

viewed and found to be exactly what the commission wished, both in material and associations. The Hammon brothers were at first reluctant to part with the old land-mark, but finally concluded to do so to further the interests of the Centennial, and according to agreement the logs were delivered here last Saturday, as before stated.

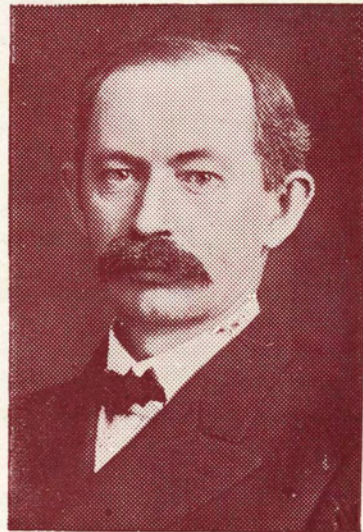
To show the historical associations, the following brief sketch is given of Captain Cunningham and his connection with the early history of Richland County and the founding of the town of Mansfield.

Capt. James Cunningham, a son of John and Elizabeth Cunningham, was born in Baltimore, Md., April 27, 1781. His father was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and was wounded in the battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777. John Cunningham was born in Ireland, where the family owned land estates, and the family coat-of-arms will be exhibited at the coming Centennial.

To Captain Cunningham's first marriage, one child was born, a daughter, named Elizabeth. When Elizabeth was in her 16th year she came to her father's cabin home and became a Richland county pioneer. In 1825, Elizabeth Cunningham became the wife of Jacob Baughman, and they were the parents of A. J. Baughman, the secretary of the Mansfield Centennial Commission.

James Cunningham was educated in Baltimore, and later went to Virginia and taught school. In 1804, he married Miss Hannah Stateler, one of his pupils. Soon after his marriage, he removed with the Stateler family to Licking County, Ohio, and settled near the Black Hand. In the fall of 1805 his wife died, and in a few years the Captain re-married and removed to Richland County, and located at the Beams Mills settlement, where he built the third or fourth cabin in that prospective county-seat town. But the Beams Mills location was soon abandoned and the present site of Mansfield selected instead. The first house in Mansfield was a log cabin and stood on the northwest corner of the public square, now known as Reed's corner. This cabin was first occupied by Samuel Martin, a trader, which at that time meant both hotel-keeper and store-keeper. Martin was soon accused of selling whisky to the Indians, and left the place to avoid arrest. The proprietors of the town-site then induced Captain Cunningham to remove from Beams' Mills to the Martin cabin and board General Mansfield and party while they were making a survey of the town, and also to entertain persons who were looking for locations and to buy town lots. Captain Cunningham moved into the Martin cabin in May, 1808, and occupied it for several years. When Captain Cunningham removed into this cabin it was the only house in the place, and the family's nearest neighbor was at Beams' Mills. Ere the summer closed other cabins were erected and other families came.

The original act for the creation of Richland County was passed by the General Assembly, January 16, 1808. By this act Richland was placed under the jurisdiction of Knox County, "until the Legislature may think proper to organize the same." On June 9, the commissioners of Knox County de-



JUDGE EDWIN MANSFIELD.



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