

1837

**CARMEL**  
**CENTENNIAL**



*October 8-9-10*

1937

## Carmel Centennial

Down the dim vista of the past,  
Eyes shaded by a hand, one sees  
Church Belfries, their tall shadows cast,  
Bethlehem's aged Maple Trees.  
The Burying Ground, myrtle twined  
With Flowers, humming of the bees,  
And by the dusty roadside, find  
Behind Gates, of dim memories  
The Homes of our Ancestors, wait  
Close by, nestled the Old Toll Gate.

Our Artists, Writers, Teachers tell  
Of the old Richland School of yore,  
Musicians, Doctors - Praises swell;  
The Rule of 3 set quite a store.  
The Business Men's foundation laid,  
Soon the good Railroads set the stage,  
While strong honest work, progress made  
For this our Modern Machine Age.  
Carmel meets to sing a Requiem  
For Tollgate days of Bethlehem.

So today, One Hundred Years, hence  
We pause—and with Reverent breath,  
Gazing into the Future— Tense  
The Ground we tread, Hallow'd by death  
Each well remembered scene a joy,  
A long Trail to way back yonder  
We Welcome Home each Girl and Boy,  
Who chanc'd from Carmel to wander,  
Veil of Remembrance, Our Emblem,  
The Old Tollgate of Bethlehem.

We smile a Welcome, Celebrate,  
See each Posy, waft a greeting  
Old-time Legends, and Tales, relate,  
At these happy days, of Meeting  
The old Antiques, we gladly spread  
The old-time clothing, proudly wear,  
There's old Songs and books, to be read,  
On these Centennial Days, so rare,  
In years to come, Memories Gem,  
The Old Tollgate of Bethlehem.

—Orvilla L. Small

Ho! now has come the crowning height of time!  
All Carmel gathers to proclaim the year  
That rounds complete a glorious Century;  
They come from North, they come from South,  
They come from every road and stream,  
From East, from West, from hill and vale,  
they come.

And, far adown the long-lost years, they come,  
The distant generations of the past,  
To join us, with all the Hosts of all the years,  
In joyous, grateful, tribute to our Town.

—May Kenyon.

## THE HISTORY OF CARMEL

The town of Carmel, formerly known as Bethlehem, is situated on the dividing line between Clay and Delaware townships, a part of the town lying in each township. It is ten miles southwest of Noblesville with which it is connected by the Indiana Union Traction interurban railway line, and good hard surface roads. It is also connected with other towns of the county, viz: Westfield and Sheridan by the Monon Railroad, U. S. cement road connects with towns and cities north and south.

The original plat of the town consisted of fourteen lots and was laid out on April 13, 1837, by Daniel Warren, Alexander Mills, John Phelps and Seth Green. Z. Warren, son of Daniel Warren, gives the following account of "Starting a Town."

"In 1837, my father set about starting a town here, being the intersection of the roads where four farms cornered, the southwest being his own. Two others, Alexander Mills, on the northeast, John Phelps on the southeast, were willing to have land platted and sell lots, but on the northwest the owner was unwilling. My father offered him one hundred dollars for an acre, enough for four lots. That being a big price, he accepted it. Then the ground was platted and recorded under the name of Bethlehem."

"My father sold lots at whatever he could get for them in order to start the town. One he sold for five yards of home-made jeans of indifferent quality, and the purchaser was to build a house on it, and did of small round logs, the cracks filled with clay and about large enough for a poultry house; but it filled the contract.

"The post office was named Carmel, because there was one in the state by the name of Bethlehem. In the early sixties when the town was incorporated the name was changed to Carmel to accord with the name of the post office.

Additions were made to the original fourteen lots at various times. Among the first were those by Samuel Carey, 1849, by Nathan Hawkins, eight lots, 1857; eight lots by Isaac J. Bales and J. H. Davis and others.

