



The FARMERS NATIONAL BANK
OF SHELBYVILLE, INDIANA
102 SOUTH HARRISON ST.
SHELBYVILLE, INDIANA 46176

Friends:

With the Bicentennial Year and the remodeling of The Farmers National Bank, we have reprinted this book on the history of Shelby County (1822-1876) for your reading pleasure.

We hope that this book will give you some insight into the history of Shelby County and help strengthen your pride in our community.

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THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK

Arthur M. Thurston,
Chairman of the Board

HISTORY
OF
SHELBY COUNTY,
INDIANA,

FROM 1822 to 1876,

BY A

COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS,

"Wealth requires, besides the crust of bread and the roof, the freedom of the city, the freedom of the earth, traveling, machinery, the benefits of science, music, and fine arts, the best culture, and the best company."
EMERSON.

Reprinted 1976

Among our best residences are the homes of Alonzo Blair, John Elliott, John Blessing, William E. Teal, Mrs. Loretta Corey, S. Hamilton, Mrs. Mary Montgomery, William S. Major, and J. C. Wagner. These are spacious and solid brick edifices. It would be impossible to enumerate the graceful and ornamental frame residences that loom up in every direction and indicate the comfortable circumstances and taste of their owners.

Shelbyville is remarkable for its popularity throughout the county in every direction. Often our streets present an appearance of crowding, and thrift, equal to a large city. There are more houses in demand than the supply. In railroad, telegraphic, post-office, and gas facilities, and in protection against fire, as well as in advantages of access by fine roads and the pleasures of driving amid pleasant landscape, Shelbyville stands second to no place of its size in the wide world. Our streets, graded, graveled, smooth as a floor, and thoroughly drained, owe much to the rare skill of Mr. Charles Magee, at present and for many years our Street Commissioner.

Now, as in the past, the mercantile interests of Shelbyville largely out-weigh its manufactures. However much this fact is to be deplored it is nevertheless true. It is not because there are not manufacturing facilities. Upon every hand are large forests of timber suited to manufacturing purposes. Already we have furniture, carriage and wagon shops, but not upon the scale that should exist. Abundance of walnut and ash for all grades of furniture can easily be obtained and manufactured here; and with Cincinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis, St. Louis, and Chicago as distributing points, will command a ready market throughout the west. The same holds true in regard to other branches. Competition in railway freights secures cheap transportation, and wood and water are in abundance. Even the facilities of a HYDRAULIC are within our reach. At a point six miles above town a canal can be built at a moderate cost, conveying water along the base of

the bluff upon the north of town, giving a fall of from forty to fifty feet—sufficient for immense manufacturing purposes. The proposed route has been carefully surveyed by Mr. J. M. Elliott, who has pronounced it practicable. He also estimates the cost of the work at from \$50,000 to \$100,000—according to the manner in which it is done, the character of the bridges, &c. Conceding the immense power to be thus with comparative ease acquired, and conceding the fact that Shelbyville has lost its ability of ADVANCING A SINGLE STEP IN WEALTH OR POPULATION UNLESS MANUFACTURING INTERESTS DO CLUSTER HERE, what deduction must be drawn? Clearly none other than that the Hydraulic should be built. These facts, properly impressed upon the minds of capitalists, should result in developing the nucleus we already have into larger schemes, employing hundreds of men and scores of thousands of dollars, making the air resonant with the busy hum of machinery; the clanking of anvils, the ruddy fires of many forges, the noise of looms and spindles would then be familiar sights and sounds; and better still, THE MORE THAN HALF A MILLION OF DOLLARS ANNUALLY SENT AWAY FOR AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS WOULD THEN BE EXPENDED HERE.

III.

TABULAR.

We next present the following TABULAR EXHIBIT of the History and Condition of Shelby County.

FIRST SETTLERS OF MARION.

