

INFORMATION & DATA ON THE FAMILY OF:

CYRUS & JERUSA D. (HOSMER) CHAPMAN
1788-1865 1801-1851

Being a collection of information from Public records, biographies, histories and family sources, and arranged to present a coherent view of said family and their individual relationship. This has all been done for the purpose of preserving for future generations a knowledge of their past.

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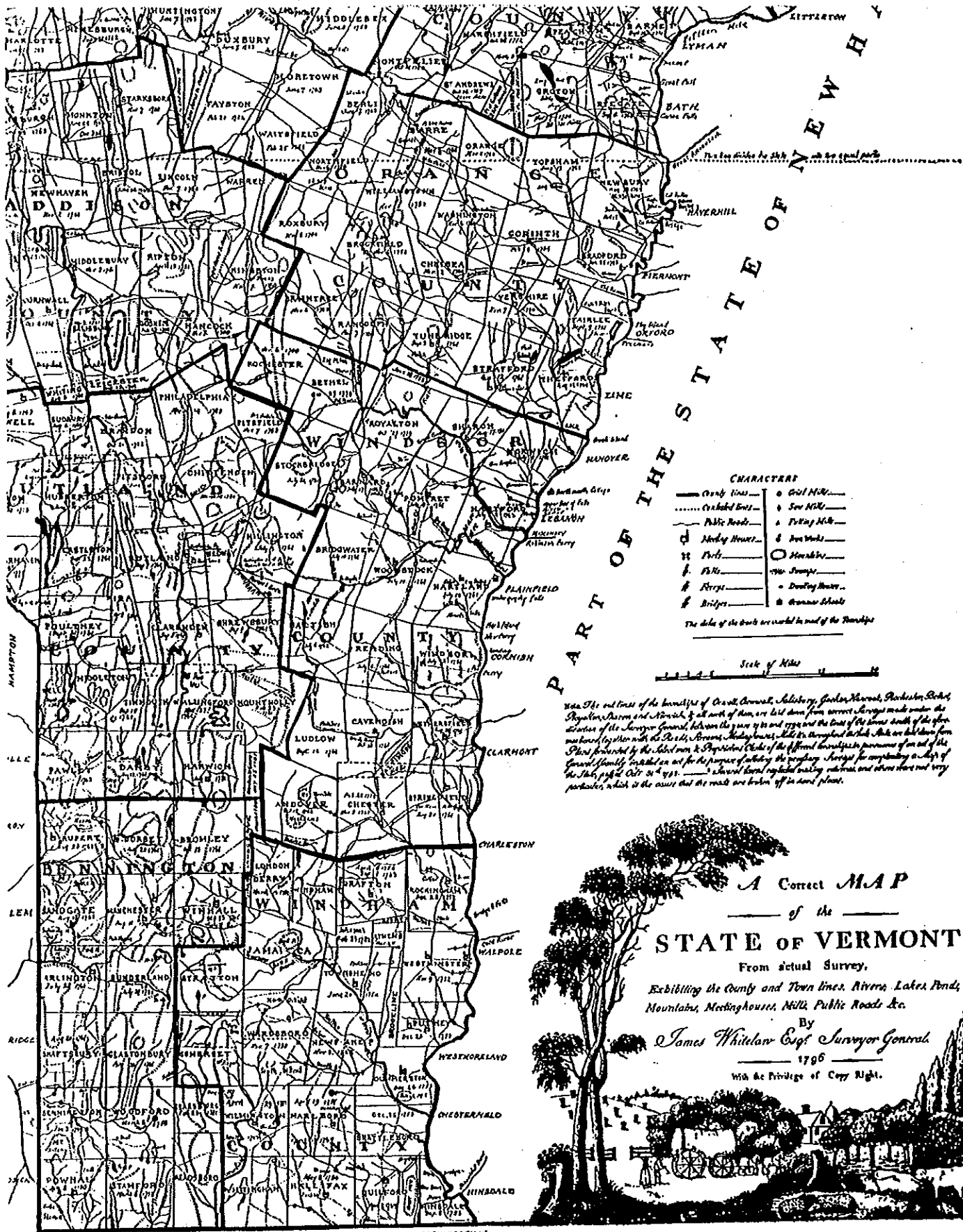
CHAPMAN
Surname
FAMILY INFORMATION CHART NO. _____

Husband's full name <u>Cyrus CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>15 Dec. 1788</u> at <u>Windsor County, Vermont</u> married <u>1 Oct. 1819</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> ^{1.} died on <u>3 Oct. 1865</u> at <u>West Union, Fayette Co., Iowa</u> Interred at <u>West Union, Ia., Cemetery Groom's 1st marriage</u> Farmer Occupation _____ Religion _____ Military Service _____ <u>Reuben CHAPMAN</u> <u>Rhoda PECK</u> His father <u>1761-1845</u> Mother's maiden name <u>1760-1843</u>	Authority/Source of Data: Marjorie M. Russell 1445 Queen Summit West Covina, CA 91791 (1983)
Wife's maiden name <u>Jerusha Dennison HOSMER</u> born on <u>8 Mch. 1801</u> at <u>Hamden County, Massachusetts</u> died on <u>6 Aug. 1851</u> at <u>Walworth County, Wisconsin</u> Interred at _____ Bride's _____ marriage <u>William HOSMER</u> <u>Elizabeth BARKER</u> Her father <u>1741-1839</u> Mother's maiden name <u>1760-1838</u>	Records, Census & Other: 1. Medina County Probate Court Marriage Records: Vol. A, page 4.
Abodes & removals: At age 29½ Cyrus, with two brothers, a sister & his parents, started from Cavendish, Vermont in two wagons on the 20 June 1818. Three brothers had preceded them the year before. Cyrus & Sceva arrived in Harrison Twp. of Medina County two weeks after the rest of the family had arrived there sometime in August.	
Sex _____	Their Children:
(1) Name <u>Eliza Ann CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>23 Aug. 1820</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> died on <u>10 Jan. 1899</u> at <u>Trempealeau, Wisconsin</u> married <u>2 Feb. 1842</u> at _____, Ohio to: <u>Anson BELL</u>	Additional Information: Children: LeRoy, Alice, Sarah and Harrison.
(2) Name <u>Maryette CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>11 July 1822</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> died on <u>31 Oct. 1871</u> at _____ married <u>13 Mch. 1844</u> at <u>Elkhorn, Walworth Co., Wis.</u> to: <u>Samuel HARKNESS</u> <u>1820 -</u>	Children: Morris M. and Homer D.
(3) Name <u>Lydia Marie CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>23 Jan. 1824</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> died on <u>20 Sept. 1892</u> at <u>Waverly, Bremer Co., Iowa</u> married <u>6 Nov. 1844</u> at <u>Walworth County, Wisconsin</u> ² to: <u>Edward WINNE</u>	Children: Edward, Emma & Grace. 2. Walworth County Vital Records: Vol. 1A, page 159.

Children of Cyrus and Jerusha D. (HOSMER) CHAPMAN

Sex	Name, Birth, Death, Marriage, Spouse	Children, Notes
	(4) Name <u>Dewitt Clinton CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>12 Feb. 1826</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> died on <u>8 Mch. 1912</u> at <u>Deer Creek, Minnesota</u> married <u>1 Jan. 1851</u> at <u>Winslow, Illinois</u> to: <u>Elizabeth Mary KENNEDY</u> <u>29 May 1837 - 21 May 1904</u>	Children: Earl Weston, Frank, Orin Porter, George William, Elmer Elsworth, Arthur Wade, Jay Cook, Mae R. & Roy Erwin.
	(5) Name <u>Franklin Henry CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>21 Dec. 1827</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> died on <u>30 Nov. 1906</u> at <u>Fayette County, Iowa</u> married <u>18 Feb. 1852</u> at <u>Delevan, Walworth Co., Wis.</u> to: <u>Adeline M. WEST</u> <u>7 June 1833 - 8 Jan. 1899</u>	Children: Candace A., Elbert W. & Adell. 1. Walworth County Vital Records: Vol. 2A, Page 265. In 1900 he married a second wife, a Mrs. Harriet Webb.
	(6) Name <u>Emily Jane CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>3 Apr. 1830</u> at <u>Cuyahoga County, Ohio</u> ^{2.} died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	2. Born in the city of Newburgh, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio
	(7) Name <u>Elbert Hosmer CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>14 Feb. 1833</u> at <u>Cuyahoga County, Ohio</u> ^{2.} died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	
	(8) Name <u>Milton William CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>27 Apr. 1835</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> died on <u>26 June 1929</u> at <u>Phillips County, Kansas</u> married <u>4 June 1863</u> at <u>Fayette County, Iowa</u> to: <u>Estella Almira WEST</u> <u>11 Jan. 1841 - 25 Feb. 1914</u>	Children: Iowa Henrietta, Hattie Roxana, William Bert & Louise Almira.
	(9) Name <u>Elmira Fidelia CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>22 Sept. 1838</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> died on <u>26 Nov. 1862</u> at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	

Sex	(10) Name <u>Alfred Brunson CHAPMAN</u>	Children: Earnest
	born on <u>30 Dec. 1840</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u>	
	died on _____ at _____	
	married <u>5 Aug. 1865</u> at <u>West Union, Fayette Co., IA</u>	
	to: <u>Ella J. MILLAN</u>	
(11) Name <u>Orval Weston CHAPMAN</u>	Children: Cyrus James, Aaron Briggs, Asher Jonathan & Alice Belle.	
born on <u>10 Aug. 1846</u> at <u>Walworth County, Wisconsin</u>		
died on <u>16 Feb. 1890</u> at <u>Lake Twp., Clay County, Iowa</u>		
married <u>1 Aug. 1880</u> at <u>Spencer, Clay County, Iowa</u>		
to: <u>Margaret Ann</u>		
() Name _____		
born on _____ at _____		
died on _____ at _____		
married _____ at _____		
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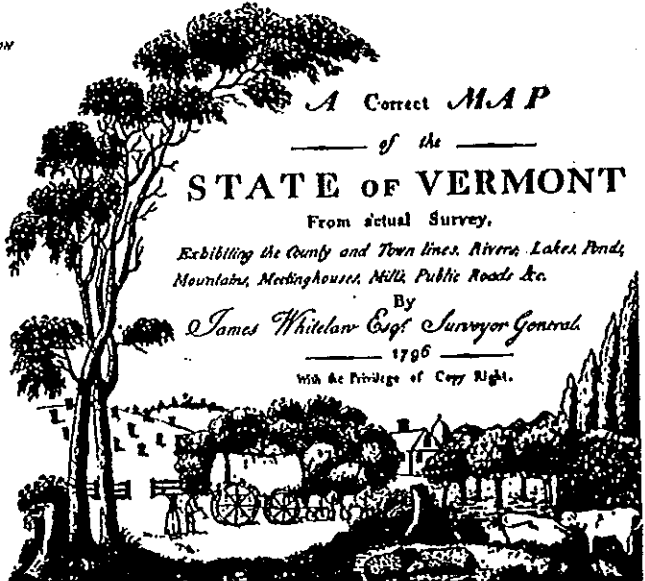
CHARACTERS

— County Lines —	o Cold Hill —
..... Cracked Lines —	o Saw Mill —
— Public Roads —	o Tiding Mills —
— Holy Houses —	o Iron Works —
— Mills —	o Saw Mills —
— Ponds —	o Swamps —
— Rivers —	o Drying Mills —
— Bridges —	o Gravel Sheds —

The date of the work is marked in most of the Townships

Scale of Miles
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Note: The old lines of the boundaries of Covert, Cornwall, Salisbury, Gates, Moreau, Rockton, St. Albans, Vergennes and Norwich, by all parts of them, are laid down from correct surveys made under the direction of the Surveyor General, between the years 1795 and 1796, and the lines of the town south of the above are laid down from the deeds, returns, and other papers, which are all laid down from the plan published by the Select men & Proprietors of the different townships in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly, entitled an act for the purpose of settling the boundary between the several townships, passed on the 24th of Oct. 1795. Several small irregularities, natural and others have not very particular, which is the cause that the roads are broken off in some places.



A Correct MAP
of the
STATE OF VERMONT
From actual Survey,
Exhibiting the County and Town lines, Rivers, Lakes, Ponds,
Mountains, Meetinghouses, Mills, Public Roads &c.
By
James Whitlaw Esq. Surveyor General.
1796
With the Privilege of Copy Right.

WILLIAMSTOWN ADAMS ROWE CORRAIN LEYDEN GLENHARTON
PART OF THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

Source of this Map:

HEADS OF FAMILIES 1800 VERMONT
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Montpelier, Vermont 1938.

