

HUNNEWELL NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

ANDERSON, John H. 82nd birthday, wife Eunice GOULD. (6 June 1958)

BLACKBURN, Idonia Estella HASCALL, married 1906 to Edward Lee BLACKBURN born 1862, son of Wm. Francis BLACKBURN, born 1825, civil war history.(11 Oct 1957)

BROWNE, Col Geo. Blight born 1811 in PA, son Peter A Browne born 1837 was Guard of Honor at A. LINCOLN funeral, three swords & 2 uniforms in family (10 Jan 1958)

BYRD, Wm Henry Yancey born 1877, s/o John Alexander Byrd. During the Civil War he was commissioned a Major in the CSA. Died 12 July 1958 (6 Sept 1957)

CALVERT, Jacob T and Alonzo P Oldest twins in Hunnewell. Born 1877s/o James M and Mary Taylor Calvert. (16 Aug 1957)

COUCH, Marshall, married Alvira (TURNER), one of the 49'ers who went to CA. Died in the Gold Rush. 8 children.(12 Sept 1958)

DUER, Jack. Was in the 8th United States Army Air Force and a Radioman and gunner in 1942. He Received the Commemorative Medal the 50th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War (W W II). He received a letter from Yuli M. Voronstov, Russian Ambassador to the United States.(4 Oct 1995)

FREELAND, W E, wife Minnie ,born 5 Jan 1879 in Kansas. 2 daughters (Maude and Frieda) well known journalist and representative from Taney Co. MO. Senator from Ozark Dist.(22 May 1959)

GOSNEY, James Theodora, Born 26 Nov 1876, married Anna Maria MCELROY 7 Jan 1903, 5 Children-Wilson, Mary, Forrest, Elmer, and Everett. 2 gdch Carolyn & Alvin. Anna's Father- Samuel P McElroy Born 26 June 1838- Died 19 Dec 1898 Anna's Mother-Sarah Jane MITCHELL Born 8 Nov. 1849/Died 15 April 1921 (6 Dec 1957)

GOSNEY Charles, Born in Kentucky 1832, Father of James's T. Mother-Eliza Maria WILSON. Born in Adams Co, Ohio, 27 Jan 1843, Died 16 Nov 1877. (6 Dec 1957)

GOSNEY David, Born 10 Dec 1797 in Wheeling, W. VA. Father of Charles Died 10 July 1863. Eliza Mother a native of east Maryland Born 4 Dec 1803 married David 9 Dec 1843.She died 16 Nov 1877 (6 Dec 1957)

GROW, William T- murdered 1902 by Abraham WITHERUP who was

hung on the Paris wagon Bridge by a mob.

GOSNEY David Edward, Born 9 Nov 1872 Married Alberta (BYRD)
M 19 Aug 1904 in Texas.

GRUBB, Frank. and Lou Spencer Grubb. Her parents were Dorris and Martha Hardy Spencer. they had 5 Children-Ennis, Maxine (Mrs. Paul Reynolds), Merle, Lucille, and LeeEllen Butler. Her Ancestors reach back to the early pioneers, Russell Moss and to the Honorable Robert E. Lakenan for whom village was named. Mr Lakenan wife Winnifred Moss was a cousin of Mrs. Grubb's Mother Mary Hardy. and Grandmother was Mrs. Baptist Hardy. An ancestor Samuel B. Hardy, was a leader for the Union cause.(19 Sept. 1958)

HAYS, James Robert (Jim Bob)Born 10 July 1875.Oldest of 10 Children. Son of Henry Arthur(Buck) and Lousetta Simms Hays. He was married 13 Feb. 1901 to Eliza Gay McGlasson. She was born 21 April 1879. His Grandparents Thomas and Kate Hays. Maternal Grandfather was Thomas Simms. James and Eliza had 6 Children-Alberta, Agnes, twins-Bessie & Glessie, Katherine(died 1932) and Lena. Eliza parents are Col. Thomas P and Susan Rebecca McGlasson (20 Sept 1957)

HESKETT, Henry, Born 25 Feb. 1871. Parents George and Elizabeth Heskett. Third in Family of 7 Sons and 2 daughters. Clum, Andrew, Henry, Ely(Heck), Sam, Tandy,Ernest, Mrs. Etta Short, and Belle Helkettson. Married to Mary Corbett. They had Five Children- Marie (Mrs. Ernest Jeter, Lawrence, Harold, Kathleen, and Helen(Mrs. Ted Kendrick.(7 Mar 1958)

HORN, Chris J, Son of Wm and Mary Sipple Horn, and Grandson of Jacob Sipple born in Bremen, Germany. Chris became mayor of Hunnewell in 1940-48 and again in 1956. Chris Married 18 Mar 1913 to Ura Baker. They had 2 children Wesley B. And Mary Belle (Mrs. R B Spencer) Ura's parents were Wesley and Sarah Belle Perry Baker.(29 Nov 1957)

HOWE, Sarah Mae. Never Married. Daughter of James Wilson and Drusilla Mayes Howe who married in 1879. Sarah had 4 brothers and sisters. Ollie R, Chester W, Arthur E. and James Albert. James Father & mother Was Samuel Rudolph and Nancy Davidson Howe.

KENT, Robert C. Born 3 Feb 1868 in Brimfield, IL. Son of Wm. Henry and Martha Katherine Westfall Kent. Married Stella Stevens of Galesburg, IL She died 1931. They had 6 Children- Maurice (died 1931) Mrs. Grace Worland, Mrs. Louise Walker of IL, Howard R, Mrs. Alta B. Tillar of California, and Charley (7 Feb 1958)

LANDRUM, Caswell Lawrence- Born 9 Sept 1853 son of Patrick Henry Landrum. Married 20 Nov 1878 to Virginia Belle Lyell. (died Aug 1934) Daughter of John W and Emily Sharp Lyell. 6 Children- Lyell T, Pearl (Mrs J B O'Brian), L. Milam, Olivia (Mrs Harold O Thomas), Lee Ella (Dude)- died April 1916, and Infant Son Omer- died 1880. Caswell Died in Feb 1921 (4 Oct 1958)

LANDRUM, Lyell T. Born 13 June 1882. Married 24 Nov 1915 to Susie Alma Burdett who was born 17 April 1885 Daughter of John Lewis Burdett (born 10 Sept 1846) and Mollie Tompkins (born 18 Sept 1851 to Wm and Susan Clow Tompkins, she married John Burdett in Jan 1880) (4 Oct. 1957)