David Fisher,	Adam Rhodes,
John Forman,	John Sleeth,
Balser Fox,	Caleb Sleeth,
James Grier,	William H. Sleeth,
Benjamin Hodges,	John Smith,
Benjamin Kaster,	Abel Summers,
Bennett Michan,	James Wilson,

FIRST SETTLERS OF SHELBYVILLE.

Campbell, Joseph	Mayhew, Elisha Sr
Davison, James	Mayhew, Elisha Jr
Gatewood, Henry	Mayhew, Royal
Goodrich, William	Morris, Sylvan B.
Goodrich, Nathan	Walker John
Goodrich, George	Walker Francis
Hawkins, William	Wilson, Isaac H.
Hendricks, John	Wingate, Smith
Lee, James	Williams, Benj.
Little, William	Young, John M.
McCabe, Ezra	

OUR OLD INHABITANTS.

NAME.	THE YEAR THEY CAME.	NAME.	THE YEAR THEY CAME.
Bassett, Jonah	1821.	Johnson, John B.	1825.
Bassett, Sylvester	1821.	Johnson, Elias	1825.
Booker, A. C.	1825.	Kaster, Samuel	1825.
Cherry, Andrew J.	1823.	Kaster, William	1821.
Cherry, John	1822.	Law, William	1821.
Cherry, Thomas J.	1825.	Mayhew, Elbridge G.	1821.
Cherry, William	1823.	Montgomery, Samuel	1825.
Collins, Allen	1823.	Moore, John	1823.
Collins, Anderson	1823.	Mowery, Jacob	1825.
Collins, Eli	1823.	Nail, Obediah	1821.
Conover, Obediah	1825.	Nail, Samuel	1821.
Davis, George W.	1821.	Parish, Levi	1821.
Davis, John C.	1820.	Patterson, James	1822.
Davison, James	1821.	Rice, Michael	1826.
Fleming, Thomas H.	1826.	Robertson, Samuel B.	1825.
Gatewood, Peter D.	1821.	Robertson, Sydney	1825.
Gatewood, William H.	1821.	Robbins, Milton	1821.
Goodrich, Nathan	1821.	Sleeth, Andrew	1821.
Green, Absolom	1825.	Sleeth, Caleb	1820.
Green, Henry	1825.	Snyder, Albert	1821.
Goodrich, Thomas	1821.	Snyder, David	1821.
Hankins, William	1821.	Snyder, Daniel A.	1821.
Hinds, Michael	1825.	Snyder, Peter	1821.
Houk, David	1825.	Vanpelt, Squier L.	1826.
Houk, John	1825.	Wilson, Isaac H.	1818.
Hoffman, Fountain	1825.	Winterrowd, Joseph	1824.
Johnson, John	1823.	Worland, Leo H.	1825.

THE FIRST GRAND JURY, OCTOBER 10, 1822.

Jas. Gregory, Foreman,	Abel Cole,	Henry Shearer,
Jesse Bird,	Zachariah Collins,	Zadock Plumer.

County Officers from 1822 to 1876.

STATE SENATORS.

James Gregory, 1825—31.	George W. Brown, 1853—57.
Thomas Hendricks, 1831—34.	David S. Gooding, 1857—61.
William Fowler, 1834—36.	Martin M. Ray, 1861—65.
John Walker, 1836—40.	James L. Mason, 1865—69.
Joseph B. Nickall, 1840-43.	Thomas G. Lee, 1869—71.
John Y. Kennedy, 1843—46.	Oliver J. Glessner, 1871—75.
Augustus C. Handy, 1846—49.	R. M. Slater, 1875.
James M. Sleeth, 1849—53.	

REPRESENTATIVES IN INDIANA LEGISLATURE.

