from — Granville, A Pleasant Memory
by Amelia Tight Ralston & William G. Tight

The verse commemorates the custom by Denison Classes of burning their text books after the completion of the course. Sugar Loaf was a favorite spot for the elaborate "funerals."
One morning last week I took a walk up Sugar Loaf. Sprinkled with snow, the park did look like a colonial sugar loaf. And the wide trail along the north slope became the old carriage trail, curving toward the summit, leading me into reflection.

From the very first year of settlement, Sugar Loaf has been a resource for Granville. For on Dec. 5, 1805 a vote recorded in the pioneer records reads:

"that 4 acres in square form be taken out of lot 15, 3rd Range at the N.W. corner and reserved for public use."

For their house and barn foundations the settlers soon opened up sandstone quarries on the east slope. Then Sugar Loaf was called Stone Hill. The dense woods of oak, beech and ash on the slopes were equally useful -- and soon Sugar Loaf was denuded, becoming a grazing pasture for village livestock.

But, hark, what's this in the December 1869 issue of the Denison Collegian? Sugar Loaf "is about to be fenced in -- in fact the pickets are now nearly round its sides." But rather than to exclude anyone it is the "first step in the project of our City Fathers to beautify it as a place of pleasant resort ... they design to plant trees and shrubbery upon it and to construct a carriage road which shall ascend winding around the hill to the summit."

Still, twenty years later in 1890, the hill was bare. And until 1896 nothing much happened. But on April 1st of that year the enthusiasm of a small group of citizens instigated a mass meeting to consider what might be done with Sugar Loaf. Committees were appointed. Edwin Sinnett served as general chair -- and solicitors quickly raised $300 in cash and received promises of labor and trees for planting. On April 11 a handbill was circulated announcing a "Grand Arboretum Day" on April 17.

"Bring your dinner and let us have a grand picnic...Bring all the trees you can... Bring one for each member of the family and a few extras...Bring a pick and shovel... Let every organization in this community plant a tree or shrub with appropriate ceremony. The committee will place stakes in the Park at places where trees are to be planted... See that the hole is dug by Thursday evening. All planting will be under the direction of B. I. Jones, A. Nicol, and W. H. Stenger...Native trees can be secured from Ed. Tight. The committee will prepare holes for trees for those so desiring for 15 cents and plant the tree for 10 cents." See a facsimile of The Granville Times of April 23, 1896 following this article.
So in 1905 when Granville planned its centennial celebration, the villagers and Masons chose the summit of Sugar Loaf to place and dedicate a monument to the settlers. A glacial boulder weighing 5 tons was hauled from a field west of town and set on a granite block 6’x 4’x 18” brought by flat car from Quincy, Mass. The Granville Masons and the other grand lodge members from Ohio led the procession and laid the cornerstone in the afternoon sun placing within the base a box containing:

-- a copy of the "Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly" of October 1905, the Granville Centennial Number

-- The Granville Times of June 22, 1905 containing a sketch of Mrs. Mary Case Williams, and

-- a roster of Center Star Lodge and St Luke's Commandery of Newark.

Ohio's Governor Herrick came and spoke about looking back on accomplishments from summits like these. Granville's own Dr. Francis Shepardson, a Professor at the University of Chicago, gave the Memorial Address to a throng from all parts of the country including many kinfolk of the original settlers. The Sept 12th, 1905 photograph shows the donors: Mrs. Mary Case Minton just right of the boulder, Mrs. Hobart on the far right, and Burton Case in between, all direct descendants of Granville's first settlers. Their spouses are on the left.
On a bronze tablet originally affixed to the boulder and now replaced and recessed into the stone, we read the following inscription: "In grateful remembrance of the members of the Licking Land Co. who came from Granville, Mass. Nov. 17, 1805. They builded better than they knew. In God be the glory forever & ever. Amen". By 1916 a photograph of the stone in the Denison University yearbook, The Adytum, shows the brass plaque gone, but a healthy growth of vegetation on the hill.

