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BELLAIRE  
A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE TOWN  
OF BELLAIRE, BELMONT COUNTY  
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## Points of Interest:

### The House That Jack Built

Jacob Heatherington was one of the earliest miners in the vicinity of Bellaire and accumulated considerable wealth. In 1837 he bought land from Capt. Fink and rented a coal bank. He with his sons labored faithfully at his mine. He took a partner in the form of a mule and named him Jack. The mule served Jacob for many years and in 1870 Jacob built an imposing brick mansion on the river plateau below his coal mine. Jacob dedicated the residence to Jack saying - but for Jack's faithful services he could never have the mansion. Over the doorway is a noble arch, the keystone of which is the projecting head of a mule, a likeness of Jack. When the house was built Jack was 28 years old, and retired from active business. Jacob showed Jack through the house as Jack followed him. Jack was 40 years and 10 days old when he died. His appearance was venerable for time had whitened his entire body like unto snow. This house stands in South Bellaire on Belmont St. in the 1700 block. It is unkept and fast deteriorating.

### The Stone Archway Across the City

The Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road crosses the city of Bellaire atop of a cut stone arcade of 43 arches. This is over 31 st. Street and joins an iron bridge crossing the Ohio River. The height of the rail road above the main streets is 35 feet. The rock for the piers and arches was brought from rock ledges a few miles up McMahon Creek valley. The first railroad engine crossed the arcade and bridge on June 18, 1873. The bridge and arcade are about one mile long.

### Rock Hill and Hardesty Hill

Rock Hill rises abruptly west of the north central section of the city to an elevation of about 900 feet. Many elaborate residences are located on the crest of this hill and overlook the city and river.