

not enough gas for commercial use.

In 1886, Benjamin Letter came to Daleville and established a tile factory. This factory operated for a period of nearly thirty years. The clay from which the tile was made was dug from the nearby field and hauled to the mill in one-horse dump carts.

In 1891, C.H. Snyder and Granville Ellison formed a partnership and began manufacturing bricks. In 1893 the industry could produce twenty-five thousand bricks per day. The brick yard ceased operation in 1900.

James Fetrow came to Daleville in 1893 and established a lumber yard. This business was closed in 1933.

In 1897, a stove foundry was located in Daleville. Many local people were employed by the company. Both heating and cooking stoves were manufactured and sold under the trade name "Ideal." On Labor Day in 1903 the building was burned and was never rebuilt. The company then moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan.

In 1899 the County Commissioners granted a franchise to George McCulloch for an electric railway from Muncie to the Madison County line where it would connect with a similar railway. This railway went through Daleville.

In 1908 the canning industry in Daleville had its beginnings on the farm of Joe Sutton east of town. The establishment changed hands several times and at present time the building houses a lighting company.

These small industries probably contributed greatly to the growth of the population of Salem Township. The census figures show this growth to be as follows.

1850 - 843

1860 - 1286

1870 - 1413

1880 - 1592

1890

1900 - 1888

1910 - 1804

1920 - 1689

1930 - 1937

1940 - 1985

1950 - 1957

1960 - 2957

The above figures show a steady growth of population in Salem Township except for the drop from 1900 to 1920. This was probably due to the end of the "gas boom" era and the relocation of some of the industries.

## List of Daleville Businessmen 1884

J. M. Baker, general merchant; John Bender, shoemaker; W. D. Brown, blacksmith; D. M. Cottrell, physician; G. W. Cook, confectioner; J. Dellon, physician; S. B. Garrett, druggist and postmaster; Gray and Shoemaker, general merchandise and grain; C. E. Helvie, flourmill; S. LaBoyteaux, carpenter; William Leonard, carpenter; George Munick, plasterer; John Price, carpenter; H. Rader, blacksmith; A. L. Stewart, saloon; Stewart & Gray, agricultural implements; H. C. Summers, physician.

## Railroad

Although various merchants came and went, Daleville had no permanent status until the railroad came through in the 1850's.

## First resident

The first permanent resident identified with Salem Township was a man by the name of William Dilts who arrived in this area in 1823, or early 1824.

## Early settlers

In March, 1825, David VanMatre with his wife and ten children came to live in the township. While he was building his cabin, three new families joined the settlement in one day.

## "The Hydraulic"

In the early 1830's the state began the construction of "the hydraulic." It was to join White River to the Wabash Canal. Near Daleville a dam ten feet high was constructed. A canal was cut on the north bank of the river, extending along the low hills sometimes a mile from the river. Across the river from Daleville and at the head of this canal was a town by the name of Summit. (Other sources call this town Summits Port). Its population is said to have been two to three hundred. When the canal venture failed, the town disappeared. Some of the original buildings stood for about fifty years on land later owned by John Bronnenberg.

## Canal unsatisfactory

In the 1860's it was proposed that the channel of the old canal be used as a canal to Anderson where the water would be used to run the mills and factories. After sixty thousand dollars had been spent the project proved to be unsatisfactory.

# Some Daleville

## Firsts

### First Cemetery

The first public cemetery in the Township was established on a plot of ground donated by Ralph Heath.

### First Sawmill

It is said the first saw mill was put up by John Tomlinson, then an associate judge of the circuit court, in 1835.

### First Kiln

The first kiln of brick was burned by the Heaths and John Lain, the settlers thus being enabled to replace their log cabins by structures of plank or brick.

### Early road

The first formal road "viewed" in the township was an east and west road designed to cut into the old Richmond road at New Burlington and running on west toward Chesterfield. This road later was intersected by the Muncie-Middletown road opened in 1832.