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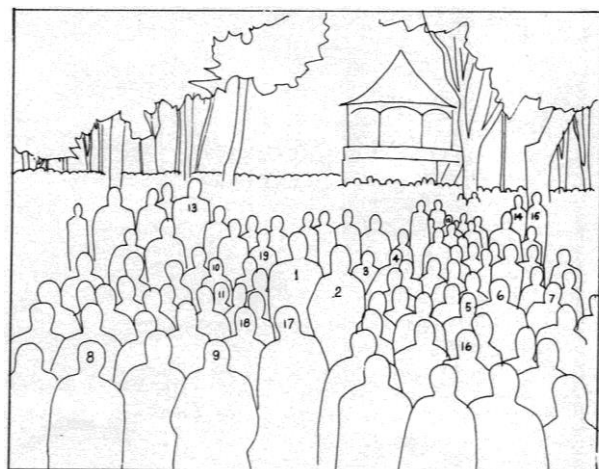
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OLD SETTLERS

One of our favorite readers, Larry, asked what we could find out about Old Settlers. Here's what we dug up. (Some pictures did not have dates.)

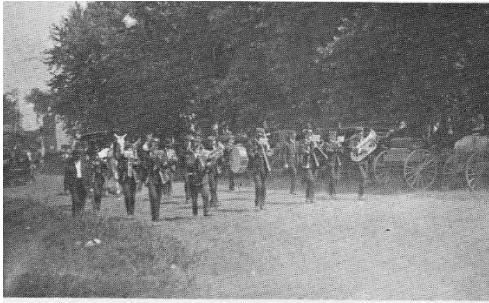
In 1874 the Old Settlers' Association was organized, and the year following the first meeting was held at Eureka. The following were the first officers chosen: President, John Summers; vice-president, W. R. Willis; secretary, R. N. Radford; corresponding secretary, B. D. Meek; treasurer, P. H. Vance. The meeting of 1876 was held at Eureka July 4th, and that of 1877 was at Metamora. The constitution at that time provided that anyone who was a resident of the county at the time of its organization in 1841 could become a member. The association at its first meeting elected the following vice-presidents from the various townships: Montgomery, H. A. Robinson; Metamora, John W. Page; Cruger, M. E. Davidson; Palestine, L. P. Hereford; Panola, M. R. Bullock; Greene, Thomas A. McCord; Olio, Thomas Bullock, Sr.; Worth, Charles Molitor; Partridge, Isaac Snyder; Cazenovia, Jesse Hammers; Clayton, Harvey Davison; El Paso, II. YY. Bullock; Kansas, A. W. Carlock; Roanoke, Jacob Banta; Spring Bay, Dr. J. G. Zeller; Minonk, E. D. Davison.

1. Judge Samuel S. Page of Chicago -- Speaker;
2. Hon. John L. McGuire, President of Old Settlers Association;
3. E. J. Abersol, Peoria Attorney and native son;
4. Frank Giehl, Sr., President of Village Board;
5. Hon. Joel A. Ranney;
6. Garrett Mason;
7. Hippolyte Conrard;
8. John Schrepfer;
9. Dominique Jacquin;
10. Marcellus Wilson;
11. Mrs. M. Wilson;
12. William Ryan;
13. August Bloom;
14. Carl Volz;
15. Otto Giehl;
16. Sam Rife;
17. Amos Marshall;
18. E. W. Dickinson;
19. Mrs. Frances Miller.



TIDBITS... The first Old Settlers Meeting held in Metamora was in 1877. The 50th anniversary of the Lincoln Douglas debates was held during Old Settlers on August 27, 1908. The original qualification for membership was anyone who was a resident in 1841.

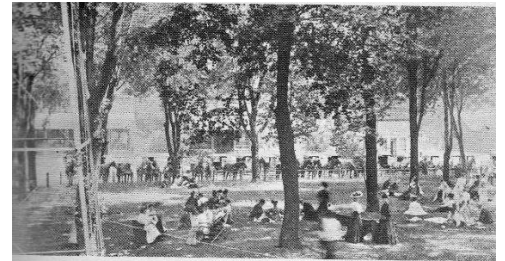




1910 Parade led by Community Band.



1905 Parade passes Isch's corner.



1902 Old Settlers Picnic. Note tower structure at left which held the Fire Call bell.



Miss Teen-age Settler



Donation from Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Bean donated 6 personalized ruby stained-glass souvenir punch cups originally owned by Bertha Snyder. They had bought the cups many years ago on E-Bay. When they decided to reduce their collection, they researched "Bertha Snyder" on line, found MAHP on the internet and decided the cups should end up back in her home town.



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Questions, Ideas - Love to hear from you

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