Thomas Hendricks, 1823-26.	In the session of 1840-41, Wm. W. McCoy and Joshua B. Lucas.
Lewis Morgan, 1826-27.	John Hendricks, 1841-42.
John Smiley, 1827-28.	Fletcher Tevis, 1842-43.
Sylvan B. Morris, 1828-29.	Augustus C. Handy, 1843-45.
Rezin Davis, 1829-30.	James R. Sleeth, 1845-46.
John Smiley, 1830-31.	James M. Sleeth, 1846-47.
Sylvan B. Morris, 1831-32.	William Major, 1847-48.
Rezin Davis, 1832-34.	Thomas A. Hendricks, 1848-49.
Jacob Shank, 1834-35.	George W. Brown, 1849-51.
John Walker, 1835-36.	William Major, 1851-54.
Erasmus Powell and Edward Gird, 1836-37.	Samuel Donelson, 1853-55.
William J. Peasley and Joseph B. Nickoll, 1837-38.	Thomas A. McFarland, 1855-59.
William J. Peasley and Erasmus Powell, 1838-39.	Jacob Mutz, 1861-65.
William W. McCoy and Joshua B. Lucas, 1839-41.	James Harrison, 1865-67.
In the session of 1839, Wm. J. McCoy and Balis Coats.	George C. Thacher, 1867-69.
	Isaac Odell, 1869-71.
	James J. Curtis, 1871-73.
	Samuel D. Spellman, 1873-75.
	William Patterson, 1875.

CLERKS.

Hiram Albridge, from 1822 to 1829.	Alonzo Blair, from 1859 to 1867.
S. B. Morris, from 1829 to 1843.	Jacob G. Wolf, from 1867 to 1871.
Jacob Vernon, from 1843 to 1855.	John Elliott, from 1871 to 1875.
Alexander Miller, from 1855 to 1859.	B. S. Sutton, at present.
Wm. C. Miller, 1858-1859.	

SHERIFF'S

Sevier Lewis, 1822, died in office—Isaac Templeton appointed to serve unexpired term.	
John Walker, from 1824 to 1828.	S. L. Vanpelt, from 1854 to 1858.
Jacob Shank, from 1828 to 1832.	H. H. Bogess, from 1858 to 1860.
Elisha Baker, 1832-36.	Henry Doble, from 1860 to 1864.
John Stewart, from 1836 to 1840.	Howard Lee, from 1872 to 1876.
Apollio Kinsley, from 1840 to 1844.	E. B. Amsden, from 1864 to 1868.
William Wood, from 1844 to 1850.	John Hoop, from 1868 to 1870.
Alex. Miller, from 1850 to 1854.	Ithamer Spurlin, from 1870 to 1872.

RECORDERS.

William H. Sleeth, from 1822 to 1835. David Loudon, from 1850 to 1867.
 Milton Robbins, from 1835 to 1842. Cyrenus Bishop, from 1867 to 1871.
 John S. Campbell, from 1842 to 1855. Thos. J. Cherry, from 1871 to 1875.
 James Milleson, from 1855 to 1859. A. V. Robins, at present.

AUDITORS.

Vorohes Conover, from 1840 to 1847. Squier L. Vanpelt, from 1859 to 1867.
 John H. Stewart, from 1847 to 1851. Robert W. Wiles, from 1867 to 1875.
 John J. White, from 1851 to 1859. George W. Isley, at present.

TREASURERS.

William Davis, 1822—23. Elias M. Wilson, 1856—60.
 Elijah Mawhew, 1823—39. Andrew J. Winterowd, 1860—62.
 Thomas H. Fleming, 1839—42. William M. Phillips, 1862—66.
 Levi Lainger, 1842—44. Fountain G. Robinson, 1866—70.
 John Cartmill, 1844—50. James M. Sleeth, 1870—74.
 Alexander Miller, 1850—54. James O. Parrish, at present.
 Isaac H. Wilson, 1854—56.

COMMISSIONERS.

Wm. Goodrich,	V. Conover,	James Rule,	Wm. S. Ensley,
Calvin Kinsley,	John Sleeth,	Thomas Clayton,	C. Gorton,
Alexander Vanpelt,	James Robertson,	Sam'l Montgomery,	Geo. Senior,
Elias Millikin,	W. A. Doble,	Henry Buck,	Edmund Cooper,
Elijah Tyner,	Hugh Campbell,	Moses P. Higgins,	St. Clair Ensinger,
David Fisher,	George Conger,	Alex. Cory,	Louis Fessenbeck,
Joseph Dawson,	Jacob Fox,	J. J. Curtis,	Ithamer Davison.
Adam Mow,	John Kern,	John McConnel,	
Ashbel Stone,	Gideon Stafford,	Geo. W. Davis,	

CIRCUIT JUDGES.

