

## OLDEST HOUSE IN POWELL



Pictured above is the home of the late Dr. C. F. Tally with the portion shown to the right, said to be the oldest house in Powell. It was built by Thomas R. Hall and is over 100 years old. The two story addition was built much later and is still occupied by Mrs. Tally.

## Highlights In The Early History Of The Village Of Powell, Ohio

(By Frank Bayles)

Editor's Note—The following interesting history of Powell was written by Mr. Bayles well known citizen of that place, in behalf of the Powell Community Boosters Club.

The purpose of the Powell Community Boosters Club is to develop civic pride and to promote all subjects of a civic nature, in the village.

Having this thought in mind, the members of the club feel that this is an opportune time to compile a history of the village from the date of the Government land grant to the present time and to show the possibilities of a future growth.

An old abstract states that under date of April 24, 1800, the Government does grant unto James Parker, a certain tract of land containing 4000 acres located in the southern part of Liberty Township, to satisfy warrants for military services.

This tract of land was transferred by James Parker to James Kilbourne of Worthington, Ohio, by deed dated August 26, 1805, who sold it to the Union Land

Company, January 13, 1806. This Land Company having divided the land among its members, one of them, Samuel Scott, sold his portion of 500 acres to James Parker.

Under date of June 3, 1839, this land was deeded by James Parker to Able Dixon, who then deeded it to Thomas R. Hall, July 13, 1839.

The first settlers in this section named the street running north and south through the community, Middlebery St., in honor of their native town of Middlebery, Connecticut. One of these settlers, Joseph M. Gardner, who died in 1835, was the first burial in the cemetery at Powell.

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# Powell Boosters Start Movement For Expansion

Organization Composed Of Progressive Group Of Business Men And Other Citizens Adopt For Slogan "Watch Powell Grow"

"The News" takes pleasure this week in announcing the recent movement in Powell, our friendly neighboring village, where the Powell Community Boosters Organization, composed of several progressive and wide awake business men and other interested citizens have started a program for the expansion of that village and nearby vicinity.

Located 18 miles from Columbus, 13 miles from Delaware and 6 six miles from Worthington in the beautiful and scenic Olentangy Valley they are firmly convinced that Powell now has an excellent and most promising future and are determined to leave no stone unturned to promote its growth.

## Beechwold Cleaners Opens New Business

Maynard Hyland And Arthur Meier Starts Place At 21 Wetmore

Another new business in this community was started last week when the Beechwold Cleaners opened their new Dry Cleaning establishment, in their newly remodeled building one block south of the Beechwold Tavern, and just off of High street at 21 Wetmore.

The new place is owned and operated by Maynard Hyland, well known in this community, and Arthur Meier of 1342 Manchester avenue.

Mr. Meier is thoroughly experienced in the business and had nine years experience with a large downtown concern.

They will do all kind of Dry Cleaning, Dyeing, Re-Weaving and Repair work. Their ad appears in this issue.

Sailing under the slogan "Watch Powell Grow" they are pointing out the many advantages including, plenty of fine locations for home sites, low tax rates, plenty of ground for small factory sites near the C & O R. R., with good sidings and good highways leading to Columbus, Delaware and Worthington.

A good church, a lodge, a good trading center, good post office service and rural mail delivery.

They point with pride to Powell's excellent schools and the fact that the village is literally a stones throw from Ohio State University, Ohio Wesleyan, and Otterbein College at Westerville, where students can complete their education.

They maintain that no other area in Central Ohio provides so much scenic beauty with the Scioto and Olentangy rivers peacefully winding their way through this pleasant valley and which at the same time provide excellent opportunities for picnics along its wooded banks, and for both fishing and boating.

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## Allan Kramer Dies Tuesday At Age of 85

### Passes Away At The Home of Son In Colonial Hills

Allan Kramer 85, died Tuesday, at the home of his son Arthur Kramer, 472 Park Blvd., Colonial Hills.

Mr. Kramer was formerly employed with the old Buckeye Buggy Company and the Diamond Metal Weatherstrip Co., retiring in 1939. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge for 63 years.

A resident of Columbus since 1885, he is survived also by another son Fred A. Kramer, Dayton; two daughters, Mrs. Martha

Davis, Col. Ellen Rice grandchild: child.

*Dinner by Powell M. Church before formation was finished*

## Powell Hearing Set For Tuesday

Hearing of the petition for the incorporation of Powell has been set by the County Commissioners of Delaware County for Tuesday, December 17.

"The News" was unable to learn the definite number for and against the incorporation but understands the ratio is about 3 to 1 in favor of the project.

## Dinner And Bazaar To Be Held At Powell

A Turkey Dinner and Bazaar will be held at the Powell School Thursday, December 19, with serving to start at 5 p. m.

Ardis Hamilton, 141 East who is attending university, will participate in the 2nd annual presentation of the "Messiah" in 1, Granville, Saturday, m., and Sunday at he sings soprano in chorus.