On January 20th, 1846, a post office was grant-

ed to the town under the name of Carmel, the name being suggested by Levi Haines, Sr. The new town received mail once a week by mounted carrier. Joseph W. Macy was the first postmaster. He served in the capacity for only one year. Levi Haines, Sr., then was appointed and held the post till 1858. His successors were Isaac W. Stanton, Alfred T. Jessup, John H. Kenyon, Jonathan J. Griffin, and Alfred W. Brown. Then Z. Warren took charge of the office a few months as assistant, and in July, 1864, took full charge. He held the office until Nov. 28, 1885, and was then succeeded by Eli Binford during Cleveland's administration. Post office boxes were installed June 10, 1864. The same year a bi-weekly and later a tri-weekly mail system was petitioned for and granted by way of Nob-

lesville. At the same time a hack was run for the accommodation of passengers. Later the mail came via Indianapolis, and then changed back to Noblesville till 1883. In that year the Monon railroad went thru, north bound. The postmasters since 1885, include the following: Dessie Crago (Hershey), William Nutt, George Bowen, Alfred Rayle,

Everett Stroud, Clyde Davis, Don Hobbs, Lester Hinshaw, Wyatt Carey, Clyde Davis, Harry Featherston, Hazel Applegate.

The first house in Carmel was the Phelps' log farm house, which was built prior to the laying out of the town. The first frame house completed was erected on lot thirteen by Thomas Mills. It has since been torn down. There were several attempts at building frame houses previous to this, but the skeleton of the house, sometimes partially roofed, would stand just a "frame" until it rotted and becoming unsafe, would be pulled down. The reason for this was the hard times, the owner not being able to go on with that which he had begun.

Carmel has always been, largely, a settlement of Quakers. It is thus mentioned in the Indiana Gazetteer (1850) "Bethlehem, a small village inhabited mostly by Friends, in the southwest corner of Hamilton County."

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Carmel Before The Fire in 1913

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## THE HISTORY OF CARMEL

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in the county was conducted by the Society of Friends in 1830 at a point a little north and west of Carmel in the south part of what is now the cemetery. About three years later a church building was erected and called Richland. Benjamin Mendenhall named the house from his former home meeting in Ohio.

Elizabeth Ann Stanton, daughter of Benjamin Mendenhall, was the first child born among the Friends. The first marriage according to the customs of the Friends was that of William Hiatt and Mary Moon.

In 1874, at a session of the county commissioners, a petition was presented by the citizens of Bethlehem asking to have the name of the town changed to Carmel, that being already the name of the post office, and that the town be authorized to hold an election for incorporation. The petition was granted and the election was held March 21, 1874, resulting in a vote of thirty-three for incorporation and twelve against.

Early in the history of Carmel, education, the best the pioneers could provide for their children was provided. Education has always claimed the first interest of the Friends. The schools of Carmel were for sometime connected with Union High at Westfield and the latter received many students and financial aid from Carmel and Poplar Ridge.

The first school was opened in the old Friends church, built in 1833. At first a sheet was used as a door till sufficient lumber could be procured for the door. An addition was built to this house in 1835, which doubled its seating capacity. For heating, the early worshipers used boxes of clay and mortar in which they burned charcoal. Later they put in plain box stoves. The homes were heated by huge fireplaces. The cooking also was done in fireplaces.

The first grist mill in Carmel, we are told, by Z. Warren, was built by Benj. Mendenhall, on the creek east of town, and it is said later the Wise boys had a stream circle mill there.

The first steam mill in Carmel was built by Samuel Carey, Jos. Macy and Bohan Harvey in 1847. This was a sash mill, the logs being hauled up into the second floor on an inclined plane. After the Monon railroad came, T. E. Carey and W. P. Nixon erected a flour mill, which was later operated by R. J. Follett & Co.

The first dry goods store was opened by Boggs & Boggs, the store room being a log cabin. This opening of the first store was a great event in a little town. Even before the floor was laid or shelves had been placed in the log cabin, the young men gathered there to discuss the "great event." Some of the staples kept in this first store were Orleans

molasses and sugar, mackerel, blacksmith's iron, dog irons, odd lids for skillets and ovens, calico, coarse muslin, called "factory", bandana handkerchiefs, jew's harps, bonnet boards and wires, iron lamps, etc.

