam Davis and Betty Pearl. The Fairport Saddle Club was incorporated August 15, 1968.

Officers for the year of 1969 are: President, Keith Jestes; Vice President, Ernest Denny; Secretary, Mary Lee; Treasurer, Sue Steiner; Drill Master, Harry Otis Pritchard; and Trail Master, Ernest Denny. Those elected to the Board of Directors were Roy Greer, Max Neil and Bob DeBord. Junior Drill leader is Betty Pearl with Joan Stockdale as her assistant.

Horse shows are frequented by this group of enthusiastic riders and many awards have been earned by them in the various events.

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FAIRPORT SADDLE CLUB



Three Generations

Three generation families are not at all uncommon in the Fairport area; however, this family is unique in that each have been endowed with the same name and have lived in this area nearly all of their lives. John D. Eggleston, Sr., was born at what is now the Dub Whitman farm March 28, 1916. On July 6, 1943, John D. Eggleston, Jr., was born where the Lawrence Pittsenbarger home is now located. June 30, 1966, was the birth date of John D. Eggleston III. From the Cameron Hospital, this child was brought to the farm of Marceline Neil where his family make their home. To ease confusion these three are best known around Fairport as Big John, Little John and J.



The Fairport Boy Scouts

The first Boy Scout troop was organized in Fairport about 1939 with Stewart Sherard as the Scoutmaster. Ernie Ellis was the second Scoutmaster and was followed by Bob Conway. The Scouts were active for about five years. The charter members were Andrew Maret, Donnie Neil, Darrel Raynor, Jewell Rice, Ernest Denny, William Lee Berry, Kenneth Ausmus, John Burnham, and Larry Thompson.

In 1948, the interest in scouting was renewed and John Burnham was chosen as Scoutmaster. Richard Whitt took over the job when John Burnham was through. John Burnham is again acting as Scoutmaster at the present time with ten active members.

Over the years the boys have attended Camp Geiger at St. Joseph, Missouri; camporees at Wallace State Park, Cameron, Missouri, at Rosecrans Field, St. Joseph, Missouri, and at Lathrop, Missouri. They have also attended Scout-O-Rama.

Each year they have their own camporee at the Grand River for a weekend, with church services on Sunday mornings with their families. The boys always look forward to this camporee.

Activities at Camp



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Fairport, Missouri



BASKETBALL BOYS
1955

Shannah Taylor
Paul Ross
John Eggleston, Jr.
Bob Knorr
Jack Riggs
Jim Custer
Herbie Danner
John Harden
Keith Jestes
J. Perry Sandgren



CHEERLEADERS
1958-59

Linda Tunks
Jackie Johnson
Connie Moore
Lynn Boyer
Jo Sandgren



BASKETBALL GIRLS
1958-59

Kathy Boyer
Nancy Pearl
Becky Sue Lincoln
Sheryl Whitman
Linda Tunks
Max Pearl, Coach
Judy Eggleston
Connie Moore
Jo Sandgren
Lynn Boyer
Jackie Johnson
Gilbert Jestes, Referee

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Maysville, Mo.



1969 FAIRPORT SOFTBALL TEAM

Back row: Covell Johnson, Junior Evans, John Halter, Dean Lincoln, Nylen Lewis, J. K. Huffaker, Lawrence Pittsenbarger; *front row:* John D. Eggleston, Jr., George Hoover, Norman Wells, Larry Pittsenbarger; *not shown:* Bob Berryhill, Tom Sloan, and Don Atkins.

Fairport Softball Team

Since the town of Fairport was founded, there have been ball games and a ball team. For many years there was a thriving baseball team that played in such places as Roy Gromer's field or Charles Lincoln's pasture. For a time, they also used Maysville as their home field.

In 1955 the Fairport Softball Team was organized with their home field being at the school. Several business places helped them to buy a uniform for each player to wear.

Managers Lawrence Pittsenbarger, Max Pearl and Covell Johnson have led their teams through many victories as well as heartbreaking defeats. They participated in AAA Metro League play at St. Joseph, Missouri, for several years and also helped form a league of teams from this area and played in it during 1966.

Among the accomplishments of the Fairport Softball Team are first place trophies from the Fairport Softball Tournament in 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1965. They won first place at the Union Star Tournament in 1959 and there have been numerous other trophies for lower places in various tournaments. The team has the distinction of advancing to state competition eight years in a row, from 1959 to 1967.

This ball club is now partially sponsored by the Fairport Lions Club. They have a good following as all are proud of their team.



Springfield State Tourney — 1964

Compliments from

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Maysville, Missouri

The Ellsworth 4-H Club

On November 23, 1951, twenty-six people met at the Fairport School House, and with the help of Mr. Harold Owen, Miss Ann Long and their sponsors, the Ellsworth 4-H Club was founded. The first year the club had seventeen members. They were: Betty Casper, Karel Gilbert, Harold and John Halter, John, Jerry and Ronnie Hardin, Barbara Jestes, Eddie Joe Maltsberger, Dale, Lois and Wayne McMurtrey, Ronnie Parrish, Roberta Perry, Joan Riggs, Linda Crosswhite, and Juanita Sue Greer. At present there are thirty members.

The first president of the Ellsworth 4-H Club was Lois McMurtrey. Other presidents include: Barbara Jestes, Ronnie Hardin, Joan Riggs, Harold Halter, Joyce Johnson, Keith Jestes, Don Davis, Joan Stockdale, Linda Jones, Cathy Denny, and Carol Pittsenbarger.

The Ellsworth Club has always been very active in local, district, county, and state 4-H work. They have participated in Share-the-Fun programs, 4-H Sunday programs, National 4-H Club week observance, Recognition night, local, county, district, and state Achievement Days, County 4-H Camp, Junior Leadership Camp, Junior Cattleman's Marketing Day, Stewartville Fall Festival, Interstate, State Club Week at Columbia and Health Camp.

The club has won many awards on its own and the members have won many also. The club has won the gold seal award for seventeen years. Barbara and Keith Jestes won the Danforth Award and the Key Award.

We have also had several Junior Leaders, District representatives in judging and exhibits and some demonstrations and exhibits. They have gone to state and interstate.

In 1957, an IFYE exchange student, Mahmond Hamid, came from Iraq and stayed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Jestes for a month. While he was here, they appeared on television.

This year the 4-H Club is participating in the Fairport Centennial and we hope to be around for the next one.



IFYE Exchange Student Mahmond Hamid, of Iraq, with Gilbert Jestes Family, 1957.



Several Ellsworth 4-H members and leaders were on KFEQ television in 1957.



Barbara Jestes was Queen of the Fall Festival at Stewartville in 1957.



The Ellsworth Extension Club

The Ellsworth Extension Club was organized on October 13, 1939, with eleven members. The motto was "If you can't push, pull." The Club grew to a membership of forty-three members at one time. They have been active in community work: some of the activities were sponsoring 4-H Clubs, helping on polio drives, helping send the state president to Denmark, donating fruit to the Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, sending books to the soldiers, giving books to a library in Pakistan and the DeKalb County library. The club paid on a student loan fund, Red Cross, Farm Home projects, and many, many other undertakings of a helpful nature.

They have presented plays and dialogues, sponsored farewell parties, bake sales, housewarmings, wiener roasts, ice cream socials, watermelon feeds, and Educational Exhibits, which won red and blue ribbons. They sold mail box markers. They took train and bus trips to Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Joseph, Independence, and other places. At Christmas time, a turkey supper is held at the Fairport School house.

Eleven members make up the club today of which four are charter members. The charter members were Mrs. Allie Cook, Mrs. Iola Berry, Mrs. Ezra Slater, Mrs. Grace Rayner, Mrs. Opal Berry, Mrs. Evelyn Fore, Mrs. Claude Rice, Mrs. Wilima Newby, Mrs. Frances Goucher, Mrs. Marvin Johnson, and Mrs. Mae Forbes.

Mesdames Cook, I. Berry, O. Berry, and Mrs. Slater are the four remaining charter members.



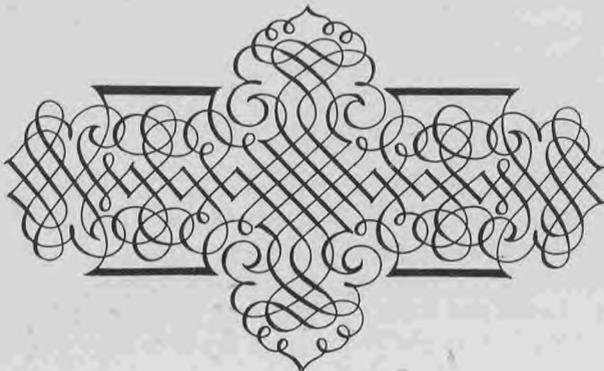
Evelyn Jestes receives her 20 year award as 4-H leader.



The main building at the County 4-H Club Camp at Trenton, which is attended by members of the Ellsworth 4-H Club.



Representing Ellsworth Club at Interstate cattle show in 1954.





4-H Club



Trip to Chicago



Trip to Pella, Iowa

Tea honoring charter members in 1958



2-H Club Poem

Written by Mrs. Howard Davis—1951

Back in 1935 the neighborhood women met,
And organized the 2-H Club, which
is progressing nicely yet.
Sixteen years of wind and weather
Every month we get together.

Ten charter members still answer roll call,
But you can bet that isn't all.
As we meet now each month of the year
Nearly thirty can answer, "I'm here."

We have decreased and increased
As the years speed by,
Some have joined other clubs,
Some just said "Good-bye."
But we go right on with our club and plan
To do the very best we can.

When we started meeting our funds were quite low
But year after year we have seen them grow.
We didn't serve lunch in the earlier days,
Now we serve dinners over which everyone raves.

We have our parties and suppers
and have lots of fun
But our duties as club members we
never shun.
We are always pleased the way our
leaders show
The things they learned at meetings
We all ought to know.
And the things we have learned and
really found out
Are generally things we should know
about.

We sponsor our 4-H Club to a certain
extent
And feel it's time and money well
spent.
Now the things we learn and the
things we do.
Make us better citizens all the year
through.

We all have a part in this club to play,
Rena and Mary Ruby, are our leaders
today;

Bernice, will be here the roll to call,
Ella to tell us if we have any money at all.
Evorie will quiet us by hook or crook.
Ethel will read to us from out of her book.
Ledah and Ruby will tell us the right things to eat,
While Jean and Wilma want to see us dress neat.

Marcelene and McLe will see that we sing and play.
 While Glenadyne will report us day after day.
 Annabelle and Tillie will set things in life,
 And Esther gives us the origin of Valentine,
 Bertie and Della will observe International Day.
 You'll learn how to manage a home
 and wash windows from May.
 From Iola and Goldie we will try and find out
 If there's anything in family relations
 we don't know about.

Our bodies I'm sure we can always keep fit
 After Irene gives us her little health skit.
 There are some I haven't mentioned by name,
 But just being a good club member
 is part of the game.

Now as you all know, there's a
 time for work and a time for play.
 We have to plan for a trip on some future day
 When we can leave our worries and work behind,
 Take down the road with no cares on our mind,
 Come home late that night with minds not too clear,
 Yet thinking, I hope, we can go farther next year.
 Then we go back to club with Christmas ahead,
 There's a family somewhere to be clothed and fed,
 There are crippled children and homeless ones,
 So we do just like we have always done,
 To all worthy organizations we freely give,
 For that is our motto, "Live and Let Live."



2-H Home Economics Extension Club

The 2H Home Economics Extension Club was organized January 9, 1935. Its members were from the school districts of Hensel and New Harvard. This has been one of the most active clubs in the county, doing many civic and social duties, helping wherever there is a need, advancing in every educational opportunity. For pleasure they have taken many trips and tours. At this time there are five charter members: Mrs. Perry Bird, Mrs. Earl Hubble, Miss Ella Graham, Mrs. Floyd Ross and Mrs. Kessler Ginn.

Past Presidents

Mrs. Perry Bird	Mrs. Harry Donovan
Mrs. Floyd Ross	Mrs. Leo Maret
Mrs. Earl Hubble	Mrs. Lee Berry
Miss Goldie Cunningham	Mrs. Ermal Waite
Mrs. Lester Ellis	Mrs. E. W. Patrick
Mrs. Dallas Dunham	Mrs. Howard Davis
Mrs. John W. Hunt	Mrs. Herbert Sherard
Mrs. Leland Warner	Mrs. James Haley
Mrs. Lloyd Ross	Mrs. LeRoy Haley
Mrs. Harley Fisher	Mrs. Harold Smith
Mrs. Keith Eulinger	Mrs. Charles Lincoln
Mrs. John D. Eggleston	Mrs. Sam Davis
Mrs. Richard Pittsenbarger	Mrs. Jesse Graham

SALE!

FARM SALES WERE DIFFERENT IN 1849

Having sold my farm and as I am leaving for Oregon territory by oxen team March 1, 1849, I will sell all my personal property except two oxen teams, Buck and Ben and Lou and Jerry, consisting of the following property:

Two milch cows, one gray mare and colt, one pair of oxen, one yoke, iron plow with wood mole board.

Eight hundred feet of popular weather board, 1,000 three-foot clapboards, 1,500 ten-foot fence rails.

One 60-gallon soap kettle, 85 sugar troughs made of white ash timber, 10 gallons of maple syrup, two spinning wheels, 30 pounds of mutton tallow.

One large keg made by Jerry Wilson, 3,000 poles, 100 split hoops, 100 empty barrels, one 32-gallon barrel of Johnson-Miller whisky, seven years old; 20 gallons of apple brandy; one 40-gallon copper still, four sides of oak tanned leather, one dozen wooden pitchforks, a half interest in tan yard.

One .32-calibre rifle with bullet molds and powder horns, rifle made by Ben Miller.

Fifty gallons of soft soap, ham, bacon and lard.

Forty gallons sorghum molasses, six head fox hounds, all but one soft mouthed.

At the same time I will sell my six negro slaves, two men, 35 and 50-year old, two boys 12 and 18 years old, two mulatto wenches, 40 and 80 years old. Will sell together as will not separate them.

Terms of sale cash in hand or note to draw four percent interest with Bob McConnell, security.

