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1911

On March 25, 1909, the foundation of the church was
began and on August 29, the Right Rev. A. J. MC GAVICK,
D.D., laid the cornerstone. On June 26, 1911, the
church was dedicated. The plan, by Joseph MOLITOR, is
of Greek type of architecture, Ionic exterior, Corinthian
interior. The building is 135 feet long and 76 feet
wide in the nave and 56 feet at the entrance, 13 feet
high from floor to ceiling and 113 feet to the statue
of the Sacred Heart. The towers are 85 by 14 feet.

The Building Committee consisted of Rev. M. J.
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in the year 1895, by Rev. C. L, LANGLAIS, CSV. In Sep-
tember of the same year, the Sisters of the Sacred Heart
of Mary, opened a complete course of studies in the
different academical departments. The buildings first
erected soon became inadequate to accommodate the in-
creasing number of pupils in attendance and in 1898
an extension was annexed. A continued increase of
pupils obliged the community to erect additional
structures and in 1906 a building was constructed.

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Like all cities, Indianapolis, Indiana, did not expect to expand as it has in the last 150 years. At the time of the clearing for its location in 1820, it "was no more than a swamp."

The people who laid out the square mile did not expect to be able to fill it. After the clearing, the place was a village and now a metropolis.

The paper is a four section special edition describing how various aspects of life has been important to the growth and development of Indianapolis and its people.

Section A of the paper describes "we celebrate our city" showing from swamp lands to present day. An article describes how important religion was in the lives of people. Usually church records are good sources for genealogical material. The lives of some of the important authors are described. The growth of schools are described at great length. Indianapolis is known as the railroad city.

Section B -- Indianapolis from stagecoach to space age. Some of the articles in this section are "Wilderness Became Town then City, "Politicians In Indianapolis Won National Prominence", "Your Fire Department--Then and Now Indianapolis has had Its Share of Major Fire Disasters"; "6-Day Fete In '20 marked Indianapolis' 100th Anniversary "Eli Lily Was Pioneer in Pharmaceutical Field"; "Fifties: Decade of Change for the City."

Section C-- In the Beginning--Indianapolis Today. This section pertains how the city has progressed through the years. It has an article on the cemeteries which shall appear later in this review.

Section D is the Evolution of the Race Car. Indianapolis is known for its famous 500 mile race. This section gives the cultural development of Indianapolis including the public library.

As many probably know, the public library contains a fine section on genealogy. Also, the people are very willing to help you there.

The cemeteries are of interest. Section C of the paper has an article entitled "Spectrum of Citizens Rest in Crown Hill Cemetery." Crown Hill is not the first cemetery but it
was formed in 1863 and dedicated in 1864. The site
was known as Strawberry Hill. At the beginning there
"were 242 acres and there are more than 500 acres at
the present time."

The first burial was Mrs. Lucy Ann SEATON wife
of Capt. John L. SEATON. Other outstanding people
resting there are: Charles W. FAIRBANKS, a former
Vice President; Benjamin HARRISON, the 2nd Presi-
dent; Colonel Eli LILY and James BLAKE who helped
lay out Indianapolis in 1821.

Other cemeteries in Indianapolis are: Holy Cross
in 1850; St. Joseph, 1875; Calvary, 1939; New Crown,
1900; Floral Park, 1919; Memorial and Washington Park
in 1930.

The article states the city has eight other
cemeteries.

In 1840, there were only 2692 residents and by
the time the issue of the Civil War, there were over
18,000 residents. The census records of 1870 records
48,244 and in 1970 there were 785,045 residents so
it is very evident that Indianapolis has grown.

In the end, I wish to state its historical and
genealogical places are of very definite interest.

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THE ODEN FAMILY

Contributed by Harry A. Parkhill

This information was taken from the Bible owned by
the late Emma ROOT ODEN, Marion, Indiana,

John L. Oden B. 12-6-1829 D. 6-15-1915
Married Caroline HUNSICKER on 12-8-1850
She was born 6-6-1833 D. 10-21-1883

