

INFORMATION & DATA ON THE FAMILY OF:

REUBEN & RHODA (PECK) CHAPMAN

1761-1845

1760-1843

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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.

Date 14 Feb. 1990

*Edward E. Bartlett*, Compiler

CHAPMAN  
Surname  
FAMILY INFORMATION CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's full name <u>Reuben CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>20 Mch. 1761</u> at <u>Ashford, Connecticut</u> married <u>21 Nov. 1782</u> at <u>Ashford, Windham County, Conn.</u> died on <u>9 Oct. 1845<sup>1</sup></u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> Interred at <u>Lodi, Ohio, Cemetery</u> Groom's <u>1<sup>st</sup></u> marriage Farmer <u>Jonathan CHAPMAN</u> Baptist <u>Dorcas CHUBB</u> Occupation <u>Jonathan CHAPMAN</u> Religion <u>Dorcas CHUBB</u> Military Service His father <u>1722-1802</u> Mother's maiden name ===== Wife's maiden name <u>Rhoda PECK</u> born on <u>3 Feb. 1761<sup>2</sup></u> at <u>Ashford, Connecticut</u> died on <u>7 June 1843</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> Interred at <u>Lodi, Ohio, Cemetery</u> Bride's <u>1<sup>st</sup></u> marriage <u>John PECK<sup>3</sup></u> <u>Elizabeth DENNISON<sup>3</sup></u> Her father _____ Mother's maiden name ===== Abodes & removals:	Authority/Source of Data: Marjorie M. Russell 1445 Queen Summit Dr. West Covina, CA 91791 (1983) ===== Records, Census & Other: 1. Died at age of 84 yrs. GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH PECK, by Ira B. Peck 1868 2. Gives her date of birth as 3 Feb. 1761, her grave- stone has 27 Jan. 1760. 3. Is John Peck of Mendon, Mass. - Elizabeth Dennison was of Hampton. pgs. 277-9.
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Sex	Their Children:	Additional Information:
	(1) Name <u>Levi CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>18 June 1784</u> at <u>Ashford, Connecticut</u> died on <u>8 Jan. 1870</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> married <u>Feb. 1810</u> at <u>Franklin County, Vermont</u> to: <u>Lucinda TURNER</u> <u>4 July 1792 -</u>	Children: Salina, Amory, Levi Jack- son, James M., Infant son, Samuel T., Lemuel, Levi Jackson, Infant son, Eu- gene E. (10) Medina County, OH, Records, Death: Vol. 1, pg. 4. age 85 yrs., Cause - old age
	(2) Name <u>Triphena CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>3 Sept. 1786</u> at <u>Ashford, Connecticut</u> died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: <u>Amos KINNEY</u>	Children: 6 males under age 10 in the 1820 Medina Co., Ohio, cen- sus, Roll No. 90, pg. 95.
	(3) Name <u>Cyrus CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>15 Dec. 1788</u> at <u>Windsor County, Vermont</u> died on <u>3 Oct. 1865</u> at <u>Fayette County, Iowa</u> married <u>1 Oct. 1819</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> to: <u>Jerusha Dennison HOSMER</u> <u>8 Mch. 1801 - 6 Aug. 1851</u>	Children: Eliza Ann, Maryetta, Lydia Marie, DeWitt Clinton, Franklin Henry, Emily Jane, Elbert Hosmer, Milton Wm., Elmira Fidelia, Alfred, Brunson, Orville Weston. (11 Medina County, OH, Records, Marriage: Vol. A, pg. 4.

Sex		
	( 4 ) Name <u>Arvis S. CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>16 May 1791</u> at <u>Windsor County, Vermont</u> died on _____ at _____ married <u>21 May 1828</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> to: <u>Lucinda BURR</u>	Children: Everett, Arvis, & Annie E.  Medina Co., OH, Records, Marriage: Vol. A, pg. 61.
	( 5 ) Name <u>Sceva CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>10 Feb. 1793</u> at <u>Windsor County, Vermont</u> died on <u>23 Jan. 1881</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> married <u>17 Feb. 1825</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> to: <u>Azuba MARSH</u> <u>7 Oct. 1802 -</u>	Children: Willard J., Harrison Sceva, Ozias E., Arminda E., Mi- rinda E., Rozella M. & the adopted, Hannah M. Marsh. (6) Medina Co., OH, Records, Death: Vol. 1, pg. 52. Age 87 yrs. Cause, Paralysis
	( 6 ) Name <u>Perrin CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>8 Apr. 1795</u> at <u>Windsor County, Vermont</u> died on <u>23 Feb. 1875</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> married _____ <u>1820</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> to: <u>Hannah HERSON</u>	Children: Uriel, Robert E., Adaline E. Flora E., Rulif D. Lucius H., Wilson B., Everett, & George O. (9)  Medina Co., OH, Records, Death: Vol. 1, pg. 26, #1019 Age 84 yrs. Cause, Debility.
	( 7 ) Name <u>Clyne CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>22 Apr. 1797</u> at <u>Windsor County, Vermont</u> died on _____ at _____ married <u>18 Nov. 1818</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> to: <u>Anson MARSH</u>	Children: Nathan A., James A., Randson B., Almon, Eraster O., Ben- jamin F., Darius, Harrison D., Harrison A., Sarah, & Clyna. (11) Medina Co., OH, Records, Marriage: Vol. A, pg. 4 by Henry M. Close, J.P.
	( 8 ) Name <u>Leonard CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>21 May 1799</u> at <u>Windsor County, Vermont</u> died on _____ at _____ married _____ <u>1822</u> at <u>Medina County, Ohio</u> to: <u>Sally COOK</u>	Children: Elmira M., Allen O., Soph- ronia, Rollin C.
	( ) Name <u>Ozias CHAPMAN</u> born on <u>20 Jan. 1802</u> at <u>Windsor County, Vermont</u> died on <u>18 Aug. 1803</u> at <u>Windsor County, Vermont</u> married _____ at _____ to: _____	

