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A souvenir edition sponsored by the St. Albans Advertiser and Business Men's Association of this city. A publication which has been advocating and working for the erection of the bridge and the relative underground crossing for the past eight years and as always, anxious to boost our town every way possible, taking advantage of this noteworthy occasion to feature our town, its history, its prominent people, its advantages—greatly increased by the bridge.

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Mr. W. L. Lynch ................................................................. Father of the bridge
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Address ............................................................................. Honorable H. G. Kump
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Let me see still floating the flag of the South,
And each boy as proud as a King.

Sing me a song of the Old, Old, South,
Let me look down the dim vista of years
And see the old mother in her last fond embrace,
Baptizing his face with her tears.

Sing me a song of the Old, Old, South,
A song unsung today.
A song that was sung under the bonny blue flags
By the boys who wore the gray.

Sing me a song of the Old, Old, South,
'Twill cheer me in life's last day,
Let me feel once more that I am young
And our boys are happy and gay.

Sing me a song of the Old, Old, South,
As dear to my heart as when
The boys of our land, tho young in years,
Went marching away like men.

The above poem was written by Mrs. Fannie Griffith of Sixth Ave., St. Albans. Mrs. Griffith will be 90 years old on February 11th, 1935.

United Daughters of Confederacy

The St. Albans Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy was organized February 7, 1919, in the presence of the State President, Mrs. W. E. R. Byrne of Charleston; State Secretary, Mrs. C. L. Reed of Huntington; Mrs. S. B. Childton of Charleston, and about twenty-five other ladies who were interested and eligible to become members of the order. The following were elected first officers of the chapter:

President, Mrs. G. A. Henderson.
First Vice President, Mrs. U. S. Jarrett,
Second Vice President, Mrs. C. E. Griffith.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Colcord.
Treasurer, Mrs. W. N. Ashlyp.
Registrar, Mrs. William Wood.
Director Junior Auxiliary, Mrs. T. S. Tompkins.

The following ladies have since acted as president:
Bessie Handsley Burchett, (Mrs. G. C.)
Lucile Stovall McFerrian, (Mrs. Geo.)
Elizabeth Thaxton Burton, (Mrs. Geo.)
Maude Hively Selbe, (Mrs. R. F.)
Anna Blandford Tompkins, (Mrs. T. S.)
Nan Gilmore Frazer, (Mrs. H. V.)
Gertrude Rocke Colcord, (Mrs. Ned.)
Kitty Cobb Keeston, (Mrs. J. S.)
Faye Manning McCreevy, (Mrs. Faye)
Della Grass Maxwell, (Mrs. R. M.)
Elizabeth Skates Harvey, (Mrs. L. P.)

Mrs. Fannie Griffith, one of our honorary members, did active service during the "60's". She, with a companion, Massie Mathews, carried Confederate mail through the Yankee lines from Spring Hill to Charleston, walking a distance of four miles.

The Chapter has located and marked all veteran's graves with iron crosses at Teaves Hill Cemetery, and have decorated them on Memorial Day with Confederate flags.

The Chapter has given financial aid to local veterans and to veterans' widows.

The Chapter has responded to all assessments and appeals made by the State and National headquarters, namely: Lee Memorial, Mathew Maury, Jefferson Davis monument, Educational, and Widows Relief Fund, and Lee Highway. Also sold our quota of the book, "Women of the South in War Times."

Also placed a marker at Scary Creek, marking the site of the first battle fought in the Kanawha Valley during the war between the States. This marker has a concrete base upon which is placed a limestone shaft about six feet high. The inscription reads: "Erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the St. Albans Chapter, marking the battle of Scary Creek."

Another outstanding feature of our work was the placing of Southern histories in the Grade and High School Libraries.

We have paid our quota on Stratford Hall Foundation; also Jefferson Historical Foundation.

Crosses of Honor were conferred on Major Francis Turner, Lynn Pendleton Rader and Garrett T. Fogle, World War Veterans, and also on Dr. J. W. Stovall, of Grayson, Ky., for his service in the Philippine Insurrection.

A gold medal is now given each year as a prize to the high school student writing the best essay on subjects selected by the Historian and Committee, which has caused students to take more interest in Southern history. The subject submitted last year was: "Spots in West Virginia made historical by the war between the States," and was the means of their looking up historical spots in their own States. The result was five responses, showing interest in their own State they had never known.

The Children's chapter of the Confederacy, under the direction of Mrs. Troy D. Butler, was chartered July 27th, 1919. The chapter is known as the Robert E. Lee chapter, auxiliary to St. Albans chapter No. 199.

Officers are: Margaret Maxwell, president; Catherine Charlton P. Sutler, vice president; Margaret Skipper Morgan, secretary-treasurer, Mary Magdalene Sidebottom, historian, and Mrs. Troy D. Butler, children's director.

Charter members are Margaret Don Maxwell, Roland Albert Maxwell, Frances Jane Morgan, Margaret Skipper Morgan, Betty Marie Fravel, Katherine C. P. Stur- ler and Mary Magdalene Sidebottom.

CAREL FAMILY

(By S. C. D.)

The history of the St. Albans of yesterday not being complete without the mention of Mr. Frederick Carel, one of the pioneer newspaper men of West Virginia and closely associated with the early development of this section.

Frederick Carel, youngest son of Judge Franklin Carel who was one of the early settlers of Kanawha County, and was born at the latter place in 1841, where he was reared and lived until 1864 when he came to St. Albans. Here he was married to Miss Alice Sutherland, sister of the late Col. J. W. Sutherland, a prominent civil official, and was the direct descendant of Wm. Morris, who was the first permanent settler in the Kanawha Valley.

At the beginning of the Civil War, Mr. Carel, who was always intensely patriotic, enlisted in the Fourth Virginia Regiment of which Col. John L. Vance became commander. He with his brother Charles entered the Regimental Band and served through the duration of the war. He was a talented musician, being the first permanent settler in the Kanawha Valley.

He was one of the oldest printers and newspaper men in West Virginia. The first paper he was editor and publisher of was the St. Albans Pusher, then the Reporter and the St. Albans Herald. This paper he founded and managed until declining health forced him to turn the property over to his sons, Morris and Frank, who later disposed of it.

The Carel family consisting of two sons, and four daughters, spent the greater part of their lives in St. Albans. The old home stood just below town is now owned by Mr. Esco and the New Fairview graded school is built on the land that belonged to them. Morris the oldest son died ten years ago. He was engaged in newspaper work all his life. His widow Mrs. Jenky Carel, with her four children are still residents of St. Albans. She is a valued member of the Advertiser staff.

Frank S., with his family reside in Fresno, California, where he owns and runs a job printing plant. So it seems to be a mixture of heritage and once a printer always a printer.

