

The first pioneer meeting in Richland County was held at the Falls on the first Saturday in September, 1856. A great many people were present and a picnic dinner was served to all. Gen. R. Brinkerhoff and the late Rev. J. F. McGaw were the principal speakers upon that occasion.

HELLTOWN AND GREENTOWN.

For a number of years there was an Indian village on the west bank of the Clearfork of the Mohican, a mile and a half below Newville, called Helltown, the name signifying "town on the clear water." Helltown was on the Indian path of travel between the Tuscarawas valley and the Sandusky country. After the evacuation of Gnadenhutten, March 8, 1782, the Indians evacuated Helltown and founded Greentown on the Blackfork, for greater safety. Greentown was situate about three miles above Perrysville, and consisted of log cabins and pole huts. Greentown was burnt in August, 1812, after the removal of the Indians to Piqua, to prevent their return. The act of burning Greentown was not authorized by the authorities. The torch was applied to the cabins by men whose friends had been cruelly murdered by the Indians. Greentown had a lovely situation upon a knoll at a bend in the river. A sycamore tree, which during the occupancy of the village, shaded the council house of the tribe, still stands like a monument from the past, grim and white, stretching its branches like skeleton arms in the attitude of benediction.

THE TOBY AFFAIR.

During the short time the Greentown Indians were encamped in Mansfield when being removed from Greentown to Piqua, an Indian and his little girl escaped from the guards and started west, hoping to reach their home at Upper Sandusky. The Indian's name was Toby. There was an order at the time to shoot any Indian who attempted to escape. There were two soldiers in the command who had relatives murdered by the Indians in Coshocton county. Their names were Morrison and McCulloch. These soldiers while scouting west of the city, saw the escaping Indians and fired upon them. The Indian fell, but the girl was allowed to escape, and finally reached her home at Upper Sandusky in safety. This tragedy occurred where the West Fourth street (Leesville road) crosses a stream of water west of north park. The stream is called Toby's run.

About the time the Indians were removed from Greentown, Levi Jones, a Mansfield merchant, was shot and killed by the Indians on North Main street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. John Wallace and a Mr. Reed went out a half mile east of Mansfield to clear off a place for a brick yard. In the afternoon Levi Jones went out to where they were at work and remained with them for some time. In returning he took a different path and struck Main street near where Peter Bissman's wholesale house now stands, where he was fired upon by a party of Indians in ambush. One shot took effect, the ball entering the back of his left hand, passed through the same and

entered his left breast. He was carrying his hand in a sling at the time, on account of a felon on his thumb. Jones did not fall immediately, but giving a yell of pain and alarm, started to run for the block house, but he unfortunately came into contact with a brush across the path, which threw him backward upon the ground. Before he could regain his feet, the Indians were upon him and stabbed him to death. They then scalped him, gave the scalp yell and left. The settlers then took refuge in the block house, fearing that a general attack and massacre would follow. There were no troops in Mansfield at the time and at a conference held at the block house, it was determined to send to Mt. Vernon for aid. This was the occasion when John Chapman, best known as Johnny Appleseed, made his adventurous trip to Mt. Vernon, on foot and through the dark wilderness, and by the next morning had a company of soldiers in Mansfield. This trip has been immortalized both in story and in song.



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STREET RAILWAY.

Mansfield has excellent street railway facilities, with lines extending to the four-quarters of the city, and also connecting with the interurban lines. Cars run every twelve minutes. There are eight and a half miles of track within the city limits. Office and waiting room on the west side of the square.