The Lincoln - Purcellville School Case

The question is whether a new high school building shall be erected at Lincoln on the former site or on or near Purcellville on a new site.

During or prior to the year 1909 patrons and other interested persons started a movement to erect a new high school building at Lincoln where for several years a high school had been conducted in a building of about four rooms which as remodeled is now used for an elementary school in that place.

The best available evidence indicates that friends of the school offered to furnish the land and contribute $8,000 for the xerection of a school building for high school purposes within 5/8 of a mile of the old Goose Creek Meeting House and it was expressly provided that the same belong to the public school authorities of said district and be a part of such school system.

The district school board of Mt. Gilead decided to accept the gift and operate a high school at Lincoln. An appeal was taken from the action of the district school board by citizens of Purcellville who asked that the building be located near Purcellville and who offered to contribute as much as was offered at Lincoln. At the hearing before the school trustee electoral board Mr. Edward Nichols was very ardent in support of the Lincoln site and in the presence of those assembled promised to endow the school with $10,000 and to use his influence among rich friends to secure other