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MEMORIES AND MUSINGS

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No. 2.—There was no brick church in Portland, when we passed through that summer's day in 1869. In fact there was only one church, the small frame building of the Baptists on the hill overlooking the village. The other churches of the community were in Oak Hill a half mile to the east. The Portland church was organized by Thomas Jones, North and some friends of the same persuasion. It may be noted at this time that there was another church organized by the same denomination many years before in old Oak Hill. The founders were Levi McDaniel, a soldier of the Revolution, John Roach, William Willmore, Andrew Smith, Joseph Williams, and Robert Massie. This church was incorporated March 27, 1841. The old building of this congregation was still standing, according to a faint impression that I have when we passed by that morning. It stood up near where William Jones lived for many years afterward.

There was no Brickyard in Oak Hill then, and not one brick residence for even the residence now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. James G. Morgan and that of John J. Jones on a hill east of the village had not been built. The residence of the Morgan farm was over in an orchard at the south west corner of the farm near where the Price residence was built higher on the hill. My impression is that the house of John Thomas west of Portland had not been built at that time.

Our first stop after passing the Jackson store was at the water trough in front of the residence of James Reed. That old spring still gushes forth, and a cement trough marks the site of the old wooden trough of other days. Father got water for all of us from the small wooden trough through which the stream flowed into the horse trough. James Reed was among the most important and leading citizens of Oak Hill. Famous Democrats held political meetings at his house and spoke from his front steps or under one of his apple trees. Among them was Le Grand Byington now forgotten for whom a village in Pike county was named.

Before leaving Portland, I should mention that it was laid out by John J. Jones and John Thomas when the railroad came in 1853. The Jackson whose store I mentioned last week was a relative of Dr. J. W. Jackson deceased of Jackson. At this time I am not sure whether the owner was the father or the brother. The father moved later to Hamilton township and A. L. Jackson the candidate for Treasurer is his youngest son.

Since I have mentioned James Reed I might as well remind the people of Oak Hill that a hamlet named Lewisburg was once located between Portland and Oak Hill. It was a part of the farm of James Reed, and the plat abutted on the plat of Oak Hill laid out by a Yankee named Bingham in

trough we drove on to Oak Hill and turned south at the old home of Thomas L. Hughes, driving straight up the physical Oak Hill hill for which the village was named. I remember the Hughes house distinctly because it was many sided. It is still standing. William C. Jones lived in it during the years that I was a resident of Oak Hill from 1877 to 1885.

There was an old store room on the west side of the road opposite the residence of Thomas L. Hughes, and I have a faint recollection that some one had a shop, perhaps a saddler's shop in it, in 1869. The building occupied the site of the oldest store in the neighborhood, once operated by a man named Skelton who brought the first matches to Oak Hill, but I must speak of that another time. We drove up the hill past a large log house where William Jones lived at that time, then past the house where the Herbert's lived long afterward, the parents of Dan J. Herbert of the Commercial Bank of Jackson. Our next stop was at the top of the hill at the home of Ben Jones whose wife was Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Morgan of Jefferson and a first cousin of my mother. Our stay there was brief, for father was taking us all down to the Williams settlement at the head of Symmes Creek where we visited my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Williams, and the family of David G. Williams. Many incidents of that visit are very vivid in my memory. It was the last time that I saw my grandmother, Mrs. Hannah Williams, for she died March 22, 1870. I remember the family prayers at the home of David G. Williams who was very eloquent in prayer. This was at his old log house home, south of the present house.

NEW AUTO TAGS CREAM AND BLACK

Large Supply of 1925 Licenses Already Completed.

More than 800,000 pair of the new cream and black automobile tags for 1925 have been completed by prisoners at the penitentiary. In addition to these 45,000 special tags for state and city cars as trailers and motorcycle tags are ready for delivery, according to announcement of Col. Thad H. Brown, secretary of state.

The tags have large black numerals on a cream colored background. Secretary Brown has already ordered 1,200,000 pair which will supply the demand until the middle of the year at least, and probably will be sufficient to meet all requirements. This year the total number of license plates for passenger cars will be approximately 1,075,000.

To Have Homecoming

A Home-Coming will be held at Rio Grande Saturday, October 25. All alumni and former students of Rio Grande College are urged to be present at the homecoming. 1832. After leaving the Reed water

MRS. MARY PATTON CALLED SUDDENLY

Jackson Woman Dies Early Friday Morning Aged 77.

Death came swiftly to Mrs. Mary Patton Friday morning at 5 a. m., in the form of apoplexy. Mrs. Patton had been ill for some time, but nothing serious had been noticed in her condition.

Mrs. Patton was 77 years of age, and was before her marriage Miss Mary Masters. Her husband, John Patton, passed away about three years ago. A son Duffy Patton died in the West a few months ago.

Surviving are two sons, George W. Patton and Walter E. Patton, both Jackson business men, and two sisters, Mrs. Jehiel Haley and Mrs. Plummer Johnson, of Jackson.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon from the residence on High Street, according to plans at press time. It is expected that Rev. C. L. White of Greentown, Ind., will conduct the funeral service. White it will be remembered, married Miss Clara Patton, a granddaughter of the deceased. He has been in Cleveland this week attending the convention of Churches of Christ.

IN MEMORY

CHARLES W. YOUNG

Charles W. Young was born March 9, 1866, in the State of old Virginia. He came to the State of Ohio at the age of six years, and spent 52 years of his life in Jackson County and in this immediate vicinity.

He was married to Miss Zanie Bierly August 17, 1892. To this union was born one son, Howard, of Akron, O.

Mr. Young met with a serious accident in a coal mine July 7th, and was a great sufferer until the time of his death which occurred October 13. He died at the age of 58 years, 7 months, 4 days.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, son, two grandchildren, many relatives and a host of friends.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank all those who assisted us or who helped in any way to lighten the burden of our sorrow during the illness and death of our husband and father, Charles W. Young. Especially do we desire to thank Mrs. Elizabeth Ray, Mrs. Chris Gullett, and Mrs. Hugh Radcliff for their many kind acts; Rev. J. E. Matthews the minister for his consoling words; Funeral director John Thomas for his efficiency and thoughtfulness; the singers, all those who gave floral offerings, and to all those neighbors and friends who aided in any way.

Wife and Son.