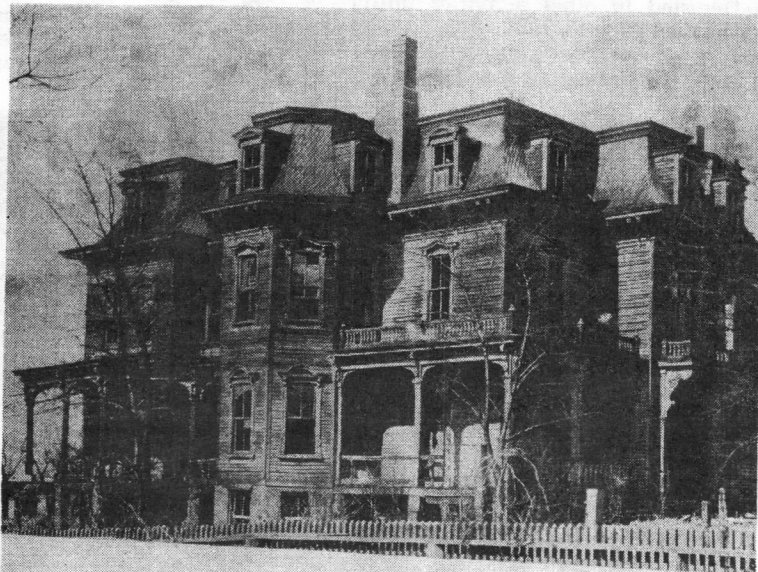


This Mammoth House Was Located On Present Site of Our High School



The building of this palatial residence in 1875-1876, by Samuel C. Beam, was the largest private home in Logan county. On account of financial reverses the building was never finished as Mr. Beam had intended. A look at the picture will give you an idea of the bigness of the home.

There were several large rooms on the two main floors with hallways in keeping with the size of the structure, and stairways of unusual beauty in this model architectural art. The basement was under the entire house. The top floor was never finished.

Along about 1886, Mr. and Mrs. John Capps rented the old Beam house and operated the Palace Hotel there a few years before moving to Topeka, Kans. It then

became the home of several families as an apartment house.

At last, when the place was unoccupied, it began to deteriorate fast. When the combined high school and grade school in the east part of the city was destroyed by fire on Oct. 28, 1911, the Beam property was purchased for the site of the new township high school. The old structure was torn down to make way for progress and the new building was started in the early spring of 1912.

When Mr. Beam first came to Mount Pulaski in 1845, he became acquainted with Miss Mary L. Turley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Turley of Lake Fork, and they were later married. They were the parents of six children. He died March 8, 1880.

MEMBER OF COMMODORE PERRY'S JAPAN EXPEDITION BURIED HERE

Was Aboard Ship That Made History Back In 1853

Billy Haas, an oldtime German musician, who was a member of the band which played aboard Commodore Perry's ship when it made its historic voyage to Japan more than a hundred years ago, lies in Mount Pulaski Cemetery. He died during the 1880's.

Billy played the bass horn in the band aboard Perry's ship. Several years after giving up his life as a sailor, he came to Mount Pulaski and lived in the old Capps Park in the north part of the city, working for its owner, Ebenezer Capps, son of Jabez Capps, one of Mount Pulaski's founders.

Many people who frequented the old park during the 1870's knew Billy Haas. One of his duties was to look after the team of horses, Doll and Puss, and to deliver ice about town.

Mr. Capps and two sons left here in 1882 in a covered wagon for Kingman, Kansas, being 30 days on the road. This was following the death of Mrs. Capps. Then Billy Haas made his home with the John Capps family, and after his death he was laid to rest in Mount Pulaski cemetery.

HISTORIC TRIP

108 years ago or on July 14, 1853, Commodore Perry of the United States Navy, arrived at Japan with the mission of negotiating a commercial treaty with the empire. With him, it has recently been revealed, went a miniature railroad, something like the ones now found in amusement parks, which he presented to Japan's rulers. And this little railroad played a significant role in the treaty negotiations. For Perry used it as an outstanding example of progressive American enterprise, and to demonstrate to the Japanese the advantages of trading with the United States.

It was natural that Perry should have done this. At the time, the railroads were spreading out to and beyond the Mississippi, and opening the frontier to civilization. Perry, himself, had seen towns and cities and enterprises created as the railroads entered new territory and help-

ed tame the wilderness. He foresaw, as well as anyone could in those days, how transportation by rail would peacefully revolutionize the continent.

The railroads of today are a far-cry from primitive systems Perry knew. And their service to this nation is greater and more essential than it was then, even though the frontiers are gone. Steel rails tie together every part of the country and every phase of industry with the most efficient, economical and dependable transportation system the world knows. The little railroad that Perry took to Japan was a perfect symbol of American progressiveness and the American spirit.

OLD DRUG STORE BUILDING SOLD TO SCROGGIN-BUCKLES

(Oct. 26, 1944)

Oran Scroggin and Russel Buckles, owners of the Mount Pulaski Theatre, on Oct. 7th, purchased the adjoining drug store building, occupied by Carter's Pharmacy, from Harry M. Smallwood of Decatur, who purchased the property from the estate of the late William H. Bryson, a few years ago.