My home is two miles south of Versailles, Ky., on McConnell Ferry Pike. Sale will begin at 8:00 o'clock a.m. Plenty to eat and drink.

The Fairport Band

The village of Fairport had a Cornet Band. The oldest one that we have was made in 1891. From left to right are Jim Denny, Charley Roberts, Melford Denny, Edward Denny, George Titcomb, Butler Denny, Sam White, Lin Rush, Albert Sherard, Shack Denny, Ollie Perry, Frank Rousey.



Later the Fairport Cornet Band was organized. In this picture taken in 1896 the members were, left to right, Wes Crawford, Melford Denny, Arthur Crawford, Frank Rousey, Ollie Perry, James Denny, Shack Denny. Seated: Bert Phelps and Thomas Henry.



Left to right: Wilfred Denny, Harry Neil, Kendall Thompson, Russel Warren, William Pritchard, Ray Pittsenbarger, Cecil Perry, Earl Perry, Alfred Estes, Bruce Mallory, Otis Titcomb.



LODGES OF FAIRPORT

The Grand Army of the Republic

The Grand Army of the Republic is represented by the John Williams Post, No. 218, which was organized in October, 1885. The first officers were William Pittman, Commander; Frederick Keener, S. V. C.; Martin Ewing, J. V. C.; George Lloyd, Adj.; A. R. Matheny, Q. M.; Marion Hartwell, O. D.; J. W. Crawford, Chaplain; Barney Jones, O. G.; John Wolf, Surgeon; Isaac Mathis, S. M.; and J. L. Williams, Q. M. S. Other members were Charles Means, Eber Newton, Samuel Sherard, John A. Watkins, B. B. Fitzgerald, John R. Smith, William H. Sherman, James J. Mason, W. H. Johnson, Thomas Smith and William Sherard.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were organized in 1926. They were active in the projects of the lodge until the mid 1930's when they disbanded.

Independent Order of Good Templars

The Independent Order of Good Templars has a flourishing lodge, recently organized, which holds its meetings in the Methodist Church. Among its members are some of the leading citizens of the village and country, and a good work has already been accomplished by it in the cause of temperance.

This article was taken from *History of Andrew and DeKalb Counties, Missouri 1888* "History of DeKalb County," The Goodspeed Publishing Co. 1888, pages 478 and 479.

Berlin Lodge No. 378 A. F. & A. M.

Berlin Lodge No. 378, A. F. and A. M., was originally located in Berlin, Gentry County, Missouri. Officers were John B. Owens, Sr., Worshipful Master; J. R. McMillan, Senior Warden, and Clemen Butler, Junior Warden.

On February 14, 1946, the Berlin hall, the lodge's charter, and most of the records were destroyed by fire. For awhile meetings were held in King City, Missouri. On August 10, 1946, a purchase was made of the present Masonic Hall in Fairport from the then defunct I. O. O. F. Lodge. A crew of workmen, headed by George Shelton, remodeled the hall, which was dedicated and new officers were installed on January 10, 1947.

All of the members of Berlin Lodge wish to join the other groups in celebrating the centennial of this friendly village of Fairport, DeKalb County, Missouri.

Other Lodges

The Rebekah and Modern Woodmen were also at one time active organizations in Fairport. It is, however, regrettable that these records have been destroyed and the accounts of their history unavailable.



The Community Club

The Fairport Community Club which was begun about 1933 was first organized as a P. T. A. This was a functional organization as well as an opportunity for fellowship with neighbors. Meetings were held once a month with a program by the school children following the business meeting. Some added activities were one act plays, basket dinners, and box suppers. This group was later called the Community Club which name it still bears.

One of the main functions of the Community Club is to provide items for the school that would otherwise be omitted. A few of these much needed facilities have been a set of encyclopedias, an electric water cooler, trophy case, film projector and mounted screens for each room, electric percolator, and a set of maps. The money for these projects has been raised through bake sales, box and sox suppers, and gate receipts from basketball games as well as a refreshment stand.

It is unfortunate that early records are not available; however, President Dean Whitt, Vice-president Max Pearl, Secretary Gayle McCrea, and Treasurer Marilyn Haley are the officers for the 1968-69 school year of the Fairport Community Club.

Fairport School before and after fire March 4, 1954.



NOTABLE TEACHERS

William Pittman, Civil War Captain, named the town.

B. F. Meek — John W. Edie
Teachers and later County Superintendent.

HISTORY OF FAIRPORT SCHOOL

Our pioneering forbearers of 100 years ago, settling and developing the then open prairie of Grant Township into farm sites and homes, came predominately from Ohio. These people, coming from the great Hawkeye State, the state that has produced a number of United States presidents, most of them small-town boys of humble homes, reared to respect the power of knowledge, were imbued in the time honored tradition of pursuing knowledge and its benefits. They climaxed this belief by providing opportunities for learning and instilling in their progeny the idea that when properly pursued they could become the better and much needed leaders of the growing community. Hence a good church and school were among the first services of the Fairport community.

Many well trained citizens and self-dedicated leaders have emerged and contributed to the building of a strong community.

The first school house built in what is now the Fairport district was located on the farm formerly owned by Mr. W. C. Shaffer and at present by John Burnham. It was a log house with puncheon floors and split log seats. Not much information is available as to the names of the teachers who taught in this

school house, nor of the scholars who attended school there. It is known that William Pittman was the last teacher in that building, and probably the first were preachers serving both the church and the school.

The first school house built on the present site was erected in 1868. The land was given for the building by William and Rebecca Pittman. It was a one room frame structure, and to it later was added another room. This continued to be the building occupied for school purposes, until it was completely destroyed by the cyclone in May, 1898. The first teachers in this school house were William Pittman and Mary Pierce.

In the fall of 1898 the next school building was erected by Elza F. Sherard as the contractor. Bonds for this purpose had been previously voted at a special election called for the purpose, and they have long since been fully paid and retired. Since the payment of these bonds the district had not been in debt until that building burned to the ground in March, 1954, and bonds were voted to build the present, fine, new brick building which was first occupied in September, 1955.

The district as originally laid out comprised about

five and one-half sections, or 3520 acres. On this land fell the most of the burden of taxation for school purposes, the personal property assessed being a very small part of the total assessment. Forty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation was usually voted for school purposes, and the scholars usually went to school until they were grown men and women. The present Missouri Reorganized IV District has grown by annexation and at present comprises some 16,750 acres more or less. The taxation for school purposes is still on these acres together with the personal property of those operating them. The school district supports schooling through the regular twelve grades.

Ten or more grades were taught though they recognized no grades, simply taught the subjects. Great stress was placed on the fundamental subjects — spelling, reading, writing and arithmetic — with a tendency to going to seed on mathematics, penmanship and public speaking. Often higher algebra, plain and solid geometry were taught, to accommodate those seeking teacher certification and construction workers. Children were taught to declaim, and every Friday afternoon each scholar was expected to speak a piece. Large classes recited classical poems in concert, and the spelling “bee” and the literary society were the chief social gatherings of the community. These were held evenings and both parents and children attended and took part in the program.

Teachers were hired in those days because of their ability to discipline the school, many of them holding sway by sheer force of the hickory stick. One former scholar relates that he can remember getting as many as six “lickins” in one day. Offenses generally were rowdiness, intimidation, resentment of school rules, egging and locking out the teacher. Few, however, were suspended. Schooling was a must!

Charley Carter
Grace Turnage
James B. Mayse, Jr.
Lelia Varie Houston
Evorie Denny
Olive Lindsay
Charlotte Burnham
Irene Dewey
Gwenetha Wolf Gunderson
Myrtle Ross
Mildred Magee
Ernest Ellis
Hope Thrasher
Twila Eggleston
Lucille Wright
Margaret Holt
Mary Pierce
Mr. Cooper
Mr. Miller
Mrs. Hamilton
Maggie Lloyd
Elma England
Marietta Owen

Edith Lincoln
Sadie Coean
James Bell
Nannie Howell
Mary McGinnis
Mrs. B. F. Meek
C. E. Estes
C. C. Boner
Grace Hawman
Lloyd McMillan
Iola Redman
Minnie Smith
Nina Groom
Lulu Wolf
Leo Keener
Lillie Thomas
Margaret Roberts
Bernece Crosswhite
Margaret Waltemath
Ethel Gaiser
Mr. Ritel
Lois Hansell



First day in new school building, September, 1955.

REMEMBER

WHEN?

Some Who Taught

Capt William Pittman
Mr. Whitescarver
Mrs. Cooper
B. F. Washburn
Eva Dice
Mary Williams
Edward Naring
Clara Troxel
Kate Pittman
William Bray
Fannie Peyor
Hattie Brant
Novella Funk
R. L. Burnett
W. F. Frazier
Inez Keener
Ira Thornton
Verna Clarke
Emma Chisham
Orel Hill

Anna Irwin
Maudine Wyatt
Evelyn Perry
Rena Pittman
Evadean Casper
Erwin Fish
Martha Goodwin
Wilma Wolf
Dan Perry
George Boyless
J. W. Sullinger
Mr. Keidy
Ona Hargess
Naomi Vandor
Gertie Troxel
Hattie Bryant
Mollie Sherard
Amanda Sherard
C. W. Fore
H. H. Hensel





Fairport School Teachers

Robert Burnett

Emma Chisham Parton

How many can you recognize?

1956 School Picnic

Margaret Holt
Evadene Casper
Teachers

Irene Sherard
School Cook

Wilbur Taylor
Bus Driver



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Maysville, Missouri

SUZIE'S KLIP & KIRL BEAUTY SHOP
Osborn, Missouri

CLAYTON STOCKTON
Maysville, Missouri

LAKESITE CLUB
Maysville, Missouri

In Memory of

**REV. EMMITT ESTES AND
GRACE HARMAN ESTES**

Their children are Marie H. Estes (Stofer), J. T., Jack,
and Rev. J. R. Estes.

REV. ALFRED T. ESTES

His children are A. T. Estes, Jr., and Ella May Devitt.
His grandchildren are Carol Jean, Donna Claire, and
Paul Dean Estes, Bryan and Dr. Ronald Lamb.
Courtesy of Mrs. Velma Perry.

Courtesy of Mrs. Velma Perry

Leo Keener

Leo Keener, who has had a leading role in many of DeKalb County's educational programs, tells of his own training for such work.

In 1907 he attended school in Fairport and studied, under Claude C. Boner, the advanced subjects of algebra, rhetoric, and ancient history. Then he took the county examination and received a teacher's certificate and taught the spring term of school at Oak Grove District.



Mr. Keener was the first person in the county to organize farm boys and girls into a club and train them in head, hands, and heart duties. Later other schools organized such clubs and later still under the direction of Professor William Emerson of the University of Missouri Agriculture College these became the forerunner of the present 4-H program in the county. Mrs. Chester Eulinger assisted

in this club work.

In 1908, Mr. Keener attended the State Teachers College at Maryville doing academic work for the Degree of Pedagogy. Later he received a Bachelor of Science in Education at the state college in Warrensburg and then attended the agriculture college at the University of Missouri and worked on a Master's Degree.

Mr. Keener taught in DeKalb and surrounding counties and when he retired in 1958, the Missouri State Teachers Association awarded him a Scroll of Recognition for 50 years in Missouri educational service.

Mr. Keener's mother, Loia Etta Pierce, was born of Ohio emigrant parentage, John L. and Harriet Pierce. She was born on the Pierce farm the year Fairport was surveyed. She was an active member in all community affairs until her death at the age of nearly 90 years.

Mt. Gilead Alumni

(taken from the November 20, 1952, DeKalb County Record Herald)

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Smith of Fairport entertained Sunday, Nov. 16, to honor Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Mina Hill, on her 81st birthday. They had for their guests all that were living of the class of 1886 of the Mt. Gilead school. They were Sadie Clark Dunham, 80 years old; Bertha Dildine DeHart, 82 years old; Cordelia Dunham Swope, 84 years old; and their only living teacher, Joshua Daniel, 91 years of age. The combined ages of these girls and Mr. Daniel is 428 years, averaging 83 plus years.

The group attended Sunday School and Church services. The Rev. Ned Hill was the minister.

The families of the group are:

Sadie Clark Dunham was the wife of John Dunham and the mother of Clark, Cova, Noland, Clint, Ruby, Tina (Mrs. Clyde Lewis), Mrs. Dixie Hickman, Cecille (Mrs. Clyde Fore), DeWitt, Riley, Clyde and Dallas. Cova and Clyde are deceased.

Keener Memorial

This is proudly dedicated in grateful memory and deserving tribute to the Christian pioneer families reviewed in this centennial volume, now deceased but who struggled to build a strong Fairport community—refusing to settle for anything less.

The ideals, thoughts, and works expressed in active lives of the above are dedicated and recommended to the present and future American builders of a still stronger Fairport Community and the co-workers toward the goal of international peace. A stronger community is a concern of every generation whose influence goes on and on.

We, the Keener families, subscribe to the above dedication as descendants of the late Fredrick A. and Christina Kee(H)ner, who came to America in the 1860's from troubled Alsace-Lorraine, and to whom we owe deep gratitude for they chose to rear their family in the traditions of a great heritage at this location of Fairport, Missouri, U. S. A.



Mina Rousey Hill was the wife of Benjamin (Bud) Hill and the mother of Esther Steinhauser, Orel Estep, Lilith Brink, Daphne Smith, and Homer Hill.

Mr. Joshua Daniel's family are mentioned in the Daniel-Poteet history.

Mrs. DeHart was Bertha Dildine and married Kale DeHart.

Cordelia Dunham Swope was the wife of Neri Swope and their children are Nathan, Walter, Ezra (deceased), Bessie Owen, Esta Newman, and Irene Wilson.



Early Business Men of Fairport—Seated: Webb Peterson, Charley McCrea, H. C. Burnham. Standing: Bert Hartwell, Jacob Waggoner, John Kennedy, and Jacob Sherard.

History of Fairport Business Places

NORTHWEST CORNER OF SQUARE

John G. Barton, first owner; J. B. Robinson, Charles Remus, Charley Swike and Bubby Fist, L. Z. Williams & Son, Lee, D. O. C. Williams, Bud Hill and Harry Hudson, R. L. Burnett, Allen and Ripley, Riggs and Henry, A. C. Yenni, Kenneth and Wilmina Parrish, Johnnie and Winnie Hoskin, R. B. and J. Perry Sandgren, Dean and Francis Whitt.

