



# NEWS 'N NOTES

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

I inherited this job again. I hope I can do as well as my predecessors. As far as I know, I am the only officer for the 1991 term.

We, as a group, need to discuss participation in our societies activities.

The attendance at our meetings is low. There are usually 7 to 8 people attending our meetings (out of the 23 local members). I realize we all have conflicts with other activities. We cannot attend every meeting. However, I believe it is to everyones advantage to make an effort to attend at least 2 or 3 meetings a year.

If we cannot attend meetings, there are other ways to assist the society:

1. Copy inscriptions in the county cemeteries.
2. Type, or proof-read material to be published.
3. Contribute material to the newsletter
4. Help at the resource center

We can make this a better organization with the cooperation of the membership.

We want to thank the people who HAVE attended meetings, helped at the resource center, copied cemetery stones and courthouse records, and served as officers and boardmembers.

If you know anyone interested in genealogy, bring them to our meetings. If you live outside of the county, please stop in and visit the resource center when you are in the area.

Let's make our good society one of the best!

June Morrow

## \*\* QUERIES \*\*

Need information about the life of Abraham Courtright (1828-1875), b Ohio, Died in Oxford Junction. Brother of Anthony Courtright (1820-1900) & Half-brother of George Lathrop, Jr. I will share what I have with you.

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Robert and Naomi (Hickman) Bunting had settled in Jones County, Iowa by 1854, probably in the Bowen's Prairie area. Robert died July 6, 1826, and Naomi died October 23, 1883, both in Jones County. WHERE ARE THEY BURIED?

Dana Fox Lowry, Box 122, Jamaica, Iowa 50128

1925 STATE CENSUS SURNAME SEARCH

\$5.00 per surname

Example: Although no one with the surname "Orr" lived in Jones County in 1925, \$5.00 would provide this much information:

(Monticello) Bk 79 Ln 31	Sampson, Elizabeth A. (d 1916)	54	IA	IA	Meth	Tone, John	IRE	Orr, Anna	IRE	IA				
	Charles B.	22	IA			Sampson, John	IA							
	Jesse M.	21	IA			"								
	Oliver	17	IA											
	Glenn H.	15	IA											
(Onslow) Bk 93 Ln 95	Brick, Lillian	42	IA	WA	Pres	French, W.N.	IA	Orr, Agnes	IA	IA				
	Dorothy	11	ID			Brick, Chas	IA	French, Lillian	IA	WASH				
(Clay) Bk 32 Ln 61	Larkey, Geo. Frank	56	IA	IA		Larkey, James H.	OH	DeHoss, Mary E.	OH	IA				
	Alice	50	IA		Pres	Orr David H.	IRE	Allison, Mary	Scot.	CONN				
	Alva O.	19	IA											
	Willard S.	13	IA											
(Clay) Bk 31 Ln 1	Buckner, Jas. A. (Army)	28	IA	IA	Pres	Buckner, Wm. T.	IA	Hildenbrandt, Weimine (64)	IA	IA				
	Wilma N.	23	IA			Hanna, James	IA	Orr, Edna S. (46)	IA	IA				
	Madalenev	2	IA											
	James P.	1	IA											
(Onslow) Bk 93 Ln 16	Wasson, Joseph	66	IA		Pres	Wasson, John	Scot.	Russell, Jemina	Scot.	CONN				
	Edna	47	IA			Orr, W.	IRE	Orr, Jemina						
(Mad. Twp.) Bk 65 Ln 125	Young, John D.	67	ONSL		Pres	Young, Robert	IRE	Orr, Jane	IRE	CONN				
(Onslow) Bk 93 Ln 1	Bullock, R. O.	36	IA		Pres	Bullock, Wm (65)	IA	Orr, Janie (64)	IA	IA				
	Roxie	31	MO		Pres	Denham, S.W. (51)	MO	Wilson, Mena (48)	MO	MO				
	Lois	6	IA											
	Wanda	4	IA											
	Denham, Eryln	12	MO											
	Mildred	9	IA											
(Morley) Bk 114 Ln 115	Bramer, Harry	26	IA		M.E.	Bramer, Chris (79)	Ger.	Bermel, Ida (65)	IA	IA				
	Ruth	29	IA		Pres.	Orr, James (68)	IA	Lee, Ella (62)	IA	IA				
(Monticello) Bk 79 Ln 25	Young, Olive L.	57	IA	IA	Pres	Waite, Willit R.	NY	Wheeler, Emily	VT	IA				
	Ethel A.	16	IA			Young, Albert H.	IA	Waite, Ilive L. (57)	IA	IA				
	(Roomer) Espy, Norma	17	IA											
	(Brother-in-law) Young, Wm. H. (d 1932)	64	IA			Young, Robert	IRE	Orr, Jane	IRE					
(Onslow) Bk 93 Ln 87	Sears, Geo.	34	IA	IL	Pres	Sears, Geo	OH	Draves, Maryetta	PA	IA				
	Mina	30	IL			Schadder, Samuel K	IRE	Orr, Haney	IA	IL				
	Gertrude	10	IA											
	Ruth	9	IA											
(Mad Twp) Bk 65 Ln 121	Jansen, John C.	35	ONSL	IA	Luth	Jansen, Andrew (4)	Ger	Von Spreckon, Anna (57)	Ger	Jones Co.				
	Ina M.	31	ONSL			Young, John (67)		Hamilton, Emma	ONSL	ONSL				
	Donald D.	7	ONSL					d 1916						
	John D.	1	ONSL											
	(Father-in-Law) Young, John D.	67	ONSL			Young, Robert	IRE	Orr, Jane	IRE	CONN				
(Mad Twp) Bk 65 Ln 51	Kennedy, Wm K. (Army)	27	ONSL	IA	Pres	Kennedy, James (54)	*	Orr, Minnie (51)	ONSL	* b b b b b b b b				
	Leona A.	25	JANES	CO.		Pichner, John W. (52)	*	Riddle, Elnora (50)	JANES CO.	* b b b b b b b b				
(Onslow) Bk 93 Ln 51	Bullock, Janie	65	IA		Pres	Orr, Wm	IRE	Orr, Mina	IRE	CONN				
(Monticello) Bk 77 Ln 85	Lambert, Charles E.	45	IA	IA	Pres	Lambert, Wm (64)	GER	Smith, Virginia (68)	VA	VA				
	Anna J.	44	IA			Grey, James (71)	NY	Orr, Nancy	OH	IA				
	Cay I	26	IA											
	Violet M.	18	IA											
	Hugh E.	12	IA											
	Charles T.	4	IA											
(Onslow) Bk 93 Ln 36	Streeper, B. W.	63	IA	IA	Pres	Streeper, Stephen R.	PA	Todd, Iabella	PA	PA				
	Sadie	53	IA			Orr, Samuel	IRE	Orr, Sarah	IRE	CONN				
	Mildred	26	IA											
	Mable	20	IA											
	Alva	14	IA											
(Clay) Bk 31 Ln 31	Conley, Frank O.	45	IA	IA		Conley, Orlando (72)	PA	Harwood, Emma (71)	OH	IA				
	Alice B.	43	IA		Pres	Orr, Wm H. (67)	MASS	French, Sarah E (63)	IA	IA				
	Velma G.	22	IA			d 1932								
	Ralph W.	21	IA											
	Beth E.	13	IA											
(Morley) Bk 114 Ln 98	Dreibbelbis, Guy	37	IA	IL	M.E.	Dreibbelbis, D.E. (70)	IA	Clark, Josie (71)	IA	IA				
	Jessie	35	IA		Pres	Orr, Wm. S.	MASS	Scroggie, Isabel	OH	IA				
	Lorna I	5	IA											

