

Stinesville boomed with growth of stone industry

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shop, and R.G. Edwards live stock business. The town also had its very own physician, who was Dr. W. Rice Holtzman.

In addition, Stinesville had lodges — Masons, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Law and order was maintained by the marshall, Ezra Dunning. D.C. Pugh, Robert Welch and Frank Whetzel were the town councilmen, and L.N. Williams kept the books and wrote up the minutes of the council meetings.

With all that going for it — industry and small business — how could the town fail to prosper. Unfortunately, a dramatic event changed the course of Stinesville's history.

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