

Lesser Known Facts

of the

Pendleton Area

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Purpose:

To enlighten you in some of the well know facts of the Pendleton area followed up with some of the lesser know facts. I am not a historian and do no claim to be, my goal today is just to give you enough information to peak you curiosity about Pendleton History and dig in a little deeper yourself.

Thanks to the Library and the Museum for allowing us to be here today.

Sales pitch for the Museum:

- Volunteer Board
- Donation Supported
- Paving bricks and sponsorships to raise money for the elevator
- Recently renovated

Please keep refreshments in this area.

Pendleton Long Ago

Who lived in Pendleton? can anyone tell
When the noted showers of meteors fell?
The mill is going-in the hoppers the grist;
Turn on the feed-‘tis done with a twist.
Thomas M. Pendleton laid out the town –
He then was seen dodging around –
He then was our principle ‘squire –
The burning his house, the first town fire.
One doctor Bradwell, he peddled pills,
For in these days we all had chills –
Old Doctor Richmond, his name was John,
Doctor Corydon, the old doctors son;
Doctor John H. Cook, he was the other –
We now have Doctor Ward, old Doctors brother.
One Aaron Shaul, he tanned our leather
That made our shoes for the cold winter weather.
The merchants now we remember them well,
And every name with pleasure we tell:
One P.P. Patrick, he led the van,
The Able Johnson, an excellent man;
The William Silver and one James Grey,
They both came in a much later day.
Taverns three – the names we now call,

Uncle Nat Richmond, he kept the Inn,
And preached on Sundays souls to win;
One Jacob Mingle kept a tavern too –
A strange figure on his sign ‘tis true,
A great red Dragon with just seven heads,
The very thing the wicked man dreads –
The seven heads and ten horns to fit
Perhaps were taken from the Holy Writ.
Now at the City Mills I’m buying your corn.
Martin Chapman built houses that day,

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And Robert Lasure, he don the same way.
Just two Hoovers, Gary and Mike,
Made bedstead tables and the like.
Parson Shields, he was a preacher;
Alfred Kilgore was our school teacher,
As was custom in that day
We barred him out on Christmas Day.
Thomas McCarty, he wore a queue,
Archibald Joice could mend our old shoes;
Andrew Jackson kept whiskey to sell,
About that time was dug the first well.
How we lived I may tell you again,
We were social beings, friendly and plain.
If the miller don't come and put on the twist
He'll get no toll for his little grist.
These all I remember being in town,
The hopper's now empty and the mill is shut down –

E.O. Chapman

(About 1873)

The Pendleton Times

September 6, 1923

What Pendleton

Had First

First – White Settler

First – Court House

First – Jury Trial

First – Conviction

First – Church

First – Public School

First – Railroad

First – Masonic Lodge

First – Brotherhood

First – Sisterhood

First – Swimming Pool

Pendleton is always FIRST.

First White Settlers

John Rogers – Settled approx 1 ½ miles east of Pendleton 12-29-1818

Adam Winsell – Blacksmith 1818

Elias Hollingsworth 1820 eight other men settled at the Falls, and Mrs. Hollingsworth became the first white female settler.

November 7, 1820

E.P. Hollingsworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hollingsworth, became the first white child born in Madison County. Later that night Electa Shaul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shaul, became the first white girl – and second child – to be born in the settlement.

First Court House, Jury Trial and Conviction

Massacre on Fall Creek

Jail, Courthouse and gallows built in the area of the Falls.

Adam Winsell the blacksmith was an Associate Judge at this trial and build the irons and fastened them upon the men accused of murdering the Indians.

First Trial

Court was held in a house at the corner Main and Water Street in the home of William McCartney. McCartney dressed in the Continental Style the same as Thomas Pendleton, the only two men in the county to dress in that manner.

The first trial was Conrad Crossley VS Andrew Sawyer for slander. Clerk omitted to make verdict of the record.

The first grand jury indictment was against Jacob Hiday for assault and battery, he pleaded guilty and was fined costs and 6 1/4¢.

