

WORTHVILLE:

Mr. David McDaniels who has lived at Worthville for sixty-eight years, states that when he moved there just after the Louisville and Nashville Short Line R. R. was built, there were only four houses there. One of these was the home of Mr. S. R. Malin and now stands on a part of the land owned by the children of the late Dr. E. B. Driskell, on the hillside back of the Driskell home near Main Street.

There was a hotel called Centre House which burned later, and a depot where Mr. Willis Ewing was first agent and kept a store. A house near the cemetery now known as the Harlow place since the ownership of Mrs. A. Harlow still stands. Both the Malin and Harlow houses are frame buildings. There was also a tobacco warehouse.

Dr. N. B. Lewis who was the first physician there lived where Mrs. Sullinger now lives and operates a boarding house.

Mr. David McDaniels lives in the section known as Fairview which is a part of the farm formerly owned by W. B. Winslow, whose residence was across the Kentucky River. Mr. McDaniels has a map of Worthville made in 1883. Mr. I. H. Driskell, father of the late Dr. E. B. Driskell, who was for many years a leading physician at Worthville, was both Post Master and druggist, occupying a building on Main Street across the street from the L. & N. Depot.

Mr. M. Bullett and Mrs. A. H. Salvey, sisters, then owned most of the land now occupied by the town. Mrs. Bullett, the lower end, and Mrs. Salvey, the upper end.

Dr. W. B. Nash lived across the river. Among the early residents were R. L. Hunt who kept a store, Willis Ewing, I. H. Driskell, George Boswell, son-in-law of Mr. Ewing, James Bishop, S. May, S. R. Malin, S. Lewis, Dr. N. B. Lewis, F. Taylor, George Murray, T. C. Southworth,

A. Stuart, M. I. Bishop. The last five had their residences on a lot owned by E. W. Burge, The others lived on Main Street.¹

The Rail Road was built thru Worthville in 1861 and the Depot was built during the same Year. The old depot was replaced later by a new and more modern one. Mr. Willis Ewing was propieter of the first hotel known as Centre House. On the lot where where Centre House stood is an old ice-house built by Mr. Ewing from beams of an old bridge that had been torn down. The present Post Office is on the site of old Centre House. Mr. Ewing also built the house on upper Main Street where his daughter, Mrs. Millie Lewis and her daughter, Mrs. Alva Dawkins and family now reside, the residence being in the upper story while Mr. Dawkins has a barber shop on the first floor. The lower story was once used by Mr. Ewing as a store.

The house now known as the Harlow house, near the cemetery, was built before the War between the States, its being the oldest house in Worthville; The next house built was the Malin House, once owned and occupied by Mr. S. R. Malin.

Mr. F. Taylor built a two-story house on R. R. Street which was, for a time a private boarding house. This house still stands.

In 1883 a meeting was held by the Baptists in a Grove east of the present site of their church building and discuss^{ed} establishing a church which was soon afterwards accomplished in or near 1885. Mr. S. R. Malin donated the lot for this building. Mr. Willis Ewing was one of the deacons in the church.

Mr. J. Spicer held a meeting in the school building, and later the church was established. The

A Christian Church building on Mill Creek was torn down and the congregation then came to Worthville and built the church there.

Near the mouth of Goose Creek on the north side of Worthville, stood

the Old Dean's Chapel, the Methodist Church which received its name from Mr. C. Dean who furnished a large financial support for the building; later when the brick building was put up in Worthville by this denomination it received the name of Dean's Memorial Church.

In the yard where Deans' Chapel stood is a shaft which marks the grave of Dr. Whipple. His home was across the road somewhat nearest Worthville. His house, still standing, is an old frame building which was painted green but has little paint left on it. It was said by some to have been haunted.

A "subscription" school was taught in a building to the right of the location of the Baptist Church. Later, a frame building was erected for the public school on a street leading to Eagle Creek. In about 1910 a brick building was constructed up the rail road at the eastern end of town.

At the Mouth of Goose Creek on a hill back of the house now occupied by Mr. Richard Gardner Indian bones and relics have been found. One of these was part of a skull.

This farm was the old Merritt Lewis farm but is now owned by Mrs. Sam Tandy. The Green Hill "district" school building stood on a part of the Lewis farm and a part of its foundation can still be seen.²

1. Mr. David McDaniels, old resident of Worthville.
2. Mrs. Mollie Lewis, Daughter of Mr. Willis Ewing,

P.S.--The Deposit Bank of Worthville was established in 1898 with Mr. Otis Bates as president, as evidenced by date above the door.