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## WPA Cemetery Project

Orr, Alva J. d.7/15/1937; Clay cem. Clay twp. Wife: --Stickler;  
Mother: Aurilla Ames ; Father: Joseph  
Orr, David H. 1829-1908; Clay cem. Clay twp.  
Orr, Jeannette d.1/8/1890 ae 23; Clay cem. Clay twp.  
Orr, Jemima d.3/18/1921 ae 85; Clay cem. Clay twp.  
Orr, Jennie N.D. Clay cem. Clay twp.  
Orr, Jessie S. 1883-1933; Wyoming cem. Madison twp.  
Orr, John 4/15/1827-5/4/1890; Wyoming cem. Madison twp.  
Orr, Joseph 3/8/1862, Mass. - 3/9/1919; Wyoming cem.; Wife; Elizabeth Hanson  
Orr, Joseph w. 1864-1927; Clay cem. Clay twp.  
Orr, Joseph d 11/27/1928; ae 72 (Res. at Onslow, Iowa)  
Orr, Mary 1835-1914; Clay cem., Clay twp.  
Orr, Mary M. 1873-1915; Clay cem., Clay twp.  
Orr, S. J. Clay cem., Clay twp.  
Orr, Samuel 1831-1875; Clay cem., Clay twp. - Vet. of C. W. 37th Mass. Vol.  
Orr, Sarah 1833-1922; Clay cem., Clay twp.  
Orr, Sarah J. 6/2/1859 - 7/9/1905; Wyoming cem., Madison twp.  
Orr, William 1833 County Antrim, Ireland - 1/21/1888; Proxem Hill Cem,  
Scotch Gr. Twp. Was a grandson of the celebrated Irish patriot, Wm. Orr.  
hung for high treason for defending persecuted Irish Catholics in 1797.  
Orr, William 1893-1914; Clay cem., Clay twp  
Orr, Wm. d 1/28/1888; ae 55, Clay cem., Clay twp  
Orr, William S. 1858 - 1916, Clay cem., Clay twp  
Orr, Wm. H. 1858-1932; Clay cem., Clay twp

## Marriages in Jones County

Harbison Orr b Mass married Mary Denison b Jones Co. on 6/22/1898 at Onslow  
His parents: Samuel and Sarah Orr Her parents: John and Matilda (Campbell) Denison

Wm. Orr married Mrs. Mary Duncanson on 3/30/1898 at Wyoming  
His parents: Samuel and Sarah Orr Her Parents: Andrew Scroggie and Grace Tasker

Philip Palmer b Labelle, MO married Mate Orr on 6/14/1896 at Onslow  
His parents: Edmund M. and Eliza (Matthews) Palmer  
Her parents: John and Sarah (Brown) Orr

## 1910 Jones Co. History

Samuel Orr was born in Ireland in 1831, his parents being Joseph and Agnes (Erskine) Orr, who spent their entire lives in that country. In the year 1853, when a young man of 22, Samuel Orr crossed the Atlantic to the U.S., taking up his abode in Connecticut. He wedded Miss Sarah Orr, a native of Ireland, who made the ocean voyage to this country in the company with her sister. At the time of the Civil War, Mr. Orr enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of the Thirty-seventh Mass. Volunteer Infantry, participating in the battle of Gettysburg.

Harbison Orr, a part of whose farm is included within the bounds of the village of Onslow, was born in Mass., March 10, 1867. His parents, Samuel and Sarah Orr, were natives of Ireland and came to the U.S. in the early 50's. After a few years spent in the east, they located in Jones County, Ia., settling upon a farm in Clay Twp. There the father died in 1875, and there his widow is still residing, being in the 76th year of her age. Nine children were born to them, six of whom are now living. On the 22nd of Jund, 1898, Mr. Orr wedded Miss Mary Dennison, a native of Jones Co., of whose lives appears elsewhere in this work.

Joseph W. Orr was born in Clay twp., Jones County, April 15, 1864, a son of William and Jemima (Orr) Orr, both natives of the Emerald isle, whence they came to the new world after reaching mature years. Each located in Connecticut and in that state in 1855 they were united in marriage. In April of that year, about two months subsequent to their marriage, they sought a home in the west, making a location in Jones County. Joseph W. Orr was married on the 24th of August, 1887, to Miss Ella J. Lee, of Clay twp, a daughter of James F. Lee, who came when a boy with his parents to Jones county from Dubuque county, this state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Orr have been born seven children, but two of the number are deceased. Those who survive are: Vera J., who is a student in Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa; and William L., Ruth N., John Harold and Ralph J., all still under the parental roof.

