

# THE CENTERVILLE RECORD

SEVENTH HOME COMING -- 1930

## MINUTES

Mr. Bird Manning, President: "The house will please come to order. We will all sing, 'In the Garden of Prayer'.—We will now be led in prayer by Reverend William M. England of the Baptist Church of Girard, Illinois.—Now we will hear the secretary's report—the same is approved. Now we will have the treasurer's report.—It is approved.—We have on hand \$25.48.—It has been moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to see about a memorial for Mr. Elbridge Black, Centerville's old singing school teacher. (Committee is named elsewhere.) Mrs. Nell (Coffee) Bullman will give the memorial report."

Mrs. Bullman: "Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Ament) Pennington, born February 4, 1852, died March 6, 1930, wife of Joseph Pennington; Mrs. Elizabeth (Hume) Hilyard, born November 13, 1840, died March 16, 1930, wife of Leonard Hilyard, Sr.; Mrs. Susan S. (Rexford) Hilyard, born November 29, 1848, died April 19, 1930, wife of Samuel Hilyard, one of the organizers of the Centerville Bethlehem Baptist Church; Mrs. S. P. (Pinkie Ferguson) Reno, born March 26, 1875, died at home near Kane, May 18, 1930; William Edmund Henderson of Richmond, Kansas, died June 14, 1930 at the age of seventy-one; Albert Unger, born May 7, 1872, died in Alton on August 18, 1930; Miss Julia Cole of Shipman, who taught the Centerville school in 1890 and 1891."

President: "We will now hear the Resolutions by Mr. R. L. Dumas of Jacksonville."

Mr. Dumas: "We, your Committee on Resolutions wish to report as follows: Resolved that the Centerville Home-coming Association do now express our thankfulness to God for His mercies which have permitted us to gather here again also for the much needed rain we have had today Resolved that we extend to Rev. England an expression of thanks for the excellent sermon he delivered this morning. Resolved that we extend our thanks to those of this neighborhood who have made this meeting possible. Resolved that the organization extend our sympathy to William Holland in his sickness, and we truly hope for his recovery. Resolved that we thank those who have decorated the church so beautifully. Whereas our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy has removed from our midst Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Ament) Pennington, Mrs. Elizabeth (Hume) Hilyard, Mrs. Susan S. (Rexford) Hilyard, Mrs. Pinkie (Ferguson) Reno, Miss Julia Cole, Mr. Edward Henderson and Mr. Albert Unger, it is resolved that we, the members of the Centerville Home-coming Association extend to their families our sincere sympathy." (Committee: R. L. Dumas, C. J. Jacoby, Nelson Lockyer.)

President: "This report is adopted.—The secretary will now read any letters of interest."

Secretary: "Mr. and Mrs. James Feeney of Farmington, Mo., send their greetings. We also received the following letter:

Corwith, Iowa.

To Dear Friends and Relatives of Centerville Baptist Church:

It will be impossible for us to attend the home-coming this year.

Four of my children and I attended the vacation Bible School at Corwith, Iowa, this spring. I surely feel that I received a wonderful blessing. My two dear little girls and one boy learned eleven short Bible songs in ten days. The oldest girl committed to memory twenty-nine, and the youngest twenty-six Bible verses. Besides this the three had good lessons. I think they did well for their first attempt.

We would surely like to bring them and let them sing their songs for you. I learned that a most excellent way to follow Jesus is through earnest prayer and the reading of God's message of love, sent down from above. So let us all take the Bible wherever we go.

Our most earnest prayer is that we all may meet at the grand and glorious home-coming above.

Yours truly,

Clem and Florence (Leatherby) Hilyard and Family.

P. S. We would love to hear from others who have attended Bible Schools.

The following letter was handed to the secretary by Mrs. Ella Baker to be read. It was written by Joseph Huckelbridge to his brother Job Huckelbridge on November 21, 1858.

the latter talked of the old rail fence, and the willows near the school house, the ball ground that used to be in front of the church, where the children played, and of skating on "Uncle John's" pond. Mrs. Emma (Bohlmeier) Dumas spoke of Corrington Chapel and its needs, and said they were to have their home-coming the next Sunday. Mrs. Nell (Coffee) Bullman spoke of the old "Sings" which made such a "joyful noise", and said they were bright and dear in her memory. C. J. Jacoby, who is a Methodist, asked the Baptists to join him in shouting the "good old story." He told of an abandoned church and how an old miller was sorry for its condition and said he would pay all the bills of the church for one year if the other members would give one-tenth of their earnings to keep the church going afterward. They all agreed to it, and a great revelation took place. The miller took a handful of meal from each bag they bought thereafter, and thus met the expense for the year. Mrs. Annie (Gent) Sweet told how she enjoyed meeting her girlhood friends. Truman Black and Mrs. Viva (Wood) Leggett said how glad they were to meet old friends also.

Then Mr. Nelson Lockyer gave a very interesting reading, after which the secretary read the following poem:

## HOME CUMMINS

"Home Cummins"? Say;  
jest listen, folks!  
Them there's the best ov  
times!  
'Kaint tell ye all about 'em,  
in  
These few, an' simple  
rhymes,  
But they sure git next to  
yer heart,  
An' stir yer feelin' up,  
While mem'ry presses to  
yer lips  
Her most delicious cup!

"Home Cummins"! Them  
dee-lightful days  
When folks cum traipsin'  
back!  
The Brownses an' the Joneses  
an'  
The hull fraternal pack!  
They've scattered to the  
four-winds of  
This wide, an' wond'rus  
earth.

But their lovin' hearts keep longin', fer  
The spot which giv' em birth!

An' there ain't no furrin country, ner  
No scenes so great an' grand,  
As what kin wean their loyal hearts  
Frum home, an' native land,  
That's why, when our "Home Cummin' Day"  
Cums rollin' 'round onct more,  
It draws 'em, like a magnet, frum  
The mountain, plain, an' shore.

No use in talkin' 'bout "expense",  
Ner "trouble gittin' there";  
'Twon't do to worry 'bout the "grub",  
An' things we must prepare;  
Don't mention clo'es, an' jewelry,  
An' "fol-de-rols", an' such,  
Koz, folks ye KNOW, ain't keerin fer  
The outer things, so much.

The things they're keerin fer, is jest  
The hand that gives the grip,  
An' eyes that sparkle, while the word  
Of luv, falls frum yer lip.  
Or, mebbly, jest a knowin' smile,  
Or tears that stain the cheek,  
An' bear a silent message, which  
No human tongue kin speak.



THE CENTERVILLE CHURCH

Mrs. Fleming is dead. Old man Clark is dead. Mr. Wallis is dead. We have had a fine meeting at the Baptist Meeting House for six weeks. Those that were baptized were: Samuel Hilyard, Miss Pennington, three of the Waggner women, Mr. Clark, Marthy Pollard, Miss Barns, Charles Lockyer, David Anderson, John Shellman, Miss Rexford, John Holland."

President: "We will now hear from the chairman of the nominating committee."

William Cromwell: "We, your committee, submit the following names for your consideration as officers for 1931: President, L. B. Manning; vice-president, B. M. Bohlmeier; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. B. M. Bohlmeier and Mrs. M. S. Lancaster, the first named acting as secretary, the second as assistant."

President: "These names are accepted.—Now friends, we are going to have an open meeting. This is your meeting and we want to hear from you."

## SOCIAL HOUR

Mr. Charles Bullman of Vernon, Texas, said it was a pleasure to be present and meet old friends and neighbors. Mrs. Julia (Roberts) Henderson, Mrs. Anna (Marks) Rottmayer, and Mrs. Mayme (Huckelbridge) Henderson spoke of the joy of meeting old friends, while

"Home Cummins"! Say; they make me think  
About that endless day  
Toward which our souls is strivin'; an'  
Fer which we fondly pray.  
That Home, ov joy an' sunshine, where  
The holy angels wait,  
An' God Himself shall welcome us,  
Inside the Golden Gate.

—Ned Davieson.

Mrs. Lydia (Marks) Kessinger moved that this poem be put in the minutes.

Then it was asked that all the members of Mr. Black's old Singing School who were present should arise. There were quite a number there and they tried to recall the names of all the others who had been members. The first Singing School consisted of: Albert and Mayme (Huckelbridge) Henderson, Lorman and Mattie (Morris) Bullman, Delia (Morris) Scott, Bennie and Rosetta (Campbell) Bohlmeier, Clara (Bohlmeier) Black, Steve and Julia (Roberts) Henderson. The second class was composed of Henry Kardell, Emma Kardell, Lydia (Marks) Kessinger, Annie (Marks) Rottmayer, John and Minnie (Ashford) Coffee, Will Cromwell, Alice (Cromwell) Huckelbridge, Arthur Cromwell, Charles and Nell (Coffee) Bullman, Charles Fleming, Mary Fleming, Walter Huckelbridge, Alice (Edwards) Edsall, Frank Leatherby, Edith (Edsall) Dyke, Lizzie (Hopper) Salzman, Irene Gray, Charles Slifer, and Margaret (Slifer) Lancaster.

The members of the third class were: Tessie (Frale) Fahrenkrog, Pearl (Slifer) Deffenbaugh, Chester Slifer, Minnie (Marks) Sickbert, Harry Marks, Truman and Cleda (Black) Mitchell, Lorman and Annie Mae (Maxwell) Mize, Florence (Bullman) Jenkins, Victor Bullman, and Vida (Frale) Bartell. (See picture of this class.)

It was voted that at the next home-coming (the Sunday before Labor Day, 1931) that everyone who belonged to the Singing School should bring their copy of the old Singing School book, and that each member order a kazoo or zobo from Sears-Robinson or bring his old one. We are to have several zobo selections in memory of our old Singing School teacher.

Then there was a beautiful solo "The Church by the Side of the Road", sung by Mrs. Norene (Deahl) Matlock. So impressive was this song that John Coffee asked that it be printed in the minutes.

#### THE CHURCH BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

Rev. W. C. Poole

1

Thro' the mist of years I seem to see  
The church of my childhood days;  
And its mem'ries sweet, so with joy replete,  
Shall live in my heart alway.

Chorus:

Then on memory's page I can see again,  
The church by the side of the road;  
And wherever I roam, it is guiding me home,  
The church by the side of the road.

