

like fortitude and Christian-like submission, as he patiently awaited the final call of his Savior whom he loved and in whom he so implicitly trusted and believed.

Captain Cunningham died in August, 1870, aged nearly ninety years. His earthly remains lie in the Easterly cemetery, and a marble slab is at the head of his grave, and a marker attests the fact that he who is buried there did a soldier's duty in his day and generation.

A. J. BAUGHMAN.

The following is from the Mansfield Daily News of September 18.

THE OLD BLOCK HOUSE.

The Laying of the Corner Stone for the Pioneer Structure.

The ceremonies in connection with the laying of the corner stone for the rebuilding of the old block house just south of the Court House, were conducted at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The corner stone laying was under the direction of A. J. Baughman, secretary of the Mansfield Centennial Commission. A number of interested spectators were gathered at the scene and listened to the brief address which was delivered by Huntington Brown, president of the Centennial Commission.

Mr. Brown spoke of the purpose of rebuilding the block house being that the structure might stand for many years as a memorial to the brave pioneers who by their efforts in the early days laid the foundation stones of what is now the City of Mansfield.

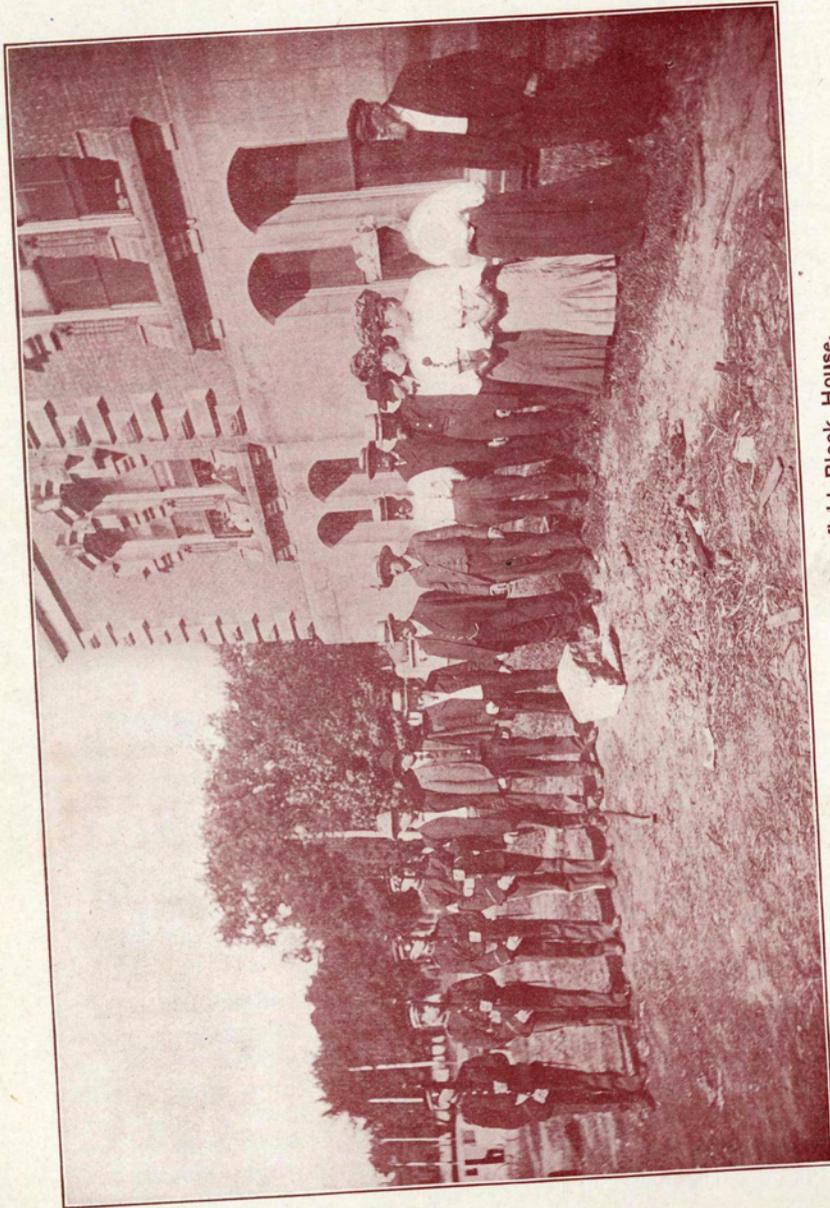
The rebuilding of the block house is practically the first step preparatory to the Centennial Celebration of next year and from now on a continuous effort will be put forth by the commission to make that an event of importance in the history of the city.

In addition to the timbers which were used in the construction of the original block house, there will be used in the rebuilding some timbers taken from the cabin which was the home of Capt. Cunningham, who served as captain in the war of 1812, and who was the first sheriff of what is now Richland County.

After the Centennial of 1908, the block house will be presented to the Park Commissioners and will then be permanently located on some park site which will be selected later.

It is expected that the rebuilding of the block house will proceed so rapidly that the building can be dedicated in about a month.

A detachment from Co. M, in charge of Sergt. W. V. Hartman, was present during the laying of the corner stone.



Laying Corner Stone Mansfield Block House.