JONES COUNTY, IOWA  
1856 STATE CENSUS  
RONE TOWNSHIP

NAME	AGE	SEX	YRS IN IA	BORN	NAME	AGE	SEX	YRS IN IA	BORN
JAC. RICHSTINE	38	M	10	PENN	V. BARKER	56	F	10	N.J.
S. RICHSTINE	14	F	10	OHIO	V. BARKER	25	M	10	N.Y.
D. M. RICHSTINE	13	M	10	OHIO	J. BARKER	23	M	10	N.Y.
J. RICHSTINE	11	M	10	OHIO	L. BARKER	21	M	10	N.Y.
R. RICHSTINE	7	M	7	IOWA	W. BARKER	19	M	10	NICH
R. RICHSTINE	2	M	2	IOWA	A. BARKER	15	M	10	ILL
WM SNOTHERS	23	M	3	OHIO	GEO. ENERSON	36	M	3	OHIO
E. SNOTHERS	16	F	5	OHIO	S. A. E. ENERSON	35	F	3	OHIO
C. A. SNOTHERS	0	M	0	IOWA	C. ENERSON	14	M	3	OHIO
J. W. TAYLOR	26	M	11	IND	W. ENERSON	13	M	3	OHIO
A. N. TAYLOR	20	F	12	OHIO	H. ENERSON	12	M	3	OHIO
T. TAYLOR	2	M	2	IOWA	G. ENERSON	9	M	3	OHIO
L. E. TAYLOR	0	F	0	IOWA	H. ENERSON	5	F	3	IND
G. E. TAYLOR	11	M	11	IOWA	N. F. ENERSON	4	F	3	IND
H. L. STEWART	23	M	2	OHIO	L. D. A. ENERSON	3	F	3	IOWA
A. STEWART	15	F	12	KENT	J. ENERSON	0	M	0	IOWA
M. BAUGH	61	F	14	PENN	EVE WALKER	42	F	1	OHIO
JACOB BAUGH	24	M	14	IND	ELI WALKER	25	M	1	OHIO
JAMES BAUGH	22	M	14	IND	E. WALKER	18	F	1	IND
E. BAUGH	20	F	14	IND	I. WALKER	15	M	1	IND
R. NASON	36	M	2	VA	W. WALKER	12	M	1	IND
A. A. NASON	40	F	2	VA	J. WALKER	7	F	1	OHIO
J. NASON	14	M	2	OHIO	J. WALKER	4	M	1	OHIO
T. E. NASON	12	M	2	OHIO	D. GININGS	22	M	1	N.Y.
W. J. NASON	7	M	2	OHIO	D. SMITH	26	M	1	PENN
M. N. NASON	6	F	2	OHIO	H. MILLER	27	M	4	PENN
R. NASON	3	M	2	OHIO	H. MILLER	24	F	5	OHIO
J. BIGGERSTAFF	56	M	5	PENN	L. J. MILLER	0	F	0	IOWA
J. BIGGERSTAFF	55	F	5	PENN	HENRY GOGGARTY	36	M	3	IRE
S. BIGGERSTAFF	17	F	5	PENN	B. GOGGARTY	27	F	3	IRE
N. BIGGERSTAFF	13	M	5	PENN	N. J. GOGGARTY	2	F	2	IOWA
L. D. BATES	31	M	7	PENN	J. N. RUNNEL	27	M	2	PENN
M. T. J. BATES	24	F	5	PENN	N. A. RUNNEL	24	F	2	OHIO
J. G. BATES	4	M	4	IOWA	N. C. RUNNEL	1	F	1	IOWA
F. N. BATES	2	M	2	IOWA	J. EASTERLY	28	M	4	OHIO
E. A. BATES	0	F	0	IOWA	S. J. EASTERLY	21	F	4	OHIO
J. G. BATES	39	M	1	PENN	M. N. EASTERLY	3	F	3	IOWA
M. BAKER	47	F	19	KENT	M. E. EASTERLY	1	F	1	IOWA
M. GLENN	18	M	18	IOWA	N. RUNNEL	23	M	2	PENN
Z. GATES	24	M	6	OHIO	N. A. RUNNEL	19	F	4	VA
E. A. GATES	21	F	19	IND	W. H. HARRISON	38	M	5	OHIO
J. W. GATES	0	M	0	IOWA	R. HARRISON	35	F	5	DEL
J. N. GLENN	23	M	19	KENT	B. J. HARRISON	14	M	5	OHIO
M. J. GLENN	18	F	2	IND	L. J. HARRISON	13	F	5	OHIO
W. IRLAND	25	M	0	IND	J. H. HARRISON	11	M	5	OHIO
L. IRLAND	19	F	0	IND	N. G. HARRISON	8	F	5	OHIO
O. N. P. NOWLS	25	M	2	IND	J. N. HARRISON	5	M	5	OHIO
J. A. B. NOWLS	21	F	1	OHIO	J. W. HARRISON	1	M	1	IOWA
J. W. LONG	2	M	1	IND	THOS. McCONKIE	28	M	1	OHIO
J. W. LONG	24	M	1	OHIO	E. McCONKIE	26	F	1	PENN
M. A. LONG	17	F	17	IOWA	E. D. McCONKIE	4	F	1	OHIO
W. McCREA	60	M	2	VA	J. W. McCONKIE	2	M	1	IOWA
A. McCREA	52	F	2	N.Y.	J. E. McCONKIE	0	M	0	IOWA
E. McCREA	18	F	2	IND	J. EASTERLY	24	M	5	OHIO
M. N. McCREA	15	M	2	IND	M. N. EASTERLY	22	F	10	OHIO
J. LUCAS	12	F	2	IND	A. C. EASTERLY	1	M	1	IOWA
L. BUNTZ	6	M	6	IOWA	B. A. JEFFRIES	38	M	4	OHIO
J. H. CULDICE	67	M	1	VA	R. JEFFRIES	28	F	4	OHIO
J. CULDICE	33	M	1	VA	N. N. JEFFRIES	6	M	4	OHIO
H. CULDICE	33	F	0	VA	G. MILLER	23	M	1	PENN
Is. CULDICE	22	M	1	VA	R. MALLAHAN	33	M	1	OHIO
J. W. CULDICE	8	M	0	IND	D. MALLAHAN	33	F	1	PENN
M. A. CULDICE	6	F	0	IND	A. J. MALLAHAN	12	M	1	OHIO
G. F. CULDICE	0	M	0	IND	C. F. MALLAHAN	10	M	1	OHIO
E. WHITNORE	36	F	1	PENN	W. O. MALLAHAN	9	M	1	OHIO
J. WHITNORE	23	M	1	VA	S. J. MALLAHAN	6	F	1	OHIO
S. WHITNORE	20	M	1	VA	L. J. MALLAHAN	4	F	1	OHIO
J. LAMB	30	M	5	OHIO	T. MALLAHAN	0	M	0	IOWA
N. J. LAMB	22	F	3	OHIO	S. EASTERLY	45	M	3	PENN
L. D. LAMB	2	F	2	IOWA	H. EASTERLY	45	F	3	OHIO
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G. MILLER	3	M	3	IOWA
T. LITTLEFIELD	60	M	0	N.Y.
M. LITTLEFIELD	55	F	0	OHIO
E. LITTLEFIELD	20	F	0	OHIO
T. LITTLEFIELD	16	M	0	OHIO
C. LITTLEFIELD	14	M	0	OHIO
R. LITTLEFIELD	12	F	0	OHIO
A. LITTLEFIELD	10	M	0	OHIO
F. R. BLIZARD	19	M	0	OHIO
J. FORNAN	40	M	12	KENT
J. FORNAN	43	F	12	VA
RHODA FORNAN	20	F	12	IND
M. FORNAN	18	F	12	IND
M. J. FORNAN	15	F	12	IND
E. FORNAN	12	F	12	IND
E. FORNAN	8	F	8	IOWA
A. FORNAN	4	F	4	IOWA
J. BYRD	20	M	14	OHIO
J. D. NORTON	46	M	10	MAIN
S. NORTON	43	F	10	VA
J. NORTON	22	M	10	IND
W. NORTON	19	M	10	IND
N. NORTON	16	M	10	IND
Z. NORTON	15	M	10	IND
R. N. NORTON	14	M	10	IND
D. NORTON	13	M	10	IND
J. NORTON	8	M	8	IOWA
L. NORTON	7	F	7	IOWA
E. Z. NORTON	4	F	4	IOWA
E. NORTON	4	F	4	IOWA
M. D. C. NORTON	0	F	0	IOWA
F. T. BROWN	38	M	5	VA
J. BROWN	34	F	5	VA
M. A. BROWN	17	F	5	VA
G. N. BROWN	14	M	5	VA
J. B. BROWN	12	M	5	VA
E. SOUTHWICK	62	M	2	N.Y.
M. SOUTHWICK	52	F	2	N.Y.
W. SOUTHWICK	26	M	3	OHIO
H. SOUTHWICK	19	F	2	OHIO
H. SOUTHWICK	18	F	2	OHIO
G. SOUTHWICK	1	M	1	IOWA
B. SOUTHWICK	23	M	2	OHIO
C. SOUTHWICK	18	F	0	OHIO
S. CLAYTON	52	M	1	VA
M. CLAYTON	50	F	1	VA
D. CLAYTON	22	M	1	OHIO
L. CLAYTON	18	M	1	OHIO
L. CLAYTON	14	M	1	OHIO
M. CLAYTON	11	F	1	OHIO
T. STIVERS	36	M	16	N.Y.
E. STIVERS	31	F	14	OHIO
G. H. STIVERS	11	M	11	IOWA
A. A. STIVERS	9	F	9	IOWA
A. P. STIVERS	6	F	6	IOWA
E. S. STIVERS	2	F	2	IOWA
S. STIVERS	56	M	0	N.Y.
S. GASSETT	25	M	2	KENT
S. C. GASSETT	20	F	2	GER
J. H. GASSETT	2	M	2	IOWA
M. E. GASSETT	0	F	0	IOWA
W. B. BLANEY	26	M	1	OHIO
J. J. BLANEY	19	F	1	OHIO
J. C. BLANEY	0	M	0	IOWA
J. BLANEY	50	M	1	VA
R. BLANEY	50	F	1	IRE
JOHN BLANEY	24	M	1	OHIO
S. A. BLANEY	22	F	1	OHIO

