

Jerome Colony

Jerome Colony is a small village situated in a beautiful region of country in Anderson County 15 miles of Palestine. Nine years ago there was not a house of any kind to be seen on the place where the colony now stands; but wild beasts roamed over the spot ~~and~~ un-molested, not being frightened by the presence of man. But how different is the sight now and what a change a few years have wrought in the history of the colony.

There are now 15 houses in the place two stores two cabinet shops two boarding houses two blacksmith shops one hotel one academy one masonic hall one Daguerian gallery one apothecary's shop one saddler's shop one post office seven dwelling houses, &c. &c.

The greater number of houses were built during the years 1858 and 1859.

In 1858 the place was sold out in town lots and from that time it has been improving beyond the most sanguine expectations of its settlers.

There are several public roads running through the place one from Fairfield to Peristote one from Palestine to Troy one from Tyler's Ferry to Athens, &c. &c.

The rapid improvements which have been erected during the past year show the industry enterprise and intelligence of its citizens. From what we have already seen of the growth of the place it is reasonable

conspicuous place and one among the
most business places of the county.

It already has a voting power of 100 strong.
The Colony is built on a beautiful spot
intirely free from sand which is too com-
mon in the most of our business towns.

And it is well shaded by a beautiful
growth of timber mostly Hickory, post-oak,
and black-jack; whose boughs and foliage
afford an elegant shelter to the wayfaring
man from the burning heat of a sum-
mer's sun.

With the exception of a few miserable
standings and grasses which unfortunately
have been intruded in the town during
the few weeks which have recently past

I doubt not but it can boast of as good
society as any other village of its size in
the state. I also doubt whether another
neighborhood or village can be found which
can afford as kind and accommodating people.

And I am almost sure that there could
not an other place be found where there
are as many fair and lovely ladies as we
find in our midst when in the desira-
ble city of Tennessee Colony.

Summing up the whole I think
we can not value too highly nor hold
too fondly of the village in which it
has been our lot to be cast.

William Clark