The daughters are Mrs. W. F. Davidson, of Charleston; Mrs. James W. Shotwell, of Cambridge, Ohio; Mrs. W. R. Chatham of Erie, Pa., and Mrs. Guy L. Burns of Gulf, California.
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On May 22, 1922, a group of business and professional men met in St. Albans and organized the St. Albans Rotary Club. Dr. W. H. Wilson was elected as the first President and J. Moody McCormick as the first Secretary. The Charter Members consisted of the following citizens:


Several of the Charter Members are now deceased, and others are no longer affiliated with Rotary, having removed from St. Albans or resigned their membership.

The following members have served the Club as President during its years of existence, in order given:


Rotary International granted a Charter to the St. Albans Club under date of June 1st, 1922, and the Club has functioned as a member of the International organization since that date.

The St. Albans Rotary Club has taken a very active part in both the social and civic life of St. Albans since its organization, and has supported actively every worthwhile community project. The St. Albans-Nitro bridge has been a pet project of many of the Club members, who have given liberally of their time and means, that the bridge might ultimately be constructed, and they now rejoice that their labor has come to its full fruition.

O. K. Ranson is now President of the Club, with Dr. Joe Pettit, Secretary. The meetings at the Colonial Hotel each Thursday noon are well attended by the members, and the Rotary Spirit seems as much alive today as it was twelve years ago when the Club was first organized.

The following citizens and classifications make up the roster of the St. Albans Rotary Club:

O. J. Bartlett, Mortician;  
John Bassett, Variety Store;  
A. Bennett, Utilities-Electrical;  
Wilbur Bodie, Jeweler;  
E. C. Colcord, Lumber;  
C. F. Curnes, Railroad-Mechanical;  
D. S. Estep, Life Insurance;  
H. M. Gandee, Department Stores;  
Dr. Ward Harshbarger, Physician;  
Dr. F. P. Holstein, Druggist;  
C. F. Kelley, Barber;  
Harry Kindt, Railroads-Executive;  
B. E. Liggett, Public Schools;  
Seth Miller, Radio Sales and Service;  
Rev. J. E. Myers, Protestant Minister;  
Dr. Joe Pettit, Dentist;  
O. K. Ranson, Automobile Sales and Service;  
O. N. Slater, Lumber Inspector;  
J. V. R. Skinner, Coal Lands;  
Owen G. Stutler, General Insurance;  
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Interesting History of Some Homes and People of St Albans

Our native land charms us with impressive overtness
And never allows us to forget,
That we belong to it.
—OVID.

Several histories of the state and county were searched for material pertaining to this valley that would be of interest. Several of these articles were copied some of the events or descriptions were narrated by descendants of the families or friends of the families.

I have tried to connect the different articles and make it interesting.

MRS. G. N. B.

COAL RIVER

Thomas Swinburne wrote a poem on Coal River in 1810 and of Revolutionary fame were old settlers of this valley. St. Albans people have descended from the most prominent citizens of the United States and have been associated with famous people nationally and inter-nationally known. The first trail through the wilds from Lewisburg to this valley was that made by the army of General Lewis when his march to Point Pleasant in 1774 was called "Lewis Trace" and was nothing more than a bridle path. The first wagon road was completed in 1786 and later the Jamestown and Kanawha Turnpike in 1829. The second burying of the day were not obliged to change the cut and styles of their dresses every spring and fall. Great skill was attained in making nearly all soft and pliable, it was best to stand rough usage. A real deerskin or homespun dress and closely fitting mocassins made a rustic and pretty costume and enveloping a rosy checked, bright eyed maiden. It presented a handsome picture. At least so thought the young hunters in his picturesque suit of the same material who the young lady no doubt admired more than if he were attired in broadcloth.

FORT TACKET

The first home, if it could be called home, in this vicinity was Fort Tacket near Swan's landing at Lewis.

Some one has said no human progress is made without the urge to do. What particular urge shall we say possessed Lewis Locket and his party to brave the perils of the forest, wild animals, famine and pestilence and the most of all hostile Indians? who occupied the region.

When the fires were being kindled Mr. Teays observed an Indian in the vein. But the awful moment had come! The most pitiful heart rendering scene upon which the sun had ever shone was now to be enacted. Those family friends who were being led forward the Indian referred to rushed between them exclaiming "This man Indians friend! he gave Indians salt." They severed the bonds and the prisoners away Lewis and erected into the Indian family. After several years he made his escape and returned by way of Kanawha valley to his home in Campbell County, Virginia, but never returned to this valley. His lands descended to his heirs several of whom yet reside upon the land included in "Teays Grant." Our first road house or inn was built by Stephen Teays; a large double log house on the top of the Coal River. The house had large stone chimneys; a wide lawn and a road was in front of this house along the Kanawha river but has been gradually washed away by floods since. Stephen Teays raised a ferry and entertained the travel which then was principally from Ohio. The road from Gallipolis, Ohio, the original stage coach road left the Kanawha at Five Mile and ran along the ridges at the head of the streams which were not bridged, kept the ridge and came down again to the Kanawha on the Coal Valley farm at John Lewis'. Kanawha at Teays ferry on the route to Charleston. Albert Cattion a great speculator bought up large tracts of land on the Kanawha and Coalsmith whose surveys were made in the name of Gallin In and Savory. The survey just above Coal river on the Kanawha was for George Washington and below Coal river was for Captain Teays. Part of this land of several tracts great and small never gone out of the possession of Teays family and has been occupied by them.

Riverlawn the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barker was built by James Teays son of Stephen Teays in 1830 and is known on the old book as Taven house. Mr. Barker was Maria Teays a direct descendant of the Teays family of colonial days as is also Mrs. C. R. Teays of St. Albans. The home of Miss Cicely and Miss Eliza Teays is by the original land grant to Thomas Teays.

In 1829 Mr. Stephen Teays built a large square log cabin. South of Miss Cicely Teays a log cabin was built by the Methodist people. This was the first Methodist church at Coalsmith.

HUDSON

In 1808 Morris Hudson came from Pennsylvania and bought up a large tract of land near the mouth of the Kanawha and almost a wilderness was on the side of Two Mile and Three Quarter Creek, now Highlawn, and built a large square log house. Morris Hudson had a family of six children and were the first Episcopalians in this valley.
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dlake or fish pond was not car
And one half a nd a large e ll lo
of the house. The rooms were very
Design. Th e main part was two stories
In 1823 he laid out the town of Coa
He erected the family homestead called
Mucco Morro in which he continued to
Hudson and Mrs. Vickers was the daughter of
This house is over one hundred
very few years ago. They had in their
 possession many beautiful pieces of
 antique furniture that belonged to the
 family. Mrs. Sallie Hudson Chandler
 and Mrs. Kate Hubbard Gabbett of this city are direct descendents of this family
 of Hudson.
Rose Dale
Rose Dale is one of the few remaining
 original old homes in this valley. It is a
 very beautiful old place comprising many
 acres of level ground on a natural ter
 race overlooking the beautiful Kanawa
 river and the Jamestown and Kanawa
 Turnpike, the oldest road in this valley. This home was built by Samuel Hudson and
 is now owned by Dr. and Miss H. S. Phil
lips of this city.

