

*Bargersville*, a neat little village of about 200 inhabitants, situated six miles northwest of the county seat, in Sections 1 and 2, Union Township, was laid out in February, 1850, and named in compliment to Jefferson Barger, proprietor. A year or two previous to that time, one Joshua Roe, began blacksmithing at the crossing of what is known as the "Three Notch Line," and Franklin and Mooresville roads, and a little later, Peter D. Jacobs, and P. D. Eccles, at the solicitation of the citizens of the community, erected a store building, and engaged in the general mercantile business. The nucleus of the village thus formed, it was not long until others were induced to move to the place, and as early as 1853 or 1854, there was in addition to the store, a dram shop in operation, which became the rendezvous of all the worthless characters of the neighborhood, and which for some time gained for the locality an unenviable reputation. Public sentiment soon began to develop against the saloon, and after the lapse of a few years those who were engaged in the traffic were compelled to close out the business and move to other parts.

Messrs. Jacobs & Eccles continued as partners in the mercantile trade, until the death of the latter, when Mr. Johnson purchased the entire stock and conducted the business for about two or three years, selling out at the end of that time to William Isaacs. Another early merchant was William Utterback, who sold goods for three or four years. He is remembered as a very successful business man, and during his stay in the village accumulated a comfortable competence. Additional to the foregoing, the following men and firms have been indentified with the mercantile interests of the village in the order named: Mr. Herrell, Thomas Thornberry, Vincent & Perry, T. C. M. Perry, Dr. Farris & Son, Bennett & Jackson, Jacobs, Jenkins & Covert, and the present merchants, Joel Clore and Joseph Glassburn. The following gentlemen practiced the healing art, in Bargersville, at different times: Drs. Moon, Jones, Turner and Bush. The physicians at this time are Drs. J. S. Farris and W. E. Tilford.

About the year 1856 or 1857, a large three-story steam flouring mill was erected in the village by John High. After operating it a short time he sold out to P. D. Jacobs. The latter subsequently sold an interest to a man by the name of Hensley, and the firm thus formed continued a short time, after which the mill passed through the hands of various parties. Not proving a financial success, the building was eventually torn down and the material used in the construction of residences in the village and neighborhood. The manufacturing establishments at this time are a saw-mill and tile factory, the latter of which, conducted by Joseph List, is one of the largest and most successful enterprises of the kind in the county. The present merchants of the village are well patronized, and the mechanics who ply their vocations in the village report their business in flourishing condition. At this time there are blacksmith shops operated by W. T. Williams and John Haymaker, and a blacksmith and wagon-shop by Taylor Barger. The moral tone of Bargersville and vicinity will compare favorably with that of any other community in Johnson County, and the presence of a church (Christian) and school-house shows that the religious and educational interests of the place have not been neglected. As originally surveyed Bargersville consisted of thirteen lots of various sizes, but in June, 1850, an addition of five lots was made to the first plat by Peter D. Jacobs. Christian Kegley, in June, 1853, made an addition of nine lots, each 62x194 feet in size, the majority of which have been purchased and improved.

Brant and Fuller (1888), 574-575.

*Bargersville Church.*—The Church of Christ at Bargersville, was organized in a school-house near the village, April 7, 1861, by Elder J. R. Surface, twenty-eight persons constituting the original membership. The first officers were the following: Elders, Willis Deer, George O. List and John Clore; deacons, Joseph Combs, Abraham Clore and Abner Clark; treasurer, Abraham Clore; clerk, John Clore. Since its organization the church has been ministered to from time to time, by the following preachers: Elders, John R. Surface, Asa Holingsworth, John C. Miller, James Blankenship, John Phillips, R. T. Brown, — Huff, — Henry, Aaron Walker, J. W. Connor, William Mullendore, Newton Wilson, Thomas Lockhart, Elmore, and others. Present membership, 150. Present officers: Elders, W. V. King, John Clore, George V. List and Alfred S. Deer; deacons, John Parks, M. Clore and Landen Robards. Abraham Clore is treasurer, and John Clore, clerk.

Brant and Fuller (1888), 862.