



Snow blankets new Greenville in this 1943 photo.

ers were employed by the Holladay-Klotz saw and planing mill at Greenville.

1893
Lodi post office was established. This pioneer community was earlier called Hunter’s Creek because the abundance of game in the area made it a hunter’s paradise. When the post office was established, Dr.

W.B. Wilkinson and W.J. Kelly, in whose store the post office was located, selected the name. It has been said Dr. Wilkinson reversed the word Idol, but Thomas Lewis and Mrs. Cassie Kelly say Dr. Wilkinson, who clerked in Kelly’s store, found the name on a piece of calico and suggested it for the post office. The name Lodi is also thought to

mean, “beautiful valley.”
1894, Jan. 25
The Williamsville, Greenville & St. Louis Railway Company was chartered to take over the assets of the Williamsville, Greenville & Northeastern.

1896
Mingo post office was established by David Fronabarger in the southeast part of Jefferson Township. It was named for Mingo Swamp in which it was located.

1898, Nov. 3
The Exchange Bank was chartered; it went into voluntary liquidation Dec. 27, 1901.

1899, May 15
Hiram Holladay was shot and killed by Monroe A. Johnson.

1899, Sept. 5
The county court made arrangements for a wagon bridge across the St. Francis River at Greenville in connection with the railway bridge.

1899, Jan. 5
Wayne Academy at Piedmont burned after a decade of usefulness.

1900, Sept. 11
Wayne County Bank was chartered. It was closed Aug. 12, 1925, and taken over by Wayne County State Bank.

1900
Hiram, a village in Cowan Township, was established on the Williamsville, Greenville and St. Louis Railroad. It was named for Hiram Holladay who operated a large sawmill there. William Plummer was the first postmaster. The second postmaster was Doctor Charles Davis who was company physician for Holladay-Klotz Land and Lumber Company. While the railroad was operating, Hiram provided a central market for the lumber and farm products of Bear Creek Valley. J. Paul Barber had a store and post office there for many years.

1901, Dec. 27
Exchange Bank of Piedmont chartered.

1902, May 22
First high school graduation at Greenville; the first four-year graduation exercises were in the spring of 1910 under Professor Victor Sears.

1902, June 27
The hanging of Sam Brown for the murder of George Richardson was the only legal hanging in Wayne County.

1902, Nov. 29
Bank of Piedmont chartered.



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