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An Hour Among the Old County Records.

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The first entry in the records of Lincoln county was made by John Huland, circuit and county clerk, on Monday, April 5, 1819. The book "A," of three hundred and nine pages, extended from that date down to May 3, 1850. On the first mentioned day, David Todd appeared with a commission from Frederick Bates, secretary of the territory of Missouri and "acting the government thereof," dated at St. Louis, the first day of the January previous, appointing him judge of the northwestern circuit, comprising the counties of Cooper, Howard, Montgomery, Lincoln and Pike, which at that time included nearly half the state. Judge Todd was probably a citizen of Howard county as he qualified at Franklin, in that county, before Augustus Storrs, a justice of the peace. David Bailey, sheriff, made proclamation and court was opened in the house of Zadock Woods, "in said county and territory," being the time and place directed by the several acts of the legislature. The session lasted two days; the first was taken up with the presentation of commissions and approval of bonds of those officers mentioned above, and the appearance of the commissioners appointed by the act of the territorial assembly establishing the county. Their names are not given, but their sureties in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars were Jonathan Higgs, Hugh Barnet, Zadock Woods, Ira Cottle and Alenbe Williams. On the second day the clerk was ordered to apply to the clerk of St. Charles county for all orders relating to public roads heretofore established in this county. The court then proceeded to divide the county into four townships. The county lines, fifth principal meridian running through the center of the county north and south and the line between townships forty-nine and fifty, running through the center east and west, constituted the boundaries of these townships: Monroe on the southeast, Bedford on the southwest, Union on the northwest and Hurricane on the northeast. Prospect K. Robbins, James Duncan and Joseph Oldham were appointed judges of election for Monroe and it was ordered that the same be held at the house of Prospect K. Robbins. For Bedford, Elijah Collard, Benj. Blanton and Alenbe Williams, jr., were appointed and the election ordered to be held at the house of Zadock Woods. Robert Jameson, Philip Sitton and Samuel Gibson were appointed for Union and the election was to be held at the house of the last mentioned. For Hurricane, Benj. Allen, John Ewing and Jesse Sitton were appointed and Allen's house named. James Woods was appointed constable of Monroe, Lee F. T. Cottle of Bedford, Thacker Vivion of Union, and Allen Turnbow of Hurricane, and their bonds were fixed at one thousand dollars each, which was comparatively a large amount for that day. Thacker Vivion was in court with Samuel A. Lewis as his security. Vivion was one of the most remarkable men that ever lived in Lincoln county and we shall, in the near future, give much of interest concerning his personal history.

The election referred to was held on the second of August of that year, for delegate to congress. In the abstract filed it is stated that no election was held in Hurricane township, that in Monroe nine votes were cast for Samuel Hammond, in Bedford five for John Scott and forty-eight for Hammond, and in Union twelve for Hammond, making a total of seventy-four votes cast in the county, of which sixty-nine were for Hammond. The latter lived in St. Louis and was one of four candidates for delegate to congress at the first election after the

territory was organized in 1812; Edward Homestead was then elected. Hammond was president of the second territorial council in 1815. In this election he was defeated by John Scott, who had been in congress since 1816 and was the first member after the state was admitted in 1821 and continued in office until 1827. He was from St. Genevieve county and was a member of the constitutional convention from that county in 1820.

The next session of the county court, held in August was principally occupied with the opening of new roads; a road was ordered from Big Creek to "the south end of Mill street in Moscow;" one from Monroe to Woods' Fort and to the western limits of the county on a line with the county seat of Howard county; one through the county by way of Woods' Fort on a line from the county seat of St. Charles to that of Pike, and one from Woods' Fort to the northern limits of the county on a line with the mills on Salt river and to "pass by the present habitations of Alenbe Williams, sr., Thos. Hammond and Colo. Cox' ford." This is what is called the Salt river road, and this record settles a difference of opinion as to which is the real Salt river road, some contending that it passes through Auburn and others that it passes through Millwood. The latter is correct. We don't know where Alenbe Williams lived, but Capt. Thomas Hammond lived in 1819 on the place where his son's widow, Mrs. Ann Hammond now lives. His cabin stood near where the present road (which has never been changed at that point) crosses Null's creek, a mile and a half southeast of Millwood. Col. Cox' ford was on North Culver.