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R. BLANEY	18	F	1	OHIO
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HENRY F. BLANEY	14	M	1	OHIO
C. BLANEY	2	F	1	OHIO
J. BRICKLY	25	M	1	OHIO
J. McCOSKY	35	M	2	OHIO
S. McCOSKY	30	F	2	OHIO
E. A. McCOSKY	11	F	2	OHIO
M. E. McCLOSKY	7	F	2	OHIO
C. E. McCOSKY	6	M	2	OHIO
J. L. McCOSKY	3	M	2	OHIO
M. McCLOSKY	0	M	0	IOWA
J. TALLMAN	34	M	11	OHIO
L. TALLMAN	33	F	11	PENN
J. H. TALLMAN	12	M	11	OHIO
M. C. TALLMAN	9	M	9	IOWA
R. S. TALLMAN	7	M	7	IOWA
E. TALLMAN	6	F	6	IOWA
W. H. TALLMAN	3	M	3	IOWA
M. J. TALLMAN	1	F	1	IOWA
A. HARRISON	64	M	13	VA
M. HARRISON	53	F	13	PENN
H. HARRISON	25	M	13	OHIO
I. HARRISON	23	M	13	OHIO
W. HARRISON	21	M	13	OHIO
E. HARRISON	16	F	13	OHIO
A. HARRISON	14	M	13	OHIO
W. TAYLOR	41	M	3	KENT
M. TAYLOR	36	F	3	KENT
S. A. TAYLOR	16	M	3	IND
J. TAYLOR	12	F	3	IND
W. D. TAYLOR	3	M	3	IND
J. A. KRAMER	34	M	16	OHIO
C. KRAMER	28	F	16	OHIO
M. L. KRAMER	8	F	8	IOWA
O. N. KRAMER	5	F	5	IOWA
M. N. KRAMER	3	F	3	IOWA
W. OVERACKER	28	M	7	NICH
L. OVERACKER	24	F	16	OHIO
J. A. OVERACKER	6	M	6	IOWA
? G. OVERACKER	2	F	2	IOWA
F. A. OVERACKER	0	F	0	IOWA
J. H. WOODSBARKER	36	M	3	EURO
M. WOODSBARKER	25	F	3	GER
J. FOREMAN	37	M	3	OHIO
M. FOREMAN	34	F	3	IND
L. A. FOREMAN	9	F	3	ILL
A. FOREMAN	6	M	3	ILL
L. FOREMAN	4	M	3	ILL
C. FOREMAN	2	F	2	IOWA
W. FOREMAN	0	M	0	IOWA
W. W. THRAP	37	M	11	OHIO
J. C. THRAP	26	F	14	N.Y.
H. M. THRAP	8	F	8	IOWA
M. A. THRAP	6	F	6	IOWA
J. THRAP	4	M	4	IOWA
M. E. THRAP	2	F	2	IOWA
J. SHERMAN	20	M	14	N.Y.
J. U. PICKET	22	M	2	OHIO
C. CLYNER	33	M	4	MO
M. CLYNER	32	F	4	PENN
E. CLYNER	17	F	4	OHIO
S. CLYNER	14	F	4	OHIO
L. CLYNER	11	F	4	OHIO
M. CLYNER	6	F	4	OHIO
A. CLYNER	28	M	4	OHIO
S. OUDLISON	35	M	1	OHIO
S. OUDLISON	25	F	4	PENN
Jo. PEREGO	24	M	4	OHIO
M. PEREGO	23	F	4	OHIO
A. PEREGO	4	M	4	OHIO
J. PEREGO	2	M	2	IOWA

