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History of Powell Community

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Hundreds of years ago the Mound Builders lived where we now live.

This is proven by the fact that an old mound on the Goodrich farm was opened many years ago and three skeletons were found.

After the Mound Builders came the Indians.

The number of arrowheads found on a barns prove this.

Two reasons why the Indians liked this region were. The number of good springs and the good hunting in the forests.

The first white settlers in Delaware County were the carpenters and the powers who built cabins in Liberty township along the Olentangy River about 1801. About 1806 the Goodrich family also settled along the Olentangy. After these people had settled they started a

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church where the present Liberty Church now stands. Several mills were also started along the river. The first bridge in Liberty Township was built across the Olentangy at the Liberty Church. The River Road was then just an Indian path.

Before the village of Powell was started Thomas R. Hall owned the land. Upon this land he built and operated a store. Because of that the place became known as Halls Corners. Later it was known as Middlebury.

It has been said Halls Corners might never have become a village if the Columbus and Toledo Railroad had not been built through here.

Next after the store on the corner came the post office. Because Judge Powell of Delaware.

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helped the people to persuade the government that there should be a post office here they decided to name the post office in Judge Powell honor. (It cost 25¢ to send a letter in those days.)

A more house known by the name of the post office "Powell."

In the spring of 1876 the land was surveyed and laid out as a village.

The first church was built in 1840 south of the village where Mr. Harry Holly now lives.

It was called Emery chapel.

When in 1859 Emery chapel was rebuilt across the road where

Mr. Frank Bayles now lives.

1905 the church which is now being used was built.

From the very first the settlers were interested in education.

The first schools of the

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Township were held in the homes of some of the pioneers.

After that several one-room schools were started in the church. After that the building where Mr. John Sulser now lives, was the school until the present building was built.

Powell has the honor of having the first centralized school in Delaware County and one of the first in the whole state.

This building to which we now go was built in 1911.