

Among the out-of-town people present at this meeting were Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gilger, of Norwalk; Dr. Sheldon, of Norwalk, secretary of the Firelands Historical Society, accompanied by his wife and daughter; Mrs. Buckenberger, of Bellville, who acted as stenographer at the meeting; the Rev. Joshua Crawford, of Nashville, who is a kinsman of Col. William Crawford, who was burned at the stake by the Indians.

On display at the meeting there was a sword which was carried by one of the officers of the Crawford expedition and which was found after having been buried for 136 years. It is now the property of Ira Finrock.

M. B. Bushnell is vice president of the organization, and A. J. Baughman, secretary.

A Centennial Commission Created.

Former Mayor Huntington Brown was called upon to tell of the Salem Centennial which he attended recently. Mr. Brown gave a comprehensive outline of the Centennial and told of how successful it was. It was a great home coming and one of the finest events ever held in that little city. He told of the elaborate entertainment the processions and the social events, the addresses by prominent people from various parts of the contry and going into detail he explained how the Salemites had gone about the enterprise. Some months ago in the Shield the suggestica was made by A. J. Baughman in an article that Mansfield ought to celebrate its Centennial two years hence and this has been followed from time to time by other items along the same line and editorial mention. The Shield is glad to see that Mansfield is to have a centennial—a great home coming of the former Mansfield people and their friends.

Secretary Baughman, at the conclusion of Mr. Brown's speech called upon Father Schreiber for remarks, Mr. Baughman mentioning that he knew of no one who takes a greater interest in Richland County history than does Father Schreiber.

Father Schreiber in his impromptu remarks gave the project his hearty endorsement. He spoke of what a splendid thing it is to commemorate the founding of our city. His remarks were very greatly appreciated.

Capt. T. B. Martin endorsed what had been said in behalf of the enterprise and made a short address. He presented a resolution that a Mansfield Centennial Commission be created with the Hon. Huntington Brown as chairman and with power to select the members of his cabinet, to consist of from 7 to 9 members as he should deem best.

This resolution was carried unanimously and Mr. Brown in accepting stated that he thought two years was none too long for the accomplishment of all that there is to be done. He announced that he would elect A. J. Baughman as secretary of the commission and would name the others in a short time.

The selection of Mr. Brown will meet with the hearty approbation of the people of Mansfield at large. He has the time and the ability and the inclination for this work and the selection of Mr. Brown for chairman insures at the outset of the undertaking that the Centennial in 1908 will be one of the greatest events in the history of Mansfield, a celebration to look forward to and one which when over will hold for our citizens and all who shall come here during the week of the Centennial celebration the most delightful of recollections.

No man in Richland County is so well acquainted with its history as is A. J. Baughman, the secretary of the commission, and Chairman Brown certainly made a wise selection in choosing him for the place.

Dr. A. Sheldon, of Norwalk, secretary of the Firelands Historical Society, delivered an address before the society. In endorsing the Mansfield Centennial project Dr. Sheldon stated that by the time the Centennial is held Norwalk will be connected with Mansfield by two electric lines and the Huron County people will come down here by the car load to swell the crowds. Others of the visitors expressed their pleasure that this enterprise is to be taken up. The intention is to have the celebration begin on Monday, June 9, 1908, and continue a week. A full week of celebrating the 100th anniversary of the plating of the town of Mansfield. There will be one of the biggest days of the celebration week that being the 100th anniversary of the surveying party beginning their work of platting the town of Mansfield. Before that there had been a log house on the site of Reed's corner but the platting of the town began on the date above mentioned.