Children:
1. Samuel B. 8-3-1854 d. 2-17-1876
2. Marien B. 1-27-1856 d. 11-29-1942
   Married 11-24-1886 to Emma Florence ROOT
   Born 6-18-1860 Died 4-18-1931
3. John W. b. 3-24-1858 d. 10-18-1885
   Married 9-29-1881 to Anna K. VAN KUREN
   No dates known
4. George W. born 9-22-1859 - death unknown
5. Ida Ellen born 6-30-1862 died 8-1-1962
6. Still birth
7. Lizzie b. 6-30-1863 d. 9-1898
8. William b. 5-29-1864 d. 7-1950
9. Allen b. -2-26-1862 d. 1923
10. Emma May b. 4-3-1868 d. 5-3-1900
   Married PEARSON
11. Mary b. 8-7-1870 d. unknown
12. Elmer b. 6-30-1872 d. 11-3-1960
   Married 1896 to Mary LYTLE - no dates
13. Charles b. 2-7-1875 death unknown
   Married Anna COCKRAN b. 11-1871 still living

Children of Marien and Emma (ROOT) ODEN

1. Arthur Main b. 12-9-1887 d. 8-26-1888
2. Amanda b. 3-3-1889 d. 10-3-1898
3. Edna Cecil b. 8-19-1890 still living Marion, Ind.
   married 8-29-1921 to Rev. George Otto STRICKLER
   Born 2-5-1882 d. 12-26-1966
4. John Ephraim b. 4-1-1893 d. 2-19-1970
   married Norma BEST, still living, Louisville, Ky.
5. Clara Etta b. 3-15-1895 d. 8-8-1896
6. Harlan SIBERT b. 12-5-1898 d. 4-27-1900
7. Ermum Dwight b. 2-3-1901 d. 6-21-1971

THE MORMONS AT NAUVOO

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In April, 1840, large numbers of a religious body, known as Latter-Day Saints, or Mormons, moved from Missouri to Illinois. They had purchased a considerable tract of land located on the east bank of the Mississippi in Hancock County. Nowhere along the great river is there a more picturesque and attractive spot. The succession of terraces ascending from the water until the highland is reached, furnish a gradual slope of remarkable beauty; noble groves of tall oaks, interspersed with winding vistas, clothe the ground to the summit, from which point the eyalooks forth over a green, undulating prairie. Near the river, in that early day, stood the spacious residence of Dr. Isaac GALLAND, who had combined art with nature in forming a most delightful country-seat. On this fine tract of land, in 1834, he had laid off the little town of Commerce. This land having been sold to Mormon agents, preparations were immediately made to build here a great city of their faith, which was named Nauvoo, signifying either "peaceful" or "pleasant."
So well did they succeed in these early plans, that at the end of no more than five years the entire scene was changed. Nauvoo by that time already contained a population approximating fifteen thousand, while accessions were pouring in from all parts of the world, and several smaller villages and settlements, entirely Mormon as to inhabitants, had been started within the limits of the county. Nauvoo itself was very irregularly built, being scattered over six square miles, a part lying down upon the flat skirting the river, but the major portion extending higher up, and crowning the bluff. The most conspicuous building in the place was the "Temple", never thoroughly completed until too late for occupancy, which, standing upon the highest brow of the bluff, overlooked the surrounding country for twenty miles in Illinois and Iowa. It was built of compact, polished limestone, quarried within the limits of the city, but no order of architecture was observed, the Mormons asserting that they built day by day through direct inspiration. It was one hundred and twenty-eight feet long, eighty-eight feet wide, sixty-five feet to the top of the cornice, and one hundred and sixty-five to the summit of the cupola. The basement was a huge apartment, and contained a baptistry supported by twelve oxen hewn out of limestone. In the main story was the audience-room, the second contained another room, while in the third was a hall for educational purposes. Besides these, the building also contained numerous smaller apartments for the use of the church officials.

Upon the peculiar religious tenets of the Mormons we need not dwell. Their stormy career while in Illinois is the theme of this chapter, and it is only necessary to briefly consider that peculiar faith on which all else was founded. Joseph SMITH, a native of Vermont, obscure, without money or education, or even respectability, professed to have received a special revelation, engraved on brass plates hidden in a box, which he had discovered on a hillside near Palmyra, New York, in 1827. Thus he became the founder and leader of this persevering body of blindly believing men and women. In twenty years the disciples of this "prophet" increased to six hundred thousand. The first distinctive Mormon settlement was established at Kirtland, Ohio, in 1831. From here a mission was soon despatched into Missouri, and after a disgraceful failure of the Mormon bank at Kirtland, the leaders of the sect, including SMITH AND RIGDON, his principal lieutenant, likewise sought refuge in the West. Soon after their Missouri advent, a military corps, called the "Danite" Band, was organized, ostensibly as a protection to the disciples from all "Gentiles," as those unconnected with them were called. It was a secret organization, with pass-
word and grip, the members bound by a solemn oath to "do the prophet's bidding," and to drive off, or "give to the buzzards," all who dissented from Smith's revelations. This organization was undoubtedly at the bottom of nearly all subsequent trouble.