Valcolun
In 1829 John Lewis a grand son of
 General Andrew Lewis bought up large
 tracts of land below Coalsmouth extending
 back to the head of Tacketts Creek and
 the waters of Browns Creek and just below Coalsmouth Mr. Lewis built a large brick man
tion which he called Valcoulin and to this house he
 brought his bride, a daughter of Andrew
 Donally. He was a prominent man in the Kan
awa valley. Valcoolin is an old
 name of Coalsmouth in 1832 by Andrew Jack
 who was an architect and prominent man in
 the Democratic party and a prominent
 event in the history of this valley was the visit paid him at his home at Coalsmouth in 1832 by Andrew Jackson, then president of the United
 States.
He took an active and prominent part in
 the war between the States and ren
dered valuable service in the work of
 reorganization under the new government.
 With his son-in-law John S. Cunningham he owned many
 tracts of land in which the Cunningham
 family were prominent and in Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham's time several
 houses were from the hills to the river as
 the river was the first means of trans
 portation. The homes faced the river
 but Belvil was an exception. It faced
 south and the old stage road. In those
days each farm had its boat landing and
 a road running directly to it thru the
 estate.

All of these different farms in this
 valley were definitely marked by line
 trees and many of the original line trees
 are still standing at Belvil.
This beautiful home has never been re
 moved. It is a large frame building with veranda running the length of the house and has two fan windows. It was
 built on a natural terrace and shaded with many beautiful trees.

Miss Cunningham is highly esteemed
 in society and the family has entertained
 many prominent people at their home,
 They have always taken an active part
 in all civic affairs and Belvil was a cen
 ter for the line carriers for the
 to a few weeks before the death of Mrs.
 Cunningham. She took an active part

This home was bought by Samuel
 Benedict the grandfather of Mrs. Myrtle
 Clark and Helen M. Cunningham.
Samuel Benedict and his wife came to
 this valley in 1888 from Pennsylvania
 with his family.
Almost all of the families that lived here before the war were intensly South
 ern, but Major General Loving chose
 Coalsmouth as it was the largest place
 in the county and other farmers from his
 state while in this vicinity. Most of the
 families on both sides had everything in
 the way of food and horses confiscated by
 the soldiers and Br. Benedict bought all
 the soldiers loaded the place over and
 saw some pigs that would be right good
to eat, but Aunt Patsy a faithful servant
 to Mrs. Benedict brandished a large
 butcher knife and told them they would
 not get that pig it was for her misus.
 They did not get the pig. Sugar was
 very hard to get and Mrs. Benedict would
 buy molasses barrels where sugar would
 not. She bought sugar and barrels and
 scarp this off and seal in spices jars. Mr. Park Benedict had a drug store here and people in those
towns bought their spices at drug stores.
Aunt Patsy was a faithful servant and
 was buried in the family burying ground on College Hill. This is the oldest
 burying ground in this valley. Mrs.
 Evelyn Clarke's home stands on the old site
 of Mucco Morro as it was the largest place
 in the county and when he took his seat in that
 house he was the youngest member.

Mrs. Louise Kenna Henderson of this
 city is a grand daughter.
Mrs. Margaret Lewis Kenna later mar
ried Mr. Walter Ashby of Charleston and
 lived there until her death a

Mucco Morris
Mucco Morris is an Indian name and is remembered by some of our oldest cit
izens as a castle or a beautiful
 mansion in this valley. It was originally
 the home of Colonel Phillips Root
 Thompson, the founder of the Thompson
 family of Kanawa came from Culpepper,
 Virginia. He settled near the mouth of Coal river.

In 1829 he laid out the town of Coa
smouth, later called it Philippi, then Kan
awa City and incorporated under the
 name of St. Albans.
Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Root decided to
 reside until their own building
 would be completed. Near Bangor church Mr. Hudson
 invited all denominations to use it until there would be an
 Episcopal minister to take charge, or until their own buildings would be com
 pleted.

Two stages were running to workmen
 for the parish is across from the
 high school together with members of
 his family. Mr. Hudson's country house
 is one of the oldest in the valley and
 the many roses growing there. Mrs.
 Hud son lived in the house now owned by Dr.
 and Miss Hudson who was the daughter of Samuel Hudson.

The Hudsons were on the site of this
 house many years ago. The family
 members of this house are on the site of this
 house many years ago. The family
 members of this house are
to St. Albans-Nitro Bridge Opening

Interesting History of Homes and People Continued

PROGRAM—ST. ALBANS—NITRO BRIDGE OPENING

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ST. ALBANS, W. VA.

WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 58

Washington Lodge No. 58, A. F. & A. M., was first organized November 12th, 1873. The Masonic hall was then located on B street near the location where Scherbest's Shoe Shop is now located. The building burned in 1913 and from that time until 1926, the Masons held their meetings in the K. of P. Lodge room. Mr. R. M. Maxwell was Worshipful Master at the time the new Temple was built on 6th Avenue. It is one of the finest lodge rooms in the state. The building is up to date in every way both inside and out and is prized very highly by its members. The present Worshipful Master is Mr. E. M. Spencer and Mr. O. N. Slater is now and has been Secretary for more than sixteen years.

-The charter members are as follows: W. R. Blackwood who died October 26th, 1897, J. H. McConahay who died April 16th, 1891, U. S. Carpenter who died August 24th, 1875. Rev. W. F. Caughton who died April 20th, 1875. Dr. R. H. Lee, M. L. Mayo and J. C. Rardin.

The first three members to be initiated after the lodge was organized were C. D. Hereford who died Nov. 20, 1918, James T. Lackey who died Oct. 21, 1878 and Franklyn Williams who died in 1885. Some other members who were initiated prior to 1890 were N. V. Brooks, Dr. S. B. Chilton, Mills Calvert, M. B. Henderson, Adam Hayes, Geo. W. Miller, J. H. Meadows, Dr. Dan Miller and John C. Satter. Some of the Past Masters are C. F. Curnea, Geo. C. Weimer, R. M. Maxwell, A. S. Lawrence, Hobart Dunlap, L. J. White, O. J. Bartlett, E. C. Colcord, L. A. Edwards, Roy C. White, J. M. Watts and Wm. Robinson.

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Principal of St. Albans High School
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in her church work and literary society. Her memory was very clear, and wonderful to the last, Col. John S. Cunningham, the most prominent part in the affairs of the valley.

He was the first superintendent of free schools under the new regime. He also was director and president of the board of trustees for the navigation of the Kanawha River and by a system of navigation removed various shoals and otherwise improved the navigation of the river. Col. John S. Cunningham with Major Brown received an appointment by the state legislature to represent the state interest at Richmond, Va. in the building of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. He was president of the board of trustees for the navigation of the river.

