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Program

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Prayer and Scripture Reading
Rev. Delmar Harold
Chorus Number.....Centennial Choir
Vocal Number.....Mixed Quartet
from Cross Roads
Offering and Remarks
Chorus Number.....Centennial Choir
Address.....Dr. Raymond Schutz
of Manchester College
Hymn—"God Be With You 'Till
We Meet Again".....Audience
Benediction

Bequest Of C. Dale Provided By Will

Dated July 6, 1839

Probated Jan. 29, 1841

I, Campbell Dale, of Delaware County, in the State of Indiana, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. First, I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate as it has pleased God to entrust me with. I dispose of the same in the following manner to-wit: I direct first that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first moneys that shall come to the hands of my executors from any portion of my estate, real or personal. I also direct that my grandson, George Camell Leathers, is to have all my land that now lies in the County of Madison and State of Indiana. I also direct that he shall have one hundred and seventy-five dollars out of my estate in cash and I also direct that he shall have a horse and saddle and bridle when he arrives at the age of twenty-one, worth fifty dollars and also one corner lot in the town of Daleville and I also direct that if said grandson shall die without leaving heirs, it is to fall back to my three sons and I also direct that my land is to be equally divided into three shares, the lines to run north and south. My sons, Elisha, John, and William Dale, is heir to said land that lies in the County of Delaware, and State of Indiana. My son, Elisha, is to have the East third of land, and John Dale, the middle third and my son, William, the west third and also direct that the saw mill and two acres of land for the mill yard and the land on the other side of the river is to belong to my sons, John, Elisha, and William, in partnership, and I also direct my sons Elisha, John and William Dale is to have a lot apiece in the Town of Daleville and I also direct that all my personal property is to be equally divided between my three sons Elisha Dale, John Dale, and William Dale, and I hereby make and ordain my worthy and esteemed sons Elisha Dale, John Dale, and William Dale executors of this, my last will and testament in witness whereof, I, Campbell Dale, the testator have here-

Appreciation

The General Program Committee takes this opportunity to publish its sincere appreciation to each and every individual, who has aided in any measure in the publication and distribution of the three numbers of the "Daleville Centennial News". Especially does it commend Robert A. Milhollin for his most competent handling of the paper as editor-in-chief, and the Boy Scouts on their courteous delivery of the papers.

To all the News staff and to all committees participating in their various activities to further the success of Daleville's Centennial Celebration, we, the General Committee, in behalf of all the residents of Daleville and Salem Township would say—
THANK YOU

Little Known Of Founder's Life

Very little is known of the life of Campbell Dale, the founder of our town. He, no doubt, was one of those rugged pioneers, a man with a scant education but a keen sense of thrift and foresight. Perhaps a lack of educational opportunities in those days accounts for the lack of record available concerning his life.

It is said that he walked from the present site of Daleville to the land office in Indianapolis to enter the land on which Daleville is now located. This entry was made January 20, 1827.

There seems to be no record as to the exact location of his home, but it probably stood somewhere in the vicinity of the Body Works or site of the old stove foundry.

The date of this death was about 1841. His place of burial is thought to have been in the little Dale cemetery in Daleville where his sons and other members of his immediate family are buried.

Cecil Dale, of Arizona, who is well remembered by many citizens of Daleville, is a son of Mrs. Allie Dale Kiger and a great-grandson of Campbell Dale.

Editor's Note

Due to an early deadline for this issue, a list of donors to the Centennial Fund has not been printed. This should not, however, cause anyone desiring to make a contribution through Cary L. Richmond to feel that the opportunity has been withdrawn. The Committee will deeply welcome any contribution.

unto set my hand and seal this sixth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and thirty-nine.

his
Campbell X Dale.
mark

Looking Forward

Down memory's lane we have been strolling—away through the years. At every familiar turn of the long lane, we have been reminded of Longfellow's words:

All are architects of Fate,
Working in these walls of Time;
Some with massive deeds and great,
Some with ornaments of rhyme.

Nothing useless is, or low;
Each thing in its place is best;
And what seems but idle show
Strengthens and supports the rest.

