

center for the greater part of this territory in so far as any trade center is provided within the county.

In 1909 Lincoln graded school had an enrollment of 64 with three teachers and it now enrolls 82 with three teachers. In 1909 Purcellville graded school had an enrollment of 61 with 2 teachers and it now enrolles 182 with 6 teachers. Purcellville grows and helps to inhabit the earth. In 1909 Purcellville had a population of 375 and it now has 758. The population of Lincoln has not increased during that time.

~~taxes~~ In ¹⁹¹⁴ ~~1909~~ the assessed ~~tax~~ valuation of property assessed for school ~~taxes~~ in Purcellville was 7-0/10 of that for Mt. Gilead district. In 1925 is was 20%.

In 1911 out of five graduates two came ~~thru~~ from or through Purcellville to reach Lincoln.

In 1926 out of 26 graduates 22 ^{came} ~~pass~~ through ~~or come~~ ^{or} from Purcellville to reach Lincoln.

In 1909 there were 52 pupils enrolled in the high school at Lincoln. In 1910-11 there were 48 and I have found a list of these. The homes of these pupils or places where they boarded in order to attend school are shown on a map to which attention is invited. There were no improved roads at any place in this territory at this time. This is ⁵⁴⁹ an important factor. Of the 48 pupils 17 passed the corner marked B to reach Lincoln and the other 31 went directly to Lincoln. The site was not illogical.

Since that year there have been changes. Purcellville and its graded school have grown as indicated before. Good roads have been built as indicated by heavy lines on the map to which attention is now invited. The enrollment in the high