Boggs & Boggs did not remain only about a year, then at other times, various persons kept a store for short periods of time, with a period in between, when there was no store in Carmel. But after a time, Levi Haines, Sr., opened a store in the original store building and later went into partnership with Caleb Harvey. From that time on, Carmel never was without a store. Later merchants included Little, Drum & Anderson, Elijah King, Sylvanus Carey, Josiah King, Frank King, Puckett & Stanley, and T. A. Painter, and others. James Stanley opened a drug store in the early 60's. David Kinzer opened the first variety store at an early date.

The first blacksmith shop in the community was that of Barnaby Newby. Others in the smithy business later included Moses Puckett, Enos Haines, Jas. P. Cook, Richard George, John Patty, Sr., John A. Haines, David Stewart, Albert Haines, and others.

The first shoe maker was Geo. Gibson. Joseph Wilson was the pioneer harness maker, while Asaph Hiatt began the window sash business. Wm. Frost, who was a tailor in the forties, took up the practice of dentistry. The first carpenters were Thos. Mills, John West and Jos. W. Macy. The first house painter and paper hanger was Wm. S. Warren. In 1857, Simeon Hawkins operated a tile factory in Carmel. Among the early regular physicians are found the names of Dr. Woodward, the two Vickrys, L. S. Campbell, S. C. Dove, J. S. Losey, J. L. McShane, Daniel Carey, C. W. Cook, George Kane, Zenas Carey, N. G. Harold, C. W. Mendenhall, and later, K. C. Hershey, 1892; F. C. Hershey, 1894; Ross Cooper, 1910; W. F. Baker, 1920, and C. M. Donahue, 1927.

There have been several destructive fires in Carmel at different times. The first building thus to go was Terry Tempin's little grocery. The second was John W. Crew's shoe shop. Others were saw mill of John E. Buck, Laycock's saw mill, the residence of Mrs. Kesiah Roberts in 1808, and the millinery store and nearby law office of L. J. Patty. John Jeffries livery barn burned in July, 1905, and before this fire could be checked the rest of the block south of the Interurban railroad track also went up in flames. As there was no regular fire department in Carmel at this time, a fire was a very serious affair. In March, 1913, fire was discovered

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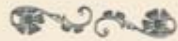
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## JOHN KINZER

Was born near Kinzers in Lancaster County, Pa. He lived here until manhood and married Mary Deerdorf after which they moved to Ohio and located in Highland County, and followed the calling of a farmer.

He and his wife reared seven children, as follows: Jacob, David, Daniel, John, Margaret, wife of David Ockerman, Sarah, wife of John Bailey, and Catherine, wife of Daniel Davis.

The grand parents were members of the Dunkard church.

John Kinzer was born in 1804, and was reared on a farm and remaining with his father until he was twenty-one.

In 1828 he came to Indiana with his cousin, Jacob Kinzer, and located in Hamilton County, Delaware township, without friends or money.

He entered a small tract of land from the government and worked by the month to pay for the property.

About 1830 he married Ruth, daughter of William and Mary Moffitt Wilkinson and a native of Randolph County North Carolina.

Her parents were natives of England and settled in the South.

In 1855, Jacob Kinzer, a cousin, went on to Iowa, where his son and a number of his grandchildren now live.

After his marriage, John Kinzer cleared and improved his land to which he added from time

to time until his land possessions amounted to a great many hundred acres of land.

He and his wife reared seven children, William, Mary, the wife of Sylvanus Cerey David, Jacob, Levi, Sarah, the wife of Louis Metsker, and Ira J. Kinzer.

John Kinzer's death occurred in 1850, and his wife passed away ten years later.

We have not yet been successful in finding heirs or history of Daniel, David and Jacob.

Margaret, who married David Ockerman, has descendants, some of whom live at Kokomo, Ind.