2

And the old, old songs that we used to sing,  
I'm singing them o'er and o'er;  
They give strength and cheer, when the clouds  
draw near,  
And lead to the other shore.

3

At the place of pray'r, in that little church,  
I knelt at my mother's side,  
There the Lord I found, it is holy ground,  
The One who for sinners died.

4

There's a hallowed spot 'neath the old pine  
tree,  
Where mother was laid to rest;  
What a joy 'twill be her dear face to see,  
With Him that I love the best.

Praise and Worship Hymns

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Mrs. Charles Dey then gave the reading, "The Little Mince Pie."

The president then asked for tributes to be paid to old influential residents of Centerville.

Mrs. Lancaster spoke of the influence Uncle Ed. Fleming and Uncle Lucius Clower had upon her Christian life. Emma (Bohlmeier) Dumas also talked about Mr. Clower's influential life. Lydia (Marks) Kessinger said that when she thought of a real Christian, Uncle John Huckelbridge and his prayers, particularly the family worship before breakfast, were uppermost in her mind. Mrs. Manning told that she always enjoyed Hazel (Hill) Hopper's singing and playing. Effie Van Dyke paid tribute to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bullman. Mr. Bullman was a Sunday School Superintendent and Mrs. Bullman a Sunday School teacher for many years. Bennie Bohlmeier spoke of Aunt Mary Barnes, his Sunday School teacher. He said he could see her yet in her yellow sun-bonnet, and of Mr. Edgar Frost, who was the Sunday School superintendent in his boyhood days. Mrs. Fraley said Mrs. Barnes was her first Sunday School teacher also. When she (Mrs. Barnes) died Mrs. Ella Baker took her place. Mr. Dumas then asked if we thought we took the places of these old patriarchs, taking our religion with us and talking of it in the homes of our neighbors. He said it was their influence which led us to Christ and asked "IS OURS LEADING OTHERS TO THE SAVIOUR, in this day of rush and worry?"

The president then asked Mrs. Slifer and her school pupils to stand. There were six students present: Lizzie Fraley, Lorman Bullman, Bennie Bohlmeier, Clara Black, Dollie Holland and Mayme Henderson. He then asked Mrs. Slifer to select the closing song. Her choice was "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder". We all stood and sang.

Mr. Casper Jacoby then dismissed us with prayer.

Collection	\$24.91
Balance	25.48
	\$50.39
Expenses of today—Tea 90c, Ice 75c	1.65
	\$48.74
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	\$30.16

Five hundred of these reports will be \$100.00, not including stamps and envelopes. Each copy cost 20c. Andrew Edsall read the proof and handed me 50c for stamps. Others may send a few stamps if interested.

#### HOME COMING PROGRAM FOR 1931

Sunday, Sept. 6 and Monday, Sept. 7

10 A. M.—Sunday School. Let's see how many can attend.

11 A. M.—The Home Coming Sermon.

12 Noon—The Big Dinner.

2 P. M.—Business Meeting and Program.

4:30 P. M.—Dedication of "Black" Memorial.

5:00 P. M.—Dedication of Community House.

The officers had a business meeting at Mrs. Lancaster's Studio on January 16th and decided to make this a two day affair. Monday, Labor Day, to be a get-together and visit day. Come prepared.

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST TODAY (1930)

Oldest person present—Mrs. Katherine Hammond, ninety years.

Youngest person present—Weldon Simmermaker, four and one-half months. Parents—Frank and Thelma (Newby) Simmermaker.

Those who came the greatest distance—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bullman of Vernon, Texas, 825 miles; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henderson from Thayer, Kansas; Mrs. Steve Henderson from Princeton, Kansas.

N. B.—If you cannot attend—please send a letter to be read.

#### COMMITTEES FOR 1931

Obituary Committee—Edward Marks, Mrs. C. N. Bullman, Mrs. Ella Baker, Mrs. B. M. Bohlmeier.

Interesting Items Committee—Mrs. R. L. Dumas, Mrs. Steve Henderson, Charles Benner.

Resolutions Committee—Mrs. M. S. Lancaster, C. J. Jacoby, Nelson Lockyer, R. L. Dumas.

Nominating Committee—Charles Marks, Mrs. Lydia Kessinger, W. O. Cromwell.

Committee To Erect Memorial For Elbridge Black—Margaret Slifer-Lancaster, Chairman; Nell Bullman, Albert Henderson, Vida Bartels, Edith Dike, Arthur Cromwell, Charles Fleming, Chester Slifer.

Our neighbors—Plainview and Corrington Chapel—both celebrate "Home Comings" each summer.

N. B.—The "Centerville Home Coming" is always on Sunday, the day before Labor Day. Try and be there. Bring your family and a well-filled basket. Dinner is always served cafeteria style. Next time we will again display photos of old Centervilleites, also keepsakes of the pioneers and antiques, Indian relics, old money, autograph albums, old Sunday School merit cards, etc. Mrs. Ella Baker and Mrs. Lizzie Fraley will have charge of these things. Be sure to have names on the photos and a tab with your name and description on the article. If you still have your grandfather's knife, watch, spectacles, cane, lamp, candle stick, grease lamp, pipe, or scarf, or Grandma's handmade counterpane, handkerchief, thimble or plate—bring it along for the younger generation to see. Wonder if anyone has a spinning wheel? Tell or write interesting things about pioneers.

#### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT CENTERVILLE AND ITS COMMUNITY

Centerville is so called because of its location. It is bounded on the North by Plainview, on the East by Dorchester, on the South by Bunker Hill and Woodburn, and on the West by Shipman. This little hamlet is right in the center, as the old sign-post indicated. It is five miles, or thereabouts, from each of these other towns. The first white men, of whom we have any record, to come to this prairie were Captain Ninian Edwards and three hundred mounted men in the September of 1812. They were interested in Indian warfare. The next July Captain Samuel Whitesides and a small company of rangers passed through here pursuing a band of marauding Indians who had massacred the wife and children of Mr. Regan, near Alton. A monument commemorating this massacre has been erected near the spot, at the rear of the Alton State Hospital.

Macoupin is the name of our County. Macoupin is an Indian word meaning, "Land of the White Potato", so called because many wild artichokes grew along the Macoupin creek. Hilyard Township was named for a family of early settlers with that name. Ninian Edwards was the first governor of Illinois, serving from 1827 to 1830. He was a Baptist. Illinois was organized as a separate territory in the spring of 1809 and was admitted to the Union in 1818. Edwardsville was named for Governor Edwards, as was Edwards County. Samuel Love was the first white child born in Macoupin County, in 1822 in Palmyra township. He, too, was a Baptist.

Before the white men saw this beautiful prairie it was inhabited by the copper-colored race. It was a favorite hunting ground for the Black Hawk, Sacs, Fox, Pottawattamie, Kickapoo and Osage Indians. The last Indian wigwams disappeared from this part of the country in 1826.

The first settlers in Centerville came from Madison and St. Clair Counties. Mr. David Coop and his family came in the spring of 1815. They were of German extraction. They settled on what is known as Coop's Creek, named for them, not far from the center of Hilyard Township. The sons were John, David Jr., William G., and Ransom. There were several daughters also. The Coops lived here about ten years, then moved near Carlinville and lived on Coop's Mound. Mr. Coop owned and operated the first mill in Centerville. It was a small and rude affair, propelled by horse power and ground from eight to ten bushells of grain a day. William G. Coop, youngest son of David Coop was first treasurer of Macoupin County. When Illinois was admitted to the Union there were only ten families, about forty souls, in Macoupin County. John Harris was

the first sheriff of the county. Mr. Harris married twice, the second time to the widow of David Coop, Sr. Mr. Harris went to Iowa where Mr. Coop had moved and died and married Mrs. Coop and brought his wife back with him. The third marriage to take place in Macoupin County was that of William G. Coop to Nancy Harris on August 15, 1829. And on August 21st of the same year David Coop, Jr., married Elizabeth Harris.

"Gone is that free hospitality which made every settler's cabin an 'Inn' where the belated and weary traveler found entertainment without money and without price; gone is that community sentiment which made neighbors, neighbors indeed." Each settler brought with him a keen ax and his equally necessary rifle. His first labor was to fell the trees and erect his unpretentious cabin, rudely made of logs. All his neighbors were sure to help. The cabin was built in a square of from fourteen to sixteen feet, never larger than twenty. It was frequently built without glass, nails, hinges, or locks. A huge fireplace was built in one end of the house, in which fire was kindled for cooking, and for warmth in winter. The ceilings were covered with pelts of racoon, opossum and wolf to add warmth. The cabin was lighted by means of greased paper placed over a hole where a log was left out, along the side wall. For this purpose heavy paper was greased with coon grease and bear oil. Homes were lighted at night by grease lamps and candles and the flames from the fireplace.

Furniture consisted of a table, rudely made from puncheon, with four legs. There were seats and stools with three or four legs and a bedstead made of the same material. It was often so contrived that it could be drawn up and fastened to the wall in the day time, affording more room to the family. The more wealthy settlers used knives and forks. The others had none. The table knife was a common pack or butcher knife. Mush and milk was the chief diet for the evening meal, "supper". A gourd hollowed out formed the family dipper. Apple butter and dried fruits were the main desserts. Lye hominy and parched sweet corn were used a great deal. Maple sugar was much used, as well as honey, which sold at five cents a pound, butter at five cents a pound and eggs at three cents a dozen. If a hog was killed, it was shared by all the neighbors. Tomatoes in those days were called "Love Apples." They were considered poison, and breeders of cancer, and they were grown only for the purpose of ornamenting the mantle.

The woman in each household had her own spinning wheel. She spun cloth for all the clothes, mostly wool, which she dyed with butter nuts and walnuts. Fifty years ago most of the men wore unbleached muslin shirts and the wives dutch blue dresses. The favorite entertainments in those days were husking bees and house-raising. To these affairs the women took their spinning wheels and held spinning contests. Other favorite pastimes were running and jumping races and shooting matches.

The main occupation of the earliest settler was hunting. This country was rich in fish, ducks, turkey, jack-snipe, quail, goose, prairie chicken, squirrel, fox, wolf, panther, wild-cat, raccoon, o'possum, musk-rat, coyote, deer, and bear.

