

## PLEASANT HOPE--1889

This is a thriving village in Mooney Township in southeastern corner of county, fourteen miles from Bolivar, Its boundaries are somewhat uncertain, and it's estimated to have a population of about 300.

### MERCANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL HISTORY

Messrs. Smith and Hedden opened the first general store in 1851. In 1853, Smith and Kerr built the first business house in the place. Neil McKenzie, who began in 1854, kept a store here a short time.

J. A. Cowden and Bro. were merchandising in 1855-61. From a date soon after the close of war, McClure & Co. had a store here for some years. Beginning after the war Massey and Patterson traded until 1867, when Mr. Patterson died and was succeeded by his father, and the firm continued unchanged in name for some years. C. B. Holland was merchant in 1870-71; Emery Spencer, 1871-77; W. A. Wilcox, 1877-82. Kirby and Colwell, 1885, until succeeded by Harvey G. Colwell, who in 1877, sold out to Wilcox, Wilson and Co. whose store was burned in January, 1888. Firth and Wilkinson established a store in 1884 which has since been under the management of R. G. Wilkinson. The village now contains one general store, an implement and grocery store, a drug store, a blacksmith shop, and a wagon-maker shop, a flouring mill was built in 1882 and now owned by Sallee and Cowden, with a carding mill attached. This latter establishment was enlarged in 1882 and is one of the best roller-process mills in Southwest Missouri.

### FRATERNITIES

Pleasant Hope Lodge No. 8, I.O.O.F. was organized in July 1886, with the following named charter members.-L. D, Burdett, L. C. Adams, J.M. Hearalson, Levi Boswell, J, J. F. Caldwell, Jesse Eagon, R. G. Wilkinson, L.C. Adams was the first N, G. L, D. Burdett, the first V. G. The officers for 1889 are; O. S. Gavin, N. G.; M. F. Cowden, V. G.; Levi Boswell, Sec'y., and C. C. Gavin, Treas, The membership is thirty-five. The past noble grands are L. C. Adams, J, M. Hearalson and L, D, Burdett,

Pleasant Lodge No. 467, A.F. & A.M. was organized June 14, 1873. The charter members and first officers were: E, S, Mason, W. M.; E. W. Spence, S. W.; Henry Gardner, J. W.; J. H, Walker, T.; I. O. Parrish, S., W. B. Gavin, S. D.; Z. T, L. Buns, J. D.; W. B. Patterson, T.; J. W. Barr, J. A. Cowden, William Patterson, G. T. Patterson, The Lodge was instituted by B. S. Brush, D. D, G. M.; S, R. Little of Cement Lodge; H. Armstrong of Ozark Lodge and James Oglesby of Rising Star Lodge. Past Masters: E. S. Mason, John C. Cochran, W. B. Patterson, W. McVansandt, W. B. Patterson, V. McVansandt, W. B. Gavin, W. B. Patterson, W. McVansandt, L. M. Tiller, E. E. Emerson, W. B. Patterson in the order

named. Present officers: W. B. Patterson, W. M.; W. B. Gavin, S. W.; M. F. Cowden, J. W.; J. H. Walker, T.; J. C. Cochran, S.; T. D. Burdett, S. D.; A. A. Goodnight, J. D.; Eli Thorpe, T.; and W. H. Albright, Chaplain.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

In 1849 there was built at Pleasant Hope the building of the Pleasant Hope Academy. The work was supervised by Rev. R. D. Smith. The first school was taught by Miss A.E. Sawyer, from Vermont. Rev. Mr. Smith was manager. Miss Sawyer remained two years, and was succeeded by Miss F. M. Waite, and she by Miss Nelson, both from the east. The school ceased to exist about 1855.

In 1869, Rev. Aaron Grisley (or Grisby) taught a high school here four months, and was succeeded by A. C. Lemmon, who was the last high school teacher under that revival.

PLEASANT HOPE NORMAL ACADEMY—In the spring of 1833, Prof. W. I. Davis of Illinois, opened a high school here, in the public building, the old academy being no longer fit for occupancy. In the year a company was organized to establish a permanent school. The members were: E. M. Cowan, J. P. Fullerton, W. P. Patterson, Z. T. L. Buns, R. W. Fullerton, J. P. Cowan, W. M. Fullerton, J. S. Cowan, R. F. Fullerton, N. A. Cowan, D. Sallee, S. H. Fullerton, S. H. Cowan and A. Armstrong. Land was bought and a two-story brick school house, size 20 x 40, containing three rooms was erected. The school was transferred to this building in 1885 and taught by Prof. A. F. Shriner and the name of the institution was changed from Pleasant Hope Institute to Pleasant Hope Normal Academy. Prof. Shriner was succeeded by A. O. Taylor, then by Rev. J. A. McCrasky and he by Prof. J. C. Ryan, who has made a success of the school. About 500 students have been enrolled since the opening.

The first schools in Polk County were established in Looney Township in 1835 One taught by a man named Wilson, and another, near the south end of Three Mound Prairie by V. U-. "Goodrich. Sometime after this, Ezra Hamer opened a school at New Market.

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