NORTHEAST SIDE OF SQUARE

Sam Stephens, Burr Stephens, Lou Taylor, Hotel and Livery Stable.

SOUTHEAST SIDE OF SQUARE

Chapman and Clark, H. A. Perry and Earl Perry, Allen and Ralph McCrea, H. A. Perry, Emmet Bivens, Miller and Son, Joe Hill, Lowell Rush, William Pittman, E. B. and Winnie Ross. Closed out stock and later the south part was torn away. The north part is now owned by the Fairport Lions Club and used for a cafe and post office.

BLACKSMITH SHOPS

A. R. Matheney, T. B. Crocker, H. A. Law, and later years Gerry Ferguson, Sam Skinner, Jacob Sherard, Manford and William Sherard, Jacob Waggoner, Wint Cornett.

PRODUCE HOUSE AND CREAMERY

John Kennedy, John and Curtis Ford, Kennedy and Sherard, A. C. Parsons, owner-Kendall Thompson, operator 1 and A. L. Perry, operator 2, A. L. and Linnie Perry, owners, R. L. Burnett, Sam and Eunice Skinner, James Sherard and son, Jimmy, Jimmy and Irene Sherard, R. C. and Guy Pearl, Charles Perry.

H. A. Perry purchased a hardware store from J. M. Daniel in 1908 and traded him a team of horses and a buggy which he had driven there from Hill City, Kansas. He was accompanied by George Rogers. He later added other merchandise until he had a general store, which he operated until he sold his business to Allen and Ralph McCrea, who operated it from October, 1921, to September, 1922. He bought the store back from the McCrea Brothers and he and his wife operated it until they retired in January, 1946.

SOME OF THE BARBERS

Ernie Sherard, Ashford Parton, Robert Davidson, Robert Daniel, John Phelps, Lawrence Sparks, Max Grimes, Dean Dupont, Gerald Shinneman, Ray Magee, Arthur E. Perry, Earl Parton, Wilber Parton, Leo Harms, Webb Peterson, Wilford Denny, Pat Heimbaugh.

POST OFFICE

Charles McCrea, Bertha DeHart, H. A. Perry, Gladys Ausmus Owens, Susie Ausmus Sherard, Kate Sherard, Lelah T. Henry, Marjorie Burnham.

HARNESS AND SHOE REPAIR

Will and Delaney Sherard, Webb Peterson.

SOME OF THE CARPENTERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Jacob Sherard, Elza Sherard, George Denny, Fred Lindsey, Bert Sherard and electrician, Granville Thompson and electrician, Roy Denny, John Lee, Virgil McCrea, William Edmondson, J. N. Davis, Mark Pittsenbarger, Garnet Hutton, E. L. and L. R. Funk.

CENTRAL OFFICE

Bertha DeHart, Pansy Pritchard, Ella Mae Stephens Henry, Mrs. H. A. Law, Mrs. Jennie Blankenship, Miss Ida Thompson, Lelah Thompson Henry, Mrs. Jennie Ginn. Discontinued when dial system was installed. Mr. Taylor Rogers had first telephone and Sanford Thompson had the second one in Grant Township.

GARAGES

Guy Murry, T. C. Rice, Bert Rice, Connie Bagby, Earl and Jr. Williams, Phillip Ausmus, Lawrence Ausmus, Charles Drummond, Kenneth Jones, Willis Ginn, Dean and Richard Whitt, Max Neil-also service station.

DOCTORS

Dr. J. M. Harmon, Dr. L. A. Richey, Dr. Charles Coats, Dr. Bruce Landis, Dr. Loyd Hartwell, Dr. Luther Ferguson, Dr. Groves.

HARDWARE

Osborn Brothers, H. A. Law, Kennedy and Sherard, J. M. Daniel, H. A. Perry, Ruhl and Son.

Do You Remember Fairport's Paper?

Some old time news articles and poems taken from a newspaper published at Fairport were found in the personal effects of the late Ira (Peck) Ross. There are no dates on the items and the poem and letter, but there has been no newspaper at Fairport for many years—in fact, probably very few living knew that there was a paper published there at one time. The clippings reproduced below came into possession of Dr. A. J. (Drew) Smith of St. Joseph, who felt that DeKalb county and Fairport folks might get a kick out of publication of these relics of a by-gone era.

The first news item tells of an interesting bit of political history, concerning the death of The People's Party, which evidently had a short but active life:

IN MEMORIAM

Departed this life, March 28, 1893, after a lingering existence of two years:

THE PEOPLE'S PARTY

Requiescat in Pace
"After life's fitful fever, they sleep well."

Biographical

The People's Party was born in Grant Township, DeKalb County, Missouri, some 2½ years ago, of poor but pious parentage. On the outset of its life it enlisted all the intelligence and honesty inherent in the old parties. Its after life has demonstrated its particular fitness, so far as honesty and intelligence is concerned, to carefully look after the interests of the people. Owing, however to the natural depravity of the human race, and the peculiarly vicious tendencies of the Republican and Democratic parties, it has finally succumbed to the logic of events, and is numbered among the things that are past.

"So mote it be.

—by Capt. Wm. Pittman.

The Captain William Pittman, the author of the above article, was the father of Carl Pittman of Fairport.

The following item is a clipping from a DeKalb county paper of many years ago, with no date, so the original poem is incomplete:

The following poem appeared in a Fairport paper some 22 or 23 years ago, and is a prophecy concerning the future destinies of the then young folks of Fairport. The poem was composed by Frank P. Osborn, who was then editor of the Fairport paper; he later studied medicine at Columbia, Mo., and practiced his profession at Oakwood, Okla., until his death three years ago. The copy of the poem we have has been partially destroyed, so the first verse is not published.

I walked, though somewhat dazed,
The town so changed in every way
Who could but be amazed,
Tom H—, of course was married,
And owned the old hotel,

Where he so often tarried,
With one he still loves well,
Frank R— worked at the cobbler's trade
In the basement of the store,
Where once his father cut or weighed,
A wealth of goods galore,
and George wheeled round a mounted stone
And rang a bell to find
Some rusty razor for to hone,
Or else some shears to grind.
"Peck" R— had in the pulpit stood
For almost fifteen years,
So eliquent was he, he could
Oft bring smiles or tears.
Rev. W— the pulpit knew no more,
He practiced at the bar.
Doc H— long had the ermine worn
His fame had reached afar.
Ben R— possessed a popcorn stand,
Harve L— was blacking shoes,
Besser roasted peanuts and
Sold Fairport Evening News.
Pearl R— off graced the rostrum,
As temperance advocate,
While Myrtle (as was said by some)
Would be gov'nor of the state
Judge B— to Africa had gone,
On a missionary tour,
And hoped to teach the right, where wrong,
Had ruled the heathen poor.
Frank O— worked in a circus grand
And "zoo" of some renown,
Charles D— led the circus band
Burr S— was a clown.
I learned from a directory
That in a gallery new,
Gertie R— was taking pictures,
On Missouri Avenue.
Minn P— a natatorium owned
And baths, warmed by steam heat,
Her mansion was the highest toned
On forty-second street.
I hailed a passing street car,
To take a trip up town,
When, wonders! right through the air
A ship came sailing down,
Backward, then, I quickly fled.
To dodge its forward beam,
In doing so I bumped my head
Which woke me from my dream.

Note: Mrs. Irma Stephens Shanklin and her bother Glenn Stephens worked out the persons to whom the initials belong. According to them, they are: Tom H is Tom Hull, Frank R is Frank Ross; George must be Grandfather Ross; Peck R is "Peck" Ross; Rev. W. is Reverend Wells; Doc. H is Dr. Harmon; Ben R. is Ben Ross; Harve L. is Harvey Law; Besser ran a store at Fairport; Pearl R. is Pearl Ross; Myrtle is Myrtle Ross; Judge B is Judge Burnham; Frank O. is Frank Osborn; Charles D. is Charley Davis; Burr S. is Burr Stephen; Gertie R. is Gertie Robinson and Minn P. is Minnie Pittman.



Captain William Pittman in uniform



Rebecca Stephen Pittman
Wife of Captain

from THE DEKALB COUNTY
RECORD HERALD
March 15, 1956
BYRON LORD, Editor



Second cashier — C. E. Estes

THE BANK OF FAIRPORT

The Bank of Fairport was organized March 9, 1909. The charter stockholders were James A. Mitchell, Luella Mitchel, A. J. Hitt, D. A. Truax, Edna Jones, John Graham, John Tunks, Jerry Renninger, A. T. Estes, Golden Wolf, William Pittman, J. B. Robinson, M. R. Thomas, W. C. Ford, A. V. Lincoln, John Halter, W. R. Clark and C. F. Remus. All are deceased. The first officers were J. B. Robinson, president; Golden Wolf, vice-president; D. A. Truax, cashier; C. F. Remus, secretary of the board.



Present cashier
B. N. Burnham

The first location was the west room of the J. B. Robinson store on the north side of the street. The bank bought the lot across the street from Ed Daniels just north of the hotel and erected a new building. Elza Sherard was the contractor. This building burned in 1936. They moved back in the Robinson building while J. N. Davis erected another build-

ing on the same foundation of the other building.

The bank was robbed September 17, 1930, and again July 12, 1933. All the robbers were caught and sent to the penitentiary. C. E. Estes was elected cashier April 1, 1910, and held that office until a short time before his death. B. N. Burnham came to the bank December 11, 1915, and has been there ever since except fifteen months when he was in the service in World War I. J. B. Burnham began work in the bank on December 11, 1947.

The following have been employed by the bank at different times: Lois (Robinson) McCrea, Edward Hankins, Georgia (Murry) Daniels, Bernice (Sparks) Clavin, Maxine (Ketchem) Ferguson.

The following served as presidents of the Fairport Bank: J. B. Robinson, Golden Wolf, A. M. Gromer, John Halter, John Ed Campbell, and Orville Steinhauser.

The present officers are Orville Steinhauser, president; Lawrence E. Owens, vice-president; B. N. Burnham, cashier and secretary; J. B. Burnham and Nancy Burnham, assistant cashiers. The present board members are Orville Steinhauser, Lawrence E. Owens, Lloyd Ross, Zola Tunks, Evorie Fisher, Harry Estep, and B. N. Burnham.

M. A. Denny bought shares in bank April 30, 1919, and was connected with the bank until his death. Although he was ninety-nine years old, he missed very few board meetings.

The Bank opened its doors with a capital of \$10,000.00. The last published statement shows capital, surplus and undivided profits as \$138,901.42, and total business as \$874,891.42.



Original Bank of Fairport



Present Bank of Fairport



In Honor of
MR. AND MRS. WORTH LINCOLN

Smith Lincoln
Virginia Ann Gross
Josephine Miller

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HAROLD MILLER
Maysville, Missouri

The History of the Hotel

In the early days, Fairport became well known as a stopping place for people who were driving their cattle and hogs, from Iowa and farther north to the market in St. Joseph. Pens were built to take care of the livestock which were kept overnight, then it became necessary to have a hotel and livery stable to accommodate those passing through. Later the hotel became famous for having extra good accommodations for travelers. At one time there were fourteen rooms in the hotel. The land where the hotel was built was purchased by Jesse Sherard, March 1, 1856. He rode horseback to Plattsburg where he purchased a section of land at a federal land sale. He paid \$400 in gold for this land, which is located in what is now the north and east part of Fairport which includes the C. E. Estes and Charley McMillin farm where the Jesse Sherard family was reared.

Owners of the Fairport Hotel

1856 - Jesse Sherard
1869-1870 - The hotel was built
1881 to Joseph Pierce
1881 to Andrew Cornelison
1891 to John C. Caldwell
1894 to F. L. Schofield
1899 to F. John Kenny
1900 to Harvey A. Law
1903 to Stewart Hull
1909 to Court Whitchurch
1909 to Phillip Cogdill
1914 to J. E. Daniel
1921 to Frank Pearl
1925 to J. E. Daniel
1925 to A. L. Perry. Discontinued as hotel.
1938 to Charles Perry
1948 to L. L. Boyer
1968 to Max Neil

Sponsored by

T. W. "Dub" Whitman
Fairport, Missouri

Kermit Wright - Realtor
Maysville, Missouri

Larry McCrea Ins. Agency
Maysville, Missouri



The Fairport Restaurant

Court, son of Sylvester and Margaret Koch Whitchurch, married Addie Sherard, daughter of Delaney Sherard. They had one son, Floyd, who lives in Chino, California. The three ran the hotel, restaurant, and delivery barn in Fairport around 1909 and were in business for 12 years. Addie died in 1921. Court lives in Oregon and is 96 years old. The three, Court, Floyd, and Addie, are shown in the Fairport restaurant.

"Who?"

by Beth Annis

There was no guessing when they saw him coming down the street. From a long way off they knew he was Charlie Perry. It was not so much his physical appearance that made them look twice at that man, even though he was a big man with wide shoulders, a tall frame, and big hands that told of a life of labor. The first thing that struck them was his smile. In the regrettably small time I knew this man I can never remember a time a smile was not on his lips. He hadn't a handsome face, but people would swear he was one of the most attractive men in their town. What Charlie Perry lacked in physical characteristics was made up doubly by his smile. Into the most terrible of happenings, he could inject a comment and make the sad happy; the mournful gay; and the people crying



would laugh, even at themselves. Charlie Perry's smile had other magical qualities. It seems this smile was contagious. No one could stay mad or sad around him. Even though he's been gone from this earth for nine years, the world is a brighter place for my grandfather, Charlie Perry, having lived in it.

Sponsored by
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IN MEMORY OF DELBERT WILLIAMS

Courtesy of Lee Wayne Pritchard

NEIGHBORS

Bruce Troxel Harry Denny
Delbert Williams Jimmie Sherard
Leonard Denny



100 YEARS IN ONE SPOT
 Barton to Whitt
 1869-1969

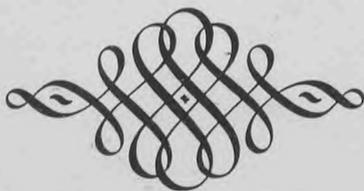


S **Fairport Store** *S*

In the year 1869, John G. Barton erected a building in Fairport and stocked it with a miscellaneous assortment of merchandise, and for years carried on a successful and lucrative trade in this location.