## 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.

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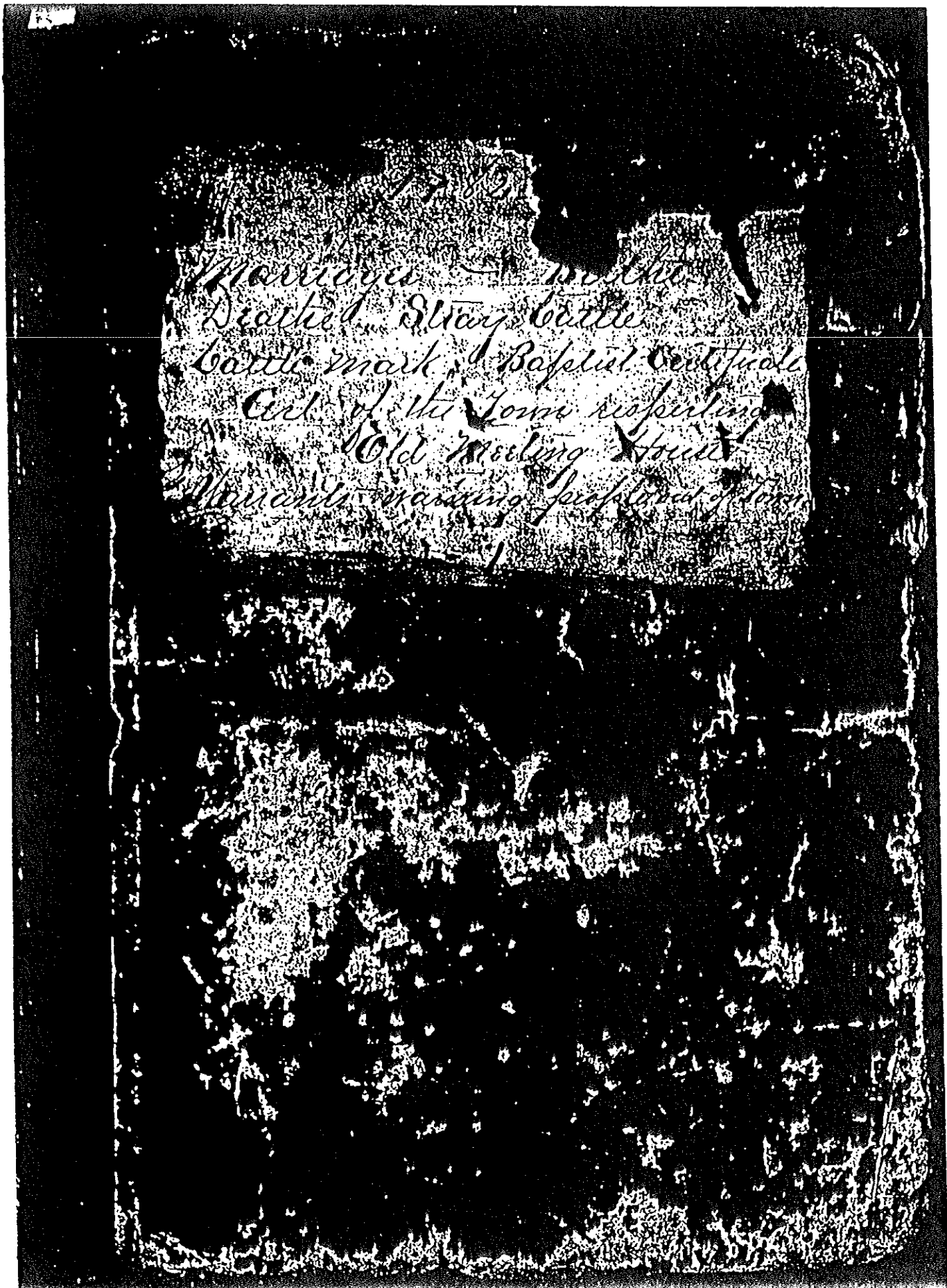
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Cavendish Town Book

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of the meeting House 1801 Page 190

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A List of the Freemen

Cavendish Sept. 3<sup>d</sup> 1782

Capt. John Coffin  
Lieut. Abiel Preston  
Capt. Ephraim Postor  
Lieut. Noadiah Russell  
M<sup>r</sup>. Salmon Dutton  
M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Baldwin  
M<sup>r</sup>. Abner Gilbert  
M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Gilbert  
Capt. Leonard Proctor  
~~Samuel~~ Gideon Walker  
Solomon Walker  
Jonathan Anthonston  
Capt. Joshua Parker  
M<sup>r</sup>. William Spaulding  
Ephraim Dutton  
David Crubb  
William Spaulding Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Samson Hardy

John Russell Esq.  
M<sup>r</sup>. Ebenezer Hardy  
John Gilbert  
Lieut. Ruben Gilbert  
Erus Gilbert  
Ely Gilbert  
Isaac Baldwin  
Abet Proby  
Joseph Rice  
David Wetherbee  
Shadrach Dodge  
John Stone  
Jesse Spaulding  
Josiah Fletcher  
James Hall  
Samuel Chamberlain  
Andrew Archibald  
Asa Wheeler  
Sam<sup>l</sup> W. W. W.

