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

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"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
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 Posher,  
John Furman,  
Balser Fox,  
James Grier,  
Benjamin Hodges,  
Benjamin Kaster,  
Bennett Michan,  
Adam Rhodes,  
John Sleeth,  
Calb Sleeth,  
William H. Sleeth,  
John Smilk,  
Abel Summers,  
James Wilson,
FIRST SETTERS OF SHELBIVILLE.

Campbell, Joseph
Davidson, James
Gatewood, Henry
Goodrich, William
Green, Absalom
Hankins, William
Hinds, Michael
Hout, David
Hout, John
Hoffman, Fountain
Johnson, John
Mayhew, Elisha Sr
Mayhew, Elisha Jr
Mayhew, Royal
Morris, Sylvan B.
Walker John
Walker Francis
Wilson, Isaac H.
Wingate, Smith
Williams, Benj.
McCabe, Ezra

OUR OLD INHABITANTS.

THE YEAR THEY CAME. THE YEAR THEY CAME.

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, Obidiah 1821.
Conover, Obidiah 1825. Nail, Samuel 1821.
Davis, John C. 1820. Patterson, James 1822.
Davison, James 1821. Rice, Michael 1826.
Gatewood, Peter D. 1821. Robertson, Sydney 1825.
Goodrich, Nathan 1824. Sleeth, Andrew 1821.
Green, Absalom 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.
Hout, David 1825. Vanpeli, Squier L. 1826.
Hout, 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.


Countv Officers from 1822 to 1876.

STATE SENATORS.

James Gregory, 1825-31.
Thomas Hendricks, 1826-34.
William Fowler, 1824-36.
John Walker, 1836-40.
Joseph B. Nickalls, 1840-43.
John V. Kennedy, 1843-46.
Augustus C. Handy, 1846-49.
James M. Sleeth, 1849-53.

REPRESENTATIVES IN INDIANA LEGISLATURE.

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

CLERKS.

Hiram Allbridge, from 1822 to 1829.
S. B. Morris, from 1829 to 1831.
Jacob Verinen, from 1831 to 1833.
Alexander Miller, from 1833 to 1835.
Wm. C. Miller, 1835-1839.

IN the session of 1839, Wm. J. McCoy and Balls Coats.

SHERIFFS.

Sevier Lewis, 1822, died in office—Isaac Templeton appointed to serve unexpired term.
John Walker, from 1824 to 1828.
Jacob Shank, from 1828 to 1832.
Elisha Baker, 1832-36.
John Stewart, from 1836 to 1841.
Apollos Kinsley, from 1840 to 1844.
William Wood, from 1844 to 1850.
Alex. Miller, from 1850 to 1854.

George W. Brown, 1853-57.
David B. Gooding, 1857-61.
Martin M. Ray, 1861-65.
James L. Mason, 1865-69.
Thomas G. Lee, 1869-71.
Oliver J. Glessner, 1871-75.
R. M. Slater, 1875.
RECORDERS.
William H. Sleeth, from 1822 to 1835.
Milton Robbins, from 1835 to 1842.
John S. Campbell, from 1842 to 1855.
James Milleson, from 1855 to 1859.
David Louden, from 1859 to 1867.
Cyrenus Bishop, from 1867 to 1871.
Thos. J. Cherry, from 1871 to 1875.
A. V. Robins, at present.

AUDITORS.
Vorohes Conover, from 1840 to 1847.
John H. Stewart, from 1847 to 1851.
John J. White, from 1851 to 1859.
Elijah Mawhew, 1823-39.
Alexander Miller, 1850-54.

TREASURERS.
William Davis, 1822-23.
Elijah Mawhew, 1823-39.
Thomas H. Fleming, 1839-42.
Levi Lainger, 1842-44.
John Cartmill, 1844-50.
Alexander Miller, 1850-54.
Isaac H. Wilson, 1854-56.

COMMISSIONERS.

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

ASSOCIATE JUDGES.
John Sleeth, Jos Dawson, 1829-36.
John Sleeth, A. Williams, 1836-1843.
David Thatcher, Calville Pierce—office discontinued.

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

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

The Bar.
IN 1822.
Brackinridge, A.
Dolany, James
Curry, Hiram W.
Fletcher, Calvin
IN 1876.
Adams, E. K.
Higgins, A. J.
Adams, Thomas B.
Mitchner, Louis T.
Berryman, N. B.
Haysmond, James W.
Herbert, A. N.
Morrison, C. W.
Blair, Alonzo
Hockman, James T.
Daugherthy, H. H.
Love, Benjamin F.
Conner, William Z.
Major, Alfred
Feibleman, L.
Major, Stephen
Fugel, L. W.
Major, S. L.
Glessner, Oliver J.
Mayhew, Elbridge G.
Hart, James C.
McFadden, James B.
Harrison, James
McGuire, James E.

The Medical Profession of Shelbyville in 1876.
Clayton, J. R. (dentist)
Long, Henry
Daly, S. D.
Leach, Ellet W.
Green, William F.
Robbins, Milton
McFadden, W. G.
Robbins, James P.
Fleming, George W.
Parrish, J. W.
Kennedy, Samuel A.
Vanpelt, C. H.
Harrison, James
Glessner, J.
McGuen, James E.

Mayors of Shelbyville.
George Caruthers, James Elliott, Fletcher Meredith.
John Morrison, Sr.
John S. Campbell, George C. Morrison.

The Clergy of Shelbyville in 1876.
Bassett, Miles—Baptist.
Eshmeyer, J. H.—Presbyterian.
Harrison, Thomas—Methodist.
Jolly, William T.—Baptist.
Kent, Elihael—Presbyterian.
Kent, Joseph H.—Presbyterian.
Morrison, Samuel—Methodist.
Reece, John—Baptist.
Roberts, John A.—Christian.
Roberts, Robert—Methodist.
Rudolph, Francis J.—Catholic.
Sister, George—Presbyterian.
Tucker, Daniel—Methodist.
Official Directory—1876.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Wm. Patterson, Representative, St. C. Ensinger, Cam'rt 1st District, 
E. T. Keightley, Joint Representative, Ithamar Davison, " 2d " 
B. S. Sutton, Clerk, Edmund Cooper, " 3d " 
T. H. Lee, Sheriff, Chas. F. Webster, Surveyor, 
Geo. W. Isley, Auditor, John Malcom, Coroner, 
J. O. Parrish, Treasurer, S. L. Major, County Superintendent. 
Alf. V. Robins, Recorder, 
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 Russel, Joe. W. Sandefur, Jackson Township. 
J. L. Midkiff, Thad. Lewis, Liberty. 
A. J. Higgins, Michael Pozz, L. Feibleman, R. Norris, Addison. 
Jesse Shaw, Wm. F. Higgins, Hendricks. 
Wm. P. Haldan, Jno. Frater, Sugar Creek. 
J. L. Moyar, T. B. Carey, I. D. Tull, Brandywine. 
Sampson Meiks, Michael Rice, Marion. 
Thos. Mokerly, 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. Farmborough, 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.