The tract of land owned by Samuel Benedict and Col. John S. Cunningham was one hundred and forty-two thousand acres, the DeWitt Clinton tract in which the Cunningham heirs still have an interest, and which made Col. John S. Cunningham was the basic of the present Coal river railroad which is now owned by the Chesapeake and Ohio. Four children were born to Col. John S. and Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Evelyn B. Clarke, John B. Helen Margaret and a son who died in infancy. Col. and Mrs. Cunningham died some years ago.

Lasley

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lasley came from Oklahoma in 1832. They had with them the slavechild, Mary Frances. They stopped on Blake's creek which is now a part of Nitro to visit relatives who had settled there.

Mr. Lasley came across the Kanawha river and decided to settle at Coalmouth. He bought the land between B street and Coal river on the south side of Main St. and built a store for his goods and provisions. Their home burned many years ago, and the land is now occupied by business houses. Mrs. Sarah Lasley Cato was a daughter and taught many years before and after the war. She was a very beautiful woman, very fair, blue eyes and short black curls. Even when up in years Mrs. Lasley Cato was a very beautiful woman, and Mr. and Mrs. Lasley Cato are the former owners of the store and the home. They have built two beautiful homes, the former home of Mrs. and Mrs. Lasley Cato is the oldest house at Sattes. There were six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lasley Cato: Mrs. W. N. Talley, Mrs. E. Mitchell, Miss Herbert Tompkins.

Herfords

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hereford have resided in St. Albans a great many years and have built two beautiful homes, the former home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hereford was sold to Mr. and Mrs. George Weimer and is a very large beautiful home on Main street. Mr. Hereford built a smaller home just across the street. He was the organizer of the Bank of St. Albans and was the president for a number of years. He was one of the largest real estate owners, he married Miss Anna May Roth a daughter of Rev. Edward C. and Mary E. Ford. They have ten children. Mr. Hereford is the oldest of the Presbyterians in the ministership.

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Sunrisy

Sunrisy was another beautiful old home built by William Tompkins in 1861. About two miles below Coal river it was built on the hill overlooking the Kanawha river and valley and as most of the old homes were built back on the hills for defense and protection. They also had a full view of their farms and surrounding country.

The servants quarters were at the back of the home and will be remembered by many of the older people today. This home was built by William Tompkins and given to his son Beverly Tompkins and his wife Mrs. Sallie Tompkins as a wedding present.

Mrs. Tompkins was Sallie H. Tompkins daughter of Col. Frank Tompkins whose home was at Belleville, the home owned by Col. John S. Cunningham. Owing to partial blindness Mrs. Beverly Tompkins differed very much during the war but was ever ready with help and sympathy to soldiers on either side. Mrs. Lena Miscie a daughter relates one instance, though she was only a small child, of her heroism. During the battle of Scary two officers were mortally wounded. Colonel Norton of the North and Colonel Patton of the South were brought to their home and cared for by her husband and moved to their homes. They had in the possession a sword belonging to one and another until their home burned.

They were six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins: Mrs. W. N. Talley, Mrs. E. Mitchell, Miss Herbert Tompkins.

Sattes

The old Sattes home across the Kanawha river was built in 1861 and the town of Sattes was founded when the Kanawha and Michigan railway located their depot on this land which comprised 666 acres of land beautifully situated on the Kanawha River opposite St. Albans.

The house was a large two story frame building built by the Vickers family. It is the oldest house at Sattes. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hereford were from W. S. Lasley. West Virginia Historian says, “Evidence has been found at Sattes of a very large city at one time.” No definite date was given to this record in history when the Indians lived there. This farm still remains in the Sattes family. At one time Roslyn Grant lived and above Sattes and President Grant was a young man spent several summers in St. Albans where there is a large stone house built in 1863 in the fall taught the first school at Blake's creek which was later moved to Gabbert. This school ranks first in the district and records in county. The first school was a building by the Bowley family near the mouth of Armou sink and called Bloomingdale church. Rev. George T. Lyle was the first teacher. The union church was built in 1814.

In 1884 the Kanawha and Michigan railroad was built thru Sattes and the first store, the first post office and depot were established. The Industries at Sattes were lumber company and Mr. F. H. Hereford was president of the George Sattes which furnished stone for the locks No. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. The Burns lumber company which was the largest lumber company in the state at that time. The company went in the hands of a receiver and was bought by the Knight Lumber Company. Mr. Fred Sattes and Melissa Wells were born in 1887. There were eight children born to them. Mrs. J. C. Blackwood wife of Mr. J. C. Blackwood, president of the Kanawha County Court and Mr. F. Herbert Sattes of St. Albans.

Mr. F. Herbert Sattes built a beautiful home on Kanawha Terrace and has married to Miss Kate Lyle, daughter of Rev. George T. Lyle who was pastor of the
Above is a view of 3rd street and C. & O. viaduct leading to new bridge

Rev. J. S. Thornburg
Pastor of First M. E. Church

L. Fraser

Owen G. Stutler
Manager of Coal River Insurance Co.
First Presbyterian church in this city. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Sattes, Mrs. L. P. Harvey, Mr. Lyle Sattes of Charleston and Miss Barbara Sattes at home the surviving. Mrs. Sattes had lived in Kanawha County since the death of her husband. Ravenswood was the home of several prominent people. Among them was Judge James B. C. Drew, who was the practice of law in West Virginia and a number of the prominent men of the state. Also Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pearson were interested in the business growth of this city and prominent in real estate in St. Albans and Charleston.

Ravenswood is now owned by the McQueen family. One of the most prominent families of St. Albans was Hon. John A. Warth and Mrs. Warth. Their home stood until a few years ago just above the Highalan school across the turnpike at the foot of the hill.

The Highalan school is still known as a voting precinct as Warth school house. Judge Warth was a very brilliant man and was the careful and able compiler of the Code of West Virginia. His ancestors were English and came to America before the Revolution. Judge Warth always lived in West Virginia and in Kanawha County, since the death of his father in 1837. He was educated at the University of Ohio when that institution was under the management of Judge James B. C. Drew. He was the first to enter upon the privileges of college in the state. He was educated at the Congressional University of Washington, D.C. The Phillip Doddridge family took the name of the school of which they were the first students. Miss Julia Doddridge came to live here in 1832. Mrs. James T. Lackey and they lived at what is now known as the Beeches. At that time it was called the College, and William Lackey was a student by the C. and led and the two children were born to them.

William Lackey and Kate Lackey Wilson: Mr. Lackey died and Mrs. Lackey married A. Rock, a captain in the Confederate army.

Two children were born to Captain and Mrs. Rock, Mrs. Gertrude Rock Collom and Mrs. Nellie Rock Phillips all of this city. The school has been very active in the First Baptist church having lived here when the church was organized and was a member of the first church. She has been blessed by all who has been fortunate enough to know her and to listen to the treasurers of memories of long ago.