Thomas Gilbert  
 Jabez Upham  
 Nahum Bowers  
 Joel Wheeler  
 Isaacman Pelton  
 William Chaplin  
 John Pope  
 Isaac Bird  
 Jon. Bailey  
 Oliver Jackson  
 Vial Gilbert  
 Jon. Willis  
 Isaac Laurance

The above named persons  
 personally appeared before  
 John Puffer Esq. and took  
 the freeman Oath or oath  
 of allegiance to the State  
 of Vermont  
 Cavendish March 15<sup>th</sup> 1786  
 Cavendish June 18<sup>th</sup> 1786  
 Mr. Lake Coffin Junr. White  
 Mr. Ebenezer Kimball  
 Mr. Samuel Hutchinson  
 Cavendish March 17<sup>th</sup> 1787  
 Asaph Stetson  
 Timothy Oliver  
 Daniel Pops  
 James Parker  
 John Hardy  
 Sam. Adams  
 Amos Kimball  
 Calvin Russell  
 Perry Spaulding  
 W. F. Stolt

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1783  
 Personally appeared before  
 Honer Jackson Town Clerk &  
 took the Freeman's Oath

Cap. Anson Parker  
 Isaac Parker  
 Jeremiah Sturtevant  
 Daniel Peck  
 March 17<sup>th</sup> 1789

Levi Kimball  
 Abel Baldwin  
 James Gordon  
 Reuben Chapman  
 Isaac Pate  
 John Pate  
 John Polley  
 Edmond Tarbell Junr  
 William Swift  
 Whitcomb Tarbell  
 Moses Smith  
 Gamaliel Yereld  
 Timothy Proctor  
 Sam. Adams  
 Edmond Tarbell  
 Robert Snow  
 John Dodge

March  
 1795

Caundish Feb: 23: 1791

- This is to Notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Caundish to assemble and meet at the <sup>of Merchants</sup> ~~Market~~ place of holding Town Meeting in said Town on the ~~Wednesday~~ <sup>Monday</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> day at ten O'clock in the forenoon to hold their annual Meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting
  - 2<sup>d</sup> To receive and choose all such Town Officers that the Law requires to be chosen on said Day
  - 3<sup>d</sup> All persons who have any demands against the Town are desired to bring them and lay them before the Town at this meeting
  - 4<sup>th</sup> To see if will raise money to defray Town charges
  - 5<sup>th</sup> To attend any other business that shall appear necessary
- By order of the Selectmen Abner Jackson Town Clerk
- And the several Inhabitants of high way are Requested to return their state bills to the Selectmen agreeable to a Vote of the Town

Caundish March the 8<sup>th</sup> 1791

- The town assembled according to the foregoing warrant and proceeded and choose Nathl. Fitts Esq: Moderator
- 2<sup>d</sup> Voted & Choose Abner Jackson Town Clerk and Register
  - 3<sup>d</sup> Voted & Choose Abner Jackson Capt Aaron Parker & Lt. Asa Wheeler Selectmen
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Voted & Choose Salmon Dutton Esq: Greening

- 6<sup>th</sup> Voted the Constable shall procure Bondsman
- 7<sup>th</sup> Voted & Choose Jonathan Whittier Constable
- 12<sup>th</sup> Voted & Choose William Spaulding Jun<sup>r</sup> Capt. David Wyman & Ebenezer Kimball Justices
- 15<sup>th</sup> Voted to accept of Mr. Samuel White Jun<sup>r</sup> Capt. Cass. Wyman Bondsman for Mr. Whittier
- 17<sup>th</sup> Voted & Choose Whitcomb Tarbell Leather Sealer
- 10<sup>th</sup> Voted & Choose Josiah French Grand Jurymen
- 11<sup>th</sup> Voted & Choose Elephelt Kimball Pound keeper
- 12<sup>th</sup> Voted & Choose Wm Smith Tythingman
- 13<sup>th</sup> Voted & Choose Reuben Chapman & Capt. Wyman fence View<sup>ers</sup>
- 14<sup>th</sup> Voted & Choose Amos Kimball Wm Spaulding Jun<sup>r</sup> John Dodge Mr. Samuel White Eben Kimball Abner Proctor Capt. Procter Moses Smith Waldo Cheney highway<sup>ward</sup>
- 16<sup>th</sup> Voted & Choose Mr. Wm Lynde Sealer of Weights & Measures
- 16<sup>th</sup> Voted & Choose Wm Smith Wm Smith & Mr. Wm Lynde hay-wards

17<sup>th</sup> Voted & Choose Capt. Wyman Elisha Kimball Isaac Parker Capt. Procter John Duffel Elisha Wm Lynde Randall Lovell Michael Lovell Eben Kimball Reuben Chapman Mr. Saml. White Amos Kimball Petter Jurors

The above named Town officers except Abner Proctor and Waldo Cheney personally appeared before Joseph Stetson Esq<sup>r</sup> and made oath to the faithful discharge of the respective Offices to which they are chosen

Cavendish March 13<sup>th</sup> 1792

Meeting assembled according to the foregoing warrant  
and first Vote and chose Jos<sup>ph</sup> Hatcher Moderator

2<sup>d</sup> Vote and choose Samuel White Town Clerk

3<sup>d</sup> Vote and choose Samuel White first Select Man

4<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Lieut. Asa Wheeler second Select man