Other owners and operators of this place of business:

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| John B. Robinson | Allen and Ripey |
| Charles Remus | R. L. Burnett |
| Charles Swike | Riggs and Henry |
| Bubby Fist | A. C. Yenni |
| Elza Williamson | Kenneth Parrish |
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| Harry Hudson | Marvin D. Whitt, present owner |



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Andrew Jackson Neil and His Descendants

The pictures on this page represent four generations of living and service in the Fairport community by Andrew Jackson Neil and his descendants. "Hick" and his wife, Margaret Murray, who were married and began rearing their three sons in Kahoka, Mo., migrated to DeKalb County in 1891. Their sons, George, Charles, and Harry Neil, all married local girls: Minnie Smith, Etta Sherard, and Bessie Eggleston, respectively. All settled within two miles of the family home and to these unions eight children were born.

A. J. Neil's livelihood was gained as a merchant in eastern Missouri, but in DeKalb County he was a farmer and mule trader. He and his sons traded labor and worked together as a unit.

Max D. Neil bought the home place when he came home from service in World War II. He and his children, Wallace Andrew and Rae Ann, are the only remaining descendants in this community.

Pictured below is the evolution of the present Neil Service Station and Fertilizer Plant from the old hotel that was converted to a station by Charles Perry, remodeled by L. L. Boyer, and finally razed and reconstructed by Max Neil.

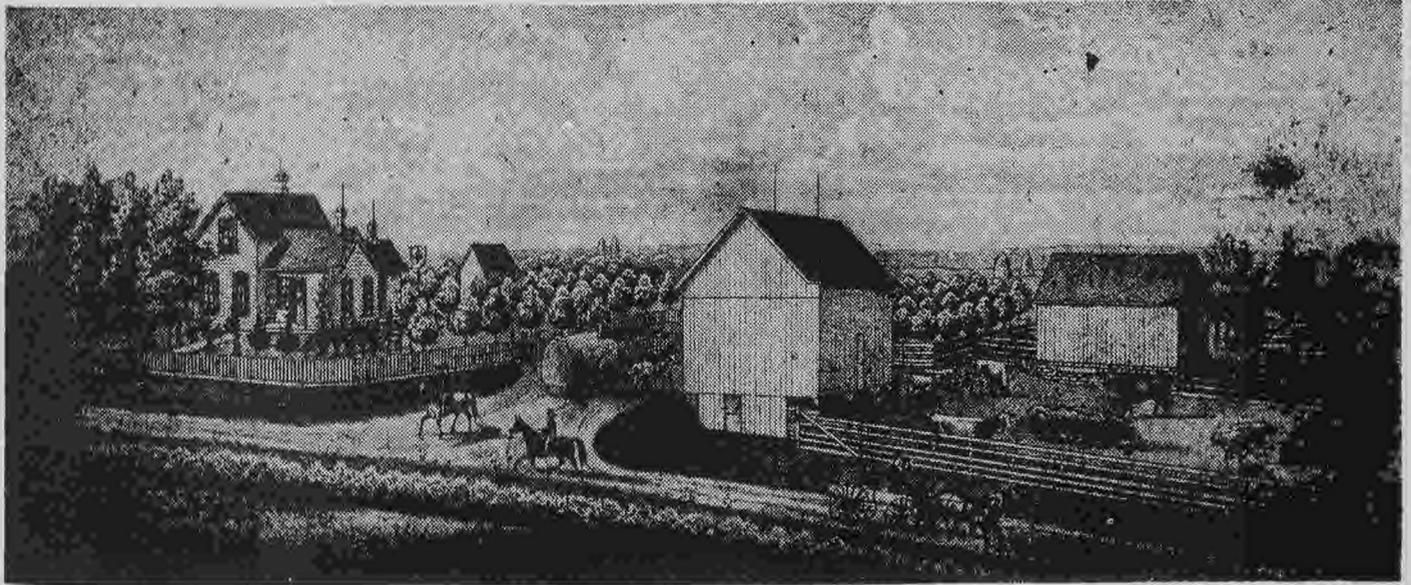


George, Charles, and Harry Neil



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MAX D. NEIL
Fairport, Missouri

Green Lawn Farm Home Unchanged by Time



A few years after the Civil War, Thomas Hull of Mount Gilead, Ohio, came to northwest Missouri and built a home one and one-half miles west of Fairport.

He laid out the land and patterned the farm after those in Ohio. This home is now owned and occupied by Mrs. Stella Lincoln and her son, Dean Lincoln, who are not related to the Hull family.

The house, in good preservation, has walnut woodwork and a walnut staircase. The wood for this was hewn from trees which were on the original tract of land.

Mr. Hull was a lover of fine horses and had many of these spirited animals on his farm.

Thomas Hull's children were Clint, George, Elba, Burr, Arda, Seth, and Sarah. All are deceased at this time.

From the best source available, Mr. Hull engaged in hedge (Osage Orange) seed from Pennsylvania and Texas. We are led to believe the grove of trees back of the house are the hedge trees grown for the seed.

In 1919, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lincoln purchased the farm and moved into this historic home. Since Mr. Lincoln's death, his widow and son, Dean, have continued to reside there.



Green Lawn Home in 1919

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FAIRPORT BUSINESS APRIL 28, 1915

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Cyclone

On May 31, 1898, a terrific rain and hail storm passed over the north half of DeKalb County. The storm lasted one and one-half hours during which time more than two inches of rain fell and hail, some of it measuring four and five inches in diameter, completely destroyed the crops in the fields and fruit from the trees.

During the early part of the storm, a cyclone formed southwest of Orchid Post Office. It seemed to hug the ground from where it first struck and its path, ranging in width from a quarter to a mile wide and extending about twenty miles, was a scene of almost indescribable destruction and wreckage.

Besides homes, farm buildings, and animals, the Fairport school building was picked up and ground into powder and the Hebron schoolhouse, southeast of Fairport, was turned half around.

At the Moses Roberts farm in Dallas Township, occurred the first loss of life. Here Calvin Smith, his wife, and four children lived. They were in their home when the cyclone struck. The house was picked up and dashed to the earth completely wrecking it and killing Mrs. Smith and three of the four children. The fourth child escaped uninjured but Mr. Smith was badly bruised.

Much other property in the Smith vicinity was lost but there was no further loss of life. The estimated property loss was \$100,000.

Most of the information of this article was taken from the *DeKalb County Post*, Maysville, Missouri, June 2, 1898.



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COUNTRY HOME WITH USUAL PORTICO

The pioneer home of Nathaniel McMillin was large enough to entertain three families. Shown in the picture are - on portico, Hannah Pittman (Mrs. Nathaniel McMillin), Anne Perkins McMillin and her husband, Fred McMillin. The two little girls were Faye and Lila, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McMillin. On the lower porch were Goodricke Charles Fisher, his wife, Dell McMillin Fisher, and two children, Mary (now Mrs. Paul J. Keith), and Harley Fisher. Mr. Nathaniel McMillin leans against his gate. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Fisher are the present owners of this farm.

ILLUSTRATED HISTORICAL ATLAS OF DEKALB COUNTY, MISSOURI 1877
 LIST OF PATRONS FOR THE ATLAS OF DEKALB COUNTY, MISSOURI
 TOWNSHIP 60, RANGE 31 WEST

NAME	POSTOFFICE	SEC.	BUSINESS	NATIVITY	SETTLED IN COUNTY
A. L. Tucker	Fairport	24	Farmer	Casey County, Kentucky	1855
R. M. Snapp	Winslow	30	Farmer and Stock Dealer	Nicholas County, Kentucky	1872
N. Herald	Fairport	31	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Saratoga County, New York	1850
H. C. Burnham	Fairport	12	Farmer and Stock Raiser	McKean County, Pennsylvania	1865
William Pittman	Fairport	35	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Knox County, Ohio	1865
E. W. Headly	Winslow	17	Farmer, Stock Raiser and Dealer	Franklin County, Ohio	1868

Civil War Items

Captain George Brown had his own army in Dallas Township. Grandfathers of Mrs. Evorie Denny Fisher and Ralph Wolf served with him.

John Wolf's discharge papers were picked up about two weeks after the tornado destroyed their home in 1898.

On the farm northeast of Fairport (where Bert Rice was born) Nancy Kate Rice lived with her children: William H., Edward A., Joseph G., Samuel R., John D., Claudius T., Joel H., Lou (Roberts), May (Berry), Nancy (Hadley), and Emma, during the Civil War. Her husband was away in the War and when Indians appeared, she hid the children. The Indians looked around and left without doing any damage.

Nancy Kate rode horseback to Osborn to get mail from her husband. Her husband, Joel H., told of eating snake meat while serving in the Civil War.

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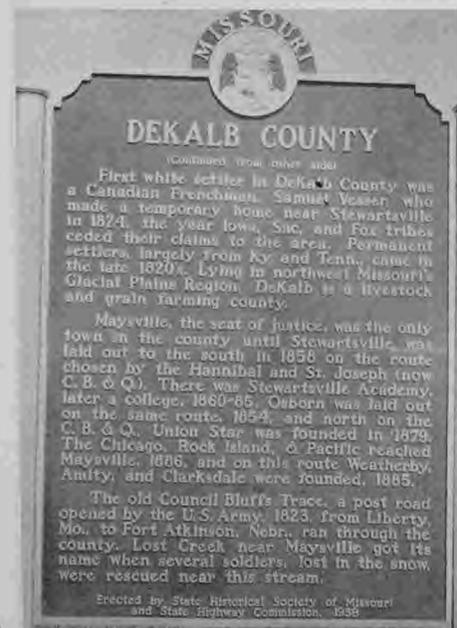
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Dedicated to Our Pioneers



September, 1966
What was the joke?
Pioneer friends
Melford A. Denny—97 years
J. C. Thornton—98 years



Uncle Sam Casper in his home on North Maple Street. Passed away at the age of 99 years.



OUR PIONEERS AT THE SUNSET NURSING HOME

seated, left to right:
Louisea Havet Jackson
Willard Bledsoe
Cecil Crocker Pittsenbarger Walker
Lucy Gromer Spaht
standing, left to right:
Ethel Bledsoe
Ella Mae Stephens Henry
Julia Nicholson Magee
Iva Estep Smith

In Memory of
MR. AND MRS. J. G. BERRY
Wyman Berry



Mr. A. G. Lincoln, only surviving member of the older generation, is still living at the Lincoln Corner home, at the age of 88 years. Born 1880.

The Burnham Family

Henry C. Burnham of McKean County, Pennsylvania, married Charlotte Ann Mosses in 1862 and moved to DeKalb County in 1875. This is his home in Fairport where H. A. Perry now resides. He engaged in farming. Their granddaughter, Charlotte, stands in the driveway.

He formed a partnership with John G. Barton in a general store in 1877 and moved his family from the farm.

He sold his interest in the general store in 1878 and opened a drug store which he operated for many years. He was ably assisted by his adopted son, John C. Burnham, and his wife, Lodusky Bird, whom he had married in 1892.

Their children, B. N. and Charlotte, were reared in their grandparent's home after the death of their parents. Baby Harry died, and Elmer made her home with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bird.

Mr. Burnham sold his drug store to Alva P. Yeater and Dr. Yeater in 1908. He died in 1908 and his wife in 1917.



Mr. and Mrs. John Collison Burnham



Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Burnham



Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Lincoln and Jay Pierce



Grandmother Elizabeth Lincoln, born 1814



Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Lincoln's Children
Left to right, bottom row: J. P. Lincoln, Charles T. Lincoln, A. G. Lincoln; top row: Joseph Lincoln, Jennie Lincoln, Worth Lincoln.

The Lincoln Family

The Lincolns were descended from England, migrating from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to Grant County, Wisconsin, to Monroe County, Iowa. Albert Victor Lincoln, 19 years old, and his mother, Elizabeth Lincoln, traveled by covered wagon to DeKalb County, and settled one-fourth mile west of the present day Lincoln Corner in 1871.

Mrs. Albert Victor Lincoln was Sarah Elizabeth Pierce. The Pierces descended from Wales, coming in a covered wagon from Morrow County, Ohio, to DeKalb County, in 1866. There were four Pierce families that made this journey. Mrs. Lincoln's father, Joseph Pierce, moved to the location one-half mile west of Fairport (Lincoln Timber). The Curtis Pierce family, John L. Pierce family, and Thomas Pierce settled close to each other just north of Fairport.

Miss Elizabeth Pierce and A. V. Lincoln were married in 1874 and started housekeeping where Mr. Lincoln was living with his mother, one-fourth mile west of Lincoln Corner. He later bought land from J. H. McKinley, one-half mile west of Fairport, known as the Lincoln Timber. Mr. Pierce moved into Fairport as proprietor of the hotel in the late '70's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln moved to the present day Lincoln Corner

in 1890. They raised six children: Charles Thomas, born 1875, married Lulu Perry; Jay Pierce, born 1878, married Stella Oaks; Arthur Garfield, born 1880; Jennie, born 1883, married Elmer Perry; Joseph Wayne, born 1887; Worth Conger, born 1890, married Rebecca Smith. All the boys lived most of their lives in the Fairport area, and raised their families here.

Miss Jennie Lincoln married Elmer Perry and went to South Dakota, where they homesteaded. They lived close to Winner, where they raised their family.

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The Samuel and Mariemna Ackley Family

Mariemna, daughter of George W. Brown and Albina Titcomb Brown, was born in Indiana in 1853, and came to Missouri, northeast of Fairport. There she met and married Samuel H. Ackley, who had come to Fairport from New York in a covered wagon. The ceremony was performed by H. C. Burnham in 1871. They lived on this farm their entire married life. Shown in front of the family home is Gertie, Maggie, and father, Samuel Ackley.



Mother
Mariemna Brown



Nellie Dewey (right), mother of Mrs. Irene Sherard, Harold and Byron. Maggie (top), and Belle (left) deceased.



John Franklin (deceased), father of Mrs. Muriel Frazer and Loren Ackley. Miss Gertie Ackley, who lives in her lovely home in Fairport.