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Charles Rice son of Joseph & Sarah born Nov 6th 1780

▷ Cyrus Chapman son of Reuben & Rhoda born Dec 16th 1788

Caroline Lowell daughter of Prisdal and Caroline
born July 1st 1789

Clary Snow daughter of Robert and Mary Snow born
November 20th 1779

Clyne Chapman daughter of Reuben & Rhoda Chapman
born April 28th 1797

Charles Grant son to Charles D. his wife born
at Plainfield December 19th 1799

Clark Hullum son to Lucille & Helly his wife born
March 2nd 1803 died March 11th 1803

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Amos Fell son to William and Ruth his wife
born April 19th 1796

Anna Spaulding daughter to Willard & Anna
his wife born Saturday April 22nd 1786

Abi Spaulding daughter to Willard & Anna his
wife born Friday Sept 26th 1801

Asaph Fletcher jr	Nehemiah Green jr	John Whitney
Sheeman Hatch	Vernon Haven	Francis Wyman
Joseph White	John Hutchinson	Timothy Kinkaid
Jonas Spaulding 1	Levi Jackson	John P. Wheeler
Sam. Westcott	Alpheus Kendall	Amos Wood jr
Harvey Fletcher jr	Amos Lock	Sam. Morgan
Cyrus Chapman	Thomas Proctor	Amos Wheeler
Carroll Baldwin	Joseph Parker 2	John White
Jord Baldwin jr	Fania Parker jr	Samuel P. Gray
John W. Jackson	Joseph Spaulding jr	
Aaron Barrett	Joseph Spaulding 3	
Fredrick Easton	Sam. Spaulding	
Elyah Chapman	Joseph Seaver	
Fredrick Chapman	Jessy Seal	
Roswell Chubb	Harv. Sanders	
Josh. Davis jr	David Sanders	
Edmond Davis	Asa Spaulding 2	
Samuel Davis	Asa Scott	
Hiram Easton	Maddens Stevens	
Pearley Fessell	Asa Stratton sr	

Caundish June 6th 1809 — I hereby Certify the
above named Persons are equipt according to Law

A True Record

Asaph Fletcher jr Cap^t

Wm. J. Cook

REUBEN CHAPMAN

Reuben Chapman, third son of Jonathan Chapman, of Connecticut, was born in that state on March 20, 1761, the family having been founded in New England in the early colonial epoch. He was reared to manhood in Connecticut, and there, on November 21, 1782, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Rhoda Peck, who likewise was a native of Connecticut, where she was born on January 27, 1760.

Reuben Chapman moved from his native state to Vermont and resided for several years at Cavendish, Windsor county, that state. From that point, on June 20, 1818, in company with his devoted wife and his sons Cyrus, Sceva, Leonard and Clyne, he set forth for the wilds of the Western Reserve, his equipment for the long and weary journey comprising a team of horses, two yokes of oxen and two wagons. One of the wagons was drawn by the horses and the double ox-team furnished the motive power for the other wagon.

In the preceding year the three other sons of Reuben Chapman had come to the Reserve and made their way through to the future home of the family in Medina county. The horse team mentioned arrived in Harrisville township, this county, some time in August, 1818. The entire family party made the trip in company as far as Buffalo, New York, where the sons Cyrus and Sceva embarked on a Sloop for Cleveland, taking on board with them the ox wagon and the yokes of the two ox teams.

Two weeks were consumed by this sloop in making the voyage from Buffalo to Cleveland, as the little vessel, after reaching a point near Cleveland, was driven back by a heavy gale to Erie. The first steamboat on Lake Erie was nearing completion at Black Rock, and the two brothers, Cyrus and Sceva, went on board the craft to view its splendors. Today the vessel would be considered one of the most primitive and insignificant order. In the meanwhile the other members of the family had proceeded overland, driving the ox teams, and had arrived in Cleveland, then a small village, before the sloop reached its destination at that point.

Leonard Chapman was left in charge of the oxen, awaiting the arrival of the sloop, and when the same reached Cleveland the three brothers took the old Ridge road, by way of Grafton, for Harrisville township, Medina county. They passed the night with a worthy settler at Grafton, from which point no road had been constructed, so that it was necessary to cut through two miles of roadway to reach the new home in the midst of the forests of Harrisville township. Sceva Chapman was assigned to the duty of driving the ox team, while his two brothers, with the aid of the previously mentioned Grafton man, cut the underbrush and cleared the way. Sceva Chapman thus had the distinction of being the first man to drive a team from Grafton to Harrisville.

At the time of the arrival of the Chapman family there was only one family settled in Chatham township -- that of Moses Parsons, great-grandfather of the wife of him whose name initiates this article. Reuben Chapman and his family settled on a tract of heavily timbered land near the present village of Lodi, and here

the father and his sturdy sons grappled earnestly with the wilderness, causing the same to yield tribute to their energy and indefatigable industry, so that in course of time the giant trees of the forest gave place to productive fields. Reuben Chapman and his wife passed the residue of their lives on this old homestead in Harrisville township, and their names merit an enduring place on the roll of the honored pioneers of the Western Reserve.

They were numbered among the original members of the Baptist church at Westfield, in which he was a deacon, holding this position until the close of his long and useful life. He died on October 9, 1845, his devoted wife having been summoned to the life eternal on June 7, 1843.

This portion from HISTORY OF THE WESTERN RESERVE, Ohio, Vol. III, pages 1657-8.

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State of Ohio
Medina County
I hereby certify that on the first day of
October I joined in the holy State of
Matrimony Cyrus Chapman and
Susanna Demison of lawful age
Given under my hand and seal this 12th day
of November 1819.
Recd. & Recorded Dec 16. 1819
James Patton J.P.

State of Ohio
Medina County
I hereby certify that on the first day of Jan
A.D. 1820 I joined in the holy State of
Matrimony Julius Chickster and Harriet W. Davis
of lawful age Given under my hand and seal this fourth
day of January A.D. 1820 Before me
Abraham Cross Justice of Peace

The State of Ohio
Medina County
Agreeable to the Commission to Thomas Solovie and
Gloria Demery for marriage. By virtue of the
authority vested in me, by law do hereby certify that I joined them
together in the holy bonds of matrimony on the seventeenth of Nov
1819. Sullivan Jan 3rd 1820.
Henry M. Close Justice of Peace

The State of Ohio
Medina County
Agreeable to the Commission to Anson Marsh
W. Glary Chapman for marriage. By virtue
of the authority vested in me agreeable to Law, do hereby certify that
I joined them together in the holy State of matrimony on the 15th
of Nov. 1819. Sullivan Jan 3rd 1820.
Henry M. Close Justice of Peace

The State of Ohio
Medina County
Agreeable to the Commission to John Messon
Polly Sage for marriage. By virtue of the
authority vested in me agreeable to law do hereby certify that I joined
them together in the holy State of matrimony on the 2nd day of Jan
1820. Sullivan Jan 3rd 1820.
Henry M. Close Justice of Peace

PIONEER HISTORY
OF
MEDINA COUNTY.

BY
N. B. NORTROP.

MEDINA, OHIO:
GEO. REDWAY, PRINTER.
1861.

icut, and located themselves in the immediate vicinity of Mr. Harris; and in the month of March, James S. Bedford returned to Harrisville, being then about fourteen years of age, making his home in the family of Mr. Harris. In April, 1814, Timothy Munson, from Vermont, and Loammi Holcomb, from the State of New York, with their families, settled in the west part of the township on the Black River. The township now began to receive a considerable number of permanent settlers. Among those who arrived in 1815, were Timothy Burr, Alvia Loomis, Collins Young, and Job Davis, with their families; and in 1816, Carolus Tuttle, Isaac Catlin, Nathan Marsh, Elisha Bishop, Perez and Nathaniel Rogers, and James Rogers, who drove the first loaded team over the site of Medina County seat, and whose wife was the first white woman that saw the site that was located for the old Court House. During this year also, Charles Lewis, David Birge, Josiah Perkins, and William Welch, moved their families into the settlement. In 1817, Noah Kellogg, Jason Spencer, Noah Holcomb, Thomas Russell, Isaac Rogers, Orange Stodart, Daniel Delvin, Henry K. Josline, Cyrus and Arvis Chapman, Jonathan Fitts, David Rogers, Cyrus Curtis, Geo. Hanna, and Doctor Wm. Barns, who built the first mill in the township, combining in himself the three professions of miller, doctor and preacher. The township was organized in 1817, being composed of the territory now included in the townships of Harrisville, Westfield, Lafayette, Chatham, Spencer, Huntington, Rochester, Troy, Sullivan and Homer. Isaac Catlin was elected the first Justice of the Peace; Carolus Tuttle, the first Constable; Timothy Burr, the first Township Clerk, and Joseph Harris, Loammi Holcomb, and Isaac Catlin the first Trustees.

In the spring of 1817, a small log school house was erected on the farm of Timothy Burr, near the center of the township, and a school was taught during the summer by Miss Diadema Churchill, which was probably the first school taught in Medina county, and the first of our present elevated and flourishing Common Schools. Miss Churchill was soon after united in marriage with Mr. David Birge, being the mother of four children by this marriage. Mr. Birge died in 1825. Subsequently Mrs. Birge married a Mr. Gardon Hilliard, of Wadsworth and moved to Canada. The first church was established on the 3d and 4th of October, 1817, by the Congregationalists, on the old union plan, in accordance with which plan it soon united with the Presbytery. It was formed by the aid of the Reverend Messrs. Luther Humphrey, of Burton, Geauga county; and Amasa Loomis, a missionary sent out by the home missionary society of Connecticut. The organization took place in the little log school house already mentioned, and consisted of twelve members, viz. Isaac Catlin, removed to Michigan and died in 1856.

Faunce Catlin, died in Harrisville in 1834.

Loammi Holcomb, died in Harrisville in 1834.

Hannah Holcomb, still lives united with the Baptist Church by letter.

Nathan Hall, first Deacon, removed to Michigan, now living.

Pemilri Hall, removed to Michigan, now living.

George Burr, now a deacon, still living in Harrisville.

Mehtable Burr, died in Harrisville in 1843.

Russel Burr, died in Harrisville in 1834.

Carolus Tuttle, still living in Harrisville.

Cyrus Curtis, removed to Pennsylvania, and died.

The first settled minister in the township, was the Reverend Mr. Brock, a Presbyterian clergyman. Other

HISTORY
OF
MEDINA COUNTY
AND
OHIO.

Containing a History of the State of Ohio, from its earliest settlement to the present time, embracing its topography, geological, physical and climatic features; its agricultural, stock-growing, railroad interests, etc.; a History of Medina County, giving an account of its aboriginal inhabitants, early settlement by the whites, pioneer incidents, its growth, its improvements, organization of the County, its judicial history, its business and industries, churches, schools, etc.; Biographical Sketches; Portraits of some of the Early Settlers and Prominent Men, etc., etc.

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1881.

hostess herself. Brunswick, Medina, Wadsworth, Mogadore and Seville were fairly represented by wedding guests. After dinner had been served and the house put in order, the bride made her toilet, almost unaided. Her little dressing-room was partitioned off from the rest of the house by quilts. She wore a steel-colored silk dress, her hair in finger-puffs, and she looked charming." Esquire Warner, of Wadsworth, was the officiating officer, and, on the day following the wedding, Mr. Wilson took his wife home with him, they both riding upon one horse. They were the first couple of white people that were ever married in Guilford Township. Although Mr. Wilson had scarcely anything in the world, except some new land, his ax and a horse, yet this brave girl united her destinies with his, well knowing that if ever they had a comfortable home of their own, by their united toil they must make it. And this they did, though many were their discouragements, and in that home they lived happily together for almost half a century. They raised a family of intelligent children, several of the sons being at the present time distinguished professional men. Mrs. Wilson died in 1866. Mr. Wilson still lives, though very feeble, being almost ninety years of age. At one time, as Mrs. Wilson was alone in the house with her child, she heard the hogs coming at full speed from the woods, and, supposing that they were pursued, she seized a hoe and met them at a gap in the fence that surrounded the house. A large bear was close at their heels, and, as he came to the fence, she raised the hoe and struck upon the rails as hard as she could, and, at the same instant, screamed at the top of her voice. This halted Bruin, who stood and looked at her for a short time, when he turned and went away. Such a spirit of unflinching bravery as she there exhibited equals that of the Spartan mothers of old. When contemplating such events, the question is often asked, "What would the girls of to-day do were they to be placed in similar

circumstances?" and the question is usually answered by a significant smile. But he who searches the pages of history for recorded instances of the shrinking of American women from any duty, either in early or more recent times, even under the most perilous circumstances, will surely search in vain.

In 1819, Dr. John Smith settled near Wilson's Corners, and was for some time the only physician in the township. William H. Bell, who had been here in 1817, now came with his family, and settled just north of Seville, where Moses Shaw now lives. John and James Crawford settled farther north, where their descendants now reside. Samuel Owen also returned, and Jonas Stiles settled west of Seville. A son was born to William Walcott. This child was named William, and lived to be five years old, when it died from the effects of a cancer in the eye. This was the first white child born in the township. Guilford Township was organized this year and named, though reference has been made to it as such before, for convenience. At the first township election, John Wilson, William H. Bell and Lyman Manson were elected Trustees, and Jonas Styles, Township Clerk. The following are the names of the voters at that election: John Smith, William H. Bell, Timothy Phelps, Samuel Owen, John Crawford, William Walcott, Jonas Stiles and John Wilson. Another wedding was celebrated, the contracting parties being Miss Jerusha Hosmer and Cyrus Chapman. This couple were married in Chester Hosmer's log house, north of Hubbard Creek. They settled in Harrisville. Henry Hosmer built a two-story, hewed-log house on the brink of the hill west of Chippewa Creek. This was by odds the most imposing edifice in the township. He also erected a small frame barn on the flats south of Seville, which was the first frame building erected in the township. The inconvenience and danger experienced for the want of a resident physician is well illustrated by

1819
Oct. 1st

had not been dead long, as the flesh was but partly eaten, and the blood in a fluid state. The trail was very plain to be seen where this ox had drawn his mate around, after he was dead, while the living one was trying to get something on which to live. No remains of young Cross were ever found. The bones of the old man were gathered up, and buried in a field just south of the village of Lodi. An inscription carved on a beech-tree, marks the place of the pioneer's death. Nothing but a natural mound, in which he was buried, marks his burial-place.