5<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Efg<sup>r</sup> Handal Lovel third Select Man

6<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Salmon Dutton Efg<sup>r</sup> Treasurer

7<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Mr. Isaac Parker Constable

8<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Reuben Chapman Lieut. Asa Wheeler

and Mr. Timothy Stone Listers

9<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Samuel Adams Leather Sealer

10<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Edmond Farbel Grand Juror

11<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Samuel Adams Pound keeper

12<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Josiah French Typing man

13<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Michael Lovel Joseph Wheelock

Leonard Proctor Ebenezer Larkin Isaac Gilbert

Haywards

14<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Lieut. Lynd Sam<sup>l</sup> Hatcher for

Capt. Sam<sup>l</sup> Wyman Jenu Viewors

15<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Mr. Timothy Stone Reuben Chapman

Lynd Leonard Proctor Tim<sup>l</sup> Proctor

Samuel Hatcher for John P. Patch Abel Bauld<sup>win</sup>

Asimus Sherwin Highway Surveyors.

16<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Mr. James Smith Sealer of weights

and Measurs

Voted to Pap over the 3<sup>d</sup> Article Respecting the

Dividing Line of the Town

All the above named Town officers Capt. Mr. James Smith

personally and took their respective Oaths before Asaph Hatcher

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Mr. James Smith Sealer of weights

and Measurs

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> Vote and choose Mr. James Smith Sealer of weights

and Measurs

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

Asa Fletcher Son of Josiah & Margaret born June 29<sup>th</sup> 1789  
 Annah Gilbert Daughter of Thomas & Lydia born June 29<sup>th</sup> 1789  
 Archibald Smith son of William & Hannah born March 16<sup>th</sup> 1785  
 Abiel Preston son of Abiel & Miletiah born Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1788  
 Asa Dutton son of Ephraim & Susanna born Decem<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1781  
 Anna Smith Daughter of Wm & Hannah born Jan<sup>y</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1799  
 Addison Fletcher son of Asaph & Sarah Fletcher born Wednesday Aug<sup>st</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1796  
 Asa Spaulding son of Maryann & Sarah born Jan<sup>y</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1796  
 in Jeffery State of Massachusetts  
 Amos Spaulding son of Maryann & Sarah born August 24<sup>th</sup> 1796  
 Anna White Daughter to Saml & Hephzibah born  
 at Wadsworth Massachusetts August 24<sup>th</sup> 1793 Died July 16<sup>th</sup> 1801  
 A son still born to Saml & Hephzibah at Wadsworth  
 Mass<sup>ts</sup> September 10<sup>th</sup> 1793  
 Alpheus Fletcher Son of Asaph & Sarah Fletcher  
 born Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> 1793. Elisebeth  
 Asa Batswin son of Joseph & Polly wife  
 born Jan<sup>y</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1794  
 Anna White Daughter of Samuel & Hephzibah born  
 at daughter to Abel Batswin & Susanna Sigwick born  
 1790 died May 17<sup>th</sup> 1801  
 Abel Batswin son to Abel and Susanna born March  
 17<sup>th</sup> 1791  
 Arves Chapman son to Reuben & Rhoda born May 16<sup>th</sup> 1791  
 Abigail Sutton Daughter to Eph<sup>m</sup> & Susanna born May 24<sup>th</sup> 1791  
 Abigail Slusher Daughter to Samuel & Charlot<sup>t</sup> born  
 June 16<sup>th</sup> 1797  
 Abel Stone son to Samuel & Elizabeth born Oct<sup>ober</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1797  
 William Stone son to Samuel & Elizabeth born Nov<sup>ember</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1797

C

- Charles Rice, Son of Joseph & Sarah - Born Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1780
- ▷ Cyrus Chapman, son of Reuben & Rhoda Born Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1788
- Caroline Lowell Daughter of Randal and Caroline  
Born July 1<sup>st</sup> 1789
- Clary Snow Daughter of Robert and Mary Snow Born  
November 20<sup>th</sup> 1794
- ▷ Glyne Chapman Daughter of Reuben & Rhoda Chapman  
Born April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1797
- Charles Grant Son to Charles & his wife Born  
at Plainfield December 19<sup>th</sup> 1799
- Clark Fullum Son to Suel & Kitty his wife Born  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1803 Died March 11<sup>th</sup> 1803

A

- Amos Fell Son to William and Beath his wife  
Born April 19<sup>th</sup> 1796
- Anna Spaulding Daughter to Willard & Ann  
his wife Born Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1796
- Abi Spaulding Daughter to Willard & Ann his  
wife Born Friday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1801



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Noadiah Kiesel son of Noadiah & Lydia born Jan 28 1782  
 Nathaniel Kiesel son of Noadiah & Lydia born Sep 2 1786  
 Nancy Sutton Daughter of Ephraim & Susana his wife  
 Born May 25 1786  
 Numian Chubb son to David & Molly Chubb  
 Born June 21 1797  
 Nancy Parker Daughter to James & Bridget his wife born June 1 1794  
 Nathaniel Huffell son to Noadiah & Lydia his wife born  
 Jan 7 1798  
 Namanday Taylor Daughter to William & Mary his wife  
 Born April 4 1800

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Laure Baldwin daughter to Joseph & Elizabeth his wife <sup>Born Oct 21 1798</sup>  
 Leonard Chapman son to Keuben & Rhoda his wife Born  
 May 9 1799  
 Lawron Fullam son to Sewell & Hitty his wife  
 Born April the 19th 1801