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The Daniel Family



50th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James Edwin Daniel in 1930. Seated: Mr. and Mrs. James E. Daniel; standing: Linnie M. Perry, George E. Daniel and Lora L. Moss.

The Daniel family of Capt. William Daniel, of early Virginia, was descended from the first Daniel, who came to England with William the Conqueror in 1066.

James Quincy Daniel, a descendant of Capt. William Daniel, was born on December 17, 1824, and married Mariam Boone Wright near Lexington, Kentucky. They moved from Kentucky to Audrain County, Missouri, in 1857. In 1878, they moved to Clay County, Missouri, and to DeKalb County in 1892, with the fourth of their nine children, James Edwin.

James Edwin married Willie Hunn. To this union three children were born: Linnie Maud (Perry), July 6, 1881; Lora Lee (Moss), November 25, 1883; and George Edwin, May 25, 1897.

Lora married Grant Mills and had Willie who is married to Granville Thompson, and they had one son named Larry Gene. Lora married for the second time, this time to Charles Moss. To this union seven children were born: Pearl; Earl; Homer, whose children are Bonita, Charles, Dale, John, Lora, and Joan; Bonnie's (Moulton) children are Gloria Lee and Dwight; John had one son, Jack; George had one daughter, Laurel; Norma (Johnson) who has three children: Jerry, Gene and Beth Ellen.

George E. married Hazel Pittsenbarger and to this union a daughter and a son were born: Carol, who died while still young, and Covell, who married Ruth Redman and their children are Robert and Sandra.

Linnie, the daughter of the James E. Daniel family, married A. L. Perry and there were three children.

Gladys E. married Charles Tate and to this union two sons were born, James Boyd Tate and Charles Wendell Tate. Charles W. married Velma Estes and six daughters were born to this union: Rosalie (Sandgren), Martha (Estes), Frieda (Boyer), Ann (Annis), Vivian (Swope), and Roberta Sue (Steiner). Arthur E. married Garnett Squires and their children are Yvonne (Brice) and A. J. Perry.



A Pioneer Craftsman Joseph Halter

It isn't always that the ability to make beautiful things from practically nothing is passed down from one generation to another but this ability was one of the great heritages of the descendants of Joseph Halter. He and his wife, Susan Shank Halter, built the log cabin and reared their family of ten children on the farm which has remained in the family until recent years.

The children, who reached man and womanhood, established homes in the Fairport community. They were:

Emma, who became the wife of William Wolf and the mother of Clarence, Earl, Velma (Mrs. Claude Waggoner), and Ester (deceased), wife of Ivil Salmon.

Nancy was the wife of Abraham Eggleston. She died at the time of the birth of her daughter, Myrtle (Mrs. Arch Campbell). Mrs. Jennie Campbell Meek of Maysville is one of her daughters.

Leander Halter who never married.

Sarah Ellen (Dolly) was the wife of Charles Williams.

John was married to Flora Pearl and their children were Glen, Lawrence (both deceased) and Bernice Johnson. John Halter was president of the Fairport Bank at the time of his death. Harold and John Halter are the sons of Lawrence.

All the Joseph Halter children and their wives and husbands are deceased except Mrs. Emma Wolf who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Waggoner. She will soon be 97 years old and kept very busy with all kinds of hand work until recently.



John E. and Elizabeth Henderson Bird, with their nine children, came from Morrow County, Ohio, to DeKalb County, Missouri, in 1866. West of Fairport, they settled on land which has been in the possession of his heirs since that time. Their children were: Esther B. Winget, Sarah B. Hoskin, Harriet B. Pierce, Miles, Charles E., James P., William H., Nathaniel, and John S. Bird.



Mr. and Mrs. Burr Bird



Nathaniel married Deida Amiah Standley of Illinois in 1869.

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| Burr-Blanche
Glaze | Ira-Clara
Edmondson | Clara-Mack
Manring |
| Marie B. Wogan | Mary B. Pritchard | Lloyd |
| Burlah B. Warner | Mabel B. Davis | Merle
Chever |

In Memory of the Family of John E. Bird

William H. changed the spelling from Bird to Byrd. Nathaniel acquired most of the land. His widow (Aunt Ida) moved to Fairport and Burr became owner of the home place. His daughter, Burlah, and husband, Leland Warner, reside on the farm today. Mrs. Nathaniel Bird operated a millinery shop after coming to Fairport. After the death of their parents, her granddaughters, Mary and Mabel Bird, and an orphan girl, Rowena Williams, were reared by her.

Best Wishes

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The Family of Thomas W. Denny

After their marriage in Hardin County, Kentucky, September 24, 1857, Thomas W. Denny and Susan M. Dillingham started immediately to Missouri in a covered wagon. Two and one-half miles east of the present town of Fairport, they cleared the land and built a log cabin.

Children born to this marriage were:

James W., born 1858, married Lydia, daughter of Captain G. Brown. Son, John, of Kansas City, survives.

George M., born 1859, married Annie Pearson of Guilford and later Mrs. Mollie Hill Baker. Surviving sons are Roy Denny of Maysville, and Leonard Denny of Wichita, Kansas.

Alice, born 1861, married Harry Bell of Union Star, Mo. Thomas Potter, of this community, is surviving grandson.

Frances, born 1865, married C. D. McCrea, one of early business men of Fairport. Later married to Hiram Graham, pioneer of Fairport.

Melford A., born June 24, 1869, lived over 99 years. Married Ora A. Smith of Civil Bend, Mo. Survived by daughter, Evorie, Mrs. Harley Fisher. M. A. lived his entire life on the Denny homestead. The land is now farmed by Ernest Denny, son of Roy Denny.

Nine Who Came in a Covered Wagon

The latter part of October in the year 1865, Nathaniel McMillin, his wife Hannah Pittman McMillin, their son Van Evrie, and William Pittman, his wife Rebecca Stephen Pittman; their four children Thomas, John, Sarah and Jane loaded their belongings in a covered wagon and left Pulaski, Ohio, to make a new home in Missouri.

One month later they arrived on the last bank of Lost Creek. The creek was out and they made camp and waited for the water to go down. They arrived in Maysville on Thanksgiving Day. They stayed at the Iden House, often known as the Maysville House, for about a week, then came to the farm where the Sam Davis family now lives, where they spent the winter of 1865-66.

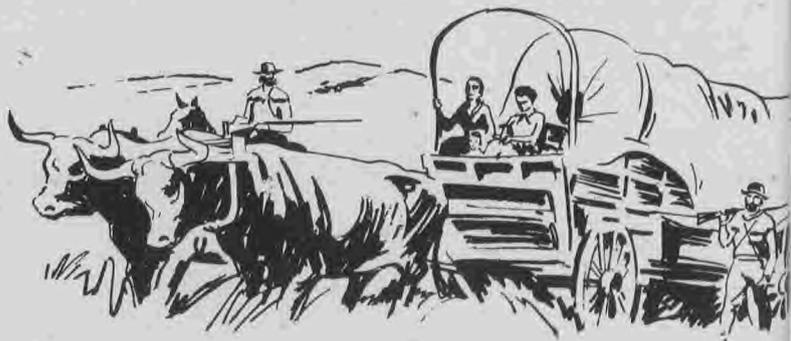
Mr. and Mrs. Pittman remained on that farm the remainder of their lives. They raised four more children, Kate Pittman Sherard, Minnie Pittman Palmer, William, Jr., and Carl.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillin spent most of their remaining lifetime on the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Harley Fisher reside today.

They were the parents of five more children: William, Elivin, Delphine McMillin Fisher, Carrie McMillin Graves and Fred. With the exception of Carrie and Van Evrie, all spent their lifetime in the Fairport Community and all were farmers.

At the present time there are only three descendants of the McMillin family living in the Fairport Community and they are: Harley Fisher, Marjorie McMillin Moore, and Robert Charles Moore.

To this writer's knowledge there are only two descendants of the Pittman family who remain in the immediate neighborhood and they are John D. Eggleston, Jr., and John D. Eggleston III.



The Benjamin Denny Family

The Benjamin Denny family descended from Hardin County, Kentucky. It was his father, Alexander Denny, noted snare drummer, who beat the stirring tunes that awakened the fighting blood of the Kentuckians to enlist under the flag of Andrew Jackson. Again in 1846 and 1847, the roll of the drums under young Alexander Denny called the men to fight in the Mexican War.

Alexander Denny's two sons, Thomas and Benjamin, came to Missouri and homesteaded land in the early 1800's east of Fairport. Aunt Mary Denny, as she was known, was the sister of Abraham Mills, father of Grant, Tom, Charles, Ed, and Dow Mills.

Benjamin and Mary Denny were the parents of 12 children: Eliza Ann Flanders, Minnie Flanders, Zerilda Williams, Link, Butler, Shack, Ed, Henry, Alex, and James. The only descendants of this area are: Mack, Lawrence, and Charles Flanders, Mary Flanders (Mrs. Roy Richards), Mrs. Nannie Lollar of Cameron, and Mrs. Bernice Whitchurch Scurlock, of Maysville. Mrs. Lulu Williams of Fairport is the widow of Delbert Williams, who lived on the Williams homestead, and was a grandson of Benjamin Denny.

Some of the neighbors of this pioneer family, both in Kentucky and Missouri, were John and Elizabeth Rutherford, Asher Jenkins, William Parrott, Ambrose Tucker, Mack Thomas (an uncle for whom the Mac Thomas Cemetery in Adams Township east of Maysville was named), Riley Clarke, Lee Perry, Joseph Williams and many others.

This family was noted for its ability to play the fiddle and played for many dances. The Denny home was noted for its dances and big holiday dinners. Some who were remembered as attending were Bob Duncan, William, Tom, James Flanders, the older Perry and Sherard boys, George Johnson, John Graham, John Dunham, and many others.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Denny operated the Fairport Hotel at one time.

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This is a rather dim picture which was supplied by Mrs. Roy Richards (Mary Flanders) of Cameron. This was one of the usual great family gatherings of the Dennys, Mills, Flanders and many others who were neighbors at that time. Mary Denny was noted for her huge dinners, serving peacock, turkey, many cakes and pies.



THE COUNTRY SCHOOL

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| 1. Sam Stephen | 12. Mary Hartwell (Mrs. Marion Hartwell) |
| 2. Eva Osborn | 13. Myrtle Estes Snap |
| 3. Mrs. Bruce Landis | 14. Kale DeHart (Prof.) |
| 4. Bertha DeHart (Mrs. Kale DeHart) | 15. Ocie McCool |
| 5. Mrs. Chet Pierson | 16. Viola Stephens (Mrs. Ira Stephens) |
| 6. John Kennedy | 17. Gertie Robinson |
| 7. Fred Osborn | 18. Albert Lincoln |
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| 9. Mrs. Pritchard (Mrs. Nelson Pritchard) | 20. Dr. Landis |
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| 11. Harvey Law | 22. Nora Law (Mrs. Harvey Law) |

The Estes Family



Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Estes



A. T. Estes, Sr., and Family

Seated, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Estes, Sr., and Marie Estes (baby); Front row, left to right: Kent Estes, Gerald Hancock, Irene Bray, Vivian and William Estes; Standing, left to right: Gladys Bray, A. T. Estes, Jr., Belle Estes, C. E. Estes, Graces Estes, Emmet Estes, Eva Bray, Scott Bray, Alice Hancock, Jack Hancock, and Velma Estes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Estes and Family
(Velma, William, Vivian, and Kent)



Alfred Tyler Estes was born in 1846 on his father's farm ten miles southwest of Plattsburg, Missouri. He was a pioneer settler of DeKalb County. His parents were Joel and Rebecca Estes, who came to Clay County from Kentucky. Joel died in 1855. Alfred lived with his widowed mother in Clay County until he married Polly Mimiram Harrel on January 24, 1871.

To the Alfred Estes' family were born Charles on October 31, 1871, and Jack in 1874. At this time a terrible grasshopper scourge struck Clay County and Alfred came to DeKalb County where the pests were not so disastrous. He rented and planted ten acres of land in corn. Then he moved his family to DeKalb County.

His only possessions were a wife, two sons, a team of ponies, a covered wagon, two cows, half a side of salt pork, part of a sack of flour, and 75 cents in money.

The Estes' had eight children: Rebecca, who died at an early age, Jack, Charlie, Alfred, Jr., Emmett, Eva, and Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred T. Estes, Sr., both died in Maysville in 1920.

Charlie Estes attended Missouri University and the Chillicothe Normal. He was married to Cynthia Belle Turnage on October 3, 1900. They moved to a farm southwest of Fairport. From there, they moved to a homestead one-fourth mile north of Fairport, where they lived the rest of his life.

Charlie taught in the rural schools for 19 years. He then became the cashier of the Bank of Fairport in 1910 and served in that capacity for 39 years.

The children of Charlie and Cynthia Estes were Velma who married Charles Perry; Kent who married Alma Atkinson and now lives in Kansas City; Vivian who married Charles Argubright; and William Estes from Raytown.

Charlie died in 1951 and his wife, Belle, in 1967. His grandchildren are Rosalie, Martha, Frieda, Ann, Vivian, and Roberta Sue Perry; Alma June, Charles Edgar, and Raymond Estes; Dona Gail Argubright; and Cynthia Estes.



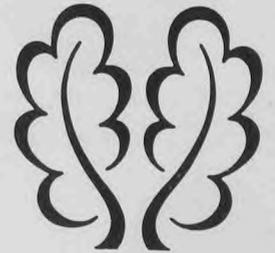


Seth and Rachael Davis,
Thomas's Parents

Sam Davis

Family

Tree



Left to Right, Top Row: Frank,
Bert, Mae, Howard, and Ralph.

Bottom Row: Lois, Thomas,
Wesley, Lesley, and Ellen.

Thomas and Ellen Davis,
Frank's Parents



Edith and Frank Davis,
Sam's Parents



Sam and Jennie Casper,
Edith's Parents



Robert and Theresa Campbell,
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Oliver Graham Family



Oliver Graham and his wife, Melinda Dakan, came to DeKalb County from Marion, Ohio, in an oxen drawn covered wagon in the 1840's. They established their home northwest of Maysville. They lost all their possessions except a side saddle in a prairie fire. The family found refuge in a small creek.