Another incident in these early days, of less tragical outcome than the one just related, but giving a glimpse of the life of the pioneers, has been related by James Redfield. Their grain, at that time, had to be carried on horseback to a mill in Wooster, seventeen miles distant. At one time, when James Redfield was a boy about twelve years old, Mr. Harris had balanced two bags of grain on his horse, and placed the boy on top, and started him for Wooster. The boy proceeded all right until about half-way to the mill, when the bags overbalanced, and slipped from the horse. The boy had not strength sufficient to replace the bags on the horse, though he labored desperately for an hour or more. Returning to the settlement for help, he found Mr. Harris had gone. So his wife mounted the horse behind the boy, and the two rode back where the bags had been left. Replacing them on the horse, she started the boy for Wooster, walking back through the woods to her home.

In February, 1814, Russell and Justus Burr reached the settlement from Connecticut, and settled in the immediate vicinity of the two families already located. In March of the same year, young James Redfield, a lad fourteen years of age, who had remained in Randolph after the flight from Harrisville in 1812, again made his advent in the new settlement, and took up his abode with the family of Mr. Harris. He was a hardy, plucky boy, and the career of

his life is inseparably connected with the development of Harrisville Township, and the history of Medina County. It was in the years closely following his return to the new settlement, when James was fast ripening into young manhood, that he became one of its notable and interesting characters. He became noted for his prowess and dexterity in trapping and hunting wild game, in a large measure taking away from the Indians in this neighborhood their occupation. In the period of a very few years, he caught 122 wolves, for which he received a bounty given by the State Government. He related to the writer, that, "having at one time caught one of those beasts by the end of the forefoot, and fearing that in its struggles it would get its foot out of the trap and escape, he pounced upon it, cuffed its ears, and put the foot into the trap, carrying it in this way into the settlement. This wolf, it would seem, was about as passive as old Put's, when he applied the twist to its nose, for it offered no resistance, and seemed completely cowed." Another hunting adventure told by him occurred in the earlier days of the settlement. Finding his traps tampered with, of which he had out a large number, in a circuit of several miles from the settlement, and the game taken therefrom, he secreted himself with his trusty gun in the crotch of a tall sycamore on the Black River bottoms, where he remained overnight to await events in the morning. In the morning, he espied several redskins sneaking along the river banks, and killing and taking from his traps whatever animals were caught. He waited until one of the scoundrels came within easy range of his rifle, and then let him have it; the Indian made a big jump in the air, and he and his companion bent a precipitate retreat west of Black River. His traps were no more molested after that. In the spring of 1816, when James was a boy seventeen years old, he took a contract to chop out a road from the center of Harrisville to the center of Medina, for which

appropriations had been made by the State Legislature. It was a distance of ten miles, on which he made fifty-seven rods of bridge and causeway, principally bridge. He proceeded from day to day with his work, following the prescribed survey, having a small supply of provisions with him. When night came, he would build a fire, eat his supper, and then peel off a large sheet of bark from an oak-tree, and roll himself up in it and go to sleep. He had the road cut out through to Medina in the fall.

New families came into the settlement in the spring of 1814. The first were Timothy Munson, of Vermont, and Loammi Holcomb, from the State of New York, who with their families came in April and settled on the west bank of Black River, about two miles from Mr. Harris' house. From that year on, the influx of settlers increased and permanent settlements were made in the close neighborhood. In the spring of 1815, there arrived Timothy Burr, Alvin Loomis, Collins Young and Job Davis, with their families, and to these were added in the year 1816, the families of Carolus Tuttle, Isaac Cutlin, Nathan Marsh, Elisha Bishop, Perez and Nathaniel Rogers and James Rogers, who came together in the spring. Later on in the same year, came Charles Lewis, David Birge, Josiah Perkins and William Welsh, all of whom located permanently in the township, at various points, from a quarter of a mile to three miles distant from the original location, where Mr. Joseph Harris had placed his homestead.

More came in the spring of 1817, whose names are Noah Kellog, Jason Spencer, Noah Holcomb, Thomas Russell, Isaac Rogers, Orange Stoddart, Daniel Delvin, Henry K. Joline, Cyrus and Arvis Chapman, Jonathan Fitts, David Rogers, Cyrus Curtis, George Hanna, and Dr. William Barnes, quite a genius in his way. He assumed the functions of preacher, doctor and miller in the colony, and soon after his advent

became a man of considerable importance to the people of Harrisville.

A notable event occurred in the settlement on the 15th of April, 1816. It was the birth of a daughter to George and Mehitable Burr. There was great rejoicing over the arrival of this little messenger from heaven, among the pioneers. It was the first child born in the township. It lived but a few years, dying in July, 1817. It was buried on its father's farm. The funeral services were simple but impressive; all the settlers with their families attended. Dr. William Barnes conducted the services, and preached a sermon over the grave of the child.

In the spring of 1818, there came nine more families, among them being Lomer Griffin and his wife and six sons and one daughter. Lomer Griffin was destined to become one of the most remarkable and most widely-known men of Harrisville Township and Medina County, on account of the unprecedented age he attained.

There were now thirty-five families in the settlement. Clearings were made on every side, and the area of soil on which the sun threw its beneficent rays and rewarded human labor with crops of grain, grew larger every day. Joys had also come to the sturdy pioneers. One of these was a marriage feast, the contracting parties to which were Levi Holcomb and Miss Laura Marsh, which occurred in November, 1816. There being no Justice of the Peace in the township at that time to solemnize the marriage contract, Mr. James Rogers volunteered his services to procure the needed official dignity. Setting out on foot, he started for Wadsworth, and there secured Esquire Warner, who readily assented to come out the next day and legalize the ceremony. Mr. Rogers stayed overnight to return with the official next day; but Mr. Warner was taken severely ill during the night, and it was quite impossible for him to fulfill his engagement. Here was a dilemma. The wedding

sell Burr, "a square crop off the right ear." Five more were recorded in this year; two in 1817; one in 1818. Then follow records every year up to the year 1865. A complete political organization of the township was effected in April, 1817, and the new township then included all the territory which now belongs to the townships of Harrisville, Westfield, La Fayette, Chatham, Spencer, Huntington, Rochester, Troy, Sullivan and Homer. Twenty-nine votes were cast at the election held for township officers on October 6, 1877, at the little schoolhouse erected in the spring of that year. The poll sheet of this election has been lost, but the following were elected as township officers for the ensuing year: Joseph Harris, Loammi Holcomb and Isaac Catlin, Trustees; Isaac Catlin, Justice of the Peace; and Timothy Burr, Township Clerk. The first is a list of the taxable property of Harrisville Township, made out by Willey Hamilton in the spring of 1819. There are eighty-one names listed, and their personal property comprises 49 horses and 211 neat cattle. This included territory north, east and west, other than what constitutes Harrisville Township to-day, although at that time it all came within its political boundaries. The next election occurred in Harrisville on the 12th day of October, 1819, at which time, State, county and township officers were voted for by the Harrisville people. Thirty-nine votes were cast at this election. At one of the township elections in the early years, forty-seven candidates were voted for, though there were but thirty-one votes cast. This included all the different township offices, such as Road Supervisor, Overseer of the Poor, Fence Overseer and "Ear-mark" Recorder. Some of the candidates had the honor of receiving ballots for four and five different offices. From this, it may be inferred that there was as much strife for office among our forefathers as there is among the politicians of to-day. This is again well illustrated at a special election held on July 3

following, to elect two Justices of the Peace. Twenty-nine votes were deposited, and they were divided among eleven candidates, as follows: Waynewright De Witt, 23; Leonard Chapman, 24; Elijah De Witt, 2; James Rogers, 2; William Burr, 1; Amos Witter, 1; Joseph Harris, 1; Jonathan Fitts, 1; Lomer Griffin, 1; Carolus Tuttle, 1; and Ebenezer Harris, 1. The names of the voters at this election, the first Presidential held in Harrisville Township, were Aaron Loomis, Reuben Chapman, Arvis S. Chapman, Joseph Harris, James Rogers, Seava Chapman, Cyrus Chapman, Loammi Holcomb, Carolus Tuttle, Timothy Burr and Levi Chapman. At the next spring election, forty-seven votes were polled. This increased, at the election on April 7, 1828, to fifty-six. During the fall of that year, the people of Harrisville were thoroughly aroused in the Presidential canvass that was being waged between Andrew Jackson (Democrat) and John Q. Adams (National Republican). Sixty-five citizens came out that day for the Adams Electors, and one solitary vote had been cast for Andrew Jackson. Then indignation arose. Who could have been the traitor in their midst, who had presumed to vote for Andrew Jackson and the Democratic ticket? When it was suggested by Waynewright De Witt that the man who had presumed to vote the Democratic ticket should be rewarded by a free ride on a rail, and the scorn of the entire colony, Josiah Perkins arose and defiantly declared that he had been the man; and intimated to the suggestor of the free ride that he was ready, right then and there, to sustain the virtue of a free ballot with a little more forcible argument than mere words. But it did not go further than words, and the political excitement soon subsided, and pleasant good feeling was restored. At the Presidential election held on November 2, 1832, 86 votes were cast. The Henry Clay Electors (Whig) received 45 votes, and the Andrew Jackson Electors (Democrat)

ing, and for several years after that, Mr. Timothy dealt instruction in the rudimentary branches of learning to the few children, numbering from four to eight at a time.

A few years later than this, another school-house was put up by the few settlers in the western part of the township, on the site where now one of the churches at Cherry Corners stands. Miss Harriet Hosford taught there a few terms, and also a Mr. George McQuay. A division of the township in school districts was made on the 10th of October, 1827, with the following boundaries, as given in the original ordinance made by the Township Trustees:

Commencing on the south line of the township, at the southeast corner of Lot No. 166, running from thence north on lot line, to the north corner of Lot 96; from thence west, on the line of the lots, to the West Branch of Black River; from thence northwardly, following said stream, to the outer road running east and west; from thence west, to the west line of the township. All that said part of said Township west and south of that line, shall constitute District No. 2. District No. 3, bounded by District No. 2 on the west, and a line running from the northeast corner of Lot 96, running east to the south, to the southeast corner of Lot 87; from thence north, to the northeast corner of Lot 68; from thence east, to the east line of said township; said district shall include all that part of the Township south and east of the said line not included in District No. 2. District No. 1 to contain all that part of the Township not included in the other two districts. The following are the names of all the householders in District No. 1: Seth Lewis, Michael Loomis, Alvin Loomis, Justus Burr, Carolus Tuttle, John Jason, Jr., Nedeblah Cass, John B. Utter, Charles Lewis, Lomer Griffin, Willis Griffin, Anson Loomis, James Rogers, Amos Kinney, Timothy Burr, Joseph Harris, Thomas Dunbar, Eli Utter, Michael Simcox, Cyrus Chapman, Henry K. Joline, Asher Loomis, Ira Kingsby, Elijah De Witt, Isaac Catlin, Dlodema Birge, John Jason, Moses Parsons, Raymond Griffin, Parley F. Griffin, Richard West and Perrin Chapman. District No. 2—Loammil Holcomb, Reuben Harrington, Daniel Delevan, Timothy Munson, Josiah Perkins, John Munson, Nathaniel Rogers, Leonard Chapman, Samuel R. Munson, David Sausman, Roger Phelps, William Rogers, Perez Rogers, Anson Marsh,

Jonathan Fitts and Thomas Holcomb. District No. 3—Thomas Russell, Russell Burr, Webster Holcomb, Jeremiah Hill, Elijah Bishop, Levi Chapman, Warren Johnson, Seava Chapman, Orange Stoddart, Reuben Chapman, Isaac Rogers, Ebenezer Harris, William Burr, George Burr and Celina Young.

We, the undersigned, Trustees of Harrisville Township, certify the above to be a true description of school districts in said township, as laid off by us, and also a correct list of householders in each district.

JAMES ROGERS.

JONATHAN FITTS,

Attested:

ANSON LOOMIS, Clerk.

Trustees.

An enumeration taken on the 4th of January, 1830, of the householders in the different school districts in the township showed eighty-one householders and one hundred and thirteen children between the ages of four and eighteen. Another subdivision of school districts was made on the 16th of May, 1835, adding two more and making five school districts. Two more districts were created by the township trustees, on the 15th of May, 1837, and on the 9th of October in the same year, Alvin Loomis, Joseph W. Rockwell and O. S. Kinney were appointed Directors of School District No. 1. An enumeration of the youth between the ages of four and twenty, in the several school districts in the township, taken on the 20th of October, 1838, showed 253 males, 253 females and a total of 506. This number had increased in 1840 to a total of 538, and in 1845 to 638. In 1855, the number of youth had decreased to a total of 484, and in 1860 there were only 447 children between the ages of four and twenty years in Harrisville Township. Twenty years later, in the fall of 1880, the total number of school children between the ages of six and twenty-one, in the entire township, including the special school district of Lodi, was 482, being, strange as it may seem, just 156 less than were enumerated in 1845.

