

1903, March 13

A great flood at Greenville caused the channel of the river to change, washing away the road between the cemetery and the river as well as part of the cemetery.

1904, March 26

Greenville's worst flood to date had water three and one half feet deep in the town. Other parts of the county suffered severely also.

1905

The county court awarded contracts for four steel highway bridges at Greenville, Patterson, Chaonia, and Mill Spring.

1905

Burch post office, in Cowan Township, was established and named for George Burch, a landowner who had the post office in his home. It was maintained until 1932.

1905, June 29

Williamsville State Bank was chartered. It closed Oct. 6, 1933.

1905, Dec. 23

Bank of Lowndes was chartered; it merged with Citizens Bank of Greenville Oct. 30, 1923.

1906, July 30

Greenville Bank chartered; it closed March 29, 1907.

1907, Aug. 24

Chaonia State Bank was chartered; it started liquidation on June 14, 1926.

1907, Oct. 7

Citizens Bank of Greenville was chartered; it merged with Wayne County State Bank July 11, 1935.

1908

Wills post office was established in 1908 and maintained till 1919 in St. Francois Township. It was kept by Mrs. Irene Crites in her home and named for Watson Wills, a farmer whose land joined that of Mrs. Crites.

1908

Arab Post Office was established in the eastern part of Jefferson Township by Jasper Cooper of Bollinger County as part of his chain of stores. Later, the Cooper Store was moved about three miles southwest where Peter Stilts and Grisham Mercantile Company had a store.

1908, Sept. 8

The Peoples Banking Company at

Piedmont was chartered.

1909

Silva post office was established. The first settlement here was made by F.M. Ward, who operated a sawmill for a few years. When the post office was opened, Alpha Ward, first postmistress submitted a list of names to the postal authorities. They chose Silvia, the name of a friend of Miss Ward. The shortened form Silva corresponds to local pronunciation of the name.

1909

Burbank post office was maintained from 1909-1932. The first settlement here was Camp No. 9, a logging camp established by Holladay-Klotz Lumber Company. In 1895, the place was known as Highland or Highland Orchard because Hiram Holladay set out a ten-acre orchard on the high land there. It was renamed Burbank to honor Luther Burbank the great naturalist and orchard expert.

1909, Feb. 23

Piedmont's frame school built in 1874 burned. The citizens voted \$13,000 in bonds and the brick building that was later used as an elementary school was erected.

1909

The first Piedmont fair was held on the lawn of the Ketchum home.

1910

A store was established at McGee by Lin Grisham of Bollinger County, who operated a chain of stores for the sawmill camps. For a time it was known as Grisham's Store or Davis Store, for it was operated by Marshall Davis. In 1913 the store was moved two miles north and a post office was established. Marshall Davis selected the name to honor Tom McGhee, assistant postmaster. The McGhee family was prominent in the community, three brothers having settled on a stream which came to be known as McGee Creek. The change in spelling occurred when Marshall Davis submitted the name to postal authorities. He spelled the name as it is pronounced, omitting the silent "h."

1910

Cascade Post Office was established. Located near Gravelton, it

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