In 1830 there occurred what was known throughout the middle west as "The Big Snow". It caused much suffering among the settlers who were unprepared for any such difficulty. The snow began falling on the 15th day of December and continued for five days without stopping. It was several feet deep in places, and in some places it attained a depth of fifteen feet. This snow began to melt in the latter part of February, and took about two months to go. After that, events of any kind were dated from "The Big Snow." (Macoupin County History, No. 1, page 28). Mr. Samuel Hilyard recalled "The Shower of Stars" in 1833.

In 1841 Messrs. Richard Cromwell and David Shifer rode from Germantown, Ohio, to this territory on horseback, looking for a new

home site. These men were brothers-in-law. Finding Hilyard Township to their liking, they rode back to Ohio to bring their wives, Caroline Eichelberger-Cromwell, and Margaret Eichelberger-Slifer. This trip they came down the Ohio River, then the Mississippi, landing at Alton. They then drove from Alton to Centerville. Mrs. Cynthia Cromwell-Lockyer was the first child born to the Cromwells after they came to Illinois. Their home was one and one-half miles South of the church, and is where William Cromwell Jr. lives today.

Among the earliest settlers in Hilyard Township were: Joseph P. Gray, 1831; John M. Miller, 1831; William and Leonard Hilyard, 1832; Charles Huckelbridge, 1835; Abraham Cramp, 1836; Job and John Huckelbridge, 1837. (Macoupin County History, No. 1, page 249.) In 1834 there were fifteen families representing seventy-five persons, residing in Hilyard Township. Among these were the Gray, Pruitt, Hilyard, Maxwell, Leyarley, Jolley, Ray, Skaggs, Lemay, Miller, and Thomas families. These inhabitants from the earliest times to the present have been an industrious, hospitable, intelligent and religious group of people. There have been no violent and disrespectful deeds of any note in their history. In early days when the prairie was covered with a heavy grass, there were frequent fires in summer, and autumn, often doing much property damage. In 1833 a child of Aaron Learley, first school teacher, was caught in a prairie fire and burned to death.

John M. Hilyard and his wife, Mary, his father-in-law, James P. Gray, and Erred Maxwell, all came down from Sangamon County and settled together in Hilyard Township. At that time settlers were still few and scattered and Mr. Hilyard was obliged to go to Belleville to mill. He cut rails at twenty-five cents per hundred, and with his earnings bought corn in St. Clair County at one dollar a bushel. This he had ground into cornmeal for bread. Wheat was trodden from the straw by horses. Wheat flour was such a rarity that only on special occasions, perhaps Sunday dinner, was wheat flour used in the making of a batch of biscuits. These were baked in Dutch ovens. Mr. Hilyard died December 23, 1872, and had been a resident of the County named for him for forty-one years. He was the father of Leonard, Samuel and Maurice Hilyard, who were very active in the Centerville Church.

The very first entry of land dates back to June 31, 1827, when William Jones entered eighty acres in Section thirty-three.

In 1829 the county of Macoupin was created by an act of the Legislature at the then capital of the state, Vandalia. Commissioners were appointed to select a site for a seat of Justice. At the first election held in the county there were 78 votes polled. At the second election there were 170, the population of the county then being 1500. Among the first voters were David Coop and his sons, William and David, Jr.; John, Maurice and Joseph Hilyard; John Gray and John Harris.

A deed was filed in the recorder's office dated Nov. 2, 1829, in which Thomas Jaynes conveyed to David Wright 40 acres of land in Hilyard township. Consideration \$120.

In the first years of settlement doctors were summoned from Madison County. Dr. Budden was the first doctor to settle in Bunker Hill Township. Dr. Howell settled in Bunker Hill in 1835. Dr. C. Murphy was the first resident physician to locate in Hilyard Township in 1854.

In 1852 the Chicago and Alton Railroad was built. This was the beginning of real history for Macoupin County. In December 1870 the County Court appointed John I. Rinaker, E. H. Davis and John P. Henderson commissioners to divide the county of Macoupin into townships agreeably to the statute, and to organize and name the same. (Macoupin County History, No. 1, page 51.) Richard Cromwell was elected Township Supervisor of Hilyard Township in 1872. Edward Fleming was elected Township Collector in 1871, J. M. Foster

was Collector in 1877, William B. Roberts in 1879. Then Richard Cromwell was elected Justice-of-Peace in 1871, William Roberts as Township Constable in 1877. E. B. Meriwether was Commissioner of Highways in 1871, which office passed to Leonard Hilyard in 1873, to James McKinzie in 1877, to William Colthar in 1878 and to William M. Foster in 1879.

The town of Lincoln was laid out two miles South of Bunker Hill on the farm later owned by Reverend Jacob Hopper, by Messrs. Tuttle and Lincoln. A log cabin and a frame house mark the farthest progress that the town ever attained. These buildings stood in the Southwest corner of the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Portor Deffenbaugh now live. A post office was established there and called Lincoln, of which Anthony Lincoln was appointed Post Master. Bunker Hill was first known as Wolf Ridge. The Lincoln post office was transferred to Bunker Hill in 1837. Bunker Hill was ninety five years old this Christmas (1930). It was founded in 1835 by Moses True. He was the first to start a store there.

Jonathan L. Wood, Benjamin Davis and sons Jefferson, Isaac, Alfred and David, came to Woodburn in 1830. It was just wilderness then. The town was laid out in 1834 and the first post office was established there in 1837.

"We become like that which we constantly admire."

Mr. John Holmes of Gillespie sent this to us. It is a Sale Bill dated February 17, 1848. We found it extremely interesting:

#### SALE BILL

All my personal property except two ox-teams—Buck and Lon and Jerry and Ben, consisting of the following: two milk cows; gray mare and colt; pair of oxen, yoke and baby yoke; two ox-carts; iron plow with wood mould board; eight hundred feet of poplar weather boards; one thousand three foot clap boards; one thousand ten foot rails; sixty gallon soap kettle; eighty-five sugar troughs, made of white ash timber; ten gallons of maple syrup; spinning wheels; ten gallons of mutton tallow; large loom made by Perry Wilson; three hundred poles; one hundred split hoops; one hundred empty barrels; thirty-two gallon barrel of Johnson-Miller whiskey seven years old; twenty gallons of apple brandy; one cooper machine; four sides of oak-tanned leather; one dozen oak pitch-forks; one-half interest in tan yard; one thirty-two calibre rifle; bullet moulds and powder horn; rifle made by Ben Miller; twenty-five soft hams; some bacon and lard; barrel of sorghum molasses; six head of fox hounds, all soft mouthed but one; at the same time I will sell my negro slaves; two men thirty-five and fifty years old, two boys twelve and eighteen years old; two mulatto wenches, forty and thirty-five years old; I will sell together to the same party, I will not separate them. Terms, Cash in hand or note to draw 4 percent interest with Bob McConnell for security.

HEZEKIAH CALLHOUN.

#### WHAT'S THE USE?

A young man ran for the legislature of Illinois, and was very badly swamped.

He next entered business, failed, and spent seventeen years of his life paying up the debts of a worthless partner.

He was in love with a beautiful woman to whom he became engaged—then she died.

Entering politics again, he ran for Congress and was badly defeated. He then tried to get an appointment to the United States land office, but failed.

He became a candidate for the United States Senate and was badly defeated.

He became a candidate for the Vice-Presidency, and was once more defeated.

One failure after another—bad failures—great setbacks, THEN he became one of the greatest men of America—Abraham Lincoln!

—Borrowed.

## CENTERVILLE CEMETERY

Charles Huckelbridge, died June 18, 1848, age 61 years.  
 Elizabeth Huckelbridge (Wife of Charles) died January 4, 1854, age 55 years.  
 Ellen Huckelbridge (Daughter of C. and E.) died Aug. 1845, age 3 years.  
 Charles Huckelbridge, died Dec. 15, 1852, age 27 years, 7 mo.  
 Mary Ann Huckelbridge (Daughter of C. and E.) died Feb. 9, 1853, age 14 years.  
 John Huckelbridge, died Nov. 19, 1914, age 80 years.  
 Hannah Jane Huckelbridge (Wife of John) died April 5, 1885, age 46 years.  
 Lucy E. Huckelbridge (Wife of John) died Nov. 19, 1918, age 72 years.  
 Joseph Huckelbridge, died March 8, 1861, age 31 years, 1 mo., 2 days.  
 Chloe Huckelbridge (Wife of Joseph) died March 22, 1869, age 42 years, 8 mo., 19 days.  
 Martha Huckelbridge (Daughter of J. and C.) died June 15, 1852, age 2 years.  
 Job Huckelbridge, died May 25, 1916, age 90 years.  
 Margaret Huckelbridge (Wife of Job) died Oct. 19, 1901, age 65 years, 10 mo., 19 days.  
 Elizabeth Huckelbridge (Daughter of J. and M.) died Nov. 26, 1861, age 5 years, 9 mo., 22 days.  
 George Huckelbridge (Son of J. and M.) died Nov. 27, 1887, age 22 years, 2 mo., 24 days.  
 Alice M. Huckelbridge (Wife of W. A.) died 1924, age 44 years.  
 Rossie Wood (Son of E. and A.) died Oct. 9, 1888, age 1 year, 4 mo.  
 Eurania Cooper (Wife of Thomas B.) died April 11, 1876, age 50 years.  
 Ruth Robertson (Huckelbridge) (Wife of W. P.) and triplets, died May 17, 1866, age 33 years, 1 mo., 22 days.  
 Almada Robertson (Daughter of W. P. and R.) died Sept. 23, 1862, age 2 mo., 3 days.  
 Susanah Robertson (Daughter of W. P. and R.) died Nov. 29, 1860, age 3 mo., 27 days.  
 James Robertson (Son of W. P. and R.) died Sept. 1, 1859, age 7 mo., 11 days.  
 Hazel Hill Hopper, died March 14, 1928, age 36 years, 1 mo., 1 day.  
 Frank Crowder, wife and four children, graves unmarked.