By virtue of an act passed by the Ohio Legislature on April 9, 1867, a special school district was created in the winter of 1868, embrac-

the year 1819, and in the "leafy month of June." "To those then living here," says a Westfield man, "this marriage was an event of no small magnitude. Instead of being made the occasion of a 'belling,' as has been the practice in some communities, it was a season of feasting and congratulations. Nor was costly apparel an indispensable accessory on such occasions. A good calico dress for the bride, and a suit of felled cloth for the groom were considered eminently suitable ingredients of tip-top outfits for the wedding costumes."

The township of Westfield was organized in the year 1820. The first list of officers elected included Rufus Vaughn, Justice of the Peace; Hanmer Palmer, Wiley Hamilton and Ansel Brainard, Jr., Trustees; George Collier, Clerk; James Ross, Constable. The territory, whose affairs these officers administered, and whose peace and prosperity were their chief objects of concern, was thus divided and laid out in lots by the original survey. On each side of a due east-and-west road, passing through the center of the township, lots were laid out one mile in length by one-half mile in width. Furthermore, upon the opposite sides of two other east-and-west roads equidistant from one parallel with the center road, tiers of lots were laid out, each lot being three-quarters of a mile long by half a mile wide. By this division, sixty lots were formed, having a uniform frontage on the highways—six rows of lots in all, ten lots in each row. The total area of the lots, it will be seen, just equals the twenty-five square miles within the township limits. The first and second elections for local officers were held at Hanmer Palmer's house. Then, for a period of six years, other private houses or buildings used for school purposes did duty as polling-places, until, in 1828, a town house was built at the township center, and dedicated to all proper public uses. In the years that intervened between the first settlement and the date last given, when the business and political interests commenced

to crystallize around the geographical center, the good people of Westfield passed through many trials and privations. During all this time, the majority of the settlers who came in were poor. Some men simply owned an ax, while others rejoiced in the possession of only two or three farm or household utensils. The land sold for about \$3 per acre, and, in many cases, the purchasers were unable to pay for the property for years after they assumed possession. Those who first arrived found county roads that ran from Wooster to Medina, and from Lodi to Seville. Aside from these, there were few facilities for intercourse with the outer world, or even between the settlers themselves, who were scattered here and there in the depths of the forest. On account of their isolation, the different families, in the matter of providing the necessities of life, put to a practical test the doctrine of the sufficiency of man unto himself. In every household, domestic economy was practiced in its severest form. Money was a curiosity; there was not enough in the township to warrant its use as a medium of exchange. Edibles and commodities were to be had in the towns, in trade for grain, which the farmer had raised in such parts of his woods as he had cleared, having girdled the large trees and cut out the small ones and the underbrush. The labors of the men were not a whit more severe or multifarious than were the different forms of work undertaken by the women. In those days, every wife deserved, and wore with pride, the title of "help-meet" to her husband. Added to the ordinary labors incident to housekeeping, which she performed as a matter of course, she made the clothing for the members of her family, males as well as females. The manufacture of woolen and linen fabrics, and making them up into dresses, shirts, coats and pantaloons, were duties which received strict attention each succeeding year, and as regularly and surely as old clothes wore out. Boots and shoes were luxuries. Even the young men and maidens of

seventeen and eighteen went barefooted to church and school, setting an example which all the children perforce followed. It is safe to say that the young gentlemen and ladies of today, who have reached the interesting age of seventeen, would rather remain away from church and school than attend without shoes and stockings on their feet, even in mid-summer! Well, this is not the only indication that education and religion were more highly prized by the youth of 1818-28, than they now are by the youth of 1880. Nor was fine raiment then considered as essential to a presentable appearance at social gatherings as it is to-day. When the daughter of a pioneer purposed to attend a merrymaking or a dance, she took to the store a quantity of linen made by her own fair hands, and exchanged it for calico, from which she cut her dress for the occasion. In such a costume, she was ready to contest her title to the belle-ship of the ball.

During these days, the young community did not lack the benign influence of schools and churches. So early as 1818, a few of the settlers, belonging to the Free-Will Baptist sect, organized a society and held meetings for prayer and praise; but, as they could not secure and support regular preaching, the gatherings were abandoned after a short time. The first Methodist Church was formed in 1819, its leading spirit being Ansel Brainard, Jr. Soon thereafter, the Baptists and Presbyterians began to hold services. The first school was opened in the summer of 1818, the teacher being Miss Jerusha Hosmer. Its daily sessions were held in the house of John J. Morton, who lived about fifty rods east of the present site of Friendsville, the place known in olden times by the name of Winston's and Morse's Corners. The boys and girls who attended this first school as pupils were Alfred, Theron and Melissa Hamilton; Lewis and Alonzo Nye; Clarissa and Charles Mallory; Charlotte, Jane and Sherwood Palmer; Eliza, Lucy and Lorenzo

Brainard, and Betsey Stark. The same scholars, with possibly a few additions, were taught in the winter of 1818-19, by Ansel Brainard, Jr., the building used as schoolhouse standing about eighty rods north of Morse's Corners. At the same place, the roster of students being but slightly changed, Miss Betsey Ross conducted the third school in the summer of 1819. Subsequent to the organization of the township, both winter and summer schools were held regularly, in divers log cabins and in rooms of dwelling-houses, the seat of instruction shifting about after the manner of the voting-place, until the town hall was built, in 1828.

Up from the decade that succeeded the settlement of Westfield, and even from the score of years that followed after, there rises a cloud of reminiscences and personal adventures, the narration of which, in detail, would doubtless amuse and interest the reader; but the lapse of time has made it difficult to distinguish facts from fancies in many cases, so that he who writes a sober history is restricted to such incidents as are well authenticated. For one thing, it is on record, that, in the year 1819, Independence Day was observed by the inhabitants with patriotic fervor. The celebration was not marked by any elaborate parade or dazzling exhibition of fantastic fireworks, as has become the fashion for Fourth of July festivities of recent years. But the people, proud of their country and rejoicing in their liberties, assembled at the house of James Chapman, and felicitated one another over various State and national affairs. Finally, to vent their jovial feelings, they indulged in dancing. The music was furnished by Richard Marshal, an expert with the fiddle and the bow, but whose execution on this occasion was somewhat faulty by reason of too liberal potations. Mr. George Collier, who possessed a critic's ear, ventured to suggest certain modifications of the melodies, and, in this connection, said: "Richard, why don't you come down heavier on the

(No. 4) SCHEDULE of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted to John Barr

Name of County, City Ward, Township, Parish, Precinct, Hundred, or District.	NAMES of HEADS OF FAMILIES	FREE WHITE PERSONS (including Heads of Families)												
		MALES						FEMALES						
	(Line on page)	Under 5 yrs.	5 & under 10	10 & under 15	15 & under 20	20 & under 30	30 & under 40	40 & under 50	50 & under 60	60 & under 70	70 & under 80	80 & under 90	90 & under 100	100 & upwards
Newburgh	9	1	1											
	10	2	1	1										
	11	1	1											

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by the Marshal of the		District (or Territory) of												Ohio										
SLAVES	MALES	FREE COLORED PERSONS						WHITE PERSONS included in the foregoing.						SLAVES & COLORED PERSONS included in the foregoing										
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HISTORY
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OHIO.

IN THREE PARTS:

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CHAPTER L.

THE METHODIST CHURCHES.

South Park—First—East Cleveland—Franklin Street—First German—Christ—Taylor Street—German Methodist (West Side)—Superior Street Tabernacle—Scovill Avenue—Lorain Street—Grace Church—Broadway—Willow Avenue Mission—Union Chapel—Woodland Avenue—Sadle Chapel—Wesleyan Methodist—Welsh Calvinistic—St. John's (A. M. E.)—Free Methodist.

SOUTH PARK CHURCH.

METHODIST preaching was introduced into Newburg as early as 1818, a class being formed, which passed through various vicissitudes, and then became extinct. On the 1st of January, 1832, Mr. Lyman Ferris went to Cleveland, and invited Rev. Mr. Goddard to resume the work. Mr. G. did so, establishing preaching, and forming a class, consisting of the following persons: Lyman Ferris and wife, Stephen Ames and wife, Cyrus Chapman and wife, Mrs. Dr. Henderson and Mrs. Willis.

The first church-building, a neat frame, was erected in 1841; costing about three thousand dollars. From 1832 to 1860 Newburg was part of a circuit, and preaching was kept up regularly by the preachers, who, from year to year, were appointed by the bishop.

In 1860 the society, having attained some influence and means, was detached from the circuit and became a station, with Rev. D. C. Wright as pastor, who was followed successively by Rev. S. Gregg, Rev. D. Prosser, Rev. R. M. Warron, Rev. M. Hill, Rev. G. W. Chesbro, Rev. Thomas Stubbs, Rev. J. R. Lyon and Rev. A. S. Dobbs. Under Mr. Dobbs' energetic labors and wise guidance, the present tasteful and commodious brick structure was begun and carried forward so far as to complete the basement story in 1872. The lecture room is used for church purposes, and will, with the two side-rooms connected with it by large folding doors, seat about six hundred persons. The main audience room is still unfinished, but when ready for use, will seat about twelve hundred persons. Rev. Mr. Dobbs left the charge in his third year, and was followed by Rev. C. Prindle, who filled up the year. Rev. A. D. Morton succeeded, and remained three years. The present incumbent is Rev. Benj. Excell. The church at present numbers about two hundred and twenty-five members; the Sabbath school about one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred. The present board, of trustees are Edmund James, John Henderson, Wm. P. Braund, Geo. R. Hill, Geo. W. Culet, J. D. Jones, M. D., Robert Woodley, Noah Rothwell, and Wm. Jones. There is now only a small indebtedness, for the payment of which provision has been made, and it is expected that in a year or two the debt will be paid and the building completed.

FIRST CHURCH.

Methodist preaching commenced in Cleveland as early as the year 1822, although church organization was not accomplished until 1827. The first Methodist of the city of whom any record can be obtained was Mrs. Grace Johnson, who became a settler in the

county in 1822. In the same year Rev. Ira Eddy established a place of preaching in Cleveland as a part of the Hudson Circuit. In 1823 Rev. William H. Collins and Rev. Orin Gilmore became the preachers on the circuit. In 1824 Rev. Philip Green and Rev. William C. Henderson were the appointees. Rev. Robert Hopkins was placed in charge in 1825, and continued as such until 1826, when Revs. John Crawford and William R. Babcock were appointed. A class was formed in 1827 under the pastorate of Revs. John Crawford and Cornelius Jones, consisting of Mrs. Grace Johnson, Andrew Tomlinson, Eliza Worley, Elizabeth Southworth, Joel Sizer and wife, Elijah Peet and wife and Lucinda Knowlton. Elijah Peet was chosen leader. This was the first Methodist society in Cleveland.

At this time the Cleveland circuit, so called, comprised all of Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Summit and part of Portage and Ashtabula counties.

In 1828 Revs. Ignatius H. Tackett and Cornelius Jones were appointed to the circuit, and in 1829 were followed by Revs. John Chandler, J. McLean and T. Vaughn.

During the following year, 1830, under the charge of Rev. Billings O. Plimpton, Cleveland was made a station, or regular charge, but on account of a large secession of members who formed the "Methodist Protestant church," the society was seriously affected, and Cleveland returned to the circuit.

In 1831 Revs. Alfred Brunson, Dennis Goddard and John J. Steadman; in 1832 Revs. John McLenn and John B. Ebert, and in 1833 Revs. John W. Hill and Milton Colt were respectively appointed to the circuit charge.

In 1834 Cleveland was made a permanent station and Rev. George McCaskoy appointed pastor. From this time the society worshipped in halls, school-houses and the court-house, until 1841, when the church on the corner of St. Clair and Wood streets was completed. They continued to worship in this church until the erection and dedication of the new chapel in 1869, on the corner of Euclid avenue and Erie street. In 1874 the present elegant edifice was completed on the same lot. The cost of this building was about one hundred and forty thousand dollars.

This church has contributed largely of its members and means in the formation and building of other Methodist churches in the city, and is the mother church of Cleveland Methodism. Its present membership numbers over four hundred. The following are the names of the several pastors of the church from the time it became a station, with the term of service of each respectively: Rev. Francis A. Dighton, 1835-7, (on account of failing health Mr. Dighton was released from his work, and Revs. Hiram Gilmore and J. W. Lowe appointed for the remainder of the term.) Revs. Hiram Kinsley and H. N. Stearns, 1837-8; E. J. Kenney, 1838-9; J. K. Hallock and M. H. Bettis, 1839-40; A. M. Brown, 1840-2; L. D. Mix, 1842-3; Samuel Gregg, 1843-5; B. K. Maltby, 1845-6; B. K.

