

## DIXON STATION!

(Courtesy of The Dixon Pilot)

There was quite a little discussion in the early days of the railroad as to whether the railroad station in Dixon would be situated at Helm Pond or at Dixon Pond. Due to the fact that Dixon Pond was deeper and held more water, the original station was located there. Helm Pond was not without its attractions however. Due to the fact that a very pretty girl lived near there it was sometimes referred to as Lake Mirandy.

C.A. Hutchison lived in Dixon from 1873 until he died. Mr. Hutchison helped

haul the dimension lumber used in building the old Frisco Hotel in 1880 from Portugese Bend in the Gasconade River. The point overlooking this bend is known as Portuguese Point and is said by many to be the most scenic spot in the state.

Mr. Hutchison said he didn't remember the name of the first mayor of Dixon, but he did remember he voted for him. Hutchison, a blind man, was the person who drew the winner's name during the original Cow Day celebrations in Dixon.

## Dr. VON GREMP'S COLLECTION!

By Van Beydler

A treasure that once existed at the Dixon High School is now lost in the sands of time. Back in 1929, Dr. Von Grempe presented to the school a fine collection of arrow heads, horns, and other relics. In the collection was an auger brace which came over on the Mayflower. The P.T.A. in Dixon bought a case to display the collection and according to the 1929 Dixon School yearbook, the collection was displayed in the halls of the building.

The old high school

building was torn down several years ago. Hoping to include a photograph of the auger brace in the Old Settler's Gazette this year, I contacted several people who worked at the school down through the years. No one seems to know whatever happened to the display or even where it was in the halls of the old schoolhouse. Maybe sometime in the future... someone will come across this lost treasure that at one time was on display for everyone to enjoy.

## SALEM HISTORY!

Salem, Missouri was named by David Henderson who came from another Salem in the Carolinas. Henderson decided that Salem, which means peace, was a good name for the place. In 1851 Lewis Dent, who helped form Dent County, was a prominent resident who became Dent County's first representative to the State Legislature. That same year, Salem was named the county seat of Dent County.

The Yankees and the Confederates had a skirmish in Salem during the Civil War, which the Confederates lost. The court house was burned, with blame being placed on the Yankees. The courthouse which now stands was built in the early 1870's and is considered by architects to be a superb example of post-war Missouri courthouses. The building is on the list of National Historic Places.



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