Granville's 125th anniversary passed with less ceremony but did prompt two men described as "The Gold Dust Twins" to take it upon themselves to clean up Sugar Loaf, as related in a Granville Times article of January 22, 1931. The mystery of their identity was solved when Gloria Hoover sent me a copy of an article from the March 5, 1931 Granville Times. It identified the "twins" as W. S. Thomas, President of Council and chair of Streets and Park Committee, and S. W. England. They had removed many locust [weed trees] from the south slope, and sold them as fenceposts to help defray clean-up costs. And they had planted many new trees, shrubs, and wild flowers (45 species in all) including 5 persimmon, 2 witchhazel, 8 euclid bushes and 2 quaking aspirin [sic]. Their work inspired a Granville unit of the Licking County Garden Club to form. The club added hardy flowers to the south hill, but I think failed to execute the rock garden and fountain they envisioned on the east slope.

By the 1960's Sugar Loaf was a wild wood, an adventuresome place for kids young and old to pick blackberries, gather mushrooms, build forts, chase each other around with pan pipes. In the summer of 1969 rumors of a housing development on Sugar Loaf prompted action by an ad hoc Sugar Loaf Committee. Chaired by Charles Ashbrook, the committee sought to safeguard Sugar Loaf as a park and nature sanctuary.

By October 1st they were reassured by the Village Council's passage of Resolution #6913: that Sugar Loaf shall remain and be used for public purposes, that village equipment and personnel would aid in maintaining Sugar Loaf [to this day the Village mows the summit and disposes of trash] and that work of the committee be carried out in conjunction with the Granville Improvement Board.
From the President’s Desk....

By Winter’s End, the Board of Managers and key volunteers of the Granville Historical Society were preparing for the promised spring.

--Kay Koeninger, John Kessler and the Museum Committee and Docents will open the Museum on Saturdays and Sundays beginning April 13, and have opened the facility from time to time over the winter for school and other special groups. There was also a special opening for the Christmas Candlelight Walking Tour in early December.

--Flo Hoffman and the Old Colony Burial Ground workers have scheduled the first work day for April 27 and the annual walking tour for May 8.

--Program Chair and Historian of the Year Dick Shiels will present the fourth program of the year, a Granville Middle School student analysis of the Bike Path, April 22.

--Civil War Roundtable Chair Kevin Bennett continues his Spring series with a presentation on April 16 at 7:30 in the OAB.

--Properties Chair Jim Siegel plans some warm weather painting in the museum and gardening around the facility among several projects.

--Vice President Dan Campbell is preparing for another photo exhibit during the upcoming Fourth of July celebrations.

The Board of Managers has proposed a new Constitution to be voted upon at the April 22 Annual Meeting. The object of Chair Gay Weinberg’s committee was to simplify and streamline the language of the current Constitution and Bylaws and to remove vestiges of cumbersome and outdated membership procedures.

The Board considers all historical study and activity in the Greater Granville Community to be beneficial to all, and does not feel that various entities dedicated to local history should compete or lose their identity. It is in this spirit that the Granville Historical Society is talking to the Welsh or Cambrian Society about common objectives.

The bicentennial of Granville’s settlement by immigrants from Massachusetts and Connecticut is now less than ten years away. A group consisting of former Presidents Tony Stoneburner, Etick Shiels, and Rob Drake and Society members Tony Lisska, Flo
Hoffman, Maggie Brooks, John Senn and Tom Martin, has been meeting to develop plans for a publication to be announced April 22nd at the Annual Meeting.

Work is under way to petition the State of Ohio for a Historical Marker for the Old Academy Building. The process will take six to eight months if everything goes smoothly.

The experience of working with the current Board of Managers and Membership of the Granville Historical Society for the past two years has been very pleasant indeed. The devotion that individuals show to the projects that they address and the skills they bring to bear in their accomplishments are most impressive. I thank one and all for the opportunity to work together and look forward to a smooth transition and continued momentum with the new Board and officers to be elected April 22nd.

--Tom Martin

REMEmber

AnnuAL MeetInG

April 22
7:30

Old Academy Bldg.