William Fisher (Brother of Ed. Fisher) grave unmarked.  
 Wife of Ed. Fisher, grave unmarked.  
 Mrs. Lawson (Sister of Mrs. Feeney) grave unmarked.  
 Ruyle (Two infants—Grandchildren of Kentucky Brown) grave unmarked.  
 Roy E. Black (Son of Wm. F. and Clara) died July 3, 1858.  
 William F. Black, died July 23, 1950, age 47 years.  
 Absalom Black, grave unmarked.  
 Ann (Hucklebridge) Black (Wife of Absalom) died Jan. 22, 1861.  
 Elizabeth J. Black (Daughter of A. and A.) died Nov. 22, 1854, age 4 mo., 8 days.  
 Infant Son of A. and A. Black, died July 14, 1854.  
 Adeline (Fisher) Black (Wife of Absalom) grave unmarked.  
 Roscoe Henderson (Child of James Feeney) died April 11, 1901, age 1 mo., 2 days.  
 Phebe Huckelbridge Clower (Wife of J. L.) died Oct. 25, 1901, age 40 years, 9 mo., 26 days.  
 Eaby Son of J. and P. Clower (Born July 7, 1895).  
 James Manning, died July 22, 1893, age 35 years.  
 Son of L. F. and H. M. Bosomworth, died 1925.  
 Lester T. Heal (Born 1901) died 1924.  
 Ada Mae Heal (Born 1910) died 1924.  
 Rosie Heal (Born 1897) died 1898.  
 Florence Heal, died March 7, 1897, age 4 mo., 3 days.  
 Baby Heal, died 1915.  
 Mary Milbar, died Dec. 18, 1863, age 68 years, 4 mo.  
 Jacob Milbar (Born 1827) died April 5, 1861, age 34 years, 6 mo.  
 Child of Mr. and Mrs. Amaziah Jaynes, grave unmarked.  
 Charles Lockyer, grave unmarked.  
 William Lockyer (Son of C. and C.) died Nov. 3, 1871.  
 Elizabeth Lockyer (Daughter of C. and C.) died Aug. 8, 1871.  
 Virginia Lockyer (Daughter of C. and C.) died Sept. 3, 1873.  
 Joseph Lockyer (Son of C. and C.) died Oct. 3, 1872.  
 Mary Jane Lockyer (Daughter of C. and C.) grave unmarked.

John Lockyer (Son of C. and C.) grave unmarked.  
 Man by the name of Long, grave unmarked.

## BULLMAN CEMETERY

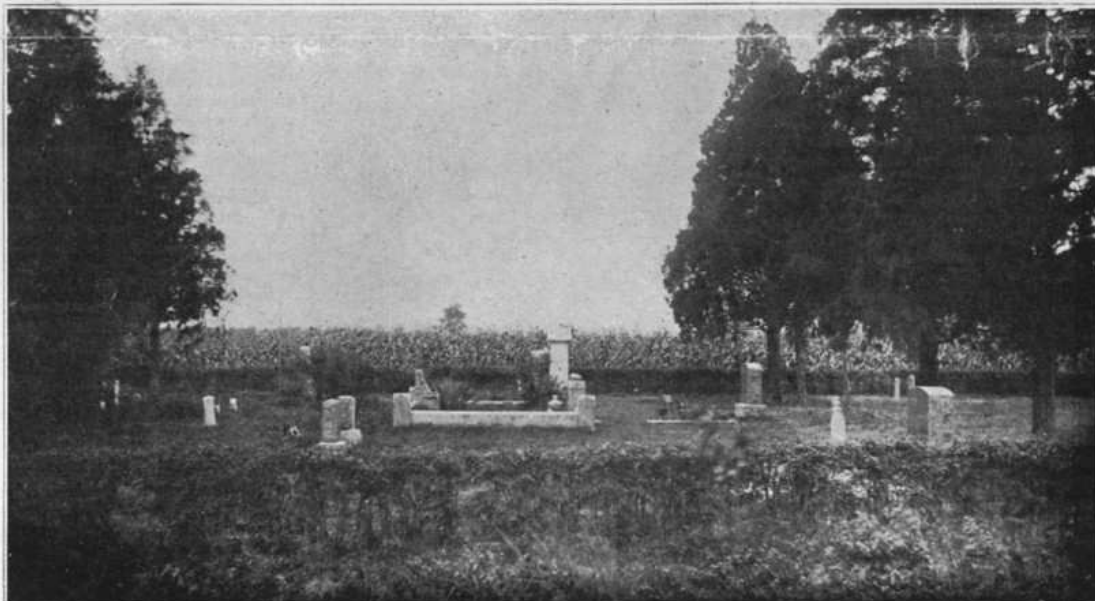
Elizabeth Ament Bullman, died Sept. 7, 1863, age 65 years, 4 mo., 7 days.  
 Joseph Bullman, died Nov. 22, 1845, age 51 years, 10 mo.  
 Adah E. Bullman, died March 6, 1858, age 3 years.  
 Elizabeth A. Bullman, died March 8, 1858, age 5 years, 2 mo.  
 Andrew J. Bullman, died March 9, 1858, age 7 mo.  
 William H. Bullman, died Sept. 1, 1860, age 1 year, 8 mo.  
 Mary J. Bullman (Daughter of A. J. and S. J.) died Sept. 23, 1863, age 8 mo., 3 days.  
 Lewis H. Bullman (Son of A. J. and S. J.) died Sept. 26, 1867, age 1 year, 10 mo.  
 Jackson Bullman, died June 1855, age 56 years.  
 Jeremiah Drake (Son of Wm. and Sarah E. Colthar) died March 24, 1851, age 3 years, 7 mo., 11 days.

## FLEMING CEMETERY

David Fleming, died Jan. 1, 1892, age 9 years, 6 mo.  
 J. R. Fleming, died Jan. 31, 1829, age 34 years, 28 days.  
 Edward Fleming, died June 10, 1847, age 59 years.  
 Elizabeth Seeley Fleming (Wife of Edw.) died 1888, age 78 years.  
 Silas W. Lincoln, died Sept. 15, 1882, age 21 years, 8 mo., 13 days.  
 Silas W. Lincoln, died July 17, 1860, age 25 years.  
 Alice Lincoln (Daughter of S. W. and M. L.) died Dec. 11, 1859, age 1 mo.  
 Althea Snedeker (Daughter of W. J. and A. E.) died Aug. 22, 1860, age 17 mo., 3 days.  
 John Drew (Son of D. and M.) (Born 1858) died 1858.  
 Maria Drew (Daughter of D. and M.) (Born 1862) died 1862.  
 Edward F. Drew (Son of D. and M.) (Born 1880) died 1881, age 1 year.  
 Three other unmarked graves appear.  
 Other old settlers are buried at Woodburn, Bunker Hill, Shipman and the Hilyard grave yard at Snedeker Grove.

"And  
 whosoever  
 liveth  
 and  
 believeth  
 in  
 me  
 shall  
 never  
 die."

John 11, 26



CENTERVILLE CEMETERY

"If  
 any  
 man  
 keep  
 my  
 sayings  
 he  
 shall  
 never  
 see  
 death."

John 8, 51

CENTERVILLE CHURCH AND  
MINISTERS

The first minister known to come to these parts was the Reverend Josiah Dodge, a native of Kentucky who appeared in 1784. In those days the natives went without shoes as much as possible in summer. And when they went to church on the Sabbath they would carry their shoes or moccasins until they were close to the building, then they would stop and put them on. Reverend Dodge was a Baptist. He settled in St. Clair County.

In 1806 Reverend William Jones settled on Wood River to the Northeast of Upper Alton. He preached to his neighbors and extended his labors North and East. And as new settlements were made he spread his works. In 1815 he came into the present limits of Macoupin County and unfurled the banner inscribed: "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism." This was on Coop's Creek. From there he rode from Woodburn to Carlinville, returning at intervals for the purpose of "strengthening the brethren." Reverend Jones was the grandfather of Uncle Johnnie R. Jones of Bunker Hill, whom we remember as an earnest and successful preacher of the gospel. Rev. John Jones belonged to the Apple Creek Association. (Macoupin County History, No. 1, page 72).

In 1821 Reverend James Lemond came to these parts and did some evangelistic work.

The first church services in Centerville proper were conducted at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Bullman. Land was donated for the Centerville Church in 1834. Reverend Luke Dillard came in 1838, and was made a licensed Baptist preacher in 1843. During one winter he taught school every day in the week, singing school four nights a week, and occupied the pulpit on Sundays.

The Reverend Mamford preached in the school house in 1846. Other very early pastors were Rev. Howard and Rev. Jacob V. Hopper.

The Bethlehem Baptist Missionary Church of Centerville was founded on March 6, 1851 by Elijah Dodson, who was preaching in the Baptist church of Woodburn at that time.

Ministers from that time on were: Thomas Catt; John R. Jones, Robert Howerton, James Barret, 1833; J. W. Busch, 1884-1885; H. L. Derr, (still living in East St. Louis) 1888; J. P. Alexander, 1888-1890; W. P. Nelson, 1890; I. M. Johnson, 1891; Thomas N. Marsh; I. D. Crawford, 1894-1895; J. W. Rice, 1896; Harley T. Marsh; Stephen F. Rice; J. M. Hartley, 1901; Stephen Rhoads; L. W. Hostetter, 1903-1906; Ollie W. Shields, 1907-1910; C. S. Osborn, 1911; Harry Throckmorton, 1913; Fred Peek, 1918; Edward Currie; William Goither, 1922-1924; H. L. Wheeler, 1927; William England, 1928; and the present minister W. A. Rigg.

It was in 1831 that a school-house was built in Woodburn. Aaron Learley taught there. It was in this school house that the first sermon was preached in this town by Elder William Jones of the Baptist denomination. Elder Alexander Conley was the first member of the church who resided in Woodburn Township. Reverend Mr. Gimlin was another pioneer Baptist preacher. The Baptist Church at Woodburn was constituted in 1835 with the Reverend Elijah Dodson as first minister.

Mrs. Susan (Grimes) Bullman at fifteen years of age used to drive down from Dry Fork to attend Coop's Creek Sunday School at the home of Joseph and Elizabeth Bullman.

## WHO'S WHO

Those Who Were, and Those Who Still  
Are "Centerville-ites"

Start with me from the Church (1) and let us travel North. We come to (2) the dear little Centerville School. Then comes (3) the home of George and Eliza (Barnes) Hayfield. They built this home. It was later occupied by Mathew and Margaret (Cromwell) Hayes, Calvin and Clarinda (Young) Lane, next by Frank and Mary Ellen (Robertson) Crowder.