Oliver was a Civil War veteran. He preceded his wife in death by sixteen years. They had seven children, four girls and three boys.



Columbus Graham, cared for by his nephew, James Maret, and family, later Leo and Iola Maret.



John Graham married Priscilla Sherard. Their children are Esther Ross, Pansy Campbell, Ella, Jesse, and Johnnie Graham.



Hiram W. Graham married first Louisa Daniel. Their children were Ella Sparks (deceased) and Nancy Burnham. Second marriage to Emma Austin. Zepha VanMeter is their daughter. Third marriage was to Fanny Denny McCrea.



Lavina married Levi Wood. Their children were Robert, James, Hiram, B. H. (Jake) Oliver, John, Cynthia, and Minnie (all deceased).



Lucinda married S. G. Maret. Their children are Louisa Wolf, Etta Wolf, and Linnie Burnie (deceased).



Sarah married Jesse Maret. Their children were Mabel Mae Thompson, John T., James S., Zoe Sherard, J. Ben, Olive Blanche and Wallace (all deceased). Others: Maud M. Hoskin, Haden N., Columbus W., Jessie Opal and Ruth Cunningham.



Ella married Jacob Sherard. She died young. Jacob later married Zoe Maret. Their children are Herbert, and Sarah Kathryn Casper.

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Front row: Rhoda Estep, Harry Estep, Claud Estep, R. B. Estep; Back row: Blanche Glaze Bird, Ira Estep, Iva Estep Smith.



The Estep Family

Richard E. (Dick) Estep was born in Ohio, June 7, 1851. He moved from Ohio to Missouri in 1865, and came from Clinton County to Grant Township. A pioneer of this region, he married Rhoda Henry on December 21, 1878.

They were the parents of five children, who have all lived in the Fairport vicinity. They are: Ira (deceased 1955), Mrs. Iva Smith, Harry, and Claud Richard. One died in infancy. Blanche Glaze Bird also made her home with them before her marriage.

Other descendants in the Fairport community are grandchildren—Jack Estep, Mildred Estep Magee, and Marilyn Estep Haley, also Burlah Bird Warner; Richard E. Smith of Virginia, Janice Estep Mix, Amity, and Marie Bird Wogan of Union Star.

Great-grandchildren include John Richard Haley of Fairport; Diane, Kay, and Dennis Mix of Amity; Charlene Smith Finiello, New Mexico, and Jerald Ann Smith, Virginia; Ron and Terry Warner, St. Louis; Kermit Wogan, Kansas City, and Yvonne Wogan Houchin of Kansas.

Dick Estep took a keen interest in politics, and for a period of some forty years was a country school teacher. At the time of his death on June 20, 1928, he had probably taught school longer than any other teacher in DeKalb County.

The Titcomb Family

Another pioneer family who did much in making the history of Fairport so interesting was the Titcomb family. They came from Maine before the Civil War in a covered wagon, cleared land, and built a cabin for the family. Otis Titcomb, well known band leader and musician, was a descendant. His daughter, Verlie, is still living.

Velma (Mrs. Oscar Ellis), a daughter, was one of the leaders and active officers in the Christian Church, the American Legion Auxiliary, and was a pioneer school teacher. She is now deceased.



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Claud Estep



Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Richey

Dr. Lawrence Alvin Richey was born June 18, 1877, in Maryville, Mo., the son of Alvin and Elizabeth Richey. He received his education in Maryville and graduated from the Ensworth School of Medicine in St. Joseph in 1900. With his wife, Viola, he moved to Fairport where he opened his first office in April, 1901.

The mode of travel was quite different in those days. Dr. Richey traveled all over the territory with horse and buggy. The snow drifts filled the roads and there were no snow plows to open them.

It was an all day or night venture to reach a few miles. The night was never too cold or stormy for the doctor to go where he was needed. Many a night he stayed with the patient waiting for the crisis of pneumonia or some other acute disease.

When one became ill with appendicitis or other operative disease, a doctor was called from St. Joseph to assist with the operation which was performed on the kitchen table with kerosene lamps, using lots of boiling water. Surprising as it may seem, seldom an infection was encountered.

All babies were born in the home. The doctor was assisted by the accommodating neighbors who so freely gave of their time. During the flu epidemic of World War I, Dr. Richey spent days and nights traveling from one home to another. He would have a driver change his team so they could travel at a faster rate of speed.

Dr. Richey continued his practice of medicine in the Fairport community until his death on November 13, 1936.

Four daughters were born to Dr. and Viola Richey: Mrs. Elizabeth Ginn of Maysville, Mrs. Lois McMillan, Manteca, Calif., Mrs. Jean Bram, Maysville, Mo., and Mrs. Loraine Wyatt of St. Joseph.

Dr. Richey is survived by nine grandchildren: Rev. Harland Ginn, Kansas City, Mo., J. L. Ginn, Ak-

ron, Ohio, Mrs. Carol Ginn Harris, Bolivar, Mo.; Keith McMillan, Stockton, Calif.; Major Carl McMillan, U. S. Air Force; Donald Gene McMillan (deceased); Beverly Bram Knorr, Weisboden, Germany; George Wyatt III; and John Peter Bram of Maysville, who with his wife, Jane, and daughter, Jennifer Anne, are associated with his father in the funeral profession serving DeKalb County.



Operated Picture Gallery

George Harvey was one of our senior citizens of yesteryear. He operated a picture gallery, as it was called in the early days, in his home in Fairport. It is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Magee.

The Harvey family was reared here. The children were Count, Joy, now Mrs. Jess Thompson, Paul, Wayne, Vernon, and Menton. They moved from here to south Missouri, and later back to Ford City, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Many of the pictures which have been used in the Centennial Book were taken by Mr. Harvey in his picture gallery.

He was a religious person and was Sexton of the Baptist Church. He took an active part and was never known to be absent from church services.

Fairport was very fortunate to have had this family in its community.



Some of the Postmasters

A. S. Higgins

Charles McCrea

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Mrs. Guy Sherard

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Kate Sherard

Lelah T. Henry

Marjorie Burnham

The Rice and Hartwell Families



Marion Hartwell, born in Ohio, February 23, 1843, entered service August 25, 1862, as a private in Company F, Regiment 81, Ohio, Int., discharged May 19, 1865. He had a slight gunshot wound July 28, 1864, at Atlanta, Ga., discharged by general's order. He was one of the leading citizens of Fairport and promoted all worthwhile activities. He died July 10, 1934.

They had two children, Bert and Abbie (Rice).



T. C. AND ABBIE HARTWELL RICE'S 50TH WEDDING CELEBRATION

Toliver C. Rice, born in Turney, Mo., November 22, 1876, married Abbie Hartwell in Kansas City, Mo., December 13, 1902.

After finishing the Sweeney Auto School in Kansas City, T. C. opened a garage in the tin building near the Baptist Church, later replacing it with a new building which burned in 1932. They spent their declining years in the Sunset Nursing Home of DeKalb County in Maysville.

Their four children—Almeda K. Rice Endicott, Bert D., Wayne Hadley, and Garel Willie helped them celebrate their fiftieth anniversary.



FOUR GENERATIONS

Great-grandmother Abbie Pierce
 Grandmother Mary Hartwell
 Mother Abbie Rice
 Baby Bert Rice

Mary Hartwell was a school teacher and taught both white and colored pupils at the Maple Grove School.

MARION HARTWELL'S SISTERS

Sarah H. Klein
 Lusetta H. Duncan

The Fairport Circle No. 57, Ladies of the G. A. R. Department of Missouri was organized January 16, 1926, with 18 charter members. They first met at the homes of the members, but later a building was donated by Mrs. Lusetta Duncan where the meetings were held until the building was destroyed by fire October 28, 1936.



The Poteet and Daniel Families

A very interesting family and community history was found in the story of the Poteet and Daniel family.

Robert Poteet came from Kentucky with relatives by the name of Best. Some of the Best family were well known around Pattonsburg. Mr. Poteet went to St. Joseph where he met and married Ellen Lyon, who was a relative of General Lyon, hero of the Wilson Creek Battle in 1861. One of the Poteet daughters, Amanda, met and married Joshua Daniel, a traveler, merchant, and well known school teacher.

Mr. Joshua Daniel's parents were Jonathan and Nancy Marshall Daniel. They were originally from Indiana where the Marshall family took an active part in their community in establishing early government schools after the war.

Robert Poteet and his family purchased land from the government and established their home. Some of this land passed to the daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel. Before the death of Mrs. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Hunter became the owners of the land. John D. Eggleston, a nephew by marriage, now farms the land. John D. Eggleston, Jr., and J. D. III are direct descendants of the Poteet family through the mother and grandmother, Bernice Daniel Eggleston.

Like so many Kentuckians, Mr. Poteet loved beautiful race horses. He had a stable and owned race horses. He made yearly trips to Lexington, Ky., where he entered race horses. Being a Southerner, Mr. Poteet had negro slaves in the home land. The negro family came to Missouri with him. The negroes were freed and given a wagon, team, plow, and other commodities so they could establish a home. After a time the Wilson family returned to the Poteet home, as they wanted to be near them as their beloved former master. Ike Wilson married Priscilla Haskell from a well known negro family. The other brother, Abe Wilson, died in the Poteet home. Because of muddy roads which made it impossible to take the body to a negro cemetery, Abe was buried in a private lot on the Poteet-Daniel farm. His casket was made from native walnut by James Rutherford, a neighbor, who carefully polished and assembled the casket.

Joshua and Amanda Daniel became the parents of four children: Aria, now Mrs. Aubrey Hunter; Ernest was married to Georgia (Deta) Murray, and their children are Bernice (Mrs. John D. Eggleston) (deceased), Maureen, Maxine, and Murray Daniel; Lois now Mrs. Ernal Waite, has two children, Dan and Robert Waite; Robert married Vida Moore, and they have one daughter, Vida Beth.

Although Mr. Daniel was an ardent Yankee and Mrs. Daniel an ardent Southerner, they reared their family in love of a principle and not on sectional beliefs.

Other Poteet children were Mary, who married Frank Dildine; Robert, Ben, Martha, and James Poteet. Mrs. Nancy Burnham of Fairport is a direct descendant of Nancy Marshall Daniel, and Hal Shelman of Maysville is a direct descendant of Robert Poteet.



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Lorenze and Orilla Hunt Pritchard



Edson K. and Dora McClain Pritchard

Could This Be One of the Oldest "Family Trees"?

Pritchard Family

The ancestors of the Pritchard family came from Wales to the Massachusetts Bay Colony about 1636. Descendants of the pioneer family migrated from St. Lawrence County, New York, and established homes in DeKalb County.

Lorenzo Horace Pritchard, born in 1828, married Orilla Hunt in 1851 in Stockholm, New York. They later came to Missouri. Two of their children were Nelson and Edson K. or Edward.

Lorenzo Pritchard died in 1872 and his wife, Orilla, died in 1886. They are both buried in the Mac Thomas Cemetery southeast of Fairport in Adams Township.

The children of Nelson Pritchard were William, Homer, (both deceased), Roy, Ernest, and Pansy Ragen. All of this family, probably, attended Fairport School.

Edson K. Pritchard married Dora Belle McClain and reared their family in the Pritchard home less than a mile from Fairport.

Their children were: Elvis (deceased), who married Olive Lindsey, and their children were Leota and Herbert of Halfway, Mo.; William was married to Mary Bird (now deceased), and their children were Wilma (Mrs. Louis Boone) of King City, Keith, and Carolea (Mrs. Phil Hayes).

Otto was married to Alda Cogdill, and their children were Harry Otis; Coval, who was killed in World

War II; Beulah May Clayton, and Lee Wayne Pritchard. Otto and Alda are both deceased.

Edson Pritchard died in 1903, and Mrs. Dora Pritchard died in 1941.

The descendants of this pioneer family of over 325 years living in the Fairport community are: William Pritchard, Harry Otis Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wayne Pritchard and their daughters, Alda Rea, Sheri, and Sheila.



Rutherford and Miller Family

Pioneer families who came to the Fairport vicinity before the Civil War from Kentucky were: James Rutherford and his wife, Patilda Clarke Rutherford. Their children were: Basil, who died in service in World War I; Ed, Julia Schaffer, Georgia Dunham, Susan Sherard, and Timothy.

One of Mr. Rutherford's sisters was Mrs. Sam Miller and the only descendants of the Miller family that we have knowledge of are Mrs. Anna Miller Edwards and her sister, Mary.

The Rutherford and Miller farms were located south of Fairport.



Left to right, seated: Mary Duncan, John William McCrea and his wife, Susan, and Charles McCrea; standing: Phillip, Jackson, Virgil, J.W., and Elias.

The McCrea Family

Another community citizen who prospected for gold in 1849 was John William McCrea. Mr. McCrea and Susan Sharon Parrott were married in 1848.

After Mr. McCrea's return from the gold field, they established their home on the farm now known as the McCrea farm west of Fairport. This family has played an important part in the growth and development of this part of the community. The children of J. W. and Susan McCrea were: Mary, who became the wife of William Duncan and the mother of May, Susan (both deceased) and John Duncan of Maysville.

Virgil married Izora Renner and their children were Robert, Ona Belle Owen, Arville, Marvin, Allen, Raymond, Frank, Ralph (all deceased), Mrs. Eliza Edwards and Miss Nellie McCrea of Maysville; John William McCrea married Martha Woodward and were the parents of George, Maggie Martin, Gertrude Carr (all deceased), and Dan McCrea of King City.

Elias was married to Kathryn Reynolds and their children were Jackson, Glen, and Lettie McCrea Larey (all deceased). Jackson married Nora Wingate and were the parents of Mrs. Ester Burke, Charley, and Mary (all deceased). Charley McCrea married Fanny Denny, and Phillip McCrea married Lucy Roberts.

The descendants of this pioneer family living in the Fairport community are Stanley, son of Ralph McCrea; Carl and Larry, sons of Charley McCrea; Maurice and M. L., Jr., son and grandson of George McCrea.



