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CASSVILLE AS OF YESTERDAY.

The birth of Cassville was June 4th, 1845, when the county court ordered Levi H. Arnold ~~xxxxxx~~ then the county surveyor to survey ~~layof~~ and Plat a town in the south east quarter of the North east quakter of Section 29 Township 23 of Range 27 and said town to be called Cassville, the county seat of Barry Co.

Wm. Kerr was appointed superintendent of Public buildings, first court at Cassville was ~~held~~ ^{held} at the residence of Wm. Kerr, which was some where near where to old Pharis home now is, at which time nearly all the buildings were of log, some of them being, on lots where Wm. Lathan now lives, where ~~the widow~~ ^{Widow} Padgett lives, on the ~~school~~ ^{school} house lots, where Joe White lives, on the Plattenburg Lots, (on the Ben Erwin property) where Mrs. Scoggins now lives has one room log, and the property of Nancy Trollinger has one log room and is the only house now standing that stood here during the ^{civil} War.

Before the War Leroy Moore built a fine flouring Mill where the present Mill now stands, but it was ~~xxx~~ ^{xxx} bruned during the ~~xxx~~ ^{xxx} civil War.

A jail of Logs was erected on a part of the lot now ~~xx~~ ^{xx} owned by C. H. Hadley in 1845, the begining of the civil War Cassville had about three Hundred inhabitants, which was materially reduced during the War, there were in the original town 154 lots, covereing about the whole of the forty acres, . The space around the square was built up of small ~~frame~~ ^{frame} buildings, what was the best and at one time the only Hotel was the "Barry house", which was located on the lots where the Barber shop and ~~Furniture~~ ^{Furniture} now stand and it was partly of logs, and run by the Trims, a Blacksmith shop was run on the lot where the ~~Frank Reese~~ ^{Ben Erwin} property by ~~is~~ ^{is} Negro Jack.

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The court house was from 1858 to 1884 and two story brick building, with plank fence around it, with stiles to go over, hitch rack for horses.

During all seasons of the year Cattle, Horses and even hogs run at large on the streets, hogs even taking their bath in mudholes in the streets and rearing their young under the store houses, during these days most of the lots were fenced with rail fences and some of the had drawbars to get inside the lots, the first picket fence was built by Dr. McConnell on the lot near where ^{the Community Bldg} Hotel Barry now is and was thought to be a great improvement.

Post office was for years run by Uncle Ned Smith, Grandfather of Miss Tiney Messer and was kept in a dwelling of log where the Messer property now stands, later it was moved to a small frame building about 12 x 14 ft.

on lots where Henleys Cafe now stands and Miss Tiney Messer was Post Mistress.

Prison - his army passed through Cassville July 11th 1861 on this road to Cassville
M. Burton run a Hotel on the lots where Dr. Chandler and the Horine properties are now for years.

For years during the sessions of the Circuit court, the drunks of the county attending courts, would hold mock sessions of court in the court room at night and try each other for all kinds of crimes, thus making nights hideous for the citizens of the town.

There being no church buildings the court house was used for what Sunday school and church was had, The first church building erected in Cassville was the one now owned by the M. E. church (South) and built by the citizens as a Union church where all denominations worshiped and had one Union Sunday School, in April 1868 Cassville had its first News paper, the Barry county Banner, A. J. Stewart editor and J. A. Vance manager

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the paper was issued in the building where L. P. Jones now lives, paper contained three double columns, mostly devoted to delinquent tax bills. J. B. W. Bennington and J. S. Drake took charge of the paper in Jany. 1870.

The "True Democrat" was issued by Wm. Ogle, xux Jany. 28th, 1871, the first issue was devoted mostly to tax sales. In 1871 B. H. Farmer issued the Cassville Democrat which was in the fall of 1872 purchased by Dr. John Ray. *and the Democrat has been in the Ray family since then*

The hanging of Geo. Moore by a mob in Dec. 1859 to the bell post at the South east corner of the square at that time did not seem to shock the people, no one was ever prosecuted for the hanging, he had killed Jack Carney and his wife near what is now Flat creek Post office.

The legal execution of Edward F. Clumb for the murder of Ella Rowe and White Peby 15th, 1887 *just back of where Sam manly now lives* about where Allen Blalack now lives will long be remembered by our citizens and is the only legal hanging that has ever

occured in our city or the county. *Hugh Ramsey a doctor his son home, Hoch up to the life on South side of Cassville and Clemm a sheriff & Republican was in the place of execution* At one time Cassville had three Saloons and one church, one frame school house.

In short we might say that Cassville of Yesterday, was a town of Muddy streets, no sidewalks, no street crossings, no light, no water system, where stock roam at will, *rain!* wallowing in the mudholes and hogs raising their young under our store buildings, unafraid ~~and uncollected~~, while the children waded the mud barefooted and poorly clad, attending poor schools and poor churches, while the town was run by the rough ~~isism~~ element.

Apparently was an end of the Democrat

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but by the persistent work of the churches, school and untiring work of the better element, with the help of the various civic clubs, Cassville has laid off several additions to the town which are covered with prosperous homes inhabited by hundreds of happy people, improved streets, built sidewalks, restrained stock from running at large, built ~~xxx~~ railroads, *cham factories, Cannery factories, schools, Community Building, par churches,* lights and water systems. All due to the pluck energy and enterprise of her good citizenship.

Some of the older citizens in and around Cassville during and before the civil war, were, *W.S.* McConnell, (member of the Confederate legislature) W.C. Townsend, Joseph Graves, Dr. John Ray, Dr. Speese, Pryor Lewis, W.C. Hawk, *W.H. Hawk* Jake Hawk, W.L. Cowgill, Wm. Hubbard, (once clerk of the county court) during the civil war. Geo. Hubbard, once probate Judge of the county. D.P. Pharis, J.M. Grammer, both at one time in *Edse.* business here. Dr. Beebe, John M. Logan, who owned the only mill *any where near here and which was burned during the civil war,* Wm. Trim Red. Smith, *W.L.* immediately after the civil war, W.H. Bates, John C. Burton, Wm. Kerr, Wm. Ray, Temp Ray, J.W. LeCompte, W.F. Townsend, J.B.W. Bennington, W.D. Hanley, Jas. A. Vance, S.L. Roberts, Wm. Ferguson, Chas. Grubb, R.H. and Chas. Jas. Peter, Marshall and Oss Elrod, Sarah Elrod, John Ireland, Col. Wash Cloud, Amos Horner, A.J. Baker, J.J. Wallen, Pap Price, and Harness maker, Prof Windes, Chas. House, *W.L.* Abernathy, for many years clerk of the county court, *J.H.* Herbert, at one time County collector, Wm. Earle, who was instrumental with J.M. Bayles in establishing the first bank in the county, (Barry Co. Bank) Sol Roberts, Capt. Moore, Charley Burton, W.L. Heile, once sheriff and assessor.

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