

## APPOLONIAN BAND - 1837-1840

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An old citizen writing in the Darlington Echo says of two men who died here recently: Noticing in the Crawfordsville paper the announcement of the death of OG Wilhite and Wm. J. Krug has quickened many memories of the long past time. I became acquainted with these gentlemen many years ago, the first in 1837 the other in 1840. Mr. Wilhite not yet 21 years old was a member of the Appolonian Band, perhaps the first band formed in Western Indiana and I tnk the late John M. Fisher was its president at that time. In 1839 I became connected with the band and became more intimately acquainted with Ose as we called him. He was a good musician and master of his instrument and although of a quiet and undemonstrative disposition ordinary, yet when his instrument was at his mouth he seemed to be inspired by the very genius of music and poured forth on the surrounding air with prodigal abandon most delightful and inspiring musical strains and many of our mistakes were hidden by his stronger notes. The persons of the band in 1840 were Alex Bell, leader, OG Wilhite, EA Wilhite RC Kincaid, Ira Crane, JQA Maddox, JM Fisher, DB Fry, JE Naylor, SD Smith, DT Powers, Charley Cuqua and myself. We spent that year in the field attending conventions, giving concerts, etc. It was while we were thus engaged, I became acquainted with Mr. Krug, a whole souled genial companion who being a strong Whig, attended ll the conventions and Whit gatherings in the district and out of it, where he could hear of them.