Sarah, wife of John Bailey, has a son, David Bailey, living at Ashland, Ohio.

Catherine, wife of Daniel Davis, died without leaving any heirs.

The grandchildren of John Kinzer and their descendants for a number of years have lived on the land near the old homestead, which he built in 1828.

These descendants have met for a number of years for a reunion.

John Kinzer's mother continued to live in Highland County, Ohio. She lived to be about 97 or 98 years old.

A granddaughter Sarah Metsker, visited her when she was about 95. She

then lived alone in a house built in the yard of her daughter.

She did her own work and was a great walker, going 2 or 3 miles. She was what is called "Dutch" and her Bible was in that language.



The Kinzer Homestead

## RURAL LIFE IN 1857

Activities on a pioneer farm, one mile east of Bethlehem now (Carmel) in Hamilton County, Ind.

It is the fall months, and the prices of all farm produce is at a low level on account of money matters and good crops.

Wheat is now selling at 65 cents, corn, 25 cents; cattle, 2 cents; hogs, 3 cents, and eggs at 5 cents per dozen. Markets were lower in winter.

Farmers worked on the public roads, hauling gravel and grading.

On October, a hard freeze damaged apples and

similar crops, that was not harvested as yet.

On Nov. 7, a rain of 4 inches made the river too high for the Tuesday mail to be delivered from Noblesville. Volunteers who had a good riding horse made the trip once a week.

Timber was plentiful, and wood cutting for the town people and the farm folks was a pressing duty.

School opened on Nov. 23 and closed on Feb. 23 for three months. This was a subscription school held at Rural Valley, and taught by Isaac Harold.

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## RURAL LIFE IN 1957

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Literary Societies were held at Poplar Ridge, White Chapel, East Branch, Rural Valley, Dawson School, and Myers School.

Present and future problems were discussed and debated pro and con. Women's Suffrage and Slavery were the most common topics.

Scripture Schools, spelling and geography schools, were held at various points and were well attended.

State Fair was held on Oct. 5 to the 11. Wheat sowing was from Sept. 20 to the first of October. Election day was Oct. 13.

Who made up the community life of this vicinity. Mention of a few of the families that lived in this locality: Harold, Roberts, Moffitt, Haines, Murphys, Hazle, Whites, Wilkinson, Chappals, George, Mendenhall, Hawkins, Stanleys, Kenyons, Careys, Phelps, Slaters, Myers, Wickershams, Florers, Stantons, Ballards, Rookers, Axtells, Kinzers, Johnsons, Hunts, Lancasters, Applegates, Bonds, Wise, Smalls, Beesons, Hiatt, and Eller.

They carried their burdens, and shared their joys with each other, and left a heritage to their followers.

Honor is due them in a full measure, and our welfare today is the wisdom of our forefathers.

## MARKETING HOGS EIGHTY YEARS AGO

Hogs were fed until they were of good size, and a year or more of age.

The season had a great deal to do with the marketing of beef and pork.

Refrigeration was furnished by nature in the form of snow, and cool winds and low temperatures.

Stock buyers visited the farmers and made them an offer for their live stock at the farm.

Some of the farmers sold to the buyers, and others joined them in making up a drove of 100 to 600 or more, to be delivered to the Carey farm, one mile south of Bethlehem, on Tuesday.

On Wednesday the owners and buyers start the hogs to market along the range line road, and reached the place known as Meridian Heights now, and fed and cared for them for the night. The next day the trip was continued to the city and the hogs were put in separate pens, or if they were mixed up in one group they were put in a field where each group would assemble together.

After a few days they make up and they are all friends.

When the hogs are cared for, the drivers are cared for at a tavern.

On Friday the hogs were killed and dressed, while the owners were seeing the sights of the city.

On Saturday the hogs were weighed and paid for, net weight. For 600 to 625 lb., \$4.00 to \$4.25 cwt. Price of these were dull at the farm at \$3.00 cwt. Beef was \$2.00 cwt. At the farm.

