

DALEVILLE LONG AGO

Now, let's see what caused Daleville to grow. Well we had the men and brains in such men as B. F. Lefter, Alex Fetrow, E. C. Snider, John M. Cranor, Harry Hays and Flora Toms. As Leroy Davis had acquired the farm of John Dale and came to

town from east of Cross Roads, Mr. Davis followed the races, and owned and raced such pacers and trotters as "Elite" and "Sam Jones" went to all the fairs and built a large oval race track going out as far as 67 is now. Time passed and the house on the Dale farm did not suit Mrs. Davis so she built the first house south of the Dr. Tucker home and the town folks called

it the house of 7 Gables, which was derived from the contour of the roof. When Mr. Davis moved into his new house, the old one was sold to Dan Stewart, who was a breeder of draft horses, one of which was called "Captain Jr." Upon the death of Mr. Davis's father-in-law, Mr. J. V. Stewart, Davis moved to the house south of our present Post Office, and Mr. Davis sold the farm to E. C. Snider. Snider platted the ground into lots, and made streets so there would be places to build, and the first person to see the future of Daleville was Alex Fetrow from Coatsville, who with his wife Anna and her two sons, James and Sherman Tacket came here

and started a lumber yard, and plating mill. Their business prospered for many years, and his son James Fetrow continued the business for many years.

In the spring of 1888 the first gas well was discovered and in a number of days, gas was spouting up sky high. This discovery brought two men from Altoona, Pa., Harry Hays and Flora Toms, who built a glass house east of town, on the south side of the "Bee Line" R. R., and oh boy, such a business as they did. Everyone was on their way to Daleville to work at the "Bottle House". Such a thriving business. After a number of years, two energetic men from Muncie, acquired the factory, John Kendall and Frank Boyer, moved to town and with their families occupied the double house which is now the Mortuary.

After the gas boom, Granville Ellison and E. C. Snider, formed a company and started in the brick business, on the lots which are now the homes of Gertie Michaels and Bill Martz. In the beginning this plant had an output of 25,000 bricks a day. Soon the vast demand was so great the output was 75,000 a day, and hundreds of car loads were shipped away.

In 1892 a James Stoddard came to town, who with his wife and son Warren and daughter Flora were from Boston. They took up residence in the home of John Hurley, and stayed in our home 4 years, and in the Snider addition built a long two story brick building and put into operation a large shoe factory, employing a hundred and fifty persons, and shipped away

After Stoddard left the building was empty, until James Hamilton came and opened up a wagon shop, and built wagons by the dozens. He was known as "Studebaker Hamilton". Then Frank Jenkins bought an interest and the business went on. But in time it was closed until Paul Hoppes opened it up again, and kept going until he decided to go into the Elevator business, which is now the Coal and Feed store up-town.

I will take up several more industries in another issue.
Berryman Hurley

S. A. R. Marks Dale Grove

On September 29, Cecil Beeson of Hartford City, Indiana, and a member of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, set a U.S. Government marker at Daleville in honor of Campbell Dale. A Revolutionary War soldier, and the man who platted the town of Daleville, November 10, 1838, Mr. Dale is buried in a little cemetery just west of the school in back of the Clyde McKee residence.

The Continental Chapter of the SAR will have charge of the dedication services at 2 p.m. Sunday, November 8th. The American Legion color guard and firing squad will participate in the event. Mr. Beeson will read a paper dedicated to the honored veteran and an invocation and benediction will be recited at the time.

Open to all residents in the Tri-City community, school and public officials will be especially welcomed.