GRIFFITH

Mr. and Mrs. Collin E. Griffith have been life long residents of St. Albans. Mr. Griffith was engaged in a general mercantile business in this city until his death. His wife Mrs. Fannie Griffith has a wide circle of friends and will be 90 years in February. She has lived thru the first Civil War, and the Fort Donelson, Fort Laramie and Fort Yellowstone, and has come thru the Union and Confederate soldiers were captured in this valley Mrs. Griffith carried mail thru the union lines to the confederates. Mrs. Griffith is an honorary member of the St. Albans Chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy and is a daughter of Mr. Richard and Kitty Morris Chandale and their farm was where Sunset Mountain Park is now the property of the family of Morris the first settlers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Griffith were born to them. Her only daughter Mrs. Lelia Griffith Barr of New Hampshire, Dana Griffith in California. At the same time she Griffith in Mexico, Mr. Frank and Mrs. Elwood live with their mother.

FLEMMING COBB

It was in 1791 that Fleming Cobb went to his Pleasant Valley farm near Fort Climden. The distance was about six miles and he took to, and gun, which no one ever could do anything without its help. He drifted down the river, passing Fort Climden to keep thru the day. He brought the, supply back safely as he was strong and careful. Though he encountered Indians he was able to outrun them all and Hon. W. S. Laidley says in his Cobb Cobb Cobb should be honored with a monument.” The first apple trees brought over the Allegheny and transplanted in the Bluestem Valley in 1837 and brought from Virginia by Fleming Cobb in a pair of leather bags in the year 1730 and planted on the old Cobb homestead near the mouth of Davis Creek.

At the same time he brought two pear trees which were planted on the farm known as the Bland’s Island homestead. Mrs. J. S. Kentner of this city is a great great granddaughter of Fleming Cobb.

CHILTON

The Chilton family are representative of one or the old families of Virginia; the earliest American immigrant being made by John Chilton and settled in West Maryland county in 1660. Blackwell Chilton settled in Charleston in what is now the main part of Charleston. Since that time this section has more or less claimed the Chilton family. Three of the Chilton family have married: Miss Williams. Joseph, born in 1862, married Martha Wilson. William J., born 1829, married Mary E. Wilson. Their son Frederick Chilton was a Confederate and was known to all her friends at Mrs. Bette. 7 children were born to them: Samuel, Joseph, William E., George O. and two died in infancy. George Stephen Chilton married Hannah Catherine Wilson, known to all as “Aunt Pats.” The Wilson family lived at Coolidge on the lower side.

The family of Mrs. Bette Chilton and Miss Chilton died in 1881.

The Chilton home was across from M. E. Church, in St. Albans, and Mr. and Mrs. George Chilton lived in St. Albans for a number of years. They were baptised and were and religious charter members of the First Baptist Church of this city. Mrs. George Chilton was always an active worker and sent her con-
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troublers to the different organizations after she moved away just a few years before her death. Her favorite Psalm was remembered and often read. The missals. The First Baptist church was named after her. She was the last charter member to pass away.

Samuel Blackwell Chilton was a practicing physician and surgeon. Joseph H. Gaines, a lawyer, has retired. He lives in St. Albans.

William Chilton was educated in St. Albans. At one time he attended Sheldon College and is one of West Virginia’s distinguished alumni. At one time Secretary of State and later elected United States Senator. He married Miss Mary Farr and they have two children.

Mr. Sower Chilton, St. Albans, for years ago. Both the Chilton and Wilson families were prominent in the early history of this valley.

SHELTON COLLEGE

Coalmouth high school was incorporated, the site procured and the building begun in 1872. It was an enterprise of the Baptist church and was expected to develop into a college.

Dr. P. B. Reynolds was the principal, H. W. Hovers A. M., professor of Latin and Greek; W. E. Chilton, professor of Mathematics; and many leading men of the state received their academic training here. Lack of endowment and proper financial management caused the overthrow of the one of the best educational institutions of the state. The Baptists gave up; they were not able to compete.

The school was bought with St. Albans public schools for one year 1872-1873, there being a large enrollment from many parts of the state. In Oct., 1873, the building was first occupied with Dr. Reynolds and Baylus Code as principal instructors.

The name was changed to Shelton College in 1876. George Borenim Foster of the Chicago University, Congressman Joseph H. Gaines, Senator W. E. Chilton and many leading men of the state received their academic training here.

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T. H. MOHLER

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Mohler on St. Albans street is a very beautiful modern home. The original home of Mr. and Mrs. Mohler was destroyed by fire. Mr. Mohler has spent the greater part of his life here and with his father and brothers built a large mill, at what is now Nitro, known as the Mohler Lumber Co. Lock Seven as it was called, was a prosperous little town having its own post office, depot and store.

Mr. Mohler is always interested in anything pertaining to the welfare of St. Albans and is held in high esteem by all who know him and his wife.

Mr. Venie Campbell Mohler was born and raised in St. Albans and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adeline Campbell. Her family was one of the oldest family in this valley and always lived here.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mohler has been the center for the Wabash Christian Temperance Union. It was organized at the First Baptist Church in Nov. 17, 1894 by Miss C. S. Bennett of Florida, the national organizer.

Mrs. Victoria Teass, the mother of Mrs. J. S. Barker of this city, was the first president. Thru the years they have met regularly with one exception during an epidemic. Many notable people have entertained in this home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mohler have one daughter, Mrs. Edith Sweet of this city.

BEECHES

The Beeches is another old home in this valley. The first house was a large log house. Later Mr. Henry Edwin Huntington bought this house and built a large two-story house. Mr. Huntington was located in this town, and when Mr. Huntington died his son and daughter, Mr. Edwin Huntington lived in this house.

This place has been visited by a number of St. Albans people. It is interesting to know Mr. Huntington lived at one time in St. Albans.

Mr. J. V. R. Skinner bought the Beeches from Mr. Huntington and has added many improvements to the home and landscaped the grounds and built beautiful rock gardens. The flowering trees and shrubbery makes this a very beautiful home.

The Beeches takes its name from the many beautiful beech trees growing in the valley and at their death, Mr. William Simms, an only son, inherited Locustdale and other property.

SUTHERLAND FAMILY

(By S. C. D.)

Among the early pioneer families of St. Albans or as it was then called Coalmouths none was better known or more actively associated with its development than that of the Sutherlands. Dr. William Bailey Sutherland and his wife Catherine Francis Morris Sutherland were both members of old Kanawha county families. Dr. William B. Sutherland was born in Kentucky and was the son of a Scotch Dissenter who had been expelled for his religious views from the South of Scotland.

He became a physician and was well known as a medical practitioner at Poplar Plains, Ohio, Maysville, Ky., Aberdeen and St. Albans where he lived until the time of his death in 1885.