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Oliver Coffey son of Michael & Sarah Barn Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1781  
 Oliver Wright son of John & Writty born Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1789  
 Oliver Adams Daughter to Timothy & Lydia born Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1799  
 Oliver Peck son to John & Rebecca Peck born  
 January 21<sup>st</sup> 1797

Oliver Chapman son to Keuben & Aboda his wife  
 born January 20<sup>th</sup> 1802  
 Orson Tarbel son to Whitcomb & Ruth his wife  
 born March 26<sup>th</sup> 1802  
 Oliver Spaulding daughter to Willard & Anna his wife  
 born ~~Wednesday~~ Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 21<sup>st</sup> 1794  
 She died April 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1803

John Parker son to Isaac & Bridget his wife born July 9<sup>th</sup> 1796  
 Jeremiah Tappan & Hutchinson son to Rufus and Sally  
 his wife born Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1801  
 Joseph Petty Laugel born April 7<sup>th</sup> 1800 son to  
 Randal and Caroline his wife  
 James Grant son to Charles & his wife born at  
 Cavendish October 19<sup>th</sup> 1801  
 John Perkins Tarbel son to Whitcomb & Ruth his wife  
 born May 16<sup>th</sup> 1799  
 John Tappan son to Wm & Ruth his wife born March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Irene Spaulding daughter to Joseph & Anna his wife  
 born September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1792  
 John Spaulding son to Willard & Anna his wife  
 born Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> 1799  
 Joseph Spaulding son to Willard & Anna his wife  
 born March 21<sup>st</sup> 1803

P

- Polly Roby Daughter of Abel & Lucy born June 7<sup>th</sup> 1781  
 Paul Dodge Son of Shadrach & Rachel born Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1783  
 Phoebe Hardy Daughter of John & Sally born March 19<sup>th</sup> 1788  
 Polly Stone Daughter of Timothy & Alice born Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1782 at Ashburnham Massachusetts  
 Peter Spaulding son of Benj<sup>n</sup> & Sarah born August 11<sup>th</sup> 1787  
 Polly Lovell Daughter of Nathaniel & Caroline born Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1792  
 Parmer Peck son to John & Rebecca born Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1793  
 Perrin Chapman son to Reuben & Rhoda born March 8<sup>th</sup> 1795  
 Polly Parker Daughter of Joshua & Hannah born March 30<sup>th</sup> 1791  
 Perry Pelton Daughter of Freeman & Prudence  
 Pelton born March 25<sup>th</sup> 1792  
 Seymour Pelton son of Freeman & Prudence Pelton  
 born May 11<sup>th</sup> 1795  
 Polly Prusell Daughter of Eoadiah & Lydia  
 born February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1797  
 Polly Chubb Daughter to David & Molly  
 Chubb born November 10<sup>th</sup> 1793  
 Polly Lovell Daughter to Michael & Sally living in 1800 Nov 11-1798  
 Polly Spaulding Daughter to Willard & Maria  
 born Thursday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1791  
 Puffy Snow Daughter of Robert and Anna Snow born  
 December 8<sup>th</sup> 1798

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Susanna Wetherbee Daughter of David & Susanna born June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1782

Sarah Koby Daughter of Abet & Lucy Born January 28<sup>th</sup> 1785

~~Abstract son of Shadrack & Rachel~~

Shadrack Dodge son of Shadrack & Rachel Born June 18<sup>th</sup> 1785

Sally Hardy Daughter of John & Sally Born March 4<sup>th</sup> 1786

Sally Muesel Daughter of John & Lucretia Born April 6<sup>th</sup> 1786

Sally Jackson Daughter of Abner & Rebeckah <sup>on wednesday</sup> Born April 30<sup>th</sup> 1788

Susanna Dutton Daughter of Eph<sup>m</sup> & Susanna born April 15<sup>th</sup> 1787

~~Sarah Smith Daughter of Abner~~

Sarah Smith Prester Daughter of Abner & Sarah born April 7<sup>th</sup> 1788

Samuel Stone son of Timothy and Ellice born Dec<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1787  
at Ashby Massachusetts

Samuel & John White Sons to Sam<sup>l</sup> & Hephzibah born  
at Westford Massachusetts August 18<sup>th</sup> 1787

Sally Clark Daughter of Eph<sup>m</sup> & Abigail  
Born November 11<sup>th</sup> 1790

Susanna Butwin Daughter to Abel & Susanna born Jan<sup>y</sup> 1791

Sally Dodge Daughter to Shadrack & Rachel Born Oct<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1791

Sally Smith Daughter to James & Sally Indwiff Born Sept<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1791

Serra Chapman son to Reuben & Rhoda born Feb<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1793

Sally Coffeen Daughter to Luke & Zephth Born August 17<sup>th</sup> 1794

Sally Boyden Daughter to John & Rebeckah Born May 17<sup>th</sup> 1794

Seth Gilbert son to Isaac & Jerusha Gilbert  
Born March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1794

Sally Lovell Daughter of Michael & Sally Lovell  
born August 17<sup>th</sup> 1794

Cavendish Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1795  
The Town being legally warned for the purpose of  
choosing a Representative to Congress, before to be presented  
their State in Congress, Votes 17 for Nathaniel Miles  
2. Eph. Bucke  
1. Stephen Jacob