How interesting would be a catalogue of all the men and women of all ages who have builded well, and though they may not have attained wealth or fame, have served their fellow-men. Such a thought suggests to each of us, a longer look and a wider view than that which sees no farther than the little details of one's life today. We are so constituted that when we come face to face with such a vision of the purpose of all life, we are bound to stand on tiptoe, anxiously peering into the great beyond.

Are we laying, strong and true, our part of the undergirding for the generations yet to come? In our footprints in the sands of time, will the children and the children's children find wisdom, inspiration, and a full-share of happiness?

Fetrow Company

In 1893 James Fetrow came to Daleville and established a lumber yard. A few months later he was joined by his father and together they operated the yard until the father's death in 1895. James Fetrow was then assisted by Santford Shoemaker to manage the yard in connection with the Kirby Lumber Company of Muncie for four years.

At that date, Mr. Fetrow became sole proprietor and continued thus until the business was closed out in 1933.

The location in the west part of town remained the same throughout the firm's forty years of service to the community.

To Grandma's In The Fall

Breathes there a man with memory so dull,

Who cannot to his mind recall
That long planned visit in the Fall
To uncle's or aunt's, but grandma's best of all.

There on the pantry shelf you'd find

The great delicacies of all time.
Pumpkin pies all in a row,
Put there to eat and not to show,
And ginger bread so rich and rare
We could live forever on such a fare.

There were doughnuts, too, both large and small

And apple cider and pop corn balls,

All of these and plenty more

When you visited grandma in the Fall.

Club Issues Call For Exhibitors

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lah Hurley, Pauline Barkdull, Maude Shroyer or Laura Bowman.

The members of this committee would like to have everything in place, ready for the public by 1:00 P. M. Saturday.

Exhibit To Be Guarded

We wish to assure you that all articles will be well cared for. It is our plan to have members of the club on duty at all times during the day, and two Boy Scouts and a man, in charge at night.

Please place your exhibit in the hands of the committee as early as possible.

After 3:30 P. M. Sunday any exhibit may be taken away, and we would greatly appreciate your doing so.

To Staff Members

The editor expresses his sincere appreciation for the cooperation in this enterprise to all members of the Centennial Staff and especially to members of the General Committee who have aided in making historical information as authentic as possible.

Daleville Prospers In Gas Boom Days

The first gas wells in Delaware County were drilled about 1886.

In the year 1888, the Daleville Cooperative Gas Company was formed with S. B. Garrett, president, and Dr. Cornelius, secretary.

The first well was drilled on the Snyder place across the road south of the Christian Church. This well was said to be a "gusher". When gas was struck, the pressure was so great that the rubber gasket which was used in the well to keep the water out was loosened allowing water to flow into the well. This water was said to have been blown seventy-five feet into the air, then coming down, it ran in a stream along the side of the road and into the ravine near where Ray Huffman's house now stands.

Joe Dale Well

The second well to be put down in Daleville was on the Joe Dale place just west of where Memory Williams' new house now stands.

In the next few years more than a dozen gas wells had been put down. The last ones to be drilled were on the Huffman place east of the United Brethren Church and on the John Hurley place east of town.

Some were company wells; others were privately owned wells. All yielded a bountiful supply of gas.

Boom Was On!

Industries began to locate in Daleville and the town grew rapidly.

Gas was used to heat and light the homes and for street lights. Industries used it to heat their boilers, to melt glass, and to burn tile and brick. After 1904, this bountiful supply of gas began to rapidly diminish and by 1910 there were but few wells yielding gas in quantity sufficient for commercial purposes.

Today there are only one or two of the Daleville wells that yield any gas at all. Most of them have long since been abandoned and the casings pulled and sold for junk. Others may still be seen—just a large rusty pipe sticking up from the ground.

Sale Of First Lots In Township, 1838

From a sheet of an old record, now brown with a hundred years of age, dated 1838, comes the list of purchasers of the first lots sold in Daleville and Salem Township. The average price paid for these lots was \$13.50; the lowest price was \$10.00, the highest \$20.00.

Included in this list dated 1838 are: Abraham Pugsley, David Michael, Stephen Rogers, Heyden Makepeace, John C. Gustin, Isaac Icenogle, Stephen Brewer, John Stroup, Samuel Sullivan, John Reynolds, Christian Twin, Elisha