LYELL, C V. Born 27 Nov 1867 to Albert G and Katherine Keith Lyell. First Married Minnette Evans 26 Nov 1901. She died 1 Jan 1909. They had 2 small children- Anabel (Mrs. Donald Kerr and Richard F. Married Second 22 Oct 1915 to Mary R Hendricks, 2 Sons John A & James Price (died 24 June 1930 at age 10) John A and Mary Sue Sparks they had 2 Children Linda and Eddie. Katherine known as Aunt Kate died in 1932. (16 May 1958)

MAYES, Wm T (Billy) Born @ 1919 Married 1949 to Ann Rivers Peterson. 1 year in CC Camp in Palmyra, St Petersburg Entered Merchant Marines 3 Yrs enlisted in the Navy in the armed Guards 1 ½ yrs 1942 (20 Sept 1957)

MAYES, Lillie Ava Blackwood Mayes. Born 4 Nov 1873. Married Thomas C Mayes 15 June 1892. Daughter of B F and Molly Dooley Blackwood. B F parents were Wm (Billie) and Jemimah Bohon Blackwood. Jemimah Father was Maj. Wm Bohon who was in the war of 1812 and a Charter Member of the Northern Presbyterian. Ava and Thomas had 6 Children, Claude Mayes, Mary (Mrs Paul Erwin) Vivian (Mrs Henry Patterson), Vera (Mrs Russell Yancey, Gladys (Mrs Harry See, and Oneita Died at Age 6. Thomas's Father was Wm T Mayes Born 6 Sept. 1831 and Served 4 Years with 3rd MO Cavalry in the Union Cause. Ava was a sister to T D (Dora), Everett T, Chester D, and Edda Brose. (30 Aug 1957)

McATEE, Roy, letter to his Sister Lida Vaughn about memories about the Paint Bank mine and Dr. Sprinkle, Dr. Dobson's, and picture of the grape vine in front of the J A O'Daniel Store. (24 April 1959)

MEGAFFIN, A A, born in 1864 Married Lucy Hagan in 1883. They had one Daughter Delia. They moved to Kansas where his wife died. Moving back to Missouri he Married Julia Florence BAIRD on 10 April 1895,

daughter of John G (died 1901), and Elizabeth Gibson Baird of which they had 7 Ch--George, Alice, Ora, Anna, Minnette, John and June. Andy known for his 36 years of making sorghum molasses and bee hives for the honey. Andy's parents were Alfred Andrew, a seafaring lad (born 23 Aug 1828 from Bambridge Co Down, Ireland) and Arcenia Moore Megaffin of New Bern N. Carolina. Who were married 28 July 1855. Delia now Mrs. Howard Erwin, Minnette is now Mrs. Roy Sorrell, Alice is now Mrs. Claude Mayes, Anna is now Mrs. Ruddle Sharpe, Ora is now Mrs. Howard Gosney, and June is now Mrs. Everette Gosney. (2 Aug 1957)

MURRAY, Sidney V. Born 19 Dec 1881. Son of Robert H and Joanne Howe Murray. His Grandfather Squire Murray of Philadelphia, PA married Jane Shannon of PA who came from Cork Co, Ireland. They had 10 Children- John, Jim, Robert (born 22 June 1849, married Joanne Howe dau of Pleasant Fountain Howe and died July 1932. He was father of S V),

Frank, Susan now (Mrs. Shelton), Sarah (Mrs Frank See), Josephine (Mrs Ben Ezell), Mary (Mrs. Alex Witherup), Annie (Mrs. Wallace Sherry and grandmother of Bentley and Wallace Sherry and Kate Mrs Dave Brock) also raising Grant Ezell orphaned after death of Ben Ezell. Sidney married Lottie Lange in 1909. They had 2 sons Howard (Jack) & James H. Lottie died in 1935 then Sidney married Mrs. Florence Miller Keithler in April 1938. Florence was born in 1891. Her mother was Annie B. Shaw. (18 Oct 1957)

O'DANIEL, Eugene P. living in Washington DC since 1901 in a letter to the editor enjoys reading the Hunnewell paper about its History from where he came from. (19 July 1957)

O'DANIEL, John Austin, Was born October 6, 1866 near Hunnewell and died Feb. 1st, 1968 at 101 Years old. He was the son of James P. & Martha Ann Leake O'Daniel and had three brothers and three sisters. He studied at the St. Louis School of Pharmacy. A member St. John's Catholic Church in Hunnewell. He married Penelope Browne on November 16, 1904 and she died October 3, 1964. He had lived in Hunnewell since 1874 where he had been a druggist for 76 years. They had two sons, James O'Daniel in Monmouth, Illinois, and George O'Daniel of Kansas City, Kansas, three Grandchildren and three great grandchildren. (Feb. 1968)

PARKER, Cynthia Ann Parker or Naduah. (ca 1827-1870) Kidnapped tragedy in 1836 by Comanches. See Folder

POWELL, Charles W. born 24 Dec 1879. parents Zachary Taylor (born 14 April 1848) and Eliza Dunbar Powell (born 24 May 1859).

Married Sara Belle Chapman in 1902. She was born 5 Mar 1859. They had 3 children William Carlos, Charles Raymond and George Robert. William Carlos graduated in 1919 in Hunnewell and is a state Geologist in his own Company. Charles Raymond He was an Army Lieutenant in WW II and in the Naval Reserve and in 1958 he was Principal at the Farmington, NM and George Robert. (See FOLDER) Sara Parents are Peter Parker (born 9 Jan 1854) and Rhoda Ellen Douglas Chapman (born 19 Feb 1856) She had 5 sisters Lizzie Stimpson, Laura Bohrer, Zanna Gough, Anna Chapman and Bess Shorts. (8 Nov 1958)

POWELL, George Robert (Bob) was in the 138th Inf. Co K until 1932. Entered the Army assigned to Battery B 200th Coast Artillery and Anti-Air Craft Regiment. He was on hand for the bombing of Pearl Harbor and in 1942 Became a prisoner of the Japanese and Liberated on October 15,1945 Story in the Shelby Co Herald on Wednesday January 31, 2001.