The Constable absent

Samuel Mather

This is to notify and warn all the Freeholders  
and other Inhabitants of the Town of Cavendish  
to assemble and meet at the Dwelling House  
of Mr. Samuel Adams in S. Town on Tuesday  
the 10 day of March Next at 10 o'clock A.M.  
to act on the following articles Viz<sup>t</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> to choose a Moderator to govern & Moderate  
2<sup>d</sup> to Proceed and choose all such Town Officers  
as the Law directs to be chosen at Annual Meetings  
3<sup>d</sup> to see if the Town will reconsider their Vote  
Past at the last Town meeting relating to the  
2<sup>d</sup> penny tax or any Part of their said  
act any thereon as they shall think proper  
4<sup>th</sup> to act on any other matter that may be legal  
and thought expedient to act upon in this  
Cavendish Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1795 Samuel Mather

The Town met according to the foregoing  
 Warrant Voted and Choose Asaph Fletcher Moderator  
 Voted and Choose Samuel White Town Clerk  
 Voted and Choose Samuel White first select man  
 Voted and Choose James Smith Second Do  
 Voted and Choose Randal Lovel third Do  
 Voted and Choose Salmon Sutton Esq. Treasurer  
 Voted and Choose Jonathan Atherton Constable & Collector  
 Voted and Choose Benj. Lynde Isaac Baldwin  
 Benj. Spaulding Leonard Proctor Jun. and  
 David Searles Justices  
 Voted and Choose Whitcomb Tarbel Sealer  
 Voted and Choose David Searles Grand Juror  
 Voted and Choose Samuel Adams Pound Keeper  
 Voted and Choose Reuben Chapman Tything man  
 Voted and Choose George Wellington Eliph. Kimball  
 Amos Pease and Levi Stevens Haywards  
 Voted and Choose Dea. Jonathan Wheelock and  
 Randal Lovel fence viewers  
 Voted and Choose Reuben Chapman Wm. Spaulding Jr  
 Abel Baldwin Wm. Felt Josiah French  
 Levi Stevens Jon. Atherton Benj. Adams  
 Surveyors of Highways  
 Voted and Choose Samuel White Sealer of weights  
 and Measures all the above Town officers except  
 William Felt appeared and took their respective  
 Oaths

Voted to Pass over the first clause in the 8 article  
 Voted to suspend the Making the Tax until  
 first day of June and no longer  
 Was a Remandor of the Old Town called

Voted that in future the ~~meeting~~ for Town  
be set up in their ~~Separate~~ Place, at the Mills on the  
of the Town at the East Park at Mr. Chapman  
and at Mr. James Smiths

Mr. Randall Lobel and Mr. William Spaulding  
agree to be Recognised to the Town Treasurer as  
Directors for Jonathan Atterton as Constable & Collector

Voted that Benj<sup>n</sup> Spaulding, Josiah French, David  
Scarles, William Swift, Daniel French shall  
for the future ~~belong~~ belong to the Upper School  
District on Black River according to their Request

Voted that Town Meetings for the future be held  
at Mr. Timothy Proctors

▷ Voted that Benj<sup>n</sup> Spaulding, Salmon Dutton, J<sup>r</sup>  
David Chubb, Junia Parker, Abel Baldwin,  
Leonard Proctor, J<sup>r</sup>, Reuben Chapman,  
Eliot Chapman, Benj<sup>n</sup>, Lynde & Aaron Parker  
J<sup>r</sup> supply the Petet Juror for the year ensuing

This is to Notify and warn all the  
 Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town  
 of Cavendish to meet at the Dwelling House of  
 Mr. Samuel Whites in said town on Tuesday the  
 fourteenth Day of March Next at ten O'clock  
 forenoon to Act on the following articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To Proceed and Choose all such Town Officers, as  
 the Law Directs to be chosen at said annual meeting
- 3<sup>d</sup> To see what bounds the town will Establish for  
 the cut lines of twenty mile Stream District
- 4<sup>th</sup> To Act on any Matter that shall be thought  
 Expedient and Necessary when meet

Cavendish February 25<sup>th</sup> 1797  
 James Smith } select  
 David Searl } men

Cavendish March 4<sup>th</sup> 1797

The town mett agreeable to the to the foregoing warrant  
 1<sup>st</sup> Voted and Choose Benj. Adams moderator of said meeting  
 2<sup>d</sup> Voted and Choose <sup>Sugge</sup> Randal Lovell Town Clerk  
 Voted and Choose Randal Lovell first select men  
 Voted and Choose James Smith <sup>edge</sup> second select man  
 Voted and Choose Leonard Proctor <sup>sum</sup> third select man



Voted and Choose <sup>Samuel</sup> Wyman Collector  
 Voted and Choose <sup>Samuel</sup> Wyman Collector  
 Jonathan Atherton and Benjamin Lynde Officers  
 Voted and Choose Samuel Wyman Collector  
 Voted and Choose Nehemiah Green Leather Sealer  
 Voted and Choose Jonathan Atherton grand Juror  
 Voted and Choose Jediah Tuttle pound Keeper  
 Voted and Choose Gedion Walker and Timothy  
 Procter Tythingmen  
 Voted and Choose Gellings Walker Daniel  
 Conery Jones Gilbert John Brown Joseph  
 Gambelin Aaron Parker Jur Thomas Prudden  
 Jediah Spaulding Hayward  
 Voted and Choose Capt Leonard Procter and  
 Schubb fence Viewers  
 Voted and Choose Stephen Shaw Star Master  
 Reuben Chapman Isaac Mason Elder  
 James Smith Esq Benjamin Spaulding  
 Dutton Jur Samuel White Jediah Tuttle  
 and Staros Perce Hayward Surveyors  
 Voted and Choose Samuel White Seal of Justice

