

Virgin alley, now known as Center street, where it remained until recently purchased by the Centennial Commission. The second Richland County Court House was also built of hewn logs, and in addition to answering the purposes of a court house and jail was used for religious meetings. In 1827 a third Court House was built at a cost of about \$3,000 and this with occasional improvements, lasted nearly 50 years, when the present Court House was built.

Following the address of Gen. Brinkerhoff came the formal dedication of the block house by the Hon. Huntington Brown, president of the Centennial Commission.

A detachment of soldiers from Co. M was present at the dedication and lent a military touch to the exercises. There was also a large attendance of school children at the exercises, particularly from the classes engaged in the study of United States history, seats at the opera house having been reserved for the delegation of school children and for the ladies of Mansfield Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, which organization attended in a body.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The programme at the Opera House was a very entertaining and instructive one, being of particular interest to those who had given any time to the study of the history of Mansfield and Richland County.

During the course of the programme several fine selections were rendered by a chorus of 50 voices under the direction of Professor Bellingham, and made up of pupils of the public and parochial schools. Solos were also sung by Miss Irene Carroll and Miss Minnie Martin, all of the musical numbers for the occasion being along patriotic lines.

After the invocation, which was by the Rev. F. A. Schreiber, the city's greeting was extended by Mayor W. F. Voegele, Jr.

ADDRESS OF MAYOR VOEGELE.

In speaking of the purpose of the Centennial Commission in bringing about the rebuilding of the block house Mayor Voegele said that it was simply preparatory to the Centennial Celebration of next year and went on to say: "This old block house is the visible monument erected to the respect, honor and glory of those who first laid the broad foundation for this beautiful city and whose frugality and enterprise has been felt in each succeeding generation through, lo, these many years. It is, therefore, especially fitting that we should assemble on an occasion of this sort to pay tribute to the pioneers of this county; to show our sympathy for their sufferings incurred through the violence of savages and from the devastation of disease and famine, incident to those days in the wilderness; and to record our



MISS IRENE CARROLL, a Pupil of the Parochial School—Her Mother is a Cousin of Gen. Phil. Sheridan.