

SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



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HAMILTON • BUTLER COUNTY

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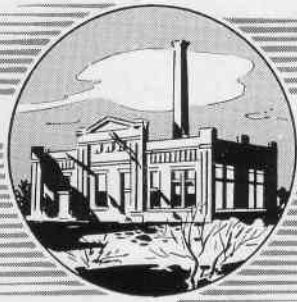
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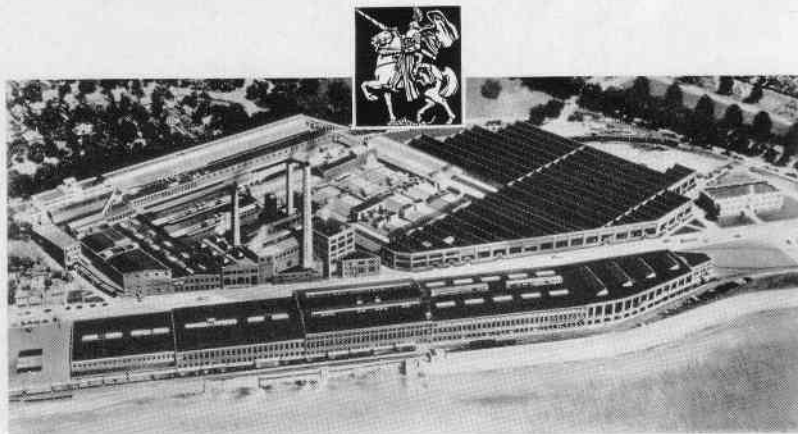
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*T*HE imagination and alertness of a youthful organization, its continuous scientific research, and its vast resources, have enabled Champion to pack more fine papermaking into the forty-eight years of its existence than most mills accomplish in a century and a half. These pioneers of modern, big time paper mill operation have grown from one small coating mill to a nationwide manufacturing and sales organization, with three huge plants, sixty-five hundred employees, and the nation's largest yearly production of printing paper. Champion strives always to be worthy of the progressive community which mothered it, and tries year after year to serve the people of Hamilton in every way it can.

THE CHAMPION PAPER AND FIBRE COMPANY . . . HAMILTON, OHIO



The Hamilton of 1791

looked to the blockhouses and palisades of old Fort Hamilton for protection against paint-smearred savages. The first settlers had little more than their lives to protect.

The Hamilton of 1941

is a prosperous, progressive industrial city, whose people regard their bank accounts as the first line of defense for families, homes and business interests.

Since 1863, a steadily growing proportion of these people have found the protection they wanted here, in Hamilton's oldest and largest bank.

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ESTATE LOOKS HALF WAY BACK

IT'S pleasant to compare the present with the past when the record is one of steady progress and achievement.

The 50-year old all-cast-iron Estate Gas Range shown at the left looks pretty antiquated now, but it was a leader in quality and features in its day just as today's streamlined Estates are leaders in quality and features in 1941.

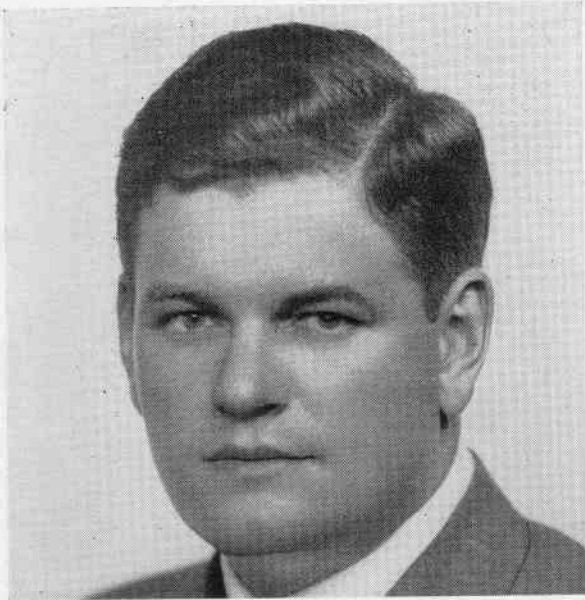
Old as it is, this antique Estate is only half as old as the company itself. As Hamilton celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding, Estate prepares for the observance of its centennial in 1942.

This makes us comparatively a youngster, but we are proud to be part of a community with so long and so proud a record of progress.

The Estate Stove Company.... Hamilton, Ohio

House founded in 1842. Makers of Estate Gas and Electric Ranges and the genuine Heatrola for Coal, Oil and Gas

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WELCOME to the Hamilton-Butler County Sesqui-Centennial

It is a very real pleasure to welcome you to The Hamilton-Butler County Sesqui-Centennial.

There has been a great deal of planning and hard work done in working up this celebration. A great many people have generously given their time and energy.

We are content to have the results speak for themselves and feel sure that, when all is over, you and we will have pleasant memories of our "150th birthday party." We hope that every one will feel that the time and effort expended was more than worth while and that working together for one common cause in a community effort is the American Way to do things.