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John Pittsenbarger,
founder of King
City, Missouri



Front Row: John Pittsenbarger, Leonard Pittsenbarger, Jake Pittsenbarger, Father, Christopher Pittsenbarger, Mother, Mary Pittsenbarger, Mary J. "Molly" Pittsenbarger, Carrie Pittsenbarger; Back Row: Al Pittsenbarger, Zella Pittsenbarger, Mark Pittsenbarger, Charlie Pittsenbarger, Steve Pittsenbarger.

The Pittsenbarger Family

Mr. John Pittsenbarger came from Indiana and settled at King City, Missouri, in 1856. He was the founder of King City and also started what was known as the Halfway House which was a stopping place for travelers between Albany and St. Joseph, Missouri. He was also the first postmaster and first blacksmith. He lived to be 93 years old. His son, Christopher Pittsenbarger, was born in Green County, Tennessee. He later married Mary Elizabeth Giffin and then settled northeast of Fairport where they lived all their lives. They settled this farm in 1878. John's daughter, Martha, died when she was 11 years old.

Christopher Pittsenbarger and his wife, Mary, had ten children. When they came from Logansport, Indiana, in a covered wagon they had the ten children, and another one was born enroute. Mr. Pittsenbarger always wondered and worried that they may have lost one or two on the way. The 11 children were:

Martha L. (deceased).

John, who married Ellen Copeland. Their children were Ernest, Edith, Vernon, Joe, Delbert, Opan, and Lloyd. *Steve* married Amelia Eades. Their children were Ray and Arthur. *Charley* married Ella Marshall. They had no children. *Carrie* married John Eggleston. They had Perry, who died at the age of two, Harvey, Bessie, Leona, and Floyd. Carrie lost her husband and was left with four small children and Christopher Pittsenbarger took them all into his home and cared for them. *Mark* married Della Crabill. Their children were a child who died at birth and Hazel.

Mark did lots of carpenter work in DeKalb Coun-

ty and there are many homes all around the country which he helped to build. *Al* never married. *Zella* married Nelson Pickrell. They had Earl, who died at age 3, Cleo, Ruth, Pearl, Gladys, Dan, Bess, and Paul. *Zella* and Nelson Pickrell moved to Tipton, Oklahoma, and raised their family. *Len* married Della Thompson. Their children were Hubert, Bruce, and Lawrence. *Jake* did not marry. *Mary "Molly"* married Ira Estep. Their children were Mildred and Jack. Mrs. Mary J. Estep, "Molly" was born in a covered wagon on a trip from Indiana to where her father and mother settled near Fairport.

Most all of these children have lived and raised their families in and around Fairport. *Zella* moved to Oklahoma and John Pittsenbarger and his wife moved to Kansas and raised their family.

The descendants now living in and around Fairport are: Jack Estep and wife, Treslyn; Millred Estep (McGee) and husband, Wayne McGee; Lawrence Pittsenbarger and wife, Ida, children Larry Pittsenbarger and Twila Halter; Grace Pittsenbarger and son, Dick, his wife Shirley, their children Carol, Paula, and Janet; Bruce Pittsenbarger and wife, Bernice, their daughter Betty Freihage, husband "Bud" Freihage, her children Roger and Cindy Eulinger; Max Neil and his wife, Claire, their children Rae Ann and Wally; Ruth Eggleston and son Paul, his wife, Marilyn, their children Curtis, Ray, Timmy, and Randy; John D. Eggleston, his son John, Jr., his wife, Twila, and their son, John D. Eggleston, III.

Courtesy of
Hazel Pittsenbarger Daniel

Shirley Pittsenbarger
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Golden Weddings

The Perry Family

Leander Perry was born on March 3, 1809, in the upper New York State. He was a descendant of the Landcasters in England. Early in the 1830's, he migrated to Plattsburg, Missouri, and married Sarah Jones in 1831. Four children - Adeline, Susan, Eliza, and Albert - were born. Early in 1841, they moved to DeKalb County, northeast of Maysville, Missouri, where Oliver, Mary, Alexander, Charles W., and Nancy were born.

Charles W. Perry married Flora Caroline Moss on December 25, 1870, and Almeda and Bessie were born to them in DeKalb County before the family moved to Wyoming on the Little Horse Creek, 35 miles northeast of Cheyenne. There Oliver N., Arthur L., Lula, and Herbert A. were born. In 1884, they moved back to Missouri and settled on a 240 acre farm northeast of Maysville. Children born after returning to Missouri were Ethel, Earl, Cecil and Velma.

Almeda married Wilber Renner. Children born to them were Leo, Perry Wilberta, Ruth, Eunice, and Allen.

Bessie married Burt H. Phelps; Oliver married Bertie Perry and their children were Blanche, Harl, Helen, and Burt. Arthur L. married Linnie Daniel. Their children were Charles W., Gladys, and Arthur E.

Lula married Charles T. Lincoln. Their children were Lucille, Charles J., and Keith. Herbert A. married Forest Sparks. Children born to them were Clinton W., Carolyn M., and Evelyn F. Earl married Nettie Brennon and Mildred was their only child. Cecil married Ada Anderson and had one son, Kenneth. Velma married C. M. Phelps. There were no children.

Herbert A. Perry went to Graham County, Kansas, and farmed with his brother-in-law, Burt H. Phelps, for two years. Later he operated a hardware and general store in Fairport until 1946, when he retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Perry were the parents of Clinton Perry, Caroline Perry, and Evelyn Perry.



Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Perry-1947. They were the parents of Blanche Williams, Harl Perry, Helen Thompson, and Burton Perry.



Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Perry were the parents of Charles W. Perry, Mrs. Charley Tate, and Arthur E. Perry.





Will and Ollie McMillin 50th Anniversary

A surprise gathering honoring the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William McMillin, on October 19, 1941.

Those shown in the picture as recognized are: front row: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Humphrey, Mr. William McMillin, Mrs. Genn Humphrey, Marjorie McMillin, Mr. and Mrs. Charley McMillin, Mrs. G. C. Fisher, and Mrs. William McMillin. In the back row: M. A. Denny, Dean and Lee Humphrey, Ula McMillin, G. C. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Bell (the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McMillin), Mr. and Mrs. Myron Bell and Gerald Bell (grandson of Mr. and Mrs. McMillin).

Mr. and Mrs. William McMillin were pioneers living north of Fairport.

Fairport Business

April 28, 1915

B. G. Stephen installed a Bowser Red Sentry Gasoline Storage tank and filter last week and reduced the price of gasoline to 12c. This is a splendid equipment and the auto owners will appreciate it as their tanks can be filled by simply running a hose from the pump to the car tank. Fairport is up to date just like a city many times its size.

H. A. Law had so much welding to do with the new Presto Gas machine that the first drum of gas run out in a very few days, and work was delayed until more gas could be secured. The welding done by the

machine is of a fine quality and the machine bids fair to be of great value to the community.

Our Blacksmiths are working overtime sharpening plows and listers and getting the other farm machinery in order for the seasons work.

Pugh's Cafe received a nice line of select candy this week. Mell is making a specialty of nice candy and his line is drawing the trade for the sweets.

Ed Mallory is clerking in the Fairport Drug Store while Mr. Black takes a vacation.

Ed Daniel has been making the roads hot the past week with the new livery auto which he purchased recently.

The D. O. C. Williams & Co., store has a nice display of Axminster and velvet rugs this week. They are large rugs and extra good values.

Wanted—200 more families to read the Fairport Progress. Pass your paper on to someone who is not a subscriber when you have finished it. Thanks.

Ninety-two cases of eggs were taken in Saturday by the Fairport Merchants and Produce men. When the eggs come in at the rate of over 33,000 per day it looks like the hens were busy.

H. A. Perry has a nice assortment of Perfection Oil stoves and ranges on display. Oil stoves will soon be in great demand when the weather warms up in earnest.

A shipment of about 40 bushels of seed corn was received Saturday from the Cottrell Seed farm by D. O. C. Williams & Co. The farmer who gets in early and gets his seed corn from this corn will make no mistake. Remember Mr. Cottrell's guarantee is behind it.

Family reunion of the Christopher Pittsenbarger family





Robert Smith Family

Robert Smith is the son of Thomas and Laura I. (Silvers) Smith. The father was born in Pulaski County, Kentucky, on September 21, 1807, and is the son of Robert Smith, who is a native of Rowan County, North Carolina. He first moved to Kentucky, and then to Howard County, Missouri, of which he was one of the pioneers. The father removed to DeKalb County in 1845, locating on a farm in Grant Township. He saw the Platt Purchase grow from a barren waste of prairie into one of the most productive counties.

The mother was born in Kentucky in 1811. She was the daughter of Hugh Silvers, a native of North Carolina, who moved to Kentucky and then to Missouri. The parents lived a quiet life, universally beloved and respected. They both were members of the Baptist Church.

Robert was the second of six children, and was born in Cass County, Missouri, on July 21, 1835. He was reared on a farm and acquired an education in the common schools. He resided in DeKalb County ten years before there was a school in Grant Township.

He left his parents at the age of 21 years and engaged in farming for himself. At the breaking out of the war, he and his father took sides with the Union and enlisted in the Army, the father in Company C of the Forty-third Missouri Regiment of the Infantry, but previous to this he had been a captain in the Home Guards. Robert enlisted in 1863, in Company K of the State Militia, in which he held a commission as First Lieutenant.

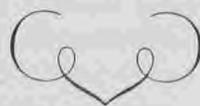
He purchased 120 acres of land three and a half miles northwest of Fairport in 1856. To this he added 180 acres, making 300 acres of fine farm land.

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CHILDREN OF ROBERT SMITH

Wade H. Smith, Rebecca Smith Lincoln, Laura Smith Maret, Addie Smith Butler, Minnie Smith Neil.

In 1870-73 he was Justice of the Peace, in 1873-76 he was collector of Grant Township, and in 1880-82 he was Judge of the North District, serving the county for 2 years.

In 1857 he married Mary Angline Hoskin, daughter of Henry L. Hoskin. She was born in Ohio in 1838, and died in May, 1866. She left two sons: Edward and Thomas, and one daughter who died in infancy. In 1878 Mr. Smith was married to Effie Jane Pittman, daughter of Captain William Pittman, and to this union, twelve children were born, namely: Adline Butler, Robert, Fulton, William R., John Q., Andrew Jackson, Franklin, Minnie C. Neil, Ward B., Rebecca Lincoln, Laura Maret, Bessie, who died at the age of 2 years, and Wade H.



History of Henry Family

by Harrison Henry

The original family of John Henry came from Kentucky to Buchanan County sometime in the 1850's and settled near what is Easton and Gower today. In the year 1855 two sons of John Henry named Absolom and Issac came to DeKalb County and entered farms. Absolom Henry had gone to California in 1851 and found gold. His family did not hear from him for over three years. He came back on a ship around South America to New Orleans, then up the Mississippi to St. Louis and up to the Missouri home. Claud and Harry Estep now own the land he entered. Their mother was his daughter. She was Rhode Henry and married Richard Estep.

My grandfather, Isaac Henry, entered land now owned by William Pritchard and Mildred Estep Magee. He later sold it and moved about two miles southwest. The land is now owned by Mrs. Charles Perry and Stanley McCrea.

Absolom Henry was born in 1816 and Isaac Henry was born in 1818. Abraham Chaney was an uncle of the Henry Brothers and he settled east of Fairport.



In memory of

CAL SMITH, grandfather of Johnnie Hoskin

by Johnnie Hoskin

The Sherard Family

On Christmas Day, 1840, James Sherard, Jr., and family of ten children, his brother-in-law, Andrew Corneliuson and his family arrived in Grant Township from their Indiana home. They had pre-empted 700 acres and arrived with large droves of horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs. They brought with them farm equipment, looms, spinning wheels, blacksmith and carpenter tools, and leather workings.

This location was chosen because of the abundance of running water, timber and wild game—ducks, geese, turkeys, prairie chickens, fish, and buffalo. There were also many berries, plums, and other wild fruit. The bee trees also furnished food and revenue.

Three of the Sherard children married into the Perry family. They all married and their descendants grew to adulthood in the Fairport vicinity.



Top row (left to right): Ruth S. Gorham, James, Jr., Sarah S. Castor. Seated (left to right): Olive Root Sherard, Stewart, James Sherard, Sr.

James and Delaney Sherard, sons of Jesse Sherard, who homesteaded the farm now known as the Charles McMillin farm, were the first customers in the town of Fairport. James, Sr., who was nine years old, made the first purchase. He bought a dime's worth of tea off the wagon of Mr. Barton, who was the first merchant in Fairport.

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History of the Williams Family

In 1844, Benjamin and Elizabeth Williams and their children, left Tennessee for Missouri and settled two and three-fourths miles east of Fairport. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters.

George married Elizabeth Sherard and lived south of Fairport. Their fourteen children are all now deceased.

John H. was killed on the first day of the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, during the Civil War, on March 7, 1862, and was buried in Union Cemetery at Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Joseph L. (Bud), married Cynthia Ann Smith, 1868, lived near old home place east of Fairport. Parents of twelve children, two still living—Mrs. Charley Eiberger (Charlotte) of Clarksdale, Mo., and Mrs. Ezra Swope (Grace) of Kansas City, Mo.

Marion married Zerelda Denny Duncan. He lived entire life on the old Williams homestead. They were

parents of two children, Ruby Hedrick, died 1916, and Delbert, died 1963.

Eliza, married to William Case. Parents of three sons and two daughters. Lived east of Fairport on what is now the Glen Ginn farm. All are deceased.

Cathryn lived with her parents until their death and then made her home with her brother, Marion.

H. A. Law, Blacksmith

H. A. Law started his blacksmith business in Fairport in 1890, in a rented property on the west side of north Main street. He later bought and enlarged his place of business. He repaired or built carriages and wagons, did blacksmithing, painting and horseshoeing. He also carried carriage hardware, and handled a full line of farm machinery.

Mr. Law's father, Willard Law, ran the mill at Nigger Heel, where Mr. Law was born and reared. H. A. Law was a good mechanic and employed nothing but skilled labor.

The Tunks Family

G. W. Tunks was born in Clark County, Ohio, on August 10, 1823. On January 10, 1850, he was united in marriage with Silence B. Beazly. In the fall of 1869, they came to Missouri and located their home in Grant Township.

G. W. Tunks was a paymaster for the Union Army in the Civil War and was paid for that service in land grants located in DeKalb County. He selected the spot

with a surveyor, three miles west of Fairport, and staked the land.

