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**Doris Miller Notations found in Robert Archer's "Chronicles of Early Huntington"**

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First Street Paving 1890.

3rd Ave bet 8th + 10th St

1st Elec lights

1st waterworks system

Chamber of Commerce

1st hospital

Board of Trade

1st steam fire engine

Pastmasters

1 Builders - Girths

Bank of Hunt  
Panic of 1873

The first locomotive built in the C & O's Huntington shops was Number 23, placed on the track on August 20, 1873. This important event was celebrated "exhaustively" and with high expectations.

Soon the hope of prosperous times coming to the ~~little~~<sup>new little</sup> town on the Ohio was gone. As the late Mrs. C. C. Henking recalled many years later, "September came the terrible crash of '73 with its Black Friday, plunging the whole country into gloom. The money markets fell, the government stopped specie payment, and the C & O, on which this railroad town depended, almost quit. No pay car came to town for six months. Wage-earners were in near riot." ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

It must have been at this time that the C & O instituted scrip payment and persuaded Laidley & Johnston to accept it in ~~payment~~<sup>return</sup> for groceries, to be redeemed later.

2nd electric street  
car line in world

Flood of 1884



F. O. S.

Long Lane  
Marshall

Hunt.

1st Train

Gen. Breslin's speech + =

others

Argus editorial  
follows

Early Industries  
Foreign increases capital

Carlton Paints

White Collar Line

529-3121.

Hint High

Marching Band ✓

Hotel Frederick - corner view ✓

Marshall - aerial ✓

View of plane crash site, memorial stone ✓

Stewart Smith

Raymond Brewster

17th Street Bridge ✓

Memorial Arch

Dr. Morris P. Shawkey

Herman Williams ✓

9 Rhodes

Silo

Winters Ellen Taylor

Wm. Smart

Other school supts in the first 25 years were John Gibson, 1875; the Rev. Albert Bowers pastor of the 1st Cong Ch., 1876; the Rev. James Madison, 1877-79; John Wigel, 1879-84; A. D. Selby, 1884-86; J. J. Allison 1886; James M. Lee, 1887-96.

In 1878 a one-rm bldg was erected on McCoy Road (8th St Hill, but not present road) and Miss Mollie L. Pennybacker became teacher.

By 1887 the school system had 4 primary, 3 inter med, 2 grammars & 3 H.S. grades, the latter est that yr with jr. & soph classes taught in the prayer meeting room of the Cong Ch, located there on Cor of 5th & 9th. An addition to 4th Ave Bldg had brought it 2/8 rms & on 2nd & 3rd Ave, remaining at 4 rms.

In 1888 a new 10 <sup>in the face of</sup> rms bldg <sup>of</sup> 5th & 13th <sup>typical & finished basement.</sup> Supt Lee had report in bldg. On Feb 27 1889 Leg. passed act for control of schls passed from city council to new School Bd of 6 members,

empowered to make levies, at 13d. each  
Sam. Gideon, B. H. Thacker, P. Eustace,  
H. M. Adams, W. O. Wiatt, & H. P. Simons,  
Mr. Gideon was elected pres. & served 9 of 10 yrs.

~~John H. Oney was elected sec. & served for~~

~~The first building~~

On May 29 1890 the Sch Bd ordered  
4 lots at 6th Ave & 20th St purchased.

~~The Helderby Building~~ An 8 room  
building was erected on them in 1891,  
and 6 additional rooms ~~were erected~~

~~and~~ constructed the following year.

On March 9, 1891, this building was  
named Helderby School, in honor of  
E. S. Helderby and his family before him,  
the Fifth Ave Building was designated  
Alley School for General John H. Alley,  
and the 4th Ave. Bldg became Puffington  
School ~~in~~ in honor of the late Peter Alvin Puffington.

5th Ave 17  
The old school turned over to city  
1897 a new Bldg was erected on  
the old school turned over to city





1880s

Industry

1889

Gwinson Bros. Milling Co.

