

WEST JEFFERSON IN DAYS GONE BY

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NEWS ITEMS: January 30, 1862, *The National Democrat*-A dancing party is to be held at the Mantle house in West Jefferson on February 14th, St. Valentine's Day.

__April 30, 1862- On motion, the Mayor was appointed to have someone hire a man to remove a dead hog from one of the village streets.

__July 18, 1862- On motion of J. Burrows, councilman, that W. R. Fickey have the privilege of erecting hog scales between Pearl and Front (?) Streets.

__October 2, 1862- *The National Democrat*- Two heads of fine cattle belonging to A. J. Ryan was killed by having been run over by three cars on the railroad near West Jefferson on Saturday night last.

__April 6, 1861- *The Madison County Democrat*- James Parks of West Jefferson will offer for sale at a public auction on Monday next, his entire stock of dry goods, groceries, etc. Mr. Parks is moving to Columbus. He has been a resident of Jefferson for 25 years.

__August 13, 1863- Be it ordained by the Council of the Village of Jefferson that there be a pavement of brick laid in front of the Town Hall of said Village. The pavement is to be 10 feet wide, and 100 feet long. Said pavement was to be finished on or before November 1, 1863.

__ August 13, 1863- An Agreement between the Mayor and Council of the Village of Jefferson, with Jacob McNeal Jr. Alex Swanston, A. J. Miller, committee, on behalf of Company A, 23rd O. V. I. Council agrees that said Company shall have use of the large room in the upper story of the Town Hall for use as an armory, for 5 years, or as long as the Company remains an organized body. In consideration of free use, the Company will be responsible for expenses in setting up the room and keeping it in order, except for natural wear and tear. G. W. Lewis, Mayor

__June 30, 1864- *The Madison County Union*-Daniel McCarty, an Irishman, was killed by being run over by a wood train at West Jefferson. Mr. McCarty was employed at the station in West Jefferson.

THE DRAFT: Madison County must fill her quota of the 500,000 men recently called for by the President, by the 5th of next month, or a draft will be made for the purpose. The undersigned has been commissioned by Governor Brough to recruit men for Madison County. If you would avoid the draft then volunteer for one, two, or three years and receive the largest bounty ever offered in the County.

G. W. Darety, recruiting officer, August 18, 1864