REVERCOMB, Becky. (See Folder) A story of Struggle in life for her and a son Otha F Revercomb on this forty Acres. (28 Mar 1958)

SHERRY, Arthur E. Born 27 June 1891 His Parents were James Herbert and Delia Kellogg. He Married Susan Lee Orr oldest daughter of Judge S R Orr on September 1,1918. They had 6 Children Elisabeth (Mrs Wm.Foerder), Mariam (Mrs Robert Pruden), Margaret (Mrs Harold Kendrick), Wanda Lee (Mrs Ernie Purdy), Richard, and Mary (Mrs Lavern Calvert). 2 other Children died at Infancy. Arthur had two Sisters-Ethel (Mrs Earl Parson), Hattie (Mrs Emil Dent) and one Brother Howard. Story on his retirement as City Mail Carrier of Shelbina. (7 Feb 1958)

SHUMATE, John E. Born 15 Jan 1882 the son of John William and Mary Jane Sorrell Shumate. Grandfather George Wm. Was Colonel in the Confederate Army in Virginia .His Wife Mary Blair was a friend of Woodrow Wilson. John E was Married to Katherine Irene Halberstadt in 1908 She died April 26, 1919. They had 6 children Darrell who died May 23, 1947 and twin Harold who died Oct. 23, 1947,Mrs Marie Rhodes, Ruth Horn, Irene Threlkeld and Edward P who was born April 5 1919.In 1922 John Edward married Edith Rosser and they had 3 children John R., Bert, and Mary Jane (Mrs. Mary Campbell). On Sept. 29, 1951 John E. Married Rose McGlasson.

SMITH, Rev. George B. Born Mar 9,1871.at 22 entered the Methodist Conference. He married Emma Lowe in 1891. (Died in 1956)They had 3 children-Jesse, Ray and Paul. And 9 Grandchildren. He

retired in 1939. (9 Aug 1957)

TAYLOR, Charles Porter Born 1 May 1873 East of Bethel. Son of Richard F & Mary Susan Lockhart Scott Taylor. of early Virginia Ancestry who were Married Sept. 25 1859. On 13 March 1885. Charles Married Vallie Virginia Parsons on October 1, 1911, Daughter of John W. And Mary Ann Drake Parsons Also from Virginia. Her Grandfather Frank Drake was executed for their Southern Sympathies in rebellion at Macon, MO. Charles and Valle have 6 children- John Richard, Margaret (Mrs. Turner Dean), Rosco and Robert (Twins), Irene (Mrs. Elmer Lee) , and Mary Sue (Mrs. Carl Zeiger).(27 Sept 1957)

THRELKELD, Mansur. Born South of Shelbina and moved to Lakenan as a young man. He married Ruby Saunders 29 May 1916 Who died April 6, 1958. They Have one daughter Pauline now Mrs. Charley Hamilton. They have run the store in Lakenan for over 50 Years. (19 Sept 1958)

UTTERBACK, Lillard Adelbert (Del),.Born 18 Dec. 1882 son of Columbus and Mildred Dooley Utterback. Columbus was born 8 Jan 1855 son of Abraham and Sarah Hurd Utterback. He Married Mildred Henrietta Dooley in 1881. Who died after Lillard was born. He later Married Hester Vanskike 24 Feb 1887. 4 children born of this marriage-Beulah (Mrs Graham Ewing), Harry (who both died at an early age), Mansur. and Bridgewater who died after his marriage to Ora Ayers. that left a daughter Edna May (Mrs George Randall). Hester died when Beulah was only 6 years old. Columbus died in 1933. Lillard married Fannie Lange Utterback Oct 4, 1905. She was born 8 June, 1885 daughter of Edmond & Ada Fowler Lange. They had 3 children - Harold, Maureen(Mrs Chris DeGallo), and David. (4 Nov 1957)

VAUGHN, Lida McAtee. Born 31 Aug 1879. Daughter of James A (born 20 Dec 1849) and Cecelia Shearer McAtee, (born 24 June 1849). James is the son of Samuel K McAtee who became Hunnewell's first Mayor May 20, 1882. James died March 7, 1928 and Cecelia passed away on May 25, 1939. They were parents of 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls- 5 still living- Mrs Maud Wood, Mrs. Lida Vaughn, Roy, Carl, and Mrs. Lottie Leake. Kida was married to Albert L Vaughn Sept. 20, 1898 they had 5 children Mrs Gladys Buckman Roy L, and Mrs Glessie Boone . A daughter Althea died April 12 1925 and another daughter died in infancy. Albert died Feb 22, 1949. (23 Aug 1957)

WHEELER, Julian A . Son of Ed and Mary Wheeler. Story of the

community named Pennyroyal named after an Herb of Aromatic mint that grew abundantly at this location that early settlers used to keep fleas out of their homes. Julian was known to all as Uncle Jute. Julian had a brother William D. Story See Folder.

(8 Aug 1958)

WHITECOTTON, Lola Alverson, born near Paris, MO 2 Feb. 1888. Story of the Slaying Tragedy on April 14 1949 of a beloved teacher Mrs. Lola Whitecotton. SEE FOLDER (4 OCT. 1957)

WRIGHT, Bennie, Born 10 Oct. 1893. Son of George and Amanda Ellen Peters Wright who had two other sons and two daughters-Pollard, Clifford (Pat), (Mrs. Artie)Taylor and Gladys Wright. Bennie married Bertha Roof Feb 15,1922 and they had only one son LeRoy and 2 grandchildren. Bennie served 39 years as a mail carrier and saw many changes. (10 OCT 1958)

YANCEY, Charles. Married June 11,1908, to the daughter of James and Mary A. Spencer. Charles was the youngest son of the late Dr. And Mrs. A L Yancey. They have a son and daughter-in-law Mr. And Mrs. Spencer Yancey and a daughter and son-in-law Mr and Mrs. Dean Dennis. One grandson Michael Dennis. Both Mr and Mrs. Charles Yancey came from a big families of 8 members of which only 2 sisters of Mrs Yancey are still living. (13 JUNE 1958)

BANKS of Hunnewell. With the Official platting in 1857 of Hunnewell and its incorporation in 1869 and re-incorporation as a city in 1882 citizens became evident that a financial institution was needed. On Jan 18, 1889 the Hunnewell Bank was incorporated under the leadership of Wm. F Blackburn. The bank was capitalized at \$20,000 and was located east end of Main Street. Changes have taken place with members cause of deaths and removals and replaced. In 1928 a 2nd reorganization took place. This time the name was changed from "Hunnewell Bank" to the "Bank of Hunnewell".The Charter was renewed for twenty years. Depression was beginning to be felt .Changes in members changed. With the advent of the "New Deal" and the "National Bank Holiday" the Hunnewell Bank was Closed temporary. It did reopen In 1948 the Charter was again subject to renewal. The bank future stabilized. By 1908 the Community appeared to warrant a second financial institution."FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK" was organized. It was prosperous until the depression began and became a casualty. (18 OCT. 1957)