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NAME	AGE	SEX	YRS IN IA	BORN
S. EASTERLY	12	M	3	OHIO
M. A. EASTERLY	8	F	3	OHIO
H. E. EASTERLY	6	F	3	OHIO
H. L. TRECRAWLER	24	M	3	N.Y.
S. STUART	45	M	1	OHIO
M. STUART	45	F	1	VA
J. STUART	20	M	1	OHIO
W. STUART	15	M	1	OHIO
I. STUART	12	F	1	OHIO
J. R. STUART	10	M	1	OHIO
L. STUART	8	M	1	OHIO
M. A. STUART	7	F	1	OHIO
G. P. RUNNEL	56	M	0	PENN
J. RUNNEL	56	F	0	PENN
J. RUNNEL	17	M	0	OHIO
D. RUNNEL	15	M	0	OHIO
M. J. RUNNEL	13	F	0	OHIO
D. N. SKILLMAN	33	M	0	N.Y.
C. SKILLMAN	38	F	0	OHIO
E. SKILLMAN	3	F	0	OHIO
S. SKILLMAN	2	F	0	OHIO
W. SKILLMAN	0	M	0	OHIO
H. G. SEELY	51	M	28	N.Y.
M. J. SEELY	34	F	12	N.Y.
H. G. SEELY	6	M	6	ILL
H. SEELY	5	F	2	ILL
H. G. SEELY	0	M	0	IOWA
E. CLOTTERTON	28	F	12	N.Y.
J. BAILY	38	M	1	IRE
C. BAILY	25	F	1	IRE
G. BAILY	0	M	0	IOWA
J. B. BOTHWELL	39	M	12	SCOT
C. BOTHWELL	25	F	18	N.Y.
M. E. BOTHWELL	6	F	6	IOWA
C. A. BOTHWELL	5	F	5	IOWA
F. MADOX	52	F	4	VA
M. MADOX	24	F	4	VA
O. J. MADOX	15	M	4	VA
IRA BATES	33	M	8	PENN
E. J. BATES	25	F	12	OHIO
A. BATES	3	F	3	IOWA
D. R. CARPENTER	30	M	2	OHIO
C. CARPENTER	21	F	2	OHIO
A. E. CARPENTER	4	M	2	OHIO
L. H. CARPENTER	0	M	0	IOWA
M. B. SEELY	45	M	18	N.Y.
L. SEELY	43	F	16	N.Y.
G. W. SEELY	18	M	16	ILL
M. SEELY	16	M	16	IOWA
N. SEELY	8	M	8	IOWA
J. SEELY	6	F	6	IOWA
W. YELDEN	65	M	14	CAN
D. LONG	23	M	3	OHIO
R. J. CLEVELAND	51	M	15	MASS
M. E. CLEVELAND	41	F	15	N.Y.
G. VAN HORN	11	F	4	GER
J. OLNSTED	37	M	11	CAN
J. C. BALDORF	26	M	1	OHIO
S. A. BALDORF	25	F	1	OHIO
S. E. BALDORF	4	F	1	OHIO
E. A. BALDORF	2	F	1	OHIO
E. W. BALDORF	1	M	1	OHIO
A. BUNTZ	11	F	11	IOWA
P. J. MINOR	64	M	0	CONN
H. MINOR	64	M	0	MASS
E. H. MINOR	24	M	0	N.Y.
A. MINOR	18	F	0	NICH
E. R. PATERSON	29	M	1	N.Y.
E. PATERSON	21	F	1	N.Y.
E. WHITE	24	M	1	IND
M. E. WHITE	22	F	1	IND
S. A. WHITE	3	F	1	IND

NAME	AGE	SEX	YRS IN IA	BORN
M. E. WHITE	2	F	1	IND
M. H. HOUSMAN	29	M	1	OHIO
A. HOUSMAN	28	F	17	N.Y.
J. N. HOUSMAN	2	M	2	IOWA
W. H. HOUSMAN	0	M	0	IOWA
L. CORMWELL	15	M	15	IOWA
J. MERITT	50	M	19	N.Y.
W. MERITT	19	M	19	N.Y.
D. MERITT	17	F	17	IOWA
C. MERITT	14	M	14	IOWA
M. MERITT	04	F	18	N.Y.
L. GEHRINGER	23	M	1	GER
C. GEHRINGER	22	F	1	GER
GEORGE HOTZ	33	M	4	GER
C. HOTZ	26	F	4	GER
E. HOTZ	7	F	4	GER
C. HOTZ	5	M	4	GER
S. HOTZ	0	F	0	IOWA
GEO PIFER	41	M	10	GER
B. PIFER	41	F	10	GER
B. A. PIFER	20	F	10	GER
J. PIFER	19	M	10	OHIO
S. PIFER	12	F	10	OHIO
L. PIFER	7	F	7	IOWA
C. PIFER	4	F	4	IOWA
M. J. PIFER	0	F	0	IOWA
G. GILLMORE	40	M	6	VA
A. GILLMORE	30	F	6	VA
J. GILLMORE	17	M	6	VA
J. P. GILLMORE	14	M	6	OHIO
T. J. O. GILLMORE	12	M	6	OHIO
W. H. GILLMORE	9	M	6	OHIO
D. W. GILLMORE	7	M	6	OHIO
C. E. GILLMORE	5	M	5	IOWA
G. W. GILLMORE	4	M	4	IOWA
J. T. GILLMAN	35	M	0	IND
S. A. GILLMAN	43	F	0	OHIO
W. GILLMAN	14	M	0	IND
A. D. GILLMAN	12	M	0	IND
P. J. GILLMAN	8	F	0	IND
J. GILLMAN	5	M	0	IND
B. BIGGERSTAFF	50	F	1	KENT
A. W. BYAN	41	M	1	KENT
M. BYAN	31	F	1	N.Y.
W. E. BYAN	8	F	1	N.Y.
E. D. BYAN	12	M	1	N.Y.
M. J. BYAN	0	F	0	IOWA
J. RUSSELL	51	M	0	IRE
E. RUSSELL	52	F	0	IRE
P. STARRY	50	F	15	OHIO
D. STARRY	22	M	15	IND
JAC. STARRY	20	M	15	IND
E. STARRY	14	F	14	IOWA
L. STARRY	12	M	12	IOWA
P. STARRY	8	F	8	IOWA
A. SUNDAY	40	M	9	PENN
S. SUNDAY	37	F	9	OHIO
J. T. SUNDAY	14	M	9	OHIO
L. C. SUNDAY	6	M	6	IOWA
R. A. SUNDAY	2	F	2	IOWA
S. ROBERSON	15	F	15	IOWA
B. MILLER	35	M	3	OHIO
C. MILLER	32	F	3	OHIO
F. A. MILLER	12	F	3	OHIO
M. A. MILLER	10	F	3	OHIO
B. E. MILLER	8	F	3	OHIO
W. MILLER	6	M	3	OHIO
J. J. MILLER	2	M	2	IOWA
JAC. MILLER	56	M	11	VA
M. MARY MILLER	53	F	11	PENN
D. MILLER	20	M	11	OHIO
A. MILLER	17	M	11	OHIO