He transported his family and possessions across the prairie from Stewartville, Missouri. This family experienced barn raising, planting hedges for fences, raising flax, spinning and weaving, and making clothes by hand.

Some of the descendants who live in the Fairport vicinity are George, George Jr., Clyde, Mellie, Billy, Loa Blackley and young John.



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The Gideon Thompson III Family



Gideon Thompson III, a native of Kentucky, came to Missouri before the Civil War. He married Ann Gillian, and their children were Martha Ann, Piety, James, Watson Gillian, Robert, Gideon IV, Ruth, and Victoria.

Martha Ann married Hiram Chaney and later moved to Kansas. Piety married John Osborn; James Thompson married Jane Shaw. Watson Gillian married Nancy Crume; Robert married Ann Bledsoe; Ruth married Commodore Perry Bledsoe; Victoria married James Strong.

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Born to the Leonard Pittsenbargers were Hubert Thompson, deceased 1953; Bruce Leonard, and Lawrence Eugene. Their grandchildren are Richard D. Pittsenbarger, son of Hubert; Betty Rea Pittsenbarger Freihage, daughter of Bruce; Larry Dean and Twila Rose Halter, children of Lawrence. Great-grandchildren are Carol, Paula, and Janet, daughters of Richard; Roger and Cindy Eulinger, children of Betty Freihage.

"Uncle Gid", as he was familiarly known, was one of the old landmarks of this vicinity being a resident of Grant Township 79 years.



Gideon Thompson IV was born October 18, 1841, Cooper County, Missouri, and departed this life December 11, 1922. He moved with his parents to St. Joseph in 1841, where he resided about two years and then came to DeKalb County. He married Ara Ann Bledsoe and had one daughter, Della, who married Leonard G. Pittsenbarger.





Front row seated: Julia Wolf Roloson, John Wolf, Charlotte Smith Wolf, Etta Wolf Weigand. Back row: Dave, Robert, William, George, Thomas, and Golden.

John W. Wolf's Decendants

One of the sturdy pioneers of the Fairport community was John W. Wolf, who emigrated from Germany with his father in the 1850's when he was a young man. He migrated to the Fairport community where he met the daughter of another pioneer family, Miss Charlotte Smith, daughter of Thomas Smith. They were married in June, 1859. They established their home northwest of Fairport. Later they bought the Wolf homestead and reared their family. Clarence and Earl Wolf, their grandsons, live on that farm now.

The Wolf family consisted of Golden, who married Elizabeth Bist, and their children were John, William (both deceased), Cynthia Leonard, Ernest, Lottie Fleming, Vina Redman, Frank, and Goldia Sabens. Thomas married Amanda Chaney and their children were Fred (deceased), Floyd, Frank, Ford, Farris, and Forest (Jack). George was married to Emma Jones and their children are Gladys, Kelly, Helen Smith, Ruth McCreary, Minnie Kissinger, and Carl Wolf.

William was married to Emma Halter and their

children are Clarence, Earl, Mrs. Velma Waggoner, and Mrs. Ester Salmon (deceased).

Robert was married to Bertha Eggleston and their two daughters are Ara Wise and Elve Hudson. Etta married Kasper Weigand and their children were Clara Miller, Pearl Knudson, Lawrence and Harold (deceased).

Julia became the wife of Henry Roloson and their son is Rotta Roloson, auctioneer. David married Myrtle Carson and their children are Herbert, Lloyd, Ralph, and Clifford. Mrs. Wolf makes her home with her sons and their wives.

Other descendants of this capable family who live in the Fairport vicinity are Golden Wolf, Mrs. Leo Gunderson, and Larry Wolf.



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The Turnage Family

Jessie and Ester Odell Turnage's home was in Ray County, which is now the Excelsior Springs Country Club.

They had four sons: Edwin, John, William, and Isaac. When their mother was left a widow during the great grasshopper seige, she fervently prayed for the ten acres of corn to be spared lest she would have no feed for her family or her livestock. For some reason, the grasshoppers lifted in a cloud that darkened the sun. They took themselves, leaving her field green and growing. The neighbors came for miles to see this phenomenon.

John, William, and Isaac became Baptist ministers. Ed and William came to DeKalb County in early manhood. William married Lydia Ann Austin in 1872 at the age of 19 and 17 years. They lived to celebrate their sixty-third wedding anniversary.

Rev. Turnage served as pastor to many churches in DeKalb and Gentry County during his 60 years of preaching the gospel. His life work was preaching, but he also was a very successful farmer and stockman.

Rev. Turnage served as pastor to many churches and John Renner were instrumental in erecting the Fairport Baptist Church building.

The early years of William and Lydia Ann were spent on what is known as the Titcomb place. Later they moved to the farm now owned by Gene Gaiser. The log house was replaced by the house on the place now. When his health failed, they moved to Fairport to the house now occupied by Wayne Magee, and later to Kansas City, where Mrs. Turnage died in 1935.

Mr. Turnage made his home with a daughter, Grace C. Perry, for some time, then with Mrs. C. E. Estes he lived until his death in 1938.

They were the parents of six children: Mary, Mrs. Robert Bagby; Belle, Mrs. C. E. Estes; Grace, Mrs. Grace C. Perry, now living in Washington, D. C.; their twin sons died in infancy; and their son, Claude, died at the age of two years.

The grandchildren were Connie Bagby, who made his home with his grandparents from age 2 until manhood; Grace May Bagby, Lois Lail Bagby, Velma Estes, Kent Estes, and William Turnage Estes.



Rev. and Mrs. William Turnage Wedding Picture
His age 19; her age 17



Standing: Grace and Cynthia Belle; Seated: William and Lydia Ann Austin Turnage and Mary.



Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Estes with their grand and great-grandchildren. Front row: Cindy Estes, C. E. Estes holding J. Perry Sandgren, Mrs. C. E. Estes holding Lynn Boyer, Sue Perry; Back row: Raymond Estes, Vivian Perry, Alma June and Charles E. Estes, Frieda Boyer, Martha Perry, Rosalie Sandgren, and Ann Perry.

The Thompson and Crume Families



Four generations taken in 1908



Picture taken about 1917, shows the home of Watson G. Thompson built for his bride. Members of the Thompson family are shown with their Buick touring car purchased from the Bert Phelps agency in Maysville.

The Thompson and Crume families came from Kentucky when trouble began over slavery. Some of their older slaves came with them. They located in Buchanan County near where the county home was later established. Later they came to Gentry and DeKalb counties.

Of these families, Watson G. Thompson and Nancy Allen Crume were married and made a home 3½ miles northwest of Fairport in early 1850. They were married at her parents' home near the farm where the Wheeler Cemetery is located, just over the line in Gentry County. He had a home already built to which he brought his bride. He went on horse back to his wedding and she returned with him, riding her own horse, using a side saddle. They went by team and wagon for their supplies to the trading post of their friend, Joseph Robidoux, founder of St. Joseph, Mo. They had their flour and cornmeal ground at Gentryville. They spent all their married life at this home.

They had two sons: Sanford G. married Amanda E. Bledsoe in 1882; and John C. married Ella Gilbert in the 1890's.

Both sons built homes on the same farm where they reared their families.

All these mentioned are now deceased.



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The Jesse and Katherine Cornelison Sherard Family
Bottom row, left to right: James (Ruth, James L., Stewart, Sarah); DeLaney (Ada Curnett, Addie Whitechurch, Winnie Pittsenbarger, Etta Neil, Harold, Elmer, Ira, Clarence, Emory, Orville, and Irma); parents, Jesse and Katherine Cornelison Sherard; Jacob (Herbert, Sarah K. Casper) Manford; top row, left to right: Percilla Graham (Ella Graham, Ester Ross, Pansy Campbell, Johnnie, and Jesse); Sarah Mills (Mary McCrea, Irene Werner); Amanda Kennedy (Hazel Kennedy, Johnny, Homer); Martha Bledsoe (Blanch Hansen); William (Jennie McCammon); Jesse (Lois Lawrey, Donald); Henry (deceased).

The 700 acres extended from the Ed Turnage place on the south (now owned by Don Reese), past the Graham place on the north (now owned by Roy Gromer). The Cornelison cabin stood on the Jim Ginn farm (west of Haden Marets), and is now owned by Richard Jackson. The Sherard cabin was on the hill on the east side of the road, north of Elrod's house.

Four Sherard men married four Perry sisters—Hiram, Jesse and Will and their nephew, George, son of John.

The Woods cemetery was so called because some of the Woods family was the first to be buried there, but the deed in the court house give it a different name.

Edward Clarke owned the Glen Ginn farm during the Civil War. He had gotten it from the government. He was a member of the Home Guard and one of his duties was to take care of the flag in rainy weather. The flag stood on the hill west of his house. Many times he would have to go take it down in the night and was in the danger of being shot.

The brick that the house is made of was made by Mr. Clarke's brother. He had a brick kiln in the east side of the William Troxel pasture.

Ernest Denny, a great-grandson of Edward Clarke, lives on part of the land owned by Mr. Clarke.

Descendants of *Andrew and Mary Ann Sherard*: Perry Sherard, Ernest Denny, Kirk Flanders and Lorin Ackley of DeKalb County.

Descendants of *John and Judith Sherard*: Audra Williams and Marie Hamestad of Maryville.

William Sherard's descendants include Mrs. Ivel Castor, Mrs. Truman Botts, Andy Sherard and Oscar Moorman.

Elizabeth Johnson Smith's descendants: Marvin Johnson, Orva Hulet and Mary Lee of DeKalb County.

James and Sadona Sherard's descendants: Graham Rice of Weatherby.

Jesse Sherard's descendants: Mrs. Martha Bledsoe (a daughter), Mrs. Mary McCrea, Lois Lowry and Jesse Graham.

Nancy Maret has many descendants in Nebraska.

Hiram Sherard's descendants include: Lewis Sherard (a son in the Sunset Rest Home), Lionel and Elza Sherard, Alma Daniels of Maysville and Pearl Lamb of Cameron.

Martha - (Mrs. James Bledsoe) is now a resident of the Sunset Nursing Home in Maysville, Missouri.



The Jesse Sherard family gathering at the farm home acquired from the government in 1856 where Jesse Sherard resided his entire life. The land was the same as acquired except for the lots sold on the southwest corner of the farm that is now part of Fairport. The remaining tract was first sold after his death in 1911.



In Memory Of



Grandpa and Grandma Pearl's (R. C. Pearl) home on west Main street. Taken in February, 1959. M. E. Church in background.
Max Pearl (Grandson)



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In Memory of A. M. Gromer Family

The early origin of the Gromer family was when five brothers came to the United States from Germany about the year of 1850 and settled in the state of Ohio. Two of the brothers, Issac and William J. Gromer came to Missouri, and settled in Gentry County as it is now known. Issac was married to Mahalia Newby. To this union eleven children were born. They were George Gromer, Sr., William, Fred, Sallie, Eliza, Alexander, Richard, Samuel, John, Queen, and Nannie. Alexander Gromer was married to Maria Elizabeth Sweat. To this union was born five children: Mrs. Lucy Spaht, V. C. Gromer of Center, Colorado, Emory (deceased), G. S. Gromer of St. Joseph, Roy of Fairport, Mo. The Gromer family has owned the farm east of Fairport continuously for 109 years. Alex was the president of the Bank of Fairport at the time of his death on January 16, 1930. He was also a large land owner.

Another son of Issac and Mahalia Gromer, Samuel Gromer, attended the Missouri University, University of Chicago, and Columbia University of New York. He received his A.M. degree at Harvard and his LLD

at the University of Puerto Rico. He also studied at Oxford University. He returned to the States and taught political science and history at the old Stanberry Normal from 1891 to 1904. He taught history at the New York University in 1869 and later taught economics and history at the University of Missouri. He was appointed treasurer of Puerto Rico, from 1901 to 1909, under the administration of President Theodore Roosevelt, his close friend with whom he had attended Harvard University. Samuel was twice married; first to Miss Mary Patton, who passed away in April, 1919, and later to Miss Helen Meuller, who with a daughter survived him.

William J. Gromer, another son, was the cashier of the Pattonsburg Savings Bank for many years. George N. Gromer owned and operated a lumber yard at Pattonsburg, Missouri. Two of Issac Gromer's brothers were killed in the Civil War, and buried side by side. One fought with the north, the other for the south. The one with the north spelled his name Gromer; the other added an "o" to his name spelling it Groomer.

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We know there would be more farms in this list but they have not been reported.



McThomas or Thomas Cemetery

The patent was granted September 15, 1850, to Parley F. Ross and Urilla Ross and sold to William M. Thomas, April 18, 1851. On May 9, 1878, William M. Thomas and Melissa, his wife, sold to John Armour and in this deed is the first mention of a Thomas or McThomas Cemetery. The deed states: (except 1A now used as a family burial ground by the grantor herein) NE NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 59, Range 30 to be used as a graveyard.

Many of the early settlers around Fairport are buried in this unkept, neglected pioneer cemetery located in Adams Township and now in ownership of Ted Swartz.



Turkey Industry in Grant Township

In the early days, several farmers' wives raised turkeys to supplement their family incomes and to have a turkey on their table at Thanksgiving and Christmas time.

Some of these ladies were: Mrs. S. Grant Rice, Miss Gertrude Ackley, Lillie and Georgia Carpenter, Mrs. Arch Campbell, Mrs. Charley Fisher, Mrs. Sanford Thompson, Mrs. Fred Eulinger, Mrs. Ed McMillin, and Mrs. Bob Thompson.

In the years from 1940 to 1960 turkey raising became a major operation in the community of Fairport, and turkeys were raised by the thousands and were sold in truckloads to large packing plants. Among these turkey raisers were: Mrs. Carl Pittman, William Pittman, Ermal Waite, Herbert Wolf, Lloyd Wolf, Ralph Wolf, Gary Custer, Mrs. Lawrence Shipp, Charles Shipp, Norman Ellis.

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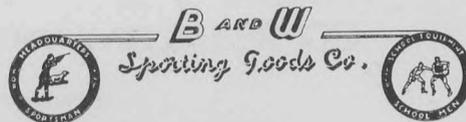
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