

The History of Erlanger

(By H. F. Childress)

Thriving Little City Now Stands on Former Carter Farm Lands

Preface.

For a love for Erlanger, and the people of Erlanger, I have read and to the historical facts which I have been able to procure. My hope is that this effort on my part will encourage some more capable writers to take up the work which I have started and complete it in a more creditable manner.

H. F. CHILDRESS, KY. 1921.

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The first definite record we have of the territory now occupied by Erlanger, and the surrounding community, dates back to the year 1807, when Bartlett Graves, who was elected to the Kentucky Legislature in 1805, and high sheriff of Campbell county in 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 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ERLANGER BANK IS ONE OF STRONGEST IN THE COUNTY

Financial Institution Was Organized by Capt. W. H. Baker in 1893

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and to Squire Childers, fainting and was not revived for some time. In the afternoon, Dorothy Hefen, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor, swallowed strychnine tablets and died shortly afterward. The girl, with her mother, C. W. McCollum, and while playing in the doctor's office mistook the tablets for candy. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Westerman of Homestead while playing with a lead pencil put it in her mouth and it became lodged in her throat, and only hasty action on the part of the physician saved the child's life.

Town Bank
Citizens Bank of Erlanger was organized Dec. 18, 1911, by George N. Huntington, George Gebhardt, C. W. McCollum, and Edward F. Smith. It was chartered on Feb. 1, 1912, and opened its doors on Nov. 13, 1912. They own the beautiful three-story brick building in which they are located. A part of the first floor of which is used as the Erlanger branch of the Covington post office, the second floor is occupied by the telephone exchange, and the third floor by the bank's offices. This bank has had a steady growth and is a safe and conservative financial institution.

Women Organize
Friday, March 6, 1914, a number of ladies met at the residence of Mrs. Henry F. Childers to organize the Erlanger Women's Club. The club decided to order one of the Erlanger branch of the Covington post office, the second floor is occupied by the telephone exchange, and the third floor by the bank's offices. This bank has had a steady growth and is a safe and conservative financial institution.

Storm Hits Woman
On the evening of July 7, 1915, at about 8:20 o'clock, Erlanger experienced the worst storm in its history. The clouds had been growing darker and settling lower all evening, and finally the storm came in a sudden fury. It only lasted six minutes, but much damage was done. In the south side the home of August Dyer was wrecked and Mrs. Dyer was killed by falling timbers. Their two daughters were injured and Mr. Dyer's arm was broken. Several others were injured and many houses damaged. Timbers of trees were uprooted, telegraph and electric light poles and wires were torn down. Practically every home in the town was damaged more or less, but the residences of T. J. Stevenson and E. T. Galambos were wrecked. The streets were blocked by broken trees. The marvelous thing about it all was that loss of life and injury were not greater.

War Service
From the day following the declaration of war against Germany until after peace was declared Erlanger did all that was expected of her. Even before the war was over, every War Savings Stamp campaign was enthusiastically met. Every Red Cross, United War Work, Y. M. C. A. and other war service organization received contributions from Erlanger. The town was the first in the county to give her brave boys the best she had, and they fought like brave

of a Local Improvement Association, H. F. Childers.

Road Delegate Named

The Improvement Association, April 3, 1915, sent a representative to the first Dixie Highway meeting ever held at Chattanooga, Tenn. The second community banquet was given on March 15, 1915, with the following program:

Rev. S. S. Lippin, editor of Christian Standard, toastmaster; "Our Town," Honorable D. E. Castleman; "The Public Health," Dr. H. Lee Bird; "Better Schools," Professor D. L. Hamlett; "What Gives a Town Its Character," Judge F. M. Tracy; "Good Morale An Asset," Judge R. Riley; "Erlanger As I See It," Judge R. G. Williams; "Civic Pride," Rev. H. J. Webb.

This third banquet was given on March 23, 1916, with the program as follows:

Hon. D. E. Castleman, president of Erlanger Improvement Association, toastmaster; "The Advantages of Organization for Civic Betterment," John E. Shepard, former city solicitor of Covington; "The Cheerful Life," John L. Shuff, former postmaster Cincinnati, general agent of Union Central Life Insurance Co., Cincinnati, O.; "The Dixie Highway," Dr. C. L. Hamilton, president of Cincinnati Automobile Club and vice president Hamilton-Dixie Highway Association; "The Line Extended to Erlanger," Stephen L. Hahley, commonwealth attorney Kentucky; "The Ovation," E. C. O'Hara, county attorney Grant, Kentucky; "Let's Make It Look Better," C. C. Preston, general agent of the National Standard, Cincinnati.

Entertainment Convention
Erlanger entertained the Northern Kentucky Educational Tournament on May 25, 26, 27 and 28, 1915. About 200 visiting students attended this meeting, and the event was handled in a manner which was a credit to the town. Prof. W. L. Hamlett was in charge.

On Honor Roll
The following is a list of those who registered from the district of the Erlanger Postoffice, which includes Erlanger, Ellettsville and the surrounding territory. (We have made great effort to have this list complete, but in view of the fact that we have no official list to draw from we fear that some few names have been unintentionally omitted.)

Acree, Casper (R. A. T. C.)
Arnold, Gladys
Arnold, Guy
Biel, Walter C.
Belser, Fred
Belser, Joe A.
Bliss Jr., George C.
Boerschultz, Lawrence
Booth, Nathaniel
Brannage, John (Corporal)
Brannage, Robert
Brickley, Edward P.
Brickley, George H.
Brickley, James W.
Bryant, J. W. (Sergeant)
Barks, Stephen H.
Carter, Joseph
Casselman, Marie
Casselman, William
Chotes, Harris Lee
Chutuck, Fayman (Sergeant)
Coley, George L.
Coley, Jesse
Cody, William

Corrigan, Fritz (killed in action)
Corrigan, Frank
Corrigan, Rosemary (nurse)
Daron Jr., Alex
Dauer, H. L.
Dauwe, Lawrence

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Parent-Teachers' Association
Parent-Teachers' Association was organized March 5, 1920, by Prof. P. L. Hamlett and Mrs. J. W. Kennedy. The following officers were elected at the same meeting: Mrs. M. J. Mitchell, president; Mrs. C. W. Gurney, vice president; and Mrs. L. L. Childers, secretary-treasurer. The outstanding feature of the work of this organization has been the beautifying of the school building and grounds. They had the concrete sidewalk constructed from Erlanger to the school building on Cowie-av. They have a standing committee to visit the school and report on the work being done. They have improved the sanitary conditions in and around the school building, purchased new electric light fixtures and equipment for the domestic science room. They joined the State Federation of Parent-Teachers Associations in February, 1922. This splendid organization was instrumental in bringing before the voters of Erlanger on Jan. 19, 1924, the proposition to erect a new school building.

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