

ing that there was not enough of timber in the old block house to restore it to its original size and appearance, a trip was made to the southern part of the county to get extra logs. The Daily Shield gave the following account of this trip:

FROM MANSFIELD TO NEWVILLE AND RETURN.

Hon. Huntington Brown, M. D. Frazier, Joseph S. Gardner and A. J. Baughman made an automobile trip Thursday of about forty miles, visiting many interesting places in the Clearfork valley between Lexington and Newville. The party left the Shield office in Mr. Gardner's fine automobile at 10 a. m. and went out the Lexington-Bellville road to Bonar's, thence down the cut off to the Lexington-Bellville road and down the valley through the great potato region, where annually about two hundred acres of land are planted in potatoes, yielding each year about five thousand bushels of the best potatoes in the world.

The party passed through the beautiful valley of Bellville, which nestles so lovingly amid the environing hills. Passing up the the main street of the town, they saw the campus where thousands of people had gathered two days before in a great home-coming celebration. Turning east from Main street to Durbin avenue, they passed the beautiful cottage where the late Capt. D. W. Wilson so often royally entertained his Mansfield friends. Thence continuing down the valley by Gatton's Rocks, that look like a fortified castle guarding the valley. They glided by the Lanehart well in which so much interest was felt during the drilling, but failed to fulfill the anticipations of the promoters; Butler was passed without a halt and Hammon's was soon reached, where the party received a friendly greeting. The Hammon brothers—John and George—own over six hundred acres of land in a body, all under a high state cultivation. Each has a fine home and an interesting family. The aged mother makes her home with her son George. She is well advanced in years, but still takes pleasure in extending old-time hospitality to her friends.

Accompanied by John Hammon, the party next visited the old-time home of Capt. James Cunningham, less than a mile distant, which was the object point of the visit, in view of the coming Centennial Celebration. Here a picnic dinner was partaken of, during which historical reminiscences were recalled of events in Capt. Cunningham's life, who was the first resident of Mansfield. Returning to the Hammon residence, good-byes were said, after which the auto party left for Newville, passing town the river road, through the rocky defiles amid the wooded hills, and glancing askance at the ominous looking entrances of the caves and caverns in that famous locality.

No halt was made at Newville as time was pressing. Onward they went, and turning at the Calhoun corners, Pleasant valley was reached, up which the homeward journey was made, passing Pipe's Cliff and Green Gables, and finally Mansfield was reached, with many thanks to genial Joe Gardner for the trip.