Cured beef and pork was used in the summer months.

## L. J. SMALL DRUG STORE



The Old L. J. Small Drug Store

One of the land marks of the town of Bethlehem was the L. J. Small drug store. The land where this building was erected was purchased from Alfred Brown by Thomas Carey in 1856. In the year 1867,

Ruth Warren purchased the place from Thomas Carey, who in turn sold it to Eli Small in 1871.

Eli Small first conducted a grocery business with his son, L. J. Small. The latter after teaching school for a few years, took up the study of medicine and became a practicing physician. He later gave up this practice to take over the management of the store.

In 1880, Eli Small died. After his death a front was added to the store with large windows and outside stairway erected to the second floor. Here it was the L. J. Small started a picture gallery. Making tin types was his specialty. From time to time the building was enlarged and the entire lower front occupied by a drug store. L. J. Small died May 31, 1926, after serving his community to the best of his ability for 54 years.

—Edgar J. Small.

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*Program and Entertainment*—Geo. Stout, Chairman, Rue Hinshaw, Roy Ottinger, John Smatt.

*Decorations*—Glen Smith, Edgar Kincaid, Wyatt Carey.

*Parade*—Frank Hattery, Chairman, Robert Dear-dorf, Harrie Watson.

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2:00 o'clock—Pet Parade.  
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## THE PAGEANT, "CARMEL"

1837—1937

The pageant, to be given Sunday afternoon, is a brief review from days of pioneer life to the present, modern times.

The characters and scenes are adapted to the various periods. The program of scenes is as follows:

Song.

Scene I.

The arrival of the Pioneer.

Scene II.

The Home of the Pioneer.

Scene III.

The Indians arriving to welcome the pale face man.

Scene IV.

The Friends Church

Reading .....

The Methodist Church

The Circuit Rider.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Song .....

Scene V.

Platting the Town.

Selling the lots.

Scene VI.

The Old Time School.

Scene VII.

The Singing School.

Scene VIII.

The Home.

Scene IX.

Civil War Scene.

Scene X.

The Death of Lincoln.

Scene XI.

The Gay Nineties.

Scene XII.

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Scene XIII.

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## THE HISTORY OF CARMEL

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early one Sunday morning in the rear of the old post office building. A west wind was blowing, carrying the flames eastward. The fire spread quickly till it seemed the whole eastern part of town would go. The news went to Noblesville at six in the morning that "all Carmel was burning up." Happily the blaze did not prove as disastrous as that, though the rest of the block to Main Street and north, including Kinzer's store and the Odd Fellow's building was totally destroyed before the flames could be checked.

Sometimes a calamity such as this fire, seems irreparable, but Carmel built again over the ashes of a bad fire a better and more enduring business section, all brick to replace the frame structures. Then the old bucket brigade was later organized into the present efficient fire department. The Ford fire truck was purchased in 1920 and the Reo in 1922. With Rue Hinshaw at the head of the fire department, the fire fighters have done some most effective work in Carmel and surrounding community. Two fires in business places were checks before great damage was done. In February, 1936, the rear of Howard Morris' cleaning establishment was badly damaged, but the flames did not spread. In February, 1937, fire broke out in the basement of the bank building and the drug store, hosiery shop and beauty shop were all damaged by smoke and fire. The Masonic hall on the second floor also was damaged by smoke. The fire department kept the fire from spreading, doing most efficient work.

Carmel put in a complete city water system in

the summer of 1930, getting the supply from deep wells. Gas was piped to the town in 1933; electricity has been in Carmel since 1904. Having all the modern utilities in Carmel, gives it all the advantages of a city without the disadvantages. In the last few years there has been quite an influx of residents from the city to Carmel and suburbs.

