

IRON COUNTY HISTORY -- MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP -- MANSFIELD

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MANSFIELD, Iron County: the adjacent mine was developed by the **Mansfield Mining Company**; the village was platted in 1889 by **W.S. Calhoun** who had discovered ore in profitable quantities here; the railroad was extended to the site in 1890; **John Erikson** became the first postmaster on July 23, 1891; the waters of the Michigamme River seeped into the mine workings in September, 1893, and brought death to 27 miners; by providing a new channel for the river, the mine was later redeemed and was operated for some years by the **Oliver Iron Mining Company**; the post office was closed on May 15, 1913.

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A New Town.

The **Mansfield mine** is beginning to feel the necessity of a town near at hand to accommodate its rapid development. Six months ago when mining operations were begun, the total population was crowded into a log boarding house and consisted, all told, of about 40 persons. Today there are at least 300 people to be supplied with shelter and the necessaries of life. This mine may be put down as one of the permanent producers of Iron county. Its continual [*sic – continual*] growth and importance as a shipper will be seen before the season closes. **Messrs. Ferry & Calhoun**, the owners of the property, have now in the hands of the surveyor, a **plat for the new town of "Mansfield"** and it will surely be a good investment for the owners and for others who may locate there. The town is only two miles from the **Hollister [Mine]** and a road is to be built to this mine. It is only three miles to the **Armenia [Mine]**

and [*the*] **Glidden [Mine]**, with the best road in the country connecting these locations. It is reasonable to suppose that other mines will be opened upon the Mansfield range before the year closes. The plat will be ready for inspection about the 15th of this month, upon the return of **W.R. Calhoun** from Colorado, and lots will be ready for sale soon after. The first come will be first served, without any preference, as there will be only 240 lots 30 x 150 ft. in size in the plat. Those who are fortunate enough to get into this "charmed circle" before the lots are all sold will have reason to congratulate themselves as no more land will be platted for one year. We shall have more to say regarding the property when the lots are ready for sale.