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HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF MAYSVILLE CITIZENS

Life History of the Older of the Business Men of this City—Based Upon Length of Continuous Community Service

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In 1843 there came to Missouri from Kentucky, Lemuel E. Hudson and wife. Lemuel was then seventeen years of age and in love with a pretty Louisville schoolteacher aged fifteen. When his parents decided to come to Missouri he married his youthful sweetheart and joined the caravan of thirty-two families seeking a new home. The Hudson family had the only horse in the caravan therefore they led the long wagon train of 32 teams of oxen drawing prairie schooners and selected the camping places. The journey was a long and perilous one, beset by many dangers and finally the Mississippi river at St. Louis was reached. The caravan crossed the river on the rafts. The men folk would swim the oxen across the river and attach them with heavy hempen ropes to the raft which would then be dragged across with the rest of the train.

The Hudson family located at Weston in Platte county, at that time Weston and Iatan were larger towns than either St. Joseph or Kansas City.

In 1849 Lemuel Hudson joined the rush to the California gold field, but he returned to Weston in 1852, having in his possession many relics especially old firearms picked up along the trail from dead hands. In the meantime his mother died, leaving him 28 grown slaves together with their families, thus making him the largest and wealthiest slave owner in Platte county.

Near Weston he established the first grist and saw mill in Platte county and hauled all of his machinery and stone burrs by ox team from his former Kentucky home. Some of these old burrs are still in use in Platte county for doorsteps.

Lemuel Hudson was also a cabinet maker. Owing to numerous deaths from cholera and other sources, his business was exceptionally good. This same Lemuel Hudson was the maternal grandparent of Ollie Rose. The Rose family came from Kentucky

dancers would have to be ushered out of the building on Sunday morning so Sunday school and church could be in session. After the M. E. church was completed it was no unusual sight on Sunday morning to see a procession of vehicles a mile long, mostly wagons, coming down from the Fairport community to attend church—as they had no church or minister of their own. One of the first circuit ministers was Rev. Handley, a fine exhorter and orator.

In those early days there were 3 saloons around the square. Abe Mill was located on the lot where the Dawson-Taylor Motor Company now stands. The lot early in its history had been traded for a little bay mare.

The Cyrus Carter saloon held sway where the marble yard is now located and that of John Gist on the Harvey corner where the Daniels barber shop is located. Gist, at one time, gave some church people permission to hold a service in his saloon—according them the utmost respect. While the service was in full swing, an old German came in for his beer, but was refused and left disgusted, stating that he did not know the church had moved in. Plenty of drinking marked those early days but few drunks and it was often said that even the deacons took a few nips for their stomach's sake.

At the age of 14, during school vacation Ollie became a clerk in the store of Lipscomb & Bell where the Miller Hardware store now stands. His salary was 33 1-3 cents per day or $10 per month and he was paid in paper money. Mr. Rose has preserved and framed a picture of himself at this early age and the four paper quarters which was the first money he ever earned, so he literally has the first dollar he ever made. Paper money in small denominations was then in use and he says they frequently swept up handfuls of it from the floor at night, dropped from pocket or tills.

For a short time Mr. Rose worked

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