BASEBALL Art Gaines Camp: The Roger Hornsby and Art

Gaines Baseball Camp started in 1957 on land Mr. Gaines purchased for a summer training camp for boys age 9 thru 22 interested in baseball. It was located 2 miles West of Hunnewell just off Highway 36. Mr and Mrs Gaines and Family came from St. Louis each Summer to help with the camp. Barracks were built to hold 50 boys each. With buildings for storage and showers and one for the kitchen and dining hall. Art Gaines was a scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Coaches at the beginning were Vernon Kennedy former Pitcher with the Chicago White Sox, Ed Cook who serves as coach and counselor and Ed Lanfersieck ex-minor league player, coach and umpire. Boys came from all over the United states, Canada and New Mexico. The team at the camp were called the GATORS. Several Well Known players and coaches visited the camp. Over 100 Players went on to play in the minor leagues. Hunnewell Camp is one of 3 in Missouri and one of 10 in the United States. Art Gaines passed away in Nov. 1975.(See Folder)

CIVIL WAR: During the Civil War the Pee Dee Area School furnished a number of soldiers for the Confederate Army. Enlisting were Obe, Henry, and Richard Thomas, John W Jones, W. C. And John Hilleary, Madison and Ransdell Payne, Fonrose Keith and J. Q. Christian. Henry Thomas was killed at Baker's Creek, Miss., May 16, 1863, John W Jones was wounded and died Dec 6, 1864, and W C Hilleary attained the rank of Captain under Col. Porter, and engaged in Several hard-fought Battles, but came through the war uninjured. In the Early Hunnewell History was the Ezell-Maupin tragedy in the spring of 1864. As one story was told three men came to town in mid-morning John Maupin a resident of the county with two men Baker and Snider, John was enlisted in the Confederate Army where he had lost an arm by an accidental shot from a comrade in arms. Baker and Snider were strangers. Ben Ezell an ex-soldier of the Federal Army, and several local men noted their appearance. Ezell reported to Capt Forman about these men at the saloon deciding they should be captured. Sending out for help from the citizens descending upon the saloon armed. Ezell entering first fired. Baker and Maupin firing back fast and furious. Several killed and wounded. Different versions of the story were told. (See Folder) (6 Sept 1957)

DOCTORS: The first recorded Doctor in the Hunnewell area was Dr. Augustus L Yancey from Kentucky in 1857 the same year the town was laid out. He died May 15, 1897. He was active in the development of

the areas businesses and organizations. Married Margaret Moss, daughter of Russell W Moss. Father of nine children and four grandchildren. Following year Dr. Ely C Davis came to Shelby Co at the age of 21. Born in Marion Co in 1830 the son of Judge John Davis and Elizabeth Dick Davis both originally from South Carolina. Graduating from medical college he located in Hunnewell as a partner to Dr. Yancey. He also became the owner and proprietor of the leading drug store later selling to J.A. O'Daniel. He married Susan Day, daughter of Thomas Day of Virginia. They had 12 Children and only one grandchild living close is John W. Cox of Clarence. Dr. L W Dallas joined Dr. Davis in 1897. He and his wife were parents of two sons, Dudley and Paul. In 1910 moved to League City, Tex. Where he died in 1930. Dr. A D Ferguson, a relative, succeeded Dr. Dallas in his practice. He soon required the services of another doctor and was joined by Dr. F M Roberts of Iowa. Dr. Ferguson relocated to Fulton, Mo in 1917. Dr. Roberts served two terms as Mayor until the outbreak of WW I and he returned to Iowa. Dr. Brainard came to Hunnewell just as the Flu epidemic struck the nation. He was stricken the flu and weakened from the demand of his services became Hunnewell first Death. The Citizens of the community solicited the services of Dr. Delaney of Emden and Dr. W E Pipkin of Monroe City, until they were relieved by a Dr. Dummitt. He did not stay long. Later known as Missouri's Flying Doctor. With the end of the War they acquired Dr. R H Parker who served with the U S Medical Corp in the Army. He was Born in Trinidad, CO on 26 Mar 1889 and followed his fathers profession. Mrs L Grace Parker (His Mother) had been a long time resident of Hunnewell. He moved to Hunnewell with his mother and sister, Mrs. James M. Carr. He married Edith Lake of Shelbina. He was recognized as one of the ablest Diagnosticians in his field. He died 14 June 1949 of Cancer. Several Drs came to the area after Dr. Parker Dr. W D Wiper of Michigan, Dr. Cecil E Pepper, and among them was an early doctor named York. After leaving here he went to Kansas and became one of the victims of the widely known Kate Bender Family who were noted for murders committed in a tavern they operated for money and buried them in there back yard. In the early years during the years Dr. Ely Davis was practicing other doctors came and went. Some were Dr. Sprinkle, Dr. A Vance (a brother to Mrs. A C Balliet), Dr. Wm. Selsor (brother of Mrs. Ella Warner). (11 Oct. 1957)

HOME COMING: Hunnewells first Homecoming was in 1922. Held

at the city park under shade of the tall maple trees. Special programs were held and parades. There were games, music from all over, and visiting with old friends that came back for the special occasion. Highlight of the 1924 Homecoming was a visit from W F Thiehoff in his special railroad car which stood on the siding near by. He was a former water boy who rose to general manager of the Burlington railroad. Also that year a big event was the laying of the cornerstone on the new School Building. Articles deposited in the corner stone was a history of Hunnewell Lodge #415 A F and A M, a list of its officers and members, a history of the alumni association and members, the enrollment of Hunnewell School and names of its faculty for 1924-25, a list of 340 names, donors to the PTA fund, and a copy of the Hunnewell Graphic. Even a wedding was performed in the park for Miss Alberta Hays and Russell Smallwood. (31 July 1959)

MASONIC LODGE: Hunnewell A F & A M Lodge # 415 is one of the oldest in the county instituted in 1871 and the dispensation was granted on 3 June and the charter was formally presented Oct. 15, 1871. It is also noted that many former Masters of the lodge have been followed in that office by their sons and their descendants of the charter members.