Wm. W. Wick, 1822 to 1826.	Wm. M. McCarty, 1853 to 1858.
B. F. Morris, 1826 to 1833.	Reuben D. Logan, 1858 to 1865.
Jas. Morrison, 1833 to 1840.	Jerry M. Wilson, 1865 to 1868.
Wm. W. Wick, 1840 to 1847.	S. P. Oyler, 1868 to 1870.
Wm. J. Peaslee, 1847 to 1853.	D. D. Banta, 1870 to 1876.

ASSOCIATE JUDGES.

John Sleeth, Jos Dawson, 1829-1836.	David Thatcher, Calville Pierce—
John Sleeth, A. Williams, 1836-1843.	office discontinued.
Ira Bailey, Thos. Cotton, 1843-1850.	

PROBATE JUDGES.

Erasmus Powell, 1822 to 1836.	Wm. H. Sleeth, 1843 to 1850.
Jacob Kennerly, 1836 to 1843.	Cyrus Wright, 1850 to 1853.

COMMON PLEAS.

James M. Sleeth, 1853 to 1861.	O. J. Glessner, 1865 to 1869.
George A. Buskirk, 1861 to 1865.	Richard L. Coffey, 1869 to 1873.

The Bar.

IN 1822.

Brackinridge, A.	Dolany, James	Test, Charles
Curry, Hiram W.	Fletcher, Calvin	

IN 1876.

Adams, E. K.	Higgins, A. J.	Mitchner, Louis T.
Adams, Thomas B.	Haymond, James W.	Morrison, C. W.
Berryman, N. B.	Hord, Kendall M.	Norris, Richard
Blair, Alonzo	Hockman, James T.	Odell, Isaac
Daugherty, H. H.	Love, Benjamin F.	Ray, H. C.
Conner, William Z.	Major, Alfred	Ray, W. Scott
Feibleman, L.	Major, Stephen	Wells, R. S.
Fuget, I. W.	Major, S. L.	Whitcomb, Harry
Glessner, Oliver J.	Mayhew, Elbridge G.	Wilson, D. L.
Hart, James C.	McFadden, James B.	Wright, Geo. M.
Harrison, James	McGuire, James E.	Wright, J. T.

The Medical Profession of Shelbyville in 1876.

Clayton, J. R. (dentist)	Long, Henry	Rice, J. S. (dentist)
Day, S. D.	Leach, Ellet W.	Robbins, Milton
Green, William F.	McFadden, W. G.	Robbins, James P.
Fleming, George W.	Parrish, J. W.	Slocum, John C.
Kennedy, Samuel A.	Perry, John	Walker, John C.

Mayors of Shelbyville.

George Caruthers,	James Elhott,	Fletcher Meredith,
John Morrison, Sr.	James E. Maguire,	Stephen Allen,
Wm. Hacker,	John S. Campbell,	George C. Morrison.

The Clergy of Shelbyville in 1876.

Bassett, Miles—Baptist.	Rreece, John—Baptist,
Eshmeyer, J. H.—Presbyterian,	Roberts, John A.—Christian,
Harrison, Thomas—M. E.	Roberts, Robert—M. E.
Jolly, William T.—Baptist,	Rudolph, Francis J.—Catholic
Kent, Eliphalet—Presbyterian,	Sluter, George—Presbyterian,
Kent, Joseph H.—Presbyterian,	Tucker, Daniel—M. E.
Morrison, Samuel—Methodist.	