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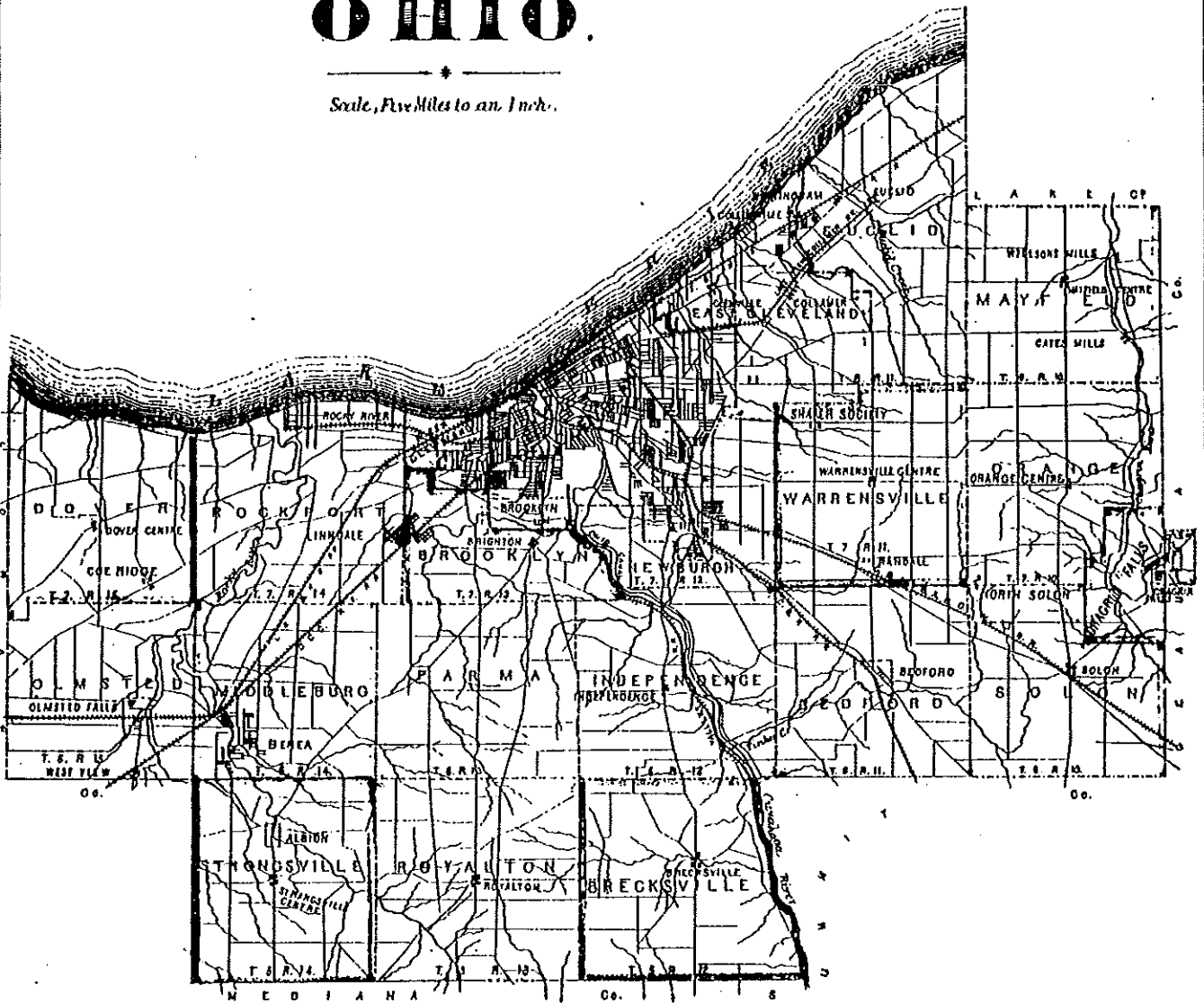
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The earliest settlements of old Newburg were made in that portion now know as the Eighteenth Ward of Cleveland.

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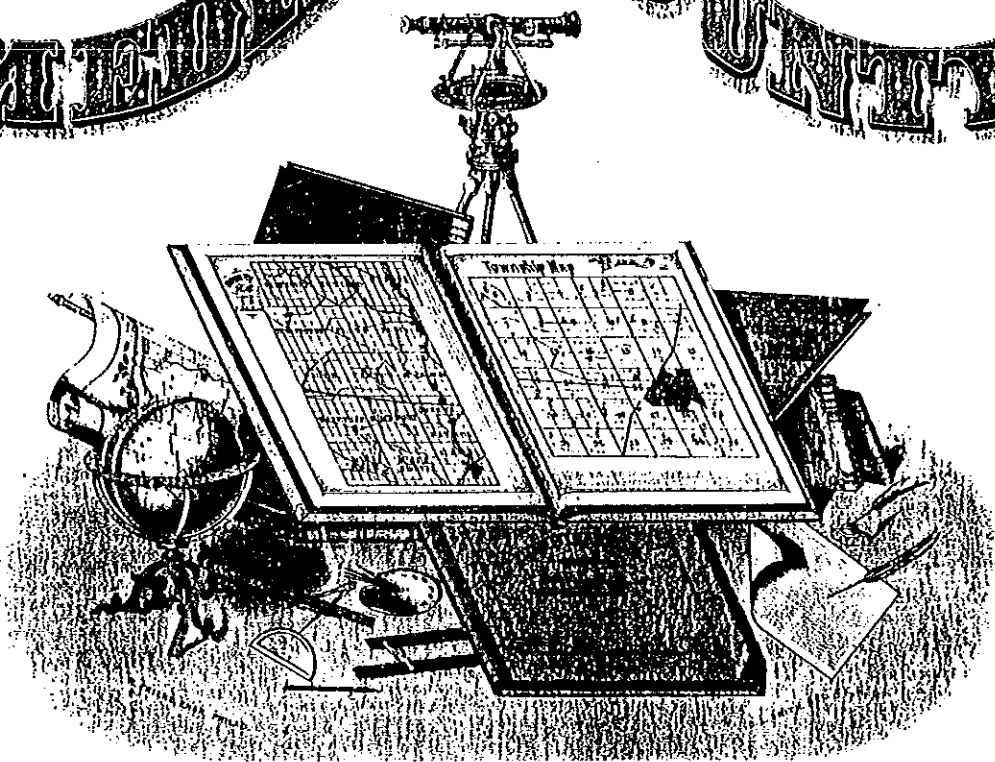
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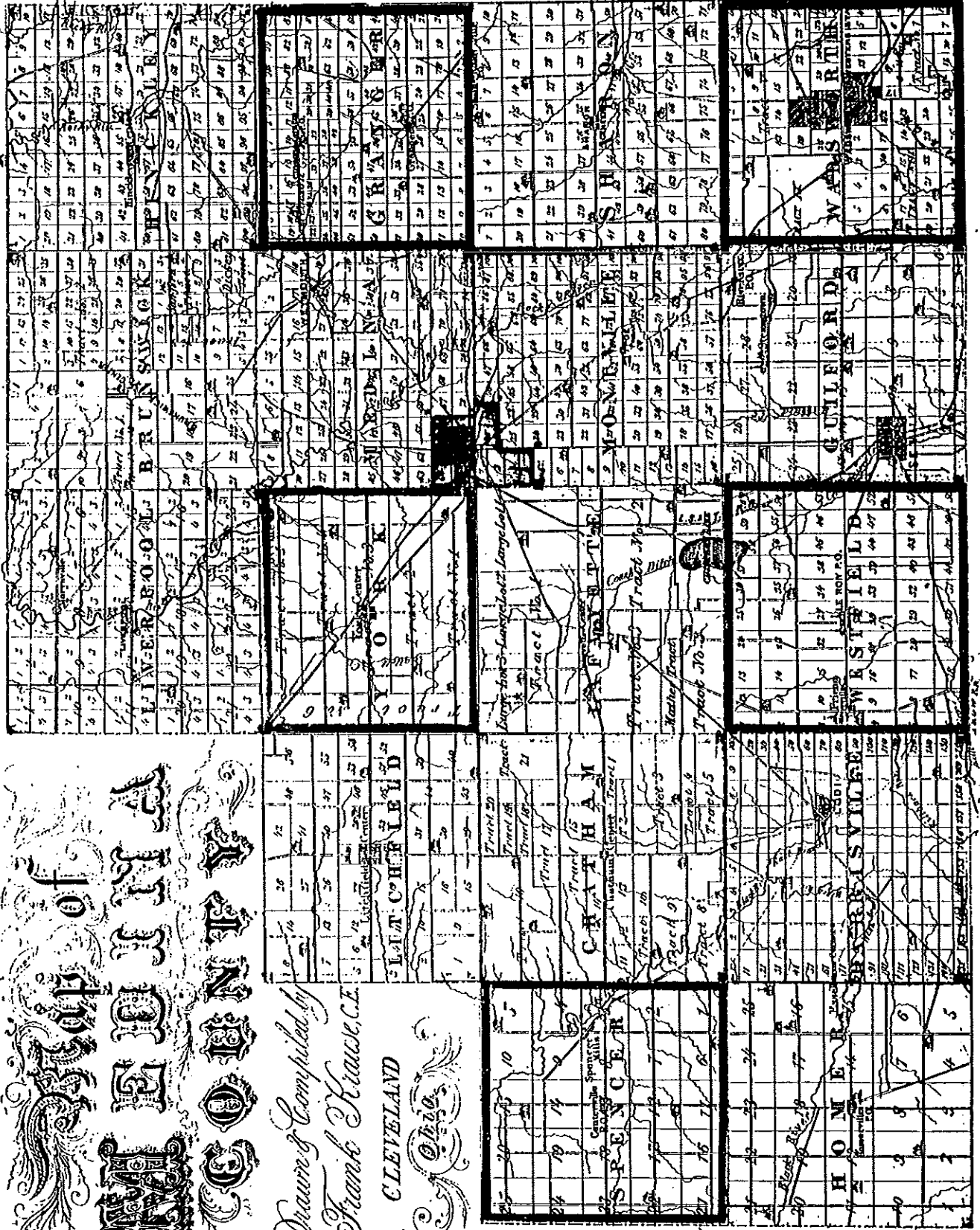
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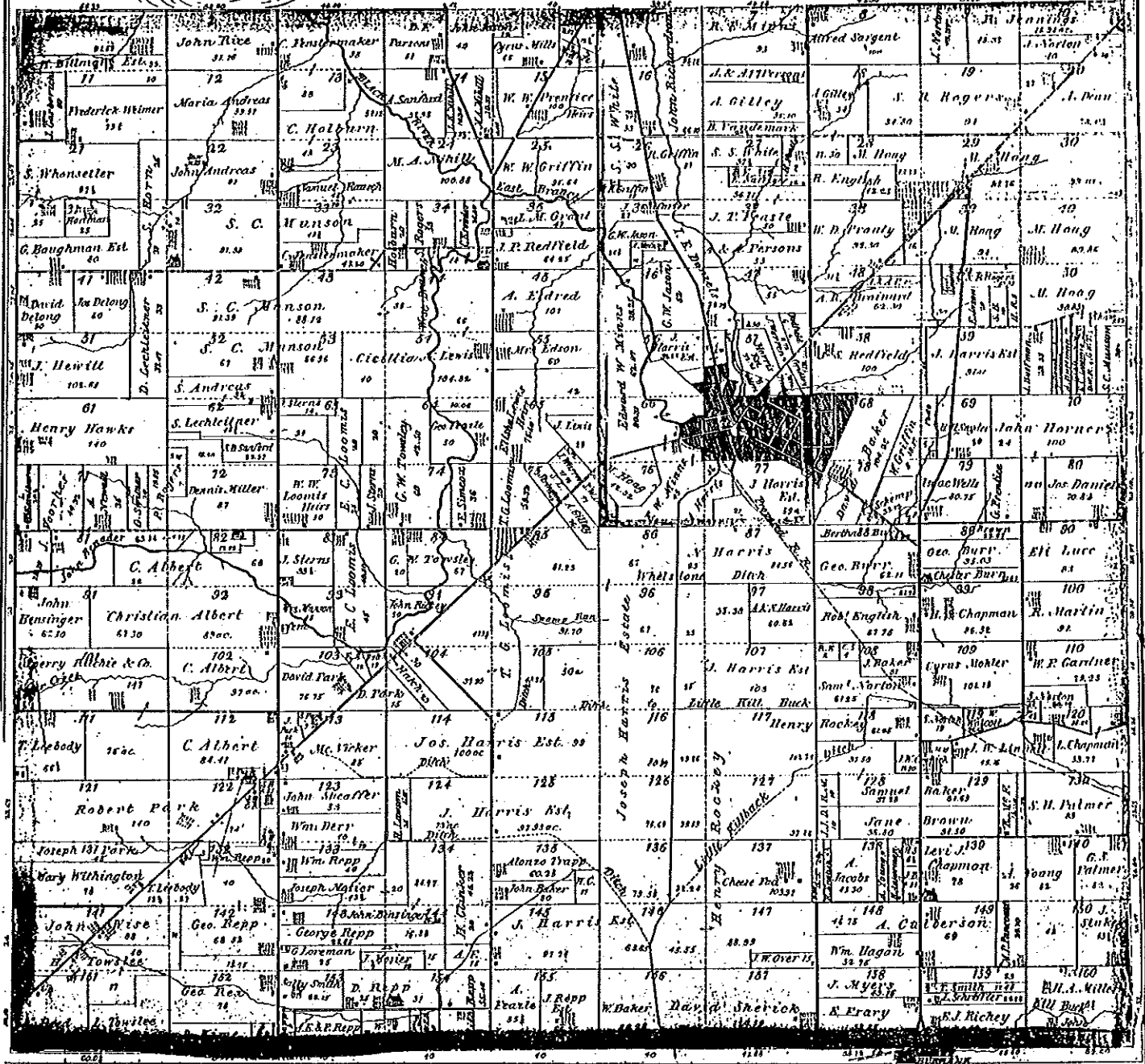
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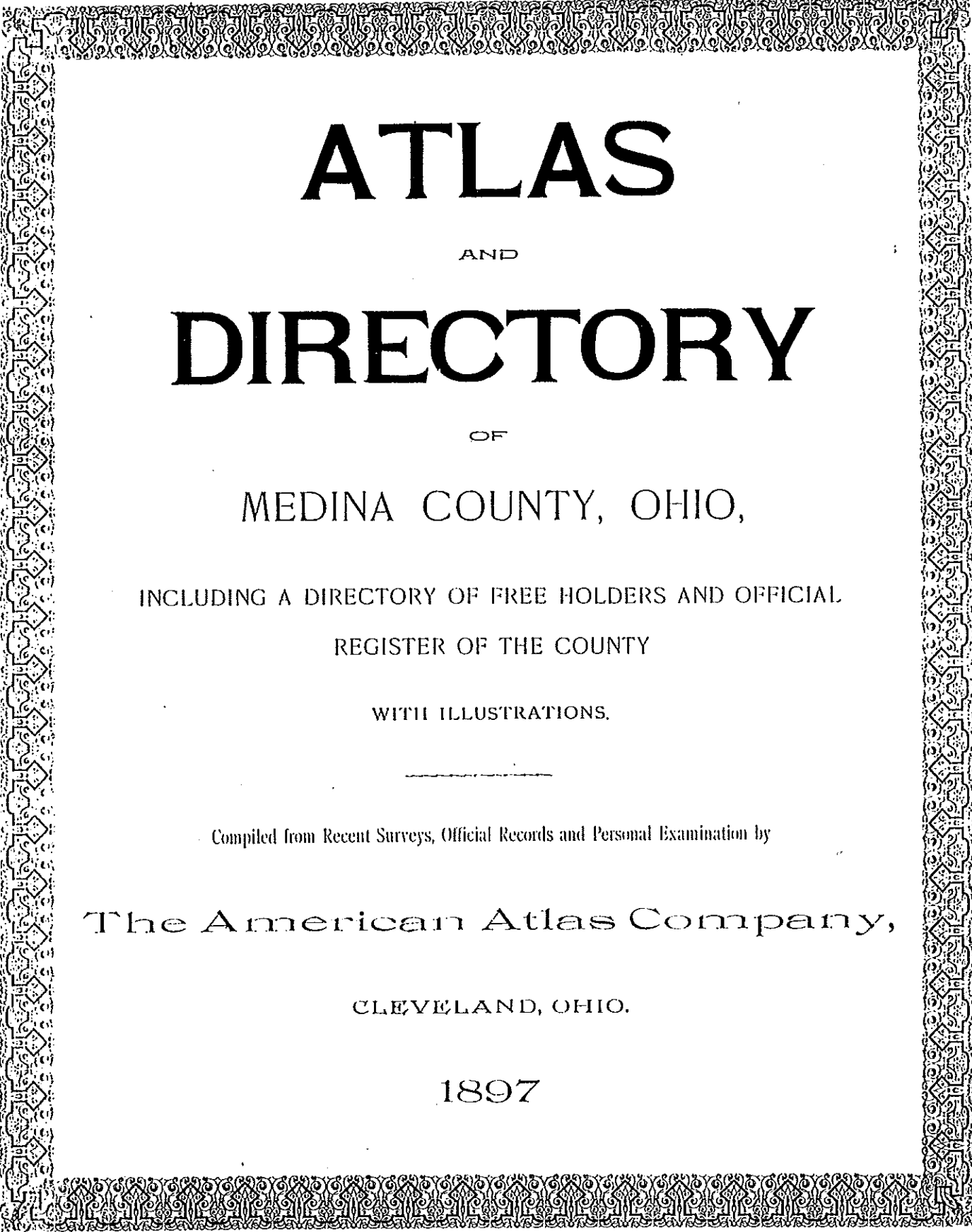
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MAP OF HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP





