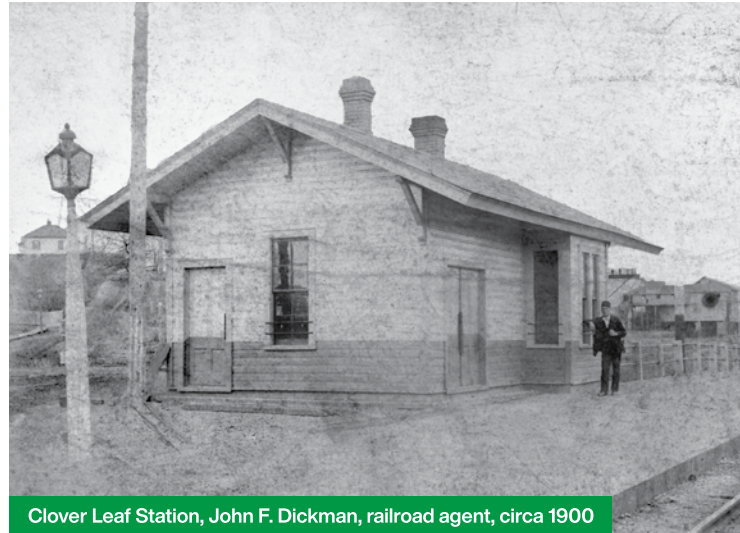


Coal Mine #1 opened in 1892. It was located just off Meridian Road one third of a mile north of the Covered Bridge. In November 1893, a major fire erupted that destroyed all top buildings and machinery. The loss was estimated at \$30,000 and the Madison Coal Corporation had no insurance. The sixteen men working in the mine were hoisted through the air shaft and escaped without injury. The mine resumed operations by January 1894, however, it was short lived. Mine #1 was abandoned in 1897 due to severe water seepage.

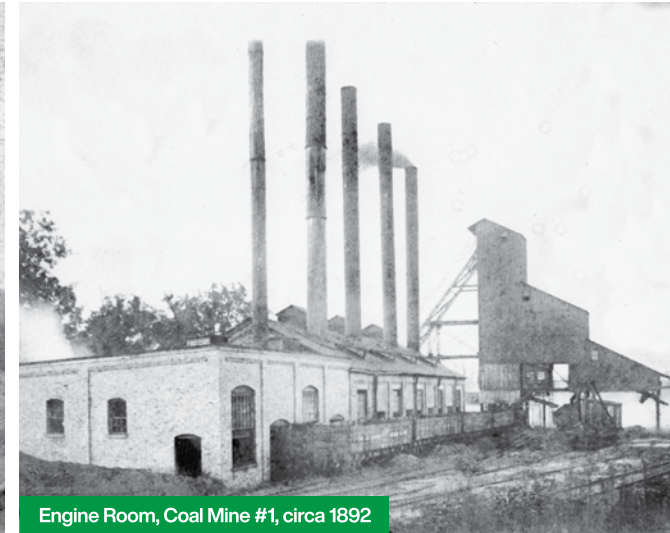
Clover Leaf Station was located east of Meridian Road between the tracks just north of Miner Park. John F. Dickman was the agent/telegraph operator for both Peters and Glen Carbon until 1904 when the stations were separated and he was put in charge of the work at Peters. Both the Illinois Central and the Clover Leaf railroads provided passenger service to St. Louis several times a day. During the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, railroad service passed through Glen Carbon beginning at 6 a.m. and consisted of 22 passenger trains per day. In addition, another dozen or more of the lucrative freight train traffic came through each weekday.

Villagers could spend the day in St. Louis shopping or attending the World's Fair and still catch the 10:10 train home.

The Litchfield and Madison Railroad (L & M) constructed tracks, circa 1900, parallel to the Clover Leaf. In 1922, the Clover Leaf became the Nickel Plate Railroad.



Clover Leaf Station, John F. Dickman, railroad agent, circa 1900



Engine Room, Coal Mine #1, circa 1892



Sisters Mary Watsek Kalal, left, & Katherine Watsek Mateyka (mother of Leona Mateyka Hamilos) St. Louis World's Fair, 1904

The Clover Leaf has inaugurated a new fast passenger service between St. Louis and Indianapolis, which took effect Sunday. A daily train will leave St. Louis at 7:01 p. m. and arrive at Indianapolis at 3:30 next morning. This new service was initiated Thursday, when the Clover Leaf people ran a special train out from St. Louis, conveying prominent merchants and railroad officials and also a number of newspaper men. The company entertained its guests royally, and furnished them with everything that is good in the eatable and drinkable line. The party left Indianapolis Friday morning on the return trip and arrived in St. Louis in the afternoon. N. O. Nelson was a member of the party.

Inaugural overnight service included prominent Leclair founder, N.O. Nelson, *Edwardsville Intelligencer*, 1895

Hilbert W. Dickman, John's son, was rate clerk for Nickel Plate Railroad



Trail Info