Have you renewed your 1996 membership yet?

If not, please do so soon!

Annual Walking Tour of the Old Colony Burying Ground

May 8
7:00 to 8:30 P. M.

Some of Granville's early citizens will tell about their life and times.

Refreshments follow in the Old Academy Building

Save this date!

We hope to see you there!
The permanent committee of Sugar Loaf Park chaired by Harold Titus wrote a charter that fall. (It was also Dr. Titus who created the Sugar Loaf scrapbook.) Emily Rutherford headed up the trail crew and also cleaned up the fraternity benches area. Betty Grudin, Dr. Bob Alrutz and others consulted with Dawes Arboretum and soil conservation biologists. Appeals for labor to clear trails, eliminate weeds and poison ivy and for contributions to the Sugar Loaf Fund roused overwhelming response. By January 1970 Al Johnson, treasurer, reported that at least 300 people had given $6,700. Again many Granvillites pitched in with shovel, muscle -- and this time with bush hog -- to restore the park.

- The Garden Club planted flowers and shrubbery.
- Norman Pollack and Dr. Titus tackled the bench area.
- The mayor, Norman Luker, and his son-in-law, Kurt Hansen, built steps from West Elm St.

Groups from the Girls Scouts, Kiwanis, and other service groups cleared the trails and spread wood chips. Denison University students, under the guidance of Dick Mahard, renewed interest in the quarry. The new sign donated by the Improvement Board was installed at the West Broadway entrance by April 1970.

Betty Grudin followed Dr. Titus as chair in 1973. Harold Will, another hard worker, succeeded Betty as chair in 1975. Trail signs, benches, picnic tables on the summit invited people to enjoy the park. Several weddings, an Easter Sunrise Service, family picnics, and later meetings of the Sugar Loaf Foundation and Open Park Day, were all held there.

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A rare photograph of Sugar Loaf from College Hill about 1909, showing the young trees.
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Over Three Hundred Saplings now Adorn the Hilly Slopes. The Only Arborvatum in Ohio Containing a Complete Classification of Native Trees.

A CIVIC CARNIVAL

The Dedication of Sugar Loaf Park a Festal Occasion for the Entire Population.

The members of Co. K. O. N. G., first three volleys in honor of their Buckeye tree, and one volley in honor of Governor Bushnell.

To F. W. Shepardson belongs the honor of suggesting the plan for planting the trees which was so successfully carried out by the schools, societies and different organizations. He was practical completed when the day appointed for planting arrived. This day was Friday, April 1st, and it has gone upon our annals as a truly historic day. It had been arranged that the formal celebration should begin at 9 o'clock a.m. At this hour in honor of the organizations, which had mobilized in divers parts of the village began their march toward Sugar Loaf. As these lines converged, the valley resounded with shout and cheer, the school children and college boys leaped in the air. There was no attempt to uniform a ceremony. So many trees were present that time was not available for a common prayer. The organizations simply planted their respective saplings, with such demonstrations as they severally deemed proper and in the presence of such spectators as they could secure. So a general celebration was responsible for rather queer auditory effects. There was a confused mingling of dedicatory odes, sacred music, fervent prayers, triumphant cheers and lusty repartees. The prettiest ceremonial was that observed by the school children, when, in a meeting of a few more enthusiastic citizens held in the council room of the Town Hall, the feasibility of converting Sugar Loaf Hill into a public park was proven. The following committees were appointed: To confer with the village council and township trustees, L. A. Austin and H. A. Stokes; to secure estimates of cost, Prof. W. G. Tight and J. N. McNaughten; to present plans for proposed improvements, Prof. W. G. Tight and J. J. McNaughten; a citizens' meeting was held Saturday evening, April 1st, presided over by the editor of our village paper.