As a result of illegal and violent acts soon following this settlement, the aroused people of Missouri compelled them to depart from the State, and in 1840 twelve thousand of them arrived in Illinois in a destitute condition. Their tale of distress and persecution touched the hearts of neighboring settlers, who kindly assisted them in every possible way to obtain a new start in Nauvoo. The State legislature passed several special acts for their benefit, conferring on them powers and prerogatives which later became exceedingly dangerous to the surrounding community. With its intensely industrious population, which was constantly augmented by fresh arrivals, Nauvoo thrived wonderfully, and in the short space of two years a city was built, containing every known form of architecture, from humble mud hut to stately stone mansion. By this time, also, under special legislative enactment, they were permitted to organize the Nauvoo Legion," a body of four thousand well-drilled Mormons, with the prophet as general.

To understand something of the danger of such a situation as this, it is necessary to comprehend to some extent the character of this rapidly growing Mormon population. Governor FORD, in whose administration these troubles occurred, has sketched their peculiarities clearly. It really consisted of two distinct classes--the rulers and the ruled. The one was characterized by shrewd knavery, the other by credulity. Few moral distinctions were ever made in that community, and none socially; the mass of converts were drawn from the lowest social stratum, and many a well-known criminal found safe hiding-place from the law at Nauvoo. All that the leaders apparently cared for was the strengthening of their individual power, and the constant increase of their revenues. The majority of the ruled were simple fanatics, whose credulity made them the faithful followers of self-appointed leaders, among whom Smith continued chief. There was a wide difference among them in education and industry. The many toiled, while the few enjoyed the results of that toil. The more polished portion of the Mormons is said to have been a merry set of fellows, fond of music and dancing, dress, and gay assemblies. They had their regular parties and balls, from which, however, no one was ever known to be barred on the score of character. In short, it was a community of rich and poor, drone and worker, ruled over arbitrarily by twelve apostles, with Smith at their head, ever seeking new power, and growing more and more indifferent to all considerations,
excepting their own selfish interests. In the very
nature of things, a clash between such a community
and the state must inevitably occur.

From the date of first settlement until 1844,
Mormonism prospered unchecked in and about Nauvoo. It
was during this period that the prophet is said to
have received his revelation permitting the chiefs of
the Mormon hierarchy to have as many wives as they
could support. This new privilege led to the first
serious division in the ranks of the "faithful,"
resulting in the establishment of a rival newspaper
at Nauvoo, called the "Expositor," in May, 1844.
This immediately provoked trouble, as the "Expositor"
in its first, which was also its last, issue began
exposing certain questionable acts on the part of the
prophet and his advisers. As a result, a party of
Mormons, presumably acting under direct orders from
those high in authority, made a sudden cowardly
attack on the offending printing-office, broke the
press into pieces, and flung the type by the handfuls
into the street. This outrage led the rebels against
Smith's dictatorial power to unite their influence with
the rapidly increasing number of Mormon opponents living
in the outside country district, and warrants were
finally sworn out for the arrest of Joseph Smith, his
brother, Hyrum, and several others then prominent in the
church government. The leader in his rebellious move-
ment was William LAW, who declared that personal wrongs
had been done him at the hands of Smith. Those arrested
were merely taken before the municipal court of the
city (of which Smith was likewise mayor) and, on
haebus corpus proceedings, immediately discharged.
The seceding disciples were soon after compelled to
leave Nauvoo, and retired to Carthage, the county
seat. Meanwhile, Smith was constantly engaged strength-
ening his civil authority. By means of his common
council, and without the slightest authority of law,
he established a recorder's office at Nauvoo, in which
alone the titles to property could be recorded. So he
also established a department of marriage licenses, and
proclaimed that none in the city should purchase real
estate for the purpose of selling again, excepting
himself. These acts, however, affected only the
resident Mormon population, but the "Saints," encouraged
thereby, immediately took other and far more radical
steps, which tended to awaken outside antagonism, and
suspicion as to their ultimate purposes. A law was
enacted providing that no writ issued from any other
place than Nauvoo should be executed within the limits
of that city, unless countersigned by the mayor. As a
result, robberies could be, and were, committed else-
where, the culprits fleeing for safety to Nauvoo,
where full protection was assured. It became a Mecca
for criminals throughout that entire section, counter-
feiters being especially numerous. About this same time, petitions were sent to Congress asking the organization of a separate territorial government, of which Nauvoo should be the center, and Smith actually announced himself as a candidate for President of the United States, sending forth nearly three thousand missionaries to advocate his claims before the people. These acts awakened much uneasiness throughout the State, and served to crystallize public sentiment against any further encroachment on the part of the Mormon leaders. Inflamed by such rapidly increasing arrogance, those in the immediate neighborhood of Nauvoo, and especially the settlers of Hancock County, felt that they rested in close proximity to a powder-magazine, which needed but a spark to produce an explosion.