Carmel today is a prosperous town with a steady, healthy growth. The last census giving the population at 682. But that does not include the surrounding suburbs. Carmel is a real live business town. Carmel merchants have customers from Indianapolis and other towns. Some of the present businesses include, Foster & Kendall Feed & Seed Co., Allen A. Wilkinson, Mill, O. W. Nutt, Hardware and Undertaking, Hinshaw Garage, Floyd's and Regal Groceries, Sink's & Horton's Meat Markets, Jewett's & Morris', Men's Furnishings, Jane Haines, Dry Goods & Gifts; Tottleben's Drugs; Evans Cafe, and Graves Lunch Room, and Jeffries Pool Room; Bedel's Shoe Shop, Morris Filling Station and Smith's, and others.

Carmel is a modern little city with comfortable and beautiful homes, well kept lawns. The main streets well paved. There are no rich aristocrats in Carmel and no dire poverty. Carmel really had no depression. The bank failure was the nearest to a calamity that struck. But, the people of Carmel make the town what it is today. The most livable, loveable town in the best state in the Union.

—Jane Haines.

## HISTORY OF CARMEL FRIENDS CHURCH



The Old Richland Friends Church.

The early followers of George Fox sought refuge in America in the latter half of the 17th century. They spread rapidly from Boston into Pennsylvan-

ia, down through Virginia into the Carolinas. However, when the question of slave holding became very acute, Quaker consciences were thoroughly aroused and the North West Territory seemed to call them. Many came to Indiana Territory, several of them settling in this community.

Although these pioneers gathered for worship weekly in the different homes, they felt very soon the need of an authorized meeting and requested White Lick Quarterly Meeting, the one nearest, to grant them an Indudged Meeting under the supervision of Fairfield Monthly Meeting. Permission was granted in 1830.

Then in 1833 a Preparative Meeting was established with Jonathan Phelps as clerk. At the suggestion of Benjamin Mendenhall it was named Richland in memory of his home meeting in Ohio. Benjamin Mendenhall was the father of Elizabeth

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## CARMEL AND EDUCATION



The Old Richland School

Carmel, known as Bethlehem a hundred years ago, was settled by the type of people who had abundant faith in the three fundamental institutions of society, the home, the church, and the school. Thus, when a score or more homes had been built in the forest, a feeling of need for a place of worship and a place where the children could be educated led to the building, 1833, of a log meeting house which served also as the first school house. This building was doubled in size in 1835. It stood on the ground now occupied by the Carmel cemetery. This church and school was known as Richland.

A year or two later, a log school house was built on the west side of what is now State Road 431, on ground now occupied by the north end filling station.

About 1845, a frame school building was built near the cross roads north of Carmel, which was used until 1868 or '69 when the brick Carmel Academy was erected on the lot now occupied by the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

During the Sixties, a small frame school building was built south of Carmel on the east side of the road and was used for the elementary grades for a time after the brick Academy was built.

In 1887 a new Carmel High School building was completed in the south part of town. For thirty-six years this building served the educational needs.

In 1923, the present modern school building was completed. S. A. Hodgen, trustee of Clay township, and Bert Evans (deceased), trustee of Delaware township, led in the joint construction pro-

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ject. The Carmel High School Alumni Association championed the landscaping project which helped to give to Carmel one of the most beautiful educational institutions in central Indiana.



The Old School South of Carmel.

The history of education in Carmel consists of more than mere facts about structures of wood or brick or stone. The men and women who have provided the leadership as administrators and teachers, and the student groups that have passed through these halls of learning and have gone out into life to bless the world by lives of service, have combined to justify abundantly the initial cost and the continued liberal support of education which has always characterized the Carmel community.

It is interesting to record that one who was a student in the brick Carmel Academy from 1872 to 1876, and who became the popular and successful principal of the same school from 1883 to 1886, is still an honored resident of Carmel—our own J. F. Haines.

The last year in the old north end Carmel Academy and the first four years in the high school

building in the south part of town, 1887 to 1892, were administered by David Wells, now living at Marion, Indiana.

Mrs. Minnie Rhoades Kinzer, now a resident of Pasadena, California, will be remembered as one of the great teachers of the "90's."