Christopher Clark, David Lard and Almond Cottle were each granted a license ("Lisance" the record has it), to keep tavern in the county upon payment of the territorial tax, which was ten dollars.

The county tax ordered to be levied and collected by the sheriff was as follows: on each horse over three years old, fifty cents; on each negro or mulatto slave between the ages of sixteen and forty-five years, fifty cents; on each billiard table, twenty-five dollars; on each able-bodied man, twenty-one years old and upwards, not possessed of property to the value of two hundred dollars, fifty cents; on mills, tan-yards and distilleries, in actual operation, forty cents on every hundred dollars of their valuation.

At the third session of the court, Benjamin Cottle is granted a license to keep a tavern in the town of Troy, which is the first mention made of that name as applied to this place. The commissioners to fix upon a county seat make a report showing that they have selected Monroe and that a sufficient jail had been erected there, the court thereupon ordered that hereafter the courts be held at that town. The first accounts ever presented against the county were allowed. As affording a curious comparison we give a few: The commissioners for county seat were allowed: David Bailey, \$51.25, James White, \$55, and Daniel Draper, Hugh Cummins and Abraham Kennedy, each \$37.50; John Huland, clerk, \$51.68; David Bailey, sheriff, \$100.19; Payton R. Hayden, deputy circuit attorney, \$20; Wm. Christy, jr., for copy of record \$6.12 1-2; for seal, screw press, etc., \$33.50; Benjamin Cottle, for use of house for court, \$16. This last item was the only intimation that Cottle's house was used for the sitting of court. The whole amount of allowances was \$459.24 1-2.

Seed Potatoes of fine new varieties: Pearl's, per bushel, \$1.00. Late Rose, per bushel, \$1.00. King of the Earlies, \$1.00. Peach Blow and Early Rose, per bushel, 75c. Sweet Potatoes, 75c per peck, except Brazilian White, which is \$1.00. I expect to be better supplied with plants, this season, of all kinds than ever before. A. M. SHULTS.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENTS.

The Amateurs will give three exhibitions next week, which will be that of the session of the circuit court and of the county board of equalization. Anticipating a large number of intelligent visitors, as well as appreciating the very generous support of our townspeople, the manager has prepared a very excellent programme, and one that cannot fail to please. On Monday evening will be rendered with nearly the whole strength of the club, in elegant costume, "The Irish Attorney; or, Galway Practice in 1770," followed by comic songs, recitations, etc.; the whole to conclude with that most laughable farce, "Box and Cox." On Tuesday evening will be enacted that charming drama, "The Chimney Corner;" "Burlesque on Blagen on the Rhine;" the Ethiopian farce of the "Squire of a Day," etc. Another entertainment will be given Friday evening, the programme for which will be given next week.

HARTFORD OVER IN PIKE.

Editors Herald: You see I live over in old Hartford, but if I do, is that any reason why I should not read so valuable a paper as the Herald? I think not. I have a friend just over the line, who takes your paper (I don't know whether he pays for it or not), and this is how I come to read it occasionally. Still, I think every Lincolnite should subscribe and pay for the Herald, as a matter of principle, and because it is worth his patronage. My friend is quite a "Democrat," yes, sir, dyed in the hair (I shan't say "wool," lest you might think he was colored). Still, I am not ready to embrace the bob-tailed tiger yet; but I like your bold, honest, upright advocacy of the principles you believe to be right.