The credit of conducting the arborvatum project to final success is largely due to Prof. W. G. Tight, Prof. J. N. McNaughten, and Prof. W. G. Tight and J. J. McNaughten. The following paragraph is taken from Bushnell's History of Granville:

In early times, Sugar Loaf was a geographical center, shaded with a beautiful growth of beech trees, its surface unbroken by the deep quarries since Penn's time. For a year a great sprinkling of squirrels, migrating toward the southeast, Sugar Loaf was a great haunt for them. One day after the picnic, a great deal of information and a few guesses and clubs, and great numbers of them were killed. This kept an awful din of shooting, yelling and clubbing, by day and late into the night. One who was disturbed by the noise, went one night and cut down all but two or three of the trees that stood on the western slope, and, soon afterwards, the quarries were indubitably worked for building stone, and the beautiful hill was left bare and barren.

With history repeat itself? The following letter was received from Governor Bushnell Thursday:

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The privilege of converting the hill into a public park, with all necessary improvements, was accorded by the following official instrument:

"Permission to take all necessary steps toward making Sugar Loaf Hill a public park is hereby granted to a Committee of Five, which shall be constituted as follows: Three to be chosen at random from the citizens of Granville, JOSYn, and two at the pleasure of the Township Trustees. The said Committee of Five are hereby granted full power to make walks and drives on said Sugar Loaf, and do the necessary grading for the same; and to superintend the planting of trees, one by the Board of Trustees of Granville Township, and one by the Village Council, and, Dust from the township trustees. The general plan as proposed was followed, though with some variations. Drives were surveyed on a grade of 800 feet for 2000 yards, and earthworks on each of the four sides of the tract were encroached upon in laying out the drives, with the permission of the owners. Dr. Sheppard and Rev. D. Jones. Grateful acknowledgements were tendered to these owners of adjacent property who so generously gave the right of way over their land.

The permanent committee recommended Friday, April 17, as the date for planting.

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

We agree to the above arrangements.

Maple, Primary Public School.
Maple, Junior High School.
Linden, Ionian Society.
Red Birch, Granville Public School.
Elm, Granville Public School Teachers.
Red Cedar, Centerville School.
Cedar, School District No. 1.
Elm, School District No. 2.
Cedar, School District No. 3.
Maple, School District No. 4.
Cedar, School District No. 5.
Red Birch, School District No. 6.
Cedar, School District No. 7.
Elm, School District No. 8.

CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES

Mountain Ash, Methodist Episcopal Church.
Cedar, Episcopalian Church.
Maple, Baptist Young People's Union.
Catalpa, Presbyterian Junior Enthusiasts.
Magnolia, Presbyterian Senior Enthusiasts.
Spruce, Epworth League.
Amen, Linden, Junior Baptist Young People's Union.

LODGES AND FRATERNITIES

Elm, West; Acacia, East; Accacia South; Centre Star Lodge, F. & A. M.
Beth, Myrtle Lodge, I. O. O. F.
Spring Valley Lodge, I. O. O. F.
Algonquin, Altamaha Lodge, as of P.

Gum and Mulberry, Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.
Wild Cherry, Sigma Chi Fraternity.
Group of Lilacs (4), Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

PUBLICATION PLANTS

Arbe Vitae, C. J. Herrick to the Journal of Comparative Neurology.
Salis Burma Japancis.
Prof. W. G. Tipton.

When completed, Granville will have one of the loveliest and most unique parks in Ohio and the only arboretum containing a complete list of the species of trees native to the State.

DENISON UNIVERSITY AND DOANE ACADEMY

Elm, Denison University.
Maple, College Faculty.
Elm, Academy Faculty.
Maple, Alumni.

White Pine, Ohio State University.
Horse Chestnut, Franklin Literary Society.

Tulip, Prof. W. H. Johnson, to the Denison Quarterly.

Magna, Larch and Arbor Vitae, Calliope Literary Society, in honor of General Harriett.
Arbor Vitae and Spruce, Irving Literary Society.

Maple, Rev. W. C. Rhoade, D. D.
Maple, Rev. John Stevens, D. D.
Ash, Rev. G. E. Leonard, D. D.
Maple, Rev. N. G. Burton, D. D.
Hard Locust, Rev. Marsena Stone, D. D.