SEE FOLDER (2 Jan 1958)

NEWSPAPERS: The "Hunnewell Enterprise" paper started in 1862 by Thomas Irons and was suspended on Jan 10 1863. J R Horn Established the second paper called "Hunnewell Echo" until Jan 1884 when it moved to Shelbyville. Thomas Iron resumed the "Enterprise" again in Dec. 1885, but only lasted a few months. Eld J T Craig started on Sept. 10 1890 a fourth paper called the "BEE" and later sold to J J Heifner when he returned to the pulpit. Heifner conducted the paper until 1893 when hesold to Albert Blackburn who changed the name to "The Hunnewell Graphic". In March 1894 the paper passed into the hands of O P Sturm until Aug 1895 when he turned it over to his brother George W. In May 1896 the plant was sold to J H Orr and a half interest to E J Spencer and bought it back in July 1896. In Sept 1897 A B Dunlap became the owner and editor and assisted by his sister Mrs. Golda V Howe who later became the owner and sold to E P Blanton July 4, 1957. The name was changed to "The Hunnewell Standard" under the editorship and management of Mrs. Nelle E. Tannehill. (13 Sept 1957)

OAK DALE: The first settlement to become a town when Wm B Broughton came to this area in 1832 or late 1831 locating on Sec 5, township 57, range 9 to be known as Oak Dale. He was followed within

the next 2 years 26 families who established homes and launched what would later be known as Shelby county. Not even a ghost town remains today of what was once the hub of Shelby County's lusty origin. Only a concrete slab of the frontier village is evidence on which a modern corn or wheat bin stands today. Story in Folder. (8 Nov 1957)

OPERA HOUSE: The Opera House was built in 1892 by Albert Spaulding with contractor Joe Dirigo of Monroe City. It was two and one half stories high with a main auditorium on the second floor. The first floor was designed for the use of businesses, one being the post office. Mr. Spaulding continued to own and operate the opera house until his death when it was purchased by John J Horn, later in the 50's it was owned by Mrs. Edna Kelly of Burlington, IA oldest daughter of the late John J. Horn. With the advent of the silent movies John Horn had installed a motion picture theater. The Opera House had become a landmark for the purpose of entertainment for the time of which it was introduced. This landmark burned down early Easter morning at 6:30am April 6, 1958. Smoke and blaze was detected through a back window of the C J Horn & Son General merchandise store which housed a full line of Groceries and meat market with refrigerator on west, a dry goods in center and a Feed store in the mid section of the east room. Also the Orscheln truck lines, and on the other side the office of the Hunnewell Standard. Post office and a living quarters. Full story & pictures is in this Folder.

(11 April 1958)

PAINT BANK: The Paint Bank, a vacation spot, some three to ten miles south and west of Hunnewell got its name from the varying shades of the red that ranged from a faint pink hue to a darker and deeper red in the soil of a channel worming its way down the side of a steep cliff. It contained foot paths, wagon trails and later roads that lead down to the banks of the south fork, a branch of the Salt River. Over 100 Years ago Henry Hatton (Hat) Green who owned the property conceived that this coloring should have some value for its use. He set about to develop and commercialize his property by digging a shaft that was sunk from near the crest of his cliff to a depth of 30 or more feet deep and the project was finally abandoned. Earl Fowler states that the 30 feet shaft was below the bed of the river instead of the cliff and penetrated the earth to a depth of approximately 100 feet. Beyond the Paint Bank itself about another 200 or 300 feet south, is further evidence of the appeal this place had for building of a club house. by a

group of Monroe City business men, among them was Dr. J D Scobee, L C Henderson and other and other groups from that area. In history it is told also of one of the most sensational tragedies of lynching that happened in this area. Delbert Utterback bought the farm where he now resides in 1911 and there were 14 buildings on the property that was all painted with the product obtained from the Paint Bank. Mr. Utterback purchased the farm from Joseph Jett, an early settler and it is the opinion of Utterback that Mr Jett had subscribed to some kind of material interest in this project by way of stock certificates. Memory serves him that one promotional phase of the development of this mine was the sale of stock. "Martin's Ford" received its name from the family of James T Martin whose parents, Robert B and Susan (Pearson) Martin, came from Kentucky in 1824. When James T was a lad of 12 they settled near this place where Deer Creek merges its waters with salt river, and the crossing which nature provided there for the use of early day travel to get to the other side of the river, became known as Martin's Ford. James married a daughter of Mary J Fowler who came from Delaware. His daughter, Mary E (Mollie) later married Matthew Lasley and continued to live on this original home site, of this two daughters were born, Zilpha and Lucille. Martin's Ford had its own tragedy. One summer day three young girls on their way to visit friends at Lakenan, which required they cross the stream at the ford, riding horses at that time urged the horses into the swollen waters of the stream. One of the young ladies Miss Lutie Carrico failed to guide her mount along the safe part of the stream. They were caught in the swift current of the stream and she was swept from the side-saddle upon which she sat and drowned before her two companions could come to her aid. (31 Oct 1958)

RAILROAD: The C B & Q railroad still comes thru Hunnewell, even tho the depot has been moved to its new location as a community house for clubs, church gatherings, And civic groups, for their bazaars, bake sales, and Homecoming Association events Around the year of 57 the first mail pouch was to be hanging on the crane for the trains, going seventy to eighty miles per hour, was to catch the pouch to be taken and delivered to places far away. Postmaster John E White and Mail Messenger Claude Mayes were pictured hanging the first pouch.

Story in Folder (6 Sept 1957)

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Women's service club began with the idea of a community house to hold meetings. J E Byrd a friend of the service club and former cashier of the Bank of Hunnewell had heard of their plans. He owned a vacant lot on main street that he donated on July 17 1948. Attorney W B Fahy of Monroe City was to make up the deed and transfer it to the Women's Service club for their use with one stipulation that sometime in the future it could cease to exist, then it would be turned over to the City of Hunnewell. It was dated July 17, 1948. Mr Byrd then delivered the deed to Russel L. Yancey, then mayor of Hunnewell who filed it with the recorder of Shelby Co under the date of Aug 23, 1948, Vol. 124, page 321. On July 1950 the concrete floor was laid by Paul Pulliam of Monroe City at a cost of \$821.32. In 1953 the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad Co. Close the station and Miss Margaret Grubb a former resident of Hunnewell conceived the idea that if the depot was to be torn down that it could be moved and used for the community center. She took the idea to then Mayor Mrs. Golda V. Howe, who brought it before the board of alderman, one of whom was George Crain, a local agent of the C B & Q railroad. A bid was submitted to the officials of \$1.00 and it was accepted. Mr J M Allen of Leonard, Mo. was to move the building and was completed on Dec 1953. A lot next door was also purchased from Willie Horn. A memorial was made to the late Wm. F Thiehoff, a former Hunnewell boy who had successfully risen from a water boy to general manager of the Western Division of the Burlington System. More in folder, (22 Nov 1957)