Well, I did not intend, when I began, to run the string on this line, but to set old Hartford right before the world. I saw a communication, some weeks ago, from some chap over about Olney; in fact there were two articles, both in answer to one from Hurricane, signed W. Now, I know but little about W.'s part of the county, but if I have been rightly informed, it is the garden spot of Lincoln. The fact is, now-a-days, the little rats think their tails are as long as their mammy's by the time they get their eyes open, and are always ready to measure tails with any rat, old or young, that may chance to pass along the line. Those Ninevehites (I know them) can beat the world on the brag. They have some good cattle and a few good hogs, it is true, but as to horses, they are not a foot high. Now, they come on the baby question, and this is the point I have been trying to reach ever since I began this letter; and here I expect to stay, as did the Jew, on his bond. Yes, they bring forward Mr. G. with a "pair of queens," and friend Webb with "threes." Did you know that friend Webb lived in Hartford, over in Pike? Just think of it! They can't come that thing over in Nineveh township; no, sir, not much. Mr. Webb is a colored gentleman; he says were he not a member of the M. E. church north, and an exhorter, "when de preacher don't come," he would do some big praying backwards about that communication from Olney.

HARTFORD.

Dissolution of Copartnership.
The firm of Woolfolk & Gordon is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Jno. B. Gordon retiring. S. R. Woolfolk hereby assumes all the liabilities of the firm, and will collect all debts due them. S. R. WOOLFOLK, J. B. GORDON.
Troy, Mo., March 27, 1876.

Do you owe the Herald on subscription? If you do, when you come to court next week, drop in and settle up. If all these little bills were paid up, we would be in a position to give our readers a much better paper! Did you never think of this? You see it is to your interest to pay up.

Prof. Luckstep's music class at Millwood will shortly give a concert. This will include some comic dramas. Among these latter is a burnt-cook piece entitled the "Darky Photographer" which was put upon the boards here at the last representation of the Amateurs. In rehearsing for the concert mentioned above, he who personated Gumbo, while being pushed back into his seat by Colloidion, did not sufficiently understand the text to be aware that Adolphus had removed his chair, but thought he would enter into the spirit of the play with all his mettle. It occurred to him that if he would fall heavily into the chair (or rather where the chair ought to be,) and throw up his feet higher than his head, it would add considerably to the effect and to the amusement of those present. It did, but in a manner that he did not contemplate. As he scrambled to his feet and limped along rubbing his sore places, he said in vigorous style a good deal that was not down in the book.

CORRECTION.—Some anonymous sneak, some weeks ago, wrote us a note over the initials of F. C. W., concerning the meeting of the Salt River presbytery and the Bear Creek association. As a rule, we pay no attention to anonymous communications, and seldom ever read them. In this case we were about to throw the note into the waste-basket, but thought it might be a genuine notice, and that the sender forgot to attach his name. We have since found out that both time and place for holding these meetings were falsely stated. The presbytery meets to-morrow evening at Clarkville and the association will meet at Fairview church on the Thursday before the third Sunday in August.

The weather for nearly a week has been of the most disagreeable kind. The streams have been up, cutting off several mails, and the mud has rendered many of our model roads impassable. On Monday night snow commenced falling which has not yet ceased, making by several times the heaviest of the season. The probability is that the snow will soon melt and then the prospect for travel will be anything but pleasant.

A post-office has been established at Snow Hill, under the name of Brussels, with mail service twice a week, which is a great accommodation to the people in that part of the county. The same route extends to Cap au Gris.

SETTLE UP.—Mrs. Sedlacek will go to St. Louis in a short time to lay in a new stock of Millinery, and wants all who owe her on account to pay up, as she needs the money in her business. n18w2

LOTS FOR SALE.—I have sold my frame house and lot on the corner of Second and Boone streets, but I still have several fine vacant lots situated convenient to business centers, which I will sell reasonably. n18w2 M. SEDLACEK.

If the different granges will give us their time and place of meeting and names of master and secretary, we will publish them in our directory, free of cost.

DENTAL.—Dr. Noel will be in his office in Troy on March 31, to remain until after circuit court. He is now at Ashley.