Ash, Ebenezer Thresher, LL. D.
Ash, James M. Hoyt, LL. D.
Elm, Rev. J. W. Gage, Cur.
Dogwood, Rev. Ezra Going.
Box Elder, Whm. Whitney.
Elm, Rev. J. E. Carter.
Maple, Prof. F. O. Marsh.
Hickory, E. E. Barney.
Elm, Rev. F. B. Ewing.
Ash, J. H. Tanneman.

Dogwood, Rev. A. D. Randall, D. D.
Ash, Rev. Allen Arrow.
Ash, Dea. M. E. Gray.
Elm, Rev. J. B. Wing.
Dogwood, Rev. J. C. Fernald.
Hickory, Rev. F. E. Bryant.
Magnolia, In honor of Frank Shep- bardson by Granville Times employes.
Hardwood Locust, Rev. G. W. Lasher, D. D.

Maple, (2), Evan Jones.
Maple, Wm. B. Smith.
Elm, in honor of Geo. E.ansom.
Elm, for Linwood, O.
Purple-leaved Maple, A. H. Church, a family tree.
Maple, Mrs. Abbott in honor of Mr. Howard Howe.
Miss Minnie Sinnett.
Charles Robinson.
Elm, Rev. J. B. Wing.
Mrs. C. R. Stark.
Joshua Stark.
Mrs. C. R. Stark.
Miss Mary Stark.

Mrs. W. C. Davies.
Miss Helen Munson.
Miss F. M. Munro.
Elm, in honor of Rev. T. B. Van Hise.
Mrs. C. R. Davidson.
Mr. H. C. Darrow.
Mr. J. N. McNab.<br>
Guy Holler, of the Electrical Industry.
Mulberry, Israel Wilson.

Maple, Rev. E. E. Barney.
Maple, Rev. E. M. Partridge.
Maple, in honor of Governor A. Bushnell.

Elm, J. G. Krugg and Wm. Spellman.
Hickory, Mrs. E. A. Black.
Chesnut, Wm. Black.
Maple, E. D. W. and Otto Jones.
Wild Cherry, Mrs. M. J. Williams.
Elm, Mrs. Howard Howe.
Prickley Ash, Mrs. M. Munson.

The attendance during the day was estimated at over 1000.

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Do you want a good, reliable harbor, which is known to be more pliable and durable than that prepared by the enterprising gentleman before you purchase elsewhere, call and ex-amine one of the harnesses made from this leather which is of high quality and very lasting. I can recommend to anyone.

Do not fail to call and see J. R. Crockett's stock in the basement of the Hotel Granville. He will com-plete with Newfark price.

Bilous Folic. Persons who are subject to attacks of bilious colic will be relieved to know that prompt relief may be had by taking Cham-berlain's catic, Cholera and Dysentery Rem-edy, and can always be depended upon. In many cases the at-tack may be prevented by this remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease is noticed. Four to five cent bottles for sale by W. A. Eckley.

— Waldow Taylor is handing his Democratic friends the following card:

"Compliments of Waldow Taylor, Candidate for Probate Judge."

— Wanted: Sewing by the day, or with fashionable dressmaker. Inquire of Mrs. Belle Beck, three doors north of Presbyterian Church.
A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE
SHARON VALLEY
WELSH CALVINISTIC METHODIST CHURCH

Forty years ago, in March, 1956, William T. Richards of the Granville Historical Society and the Granville Cambrian Society prepared a brief history of the Sharon Valley Welsh Church on the occasion of the rededication of the building the preceding October 23. On this fortieth anniversary of that rededication, the Editors of The Historical Times thought it appropriate to publish afresh Mr. Richard's thoughtful and informative account of an important religious congregation in Granville Township.

Maggie Brooks provided the original document from the Cambrian Society files. The document is published here as written with the exception of some minor editorial changes and the addition of the headings.

An Early Photograph of the Welsh Church
The Welsh Come to Granville

The "Welsh Hills" near Granville, Ohio, were settled a few years before the arrival of a party from Massachusetts to establish the village of Granville in November of 1805. The first settler, and a great part of those who came to the "Welsh Hills" were of Welsh blood--many direct from Wales. It was natural that these Welsh folks, staunch church members in their native land, should seek to establish regular Sabbath School, Prayer Meetings and Preaching Services in the Welsh language.

