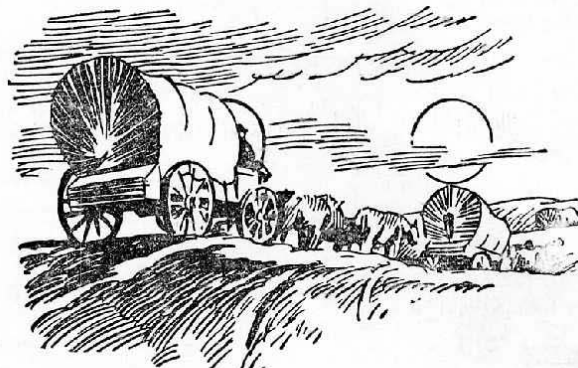


Dedication



TO THE PIONEERS who ventured westward a century ago, the rugged and fearless men and the undaunted women beside them, trekking over the mountain passes, on through forests, across the bridgeless rivers and the trackless plains, in heat of summer and cold of winter, accustomed to toil and peril and tears, meeting and challenging adversity as it came, all of them now asleep and many nameless, to these brave men and women who came to build their homes and who established here our heritage

THIS CENTENNIAL BOOKLET

is gratefully and reverently dedicated.

Foreword

THIS CENTENNIAL BOOKLET is intended as a permanent, even if incomplete, record of the founding and growth of the Shelbina community in its first one hundred years, as well as a souvenir of the Centennial Celebration. It is published by the Shelbina Centennial Assn., Inc.

The members of the Historical Committee, in the preparation of material for this booklet, have been limited in time, and the size of the booklet has imposed limitations of space. Even valuable historical material prepared by members of the committee has of necessity been shortened or omitted. Pictures of pioneers and others have been restricted to such as were available. The committee sincerely regrets such omissions as may appear.

The celebration is of course hurried in preparation by busy men and women, but many have nevertheless contributed their time and services. To all of these, and to the advertisers who have made this booklet possible, the committee is deeply grateful.

Let us hope that the community spirit and the unselfish service of the preceding century, that has contributed to the growth and welfare of this community, will serve as an inspiration to those now living who are about to write the story of our second century.