The writer had the honor and good fortune to serve as teacher and administrator in the Carmel schools from 1892 to 1896 and again from 1931 to 1933.

Mr. Earl Hinshaw, now teaching in the high school of Lafayette, Indiana, a native of Carmel, has the honor of the longest service as principal of the Carmel school.

Mr. Chester F. Quear is the present successful principal of the Carmel school, having served since 1933.

Space forbids the listing of every principal and teacher who have made worthwhile contribution to the life of the community during the past one hundred years.



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## Sarah L. McShane, First White Child Born In Clay Township



About 1829 the log house was built for James Gray McShane when he was married. They lived for many years in this one-room log house before moving to the old Francis McShane homestead. The log house was located at Road 431 and 106th Street.

- 1824—Frances McShane came to Clay Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, by horseback from Harrison County, Kentucky. At that time, he and an Indian and family by the name of Ketchum were the only settlers for a period of over a year.
- 1825—Frances McShane returned to Kentucky and brought back his wife and two sons, James Gray McShane and Thomas McShane.
- 1826—Sarah L. McShane was born, the first white child in Clay Township.

1843—Her father, Frances McShane, died, and was buried in the Farley Cemetery, the only cemetery at the time in this part of Hamilton County.

Sarah L. McShane attended school and church on the Isaac Sharp farm, one mile from her home.

1832—A school was organized on the Isaac Sharp farm.

1852—The public school was inaugurated and a log school built on the Sharp farm. The "Sharp Meeting House," a log cabin was built soon after this.

1855—The meeting house was too small and the Log Pleasant Grove Church was built.

1827—Sarah L. McShane's grandmother, Margaret Gray, at the age of 80 years, was lost in the woods while hunting for a pig along a cow path. The path became covered with leaves and she lost her way. After spending two days and nights in a dense woods, she was found over two miles from home, near what is now 106th Street and Road 31. She lived four years after this exposure.

"Methodist Hymns," printed 1852, is a hymn book that was used by Sarah L. McShane.

The picture is of James Gray McShane, brother of Sarah L. McShane.

—Mrs. Lena McShane Eveleth.

## The Wednesday Literary Club



CARNEGIE LIBRARY, BUILT IN 1913  
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Just forty-one years ago, this time of the year, "The Wednesday Literary Club" of Carmel was organized with a membership of five.

Its purpose was for the betterment of its members along literary lines and not only for the benefit

of its members, but for the community at large.

Before the town had ever thought of a Library of any sort, the Club bought books for a circulating Library among ourselves, then when there began to be talk of a real Library being established, we donated our books, among the first which were given, for the foundation of a Carmel Library, which had as its first meeting place, the front room in the "Carmel Telephone Exchange" building.

Aside from our literary interests we have assisted the Riley Hospital at different times. We buy Red Cross Health Bonds from year to year and many other charitable offerings have we donated to some worthy cause.

From a membership of five, the Club has grown to twenty-five active members, five associate members and the wives of the pastors of our town, are our honorary members.

Many of the ladies who have belonged to our Club in the years past, have changed the location of their homes, some too far away to continue their membership with us, others however have filled the vacancy thus made.

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## HISTORY OF CARMEL FRIENDS CHURCH

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A. Stanton, the first Quaker child born in this settlement.

In 1841, Richland Monthly Meeting was established with Levi Haines and Lydia P. Cook as clerks. Richland Quarterly Meeting was established in 1868. It was composed of Richland, Poplar Ridge and East Branch (now named Gray) Monthly Meetings.

In 1833, the Preparative Meeting erected the first place of worship, a one room log house, 18 by 20 ft., located on the south side of the present cemetery. In 1835 another room of the same size was added. A new frame building was constructed on the same ground in 1845, and the church now, occupied by Friends was dedicated March 4, 1893.



The New Richland Friends Church.

The early Friends had a silent worship service, the women sitting on one side and the men on the other. For business sessions there was a shutter partition which could be closed so that the business could be transacted separately. There was no authorized speaker or planned program for the worship service, but many spiritual and inspiring words were spoken by various ones, showing that much time was spent by Friends in prayer, meditation, and the reading of the Scriptures.