It is impossible for me to express appreciation personally to each of the more than 1000 persons who worked on our many committees. I only wish that I could. I want to take this opportunity to tell them that their efforts are deeply appreciated. To them, the committee who made this celebration possible, goes my thanks and it is my hope that you, too, will express yours by supporting the functions they have worked so hard to produce for your entertainment.

Have fun! Enjoy yourself! And come often!

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As Hamilton Celebrates The Sesqui-Centennial..



It is well for all of us to pause and consider the deeper meaning of the celebration. 150 years, a thriving, ever-growing community, and all of us a part of it! For 76 years we have served its people with a conservative friendly banking service. The future is ours—to make even more glorious—than our past!

The **SECOND** National Bank of HAMILTON, OHIO.



"A CONSERVATIVE BANK of FRIENDLY SERVICE"
MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

A Condensed History of HAMILTON and BUTLER COUNTY

By ALTA HARVEY HEISER

AN ABBREVIATED DIGEST, BY THE AUTHOR
FROM A RECENT BOOK . . . "Hamilton in the Making"

THE processes of time have sealed and hidden the doors to many crypts holding priceless bits of information concerning the early history of Hamilton, but it is also true that the perspective of time has shown the importance of such a history.

Before folks got too busy living, they kept diaries and wrote long letters filled with a jumble of personalities and news of the day. When, and even before the Northwest Territory was opened, many journeyed into the wilderness and recorded their experiences in such glowing terms that there was a prompt and great migration into the new country. However, the Indians were not willing to have their homes taken away from them. It was necessary for the Government to give protection to those to whom the land was sold. All this is a story that has been well-told. Who is there that does not know why the chain of forts was built from the Ohio River to the Great Lakes, and that the second of these was entered by General Arthur St. Clair on September 30, 1791, and named Fort Hamilton?

The land was taken up not only by soldiers of the Revolution but land speculators got busy almost before the last stroke of the quill was made on the Ordinance of 1787.

Luther Ketchell is the first person for whom proof is found that he lived near the site of the present Hamilton. In 1788, he was sent out by Charles Bruce to "represent" a 200-acre tract of land on the east bank of the river a short distance below where the Fort was later built. At the end of the required seven years, John Cleves Symmes and his wife Susan gave Bruce his title to the land for 34 pounds, 7 shillings and 6 pence specie.

Hamilton, First Town

Hamilton was one of the very first towns within the Territory and took its name from the Fort. It was partially platted in 1794 by Israel Ludlow, "Prince of Miami surveyors and land speculators," who made Captain Darius Curtis Orcutt his agent. At first the town lay around the Fort, but in 1789 Ludlow sold "within the picketts" to James Wilkinson.

Hamilton was in Hamilton County, under Territorial Government, until 1803 when, with the new State of Ohio, Butler County was set off and Hamilton made the county seat. Ludlow gave land for a public square and graveyard.

The Government had not yet opened the land west of the Great Miami, but the story of Hamilton cannot be told without including her sister town, Rossville. John Sutherland and Henry Brown came to Hamilton in the late 1790's. Sutherland is known as Hamilton's first merchant and Brown was his partner. James Smith had been private secretary to General St. Clair, and, in 1796, "during the pleasure of the Governour," was made sheriff of Hamilton County. Smith and the General's namesake son, in 1802, bought two sections above the Fort. In 1804, Smith, Sutherland, and Brown together with Judge Jacob Burnett and Major William Ruffin, both of Cincinnati, purchased a tract across the Miami from Hamilton, and laid out another town which they called Rossville. This was in honor of Senator James Ross of Pennsylvania, who had helped form the laws under which Ohio was made a state, and had fought for free passage on the Mississippi to allow the pioneers to market their crops at the Port of Orleans. Although Ross Street had been intended for the main street, the locating of the bridge gave this honor to Morris Street, afterward called Main, which originally was named for Senator Gouverneur Morris of New York, who had helped Senator Ross.

Waterways

The waterways were originally the great highways. Lumber for finishing the log buildings at Fort Hamilton was brought up the Miami on boats drawn by horses. After the country was populated the people confined themselves to a one-way river traffic. The Miami was considered navigable for steamboats after they were invented, and Joseph Hough tried to organize a steamboat company. There was too little money in the country for experimenting. So flatboats were made at sawmills along Miami's tributaries. With the spring freshets, these were floated down to the towns on the river where they were loaded with produce which was taken directly to New Orleans or to steamboats waiting at the mouth of the Miami.

Joseph Hough, James McBride, and Isaac Falconer ran their own boats, Mr. Falconer's cargoes consisting of fine furniture of his own make. Alexander Delorac ran boats for John Sutherland.

Before Rossville was laid out, there was one lone cabin across the river from Hamilton. This was the home of Archibald Tolbert, although he did not own the land on which it stood. He is said to have

1891



1941

Established 1891

**Compared to Our Home Town
We Are Still Youngsters--
BUT --**

For 50 Years We've Made

"HAMILTON QUALITY CASTINGS"

Gray Iron - Alloyed Iron - Meehanite Light and Medium Castings



Four individual foundry units interconnected by a monorail system. Seven cupolas, four mechanically charged, with a total capacity of 40 tons per hour. Over four acres under roof and eighteen acres yard area.

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