Then a new house was built for Stephen and Myra (Church) Bullman. It was next occupied by Jefferson and Amy (Gilbert) Jaynes, then by Walter and Alice (Cromwell) Huckelbridge, then by Walter and Bertha (Gray) Gray, next by Frank and Florence (Wilkins) Cameron, and last by Harry and Annie (Astroth) Jaynes. Then it burned. Then (4) comes the old home of Joseph and Elizabeth (Ament) Bullman. It later became the home of Jackson and Susan (Grimes) Bullman. The old Springfield-Alton trail passed here. It was the mail route, mail being carried by stage-coach. There was a fine well on the Bullman farm, and travelers often stopped here for water, among them was Abraham Lincoln. It was here also that Thomas and Theodore Drake, (a bachelor) lived, and with Jackson Bullman ran a blacksmith shop. Later the home was occupied by Oliver and Laura (Hook) Heal, then by Charles and Nell (Coffee) Bullman, next by Robert and Gladys (Moore) Smith, then by Legree and Eva (Howerton) Rhoads, then by Earl and Halla ( ) Stanton, and at the present time it is occupied by Mrs. Susie (Patterson) Bullman and son, Wilbur.

Next (5) was a house just a short way North. It stood among the sumach and locust trees. It was the little cottage in which Mr. and Mrs. William (Ann Fleming) Snedeker began housekeeping. Later it was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Hoover, he being Centerville's veterinary doctor. Number six was built a little further North and was the home of Everett and Susie (Patterson) Bullman, and none other but they and their family have ever occupied it. (7) is at the end of the North road. It was the cottage in which Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKenzie lived. It was later occupied by Down and Louisa (McKenzie) Lee, then by Oliver and Lydia (Gray) Beebe, then William and Clara (Bohlmeier) Black; James and Charity (Harvey) Leatherby. Mrs. Leatherby was a sister of Mrs. Charles Gent. The Maxwell home was later moved to this site. Here lived Mrs. Clara Black and children, then Truman and Susie (Dooley) Black, after which Charles and Hazel (Hill) Hopper lived here; it was next occupied by Fell and Eva (Ward) Hampton, then Walter and Jule (Challenworth) Davis.

In this community once stood another cabin (8) where James P. and Mourning (Baber) Gray dwelt. It was later occupied by Daniel and Matilda (Gray) McKenzie, then by Samuel and Jannah (Rose) Gray. It was in this neighborhood where Mr. and Mrs. David Coop, first settlers of Hilyard Township made their home in 1815. Here also was erected the first Centerville school. Four of the Coop family died of cholera here and their graves were made near the school house. They are marked on one side by a gooseberry bush and on the other by a rose bush. Wouldn't it be nice to erect a stone to their memories?

Number nine is the home that was so dear to Elbridge Black, and in whose yard many a picnic and basket dinner was held. Although his house had but two rooms, it was always large enough for all his friends, everyone was welcome. After his demise William and Ann (Fleming) Snedeker lived here. Then Garry and Carrie (Anderson) Robinson, then Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bemis, later Mrs. Clara (Bohlmeier) Black. Number ten was the little cottage where Absalom and Adeline (Beebe-Fisher) Black lived for so many years. Later Edward and Emma (Clarkson) Fisher made it their home, then it was occupied by James (Railroad) Smith, a bachelor.

Eleven was the home of D. G. and Catherine (Fleming) Hammond, next occupied by Elmer and Susie (Bright) Snedeker, Henry and Kate (Highfill) Baldrige, then Ben and Martha (Schuetz) Gray, then it burned. Near it on the left was (12) the old Edward and Elizabeth (Seeley) Fleming home. This couple were known as "Uncle Ed. and Aunt Betsy Ann." Everyone went to her, in sickness and death. She was a second Dorcas, a good neighbor. (See 9th Chap. of Acts.) This house is one of the oldest in Macoupin County and the seedling pear trees are still bearing fruit, although

they are over one hundred years old. They were planted by Mr. Fleming. This year they bore an unusually large crop. Later William and Maria (Fleming) Foster lived here for a long time, then the bachelor son, David Fleming, made it his home. One year John Fleming and Elbridge Black lived with him. The three ran a thrashing machine. Later this house was occupied by Robert and Nettie (Kahl) Candler, then by Elmer and Susie (Bright) Snedeker. The house fell down just this year. The property still remains in the family.

Number thirteen was in the north part of the District. Mr. Henry and May (Gillies) Maxwell lived here, and it was later occupied by Mrs. Clara Black, then the house was moved. Then came the home of (14) Barthurst and Sarah (Gibson-Dey) Roberts, later occupied by Earl and Lydia (Heal) Dey, then by Fred and Lizzie (Hopper) Salzman. It is now vacant. Ira Reynolds and his family lived in this neighborhood. Number fifteen was the home of James P. and Mourning (Baber) Gray. It was later occupied by their son James P. and Martha (Jaynes) Gray. They had thirteen children. James P. Gray, Jr., born 1806, died Dec. 22, 1897. It is now occupied by the third and fourth generation, Thomas Gray, and his daughter, Irene. Thomas' wife, Fannie Howerton, is deceased. This home burned in 1914 and a new house was built.

Then came the home (16) of Simon and Mary (Hilyard) Ellifritz, next occupied by Mr. and Mrs. James (Lizzie Butler) Poole, then by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Tayner, then by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Giffins. Seventeen is the old Oliver and Lydia (Gray) Beebe property, now occupied by their son, James Beebe. Eighteen was built by James and Serena (Clanin) Fee-ney and was next occupied by Frank and Margaret (Neil) Hopper.

We will now start again from the Church and go East. Let us turn down the lane to the right and visit the old homestead (19) of David and Margaret (Eichelberger) Slifer which was bought in 1844, later occupied by William and Martha F. (Anderson) Slifer, and then by James and Elizabeth (Edwards) Smith, and now the new house on this property is the home of Homer and Nettie (Smith) Bohlmeier. Continuing East one-fourth mile we come to another lane. Here we turn to the right and go South one-half mile. At the end of this lane lived Absalom and Ann (Hucklebridge) Black and family (20). It was here that Elbridge, William and Mrs. Emma (Black) De Bord of Moffat, Colorado, were born. Later Mr. Black married a widow, Mrs. Adaline Beebe-Fisher. Her children were Edward, William, and Delia (Young) Fisher. This house stood near "Fleming's Lake" and was later occupied by Mathew and Margaret (Cromwell) Hayes. It was known as a favorite hunting ground of the Sunderland Brothers, being rich in prairie chicken, quail, jack-snipe, wild duck, geese, and wild turkey. Later this house was moved to the road (21) and was the home of Charles and Cynthia (Cromwell) Lockyer, then Frank and Mary Ellen (Robertson) Crowder. Next it was occupied by Frank and Mary (Burton) Moore, then John and Sarah (Gaplin) Edwards bought it, and it is now the home of Harry and Alice (Edwards) Edsall. Here Mr. Edsall has a blacksmith shop.

Number twenty-two was the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Ackins and once stood almost opposite the Edsall home. The next house (23) was built by John Edwards, which place he and "Mother" occupied until their death. It is now the home of Lawrence and Lily (Smith) Bohlmeier. Next (24) is the old George and Elizabeth (Betty) Lockyer property, next occupied by Charles and Cynthia (Cromwell) Lockyer, then by Tony and Laura (Howerton) Schuetz, then Charlie and Etta (Snedeker) Fraley, John and Kate (Snedeker) Hackney, Corydon P. and Katherine (Shaffer) Edsall, next by Oscar and Mary (Falscraft) Smalley, then by Christopher and Philliphina (Milligan) Miller, then by Mr. and Mrs. George Holliday and daughter, Miss Ada, who was a proficient seamstress. Then it was occupied by Gus and Lula (Hardin) Abner, next by Rufus and Jen-

nie (Kaywood) Ward, and last by Mrs. Hattie (Talley) Emmons, whose daughter Louise taught in the Centerville school.

Number Twenty-five is where Calvin and Clarinda (Young) Lane lived, this later became the home of John D. and Ann (Thompkins) Holland. Mr. Holland became a Union soldier in the Civil War and was killed in Mississippi. Then his son William and Dolly (Snedeker) Holland married and lived here for many years. The home is now occupied by Elmer and Susie (Bright) Snedeker and family.

The next house (26) belonged to Captain Dan Edie, later occupied by John G. and Henrietta (Lippoldt) Lippoldt, who settled here in 1866. It was here that Mr. Casper Jacoby spent so many happy evenings and finally relieved Mr. Lippoldt of one of his fairest daughters, Anna. This farm was next purchased by Phillip and Tina (Adams) Teeters. It is now occupied by their son Clarence and Mildred (Rice) Teeters.

We will now branch from the East road to the South. Number twenty-seven is where William and Ruth (Huckelbridge) Robertson started housekeeping. She was a sister of Job and John Huckelbridge, and the grandmother of Mrs. Nell (Crowder) Smalley. Next this was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Keuneke; then of Adam and Mary (Hilyard) Taggett; then George and Mary Jane (Wirtz) Falscraft; later Edw. and \_\_\_\_\_ (Cramp) Green dwelled there. Next came Weston and Ella (Edie) Hilyard. The home is now owned and occupied by Gus and Celia (Lawrence) Sneeinger.

Again we leave the East road and go North. The first house to appear (28) is the old Thomas and Jane (Gray) Jaynes home; next occupied by his son Amaziah and Lavina (Howerton) Jaynes; then by Lenard and Eva (Lasher) Hilyard, Jr.; next by Weston and Ella (Edie) Hilyard; then by John and Ida (Hilyard) Gibson; then Charles and Howard Utt. They kept a barber shop in their home. Then it was occupied by Lenard and Mary (Heyer) Miller; next Frank and Anna (Younger) Keirl; then by Harry and Alice (Edwards) Edsall; then Mr. and Mrs. Gus Astroth; then Harry and Anna (Astroth) Jaynes; next Elmer and Susie (Bright) Snedeker; then Mr. and Mrs. George Rey; next James and Lena (Smith) Buzan. Mr. Buzan kept a barber shop, too. Now the house is empty.

