

Celebration in 1840

THE July 4 celebration in 1840 was a momentous one in Columbus and Franklin county. Preparations had been going on for three weeks for a parade on High street, ending up at Stewart's grove in the South end.

Promptly at 9 o'clock on the morning of the Fourth a large procession formed on High street, under the direction of Col. John McElvain, chief marshall, assisted by Col. Charles Runyon, N. B. Kelly, Robert Riorden and N. Gregory, the right resting in front of Russel's hotel and extending south.

The procession counter-marched and proceeded down High street to Stewart's grove about a mile from the point of starting.

At that time there was still living in Franklin county a number of Revolutionary war soldiers and these were gathered up and given a place of honor in the parade and on the platform at the picnic grounds.

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