### Today

Mrs. Ellis Brown are their 58th wedding Thursday, December t their home 6195 iver Road.

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A prominent member of the Boosters Association points out that Columbus is rapidly moving northward but that although the village is in the path of this movement, Powell and vicinity is not so thickly settled as some communities, and which fact makes property there all the more desirable for families who wish to have plenty of room for their children to romp and play on a little ground they can call their own.

Again The Worthington News, salutes Powell, the Booster's Organization and its splendid citizens, for their forward movement and joins the citizenry of Worthington and Community in taking a keen interest in future developments there, and in "Watching Powell Grow."

## W. M. Weber Now At Norfolk

W. M. Weber, fireman, first class, son of L. W. Weber of Post Road, near Dublin, is now stationed at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., doing emergency repair work.

Weber, who entered the Naval service January 10, 1946, received his recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Camp Peary, Va.

*Early 1946 Powell Inc published during incorporation process*

*The Worthington News 12-12-1946 "The News" Salutes Powell, Ohio*

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# History Of Powell

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At this time the settlers received their mail by carrier, from Lewis Center, who made the trip either on foot or horseback and left it at the store at "Hall Corners", depositing it in small boxes, furnished by the patrons, where they would call and get it.

This crude mail delivery at the little store at the "Corners" led to an application for a Post Office, which, through the influence of Judge Thomas W. Powell, of Delaware, Ohio, the application was successful and the office was granted, and named for him as a compliment for his efforts in procuring it. Thus "Hall Corners" and "Middlebery" became history and Powell was established, the date of this important event in Powell history is unknown to the writer.

Joshua Pennell, father of the late G. W. Pennell, farmer of this community, was the next merchant, after Thomas R. Hall, who several years before the village was laid out, established a store in a small frame building on the north east corner of the cross roads, the present location of Sharp and Canfield's hardware store, was appointed the first Postmaster. He resided just north of his store in a small frame house which, a few years ago, was moved to a new location, to make room for the erection of the Weinstock Garage building.

Thomas R. Hall had six sons, Russell, Levi, Edwin J., Thomas, George and Asa Gordon. At the death of the father, the son Gordon, bought the shares in the old homestead from his five brothers, thus becoming sole owner of the land where Powell is now located.

The Columbus and Toledo Railroad Company, was incorporated May, 28, 1872. After several surveys to determine the best location, it was tentatively decided to route it just east of the village, between the village and the Olen-tangy River. At this time, Gordon Hall got busy and offered to donate a right of way through his farm provided the company would erect and maintain a Depot at this point. The Railroad Company accepted Mr. Hall's proposition in 1873. Construction work was begun November 17, 1875. The road, being completed as far as Marion, Ohio, the first train was run from Columbus to Marion, January 10, 1877, and the road was completed

across the road from the residence of W. F. Bayles.

It was a log structure, very plainly furnished, and was christened Emery Chapel, in honor of the Rev. Mr. Emery, who organized the first society. In 1859, Emery Chapel was rebuilt. The new edifice was located on the east side of the road on the lot occupied by the W. F. Bayles residence, and was a neat structure, built under the pastorate of Rev. Levi Cunningham. In July, 1902, the trustees of Emery Chapel purchased a lot in the center of the village and moved the building to its new and present site. Remodeling and with the addition of a Sunday School room, made it a more central and modern place of worship.

A few residents of the community, having embraced the Seventh Day Adventist faith, decided that they should build a church in which to expound their belief and in the year 1906 erected a church on the south side of the street just east of the "Corners." Owing to the small number of followers and the lack of finances with which to carry on, the church was, after a few years, abandoned as a place of worship and sold to Andrew D. Lowry who converted it into a residence and is now owned by Mrs. Elsie Galvin.

### Schools

The first school of record was located on the lot now owned by and used as a residence by Carl Sulser. It was a small frame structure and in a few years became too small to accommodate the scholars of the local school district and was sold and moved directly across the street onto a lot owned by Charles Topliff, a carpenter, who converted it into a carpenter shop. The date of its erection and sale is unknown by the writer. This building was replaced by a larger frame building upon the same site which served the pupils of the district until the spring of 1882 when it, like its predecessor became inadequate for school purposes and in that year a new brick, two story, two room building was erected upon the same site, and in this building the writer received most of his three R knowledge; The balance, if any, was obtained the hard way as there was no high school in the village at that time.

The old frame building was sold to a Mr. Alkire and moved just east of the William Muladore resi-

and erected a two story frame building thereon, the lower story was made into a store room and the upper into a lodge room. Upon the completion of the building they made application and received a charter, dated September 29, 1870, with eleven charter members. In 1890 they sold this building and erected another two story frame building on the south west corner and in 1900, an addition was built to the west. This lodge is still in existence and to an outside observer, is going good.