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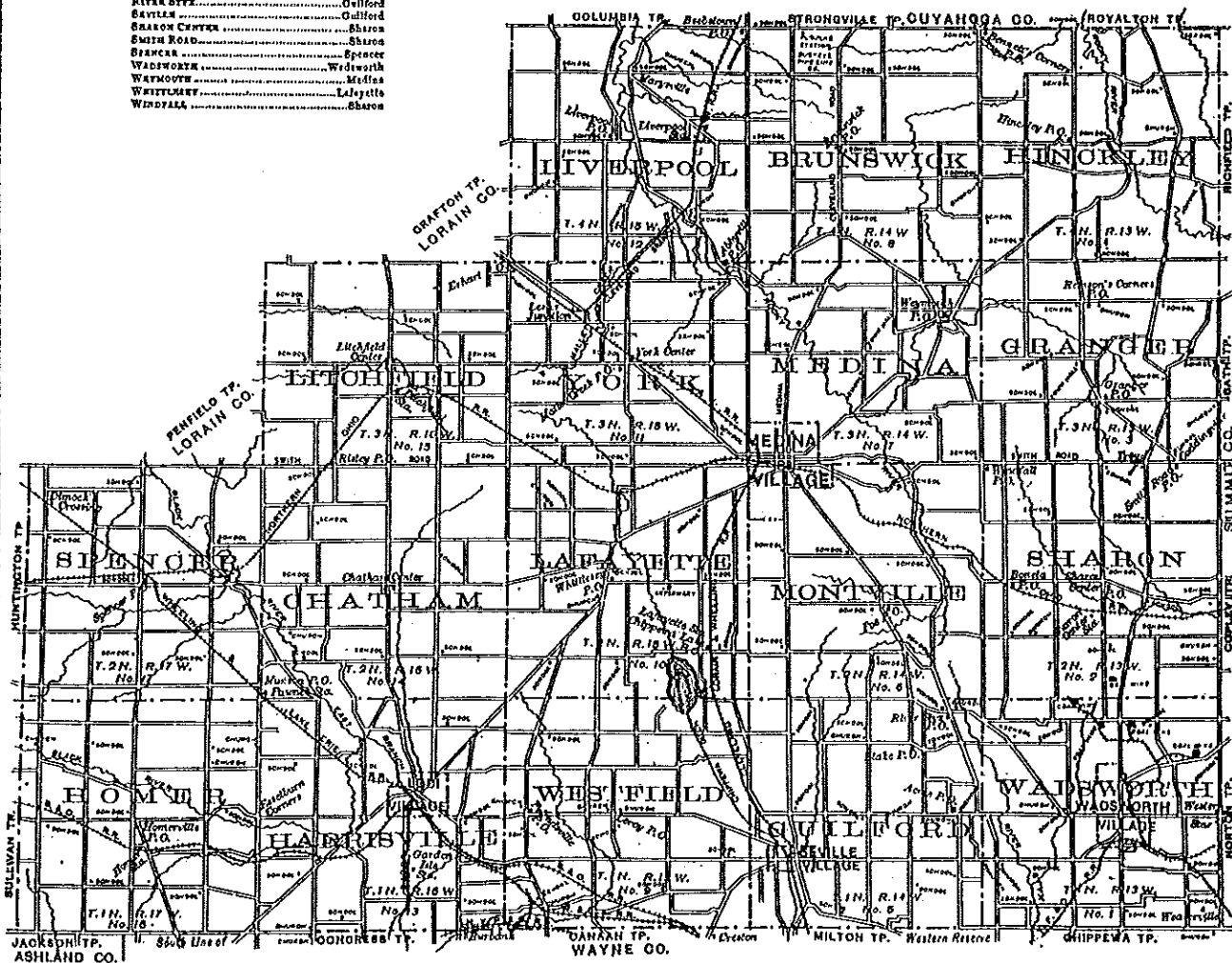
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Post Offices in Medina County.

POSTOFFICE.	TOWNSHIP.
ADRIATICA	York
ACME	Gallford
BICKERTOWN	Liverpool
BENNETT'S CORNER	Hackley
BLAKE	Gallford
BOKOTA	Sharon
BRAFWICK	Evansick
CHRYSLER	Chatham
CRISWELL LAKE	Lafayette
HENRY	York
FARMERSVILLE	Westfield
GRANGER	Granger
HACKLEY	Hackley
HOMERVILLE	Howes
LEOP	Westfield
LITCHFIELD	Litchfield
LIVERPOOL	Liverpool
LODGE	Harrisville
MALLET CREEK	York
MEDINA	Medina
HOBSON	Chatham
YORK	Mostville
RAMSON'S CORNER	Granger
RILEY	Litchfield
RIVER STY.	Gallford
SAVILE	Gallford
SHARON CENTER	Sharon
SMITH ROAD	Sharon
SPENCER	Spencer
WADSWORTH	Wadsworth
WATMOUTH	Medina
WHITFURN	Lafayette
WINDFALL	Sharon

OUTLINE MAP OF MEDINA COUNTY

OHIO
Scale 2 Miles to 1 Inch.



Family Records Births

Opus Chapman Born Cavendish Vt
Monday Dec 15th 1888

Ferdusha D. Hosmer Born Southwick Mass
Saturday Mar 8th 1801

Eliza Ann Born Harrisville Ohio
Monday Aug 23th 1820

Margette Born Harrisville O
Thursday July 11th 1822

Lydia Mania Born Harrisville O
Friday Jan. 23th 1824

DeWette Clinton Born Harrisville O
Sunday Feb 22nd 1826

Franklin Henry Born Harrisville O
Saturday Dec 21st 1837

Emmily Jane Born Newburgh O
Saturday April 3rd 1850

Ebert Hosmer Born Newburgh O
Thursday Feb 14 1833

Milton William Born Newburgh O
Monday April 17th 1835

Cloria Frelia Born Harrisville O
Sept 22nd 1828

Alfred Brunson Born Scirel O
Monday Dec 20th 1840

Orville W Born Walworth Sharon Ct
Monday Aug 10th 1846

W. A. Union Fayette Co Iowa
Nov 11th 1866

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Medina Co Ohio

Deaths Family Record - Death

Sharon Co. Wis.

Jerusha D Hosmer Died, Walworth Co. Wis.
Aug 6th 1851

Elvina S. Chapman Died, Ashland Co. Wis.
Nov 26th 1862

Cyrus Chapman died West Union
Fayette Co Iowa

Charjette Kirkness died Sturgis
Oct 22nd 1871

Married March 18, 1844 by Rev Mr Snow

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Cyrus Chapman

1 Eliza
2 Marguerite

3 Lydia
4 Nettie
5 Frank

**Dr. West Heads Staff
Of Sherman Hospital**

Dr. Hugh E. West was elected president of the Physicians staff of Sherman hospital at a meeting held last night. Other officers are Dr. A. L. Langhorst, vice president and Dr. R. F. Dowell, secretary. Dr. L. J. Hughes was named a member of the executive committee for one year.

Cousin
Eliza's 2d.

Eliza Bell in Wis.

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ing to Kan suppose Indians
purchased him?

upon returning home &
after she found the diamond.

DEATHS IN KANSAS

PITTSBURG.—J. A. (Chappy) Chapman, 69 years old, veteran printing pressman, employed at the Halde- man-Julius Publishing plant in Girard, Kan., died unexpectedly at 3:45 o'clock Saturday morning. Chapman had been in Girard for 22 years, going there in 1901 as pressman for the Appeal to Reason, a Socialist publication that later made Girard a first class post-office.

He is known to have printed as many as 1,000,000 copies of the Appeal in one week. Chapman was one of the first members of the Printing Pressmen's union and worked on metropolitan papers before coming here. He started in printing at the age of 14. He is survived by two sons, Robert and William J. Chapman, and a sister, Mrs. William Post, all of Milwaukee, Wis. The Knights of Pythias had charge of the funeral Sunday.

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Alma, Kan., Nov. 4.—(Special)—Members of the Young Men's association of this city.

Items found among the personal belongings of Mrs. John Reece, daughter of Milton Chapman. Rec'd, 8-31-86. e.e.b.

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who braved danger and endured privation that their descendants, in later years, might reap the benefits of their efforts. Nancy Webb, wife of Richard Fitch, Jr., Almira Fitch, first wife of George F. Webb, and Anna Adams, wife of Dr. Mordcai B. Hughes, began their married lives here over fifty years ago. The two last mentioned are yet living at the age of nearly eighty.