We now turn to the left and drive between the wheat fields. Number twenty-nine is the old James and Martha Pollard property; next occupied by Mr. and Mrs. David Meheens; then by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Meriweather; next by Polk and Emily (Wood) Hilyard; then by Peter and Margaret (Keifer) Marks; next by Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop; then by their son Earl and Reba (Callaway) Bishop; then by Michell and Mary (Hicks) Abner; then by Mrs. Ella Hilyard; Christopher and Catherine (Nobbe) Bort; then by their son Edward and Lelia (Osborn) Bort; and now it is empty. Long ago there was a house beyond this place where lived Henry McKenzie and family (30) later it was occupied by Henry and Minnie (Asbroke) Breakman.

Let us start again from the church and go South. We come to a little house and store (31) of which Centerville boasted. The store was entirely under the management of Elias and Mary (Grimes) Barnes; next James and Sara (O'Neil) Taylor. Mrs. Taylor being well known as Aunt Sally Ann. Next proprietors of the store were Absalom and Adaline (Beebe-Fisher) Black. Then it passed to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Borham or (Borum). Mrs. Borham was a milliner while Mr. Borham sold general merchandise. David Slifer bought the store building and the lot and moved the building to his farm where it yet stands, always used for a granary. Mr. Slifer sold the property to Mrs. Holland with the understanding that there should never be a saloon built there. William Holland still owns the land, and at one time had a blacksmith shop there proprietors of which were John Norris and John Holland.

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THE CENTERVILLE SCHOOL

#### CENTERVILLE SCHOOL AND TEACHERS

School was first held in Hilyard Township in a room in the home of John M. Hilyard, who settled in Hilyard Township in 1831. (Macoupin County History, No. 2, page 251). Here Mr. Hilyard taught his own and the neighbor children, more for their good than for the financial benefit it brought him. Mr. Hilyard was a Baptist.

There was a school of some sort prior to this however, for the children of David Coop attended school, and he moved from Centerville in 1825.

The first school-house to be built was among the timber near Coop's Creek on the East of the Fleming land, near to Elbridge Black's home. It was a log building, of unhewn logs, covered with boards which were held in place by weight poles. "Mother Earth" supplied them with a floor. Light was admitted as it was to the homes, by oiled paper placed over openings in the logs. The seats were made of split logs with wooden pins driven in them for legs. To render them comfortable, and to secure economy in clothing, these seats were sometimes made of hewn logs. The writing desks were low shelves against the walls. The subjects first taught were reading, writing and spelling. The better schools taught arithmetic also.

The first school in Macoupin County was conducted by William Wilcox at Staunton. He boarded around and earned besides his board and room, thirty dollars for ten week's services. In 1831 Mr. Richardson taught a school in Bunker Hill.

The first lady teacher in the County was Miss Charlotte Sherman, who taught in Brighton Township in 1832. Miss Matilda Thompson was the first teacher in Dorchester in 1832.

It was on the location of the school at Coop's Creek where a family was wiped out with cholera. Mr. Cromwell states that the graves were made beside the school-house, and that a goose-berry bush was planted on one side of them, and a rose bush on the other. He cannot recall the names of this family, but says he can find the graves. There were three to five buried there. Can anyone supply us with the names of these dead? It would be a nice thing to erect a small marker to these early settlers.

The first teacher of this school was Aaron Leyarley, who lived farther West, next to Cramps. This building in which he began teaching in 1837 was built at a cost of \$10.00. (Macoupin County History No. 1, page 248).

The next teachers were Mr. Arnold, Mr. Smalley, then Reverend Luke Dilliard, who must have taught from 1844 to 1845. Then came Mr. Nelson, J. Grady, Mr. Wise and Mr. Wells. The school-house in Centerville proper was built in 1846, and the present building was erected in 1866.

Since 1866 the teachers were Robert L. Moore, Augusty Hamilton, M. A. Ellison, Mattie Young, M. F. Anderson, 1874 (Mrs. Slifer); Mary Donahue (Mrs. Michael Maher), 1875; M. F. Anderson, 1876; E. Turney, 1877, Mary Donahue, 1878; D. G. Hammond, 1879 and 1880; A. H. Richards, 1881; Mary E. McKinney, 1882; Ella G. Long, 1883-1884; Lon Ament 1885; Grace Whittier, 1886 (Mrs. Ed. Welch); Martha Oliver (Davidson), 1887; Charles Robinson, 1888; John L. Moore, 1889; Ollie Weiss-Nelson, 1897; Julia Cole, 1891; P. L. Raymond, 1892-1897; Emma F. Jones, 1899-1900; Rose Ashford (Mrs. Frank Dey) 1901-1902; Florence Sesson (Mrs. Lester Jaynes), 1903; Bertha Morris, 1904; Clara Houck (Mrs. Warren) 1905; Mrs. Florence Bullman, 1906; James Beebe, 1907; Mary Hilyard (Mrs. Joe Ridgely), 1908-1909; Louise Emmons (Mrs. Elmer Young), 1910-1912; Julia Anderson, 1913; Sarah Spencer, 1914; Buelah Barnes, (Mrs. Walter Olmstead), 1915; Edith Halliday, 1916; to 1917; Abigail (Combs) Freker, 1918; Ellen Maxwell (Mrs. Edwin Lynch), 1919; Deith Halliday, 1920-1921; H. A. Morrison, 1922; Gladys Moore (Mrs. Robert Smith), 1923; Bessie Morrison Cameron (Mrs. Walter Huckelbridge) 1924-1925; Mrs. Clara (Friesse) Morrison, 1926-1927; Wilma Blumenroth, 1928; Vera Markwell, 1929-1930.

President Manning asked that this report be larger than here-to-fore; knowing loyal home-folks who could not be present and contribute at the Home Coming would do their bit by mail.

If each person who receives this report will please mail a list of your school mates to Mrs. M. S. Lancaster, Faulstich Bldg., Alton, Ill., she will send them this "Record". In making the list mark the ones who have died and give the addresses of the living if you can. We have a large mailing list. If the names of any teacher or minister is omitted please tell me. Also the year they were at Centerville. Help us get all maiden names, also.

Being two-faced doesn't double one's face value.

Every man should have a fair sized cemetery in which to bury the shortcomings of his friends.

**THE THIRD SINGING CLASS**

(Back Row—Left to Right)

- Mrs. Tessie (Fraley) Fahrenkrog
- Mrs. Annie Mae (Maxwell) Mize
- Truman Black
- Mrs. Minnie (Marks) Sickbert
- Lorman Maxwell
- Mrs. Florence (Bullman) Jenkins

(Front Row Left to Right)

- Chester Slifer
- Mrs. Clede (Black) Mitchell
- Mrs. Vida (Fraley) Bartel
- Mr. Elbridge Black
- Victor Bullman
- Mrs. Pearl (Slifer) Deffenbaugh
- Harry Marks



**ELBRIDGE BLACK  
Our Singing School Teacher**

Elbridge Black held up the "Golden Rule" before his pupils at all times. Another of his characteristics was cleanliness. The undertaker at Gillespie remarked that his was the cleanest body that they had ever embalmed.

Mr. Black received his singing-school education from Captain Richard Wood at Woodburn.

One interesting happening in his life proves that he was not superstitious. He had been visiting with his sister at Moffat, Colorado. When he left he took with him a black Angora cat. That night when he boarded the train for Denver, on Friday, the thirteenth, there was a drizzly rain outdoors. He soon learned that there were thirteen coaches to the train and that upon his arrival there were thirteen passengers. The conductor fussed and "cussed" a while, but had to make the best of it. Needless to say, they arrived safely in Denver the next morning.

Mr. Black had a beautiful black horse which he named "Fashion". Upon this horse he once rode from Carthage, Mo., to Centerville.

His favorite expression, you will all remember, was "woeful" or "woefully."

He enjoyed playing Carrom and Crokinole and would take the game with him evenings, and visit among the neighbors. But no matter how exciting the game had become, he always went home at nine o'clock. He believed in the maxim, "Early to bed, and early to rise".

Among the old-fashioned songs he used to teach us was "Thousands of Tables Draped in White, at Six O'Clock P. M." You will also remember:

"Oh the Singin' Schule is beautiful,  
Oh the Singin' Schule is beautiful,  
If you'll have me for your teacher,  
I shall be a happy creature,  
For I dote upon the Singin' Schule."

Friends, Singing-School Students, Old Neighbors, Relatives, Descendants of Pioneers: Let us all get together and give all we can toward the erection of a monument to the memory of our dear Singing School Teacher, who "did all he could." Please send all checks or pledges to Mrs. M. S. Lancaster, Faulstich Building, Alton, Ill., before the first of June. Then we can buy and erect the stone to dedicate it at our next home-coming, Sunday, September 6th.

I should like to have upon the stone "He Encouraged Us." If anyone knows of anything that would be better to inscribe thereon, will they please send it to me.

If anyone has a "Crown King" Singing School book, will he please send me the publisher's address. Be sure to bring all these books and a zobo or kozoo to the next home-coming in September. They are 20c apiece at the Plummer Music Store here in Alton. If you wish I will take your orders for same—M. S. L.

**A DECISION FOR CHRIST**

Confessing my need of a Savior, and that I ought to obey the Lord Jesus Christ, I desire, now, to acknowledge Him as my Saviour, and will try to do, all my life, whatever He would like to have me do.

(Signed) E. W. BLACK.

**GONE HOME**

The hearts of many of our citizens are sad over the shocking accident which caused the death of our much beloved and highly esteemed citizen, Prof. E. W. Black.

Elbridge W. Black was born in Alton, Ill., May 3, 1850, and died Nov. 25, 1905, aged 55 years, 6 months and 22 days. Deceased met his death by an unknown railroad accident about 3 miles north of Gillespie, while enroute to his home at Centerville. He was taken to the undertakers at Gillespie, and after being identified, his body was prepared for its last resting place. He was then taken overland to Centerville, to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Hucklebridge, who opened their hospitable home, and where willing hands and kind hearted friends and neighbors flocked to pay their last respects and show their kind regards to one they had loved for years.

He leaves a sister, Mrs. Emma DeBord, of Colorado, three nieces, two nephews and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. He never identified himself with any church. Yet he was religiously inclined. His principles were strictly temperance. He was a lover of the beautiful and sublime. An ardent lover of music. He worshipped God in song and praise, every word meaning a prayer. The beautiful flowers given by loved ones, the tears which fell over his casket showed the sorrow they felt at his death.