SCHOOLS: Hunnewell was platted on August 15, 1857 and the first School was built two years later in 1859, on property belonging to J V Cox. According to history the first teacher was a man named Shaw from Massachusetts, and a graduate of Harvard University. In this article of Dec. 27, 1957 is a list of the teachers following Mr Shaw by the year they taught. Not all could be accounted for from some records and memory of community families. The building was built on the south side of the railroad at the west edge of the city limits on the property now owned by J. J. Patterson. The history of Shelby County, verifies this location in 1859, in the 1911 edition. Mr. John A O'Daniel, oldest living authority in the town, stated this building has been moved three times and the present site is its fourth location. The building, with plate glass windows, was also used for Church services. The first Regular church service was

held by a Methodist minister a Rev. Thomas DeMoss. Other denominations also held services there before churches were built. After abandonment of this structure for school purposes it was moved from the Cox property to the lot where Wm. Horn's black smith shop later stood. This building is known to be one of the oldest building in Hunnewell and is being torn down to build a residents. When the new school building was built around 1895 it was located in the northwest section of town and was constructed of brick on the site of our present school grounds. This building served the school needs for 36 years. It is also a matter of record that a private school was conducted north of Hunnewell. A grammar school was erected in 1870 of brick. It was located in the northwest part of town at the site of the present building. In an article dated 2 Aug 1957 there is a piece on Ollie Sturm who was principal of the Hunnewell

School for the term of 1894-95. He was not the usual teacher and salaries were low, not getting over \$50.00 a month. He supplemented with a news paper he printed after school. (Dec 27, 1957 and March 21, 1958)

. THE COX SCHOOL

Is one of the Vanishing American schools existing today. Since the opening of the Frontier their have been two Cox rural school buildings. The first stood on the Sam Cox property north and slightly west of the present building which is now in Feb of 1958 being torn down. Sam Cox was the father of Charley and Matthew Cox . He was the grandfather of Mrs. Charles Nesbit, Hollis Cox and John Cox. The original school house was built of logs. Like other early buildings it was replaced with a frame structure as men began to establish saw mills. The date is unknown when the school house was moved from its original site to the place it now rests upon. The abstract reads "The SW quarter of the SW quarter of Sec. 14, Township 56, Range 9 West, from John C Peirsol and wife Lue H. To Thomas Turner, dated May 10, 1895. The moving of the building was an error. Instead of moving to Cox property it was situated on the Peirsol property not knowing who made the error. This was later corrected.

During its existence , record has been established showing 67 terms of school were taught in this district with 42 different teachers being employed These teachers are listed in the article. (28 Feb, 1958)

THRESHERS: Once a familiar sight on the farm was the summer work of a threshing machine and a separator chewing its way through a big wagon load of oat bundles pulled by a team of horses . A separator has no trouble

with green weeds chewing right through them. This thresher, pictured, was made by Case sometime in the early thirties. It has a 32 inch cylinder, It can be fed from both Sides from two bundle wagons. The thresher is mounted on rubber tires. Farmers could spend a week to a month on a threshing run, They would also have a separator sometimes known as a Huber or the Reeves or pulled by an early big gasoline and kerosene tractors like the Rumley oil-pull or the Titian. Later on Tractors like the McCormick-Deering 15-30 were a familiar sight. In the early days farmers were up early, chores done, and machines pulled into place by help from several of his neighbors. Young children helped too by carrying water jugs and the ladies were in charge of the meals. Dinner for 20 or 30 men and small children are not uncommon then. (? July 1959 paper)

CHURCHES: The Hunnewell BAPTIST Church was organized in 1893. Rev. Vollmer had records that pertained to this church beginning in 1835, four years after the first settlers came to Shelby county. According to Rev. Vollmer's records there have been two Baptist churches connected to Hunnewell's History. The First was organized in the Sherry School House by Nathan Ayers, a missionary of the Bethel Association, in 1859, just two years after Hunnewell was laid out as a town. The first minister to hold services was named Bowles. Their were seven charter members in 1859. It was represented by J. McGlothin, G H Mayes, and J M Pollard. The first pastor was Milford Powers from Florida, MO. The Sherry School House was in the original rural school building in the present Union

Chapel District and stood on the east side of the road, approximately one-eight of a mile south of the present entrance to the Hunnewell Lake's administration building three miles north of Hunnewell. About 1875 the school house burned and the group disbanded and met in members homes till a new church was built in 1897 at Prairie View. Those who elected to remain in Hunnewell organized their congregation on Sept. 2, 1893 and erected their church building in 1897. Rev. E D Richardson was pastor. Miss Allie Hightower was the first to be baptized in the new church and died at the age of 22 years, and hers was the first funeral service to be held there on Jan 23, 1899. In August of 1927 a Sunday School was organized and B Y P U was organized in October 1934 (9 Nov. 14,1957)

CATHOLIC CHURCH: The St. John's Catholic church in Hunnewell was built in the late 1800s according to John A. O'Daniel, oldest member of this congregation. The first building was brick and in 1905 the second one was built.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. E. Connolly of Monroe City was the parish priest in 1905 or 1909 as conflicting stories from other informants are vague. Jackson township has a second Catholic church at Lakenan called St. Rose of Lima, which for many years was the stronghold for this faith in Shelby County. It was erected in 1887, by the Rev. E. A. Casey. Msgr. Connolly was born November 17, 1885 in County Meath, Ireland and received his early education at St. Finian's Seminary in Ireland. He completed his philosophy and theology courses at Kenrick Seminary, in St. Louis, where he was ordained on December 20, 1908 by Bishop John Jannesen of Belleville. In December, 1949, Fr. Connolly was elevated to Monsignor. He was also active in promoting the erection of a new parochial school building in Monroe City which was completed in 1921, and in 1954 a new auditorium was built which was named in his honor, as the Monsignor Connolly Gymnasium. Msgr. Connolly will observe 50 years of service in the priesthood on December 21 on 1958. (Sept. 26, 1958)

