

The Mansfield News of Saturday, September 8, 1906, contained the following:

RELICS OF "YE OLDEN TYME."

Gathered for Exhibition at the Mansfield Centennial Exhibition.

As stated in the News some time ago the Centennial Commission has purchased the old Mansfield block house and will remove it to the lot south of the Richland County Court House where it will be rebuilt and put in shape to duplicate the original Mansfield block house and Court House as near as possible.

In order to make the building as near like it was when the first block house was used as a Court House the commission purchased an ancient log cabin which has stood for many years on the farm of Capt. James Cunningham, in Worthington township. At present the Cunningham farm and with other lands aggregating 600 acres in Worthington township are owned by George and John Hammon. The cabin on the old Cunningham farm when taken apart was found to be in a fine state of preservation so far as the hewn logs are concerned. It is stated that they will replace the second story of the block house in first class shape.

The hewn timbers of the Cunningham log cabin were loaded on six two-horse wagons Friday and hauled to this city Saturday morning. A seventh wagon hauled by four horses had perched on top of it an old time worn freight or mountain wagon which was built more than 100 years ago. This wagon came originally from Maryland over the mountains to this section of the country in 1812. This old curiosity was also acquired by the Centennial Commission and will probably be kept in the block house.

When the seven teams with the cabin logs and the old fashioned mountain wagon aboard arrived on the east side of the public square Saturday morning a large number of people gathered to see the outfit. E. J. Potter, the photographer, was sent for and took pictures of the stuff, the teams being drawn up in front of the Court House in a semi-circle. Ex-Mayor Huntington Brown and A. J. Baughman, president and secretary of the Centennial Commission, as well as several newspaper men were photographed along with the loads of hewn timbers and the mountain wagon. After the pictures were taken the wagons were unloaded south of the Court House where the old Mansfield block house will be rebuilt.