The funeral services were held at the Centerville Baptist Church. Prayer was offered by Rev. Hartley of Woodburn. An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. Hostetter of Litchfield, after which his body was laid to rest in the beautiful little cemetery.

We miss three, Oh we miss thee,  
No more thy sweet voice will sing  
Around our hearths and firesides,  
No more cheer and gladness you will bring.

No wife and children mourn for thee,  
But the country claims thee their own,  
Sweet memories of joy and gladness  
Thou hast brought to many a home.

We hope thou art resting in glory,  
Singing God's praises above,  
That thou hast heard the Sweet Story  
And hast found that, God is Love.

M. A. B.



MR. ELBRIDGE BLACK

## WHO'S WHO

(Continued from Page 6)

The house was then occupied by Frank and Ellen (Robertson) Crowder; next by James and Serena (Clanin) Feeney; then by Paul and Bessie (Penniman) Raymond and next by Alexandria and Etta (Hazelton) Roberts; then by William and Clara (Bohlmeyer) Black; next by John and Louise (Lee) Hilyard; then by John and Minnie (Ashford) Coffee; then by John and Francis (Lloyd) Hill; next by William and Ann (Fleming) Snedeker; then by Mr. and Mrs. Bemis; next by Ben and Martha (Schuetz) Gray.

Number thirty-two is a little home which stood years ago on the same side of the road one block further South. This house was built by Mrs. Holland and she and her son William lived there. Uncle John Hucklebridge boarded with them for seven years before his marriage. Later Mr. Holland moved this house over to his farm on the East road and made it into a granary.

Number Thirty-three is the home of Charles and Hanna Hucklebridge, who come to this country from England in 1835. Later a family by the name of Stormers lived there. Their sons were Moses, Charles, and Henry. They also had several daughters. The home was next occupied by John and Jane (Sanner) Hucklebridge. After her demise he married Mrs. Lucy (Murphy-Campbell) Hucklebridge, and from this place he and his good wives kept careful and faithful watch over the little home church. William Wood, an orphan boy, made his home with Uncle John and Aunt Lucy for quite a while. Later he went to New York where he became a noted tenor singer. The next to occupy this home was Walter and Alice (Cromwell) Hucklebridge. She died several years ago. Mr. Hucklebridge and his present wife, Mrs. Bessie (Morrison-Cameron) Hucklebridge, still live here. She taught Centerville school two years.

Number thirty-four is the home built by Job and Margaret (Davis) Hucklebridge. He came from England in 1838. In later years he moved to Bunker Hill and the home was then occupied by Frank and Mary (Burton) Moore; next by John and Sara (Gaplin) Edwards; then by John and Phoebe (Hucklebridge) Clower. Then by Amaziah and Lavina (Howerton) Jaynes; and next by the present owner Lemuel Bird and Phoebe (Halliday) Manning, president of the Home-coming Association.

Now we turn to the right in a lane to the west and there find No. 35, where lived Orlando and Hanna (Butler) Colthar. The house was later occupied by Oliver and Laura (Hook) Heal; on the left side of the lane was the William and Sarah Ellen (Bullman) Colthar home. Later occupied by their son Lot and Mary Jane (Allen) Colthar. Next by Henry and Lizzie (Hammond) Fraley. Then by Albert and Mamie (Hucklebridge) Henderson. Next Gus and Gussie (Foster) Richards; then Oscar and Mary (Falscraft) Smalley. Then by Thomas and Elizabeth (Slivka) Jackson; then Frank and Minnie (Meyer) Slivka; then Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whittaker; then Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jesse; then Chrales and Hazel (Hill) Hopper; then Jefferson and Sarah Ann (Ellis) Davis; and is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fritz.

Just beyond this the second son, Tiberious and Annie (Atyeo) Colthar made their home. After their death it became the property of Lorman and Mattie (Morris) Bullman.

Just west is the old home (36) of Storrs and Fanny (Carson) Smalley. Later occupied by Daniel and Charity (Moore) Henderson. Next by Charles and Louise (Bown) Winslade. Sr. Next by Louis and Mary (Hook) Bouillon; then by Alfred and Mary (Wood) Drennen; then John and Francis (Lloyd) Hill; now by Orlie and Ethel (Bullman) Bouillon.

Across the road is (37) the Benjamin and Harriet (Schofield) Moore home. Later occupied by Albert and Mamie (Hucklebridge) Henderson; then by William and Margaret (Darschide) Schaffer; then by Mr. and Mrs. Peter

and Mary Darschide, Sr.; next by William and Maggie (Hicks) Kahl; next by William H. and Nellie (Bouillon) Schoenneman; then by Louis and Anna (Schoenneman) Barth. Now occupied by Lloyd and Hazel (Hucklebridge) Bosomworth.

Now we will continue on the South road to number (38). This house is on the left side of of the road; here dwelt Daniel and Eliza (Culp) Coffee, Sr. Later it became the home of Jefferson Davis, who married Mrs. Dan Coffee; then it was the home of Mr. Henry M. and Mrs. Katherine (Elliman) Coffee, sister of Mrs. Cromwell. He was known as "Uncle Dove." It was also the home of John and Annie (Bradley) Coffee, Sr. Next occupied by Isaac and ——— (Lange) Lamb. Then by Thomas and Emma (Breuggeman) Price; then by Dr. Carl and Emma (Coffee) Moore; and then by Mr. Arthur and Jennie (Coatney) Coles; then Jake and Belle (Finley) Walker; then Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson and family (he taught the Centerville School); then Paul and Bessie (Penniman) Raymond, he also taught the school. Then by John and Louisa (Lee) Hilyard; then John and Minnie (Ashford) Coffee, Jr. Later a new home was built. The home was occupied first by Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Coffee; then by Charles and Nell (Coffee) Bullman, who still own it, and it is now occupied by Edward and Nellie (Davis) Bullman.

A little further down on the left side of the road is the home of Barney and Mary (Wood) Coffee, later occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lamay; then by Mr. and Mrs. Snowden. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coffee lived here for many years. Then John and Minnie (Ashford) Coffee, Jr. Then James Drennon and sister Ida; next Wilbur and Ollie (Howerton) Hackney. The house is now empty.

One fourth mile farther, on the right side of the road stood number (39), the old Richard and Caroline (Eichelberger) Cromwell home. They settled here in 1842. She was a sister of Mrs. David Slifer. Mrs. Cynthia (Cromwell) Lockyer was born here. The next to occupy this home were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Finley; then Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holland. William Holland was born here. Next Captain and Mrs. VanTie; then Mr. and Mrs. Bronkey; then Mr. and Mrs. Antone Ament; next Joseph and Mary (Ament) Pennington; then Oliver and Laura (Hook) Heal; and it is now the home of William and Lucy (Leatherby) Cromwell. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cromwell live with them.

Again, we start at the church and go West. We branch to the North and find on the corner number (40), the home of Elias and Mary (Grimes) Barns. The house was later occupied by their son, William and Sarah (Hilyard) Barns; then by their son, Walter and Ida (Bohlmeyer) Barns; then by Albert and Mamie (Hucklebridge) Henderson; then Mr. and Mrs. James Feeney, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawson (Mrs. Feeney's sister); then by Mr. and Mrs. Cal Lane. Next by John and Lula (Jenkins) Brueggeman; then by James and Birdie (Simpson) Williams; next by Henry and May (Gillies) Maxwell; then by William and Margaret (Howard) Lynch; next by James and Minnieta (———) Warren; then by Otto and Lula (Patterson) Busby; then by Harry and Alice (Edward) Edsall; then by Col and Mary (Ward) Sipes; then by Charles and Addie (Williams) Wood; then by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bemis; then by John and Frances (Lloyd) Hill.

Number (41) was the Edward and Mary Ann (Drew) Fleming home, where he and his good wife spent many happy years. Later this home was occupied by their son, Edward and Sarah (Gibbons) Fleming.

Now we turn to the left and go up the lane to number (42), the home of Joseph and Mary (Elliman) Cromwell; next occupied by their son, William and Lucy (Leatherby) Cromwell; then by Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Osborne; next by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burger; and now by Charles and Josephine (Stouffe) Cairns.

Continuing North, we come to the William and Laura (Moore) Bohlmeyer home. This place was later occupied by Frank and Margaret

(Neil) Hopper; then by Henry and Lizzie (Hammond) Fraley; then by Harry and Annie (Astroth) Jaynes; then by Edward and Mary (Kahil-Groves) Cole, he was known as "King" Cole; then by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cairns; and now by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hartman.

Return to the West road. We come to number (43), home of William and Martha-Elizabeth (Cage) Budd, Sr. Later occupied by the three Cage brothers, Thomas, William, and George. Later this became the property of Mr. Thomas and Isophene (Crane) Davies; next occupied by Frank and Anna (Younger) Keirl; then by T. J. and Kate (Miller) Duncan. She died August 29th, 1930, in Texas. Then Fred and Kate (Snyder) Kahl lived here and then it burned. A new house was built in which dwelled Frank and Inez (Duncan) Waggoner, and now the house is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. (Alward) Madden. This property is now owned by William Alward of Shipman.

Continuing West on the left side we find number (44), the Richard and Caroline (Eichelberger) Cromwell home. Later this farm was run by Joseph and William Cromwell. William later married Mary Roberts. The next to till this soil was Charles Gent. His first wife was Mary Ann Keiff and after her demise he married Marie Harvey, a sister of Mrs. Leatherby. The next to live here were Thomas and Rebecca (Murphy) Ferguson, she being the sister of Mrs. John Hucklebridge. Then William and Mattie (Crockett) Pennington lived here; then the farm was purchased by Earnest and Bertha (Hovey) Brautigam, and a brother, Albert Brautigam. Later Earnest's son Eddie and Lizzie (Lyle) Brautigam moved in and at present this home is occupied by W. A. and Cora (Hornnocker) Jewell.

Number 45 is a house just South of where Mr. Jewell lives. It was built by Mr. Brautigam, and has since been occupied by William and Margaret (Howard) Lynch; George Fries, James and Amelia (Geisler) Lyle, William L. and Minnie (Smithpot) Lyle, Ed. and Nellie (Davis) Bullman, Mr. and Mrs. Sullens, and it is now occupied by Wayne and Ruby (Wilson) Harris and C. E. and Edith (Murphy) Wilson.