At a Freeman Meeting legally warned and held  
 at Cavendish second Monday in December 1808  
 the Votes for Representatives to Congress were  
 were as follow: for James Elliot 76  
 for Lewis K Morris 17  
 for Lott Hall — 1

At a Freeman Meeting legally warned and held  
 at Cavendish first Tuesday of March 1808  
 the Votes for Representatives to Congress were as  
 follow: for James Elliot — 118  
 for Aaron Locantland — 2  
 for Lott Hall — 1

At a Town Meeting

- This is to Notify and warn all the freeholders and  
 other Inhabitants of the Town of Cavendish to assem-  
 ble and Meet at the Center School house on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
 on Tuesday the first day of March next 10 o'clock  
 A.M. on 1<sup>st</sup> day to act on the following articles
- 1<sup>st</sup> To Chose a Moderator to govern 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
  - 2<sup>d</sup> To Proceed and Chose all such Town officers  
 as the Law directs to be Chosen Annual Meeting
  - 3<sup>d</sup> to Decide if the Town will Raise any sum of  
 Money for Necessary Uses in town
  - 4<sup>th</sup> to Decide if the town will make any alteration  
 in any of the School Districts or at any way  
 as they may think best
  - 5<sup>th</sup> to act on any other business that may be  
 thought legal & necessary for the town

James Smith  
 Town Clerk

The Town met according to the foregoing warrant  
 Voted & chosen Benjamin Adams Moderator  
 Daniel White Town Clerk & five select men  
 James Smith 2<sup>d</sup> do Wm Spaulding 3<sup>d</sup> do  
 Asa Whelan 4<sup>th</sup> do Thaddeus Smith 5<sup>th</sup> do  
 Meeting adjourned  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour then met again  
 Enoch Jewell Parker Treasurer  
 Isaac Ward Boston for constable & Collector  
 Aaron Parker Asa Whelan Tho<sup>s</sup> White Swan  
 Kendall Lovel & Benjamin Spaulding Selectmen  
 Jonathan Atterton Grand Juror  
 Isaac Gilbert Sampson Hardy Benj<sup>n</sup> Adams  
 Reuben Chapman Daniel Mason Wm Bond  
 Robert Myton Daniel French Abel Whitman  
 Reuben Clark Nehemiah Green Highway Surveyor  
 Solomon Dalton 3<sup>rd</sup> do  
 Solomon Proctor Asa Whelan Highway Surveyor  
 Jonathan Atterton Pound keeper  
 Noah Adams Dealer of Beethen  
 Samuel White Dealer of Weights & Measures  
 Israel Dwinck Tything man  
 Gotham Whelock Nehemiah Green for  
 Freeman & Carpenter Eliphalet Chapman for  
 & Tho<sup>s</sup> McLoe Hayward  
 Voted to Dismiss the 3 articles

CAVENDISH TOWN BOOK  
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Begins 12<sup>th</sup> March 1782.

Page No.	Date of Meeting	Extracts from Record pertaining to Reuben Chapman.
5	3 Sept. 1782	A List of Freemen of Cavendish Sept. 3 <sup>d</sup> 1782
6	10 Mar. 1789	Reuben Chapman personally appeared before the Town Clerk and took the Freemans Oath.
74	8 Mar. 1791	13 <sup>thly</sup> Voted and Choose Reuben Chapman & Capt Wyman - fence viewers.
75	" " "	17 <sup>thly</sup> Voted and Choose Reuben Chapman (w/11 others) Petit Jurors.
81	13 Mar. 1792	8 <sup>th</sup> Voted and Choose Reuben Chapman, Lieut Asa Wheeler and Mr. Timothy Stone - Listers.
"	" " "	15 <sup>th</sup> Voted and Choose Reuben Chapman (w/8 others) Highway Surveyors.*
115	12 Mar. 1793	Voted and Choose Reuben Chapman, Gamaliel Gerald & Junia Parker - Listers.
133	10 Mar. 1795	Voted and Choose Reuben Chapman - Tything man.
"	" " "	Voted and Choose Leiu <sup>t</sup> Chapman (w/7 others) Surveyors of highways.
134	" " "	Voted that Reuben Chapman, Eliphlet Chapman (w/8 others) supply the Petit Juror Box the year ensuing.
158	14 Mar. 1797	Voted and Choose Reuben Chapman (w/10 others) Highway Surveyors.
199	2 Mar. 1802	Voted and Choose Eliphlat Chapman, Reuben Chapman (w/8 others) - Petit Jurors.
202	1 Mar. 1803	(Voted & Choose) Reuben Chapman (w/11 others) Highway Surveyors.
	10 O'clock AM at the Center School house.	Voted to Petition for a Land Tax of three cents on the acre. Voted that a committee from Each School District be chosen to lay out the tax and superintend the work &c.
205	" " "	Voted that Reuben Chapman be the Committee for No. 6.

\* Page 116, Voted that Each Surveyor shall have the power to see that the Roads are kept passable in the winter season.