CHRISTIAN church of Hunnewell was organized upon the call of Evangelist C. Lotspeich in October, 1889. The report on the congregation meeting reads: The Disciples of Christ of Hunnewell and vicinity met at Selsor's Hall on the 4th Lords day in October, 1889 for the purpose of organizing a church of Jesus Christ. Rev. C. B. Lotspeich was named chairman, with J. A. Spencer, secretary. John Orr and J. A. Spencer were elected acting elders, and Joseph Hickman and Henry W. Nowe were elected acting elders. Their were 27 Charter members enrolled. Mrs. Stella (Davis) McMillin, Mrs. Sallie (Mefford) Vernon, California, Mrs. Annie (Long) Hanna, California, Mrs. Mollie (Long) Wiseheart, Willie Long and Lucy Hayes. Also Fannie L Stoddart, M. A. Spencer, J. A Spencer, Joseph Hickman, Fannie Hickman, John Orr, Henry Nowe, Mary Nowe, Josie Johnson, Clark Johnson, Odebiah Johnson, Nannie Gooch, Bell Davis, Henry Long, Rollie Long, Kate Byrd. Katherine Selsor, Lulu Leary, Sally Mefford, Kate Irons, Betty Craig, J. T. Craig, and Mary Mefford. No Record of the first pastor from 1889 until 1893. Two Early ministers held services were Rev. Hatch and a Rev. Morton. Records show on Decr 8, 1893, members met for the selecting a pastor for the year. J. A.

Spencer was chairman and Dr. L. W. Dallas was secretary. The members voted to call Rev. George Buckner, a cousin of Mrs. Fannie A. Hickman served for three years. He had three sons, Rev. George Buckner, Jr., Rev. Clark Buckner and Rev. Sam Buckner. Several Pastors followed and around 1920 with the call following WW I, it finally ceased to call a pastor for 10 or 12 years. In 1940 a group of members called together by the late Jack Shumate, son of J. E. Shumate, organized a Sunday school. A crusading Christian minister, a Rev. John W. Golden came to the need of the church. Several donations for updating the church has helped to keep it going and a re-dedication service on Nov. 21, 1937 was held by the congregation. In 1950 the church was re-decorated. (Nov. 1, 1957)

METHODIST EPISCOPAL: The Hunnewell Methodist Episcopal church boasts that it is the oldest organized congregation in Hunnewell with recognized appointment by the district Conference was made in 1860. In the beginning services were held in the school houses or any public building open to them. The Rev. Thomas De Moss, pioneer Methodist preacher held the first preaching service in Hunnewell in 1859 in the first school house that was on the south side of the railroad tracks, in the west part of town. The first Methodist church in Shelby County was organized at Oak Dale in 1836 and a building for worship was erected there in 1871. No Records were kept during the Civil War until 1877 when Thompson Penn was pastor with a membership of 322. In 1881 the Rev. J.S. Todd became pastor of the charge. In 1882 the name circuit was adopted instead of charge which had previously been used. Thru the years several different elders and preacher presided over the area. The Church and Sunday School has always been the strongest church organization in town and the largest membership. (Dec. 20, 1957)

PRAIRIE VIEW Baptist Church: Was organized in 1875. A number of Baptist groups existed here before that time known as Union Chapel North of Hunnewell was organized in 1859 and held services in the Shelby school house. This school house was later moved to a new location and the name changed to Hickory Grove school. In 1876 P. W. Blackburn donated a plot of ground for a church site and burial ground. The first church was built then by E. R. Wheeler, a contractor, who also built the depot in Hunnewell in 1857 and who also built the Union Chapel Church in 1878. The first pastor was Rev. J. S. Green. In 1912 it was voted to tear

down the old church building and erect a new one on the old site. A contract was awarded to Joe Draughn of Shelbina. On the fourth Sunday in October 1912 the new church was dedicated free of indebtedness. New Sunday school rooms were added to the church in 1956.(Aug 23, 1957)

UNION CHAPEL CHURCH: To the north of Hunnewell, a short three miles is a community called Union Chapel, where a goodly number of early emigrants settled in this county between 1831 and 1835. Families known a Moss, Duncan, Hardy, Musgrove, Smallwood, Mayes, Moore, and Saunders moved around this general Location. Two years Later Rinkston, Davis, Howe, Eidson and two families named Hickman came to this area.

Here one of the earliest rural schools was erected . Squire Murray became one of its first teachers. This early school house , known as the Sherry school house, stood about one-eighth of a mile south of the present entrance to the Hunnewell Lake and on the east side of the road. Early records reveal that it existed as early as 1859. 1875 the school house burned and another one was built one-half mile north . Construction of the Hunnewell Lake which took up 1300 acres from taxation, depriving the Union Chapel school district of a source of income for the school to operate, and in April 1957 the patrons voted to close the school and annex to the Hunnewell school district. A Church was built in 1876.

(Nov. 29, 1957)

SHARPSBURG METHODIST CHURCH: A short distance from Hunnewell approximately five miles to the north and east is a place called Sharpsburg community. Once a major town or trading center of Warren Township. There is one remaining place a house of worship, The Sharpsburg M. E. Church. In 1818 the first settlers came some known as George See, Carroll Moss, Wm. See and John Moss and their families. Along with an ordained minister of the Methodist Episposal church from far away Virginia. The Rev. Richard Sharp , a native of Albemarle Co. VA. , who was born there May 1, 1767. Rev. Sharp, on Nov. 6, 1805, at the age of eighteen. Converted to the christian faith. On Feb. 3, 1812 , he was ordained a deacon in the M E. Church by Bishop Francis Asbury the first Methodist Bishop of America at Richmond, VA. On Nov. 22, 1818 he was raised to the office of elder by Bishop Enoch George ,at Louisville, KY. After arriving in Missouri he settled in Monroe county and a year

later moved on to Marion co, locating five miles northeast of Hunnewell on the farm now known as the old Jackson Place. At the time there was no place so his first services were preformed in his home . Two years later in 1833 a log church was built. It Stood directly across the road, north of the present day building. They decided to name it after him by calling it Sharpsburg Methodist Episposal Church. He died Feb. 4, 1850. Several Pastors followed him and today the church enjoys a membership of 30 loyal Parishioners mostly related to the Burditt family.(Oct. 25, 1957)

