

HE QUOTES WEBSTER

LAWYER J.M. FENWICK OF DALEVILLE PULLS WEBSTER UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY ON UPHOLDERS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION AND CALLS ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT WEBSTER SAYS THAT A TOWN IS ANY COLLECTION OF HOUSES LARGER THAN A VILLAGE AND NOT INCORPORATED AS A CITY, ALSO, LOOSELY, ANY LARGE CLOSELY POPULATED PLACE WHETHER INCORPORATED OR NOT IN DISTINCTION FROM THE COUNTRY, OR FROM RURAL COMMUNITIES.

"THERE" DECLARED MR. FENWICK "LET THE CENSUS OFFICIALS AT WASHINGTON PUT THAT IN THEIR PIPES AND SMOKE IT. THEY SAY DALEVILLE IS NOT A TOWN. I SAY IT IS. IF THIS BE TREASON LET THE CENSUS DEPARTMENT MAKE THE MOST OF IT.

THE PEOPLE OF DALEVILLE ARE THEMSELVES ABUNDENTLY SATISFIED. WITHOUT A MAYOR, A BOARD OF ALDERMAN,, A TOWN HALL AND A DEFICIT IN THE CITY TREASURY THEY REJOICE IN THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE NEVER HAD OR WILL HAVE A DEFAULTING CITY TREASURER, OR A BOODLING ALDERMAN, OR A CORRUPT POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THE CITIZENS POINT OUT THAT IF THERE IS NEVER ANY MONEY IN THE CITY TREASURY IT CANNOT BE STOLEN ESPECIALLY IF THERE IS NOBODY TO STEAL IT. THEY SAY THAT THEY GET ALONG WELL ENOUGH WITHOUT MAYOR'S, AND ALDERMEN AND THE LIKE AND THAT THEY CONTENT TO LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

THE GREATEST GROWTH OF THE TOWN, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN WITHING THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND AS THE TOWN CONTINUES TO GROW THE NECESSITY OF A TOWN OR CITY GOVERNMENT MAY MAKE ITSELF SO MANIFEST THAT DALEVILLE WILL HAVE TO INCORPORATE. WHILE THE TOWN HAS NO MAYOR, IT ALSO HAS NO GOVERNING BODY TO PROVIDE IT WITH A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR POLICE FORCE OR OTHER MEANS TO LOOK AFTER ITS GENERAL GROWTH AND WELFARE.

NO ORDINANCES

WHEN ANYBODY BUILDS A HOUSE OR ADDS A BLOCK OR AN ADDITION TO DALEVILLE NOW HE DOES NOT HAVE TO SECURE THE PASSAGE OF AN ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD COMPEL THE ADDITION TO CONFORM TO THE GENERAL PLAN OF THE TOWN. AS A RESULT DALEVILLE, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT IT IS NOT QUITE SO LARGE IS ALMOST AS CROOKED AS BOSTON, AND THE STREETS WHICH ARE MERELY OLD COUNTRY ROADS, WANDER ABOUT IN AN AMAZING WAY AND MOST OF THEM AFTER A STRUGGLE TO LEAD SOMEWHERE OUT OF TOWN RUN UP AN ALLEY AND DIE AT THE FOOT OF A BIG RED BARN OR A PIGGERY.

THERE IS NO FIRE DEPARTMENT IN DALEVILLE, WHENEVER THERE IS A FIRE THE WHOLE POPULATION TURNS OUT WITH BUCKETS TO FIGHT THE FLAMES. BUT THE BUILDINGS OF THE TOWN OUTSIDE THE BUSINESS DISTRICT ARE ALL OF WOOD AND IN SOME SECTIONS BUILT CLOSELY TOGETHER AND FIRE FIEND WOULD HAVE THE KIND OF CARNIVAL THAT WOULD EXULT THE COUNTRY EDITOR IF THE AFORESAID FIEND EVER GOT A REAL GOOD CHANCE TO LICK UP THE "HOMES AND FACTORIES OF A BEAUTIFUL AND FLOURISHING METROPOLIS.

THERE IS NO POLICE FORCE IN DALEVILLE. RUFÉ PASCALL, ONE OF THE CITIZENS, HAS BEEN MADE A DEPUTY BY THE SHERIEF OF DELAWARE COUNTY AND PRESERVES THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE COMMUNITY. WHENEVER RUFÉ HAS TO TACKLE A PROPOSITION THAT IS TOO BIG FOR HIM A GREATER NUMBER OF THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE COMMUNITY TURN OUT TO ASSIST HIM.

THE FACTORIES OF DALEVILLE WILL PROBABLY BE THE POWERS THAT WILL IN TIME FORCE A CITY GOVERNMENT ON DALEVILLE. THE FACTORIES NOW LOCATED IN THE TOWN INCLUDE THE DALEVILLE GLASS COMPANY, THE IDEAL STOVE COMPANY, AND THE HAMILTON WAGON COMPANY ALL THAT FLOURISHING TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE ARRANGING TO INCREASE THEIR OUTPUT.

WHILE THE CITIZENS OF DALEVILLE SHRINK FROM RESPONSIBILITIES THAT WOULD COME WITH INCORPORATION, THEY HAVE NO HESITANCY ABOUT JORNING SECRET SOCIETIES. DALEVILLE MAY BE REGARDED BY THE GOVERNMENT MERELY AS A POST OFFICE, BUT IT HAS THREE LODGES OF ODD FELLOWS, ONE LODGE OF THE DEGREE OF REBECCA, ONE LODGE OF THE ORDER OF REDMEN, ONE OF THE DAUGHTERS OF POCAHONTAS, AND ONE OF THE KNIGHT OF PYTHIAS.

ALTOGETHER, WHILE DALEVILLE MAY NOT BE RECOGNIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS A TOWN AND BURIED UNDER THE IGNOMINIOUS HEADING OF SALEM TOWNSHIP, IT IS WHAT THEY CALL DOWN IN INDIANA". A RIGHT SMART SORT OF A PLACE.

" THERE HAIN'T NOTHIN THE MATTER UV DALEVILLE." SAID THE OLDEST RESIDENT IN FRONT OF THE POST OFFICE ONE DAY LAST WEEK.

" THIS TOWN'S BEEN HERE SINCE 1838 AN' THAT'S BEFORE THEM CENSUS FELLERS WUZ BORN AN' IT'LL BE HERE WHEN THEY'RE DEAD AN' GONE. THEY KIN SAY DALEVILLE HAIN'T NO TOWN. BUT SHE BE A TOWN ALRIGHT. YOU BET SHE BE."

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A Bit of Daleville History

On November 10, 1838, the town of Daleville was laid out and platted by Alexander Campbell Dale. He was 82 years old at the time; a pioneer with little education, yet he had a keen sense of thrift and foresight. He and his family left Maryland in 1826. They stopped for a short time in Ohio. Campbell's son, John R., walked from Ohio to the land office in Indianapolis where he entered land in his father's name. It's been said that he beat a man who started out on horseback at the same time. It was wintertime, and must have been a hard journey. The first entry of land was January 10, 1827 for 320

acres at \$1.25 per acre. The family had relocated to this land in Delaware County by 1830.

Alexander Campbell Dale was the oldest son of Josiah and Tabitha (Campbell-Holland) Dale. He was born in 1756 in Worcester County, Maryland. The Dale family originally came to America from England about 1695. They left England because of religious persecution and moved to Ireland, then set out for Philadelphia.

A. Campbell Dale died January of 1841 and is buried at the Dale Cemetery. Also buried there is his wife, Elizabeth (Cord) Dale and their daughter, Hannah Rhoda (Dale) Leathers.