To Dr. William Bailey Sutherland his wife were three daughters born, all of whom died in infancy with the exception of a son and daughter. The daughter Alice became the wife of Frederick Carel and was a resident of St. Albans almost continuously till the time of his death.

John Hansford Sutherland the son followed in his father’s footsteps and became a physician. He attended the Louisville Medical College and passed the medical state board of examiners and for nearly fifty years practiced his profession here. He was also owner of a large drug store. In politics Dr. Sutherland was a staunch Democrat and was the candidate of his party for mayor of St. Albans eleven times and was elected in eight campaigns. He was a man of wide influence and a representative citizen in the full sense of the time.

Dr. Sutherland was married first to Miss Leah Sue Wilson, who was born and reared in Kanawha county and died here in 1885. Her parents were William E. and Sarah L. Wilson. To them three children were born. One of whom Mrs. G. D. Bryan, widow of the late G. D. Bryan, still survives and is a resident of St. Albans. In 1892 Dr. Sutherland married Miss Nora R. Madox, of Putnam county.

Mrs. Sutherland and her two sons survive, Henry Baily of South Charleston, and Clifford Hanford of St. Albans.

Dr. Sutherland was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the County, State and American Medical Associations. Was also a charter member of Odd Fellows, and many other fraternal orders.

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To make the listening world resound
With sweeter music, freer tones.
A place where kindly, lifting words are said,
And kindlier deeds are done,
Where hearts are fed, where wealth of brain
For poverty atones; where hand grasps hand,
And souls find touch with souls.

A group of club-minded women met in the auditorium of the Central School in 1914 and organized the Woman's Club of St. Albans, for the purpose of bettering social and civic life. They chose for their first president, Mrs. T. S. Tompkins. The Woman's Club entered the State Federation in 1915, and the General Federation in 1922.

For the past twenty years all general club meetings have been held at the Colonial Hotel the first Wednesday in each month at 2:30 P. M.
The early years of the club's life was beset with the clouds of war. The members of the club were exceedingly busy knitting sweaters and socks, preparing bandages, assisting with the Liberty Loan drives, and doing everything in their power to help the boys "over there." In the midst of these activities St. Albans was hit by the dreadful influenza epidemic, and the club women became nurses, going about the town helping and ministering to those in need.

The club has planted memorial trees on the High School grounds in memory of our brave boys who gave their lives in the great war. Many other ornamental trees and shrubs have been planted over the town in the many clean-up and beautification campaigns the club has sponsored.

The grading and improving of the Central School ground was accomplished through the efforts of the St. Albans Woman's Club. The health of the citizens of St. Albans, especially among the youngsters, is largely the outcome of the health conferences and free clinics held annually by the club, which also each year sponsors a "T.B. Clinic." This is a general check-up on T.B. suspects.

The club has dreams of a much needed club house. At present they own real estate valued at $5,000, free of encumbrance, and a tidy sum of money in the bank. Each year the dream becomes just a little more real and soon they hope to have a modern club house erected and comfortably furnished.

For the past two years the club has maintained a splendid school kitchen, where an average of eighty undernourished school children have been provided with a substantial hot noonday lunch. As additional co-operation with the schools, medals are presented to the high school student maintaining the highest grades throughout the year in home economics. Prizes are also given to the art students in Central and Hansford schools.

The club has sponsored many quilt shows, flower shows and art exhibits, as well as home talent plays. Baby shows are sponsored annually by the junior department.

The club membership is well over one hundred, including the junior department. The following ladies have served as president of the club during its years of existence:

Mrs. T. S. Tompkins .................. 1914-1916
Mrs. G. T. Fogle .................. 1916-1918
Mrs. W. C. Bartlette .................. 1918-1920
Mrs. U. S. Jarrett .................. 1920-1922
Mrs. W. R. Fenimore .................. 1922-1923
Mrs. A. P. Sharp .................. 1923-1924
Mrs. T. S. Tompkins .................. 1924-1925
Mrs. U. S. Jarrett .................. 1925-1926
Mrs. W. A. Putnam .................. 1926-1927
Mrs. George Burton .................. 1927-1929
Mrs. Fred Smith .................. 1929-1930
Mrs. Harry Kindt .................. 1930-1931
Mrs. U. S. Jarrett .................. 1931-1933
Mrs. Owen G. Stutler .................. 1933-1934

The Club Officers for 1934-35 are as follows:
Mrs. Owen G. Stutler, President.
Mrs. W. H. Jacobs, First Vice President.
Mrs. James Weimer, Second Vice President.
Mrs. F. G. Jones, Recording Secretary.
Mrs. Riley Dawson, Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. Harry Kindt, Treasurer.
Miss Mary Barker, Chairman Junior Department.
Mrs. Francis Turner, Chairman Community Service.
Mrs. Paul Brothers, Chairman Arts Department.

The club teaches its members to put into action their better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

O. N. Slater

O. N. Slater, son of William W. and Mary S. Slater, was born at Sissonsville, Kanawha county, West Virginia, and moved with his father and mother to Coal river on January 4th, 1888, and worked with his father, on the farm, until he was 10 years old. He then went to work for the Bowman Lumber Company, and stayed with this company until they went out of business. He shipped the last car of lumber on February 2nd, 1927.

On March 21, 1902, he was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Kidd, who died March 12, 1910, to this union there were born one son, J. R. Slater, who now lives in South Charleston.

On October 31, 1917, he married Miss Alpha Coiner, of Fence Springs, W. Va.

On September 1, 1927, Mr. Slater was appointed city clerk, and has held this position continuously ever since. On August 4, 1932, he was appointed police judge, as the city's finances would not permit paying a police judge. At this time Mr. Slater is city clerk and police judge, he serves as police judge without pay.
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The lumber business that was to get any information on so much of what has been a town there has been some lumber manufacturers in the town. Years ago there was the Lindsley Lumber Co., the Boone Lumber Co., the Silger Lumber Co., the Burns Brothers, the Knight Lumber Co., the A. E. Lewis Lumber Co., and some Stave Mills known as the Martin Brothers, the West Co., Major Kesler, was in the Square Timber business years ago.

In the year of 1879, Mr. D. F. Mohler, father of our Mr. W. E. and T. H. Mohler, and Mr. William Roberts, came to St. Albans, looking for a site for a sawmill and made a trip up Coal River to look over the timber situation and while they were looking over the timber, the natives told them that they were too late to get any timber that was any good, as all the timber that was any good had been floated out in rafts and sent to Cincinnati, Ohio, and they were waiting their time in looking for timber.

However, these gentlemen looked at the situation and said that it seemed to them that there was plenty of good timber up Coal river and made arrangements and purchased a large tract of land and then purchased a site for a sawmill at St. Albans on Coal river at the old lock site.