The spark was early forthcoming. So persistent were rumors of evil intention upon the part of the Mormon population, coupled with their persistent ignoring of State laws, that Governor FORD, whose account of these events is most complete, and generally correct, paid a personal visit to the county for purposes of investigation. Whether rightfully or not, the militia in Schuyler and McDonough Counties were called out, and assembled at Carthage to aid in the enforcement of civil processes throughout the Mormon community. Hearing of this, Smith at once proclaimed Nauvoo to be under martial law; his followers throughout the country were summoned to the defence of the city against invaders, and the legion assembled under arms. Yet, when the constable with his deputies appeared, no armed resistance was attempted, although much delay occurred. Through the influents of the Governor, final surrender was made, and on June 24, 1844, Jospeh Smith and his brother, Hyrum, with the members of the Nauvoo city council, went unattended to Carthage, and there surrendered themselves prisoners to the County authorities on the simple charge of riot, as nothing more serious had been formally alleged against them.

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DELINQUENT TAX-LIST

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A list of lands and town and city lots, situated in the County of Kankakee and State of Illinois, upon which the taxes and special assessments for the year 1883, and back taxes for the year 1882, and previous years remain due and unpaid.

Explanation of abbreviations--n stands for north, 3 for east, s for south, w for west, q for quarter, h for half, a for acres, rr for railroad, ex for except, cor for corner, pt for part, frl for fractional, r for road, SH for school house, cen for center, und for undivided, vil for village. Last figure is section number.

TOWN OF MANTENO

Township 32, Range 12 East

R. GRUVER, eh seq 11 John BOUCHER eh swq 29
D. STASSEN, wh nwq 12 A. SOULIGNE eh nwq 30
J. B. SMITH, nh SWq 14 James PRAIRIE eq swq 30
Samuel WILLIAMS, wh seq 14 same eh seq 30
Joseph TREPAYNE, lot 19, 15 same wh seq 30
Emery LERIGER sh nwq 16 M. BETOURNE nxt s37 a n sid nwq
Emery Leriger, eh neq 17 A. SOULIGNE swq 32
same, eh wh neq 17 Ludger CYRIER seq 32
Hugh CARLISLE eh swq 18 John KNANSS neq 33
Eli COLLEY wh seq 18 Moise BETOURNIE sh nwq 33
Sarah CRIST Est. seq neq 19 same swq 33
same, eh seq 19 Hypolite BROSSEAU seq 33
L. P. FARLEY, e pt. sh 21 Joseph LORD swq neq 34
Samuel WILLIAMS wh neq 23 Moise BRAY swq 34
F. GIRARD, nh seq 23 Joseph LORD wh seq 34
C. GUIMONT eh neq 24 Moses DUPUIS sq & nwq neq 35
same nh swq 24 Jos BOURELLE sh & nwq nwq 35
Alex SENESAC eh seq 24 same nh swq 35
same sh neq 25 Leander BREAULT eh seq
Jeremiah GREISE wh nwq 26 Joseph BOURELLE nwq seq 35
same swq 26 same wh neq 36
L. P. FARLEY n pt eh 28 L. SUPERNAUT wh nwq 36
A. B. PALMER cen. eh 28 E. GRANGER sh seq 36

TOWN OF ROCKVILLE

Township 32s Range 11 East

S. D. SEAVER,nwq 1 Re E. BARBER neq & sh seq 1
same nwq swq 1 Chas WILCOX nwq neq 2