

Preface and Acknowledgements

History of Tingley's first settlers and founding of the town is extracted from two principal sources: (1) old newspaper files of the *Tingley Vindicator* and Mount Ayr newspapers; and (2) memoirs, letters, photos, and personal files of early residents and their descendants. Frequently it is a combination of the two, where early memoirs were later published in the newspapers and found in personal collections. Much of the material for this Centennial history is edited only to clarify the meaning and to keep within space limitations. Sources are identified, and credit is given for photos when possible.

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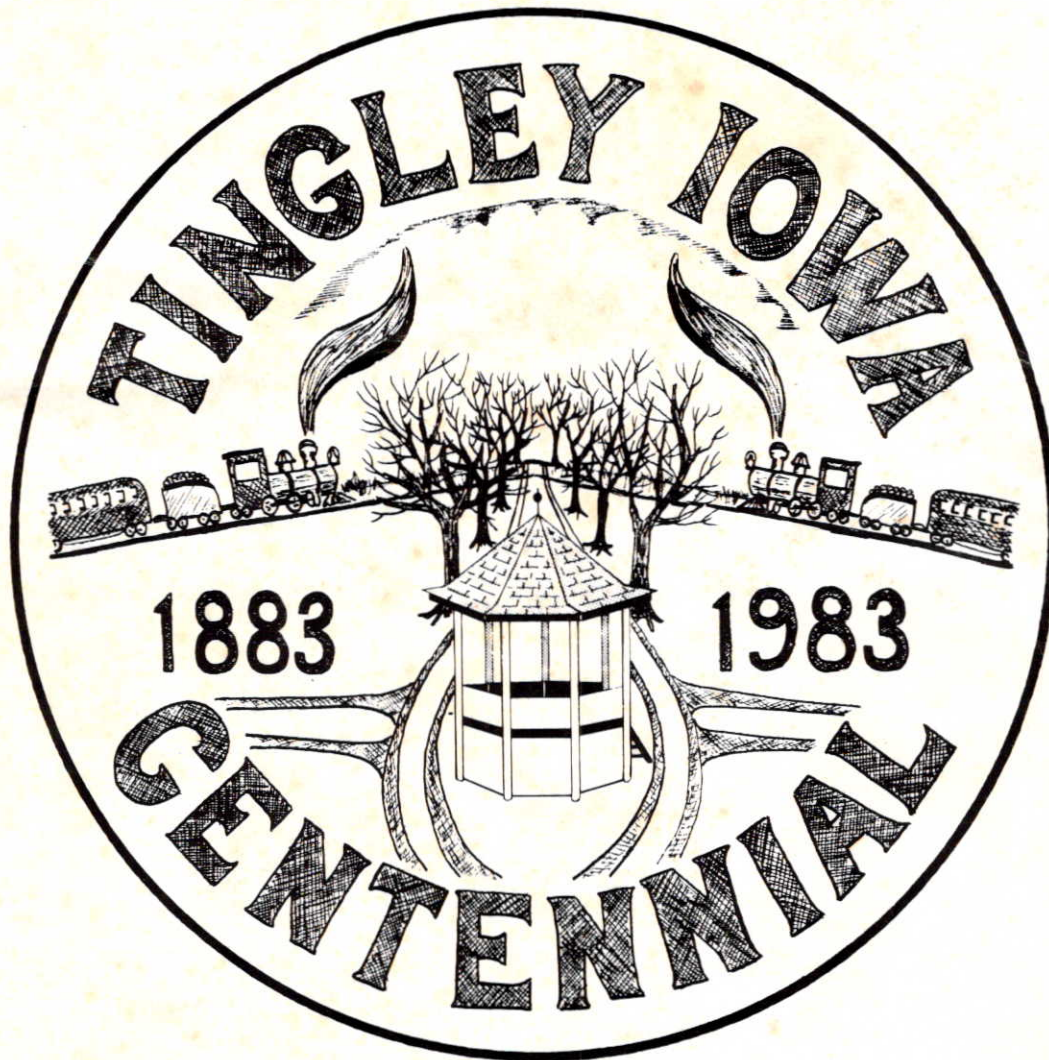
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We Hope This Book Will Be Enjoyable Reading For You.



The railroad was built in 1882, and a train arrived in Tingley September 17, 1882. Tingley had the highest elevation on the H & S Railroad between Humeston and Shenandoah. The band stand was an old landmark and stood in the center of Main Street over a large well for 35 years. Main Street was lined with large elm trees that succumbed to Dutch Elm Disease in the 1960's.

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This book was written to commemorate the Tingley Centennial by many people who will always consider Tingley their home.

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