In 1882 Mr. D. F. Mohler and sons Mr. W. E. and M. F. Mohler, moved their portable circular saw mill to St. Albans and began the manufacturing of lumber and remained there until the fall of 1888 when they sold their mill site to the Bowman Lumber Company and moved their mill to Caldwell. Up to that time they moved to Lock Seven they manufactured 14,200,000 feet of lumber.

When they moved to Lock Seven, they changed the name to Mohler Lumber Company, which time it operated under the name of D. F. Mohler, W. E. Mohler and J. K. Mohler, not incorporated. At this time Mr. M. F. Mohler left the others and went to Glades Creek, on New river. The others continued to run the circular mill until the fall of 1889, during which time they sawed 2,700,000 feet of lumber.

They then built a band mill, and from 1891 to 1918 they sawed 129,000,000 feet of lumber. And from 1912 to 1917 they manufactured lumber at Dicks Creek, Cobbs Creek and Ivy Branch, 23,500,000 feet of lumber making a total of 166,400,000 feet.

On September 7, 1897, the Mohler Lumber Company was incorporated with the following officers: W. E. Mohler, president; M. F. Mohler, vice president; T. H. Mohler, superintendent, and J. Charles Mohler, secretary-treasurer. D. F. Mohler and J. K. Mohler having died prior to this date.

The Mohler Lumber Company has the record of working men the greatest number of years that have worked in any other lumber company in the state.

Below we give a list of the men that worked for 25 years or more:

Thomas A. Harris, from 1888 to 1917 inclusive, 49 years.
C. H. Murriel, from 1875 to 1917 inclusive, 42 years.
J. H. James, from 1894 to 1917 inclusive, 23 years.
J. D. Bledsoe, from 1888 to 1917 inclusive, 32 years.
C. A. Moultray, from 1886 to 1917 inclusive, 31 years.
C. C. Kidd, from 1886 to 1917 inclusive, 31 years.
G. W. Kidd, from 1890 to 1917 inclusive, 27 years.
W. J. Kidd, from 1894 to 1919 inclusive, 25 years.
J. A. Darr, from 1894 to 1919 inclusive, 25 years.
N. G. Davis, from 1892 to 1917 inclusive, 25 years.

The Mohler Lumber Company was known far and wide for their honesty in business and fair treatment with all their employees.

The Bowman Lumber Company purchased the site of the Mohler Lumber Company in 1888, and also purchased several thousand acres of timber land up Coal river and decided to build a mill boom across Coal river so as to hold all timber as the company decided to float the timber by water. Prior to this time all timber was rafted up the river and was brought in by men.

They employed J. W. Teppings and C. W. Henley, to build the boom near Indiana Creek. The boom was finished in 1888. In month of May 31, 1889, there was a large raise in the river and at 5:30 o'clock in the morning the boom broke, letting out all the logs in the boom which was estimated to be about 60,000 feet and the river run full of logs for several hours sometimes like 100,000 logs passed by St. Albans on that day. However, lots of logs were caught.

The company then decided to build several more booms and only boom one half of the river which they did and from that time on they held the timber in booms until 1905 when they began to build a sawmill and then they that out on the 27th day of February, 1926.

The company built a large band mill, and started to manufacture lumber in the latter part of 1889 and continued until February 27, 1926. Mr. C. A. Specht has the distinction of sawing the first log and the last log for Bowman Lumber Company.

We think we can safely say that there never was a better company to work for or do business with than was employed by the company as you will note from the number of years the employees were with the company.

When the company went out of the lumber business there were 40 men that had worked from 5 to 37 years. Thirty men that had worked from 5 to 28 years. Ten men had worked from 5 to 20 years and 4 men, C. A. Specht, William Bartlett, L. R. Miller and O. N. Slater, had worked from 34 to 37 years.

There were three generations working at one time, father, son and grand son. Ten men were working for the company when their sons were born and the sons grew to manhood and worked with their fathers.

Two families furnished 14 employees for the company, the Halstead and Slater families. In the Halstead family there were Walter, Henry, Hezekiah, Thomas, William and John. In the Slater family there were O. J., W. L., H. C., S. J., and G. D. However, they did not all work at the same time.

Most every working man in the town and for a radius of ten miles worked for the company at one time or another and there was never a fatal accident and only one in which a bone was broken. That was Mr. Felix Carr. The company was noted for its honesty in all its dealings. No one was ever wronged out of anything or double-crossed about anything. The employees were given the benefit of a doubt. It was one of the best organized companies, with the best system in the State of West Virginia, and it certainly was a great loss to the town and country around when the company went out of business.

During the 37 years the company manufactured 342,000,000 feet of lumber, figuring this at 15,000 feet to a house it would have built 22,800 houses allowing five persons to the house it would have 114,000 people, or make a city practically as large as Charleston. St. Albans, Huntington, and Charleston combined. It would also have made a stack of lumber 12 feet long and 12 feet wide practically 375 miles high, or a house 375 feet high approximately 5,400 miles in length.

From 1892 or for 34 years the lumber was sold through one sales agency, that of W. W. Riley & Brother, of Buffalo, N. Y.

For a number of years at least one planing mill was operated in St. Albans, the Mohler Lumber Company, operated a planing mill in connection with their saw mill in St. Albans from 1882 until 1888 and then moved to Lock Seven with their saw mill.

In the year 1889 Mr. George Weimer and three sons, James, George and William came to St. Albans from Buffalo, N. Y. and began operating a planing mill near the Bowman Lumber Company's saw mill and continued until 1905 when they went out of the planing mill business and moved over near the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company depot, and went into business on a large scale handling all kinds of building material. This concern was operated under the name of George Weimer and Sons.

Several years hence William Weimer moved from St. Albans and Mr. George Weimer died on November 28, 1926. He had retired from business several years prior to this time.

The company is operated by James and C. W. Weimer, and is the only lumber company doing business in St. Albans at this time.

Of the other lumber companies operating in the City of St. Albans, the writer has no knowledge of their operations.
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GEORGE S. BASSITT
The early history of Bangor parish is most intimately associated with two families, which found their way into the Kanawha Valley while it was yet a wilderness. To one of these families must be attributed the honor of inaugurating the work of the Episcopal Church in the county and the naming of the Parish; while to the other we are indebted for the present location and the present name of the Church, St. Mark's.

Mr. Morris Hudson, Elizabeth, his wife, and their six children, nearly all married, came to this country about 1808, from Botetourt county, Virginia, and were the first Episcopalians to settle in this neighborhood. They came originally from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and were members of Bangor Church— an old Church built before the revolution. 

They settled two miles east of the mouth of Coal River, in or near what is now High Lawn. In 1825 Mr. Hudson built almost at his own expense, a small brick church on the beautiful hill back of his residence and named it “Bangor Church” after his home Parish in Pennsylvania. Although it was built as an Episcopal Church to take charge of the time as there should be a minister of the Episcopal Church in the valley was the Rev. Joseph Wilmore, who became Rector after resignation of Mr. Stewart in 1832.