Official Directory—1876.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Wm. Patterson, Representative,
 E. T. Keightley, Joint Representative,
 B. S. Sutton, Clerk,
 T. H. Lee, Sheriff,
 Geo. W. Isley, Auditor,
 J. O. Parrish, Treasurer,
 Alf. V. Robins, Recorder,
 St. C. Ensminger, Com'r 1st District,
 Ithamar Davison, " 2d "
 Edmund Cooper, " 3d "
 Chas. F. Webster, Surveyor,
 John Maholm, Coroner,
 S. L. Major, County Superintendent.

Hon. David D. Banta, of Johnson County, Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit.
 W. S. Ray, of Shelby County, Prosecuting Attorney of the 16th Judicial Circuit.

Circuit Court convenes on the first Monday of March, fourth Monday in May, fifth Monday in September and third Monday in December, and continues seven weeks each term.

Commissioners Court convenes on the first Monday in March, June, September and December, and continues nine days each term.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Levi Runshe, Joe. W. Sandefur, Jackson Township.
 Wm. M. Deiwert, Jno. Clark, Washington "
 S. H. Gregory, M. L. Copeland, Thos. J. Jones, Noble "
 J. L. Midkiff, Thad. Lewis, Liberty "
 A. J. Higgins, Michael Posz, L. Feibleman, R. Norris, Addison "
 Jesse Shaw, Wm. F. Higgins, Hendricks "
 Wm. P. Holden, Jno. Fraser, Sugar Creek "
 J. L. Monjar, T. B. Carey, I. D. Tull, Brandywine "
 Sampson Meiks, Michael Rice, Marion "
 Thos. Moberly, E. W. Hester, Union "
 Samuel Stiers, M. A. Sleeth, Hanover "
 Samuel Martin, Jno. F. Room, Van Buren "
 A. J. Smith, Moral "

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES.

Thomas Stine, Jackson Township.
 Wm. E. Deacon, Washington "
 F. W. Avery, Noble "
 Jasper Heck, Liberty "
 Conrad Schroeder, Addison "
 Henry L. Ross, Hendricks "
 Ben. Farmrbough, Sugar Creek "
 Wm. Goodwin, Brandywine "
 Alfred Fox, Marion "
 L. H. Branson, Union "
 M. B. Chadwick, Hanover "
 Geo. W. Davis, Van Buren "
 Dan. B. Smith, Moral "

IV.

STATISTICAL.

The statistics of our County we give under the following heads:

THE TOWNS.

NAMES OF TOWNS.	Dates of Organization	Population in 1875.
Shelbyville,	Sept. 23, 1822,	
Morristown,	May 3, 1828,	225
Middletown,	June 19, 1829,	150
Mt. Pleasant,	June 2, 1831,	
Brandywine,	August 6, 1832,	15
Gelletsburg,	January 17, 1833,	
Savannah,	June 9, 1834,	
Cynthianna,	August 19, 1835,	100
Scottsville,	Feb. 23, 1835,	
Freeport,	March 7, 1836,	60
Pleasant View,	July 6, 1836,	50
Blackhawk (now Mt. Vernon),	January 18, 1837,	89
Dobletown,	October 3, 1837,	10
New Holland,	April 29, 1837,	
Houghburg (now Boggstown),	July 16, 1838,	
Vinton,	March 20, 1838,	
Marietta,	June 19, 1839,	175
Smithland,	October 28, 1851,	50
London,	July 21, 1852,	100
Fairland,	October 21, 1852,	500
Brookfield,	Nov. 26, 1853,	75
Geneva,	October 28, 1853,	40
Fountaintown,	Dec. 23, 1854,	260
Stroupville (now Waldron),	March 27, 1854,	400
Flatrock,	May 2, 1855,	30
St. Paul,	April 4, 1856,	100
Prescott,	June 28, 1867,	25
Boggstown,	Feb. 17, 1869,	75

POPULATION OF THE COUNTY.

1840.....12,502 | 1860.....19,360
 1850.....15,671 | 1870.....21,981

The increase in population has been more rapid during the past four or five years than any previous period of equal length, and the enumeration of school children 8399 indicates a population of at least 24,000.