

Highlights from The Covington Leader and True Tales of Tipton

1900

William Green Hill, son of Dr. Lafayette Hill, Jr. and his wife, Kate Small Sanford, is born on Maple Street in Covington.

Ed Wall became Covington's fire chief in 1900 when a horse-drawn wagon was the best equipment owned.

Captain James Hall was no longer in charge of Mountain Academy at Mt. Carmel.

Beaver got its name from the S. D. Beaver family, who gave the land and lumber to build the church and school in the early 1900's.

Dr. John F. Wilson practiced medicine at Burlison in the early 1900's. Chinese Rebels slaughter foreigners. The Chinese anti-foreigners Boxer Rebellion attacked Western trade concerns.

1901

Prof. James Byars, longtime educator of young men in Covington dies in his home on Byars Street.

The Cola-Cola Bottling Plant begins operations in Covington on East Pleasant Avenue.

The three-story Lindo Hotel is complete on the northwest corner of the square in Covington.

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The news of the attempted assassination of Pres. McKinley, in Buffalo on Friday evening last which reached Covington through private telegram, produced a sensation of a feeling of deepest regret equaled only by a similar occurrence when a man called Gruiteau, in Washington, shot unto death Pres. James A. Garfield, at Pennsylvania depot in Washington on July 2, 1881.

1902

The Hotel Lindo was built. It was a great place for travelers to stay. Today it houses offices for lawyers and others.

1903

Elbert L. Roper, Sr., and his brother William Roper, established Roper Drug Company in Covington.

In a legal move to abolish all old, outdated laws and remove them from the city records of Covington, the state senate passes a bill repealing the charter of Covington and all acts passed by the mayor and board of aldermen. Another bill is then passed to reincorporate the town.

The Tennessee State Senate bills passed on March 19 to rid Covington of its outdated ordinances and of its six saloons. This action leaves Mason as the only place in Tipton County where it is legal to buy liquor.

Frances Boyd "Miss Fanny" gave up teaching and married George Barret Calhoun.

1904

Gainesville post office is discontinued.

The William H. Dunlap Orphanage is established at Almyra on over 3000 acres of land donated by William H. Dunlap, his sister, Elizabeth Dunlap Spain, and his daughter, Anabelle Dunlap McDaniel.

The Covington Milling Company, Inc. begins operations in a new building with new equipment. B.B. Boyd is in charge of the faculty.

The Tipton County Bank was formed.

1905

The town of Munford is incorporated with S. H. Bass as the first mayor.

The town, once known as Mt. Zion, was named for Col. Richard Henry Munford, a once prominent citizen of Tipton County.

Despite the tireless efforts of his attorneys to gain him clemency, convicted murderer John Hill is hanged in the yard of the county jail, thus becoming the last person to be legally hanged in Tipton County.

Brighton Brass Band played at the Confederate Reunion.

1906

James George Baddour, formerly of Syria, establishes Baddour's Department Store on the Square in Covington.

The old hand-drawn cart of the Covington Fire Department is replaced by a one-horse fire wagon.

A plan was formulated by some of the leading business and professional men of the county to connect Covington and Memphis by an electric railway.

A telephone exchange was started in Munford by a group of that town's progressive citizens.

1907

A person could buy a pair of shoes for \$4 at The Enterprise Co.

The Tennessee Division United Confederate Veterans and Tennessee United Sons of Confederate Veterans hold their annual convention in Covington. Nearly 500 people attend the convention including nearly 200 confederate veterans.

Five young cows belonging to Richard Roark and Thomas Daniels, who live near the Holly Thicket, were struck and killed by lightning one day last week. The cows were standing in a group under a tree at the time.

Beginning with July 1, over 1000 rural carriers in Tennessee received an increase in salaries of from \$100 to \$200 per year.

New Dog Law. The act passed by the last legislature making it a misdemeanor to permit female dogs over the age of 3 months to run at large without being registered by the Circuit Court Clerk went into effect, Monday, July 1.

Hattie Taylor, was tried before Judge Stephenson in the County Court last week on the charge of violating the liquor law. She was convicted and fined \$100 and cost and sent to jail for 30 days.

1908

The Tipton County Bank merged with the Farmers & Merchants Bank. The new organization will carry the former's name.

The Citizen's Ice plant is established by Mal Smith.

Augusta Washington Smith Sr., after a fall from his horse, dies. He is the founder of Brighton.

Frances Boyd Calhoun, author of "Miss Minerva and William Green Hill" dies in Covington.

Fifteen governors of the United States are at the present time taking active part in the fight against the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. The largest part of them are in the South, but the North has a good representation also. Never before have so many public officials declared themselves openly on the side of temperance and morals.

1909

"Miss Minerva and William Green Hill" written by Frances Boyd Calhoun, is published in Chicago, Ill.

Black Power Emerges. Black leaders Web DuBois established the National Negro Committee, forerunner of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Brighton High School, the county's first public high school, is established with Rev. David Paden Pressley as principal.

The courthouse tower is blown down by a tornado which strikes Covington during the night.

Turks Rebel. Young Turks, nationalists who want to modernize Turkey, depose the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire.

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