# Business

- 1880 Edward F. Douthitt of Maryland  
opened a harness factory in 1880 - In bus  
more than 40 yrs.
- 1882 Emanuel Biern + brother-in-law Jake Friedman,  
engaged in business in Ward Bldg, NE corner of 2nd  
Ave + 9th St. Jake Friedman moved to Ches. - Julius  
Friedman who came to this country in 1888, joined partnership
- 1883 T. S. (Tim) Scanlon eng in retail shoe bus, (20 yrs) cl<sup>er</sup> in  
in public office - city treas, commission mem Legio, S.R.C. Became
- 1884 After fire destroyed his drug store - sewer + st. contractor.  
B.T. Davis began construction of Davis Opera House  
on SE corner 8th St + 2nd Ave, completed 1885 cost \$35,000  
seated 800. The theater was located on 2nd floor - storerooms  
on 1st corner room per by Davis Drug Store more than 50 yrs.
- 1885 B.A. Northcott + Heath Kelly opened Northcott's Kelly Co,  
men's furnishings south side 2nd Ave east  
of 9th St later moved to Ward Bldg, N. side 2nd
- 1887 Geo. R. McIntosh est Hunt. Gazette, a Rep. newspaper
- 1887 1st Brok Store op. Dec. 10.
- 1884 1st Nat'l Bank organized Jan. 10, about a wk  
before flood water 3 ft deep in floor.
- 1888 Northcott + Buffington
- 1889 German-born Paul Ober came to America as a  
small boy engaged in bus. in Hallipolis. One day in  
1887 he boarded his stock on the steamer Carrie Brown  
and moved to Hunt. Started bus in S. A. Flory Bldg, so side  
3rd Ave bet 10th + 11th St. After 50 years, still in business  
on 4th Ave, just above 8th St.

1878

City ordinance  
forbade driving faster  
than 8 mph

Circus

Valentine + Garland

Col Geo Wallace

First St. Ry. Notedrawn.

1st. news dealer

1st school building

1st telegraph office



Organization of  
Ensign Company

Muddy Streets

Sidewalks & fires,

next page

Water for fires

second page following

1st clothing store,  
Sam Gideon, 1872

1st YMCA

In later years, Mr. Foster established the Foster Foundation, to which he left all his fortune at his death. Under its provisions, the Foster Memorial Home, a model <sup>residence</sup> ~~residence~~ for elderly widows and unmarried women, was opened in April, 1925, and remains a blessing to the city and area it serves.

Another hardware business was established in 1872 diagonally across the corner from the Foster store ~~corner~~ by C. F. Parsons. By 1896, successive changes in ownership had brought Carlton D. Emmons and John L. Hawkins into the firm, which was incorporated in 1899 as the Emmons-Hawkins Hardware Company, ~~corner~~ wholesale and retail, ~~corner~~ at 1028 Third Avenue. Altogether wholesale after 1944, the business closed ~~in~~ April 10, 1970, after 98 years in operation.

Charles W. Watts was one of the organizers in 1892 of the Barlow-Henderson Company, a wholesale dry goods ~~company~~ firm which by 1906 evolved into Watts, Ritter & Company, when C. L. Ritter became one of the principal stockholders. H. C. Harvey, who first engaged in a dry goods and notions store with his father and brother, then alone, entered partnership in 1887 with F. D. Fuller and ~~XXXXX~~ Hugh B. Hagen in a grocery business, which in ~~XXXX~~ 1901 became Hagen-Ratcliff & Company, with John F. Ratcliff succeeding Mr. Harvey in the partnership.

Edmund Sehon came to Huntington in 1890 from Pt. Pleasant, and in partnership with Ely Ensign, G. N. Biggs and others, organized a wholesale grocery firm. John B. Stevenson later became a partner in the business, which was destroyed by fire in 1901. Then Mr. Sehon and Mr. Stevenson <sup>became partners and in 1908 incorporated</sup> ~~joined in a business incorporated in 1908~~ as ~~XXX~~ Sehon-Stevenson & Company, which continues in business today after successive changes in ownership.