First Church

1823 Methodist Church was formally organized.

1832 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pendleton deeded a site on Watter Street between Main Street and Tariff Street for the Church to preach and expand God's Holy word therein.

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First Public School

Busby School at Spring Valley – Lowest Bid to teach was \$9.32 per month - \$28.00 per quarter and the teacher was to furnish the firewood to heat with.

1893 Pendleton High School was commissioned and constructed in 1895 at a cost of \$20,000.

1900 Miss Evangeline Lewis was appointed principal of the High School.

1919 Mary Estell Ray was principal of the Pendleton High School.

Library

Library was dedicated and thrown open to the public March 1, 1912

Land was donated by T.M. Hardy

The library was a gift from Andrew Carnegie.

First Librarian was Miss Margaret A. Wade, left to take a position on the State Library Commission and then became the librarian at the Anderson Public Library.

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Civic Organization

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Sixteen Fraternal Organizations

Master Masons

Royal Arch Masons and Council, of the Masonic Bodies

Knights of Pythias

Pythian Sisters

Odd Fellows

I.O.O.F. Encampment

Rebekahs

Red Men

Pocahontas

Haymakers

American Legion

G.A.R.

War Mothers

American Legion Auxiliary

Knights of the Klu Klux Klan

Twelve Clubs

The Saturday Club

Pleasure and Profit Club

Art Club

Five Hundred Club

Country Club

Young Mothers Club

Cotarie Club

Literary Club

Music Study Club

Busy Bee Club (vocational)

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First Swimming Pool

The park project was first introduced before the Town Board in 1918 by B.F. Phipps. The council viewed the old dumping ground along Fall Creek and below the Falls and, being favorably impressed with the possibilities of transforming into a Park voted a tax levy.

Falls Cannery donated part of the ground and the remainder was purchased by the Town for \$5,500.

Laying out the ground and building the dam was completed at an additional cost of \$3500.

Bath house and other equipment were provided at a cost of an additional \$2500.

Just recently an additional purchase of ground north of the swimming pool between the old Big Four right-of-way and the interurban line at a cost of \$1000.

The original space was a small area just below the Falls in 1920.

Clearing of the creek bed continued to enlarge the pool due to increasing crowds.

George L Kinnard offered to the Town Board financing for increasing the size of the pool and the Board would pay him back with proceeds from the Pool. Due to inaction by the Town Board for several weeks Mr. Kinnard withdrew his offer. Mr. D.B. Cole stated that he believed the offer should be accepted, and a vote in favor of the proposition followed. Mr. Kinnard stated that there was one condition and that was work would start the next day.

Work was started immediately and finished in fall of 1921 at a cost of \$3,500 of which Mr. Kinnard furnished \$2500. Five weeks after the pool opened Mr. Kinnard received his money back and \$81 in interest.

On Sunday, July 1st, 1,462 people passed through the bath house, these did not include Pendleton people. At this time citizens of the community did not pay due to the work of the community with this project.

The Brown Swimming Pool largest crowd this past summer was 1000.

The Pendleton Historical Museum is located in the last bath house for the Falls Park Swimming Pool.

Sources: The Pendleton Times, September 6, 1923: Pendleton Historical Museum Souvenir Edition 1982: Pendleton History 1818-1970 Aloise Jarrett

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“Pendleton”

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‘Tis the fairest little city
In a valley all its own,
With streets so cool and pretty,
How we love to call it HOME!

We love its simple beauty,
Nature pure and undefiled,
With its vines and trees and gardens
And its roses growing wild.

I have traveled far and often
O the ocean deep and grand,
But always turn, Oh so gladly,
To this, my native land.

You who live in yonder city
With its hurry, din and noise,
Can scarce believe the freedom,
Our Pendleton enjoys.

You may boast of fame and fortune,
Of heroes, great and small
But for me, I’ll live in quiet
Near the bubbling water’s fall.

When my days, they all are numbered
And my lifework is done,
I’ll lay me down in peaceful slumber
In dear old Pendleton.

My Pendleton, My Pendleton,
I’m proud to be you son,
May love and peace be with you,
My Pendleton, My Pendleton.