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INTERESTED

Are Mansfield People in the Centennial Celebration to be
Held in 1908.

INITIAL EVENT LARGELY ATTENDED.

The Block House Dedication, a Forerunner of the Coming Centenary of
Mansfield's Life, Draws Large Audience at Memorial Opera House—

The Address on the Old Block House by M. B. Bushnell.

That the people of Mansfield are interested in the Centennial celebration which will be held in this city in 1908 was evidenced in a most convincing manner by the very large attendance at the block house dedicatory exercises which were held at the Memorial opera house Thursday afternoon, detailed account of which was given in Thursday's News. It is estimated that about 1,200 persons were present for the exercises and much interest was shown in the excellent addresses which were delivered and the musical selections that were rendered.

GENERAL CROOKS' CAMPAIGN.

When General Beall's army was at Camp Council, ten miles north of Mansfield, in the autumn of 1812, the governor of Pennsylvania sent a brigade of two thousand men under command of Gen. Robert Crooks, to the assistance of Gen. William Henry Harrison, in Ohio. From New Lisbon, General Crooks followed the Beall trail through Canton and Wooster to Jeromeville, where there was a block house at that time. From Jeromeville the army crossed over from the Jeromefork to the Blackfork of the Mohican, at Greentown, where it camped for the night. Nearly all the Indian huts had been burned prior to this and the village was deserted. From Greentown, the brigade came over the route Crawford's army had taken thirty years before, up the Rockyfork to Mansfield, and went into camp on the east side of the village, near the Big Spring. The date of General Crooks' arrival in Mansfield is not definitely known, but it must have been about the 18th or 20th of October, (1812.-

The army remained in Mansfield about six weeks awaiting the arrival of quartermasters' stores under Col. Anderson. During the encampment, the troops assisted the settlers in clearing off about fifty acres of land. On account of the ground getting muddy, their camp was changed from the east to the west part of the village.

About the 10th of December General Crooks was ordered to proceed to Upper Sandusky to assist in fortyfying the place. Two days later Colonel