

# Hoadley mill fire hit Stinesville hard

As the 19th century died, the only shadow that had been cast on Stinesville's prosperity had been the failure of the Chicago and Stinesville Stone Company, which was renamed the Blue Creek Stone Company. In the financial panic of 1893, it went into receivership.

**OTHER COMPANIES**, besides the Hoadley mill, were operating in Stinesville, and they had names that seem quaint to us today — the Stinesville Seam and Stone Co., the Ramona Stone Co., North Bedford Stone Co. (of all things), the Big Creek Stone Co. and the Red Hill Stone Co.

Before the turn of the century, there were few railroad spurs from the main track to the mills, and the stone had to be carted there by wagon. Two of the men who specialized in that kind of work were William Cline and Newt May.

The 1900 census for Monroe County

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indicates that there were 225 residents of the town of Stinesville. There were, of course, others who lived outside the town limits, who considered themselves Stinesvillians. Of the foreign-born in the town were John Hoadley Sr., Harry Lavinder and William Smith, English; Mary Welch, Irish; Charles E. Whetzel, Albert Imhausen, Lilly McCarty, Edward Snooks and Joseph Winder, German; and Agnes Aitken, Scottish. Living just outside of Stinesville were a large number of Italians, attracted

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