Since Church services, in the English language, were held in Granville from the very first Sabbath of its existence, certain of the Welsh, notably Deacon Theophilus Rees, constantly attended the services although Mr. Rees and others could not understand English. Certain of the Welsh settlers, among them William T. Williams, direct from Wales, James Evans and Robert Walker, Welshmen from Oneida County, New York, united temporarily with the English Congregational Church of Granville.

A Congregation by 1833

By 1833, there was the nucleus for a congregation of Welsh Methodists whose doctrine was Calvinistic. The first step toward founding their church was the establishment of a Welsh Sabbath School in the stone school house which had been built in 1825 by Joseph Evans and Thomas Hughes, some two miles northeast of Granville. Welsh prayer meetings were begun shortly after, as evening services--either in the school house or in nearby cabins.

In October, 1834, the Rev. Edward Jones traveled on foot from his home in Cincinnati to preach a few sermons in Welsh to his countrymen in Sharon Valley and in Granville at the home of Jenkins Hughes. He repeated this feat of pedestrianism in 1835. It was during this visit that he organized--on October 25--the pioneer Welsh Church in Licking County, at the old stone school house. For the organization of this church, Rev. Jones had the assistance of Rev. William Morgan who had arrived from Pittsburgh and was living at Mary Ann Furnace.
The original members of the new church thus begun were:

'William T. and Mrs. Williams
James and Mrs. Evans
Alban, Mrs., and Miss Albans
John J. and Mrs. Evans
Nathaniel, Mrs. and Miss Jane
Davis
William and Mrs. Lewis
Robert Walter
Jenkin Hughes
William Parry"

Rev. William Parry

At the meeting of the organization, the Rev. William Parry was licensed to preach. Rev. Parry was ordained in 1839 and became the settled minister in this new church, serving in this capacity until 1854.

It is interesting to note that Rev. William Parry walked to Columbus many times to assist in organizing a Calvinistic Methodist Church there. When the Columbus church built its first building at the corner of fifth and Long streets, Rev. Parry became the first minister. This church is now the Miami Avenue Presbyterian Church, in whose present vestibule may be seen a memorial stone to Rev. Parry with a suitable inscription in the Welsh language.

The Church Building

In 1836, the trustees of the Welsh Methodist Church purchased a lot in Sharon Valley containing an acre of ground for the erection of a church building and for a burial plot. The present frame building was started promptly and finished the following year--1837. It was the first frame building in the neighborhood, measuring 21 by 30 feet, and costing $321.89--beside gratuitous labor performed by friends of the enterprise.

This quaint little church is well designed, having an attractive pulpit and chancel of cherry, mourners bench of matching style and finish, wainscoating of walnut, and wooden pegs set in strips along the walls where wraps were hung. For evening services, light was provided by oil lamps set in reflector brackets on the walls. Heat was provided by a stove--the pews near it being arranged to face the stove on three sides. This arrangement was well adapted for the Sabbath school class which met before church and for the comfort of older folks many of whom walked across the fields to attend.

By the [late] 1800's, attendance at the Sharon Valley Church had dwindled and services were discontinued. During the succeeding years, all furnishings, save those built into the structure, disappeared, and the adjoining burial lot bore the marks of neglect. Still the church, the pines and the dark junipers stood watch over the graves of those sturdy
pioneers who in former years had found instruction, comfort, and the means of Grace in this place.

The 1950’s Restoration

In 1950, the Granville Cambrian Society began to take an active interest in the restoration and preservation of this Welsh landmark. A survey of the church structure and grounds was encouraging and work began. Further encouragement came in the form of a quit-claim deed for the property, drawn to the Society by Mrs. Hannah Evans Jones of Granville, who was the sole living communicant member of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church as originally organized.