In reviewing the lives of these pioneer women, the aim has been to mention only

their good qualities. Doubtless they had their moments of impatience, of discouragements, and seasons of depression common to the present generation. But when we consider all they endured in that early life, the deprivation that cannot these days be realized, it is scarcely possible to fully appreciate their noble traits of character.

MRS. FANNIE C. ALLEN,

Ellsworth Chairman.

PIONEER WOMEN OF GUILFORD,

MEDINA COUNTY.

1817—1850

The first settlement of this township was in the year 1817, when Henry Hosmer, Chester Hosmer, Mary Hosmer, Shubel Porter, Abigail Porter, Lyman Munson, and Moses Noble came to it from Southwick and Westfield, Mass. Two openings in the woods had been made, however, the previous year by John and David Wilson in the northern part, and in the south west by Jesse Smith. Seville was an Indian village, at that time, of ten wigwams in which they tarried in their hunting and fishing excursions along the banks of the Chipewewa and Hubbard creeks where wild life reigned. Elk, deer, bears and wolves abounded, and the streams afforded excellent fishing.

In 1818 came Philo French and William Wolcott. The following year Jonas Stiles and William H. Bell, James and John Crawford.

The first wedding was that of David Wilson and Abigail Porter. The first public school was presided over by Miss Adaline Dothee. The first women to be laid away in the village cemetery were Mrs. Robert Wilson and Mrs. John Wilson.

Woman's sphere was so narrow in those days that it seems difficult to learn

her talented husband, made her a very intelligent woman, of active mind, stored with knowledge that relieved the monotony of pioneer life. When Mr. Hosmer became

THE FIRST POSTMASTER

of the town, she often assisted him with his duties. Her good taste and skill made her one-room cabin attractive and most comfortable. She was a fine cook, and every stranger who asked for hospitality went away well fed. All but one of her large family of sons and daughters settled near the old homestead, so there were no partings such as occasionally wrung the hearts of other mothers. Her husband survived her a year, dying at the age of 98.

The eldest daughter Anna Hosmer married Moses Noble of Southwick, Mass. They arrived at Guilford with their two boys in 1818, bringing their household effects in a two-horse wagon. The journey was finished at the end of forty days when they drove up to the Hosmer cabin. Here Mrs. Noble tarried until her own had been erected in Westfield but a short distance away. In this cabin she experienced two quite thrilling experiences. It took fire in the night, and calling to mind that there was

STORE OF GUN-POWDER

in the attic loft, she seized a bundle of soiled clothes, rushed up the stairs, and wrapping up the powder to protect it from the flames dashed out in her bare feet and deposited it in a safe place.

Another time she was engaged in washing, just outside the cabin door, and using a pounding barrel for the purpose. Her eldest daughter, then a babe, was seated on the floor close to the door, when it began to laugh and coo. Turning to look at it, she beheld a large rattlesnake lying on the doorstep between her and the child. For a moment she was paralyzed with fright. How could it be destroyed? Any movement on her part toward that end might cause the snake to spring at the child. Poisoning the clothes pounder cautiously in the air she brought it down, pinning the snake's head, at the same time screaming to the hired man who was working at some distance in a field. He came to her as-

assistance, held the pounder while she picked up the babe, and then killed the snake which proved to have seven rattles.

Mrs. Noble was never afraid of the Indians as they were friendly and often furnished her with wild game. But the wolves were a terror. Mr. Noble bought some sheep and had to keep them for safety in a pen close to the back door. When the

WOLVES CAME SNEAKING

about in the night, one old sheep seemed to sense that protection came from the house, and he would bang his horns against the door with a loud thump, awakening the family who would build fires and blow the tin horn such a blast that the wolves would take fright and retreat with hideous howls.

Mr. Noble died aged forty-seven, and his widow moved over into Seville where with much struggle she kept her four children together. In her earlier years she had been a school teacher, but in her widowhood depended upon her skill in needle work. She died at the age of sixty-seven.

Mary Hosmer came with her brother Chester and her girlhood friend Abigail Porter. They reached Wadsworth in 1816, and remained there while Chester went on to Guilford and built a cabin for them. The road was in a terrible condition, and the weather severe. As they reached Guilford Center, they were met by Lyman Munson, who found them crying from the bleeding cuts in their limbs made by ice forming on the bottoms of their short woolen dresses. Both had been Massachusetts school teachers and this was indeed a terrible and unusual experience. But courage did not fail them, and they toiled on until the cabin was reached. But they found it strewn with chips and shavings, with nothing ready for them. So they sank down worn out and sore, and again cried. Then, when a little rested they began laughing at their plight and set to work to clear things up and arrange furniture, so that soon the place had more of a home look. From the first, the cabin was a stopping place for travelers where they were furnished with the best that could be afforded, and well fed. One night when called upon to cook supper

for a man, all they could offer was pancakes. There was

JUST ENOUGH BUTTER

on hand for the supper table, none could be spared with which to grease the grid-dle. A blanket hung as a screen near the fireplace, so they took the skillet behind it out of sight and greased it with a tallow candle. The stranger ate heartily of the cakes, and complimented them on the "good supper" furnished him.

All meat used was that bought of the Winnebago Indians, whose village they had invaded, but who soon moved their wigwams about a mile away from it. According to this account, Chester Hosmer and his sister must have arrived in Guilford and lived there before their parents came on from the east.

In 1818 Abigail Porter married David Wilson who with his brother John, had arrived from Virginia the previous year. They settled in East Guilford, and as it was low and marshy they named it in derision "River Styx," although there was little water for Charon's boat. Soon after Abigail's marriage, Mary Hosmer also had a wedding in the log cabin. She became Mrs. Shubel Porter, and settled on a farm near Seville. Like her mother she was full of kindness toward every one and was long remembered for it. She gave her youngest son to his country during the Civil War, and died in the fall of 1861.

The wife of William Bell was a Miss Isabel Harkness. They came from Truxton, N. Y. One of the most distinguished settlers of Guilford was Captain Elijah Porter, who was Junior Major in the War of the American Revolution. He fought at Bunker Hill, and received the above title with the rank of captain. He escaped the perils of war only to be killed in 1821, the year he came to Guilford, by being thrown from a horse. His wife was Amelia Smith of East Hartford, Conn., and may have been the sister of Jesse Smith, one of the earliest settlers.

Mary, wife of Timothy Phelps, was the daughter of William Hulbert, a veteran of the Revolutionary War. She was born in 1793, in Chitenden near Burlington, Vt. She was the only daughter of a family of eight children, and twin to a brother. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps first

settled near Akron, but in 1818 purchased a farm near Seville. Mary Hulbert Phelps was a thrifty housewife and managed to keep on hand wheat flour and other rarities, so that when her neighbors were out of them and needed them for some extra occasion, they knew where to go to borrow. She died when only forty years of age leaving six children, one a babe which did not long survive her. Her daughter and namesake married Ralph Deming. Sarah became Mrs. Luther Welton, while Caroline and Delia became the first and second wife respectively of Byron Benton.

Henry and Chester Hosmer, sons of William, both married in Seville after their arrival. Henry built himself a hewn log cabin on the west bank of Chippewa creek, then rode off on one horse and leading another to Avon where there was living a certain

PRETTY SCHOOL TEACHER

who returned with him carrying her wedding outfit packed in a pillow case. She was a handsome woman, and in after years lived in the finest house in town until a larger and more modern one was built. She had two sons and five daughters. One of the latter was Mrs. L. M. Cronise, a writer of some note.

Chester Hosmer's bride was Miss Emeline Forbes, who also was a school teacher, but of Seville. She came from Truxton, N. Y. Her family consisted of five boys and three girls.

Emily Burnham of Jefferson County, N. Y., sixteen years of age, married Dr. Eastman. They came with their sons to Seville in 1827, and started a village tavern, which became known as setting the best table between Cleveland and Wooster. The following year the stage route between Cleveland and Columbus was opened and the Eastman tavern became very popular with its passengers. The landlady was the ruling spirit there, a woman of fine attainments, great energy, and an intellect that age never dimmed. She was

BORN WITH THE CENTURY

and died in 1893.

Lois W. Walker was the lined descendant of the widow Walker, who, with her two sons arrived in this country from England in 1643, and helped to found

the colony and church of Rehoboth, Mass. She was born in Medway, Mass., and came to Guilford with her father in 1833. The journey was three weeks long. The following June she was married at the home of her sister, wife of Rev. Gilbert Fay, of Wadsworth, to the Rev. Varnum Noyes, who, like his wife was of old New England stock and a descendant of Perigine White, first born Puritan child.

He was called to Guilford, now called "Seville," as the first pastor of its Presbyterian church. Lois Noyes left a home of much physical comfort to become the wife of a missionary in a dense wilderness. Bravely and cheerfully she adapted herself to her surroundings. To her four sons and six daughters she gave her time and strength and when she died left precious memories to be cherished by her children and many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Noyes shared their earthly home for fifty years.

Jennesis Hosmer, daughter of William and Elizabeth, married Cyrus Chapman of Harrisville, Ohio, and lived there several years, then removed to Newburg, Ohio; returned to Seville for a short sojourn, then became a pioneer of Wisconsin, where she died aged fifty-seven years, leaving nine children to mourn their loss.

Her sister Lydia, youngest daughter of the Hosmer family, after teaching for a time, married Jason Hubbell and went

to Newburg, Ohio, to live. She is remembered as a bright active young lady with a natural charm of manner that made her a favorite wherever she lived, and endeared her to her large circle of friends.

During the panic of 1836, Mr. Hubbell failed in business and the couple returned to Seville, where he built a foundry, then went to Indiana and helped to build railroads and accumulated a large property. Lydia Hubbell was one of those women who never grow old. In her eightieth year she was seemingly as bright and active as in her girlhood, and while journeying in Montana she was delayed by a flood, which compelled her either to wait indefinitely or to cross a high, perilous rope bridge. She

CHOSE THE BRIDGE.

She had a large family. Two sons were in the Civil War; her daughters followed in the foot-steps of their grandmother, mother, and aunts in school teaching, and all married well. Two of them went to California to live, and their mother at an advanced age followed on alone, bought land and began to build a house on it, which she never occupied, having been seized with the grip and dying with it at the age of eighty.

MRS. GERTRUDE VAN
RENSELAER WICKHAM,
Historian.

PIONEER WOMEN OF AKRON AND PORTAGE, SUMMIT COUNTY.

1810—1834

Portage township, of which Akron is now the larger part, was organized in 1825, nearly fifteen years after its settlement, and named for the celebrated Indian trail that ended here. Evidences of an old path used by the red men long before the white men arrived, are still visible. It began at a point on the Cuyahoga river, three miles north of the pres-

ent site of Akron. The path was very winding, avoiding hills wherever possible, traversing deep gullies and thick forests, and finally terminating at a point on the Tuscarawas near the present village of New Portage.

It was known as the

"PORTAGE PATH"

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State of Wisconsin
Walworth County ss & Be it Remembered that on the 13th day of August A.D. 1852
Levi Lee & Abner his wife to me Andrew to be the grantors in the foregoing instrument
personally appeared before me the undersigned and acknowledged that they executed
this Deed freely for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand

Notary Public

Recorded Oct 14th 1852 at 2 o'clock P.M.

L. D. Long Register of Deeds.

Cyrus Chapman

Franklin W. Chapman

Deed

This Indenture made the tenth day of Febru-
ary in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two between
Cyrus Chapman of the town of Sharon in the County of Walworth & State of
Wisconsin of the first part and Franklin W. Chapman of the same place of the
second part. Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in considera-
tion of the sum of One thousand Dollars to him in hand paid the receipt
whereof is hereby acknowledged has granted bargained sold and conveyed and by
these presents does grant bargain sell and convey unto the said party of the second
part to his heirs & assigns for ever all that certain parcel or tract of land sit-
uate & lying in the town of Sharon in the County of Walworth and State of Wis-
consin described as follows to wit: The North East quarter of Section thirty one
in Township One North of Range Fifteen East in the District of Lands sub-
ject to said Act of March Wisconsin containing one thousand and sixty acres
according to the official plat of the survey of the said lands returned to
the General Land Office by the Surveyor General together with all and sin-
gular the privileges the easements and appurtenances thereto belong-
ing or appertaining and all the right title claim or demand in Law or
Equity of the said party of the first part in and to the premises as above
described with their appurtenances to have and to hold the same as above
mentioned and described unto the said party of the second part and to his
heirs and assigns forever. And the said party of the first part for himself
his heirs and assigns administrators and assigns does covenant and a-
gree to and with the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns
that at the time of the enrolling and delivering these presents he is
lawfully seized in fee simple of the premises above described that
he has good right to convey the same that they are free and clear
from all incumbrances and that the above bargained premises in the
quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part his
heirs and assigns against all and every person or persons lawfully claim-
ing the whole or any part thereof he will forever warrant and defend.

In Witness Whereof the said party of the first part has hereunto
set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
J. H. Smith Notary

Cyrus Chapman
Franklin W. Chapman

State of Wisconsin
Walworth County ss

Be it Remembered that on the ninth day of Oct

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A. D. 1852, Cyrus Chapman to me known to be the grantor in the foregoing instrument personally appeared before me when in due regard and acknowledged that he executed this deed freely for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand, this 10th Minor Notary Public.