Others who were very interested in Centerville, and who belonged to the Baptist Church, and did much for its support and up-keep were Lucian C. M. and Anne (Thompkins) Clower. Mr. Clower was born December 6, 1830, and lived West from the church eight miles. All his life he was a faithful worker and deacon in the church. We also remember with deep appreciation John and Martha (———) Hilyard, William and Kittie Ann (Allen) Roberts, Captain and Mrs. Richard Wood, and Mr. Edgar and Harriet (———) Frost of Woodburn. Mr. and Mrs. Frost assisted much with the Sunday School. Then there were James and Cynthia (Bullman) Pennington, Leonard and Elizabeth (Hume) Hilyard, Samuel and Susan (Rexford) Hilyard. (I have tried to save the identity of the Centerville girls.)

## NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Mrs. Bohlmeyer and Mrs. Lancaster wish to thank Mr. Beach, of the National Printing Co., for his many kindnesses and assistance in getting out these reports, especially this one, because there has been so much tedious work connected with it.

Youngfolks—"A grape fruit is a lemon who had an opportunity and took it."

Co-operate! Remember the banana—every time it leaves the bunch it gets skinned.

—Olive Nold.

Stand with a man that stands right  
Stand with him while he is right, and  
Part with him when he goes wrong.

—Abraham Lincoln.



### CENTERVILLE'S GOLDEN DREAM— A COMMUNITY HOUSE

For over fifty years the residents of Centerville have looked forward to the time when the village could have a Community House. There is now a movement on foot to bring about the realization of this dream.

It is planned that this proposed Community House shall be built in an attractive manner, and neighbors are offering their services gratis. Timbers were cut for the foundation the last week of January. Mr. Wm. Alward of Shipman has offered to haul all the lumber.

Walter Huckelbridge has donated the ground which is to be in the possession of the community as long as it remains a "Community House". If it ceases to be used for that purpose it shall revert to his heirs.

The Community House will stand directly north of the church and face the south. The cost has been estimated at \$1000. The building will be 24x40. The committee hopes to raise this sum among friends and former residents who are still interested in the welfare of their old home community as well as from the present inhabitants.

Such a hall will fill a vital need, and be of immeasurable benefit to Centerville. It will be a convenient and appropriate place in which to hold home-comings, church dinners, parties and all other types of entertainment, and would be much better than using the "House of God" for such purposes. We can put the names of the donors and the minutes of the last three or four home-comings in the corner stone. Let's build this in memory of the pioneer days of our dear old Centerville.

Please send all remittances or pledges to Mr. Walter Huckelbridge, R. R. 17, Bunker Hill, Ill., immediately, so that the committee may know on how much they may count. Let your loyalty to your old home town be expressed by a generous donation. "Say it with Cash!"

### BE A BOOSTER

If you think your church the best,  
Tell 'em so!  
If you'd have it lead the rest,  
Help it grow!  
Let them always count on you,  
You'll feel good when it is through,  
Don't you know?

If you're used to giving knocks  
Change your style;  
Throw bouquets instead of rocks  
For a while.  
Let the other fellow roast,  
Shun him as you would a ghost;  
Meet his banter with a boast  
And a smile.

When a stranger from afar  
Comes along,  
Tell him who and what you are—  
Make it strong.  
Never flatter, never bluff,  
Tell the truth, for that's enough,  
Be a booster, that's the stuff,  
Don't just belong.  
W. E. Darrow, Pastor.

The bustle in a house  
The morning after death  
Is solemnness of industry  
Enacted upon earth.

The sweeping up the heart  
And putting love away  
We shall not want to use again  
Until eternity.

—By Emily Dickinson.

Thanks to all who have helped in any way to make this Record complete, especially Miss Lyna Joesting, who has typed and retyped the "Whos Who" until she most knows it by heart.

### DADDY'S STORY

"Tell a story, Daddy;  
Tell of days gone by,  
When you and ma were just two tots  
Like brother Joe and I.

"Did you have to go to school  
And study hard all day,  
And did you do the dishes, ma,  
E'er you went out to play?"

"When we were just two tots, dear child,  
Like brother Joe and you,  
We lived out in the country,  
Way down in old Miz-zoo.

"To school we had to walk each morn,  
About two miles or more.  
Then home again when school was out  
To do the household chore.

"And when our work was finished  
Our hearts were light and gay,  
Then we'd run out upon the green,  
Our childhood games to play.

"And when the sandman came along  
Our little prayers were said;  
Then mother kissed us all goodnight  
And tucked us in our beds.

"There were no ice cream parlors then,  
No moving picture shows,  
Where now each week most every night  
The folks and kids all go.

"We had a picnic once a year,  
The folks for miles would come  
To listen to the music sweet,  
Oh then we had such fun.

"Each Sunday morn down through the lane  
To Sunday School we'd go,  
To hear the same sweet story  
Of Him who loves us so.

"Then home again we'd wend our way,  
Our hearts were filled with joy,  
When ma was just a little girl  
And I was just a boy." John L. Vogt.

Please send names and addresses of all former Centerville people and their children, who would appreciate a copy of this Record, to Mrs. M. S. Lancaster, Faulstich Building, Alton, Ill.

### SHE MADE HOME HAPPY

Henry Coyle

"She made home happy!" These few words  
read  
Within a churchyard, written on a stone;  
No name, no date, the simple words alone,  
Told me the story of the unknown dead.

A marble column lifted high its head  
Close by, inscribed to one the world has  
known;  
But ah! that lonely grave with moss o'er-  
grown;  
Thrilled me far more than this who armies  
led.

"She made home happy!" Through the long,  
sad years  
The mother toiled and never stopped to rest,  
Until they crossed her hands upon her  
breast,  
And closed her eyes, no longer dim with tears.

The simple record that she left behind,  
Was greater than the soldier's, to my mind.

Next year it would be nice to have a number of paid advertisements from business people who are interested in Centerville.

"Home is where we are treated the best and act the worst."

### LIFE — DEATH

And now that I have traveled many miles,  
Down many a road and many a weary lane;  
And know life is a thing of tears and smiles,  
Of white-winged joy and bitter pain;  
Yet, should some brother ask me the way to go,  
I could not tell him, nor which way is best;  
I do not know his way, I only know,  
That every road and every trail leads west.  
No one can go the way that I have gone;  
I cannot go where other far trails run.  
Through light and shadows, life has beckoned  
on,  
Into the glory of the setting sun.  
The way I go, no other feet have trod,  
And no one walks the way with me, but God.

Not knowing life, how can I well know death;  
Yet, when he comes, I think that I shall be  
Tip-toe upon the sands with bated breath,  
Watching a broad gold path lead out to sea.  
The sun will gild the spirals of the town,  
Clear bells will call the village folks to  
prayer.

The sudden summer darkness will drop down,  
And I will turn and see death standing there.  
The shadows will be very deep that night,  
But oh, I trust I will not be afraid,  
Perhaps death carries in his hand a light;  
These are the things for which I long have  
prayed.

And looking in His face that I shall see,  
The one friend who has walked the road  
with me.

### A MOUNTAIN TRIP

Prof. E. W. Black Tells Of His Experiences  
In The West

Monte Vista, Colo., Sept. 1, 1902

Dear Editor News: I promised in my last letter to tell of my trip up in the mountains. My brother-in-law and I left Moffat about 9 o'clock for the "hills", which looked to be about two miles away. We drove fast four hours before we entered the gulch. We drove up as far as the team could go.

After a cold lunch we started up the gulch, each armed with a Winchester. It had rained about noon and at a certain height it turns to snow. We soon discovered a couple of deer tracks on the trail. After trailing them a mile or so we came to the snow. We tracked them quite a ways in the snow but finally lost them in some underbrush.

We started out early next morning for the top of the mountains. We saw lots of bear signs, and a bear trap with a log ten inches thick that Mr. Bruin had gnawed off and escaped. We heard the deer several times clambering over the rocks but did not get a shot. I killed three mountain grouse which made the long climb up the mountains seem more easy.

Near the top we came to a lake covering several acres. I climbed up about a quarter of a mile above the timber line. It did not effect me at all, and I can climb over these rugged hills with almost any of the old settlers here. Since our mountain tour I have taken a trip of about 50 miles up the western slope to a lumber camp. We saw six coyotes and shot one. We saw lots of magpies that were chattering all the time.

There is an inexhaustible supply of pine in the Rockies. Monte Vista is one of the most beautiful towns in the San Louis Valley, on the Rio Grande River, and in the center of the grain belt. Harvest is just under good headway here and will last until the end of the month. The western part of the belt will perhaps make two-thirds of a crop. Lower down one-third perhaps will strike it. The crop is wheat and oats. This region really has had some good rains since my last letter.

I forgot to say the D. & R., a narrow gauge railroad, has the longest street of straight road in the United States—65 miles.

My best wishes to all go with this letter.

Respectfully yours,

E. W. Black, Moffat, Col.

## Names Registered at the Centerville Home-Coming, 1930

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C. N. Bullman  
Nell Coffee Bullman  
J. E. Coffee

**WEBSTER GROVES, MO.**

Charles Cromwell, Jr.  
C. A. Cromwell  
Irene Marie Cromwell  
Janice Joy Cromwell

**WEDRON, ILL.**

Charles D. Ellis  
Cleda A. Ellis  
Alice S. Ellis  
Meredith A. Ellis

**WOOD RIVER**

Lorman A. Maxwell  
W. F. Maxwell  
Clara Maxwell  
Dale Maxwell  
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. (Edith Edsall)  
Dike  
Harold Dike  
166 Jennings Street  
Mrs. P. Thomas  
1312 Penning Avenue

**WRIGHTS**

John A. Rottmayer  
Mrs. Anna Marks Rottmayer  
(Mrs. Edith Bowles gave no address.)

N. B.—Please register according to towns and give full and maiden names, and addresses. Parents please write your names together, with the children beneath. This will save hours of work.

There were present at the Home-Coming:

1924—50  
1925—107  
1926—116  
1927—177  
1928—309  
1929—322  
1930—264