

C'ville - downtown 1895

Source: Crawfordsville Star, June 4, 1896

There was a sort of an April shower about 5 o'clock on Thursday evening. In the midst of it there was a vivid flash of lightning that made every telephone bell ring and burnt out many electrical light transformers and telephones too. The deafening crash that followed caused many tradesmen to think their places of business had been struck and people ran out in the street to see what was hit. It was soon seen that a bolt of lightning had struck a heavy brick supporting column on the east transept of Center Church and while the bolt had not entered the church it had copped and hollowed out a great place four feet in circumference and then seemed to scatter in the air. The top of the rod was melted and turned down. The wonder is that the whole end of the church edifice was not knocked out.