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S. T. HOLDEN	56	M	7	N.Y.
A. HOLDEN	51	F	7	MASS
R. PIKE	11	F	4	OHIO
T. M. SMITH	25	M	2	OHIO
G. L. SMITH	33	M	1	N.Y.
S. L. HINKE	23	M	0	OHIO
D. GARRISON	42	M	18	IND
S. GARRISON	38	F	18	IND
F. M. GARRISON	17	M	17	IOWA
L. L. GARRISON	16	M	16	IOWA
R. J. GARRISON	14	F	14	IOWA
W. F. GARRISON	12	M	12	IOWA
C. J. GARRISON	6	M	6	IOWA
S. D. GARRISON	5	M	5	IOWA
J. H. GARRISON	5	M	5	IOWA
M. M. GARRISON	0	F	0	IOWA
J. SLIFF	27	M	0	OHIO
H. J. SLIFF	23	F	0	OHIO
H. J. SLIFF	7	F	0	OHIO
L. SLIFF	11	F	0	OHIO
J. L. SLIFF	1	F	0	OHIO
S. J. NYH	22	F	1	VT
E. NYH	5	F	1	CAN
J. H. NYH	4	M	1	CAN
J. H. NYL	2	M	1	CAN
J. A. BRINPLE	25	M	2	OHIO
F. A. BRINPLE	24	F	2	OHIO
A. RUNELL	25	M	2	OHIO
M. RUNELL	22	F	1	OHIO
J. E. RUNELL	21	M	1	OHIO
H. PIKE	27	M	3	OHIO
S. M. PIKE	18	F	14	ILL
J. D. HERRICK	35	M	1	VT
E. HERRICK	28	F	1	VT
M. HERRICK	10	F	1	OHIO
J. HERRICK	8	F	1	OHIO
G. HERRICK	6	M	1	OHIO
M. HERRICK	2	F	1	OHIO
M. G. GININGS	25	M	1	PENN
C. GININGS	20	F	1	OHIO
E. WOOD	27	F	6	N.Y.
D. H. WOOD	10	M	6	N.Y.
A. G. WOOD	8	M	6	N.Y.
F. R. WOOD	5	M	5	IOWA
H. C. CARPENTER	62	M	0	PENN
E. CARPENTER	45	F	0	VA
S. G. CUNNINGHAM	21	M	0	OHIO
M. R. CUNNINGHAM	16	F	0	OHIO
J. M. H. CUNNINGHAM	11	M	0	OHIO
S. CARPENTER	45	M	0	OHIO
H. CARPENTER	35	F	0	N.J.
M. CARPENTER	14	F	0	OHIO
L. CARPENTER	12	F	0	OHIO
O. CARPENTER	10	M	0	OHIO
A. CARPENTER	6	F	0	PENN
H. CARPENTER	0	M	0	OHIO
F. L. CARPENTER	22	M	0	OHIO
SOL. DAVIS	26	M	1	OHIO
L. DAVIS	22	F	1	OHIO
C. DAVIS	1	F	1	IOWA
F. DAVIS	23	M	0	OHIO
G. W. GRAFT	27	M	13	OHIO
MARY GRAFT	22	F	11	OHIO
J. R. GRAFT	3	M	3	IOWA
M. GRAFT	2	F	2	IOWA
J. BLARE	20	M	2	OHIO
J. P. GRAFT	56	M	13	KENT
M. GRAFT	55	F	13	OHIO
J. S. GRAFT	22	M	13	OHIO
M. N. GRAFT	16	F	13	OHIO
S. R. GRAFT	11	F	11	IOWA
C. CLYNER	20	M	4	OHIO

NAME	AGE	SEX	YRS IN IA	BORN
J. CUNNINGHAM	11	M	1	OHIO
L. BUNTZ	8	M	7	IOWA
L. D. PIERCE	25	M	0	OHIO
H. A. PIERCE	21	F	0	MASS
M. J. PIERCE	1	M	0	MASS
G. SAUM	42	M	17	OHIO
S. SAUM	44	F	17	OHIO
J. SAUM	20	M	17	IND
M. SAUM	19	M	17	IND
P. A. SAUM	17	F	17	IND
J. SAUM	15	M	15	IOWA
H. SAUM	12	M	12	IOWA
E. E. SAUM	8	F	8	IOWA
H. J. SAUM	7	F	7	IOWA
J. M. SAUM	3	M	3	IOWA
S. P. SAUM	3	F	3	IOWA
A. PETTIT	40	M	1	OHIO
H. PETTIT	35	F	1	OHIO
H. J. PETTIT	19	F	1	OHIO
O. T. PETTIT	17	M	1	OHIO
H. PETTIT	13	F	1	OHIO
H. PETTIT	12	F	1	OHIO
D. PETTIT	10	M	1	OHIO
J. PETTIT	8	M	1	OHIO
H. PETTIT	6	F	1	OHIO
R. PETTIT	2	F	1	OHIO
W. YARLINGTON	18	M	0	OHIO
W. L. KELLER	32	M	5	VA
C. M. KELLER	31	F	5	VA
M. F. KELLER	8	F	5	VA
H. KELLER	6	F	5	VA
R. V. KELLER	4	F	4	IOWA
J. L. KELLER	1	M	1	IOWA
W. A. LYON	24	M	0	IND
C. LYON	18	F	0	VA
W. C. LYON	6	M	0	IND
A. LINLY	34	M	10	OHIO
H. LINLY	23	F	5	PENN
A. LINLY	12	M	10	IND
J. LINLY	10	F	10	IOWA
M. LINLY	6	M	6	IOWA
JOHN WEAVER	27	M	5	OHIO
M. WEAVER	26	F	5	PENN
J. F. WEAVER	9	M	5	OHIO
N. J. WEAVER	7	F	5	OHIO
T. WEAVER	5	M	5	OHIO
E. WEAVER	3	M	3	IOWA
S. E. WEAVER	0	F	0	IOWA
J. ANDERSON	35	M	1	IRE
C. W. ANDERSON	27	F	1	N.J.
J. ANDERSON	5	M	1	OHIO
J. K. ANDERSON	4	M	1	OHIO
J. M. ANDERSON	3	M	1	OHIO
W. W. ANDERSON	2	M	1	OHIO
R. ANDERSON	37	M	1	IRE
A. S. MERSHON	42	M	2	OHIO
MGT. MERSHON	41	F	2	VA
J. MERSHON	17	M	2	OHIO
M. MERSHON	17	F	2	OHIO
S. E. MERSHON	6	F	2	OHIO
F. E. CARPENTER	18	F	0	OHIO
M. CARPENTER	15	F	0	OHIO
E. CARPENTER	15	F	0	OHIO
H. CARPENTER	11	M	0	OHIO
C. R. SEELY	26	M	16	N.Y.
S. SEELY	24	F	16	VA
E. SEELY	6	M	6	IOWA
M. SEELY	5	M	5	IOWA
R. J. McCLEALLAND	25	F	1	OHIO
J. M. HAMILTON	38	M	1	OHIO
L. HAMILTON	28	F	1	OHIO
C. HAMILTON	9	M	1	IND
L. HAMILTON	7	M	1	IND
W. M. HAMILTON	5	M	1	IND
C. A. D. HAMILTON	1	F	1	IND