A little later than 1850, Richland Monthly

Meeting minutes record that a Friend expressed a concern that they were lacking in systematic study of the Scriptures and that it would be well for old and young alike to meet together before or after the meeting for worship to study the same passage and exchange ideas. The feeling was that such a period would be helpful to all who attended, Mary Collins, Grace Thomas, Deborah Haines, Jermina Stanley, Martha Lancaster, Elizabeth C. Bond, Rachel Stafford, Elizabeth Wilkinson, and Elizabeth Wilson were appointed to superintend the starting of a First Day Scripture School.

In 1890, Samuel Mills became the first pastor of Richland Meeting. He was followed by Levi Cox, Clark Brown, John Griffin, Mary Miars Harold, Thomas Brown, Lydia Hoath, Minnie Bassett, Lewis McFarlin, Gertrude Reinier, Willis Bond, David Hadley, Arthur Hammond, Lewis Stout, Gertrude Reinier, Nettie Springer, Alpheus Reese, Orley Smith, Mary Hiatt, John Compton, and Donald Spittler, who is now serving as the twenty-first pastor.

Very early in the Religious Society of Friends the subject of education claimed its attention. Many academies were established and entirely managed by them. Richland academy was located across the street on the south of the early meeting house.

In 1837 a town was platted and recorded under the name of Bethlehem. In 1846 a Post Office was granted under the name of Carmel, as there was already one Post Office in the state by the name of Bethlehem. Later the town was incorporated as Carmel to accord with the name of the Post Office. The name of the Friends Meeting was changed from Richland to Carmel in 1891.

The records of Carmel Friends Church show it has participated in the activities of the Friends Church at large, prison reform, equality of sexes, universal education, abolition of slavery, pursuance of peace, world brotherhood, missionary work, temperance reform, and evangelistic work.

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—Rhoda C. Roberts.

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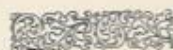
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## CARMEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Methodist movement began in Carmel, Ind., in the winter of 1857-58 under the direction of Rev. L. P. Berry, of Noblesville. Under the direction of this messenger of God a class was organized, which was characteristic of the early Methodists, and regular preaching services were held in the homes of Robert Cutt and Dan Smith. Later a lot was donated to the Methodist, for the erection



The Methodist Episcopal Church

of a Church building, by Willis Atkins. Upon this tract of land was built a hewed log Church, which was used for a number of years. After the log church was disbanded the society continued to hold its

meetings in school houses and private homes until, in 1871, a modern frame building was erected. This building stood until 1906 on the same site as the home of John Hines now stands. It was an unpretentious building with a small Belfry on top and a partial foundation underneath, but an adequate building for a small group of humble Methodists. This little church building was the scene of many manifestations of the Saving Grace of God and from its altars went many sinners saved by Grace.

In 1905, the present cement block building was erected and the old building was sold and moved one-half block east of the present Library where it still stands unto this day as a dwelling.

The great contribution of the Methodist Church to the Carmel community cannot be expressed in material terms. Through the many years it has had ministers and laymen who have stood for righteousness, purity, temperance, and the highest in Christian citizenship.

Today this Church has a membership roll of over two hundred full members, besides the baptized children and preparatory members. It has an annual budget of over two thousand dollars, one of the nicest parsonages in the North Indiana Conference, an active Epworth League Chapter, a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a large Sunday School enrollment, an organized Ladies' Aid, and preaching services twice a Sunday. This church has had a great part in the building of the Carmel community in days gone by and it has all indications of continuing this noble service in the future.

### The Wednesday Literary Club

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We still hold our meetings every two weeks from September until May, with our minds keen for the duties assigned each member for the year's work.

During all the years of the Club's activities we

have lost but four members by death.

There are two Charter Members who still belong to the Club, Ada P. Follett and Elizabeth P. Day.

—Elizabeth P. Day.

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