Thus beginning became Bangor Parish. In 1832 Bishop Meade mentions that he went from Staunton to Charleston in six days and confirmed sixteen from the surrounding district, although there had been no minister there for five years.

**No Place of Worship**

The Rev. Frederick D. Goodwin came in 1831 and in his diary says: "There is no place of worship in Charleston, but at a point about two miles east of the mouth of Coal River there is a small brick Church known as "Bangor." There were thirty communicants in the Parish at this time. Mr. Goodwin was forced to leave on account of ill health in October, 1832, he resigned.

The Rev. John Martin became Rector of the Parish in 1834 and remained until 1839.

Bangor Church continued to be the place of worship for all the Episcopal families in this vicinity until 1846 when it was destroyed by fire. In 1847 a new Church building was erected on a tract of land given by Mr. Philip R. and Francis Thompson, the site of the present Church. There was originally ten acres in the tract, about half of which is still owned by the congregation. The new Church was named St. Mark’s after the home Parish of the Thompson family in Culpeper, Virginia, and it is reported to have been a country Church of considerable beauty until the war laid its devastating hand on the Kanawha valley. It was during the rectorship of the Rev. Francis B. Nash that the present Church was built. He served as Rector from 1846 to 1852.

The Rev. Alonzo J. M. Hudson took charge of St. Mark’s in May, 1859, and remained here until the outbreak of the war, when he resigned, and with his family removed to Wisconsin. From that time until the coming of the Rev. William G. Stewart in 1867, the Church building was in ruins, having been occupied by a body of federal cavalry, first as a stable and later as a fort. It was during this occupation that the rectorcy was partly burned.

When peace revisited the valley the Church again resumed possession of their place of worship. Many repairs were made, but it seemed a hopeless task to again rear a Church from the ruins. With great self-sacrifice and devotion the building was made habitable and the congregation carried on under the Rector, the Rev. Joseph A. Nock, who became Rector after resignation of

**Church is Remodeled**

It was during the rectorship of the Rev. Herbert Jukes that the Church was remodeled with money paid by the government for doing the war. Work was well done and the money well spent. The exterior of the Church was left intact, except where repairs and replacements were necessary. The whole interior was changed; a new ceiling was put in, supported by hammerbeam brackets, hand-carved choir rail, new pews, new electric lights, a memorial window in the sanctuary, new windows through the first remodeling after the war, a hot-air heating system and various minor improvements.

At present St. Mark’s is one of the best and most churchly building to be found in the Diocese of Virginia. It reminds one of an English country Church, for it is covered with ivy from foundation to cross on the bell tower; set in a wide lawn, shaded by maple trees, it offers to those who accept the invitation to come in, rest and pray.

**Recent Changes**

The second Church looks very much as it must have looked before the war, at least on the outside, with changes in the setting. From early photographs we learn that the grounds have been beautified in recent years. The name of the street has been changed from Turners lane to E. street. The town has grown up about the Church and great development has taken place. Where unpaved streets once existed there are now streets. New buildings have replaced many old buildings. Progress is being made in many directions. St. Albans has grown from a country village to a modern town. During the next century we can only guess what changes will be made, both in the Church and in the town. The fact that one small Church could live and continue to flourish in St. Albans-Nitro Bridge Opening

**History of St. Mark’s Church**

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spite of the vicissitudes through which St. Marks' has passed shows that the founders of the Parish laid broad and deep foundations upon which the religious life of the town has been built.

After the pioneer Episcopal families made the trail it was not long before other communities entered the field, and in every case St. Mark's congregation was willing and did aid in establishing the other congregations, in one way or another. The religious life of St. Albans has been strengthened by having the presence of this venerable Church as a witness to the loyal followers of the Christ who first entered this part of West Virginia when it was yet a wilderness.

May St. Mark's Church make greater strides during its second century than it has made during the first.

St. Francis Catholic Church

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Built by Rev. Father Ambrose Hegerl in 1926. The contractors, Mr. I. E. Johnson and Mr. Martin Killen. Father Ambrose was pastor for seven years and made many friends here both Catholic and non-Catholic.

The present pastor is Rev. Father Joseph Anthony Gilliam.

History of the First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church in this city was organized with eleven members in 1866 and the names of the charter members are, John Hansford, Alvah Hansford, Miss Victoria Hansford, Mrs. Wilkinson, Misses Blanche, Patty, and Ann Wilkinson, Mrs. Elizabeth Swindler, Mrs. Mary Allen, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. H. K. Chilton. Rev. R. W. Davis who was preaching in Buffalo and Arbuckle districts organized the church and preached here occasionally, until the little group were able to pay a regular pastor.

Later Mr. Charles Capehart donated a building site and funds were solicited to the amount of $800 with which the first church was built on the Turnpike and on the west side of Coal river.

Rev. Bayless Cade of Richmond, a recent graduate from a Divinity school, was the first paid pastor and his salary was $25 per month. Under his pastorate the Lord blessed the association and the work of Rev. Cade grew. The next pastor was the much loved Rev. P. B. Reynolds who reorganized the society and started a Sunday School and Prayer services. This church was known far and wide as a soul saving station and in 1879 about 40 persons were added to the roster.

Rev. Reynolds was followed by Rev. Cade, who was succeeded by Rev. J. W. Cooke in 1886, who was the first full time pastor. The first Missionary Society was organized at this time. Mrs. M. L. Wickline was the first president of this society, and Mrs. Alsonia Meadors was the secretary. The latter mentioned is still living and yet active in the affairs of the great church.

A disastrous fire destroyed the church in 1906, which discouraged the flock for a time but real life and enthusiasm was apparent. The Masonic Hall and Southern M. E. Church were used by the Baptist until their new building was finished in 1911. During this time Rev. W. A. Cadle and Rev. Kirtner served the congregation and later Rev. W. C. Floraine who proved a great organizer of men and means. The name of the organization was changed from Coolsmouth Baptist Church to The First Baptist Church of St. Albans. The handsome new church was ready for occupancy in June 4, 1911, and was dedicated by Rev. Reynolds, the first pastor. Rev. T. B. Lawler did great work about this date and he was followed by Rev. W. C. Harold who is now stationed in Spencer. The General Assembly was entertained in this church in 1913 and right handsomely was taken care of. Rev. B. F. Caudill was the next pastor called to this church and at the same time Mr. Walter Morrison was made clerk and still is. Rev. P. S. Ellis followed Rev. Caudill and was in turn succeeded by Rev. C. T. Hewitt who resigned in 1933. Rev. J. E. Myers was then called here from Barbourton, Ohio, and is still here doing splendid work for the church and also for the community as a whole. A fine new annex has been built to accommodate the several church activities and Sunday School classes and the membership of this church is outstanding both in spiritual leadership and in numerical standing. Several fine young ministers have gone out in fields of labor from this congregation and are proving blessings to other congregations.
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