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NAME	AGE	SEX	YRS IN IA	BORN
I. PEREGO	2	M	2	IOWA
J. PEREGO	22	M	0	OHIO
G. W. MILLER	35	M	7	OHIO
S. MILLER	28	F	1	OHIO
D. MILLER	10	M	7	OHIO
C. L. MILLER	9	F	7	OHIO
C. V. MILLER	6	F	6	IOWA
J. P. MILLER	5	M	5	IOWA
H. C. MILLER	2	F	2	IOWA
A. J. KRAMER	21	M	14	OHIO
E. A. KRAMER	31	F	10	OHIO
J. G. RICHSTINE	15	M	10	OHIO
M. C. RICHSTINE	12	F	10	OHIO
S. N. RICHSTINE	11	F	10	OHIO
L. J. RICHSTINE	6	F	6	IOWA
J. W. KRAMER	1	M	1	IOWA
JOHN PORTER	30	M	0	OHIO
J. A. PORTER	26	F	0	OHIO
C. G. PORTER	6	M	0	OHIO
J. J. PORTER	2	M	0	OHIO
J. SAUM	77	M	11	ND
B. SAUM	70	F	11	VA
S. FLAUGHER	44	M	0	ND
C. FLAUGHER	43	F	0	VA
M. FLAUGHER	17	M	0	ND
A. E. FLAUGHER	14	F	0	ND
J. A. FLAUGHER	11	M	0	ND
W. N. FLAUGHER	10	M	0	OHIO
E. SHARRAH	27	M	0	PENN
L. SHARRAH	20	F	0	PENN
J. N. SHARRAH	2	M	0	VA
J. GRAHAM	52	M	2	IRE
M. A. GRAHAM	40	F	2	PENN
J. H. GRAHAM	15	M	2	NICH
W. GRAHAM	13	M	2	NICH
E. GRAHAM	11	F	2	NICH
M. A. GRAHAM	9	F	2	NICH
DAVID FALL	38	M	6	OHIO
R. FALL	36	F	6	OHIO
B. FALL	18	F	6	OHIO
G. W. FALL	16	M	6	OHIO
S. A. FALL	10	F	6	OHIO
R. SHINTAFFER	32	F	17	OHIO
P. SHINTAFFER	13	M	13	IOWA
E. SHINTAFFER	8	F	8	IOWA
J. SHINTAFFER	6	M	6	IOWA
S. D. SHINTAFFER	3	F	3	IOWA
N. BARNHARD	42	M	1	OHIO
N. BARNHARD	27	F	1	OHIO
B. J. BARNHARD	17	M	1	OHIO
N. BARNHARD	15	F	1	OHIO
I. BARNHARD	11	M	1	OHIO
F. BARNHARD	9	F	1	OHIO
E. BARNHARD	2	F	1	OHIO
E. F. STUART	28	M	1	OHIO
L. STUART	21	F	1	OHIO
E. STUART	0	M	0	IOWA
F. PIFER	32	M	2	EURO
C. PIFER	28	F	2	PENN
S. PIFER	8	F	2	IND
D. PIFER	5	M	2	IND
C. PIFER	0	F	0	IOWA
J. W. WRIGHT	49	M	2	OHIO
S. WRIGHT	47	F	2	PENN
G. W. WRIGHT	17	M	2	ILL
B. F. WRIGHT	14	M	2	IND
T. J. WRIGHT	12	M	2	IND
J. E. NILTON	35	M	6	ALA
N. NILTON	24	F	6	IND
L. H. NILTON	4	M	4	IOWA
N. A. NILTON	2	F	2	IOWA
A. NILTON	0	M	0	IOWA