B. S. Crows has about two hundred and fifty earthenware flower pots which he will sell low down.

MILK.—My milk wagon is now running regularly. The price of milk will be, until spring, seven and a half cents per quart.
MRS. TILLIE HAMMOND.

Discontinuation Notice.
The firm of High & Norton is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts due the firm will be paid to the undersigned, who assumes all the indebtedness of the firm.
March 7, 1876. Wm. M. Norton.

BORN.
EASTON.—March 28, 1876, to the wife of D. A. Easton, a son.

MARRIED.
BOWEN—STEWART.—March 7, 1876, at the residence of J. Slavens, by Rev. J. W. Slavens, Mr. Henry C. Bowen and Miss Catherine Stewart, both of Lincoln county.

MANN—HARPER.—March 19, 1876, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. W. Slavens, Mr. Joseph Mann and Miss Zerah T. Harper, all of Lincoln county.

SHAW—MORRIS.—March 19, 1876, at Slaven's Chapel, by Rev. J. W. Slavens, Mr. Benjamin Shaw and Miss Lou Morris, all of Lincoln county.

POJLARD—PEA.—March 23, 1876, at the residence of Mr. J. L. Woodson, near Chain of Rocks, by Eld. J. H. Thomas, of the Christian church, Mr. J. A. Polard and Miss Carrie Pea, both of Monroe township. Attendants: W. G. Morshon and Miss Susie Woodson.

DEED.
VANCE.—March 18, 1876, at New Hope, Lincoln county, Mo., R. L. Vance, in his fifty-first year.
He was a valuable citizen, an upright and courteous gentleman, a generous friend, a devoted husband and father. For many years he was a man of prayer, exemplary in all his conduct. His health was feeble for a long time. He anticipated death and earnestly sought to be ready. He retained to the last his clearness and calmness of mind, and was released from all fear of death. With patient faith he submitted to the will of his Father. He will long be missed and mourned by the community. C.

JAS. M. McLELLAN,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Will practice in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Office in Henry & Bro.'s building, County Commissioner of Public Schools for Lincoln county. v11n19

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Will practice in all the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial circuit. Land titles carefully examined. Collections respectfully solicited at a reasonable commission. Office with Jos. Allen, over Withrow's shop. t11n19

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Will practice in all the courts of Lincoln, Warren and St. Charles counties.—Office in Withrow building—up stairs. Jan19-76

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Will attend to all business in his line entrusted to him—writing deeds, etc. also negotiating loans. Jan19-76

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Special attention given to the treatment of Anal and Rectal diseases, such as Piles, Hemorrhoids, &c. v10n48

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Will practice in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial circuit. Collections promptly attended to.—Office over Henry's shoe shop, G. T. Dunn, Notary Public. v10n48

A. E. NOEL,
SURGEON DENTIST,
TROY, MO.
Offers his services to the people of Troy and vicinity. He uses the Celluloid composition, the best in use, for plate work. All work warranted. v10n23

J. B. ALLEN,
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TROY, MO.
Will practice in the Courts of the Nineteenth Judicial circuit. Office over Withrow's hardware shop. v10n14

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Particular attention given to controversies affecting Real Estate. We make a specialty of collecting all kinds of notes, bills, &c., at a reasonable commission. Office in the bank building. v10n

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Will practice in the Courts of the 13th Judicial Circuit. Office in Bank.

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TROY, MO.
Is prepared to do all work in his line on the latest scientific principles. Satisfaction guaranteed. Office over Withrow's saddle and harness establishment. v10n26

JOSIAH CREECH,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Will practice in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Satisfaction given or no charge made also Prosecuting Attorney and Public Administrator of the county.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW,
NEW HOPE, MO.
Will practice in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial circuit. All business entrusted to him will be promptly attended to. Also Notary Public.

D. W. WHEELER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Will attend to any professional business in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, p10n11