

ties and to lay off a public square at Danville, which was the name of the county seat until it was changed to Woodbury in honor of Gen. Levi Woodbury.

Henry D. McBroom and his brother owned most of the land on and adjacent to the public square of Woodbury and the former gave every alternate lot around it to those who would put up a structure on it. He also owned the only hotel or inn at that time. He later built the Dillon Hotel, which was a historic structure. It was burned in 1907.

At the time the county was organized the only store in Woodbury (Danville) was that of Henry Wiley.

Among the early pioneers were: Henry D. McBroom, William Hollis, John Wood, Henry Ford, William Mears, Usibel Stone, Benjamin Allen, George St. John, William McFerrin, Joshua Barton, Archibald Stone, Asa Smith, Elijah Stephens, William Preston, Sr., Walter Wood, Benjamin Cummings, Sr., Warren Cummings, William Cummings, Sr., John Stone, Andrew Melton, Alexander McBroom, William James, John Wood, James Todd, Benjamin Hale, John Haley, Archibald Hicks, Gideon Rucker, Lonis Jetton, Gabriel Elkins, James Avent, and Lemuel Moore.

The first county court met in May, 1836, at the tavern of Henry D. McBroom, with the following-named magistrates in attendance: Thomas Powell, Allen Halcy, Joseph Simpson, Blake Sedgley, Isaac Finley, James L. Essary, Isaac W. Elledge, John Pendleton, I. M. Brown, Elijah Stephens, F. L. Turner, C. C. Evans, John Melton, Samuel Lance, William Bates, John Martin, William B. Foster, John Frazer, Martin Phillips, Lemuel Moore, Reuben Evans, James Goodwin, Peter Reynolds, James Batey, Joel Cheatham, and Jonathan Fuston. The following-named officials qualified at this meeting: Samuel J. Garrison, county court clerk; George Grizzle, sheriff; Alexander F. McFerrin, register; Job Stephens, trustee; Alexander McKnight, coroner; Henry H. Clifton, ranger; William Stone, entry-taker; Hugh Robinson, surveyor. A committee of six, consisting of Hugh Robinson, James Clark, Arch Stone, William Bates, John B. Stone, and John Brown, was appointed to lay off town lots.

Statistics of Cannon County: population, 1920, 10,241. Assessed valuation of taxable property, 1921, \$4,248,639. Area, 280 square miles. Number of farms, 1,992. Railway mileage, none. Drained by numerous small streams. Surface is hilly and rolling and soil very fertile. Corn, wheat, and live stock are staple products. Woodbury, the county seat, has a population of 277 and is a flourishing town with good schools,