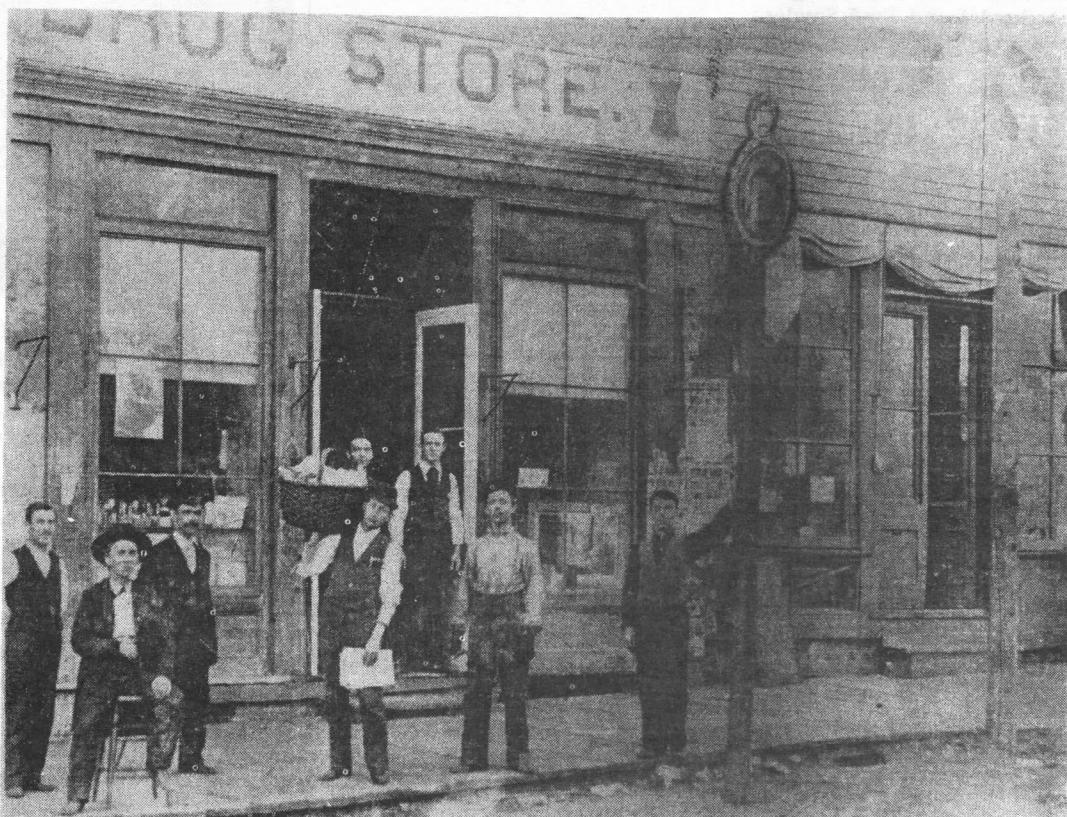
There is some local history connected with this old drug store building. In the first place it was the site of Mount Pulaski's first building, erected in 1836 by Jabez Capps, when he came to the old hill and founded the city that year. It was a two-story log structure, with a business room on the first floor and living quarters on the second.

In 1857 Samuel Linn Beidler came here from Pennsylvania, built a brick building on the site and opened a drug store, which he operated until the 1890's. Since then others have continued in the same line of business there with the present occupant coming here from Chicago a few years ago to conduct the business as Carter's Pharmacy. In other words this building has always housed a drug store and it has been a long period of time, 87 years. That is an unusual record.



INTERIOR OF OLD BEIDLER DRUG STORE which was located at present site of Dean's Sundries. Shown are S. Linn Beidler, owner,

with his son Donald, on his lap. Robert and Paul Beidler are the other two youngsters in the picture. Man is unidentified.



(Dec. 21, 1939)

Shortly before the Civil War Samuel Linn Beidler arrived in Mt. Pulaski, from his home near Middletown, Penn., and erected the brick building on the west side of square, on the site of this city's first structure, the two-story log building of Jabez Capps one of Mount Pulaski's founders — the first floor being used for his mercantile business and the second for his residence quarters.

Abraham Lincoln often visited there.

Mr. Beidler opened up a drug store, and for more than 80 years this line of business has continuously been conducted there. The post office was located in this structure for many years in its early days when Mr. Beidler was postmaster.

The accompanying photograph shows the front of the building in the year 1894. In the picture are shown, from left to right—Thomas Smedley, S. Linn Beid-

ler, Frank Beidler, Scott Sallsch, George C. and Rell C. Beidler, while in the doorway are John L. Beidler and Dr. Will A. Swain. Out of this group, four are living (in 1939): Dr. Swain, Decatur; Mr. Sallsch, Texas; George C. Beidler, employed by the Daily News in Chicago, and Rell C. Beidler, Mount Pulaski.

The basket which Mr. Sallsch has on his shoulder contains copies of the Mount Pulaski Weekly News, ready to be taken to the post office.

SINCE 1857 . . .

Mount Pulaski was a young city of 21 years when S. Linn Beidler opened the first drug store in this location back in 1857. Through the 104 years since that time, there has always been a store at this spot to serve your needs in patent medicines and sundries.

In this Sil-Tennial year we take pride in being able to continue this record of service to the Mount Pulaski area, and wish to express a deep-felt thanks for the patronage that has made our years here successful.

We look forward to being able to continue to serve the area with a complete line of merchandise in an up-to-date store.

DEAN'S SUNDRIES

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