

at an election for the removal of the seat of justice held in 1859. Effingham became the County Seat and Ewington went into a decline. The old court house, standing on the hill facing the setting sun, is the only monument of its departed glory. The churches and school house are gone, the cemetery is grown over with brush and briars and vines, and the spirit of "The Deserted Village" hangs, like a pall, over the scenes of its former activities.

Here we are moralizing again. We must get down to the facts.

The first term of the Circuit Court, as it was held in Effingham County, met at Ewington, in May, 1833, Theophilus W. Smith, Judge presiding. At that time the Judges of the Supreme Court held the Circuit Courts, and all of the Circuit Judges, sitting together, constituted the Supreme Court.

At that term of court there were four civil cases on the docket and the Grand Jury returned three indictments. Three lawyers were present; William L. D. Ewing, Levi Davis and A. P. Field, all residents of Vandalia.

Thomas Ford, who was afterward elected Governor of the State, was the next Judge to hold court in Ewington. Judge Sidney Breese held the courts from 1835 to 1842, and was the third Judge. Hon. James Shields was the fourth presiding Judge; Hon. James Semple, the fifth; Hon. William H. Underwood, the sixth; Gustavus Koerner, the seventh; Justin Harlin, the eighth; Charles Emerson, the ninth; and Charles Constable the tenth, the term of office ending in October, 1865.

The history of Illinois cannot be written with fullness and accuracy without special mention of all these men and an account of the part they took in forming and moulding the institutions of this great State, yet an individual notice of each cannot be given in an article so short as this.

The attorneys, whose names appear on the records of the court during the period above mentioned, are few in number, but among them are those who distinguished themselves and their people by their services. Those worthy of being here mentioned include Samuel McRoberts, Thomas C. Browne, Anthony Thornton, Daniel Gregory, Ferris Forman, George Bissell, Philip Fouke, A. J. Gallagher, Elam Rusk, Orlando B.

Ficklin, Samuel Moulton, Usher Linder and Abraham Lincoln.

These are among the most distinguished, and the mere mention of their names must force the conclusion the early courts were held and the business conducted in a dignified manner, and that the legal rights of parties litigant were skillfully and ably protected.

The lawyers resident in the county, in the order of location and admission to the bar were: Kendal H. Buford, Eli Phillbrook, James Ladow, John Anderson, Henry D. Caldwell, Wm. J. Stevenson, William B. Cooper, and Benjamin F. Kagay.

Cooper, Caldwell and Kagay came to Effingham when it became the county-seat and for many years engaged in active practice, Cooper and Kagay maintaining their position as leaders of the bar until late in the seventies. Mr. Cooper died in 1883 and Mr. Kagay continued in practice the Nestor of this bar, until February, 1908, when he was garnered to his final rest, a ripened sheaf ready for the harvest.

Capt. H. D. Caldwell did not devote himself exclusively to the practice of law after the removal of the county-seat, but engaged in farming and other enterprises, maintaining a law office only a part of the time. He was one of the strong characters of his time and always enjoyed a good practice when engaged in the law business. He died in 1905. With the passing of Cooper and Kagay and H. D. Caldwell, the last links connecting the old seat of justice with the new were severed. No other lawyer now living in Effingham ever practiced in Ewington and, with the exception of the writer, none of them ever lived there, and his parents brought him to Effingham before he was five years of age.

Of the Judges who have presided over our courts at Effingham, Emerson and Constable have been mentioned.

Judge Hiram B. Declus held the courts from January, 1866, to April, 1873, and Hon. James C. Allen from 1873 to 1878. Judge Allen is still living at Olney, Ill., at the ripe age of about eighty-eight.

Judge James H. Halley presided from 1878 to 1879, when three Judges were elected for the circuit, viz.: William C. Jones, Thomas Casey and Chauncey S. Conger, who held the courts until 1885. They were succeeded by William

C. Jones, S. Z. Landes and Curtis C. Boggs, whose terms expired in 1891. Landes and Boggs were re-elected and E. D. Youngblood took the place of William C. Jones, who had already served two terms.

