

Daleville

75 Years Ago

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 Narrated by Berry Hurley Sr.
 Lets go back to the 1880's and see who the Daleville merchants were.

Well, there was Clint Vanlandingham, James Gray and John Dusang.

We will start with Clint who operated a General store in the north room of the three story frame building, owned by Sam Garrett, and which now is the Sargent building. He handled groceries, dry goods and notions. When he came here he occupied the home of Dr. Dillion, who had passed on. The Dr. had a small frame office on the corner of the alley and street. He was a brother-in-law of Joe and Polk Shoemaker. The home is now occupied by Mr. Clara Pugsley.

Then on to John who operated a Tan yard, north of the present Gene Barkdull gas station. On both sides of the creek were long, low sheds and in these sheds was where the oak tan bark was stored. Then on the east side of the creek was a boiler house and large wooden tanks. This bark was run through a machine and ground very fine. Horse and beef hides were put in the tanks and hot scalding water was turned on, with this fine oak bark, and the hair was removed.

In front of this store there were many rolls of leather, and boot and shoe makers came here and bought leather. The shoes and boots were all made by hand. After a few years of business here, he sold his store to Isaac Baker and he moved to a long one story house just east and across the street from the present Masonic Temple. Then when Clint moved away J.M. Baker moved to the Pugsley home, and Gis Betterton moved into the house left vacant. He was the father of Lizzie Betterton Davis and Alva Betterton who now operates a gas station on 67.

Now, lets talk about J.M. Gray, better known as "Jim" He had a store where the American Legion is now located. It was a very long and wide, one-

and groceries. His home was across the road, which is now 32, from the Carl Wasson's home, but in the summer of 1888 he erected the present brick building. The bricks came here from Union City by railroad. He moved the old store building across the street, west side, and John Clark and Cap Horner put in a hardware store which was in business here for a long time.

Jim Gray was a brother-in-law of Joe and Polk Shoemaker. He later sold out to Carl and J.M. Barnard, who was known as "Newt" who became our banker for a long period of years.

John Dusang was in business where the Stewart furniture store is today. Then it was only a story and a half frame building. About 1890 he sold to Charlie Diltz and George Suman, but Suman bought Diltz out in the summer of 1892, and had the present brick building built, and the old store building was moved

down the street that Henry Halter now lives on, and was converted into a two house home. The first tenants were two families who together had nineteen children, and the home became known for a long time as "Noah's Ark".

John Dusang moved to a two story brick home at the east edge of Cheserfield on 32, and farmed for a long period of years, but in the last few years of his life, he moved back to Daleville and occupied the house of J.M. Fenwick in the south part of town, where he passed away.

That's all for now,
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