



SURVEY OF CHAPLIN
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FRANKLIN GROVE
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Franklin Grove
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1 - LINCOLN BUILDING - Built by Henry I. Lincoln 1859 & 1860. This was a general store with a meeting hall upstairs which had a stage in the west end. Many forms of entertainment and community functions were held there from plays to traveling medicine shows to dances to banquets to basket ball. Methodist church services were held there in the 1860's. It was the Post Office starting about 1895 when James Lincoln became Post Master. The building later housed "The Franklin Reporter" until it ceased publication. The building is presently being restored by Farm Heritage Inc. The Lincoln Highway Association will be the new occupants and will have their national headquarters here comencing in 1998.

2 - P. C. ROONEY BUILDING - This is the oldest continuously occupied building in the business district. The building was erected in 1868 by Mr. Rooney, a dealer in drugs, boots, shoes and clothing. The second floor of the building housed the Masonic Lodge. Later, Mrs. May Kelley had a drygoods store for many years. The building is presently occupied by The Logan Center.

3 - HEWITT RESIDENCE - This home was built by Dr. George W. Hewitt in 1855 on lot #1 of the town of Chaplin. In 1930 the house became the Hicks Funeral Home.

4 - MINOR CABIN - The first cabin in what is now Franklin Grove was built at this location by the Cyrus E. Minor family in 1836. The family consisted of Louise Norton Minor and Lockwood, Sarah, Albert, Daniel and David. Mrs Sarah Minor Timothy later told Adella Helmershausen "On New Years Day, 1837, we obtained some fire from our neighbor Morgan, which we carried through the pathless snow, in an iron kettle. We set to work boiling water to make mud to fill the spaces abetween the logs, while mother hung a blanket for a door, and a cloth at the one small window. Thus passed the first day, and at eve we roasted potatoes in the embers and ate them with salt. Commending ourselves to a kind Providence we slept." This is the present location of the William near family.

5 - HUGHES HOTEL - A Stone hotel built in 1855 by Josiah Hughes situated facing State St north of Lahman in the old town of Chaplin. It had three stories with 30 rooms.

6 - LOT # 3 CHAPLIN - This was the location of an implement dealership where Harry Schafer once purchased a one row cultivator.

7 - SECOND AMBROSE STORE - In 1854, after H. I. Lincoln bought out the Ambrose Store, Mr Ambrose erected a store on lot 11 of the town of Chaplin. This was sold to Lahman & Bill and he moved to Texas in 1855 where he soon died of consumption. In 1856 Bill bought out Lahman and operated the store for many years.

8 - BLACKSMITH SHOP - Lot 10 in town of Chaplin was probably the location of the George Pense Blacksmith shop.

9 - BILL SHOE SHOP - Built north of the Ambrose store in 1852 by Charles Burgess Bill. Later he was assistant postmaster and posted mail between shoes on the shelves in his store.

10 - AMBROSE STORE - Stone building erected by Mr. Webster about 1850. Charles Ambrose opened a dry goods store and L. Yale clerked for him. In May of 1854, H. I. Lincoln bought the store from L. Yale and continued a dry goods store until 1860 when he moved his business to the new location in the H. I. Lincoln building.

11 - LINCOLN HOME - Probably erected about 1855 after Henry I. Lincoln purchased the Ambrose Store. James Lincoln was born in this home, lived his entire life here, and laid in state here after his death. This is the present residence of the James Scholz family.

12 - MAPLEHURST - An early landmark contemporary with the White Schoolhouse. Built in 1856, it was modeled after the "Old Homestead" in Maine, left in 1838 by the first of the Helmerhausen family.

13 - WHITE SCHOOLHOUSE - A two story four room building was built on this site in 1856 and included classes from first through high school. The size of the building was doubled in 1867 and was used until 1894 when a large brick building was built. This building burned in 1951 just before Christmas. This has been the location of the Grade School since 1958 when the new High School was built at its present location.

14 - UNIVERSALIST CHURCH - First church built in Franklin Grove was at this location from 1854 to about 1890 when it was moved. This is presently the residence of Terry and Sherry Kemp.

15 - LUTHERAN CHURCH - The German Lutherans and Presbyterians organized in the late 1850's and joined in building this church in 1865. Later, the Presbyterians built their own church which they still use.

16 - CANTERBURY HOME - Large beautiful home erected in 1880's by Mr. Canterbury and is the present residence of the Frank Cahill family. Mr. Canterbury was a very successful in the hardware business and erected the "Canterbury Block" south of the "Logan Center" in the early 1880's. Unfortunately, the "Canterbury Block" was burned in 1995 and the community lost a valuable part of its business district and local history.

17 - J. C. MATTERN BUILDING - 1861, brick building on Elm St is now the home of Mrs. Henry Spangler. This was the last residence of George Washington Ling, the last surviving participant in the Civil War in Lee County.

18 - PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - Built in 1887 after many years of sharing a church building with the German Lutherans.

19 - UNIVERSALIST CHURCH - First church built in town originally located across from the grade school at the present location of the Terry and Sherry Kemp residence. The church was disbanded about 1890 and moved to this location where the Free Methodists held services for a few years at which time the it was made into a residence. Quint and Cindy Bennet presently reside here.

20 - GREAT WESTERN SEEDER FACTORY - Built around 1880 was a very successful manufacturing operation. A Great Western Seeder is on display in the Smith Hardware display at the Chaplin Creek Village open for viewing during the Summer Harvest Festival.

21 - FRANKLIN HOUSE - Built in 1868 on the site of the present fire station. Built of red brick and removed approx 1930.