BELLTOWN: There were five trading centers that have existed in Warren township

but only one exists at this time. They were New Market, Ely, Sharpsburg, Warren and Belltown. Belltown today, is the only trading center left in Warren township. Business was doing well until they say Dan Bell came to town and opened a small store, much to the dislike of the other merchants. Their scheme for a price riot was a success and Bell was soon out of business, But not for long as Dan Bell had a clever idea that outsmarted his rivals. Bell contacted Carl Zeiger who had a blacksmith shop some three miles west of Warren. In the Summer of 1885 ,the Belltown store opened for business right next to his shop, depriving the Warren stores of the large trading territory to the west. Mr Bell also establishing a courtesy mail service. This courtesy service was continued until RFD was established. Later Mr. Bell became eccentric and lost interest in his store. In 1912 Hassen J. Ameen opened a new and more modern store across the street. A fourth of July celebration in 1834 ended in tragedy. The county cort in recent years has relocated the northern boundary line of Warren Township to a line two and one-half miles north of the town of Warren. The business sold several times after that and finally the store and blacksmith shop have been removed. (Jan. 24, 1958)

THE BLOCK HOUSE: This site located approximately two miles west of town that merits such distinction as a memorial to the casualty of the conflict that brought it into existence-The Civil War. The Block House was so important in the successful execution of the war not only in Shelby county, but in North Missouri. It offered protection of the local residents, regardless of which side of the war held their sympathy and allegiance. The railroad bridge across Salt River, completed in 1857, which became a point of contention between the Federal and Confederate Troops. Many battles would be fought in MO and it was important for the Federal government to keep the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad open so that

troops and supplies could be moved from one part of the state to another. The bridge was burned on a Wednesday July 10, 1861, by a company of secession troops, known as Missouri State Guard, at the same time Monroe City was in progress. Gen. S. A. Hurlbut's troops constructed a temporary structure to restore service over the railroad. Further protection was construction of the Block house by the 21st. Illinois Infantry under the command of Colonel U. S. Grant, together with the 14th Illinois Inf. Under Col. John M. Palmer, who arrived July 15 until the new bridge was built. The location of the Block house was some fifteen or twenty feet south and east of the spot that overlooked the bridge. It was constructed of logs and was built in the shape of a Greek cross thus giving greater protection to the men inside. Col Grant had qualities for his services that made him one of the greatest commanders in the Federal Army of the Civil War and two-times president of the United States. The Bridge was burned a second time, on the night of Sept. 4, 1861, following the battle of Shelbina, under Col. Green a confederate. On Sept. 6th Brig. Gen. Pope reported to Maj. Gen Fremont the bridge had been repaired. In July 1864 The Confederate Guerillas moved back into the area and burned the depots at Shelbina and Lakenan and the bridge. Again the bridge was rebuilt and while no record is given in the histories of Shelby County that the Block House was also rebuilt, local residents claim it was and that two block houses were built on the same site. Traces of the block house can still be located by roads and certain mounds in the ground. (full story in Friday, Jan. 17, 1957)

EMDEN: In North river township is a village of some fifty people, located nine miles due north of Hunnewell at the Junction of routes Z and 168, called Emden. It was never in-corporated, but was the center of activity since Mr. Dennison established a trading center there in the late 1880's. It was first known as Cleveland Corner. The postal department gave it the name of Emden. Mr. Ed Miles of Shelbina bought a little store and expansion by erecting a large store building . Around the turn of the century Mr. Miles sold the business to his partner . Carlile and Simmons then occupied three rooms of the building with their farm machinery business and Brown & Co.occupied one lower room with their general store. In 1915 this building was completely destroyed by fire. Carlile replaced this building with another one story building which is owned by Joe Latimer and used for storage. The Farmers Bank of Emden was organized and opened for business in Oct. 1904 with R D Goodwin as president and R L Davis as cashier. Jacob Bates operated a blacksmith

shop near the school house. R L and Pete Simmons were the village Blacksmiths. About 1905 the village had growing pains. Varlile and Simmons erected a large store building and two dwelling houses. The next year Ed Evans and C. C. Calvert opened a grist and feed mill. Homer Calvert opened a garage and repair service. C. M. Carlile then opened the first picture theatre in the area which soon there was a need for a restaurant of which Ray Lafoe opened. The early residents built the Emden Christian Church and Emden Baptist Church. Hurly H. Turner served as the Local Veterinarian. Other Businesses came to the area. One well known Business man was B F. Dobyns. Born in Marion County in 1837 and grew up on a farm until the outbreak of the Civil War. After serving in the war he taught school and studied and practiced law and was a popular attorney. Was elected as a state Senator from the 13 th district of Missouri. Later he moved to Shelbina and opened a lumber yard where he and his son operated it for many years. (Full Story March 14, 1958)

FIRES: On a Thursday night in the early years of Hunnewell a disasterous fire occured destroying the biggest principal part of the businesses down town. The entire block on main street from J. A. O'Daniels corner to Cass O'Daniel's residence was destroyed. The fire started in the rear end of Mr. Jeter's Barber shop around 9:30 pm. A big part of the back of the building was a mass of flames and full of smoke. The Christian Café next door was also lost. The postmaster Howe worked to save the post office stuff until completely exhausted. The business block destroyed was known for the famous grape vine that ran the whole block. Conversation with the owners of the burned buildings say they expect to rebuild in the spring. (no date given on this cut out) posted under fires.

HUNNEWELL HISTORY: This folder holds several cut outs of the paper of the early history stories as some local families remember. Special people that contributed to the development of Shelby County. The Honorable William J. Holliday who came here on May 7, 1833 Who wrote a series of valuable and interesting historical sketches on 1876. He stated there were only 26 families in Shelby county in the spring of 1833. It was here that Mr. Holliday settled on Black Creek but later moved to Shelbyville.

In an atlas published in 1902 there is listed 346 patrons of the county both oak dale and Kendall had post offices then. Followed by several pages of portraits. Well known Wm. F. Thiehoff started as a water boy who rose to the position of General Manager of the Western Division of the Whole Burlington

system. Another Hunnewell boy with an inventive mind known as Jasper Blackburn had new ideas and inventions for the machine age . His factories are easily seen today as you enter St. Louis by train . A long line of buildings proclaim “The Jasper Blackburn Products Company”. R T Holliday , another early resident was a U S surveyor, Who sectionized much of this territory. A story by him of the famous “Star Shower” in November 1833. That year was also known as the “Cholera Year”, where one out of six inhabitants died of the dread disease.W B Broughton bought a small stock of general merchandise in the winter of 1833-1834 and opened up a store in his own home. He also help establish a post office starting in his home named Oak Dale, and became Shelby County’s first postmaster. (Full Stories , Aug 9, 1957) .