Powell Lodge No. 247, Daughters of Rebecca was chartered May 18, 1888; is still in existence and it also, seemingly, is going good.

Powell Lodge No. 684 Knights of Pythias, was chartered April 18, 1895, with 43 charter members. The lodge flourished for a number of years and in the spring of 1906, erected a fine two story frame building, which was dedicated August 30, 1906, but lack of interest and good management, caused the lodge to surrender its charter about 1940.

Powell Temple No. 299 Pythian Sisters was instituted July 19, 1906 with 60 charter members. After about thirty years of existence, the members became dilatory and having lost interest, they also folded up and surrendered their charter.

### Doctors

Doctor E. J. Ingersoll was the first doctor of record in the village who practiced medicine for many years and about 1835-86, he sold his practice to Dr. J. C. Campbell, who practiced medicine in the village until his death. A doctor Umstead was also an early practitioner but his record is very limited. Dr. G. W. Rofey came to the village in the eighties and was a practicing physician here for many years. Dr. Hemstead came here from, I think, Westerville, Ohio about in the nineties and was here only about a year. Doctor C. F. Tally located here about 1898 and continued his practice of medicine until his death a few years ago. Dr. Donaldson was a late arrival in the village, having located here about six or seven years ago and was here only a little over a year.

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to Toledo in July, 1877. The Columbus and Toledo Railroad was consolidated with the Hocking Valley Railroad, a railroad running south from Columbus into the Hocking County Hills, which had been in operation for a number of years and was named The Columbus Hocking Valley and Toledo Railway Co., and after a few years the name was again changed to The Hocking Valley Railroad Co.

In 1930 the Hocking Valley Railroad Co., was absorbed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, with its general offices located at Richmond, Virginia, by which name it is now known.

A. G. Hall was appointed the first Station Agent in Powell and his son William G. (Bogus) Hall the first Telegraph Operator. Since then those holding these positions, have been numerous, the longest period being held by Albert Martin, who, while a boy, lived in Worthington and learned telegraphing in the old Big 4 Depot located at that place. He held the position as Agent-Operator at Powell from about 1883 until his death in 1915.

Asa Gordon Hall being Civic minded and no doubt seeing future prospects of the community becoming a thriving village, had it surveyed and platted and on May 26, 1876, filed the plat and necessary papers and Powell Village was established, corresponding with the name of the Post Office, which, then had been in existence for a number of years.

It is said that Thomas R. Hall, father of A. G. Hall, built the first house in the village on the lot, the site of the residence of the late Dr. C. F. Tally. The writer understands that the rear portion of this house is the original Thom as R. Hall residence and the two story front was built later by A. G. Hall. The barn and some other farm buildings were located on the north side of the street and across from the residence.

**Churches**

The first Methodist society in Liberty Township, was organized by Rev. Mr. Emery at the home of Jarvis Buell, as early perhaps as 1825. The society built its first church about 1840, just south of Powell, on the west side and

east of the William Munnore residence and remodeled by Mr. Alkire and made into a residence which he lived in for a number of years. The old school building is now owned by Mr. C. E. Gardner.

The brick building being a two room school, in the lower room was taught the first four grades, and the upper room, the other grades up to and including the eighth grade.

In 1910, the Board of Education voted to consolidate the schools of the township and the present school building was completed in 1911, in time for the fall term. The old building was then sold to John Sulser who converted it into a residence in which he lived, and at his death, was acquired by his son, Carl, who is now living there.

**Powell Lodge No. 485, I.O.O.F.**

Prior to 1870, a few men who were members of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, being somewhat isolated and distant from lodges they might attend, conceived the idea of building a lodge of their own and bought a lot on the north west corner of the 'cross roads'

During the first six months of 1946 a survey shows that 384 farmers, or some member of their families, encountered some form of accident. These accidents, K. D. Peterson, Associate County Agent, said, resulted in 640 days in the hospital, with a total medical cost of \$12,144. In addition to medical costs it was necessary for the farmers to hire extra labor totaling 1568 days. Approximately 50 percent of the accidents resulted from the misuse of farm machinery and from falls.

Mrs. Peterson said the survey was made under the direction of the Franklin County Rural Safety Committee which is composed of representatives of all rural organizations and agencies.

Mrs. Mary Klemp, 68, practical housewife of Waukesha, Wis., asked the judge to give her 93 bars of soap and 250 lbs. of flour in her divorce settlement.

**Shop Through The Ads In The Worthington News**

**Under Ohio Skies**  
AS TOLD BY THE CONSERVATION DIVISION

SCORES OF WILD DUCKS ARE USING THE NEW DUCK REFUGE CREATED AT INDIAN LAKE. NEW OPENINGS WERE DYNAMITED LAST WINTER IN THE SEVERAL HUNDRED ACRE AREA WHICH WILL BE SECLUDED AS A PERMANENT NESTING AND REST AREA.

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