NAME	AGE	SEX	YRS IN IA	BORN
R. NILTON	27	M	4	PENN
MAR. NILTON	65	F	6	CARO
E. MILLER	32	M	1	OHIO
A. MILLER	29	F	1	OHIO
P. MILLER	7	M	1	OHIO
E. F. MILLER	1	F	1	IOWA
WM. POTTER	32	M	1	OHIO
A. P. POTTER	26	F	1	OHIO
E. J. POTTER	8	F	1	OHIO
J. N. POTTER	1	M	1	OHIO
J. SHARRAH	52	M	0	PENN
R. SHARRAH	49	F	0	PENN
N. N. SHARRAH	21	F	0	PENN
A. J. SHARRAH	19	M	0	PENN
E. J. SHARRAH	17	F	0	PENN
N. A. SHARRAH	16	F	0	PENN
F. SHARRAH	14	M	0	PENN
J. SHARRAH	13	M	0	PENN
J. SHARRAH	11	M	0	OHIO
S. E. SHARRAH	9	F	0	PENN
L. C. SHARRAH	6	F	0	PENN
J. WAUGH	30	M	1	PENN
H. C. WAUGH	29	F	1	PENN
A. ROSECONS	26	M	2	OHIO
J. BEECH	18	M	0	OHIO
W. BUNGARDNER	26	M	2	OHIO
H. BUNGARDNER	26	F	2	OHIO
S. D. POTTER	27	M	0	OHIO
E. POTTER	28	F	0	OHIO
S. A. POTTER	6	F	0	OHIO
F. E. POTTER	4	F	0	OHIO
G. N. POTTER	1	M	0	OHIO
D. BUNGARDNER	49	M	1	VA
R. BUNGARDNER	44	F	1	VA
R. J. BUNGARDNER	21	M	1	VA
B. BUNGARDNER	18	F	1	VA
N. BUNGARDNER	16	M	1	VA
L. BUNGARDNER	13	M	1	VA
E. BUNGARDNER	10	F	1	VA
A. BUNGARDNER	4	M	1	VA
A. MATHENY	22	M	0	VA
C. MATHENY	21	F	0	OHIO
E. J. MATHENY	0	F	0	OHIO
H. STUART	38	M	16	OHIO
N. STUART	30	F	15	IND
F. N. STUART	11	M	11	IOWA
C. N. C. STUART	9	M	9	IOWA
O. J. STUART	6	F	6	IOWA
E. E. STUART	2	F	2	IOWA
N. A. STUART	0	F	0	IOWA
D. SOSBY	21	M	11	NICH
E. SOSBY	21	F	3	OHIO
J. T. PRICE	19	M	0	OHIO
S. P. BENAOUN	30	M	10	OHIO
F. BENAOUN	26	F	20	VT
A. BENAOUN	11	F	10	OHIO
E. BENAOUN	9	F	9	IOWA
N. BENAOUN	7	F	7	IOWA
L. BENAOUN	3	F	3	IOWA
G. BENAOUN	1	M	1	IOWA
STAZY PARSON	18	M	0	PENN
C. H. LULL	26	M	6	VT
E. H. LULL	25	F	1	VT
N. J. LULL	0	F	0	IOWA
R. C. WYLEUTT	23	M	1	OHIO
C. P. WYLEUTT	23	F	1	N.Y.
W. F. POTTER	36	M	3	N.Y.
J. POTTER	24	F	3	N.Y.
H. POTTER	12	F	3	PENN
F. POTTER	10	F	3	PENN
W. POTTER	8	M	3	PENN
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A SKETCH OF THE EARLY HISTORY OF WYOMING AND VICINITY

by an Old Settler

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The first improvement by a white man in the vicinity was made by James Van Volkenburg and his family in the month of August, 1840. One of his sons, R. T. Van Volkenburg, made the first improvement near this town. His cabin sided a little west of the residence of Mr. Wherry, Esq. The rest of the family and some near relations settled in different parts of this township. The following year Mr. Knight with his family came here and in short time, thereafter bought out R. T. Van Volkenburg and made some additional improvements on that claim. R. T. Van Volkenburg moved over onto Biers Creek (the Midland engineer calls it Bear Creek) where he has remained until very recently. He is now a resident of Madison Township, in this county.

The first death among the settlers was a child of David Pence.

In 1847 or '48, Mrs. Igleuff, a widow lady, who had moved here with some of her friends, being insane, wandered away from home; night came on before she was missed, when search was made, but without success. After several days her body was found in what is now known as the "Black Slough." She appeared to have wandered in the tall grass until she was exhausted, and then to have laid down and died without a struggle. Shortly after this old Mrs. Van Volkenburg died and one by one these old settlers have died or moved away.

In 1848, John T. Lane with his family moved into this township and commenced the farm now owned by Roderick Spencer, Esq. Among others was the farm now owned by John Bierly. I believe the first improvements was made by John Nichols (since deceased), J. P. Hutton, Sebern Moore, John Tompkins and several others whose names I do not now recall commenced improving farms about that time.

In 1851 Thos. Green bought out the Knight claim and at once entered the land on which our town now stands.

The same year L. D. Brainard, S. C. and O. I. Bill, with their families, commenced their farms on the ridge between Bier's creek and bear creek. They had started from Ohio early in the spring. On the 4th of July, they camped under some small oaks a short distance from the residence of Stephen Hamilton, Esq. feeling much as Noah's dove must have felt when it found dry land.

In the summer of 1853, Mr. Vaughn put up the first blacksmith shop in this township. It stood on the premises of Mr. Green a little north of the old Canton and Pioneer Grove road (that run a short distance north of where Mr. Green's orchard now stands.)

In 1854 Mr. Green sold one hundred and twenty acres of land off from the south side of his farm to B. K. and Jas..A. Bronson and C. J. Marsh for the purpose of laying out a town.

In the same year the Marshfield postoffice was established and Wm. P. L. Russell was appointed P. M. Mr. Russell kept his office in a small building a short distance from the blacksmith shop. He also kept a few notions, dry goods, groceries, etc. His immense store has since been removed into town and is now occupied by Peter Woodard as a cooper shop.

The town plat was not recorded until 1856, and the preparations concluded to change the name. The Messrs. Bronson having formerly lived in Wyoming Co., N.Y., they naturally settled upon Wyoming as the name of their embryo city.

In 1855, Mr. Ogden erected the first house in town; it stood and now stands on the corner of Main and State streets. The year following, what is now the kitchen part of the Ensign house

was erected by Neal Brainard and used by him for several years as a hotel.

The first religious organization in this township was effected in 1851, or '52, by Henry Hoffman, of the United Brethren denomination who continued to preach an occasional sermon for several years thereafter.

In 1852, a Baptist church was organized through the efforts of the Rev. Lester Holmes.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1855. The same year the Rev. Joel B. Taylor was appointed to this charge - Elder J. G. Dimmett presiding elder.

The First Presbyterian Church was organized on May 23d, 1857. The Rev. J. H. Speiman officiating, and, on the Sabbath following, the 24th, the organization was perfected by the adoption of a "Confession of Faith,, and Covenant." Jeremiah Gard and Joseph Bryan were appointed ruling elders. The first settled pastor was the Rev. Geo. K. Delevan, who entered upon his work July 5th, 1857.

The United Presbytetian Church of Wyoming, was organized Nov. 4th, 1859, Rev. J. Stewart officiating. Samuel Coburn, Jesse Barrett and J. W. Wherry were elected to the office of "ruling elders in the congregation". There was no settled pastor until May, 1861, when the Rev. A. J. Allen was appointed by the LeClaire Presbytery to preach one-half of the time.

I am herefore changing the way I spell the name of "Beers" Creek. The stream takes its name from Joshua Beers, the first settler on the creek. He commenced an improvement near its mouth in the Fall of 1836. Solomon J. Pence and his brother having made some improvements on Bear creek the summer previous. There is enough of interest in the life and adventures of Mr. Beers to fill quite a volume; but as I have but few items of his history, I shall not attempt to do him justice.

During the war this county furnished about 900 men, who were mustered into the U.S. service. Of this number there were credited to this township about 145 men; of this number, 66 belonged to company K, 24th regiment of Iowa Infantry. The first death in this company was that of Charles H. Carpenter, who died in camp at Muscatine, Oct. 31st, but a short time after leaving home.

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