In 1897 Judges William M. Farmer, Samuel L. Dwight and Truman E. Ames were elected and, in 1903, were all re-elected. In 1907 Judge Farmer was elected to the Supreme Bench of which he is now Chief Justice, and the vacancy caused by his promotion was filled by the election of Hon. Albert M. Rose. At the regular election in 1909, Judge Rose was re-elected and with him, as associates, James C. McBride and Thomas M. Jett. These three constitute the present Bench and the service they are giving the people is up to the standard set by their distinguished predecessors, two of whom, Curtis C. Boggs and William M. Farmer, were found worthy of seats on the Supreme Bench and each of them has measured fully up to the duties and responsibilities of that exalted and responsible position.

The lawyers practicing in our court during the period from 1860 not above mentioned were and are: H. B. Kepley, S. F. Gilmore, Benson Wood, Virgil Wood, J. N. Gwin, A. W. LeCrone, William H. Barlow, William H. Gilmore, Ada H. Kepley, E. N. Rinehart, John C. White, D. W. Wood, R. C. Harrah, Owen Scott, W. S. Holmes, William E. Buckner, F. W. Loy, P. K. Johnson, William B. Wright, Jacob Zimmerman, G. F. Taylor, David L. Wright, B. Overbeck, Charles H. Kelly, A. S. Loy, M. O'Donnell, H. S. Parker, Walter E. Rinehart, Harry J. Rickelman, Guy P. Denton, Byron Piper, George I. Danks.

Of the foregoing the following are deceased: H. B. Kepley, J. N. Gwin, A. W. LeCrone, William H. Barlow, William H. Gilmore, John C. White, P. K. Johnson and Charles H. Kelly. The following have moved away: D. W. Wood, Owen Scott, William E. Buckner and F. W. Loy.

The present Bar consists of the following firms and individuals: Wood Brothers & Rickelman, composed of Benson Wood, Virgil Wood and Harry J. Rickelman; Wright Brothers & Denton, composed of William B. Wright, David L. Wright and Guy P. Denton; Zimmerman & Rinehart, composed of Jacob Zimmerman and Walter E. Rinehart. Those practicing alone

are: S. F. Gilmore, R. C. Harrah, W. S. Holmes, G. F. Taylor, B. Overbeck, A. S. Loy, M. O'Donnell, and H. S. Parker, all of Effingham, Byron Piper of Altamont, and George I. Danks of Edgewood.

Mrs. Ada H. Kepley is not engaged in practice. A. D. McCallen and Manson McCallen have both been admitted to the bar, but neither of them have taken up the practice of law.

Since the County Court has had jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases the Judges have been: Joseph B. Jones, S. F. Gilmore, William B. Wright, David L. Wright and M. O'Donnell. Judge Jones now lives in Chicago, the others live in Effingham and are active practitioners. M. O'Donnell is the present Judge.

CHAPTER IX.

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

LIST OF PHYSICIANS WHO HAVE PRACTICED IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY—DATE OF ENTRANCE INTO THE PROFESSION AND COMING TO THE COUNTY—SOME PROMINENT CHARACTERS AND NOTABLE EVENTS.

(By Dr. F. W. Goodell.)

"In writing this article concerning the Medical Profession, I have endeavored to be correct, impartial and truthful. I have used all the means at my command to get each member and treat him fairly, and forgetting any frailties which he may have possessed, have sought his virtues and placed them on record, with charity toward all and malice toward none. If I've left out a name or important event, I yet feel that I've compiled the best history of the profession so far put together. Judge S. F. Gilmore has written the biography of your historian.

"Our profession has passed, in its advancement, all other societies of letters or learning in its rapid strides of progress, in the last few years. New ideas of the transmission of diseases have been proven true, new modes of diagnosis have been found, and new medicines

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