Recorded Oct 14th 1852 at 7 o'clock P.M.

A. D. Long Register of Deeds

Franklin H. Chapman

Seal

Cyrus Chapman

This Indenture made this tenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred & fifty two between Franklin H. Chapman of the town of Johnson in the County of Walworth State of Wisconsin of the first part and Cyrus Chapman of the same place of the second part. Witness that the party of the first part in consideration of the conveyance to him by the party of the second part of the premises hereinafter mentioned by deed bearing even date herewith & the sum of the dollars & cts. specified by the said party of the second part to the said party of the first part; and in consideration also of the agreements & covenants hereinafter contained on the part of the said party of the second part, has demised & let & by this presents doth demise & let to the said party of the second part for & during the term of the natural life of the said party of the second part, the following premises namely all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the said town of Johnson in the County of Walworth State of Wisconsin described as follows to wit: The North East quarter of Section Thirty One (31) in Township One (1) North of Range Twelfth (12) East in the District of Lands subject to sale at Milwaukee Wisconsin containing one hundred & sixty acres, according to the official plat of the survey of the said lands returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General. To be had held and enjoyed from the date hereof by the said party of the second part for & during the said term of his natural life, And the said party of the first part does hereby for the covenants & agree to & with the said party of the second part that the said party of the first part will during the said term cultivate, farm, carry on & manage the said premises at his own cost & expense in a good husbandlike manner & that the said party of the first part will in all respects comfortably & suitably support & maintain & support & maintain the said party of the second part during the term of his natural life & will during the said term at all times furnish the said party of the second part with a good home on the said premises & with necessary & suitable lodging board washing wearing apparel & attendances & all other necessaries for the comfortable reasonable & proper support & maintenance both in sickness & in health of the said party of the second part. And the said party of the first part further covenants & agrees to & with the said party of the second part his executors & administrators that the said party of the first part will in all respects suitably provide for support & maintain & furnish with a good common school education, All freeborn sons of Chapman now eleven years of age & Orville Weston Chapman now five years of age,

children of the said party of the second part until they shall respectively arrived at the age of twenty one years if they the said Alfred Parsons & Orville Weston shall respectively reside with the said party of the first part until that age or until they shall not so long reside with the said party of the first part then the the party of the first part will then provide for support maintain & educate the said Alfred Parsons & Orville Weston respectively so long as they shall respectively reside with them. And the said party of the first part further covenants & agrees to with the said party of the second part their executors & administrators that the the said party of the first part will pay & discharge the following debts now owing by the said party of the second part namely a promissory note given by the said party of the second part to Samuel Boardman & Anson P. Allen for one hundred and ten Dollars. Also a store debt to David P. West of the town of Sharon a store debt to Mrs Pierce of the said town of Sharon. Also the Physicians bill for attendance during her last sickness on the late wife of the said party of the second part & also a debt to Halling harness dealer at Col. Horns for ten dollars. And the said party of the second part does hereby covenant & agree to & with the said party of the first part that the the said party of the first part shall have & possess use & control during the said term subject to the conditions herein after contained all the farming tools & utensils & all the stock consisting of cattle sheep horses & swine belonging to the said party of the second part & now on the said premises. And it is hereby mutually agreed & covenanted by & between the parties aforesaid that the said party of the first part may during the said term have such use of the buildings on said premises & such other privileges as may be necessary for the fulfillment of the covenants on this part herein contained & not inconsistent with any of said covenants or the object & spirit of this indenture & also that the shall have & may dispose of with out so much of the animals & fixtures of the said premises as may annually remain for the settling & part of a sufficient portion thereof for the fulfillment of the covenants on this part herein contained also that the said party of the first part so long as he shall fulfil his said covenants shall be entitled to the increase of the said stock & the profits thereof. And it is hereby further agreed & covenanted by & between the parties aforesaid that the party of the first part shall pay all taxes & assessments imposed on said premises during the said term & further that the party of the second part shall be entitled to & shall be regarded as the owner of an amount of stock on said premises equal in number & value of the respective shares to the said stock hereby placed in possession of the said party of the first part whenever & so far as the same shall become diminished. It is hereby declared to be the express object & intent of this indenture that the said party of the second part shall be regarded as having the full legal possession of the said premises & as having the full legal title to the produce & profits of the said premises so that the said party of the second part may at all times have in his own hands a perfect & available indemnity for the entire performance & fulfillment of the covenants herein contained on the part of the said party of the first part, but the party of the first part shall have such residuary interest in & title to the produce & profits of the said premises & the said farming tools & utensils & stock as shall not be inconsistent with this said covenants and the object & intent aforesaid and shall be the absolute owner of the whole thereof that may remain after the final fulfillment of the said covenants. And it is hereby further

mutually agreed & covenanted by & between the parties aforesaid that the said Messrs. Bronson & Childs & Hester shall render their reasonable services for the space of the first part which they reside with him and are to be treated in all respects & provided for by the said party of the first part as a reasonable parent in the like circumstances & condition in life with the said party of the first part would treat & provide for his own children. And it is thereby further mutually agreed & covenanted by & between the parties aforesaid that if the said party of the first part shall during the said term sell & convey his title to the said premises the said party of the second part will duly execute & deliver to the purchaser thereof a good & sufficient quit claim deed of all the right title & interest of the said party of the second part in & to the said premises provided that the said party of the first part shall duly execute & deliver to the party of the second part a life lease with the like covenants as therein contained of other convenient hereditaments situate within the State of Wisconsin, Illinois or Iowa of equal value with the said premises & of which other real estate the said party of the first part shall then have the absolute power & indefeasible title in fee simple.

In Witness Whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands & seals the day & year first above written
 signed sealed & delivered in presence of
 of Nathl Smith No of Honor
 State of Wisconsin
 Halworth County
 Nathl Smith No of Honor
 Cyrus Chapman
 Seal

Be It Remembered that on the ninth day of April A.D. 1852, Nathl Smith No of Honor & Cyrus Chapman were known to be the parties in the foregoing instrument personally appeared before me the undersigned and acknowledged that they executed the foregoing instrument freely for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand
 H. S. Johnson Notary Public.

Recorded Oct 11th 1852 at 7 o'clock P.M.
 C. S. Long Reg

John Sprague of
 to
 Edward H. Ball

Deed

This Indenture made the twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two Between John Sprague of and Sarah his wife of the town of East Troy in the county of Watrous and State of Wisconsin parties of the first part and Edward H. Ball of the same place party of the second part Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and well proved do hereby sell and convey unto the said party of the second part all and singular the premises above and contained in and confirmed and by these presents do give grant bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever

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Have this deed and certificate further witnessed that the said party of the first part, in pursuance of the said order and the Revised Statutes of this State, and such laws made and provided, also for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred and forty dollars, by the said party of the second part to the said party of the first part, in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed, have granted, bargained, sold and by these presents do give grant, bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever the premises in the said order first set forth together with the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining and all the estate, right, benefit, interest, whosoever the said Levi Warner deceased, at the time of his death had of his and to the same, free and discharge from all claim of the widow of the said deceased, to have and to hold the above granted and described premises with the appurtenances and all the estate, right & interest, which the said deceased at the time of his death, had therein, unto the said party of the second part and his heirs and assigns forever, as fully and amply, as the said party of the first part might, could, or ought to grant and sell the said, by virtue of the order above recited, and the Revised Statutes of this State in such case made and provided or otherwise.

The Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 25th day of December A.D. 1853

In presence of
 William J. Brown, S. Doolittle, Christopher Warner, Alexander Warner
 State of Wisconsin

Malworte County ss On this 19th day of March 1853 came personally before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Christopher Warner and Alexander Warner to me well known to be the persons aforesaid, in and who executed the above conveyance and acknowledged that they had executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth - Given under my hand this 19th day of March 1853.
 S. Doolittle Justice of the Peace

Received Oct 15th 1853 at 12 o'clock M. John A. Perry, Reg. of Deeds

Cyrus Chapman
 Clark R. Burnett
 Quit Claim Deed

Know all men by these presents that Cyrus Chapman of the Town of Sharon County of Walworth State of Wisconsin in consideration of the sum of Seven hundred Dollars to me in hand paid by Clark R. Burnett of Town County and State of Wisconsin the receipt whereof is shown by acknowledged, have granted, sold and conveyed quit claimed and by these presents do give and for ever quit claimed unto the said Clark R. Burnett his heirs and assigns a certain parcel of land in the Township and Range

of the said Cyrus Chapman descended as follows to-wit: The North East quarter of Section thirty one in township one North of Range fifteen East and the District of Lands subject to sale at Milwaukee Wisconsin containing one hundred & sixty acres of Land according to Government Survey. To have and to hold the aforesaid premises with all the privileges and appurtenances to said premises belonging or appertaining unto the said Charles R. Bennett his heirs and assigns to his and their sole use forever, so that neither I the said Cyrus Chapman nor my heirs nor any person or persons claiming under me or them shall at any time here or by any way or means have claim or demand any right or title to the aforesaid premises or appurtenances or to any part or parcel thereof forever

The Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of October 1858
 Cyrus Chapman and delivered in presence of William P. Allen George M. Bennett & Cyrus Chapman
 State of Wisconsin
 County of Walworth, ss. W. M. Remondent Clerk on the 7 day of October AD 1858, Cyrus Chapman to me known to be the person who signed the above deed and acknowledged that he executed the same freely for the use & purpose therein mentioned - Wm P. Allen Justice of the Peace

Recorded Oct 17th 1858 at 2 o'clock P.M. John A. Perry Register of Deeds

Eliza A. Bell & Andrew Bell
 to
 Charles R. Bennett
 His Deed

This Indenture made this seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight between Mrs Eliza A. Bell and Andrew Bell his bene of said Eliza A. Bell of the town of Sharon County of Walworth State of Wisconsin parties of the first part and Charles R. Bennett of town County and State aforesaid party of the second part Witnessed that the said parties of the first part in consideration of the sum of Twenty hundred Dollars to them and their heirs by the said party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby presents grant bargain sell and convey to the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever, all the tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the town of Sharon described as follows to-wit: The North East quarter of Section Number thirty one in township number one North of Range fifteen East, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Milwaukee Wisconsin containing one hundred and sixty acres of Land according to Government Survey Excepted with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto or in anywise appertaining, And the said parties of the first part do covenant unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns as follows: - first that they are lawfully seized of said premises, second that they have good right to convey the said, third that the same is free from all incumbrances, and fourth, that the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns shall not be...

1860 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

SCHEDULE 1. — Free Inhabitants in Illyria Township in the County of Fayette State
 of Iowa, enumerated by me, on the 12th day of July, 1860 Judson Hale, Ass't Marshal

Post Office Illyria

Line No. on page	House No.	Family Number	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Age	Sex	Color	Profession, occupation, or trade of each person, male or female, over 15 yrs. of age.	Value of Estate owned		Place of birth	Married within the year	Attended School within the yr.	Over 20 who cannot read & write	Whether deaf & dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict.	(Remarks)
								Real Estate	Personal Estate						
18	1738	1481	Frank Chapman	35	M	n/r	Farmer	1800	600	New York*					
19			Adaline Chapman 1.	35	F					Do					
20			Candis Chapman	7	F					Wisconsin		n/r			
21			Ewart* Chapman	5	M					Iowa		n/r			
22			Adell Chapman	8/12	F					Do					
23			Cyrus Chapman	70	M					New York*					
24			Orvil Chapman	16	M		Farm Lab.			Do*					
25			A. Colburn	22	M		Do Do			Do*					
26			Edwin Henderson	17	M		Do Do			Do*					
			1. Adaline WEST, born in New York.												
			* sic												
			Frank was born in Ohio.												
			Ebert was misspelled.												
			Cyrus was born in Vermont.												
			Orville was born in Wis.												
			Colburn & Henderson ?												
			n/r = not recorded												

SCHEDULE 1. — Inhabitants in West Union Township, in the County of Fayette, State of Iowa, enumerated by me on the 16th day of June, 1870

(Line Number)	Dwelling house Number	Family Number	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June 1870, was in this family.	Age last birthday.	Sex.	Color.	Profession, occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of birth.	Father was foreign born.	Mother was foreign born.	Month if born w/in census yr.	No. if married w/in census yr.	Attended school within the year	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane or idiotic.	Male citizen 21 yrs. & up.	Male 21 & up w/ right to vote denied/abridged
4	353	357	CHAPMAN, F. H.	42	M	W	Farmer	5000	1000	Ohio										/
5			— A. M. 1.	36	F	W	Keeping House			New York										
6			— Candace	16	F	W	At Home			Iowa										
7			— Evert (sic)	12	M	W	At Home			Iowa					/					
8			— Della	10	F	W	At Home			Iowa					/					
9			WEST. Sophia	74	F	W	Retired Housekeeper			New York										
			1. Adaline M. WEST, daughter of Ezra B. & Sophia WEST, she married Franklin Henry CHAPMAN, 18 Feb. 1852 at Delavan, Walworth County, Wisconsin.																	

Post Office: West Union

Lewis ARMSTRONG, Ass't Marshal