

gratitude for their labors, for they builded better than they knew. It gives me pleasure to publicly express my sincere appreciation to the Hon. Huntington Brown, president, and the members of the Centennial Commission who have given so largely of their time in order that the one hundredth anniversary of the foundation of our city might be properly celebrated and that these exercises might go down in the history of this county as a fitting tribute. This service is proof to the generations which are to follow that we hold the blessings and privileges transmitted from our fathers in just estimation. I wish also to thank the committee for the pleasant duty assigned to me on this occasion, that of extending the city's greeting to our distinguished guests, for I assure you that I deem it most pleasant and a high honor. We appreciate, kind friends from abroad, the interest manifested by you in these ceremonies.

"Therefore, as the chief executive of the city of Mansfield and in behalf of its citizens, generally, I extend to each one of you, a most happy greeting and a city's gratitude."

The address of greeting was briefly responded to by the Hon. Huntington Brown, who spoke in behalf of the Centennial Commission.

PRESIDENT BROWN'S ADDRESS.

Members of the Centennial Commission.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

During a visit to Salem, Ohio, last summer, it was my privilege to be present during the celebration of their Centennial, and I became very much interested in these ceremonies, so much so that upon my return home I mentioned to some of our citizens what I had witnessed, and that an effort should be made by the citizens of Mansfield to celebrate Mansfield's Centennial. Shortly after, there was a meeting of the Richland County Historical Society and I was invited to attend their meeting, and state to those assembled, what I had seen at Salem. The result was that the Richland County Historical Society concluded to make the effort, and at this meeting decided to celebrate Mansfield's Centennial, which will occur in June, 1908, and in order to make due preparation, for this observance, a Centennial Commission was created consisting of the following citizens of Mansfield, Mr. R. G. Hancock, Capt. A. C. Cummins, Mr. M. B. Bushnell, Mr. Peter Kissman, Mr. A. J. Baughman, Mr. T. B. Martin, Mr. Charles H. Voegele, Rev. Father F. A. Schreiber and myself, with the intention that these gentlemen would co-operate with other committees to be hereafter created, and with the citizens in general, so that a complete and worthy observance would be accomplished.

Shortly after the creation of this commission we were apprised of the existence of a portion of the original block house erected in the public square of Mansfield, in 1812, for the protection of the pioneers of that time from the attacks of the Indians, and it served its day for that purpose and