Under the inspiration and leadership of Miss Jeanette Evans, acting for the Cambrian Society there has followed an out-pouring of money and labor for the needed structural repairs and to completely refinish and refurnish the sanctuary. There has been no intention to modernize the structure, although a reed organ has been added—something the church never had in its active years. Outside, a beginning has been made in the matter of paint and the care of the grounds, in the burial lot, 39 graves have been identified and recorded.

By October of 1955, the church was deemed ready for public participation. During the first week of October, as part of Granville’s sesquicentennial celebration, the doors were open to many who came to see an institution which had contributed its quiet share to the village history.

The Rededication Service

On Sunday afternoon of October 23, 1955, a service of Rededication was held with an overflow of 110 in attendance. The program on that occasion was as follows:

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Welsh Hymns
Led by Prof. George D. Morgan

High School Quartette
Miss Jacqueline Goodwin
Miss Janet Piper
Miss Barbara Kidwell
Mr. David McKierman

Dedicatory Address
Rev. Evan D. Jones

Historical Notes
Mr. William T. Richards

Congregational Hymn
Presentation of the Church
Mrs. Perry Kelley
(for Mrs. Hannah Evans Jones)

Dedication Response
Prayer of Dedication

The Benediction
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Postscript: Serious neglect of the building followed the rededication.

In 1995, the building was razed.
Thus it is that after a silence of 70 years, a modest temple dedicated to God’s use and purpose 118 years before, took on new life with the preaching of the Word and with songs of praise in the Welsh Tongue. What may lie ahead for this church is not clearly revealed; suffice it for the present, that the Spirit of Nehemiah has moved in the Welsh Hills."

Prepared by
William T. Richards
for the Granville Cambrian Society

March, 1956

Originally published by the Granville Historical Society

A poem from the pen of
Dr. I. T. Evans,
the Grandson of
Theophilus Rees.

Time was, and that in twice a century
When this fair spot, of Natures
realm was part;
Where here her untaught
children wandered free;--
When here was found no white
man’s law or art.

’Tis all too late to gather records well
When they who know are laid
upon the shelf,
So I, my friends, as they have naught to tell,
Must give you less, thus thrown upon myself.

At the Rededication Service: William T. Richards, The Rev. Evan Jones, George D. Morgan, and Wendell Jones at the organ.
Kevin Bennett announces that the April Meeting of the Roundtable will be on Tuesday, April 16, at 7:30 PM in the Old Academy Building, Main and Elm Streets.

Tim Mellotte will meet with the Roundtable on the following topic:

"John Mosby: Confederate Raider or War Criminal."

Mr. Mellotte, an attorney who is interested in Civil War Issues, will discuss the laws of war in the context of an analysis of Mosby's actions during his raiding parties.

Kevin reminds Society Members that the May Meeting will be the long awaited debate between Jamie Ryan and Clarke Wilhelm on the role of George McClellan in the Civil War. May 21 at 7:30 in the Old Academy Building.
Old Colony News

Flash! The Annual Walking Tour of the Old Colony Burying Ground will be held this year on Wednesday May 8th, from 7:00 PM until dark. Save this date and come with your friends. Once again, several of Granville's 19th Century citizens will be waiting there to tell us about their life and times and will join us for refreshments in the Old Academy Building following the tour. If you haven't visited the cemetery since last year you can admire the obelisk monuments standing tall, one of the major accomplishments of last summer, you will see the new trees which are the first stage in landscaping improvement, and learn about plans for this season. Have you missed the main gate? It will be back soon, without the coat of rust and ready for another eighty years.

The Fannins will be back in early May and again in August with their inspiration and expertise. Scheduled work days for volunteers will be: April 27, May 11 (with the Fannins here), June 1, June 22, July 20, August 10 (the Fannins will be back), August 24, September 14 and October 5. Each will start at 9:00 AM with coffee. All are welcome. You do not need skill or strength to help, just come with a smile.

Two self-guided tours of the cemetery have been laid out this year. Maps with descriptions and interesting information for each are available at the public library, the historical society, and other places in town. Call the Historical Society with questions, comments, or suggestions.