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08/16/90

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 1807 Then survey a Road from  
 the Twenty Mile Stream Bridge on the Turn  
 pike near Widow Snows to the Meeting  
 House - Beginning at the north end of  
 S. Bridge & running North 14 deg. West  
 196 rods thro' Widow Snows & Jed. Tuttle's  
 Land to the Meeting House Common to a  
 Stake -

Reco<sup>d</sup> March 1. 1808 Edmund Ingalls }  
 Jesse Adams } Select Men

A true Record Attest Jabez Proctor J. Clerk

Survey & laid Out a Road; Beginning at the  
 corner of Daniel Masons Mowing, from thence  
 N 50 deg. W 17 rods, thence east 31 deg.  
 N 20 rods, thence east 20 deg. north 22 rods,  
 thence North 101 deg. west 58 rods to a maple  
 tree, thence east 31 deg. north 54 rods, thence  
 N 14 deg. east 14 rods, thence east 37 deg.  
 carried up.

North 106 rods, thence east 15 deg. north 2 rods  
 thence east 9 deg. north 14 rods, thence east  
 1 deg. north 86 rods where it strikes the line between  
 Ruben Chapman & Daniel Peck, thence north 11  
 deg. East 32 rods, to the road near Daniel Peck's  
 Henry Oviatt's mile & one hundred & sixty three rods

The foregoing Road is laid under the following  
 restrictions viz - The Road is to be free for passage  
 this year & next by having a gate, & after two years  
 there is to be one convenient Gate at the entrance  
 of S. Road, which Gate Timothy Stone is to erect  
 & keep in Repair whenever it strikes his land, &  
 where it leaves his land there is to be another  
 Gate erected & kept in repair at the expense of  
 Edmund Adams; the Remainder of S. Road is to be  
 considered as a Bridle Road

Windsor May 1808  
 Jabez Proctor  
 J. Adams  
 John Parker } Select Men

A true Record  
 Attest Jabez Proctor Town Clerk  
 J. Adams

CAVENDISH TOWN BOOK

Volume Two

1803-1810

Page No.	Date of Meeting	Extracts from Record pertaining to Reuben Chapman.
6	May 1808	A Highway Surveyor's report refers to a Road that "strikes a line" between Reuben Chapman and Daniel Peck.
3	6 Mar. 1804	Voted & Choose Reuben Chapman (w/10 others) Highway Surveyors.
13	5 Mar. 1805	Choose Reuben Chapman (w/14 others) Highway Surveyors.
17	4 Mar. 1806	Levi Chapman took the Freemans Oath.
21	4 Mar. 1806	Voted & Choose Reuben Chapman (w/15 others) Highway Surveyors.
28	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, (2)Sept.1806	Voted & Choose Reuben Chapman (w/2 others) on a Committee to receive a deed on land from S <sup>d</sup> Proctor. (Capt. Solomon)
36	3 Mar. 1807	Voted and Choose Reuben Chapman (w/14 others) Highway Surveyors.
40	" " "	Voted and Choose Reuben Chapman (w/2 others) as a committee to Establish the Spot to Set the school house in district No. 2 on Black River in case the inhabitants do not agree.
46	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, (1)Sept.1807	The following Persons gave their votes for Representative to the General Assembly. (along with many others)
47	" " "	Jon <sup>a</sup> Chapman
48	" " "	Reuben Chapman
		Roswell Chubb
		David Chubb
		Daniel Peck
		John Peck
52	1 Mar. 1808	Voted & Choose Reuben Chapman (w/4 others) Listers.
53	" " "	Voted & Choose Reuben Chapman (w/13 others) Highway Surveyors.
54	" " "	Voted & Choose Reuben Chapman (w/8 others) Grand Jurors.
60	5 Sept.1808	The following Persons gave their votes for Representative to the General Assembly - viz, (along with many others)
		Jon Chapman (Jonathan)
		Reuben Chapman
		Josiah Kinney
61	" " "	Eliph <sup>t</sup> Chapman
62	" " "	Eliph <sup>t</sup> Chapman, J <sup>r</sup>
		Daniel Peck
		David Chubb
62	" " "	The following Persons gave their votes for Representative to Congress - viz, (along with many others)
		Eliph <sup>t</sup> Chapman
63	" " "	Josiah Kenny (sic)
		David Chubb
64	" " "	Eliph <sup>t</sup> Chapman, J <sup>r</sup>
67	2 <sup>d</sup> Monday, (11)Dec. 1808	The following Persons gave their votes for Representative to Congress - viz, (along with many others)
		Josiah Kenny
		David Chubb
68	" " "	Roswell Chubb
		Eliph <sup>t</sup> Chapman
		John Peck
69	" " "	Reuben Chapman

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continued

Page No.	Date of Meeting	Extracts from Record pertaining to Reuben Chapman.
71	7 Mar. 1809	Voted and Choose Reuben Chapman (w/14 others) Highway Surveyors.
74	" " "	Voted and Choose Reuben Chapman (w/7 others) Grand Jurors.
76	6 June 1809	A List of Persons equipted according to Law. ( among several others was the following named) Gyrus Chapman Elijah Chapman Fielder Chapman Roswell Chubb

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53 The selectmen hereby gives to all the inhabitants who are legal voters in the Town of Cavendish to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Instant March at Ten o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To proceed and choose all such Town officers as the Law directs to be chosen at such annual meeting
- 3 To see if the Town will raise money to defray the necessary appropriations for the ensuing year
- ▷ 4 To see if the Town will receive several of the inhabitants of Reading into the districts where Reuben Chapman lives, and also to see if the Town will make any alterations in the school districts on Twenty mile stream
- 5<sup>th</sup> To act on any other business that may be thought proper at said meeting

Cavendish 15<sup>th</sup> March 1813.

Jabez Proctor }  
Wiel C. Hatch } Selectmen  
Levi Jackson }

A true record

Attest Wiel C. Hatch Town Clerk

97 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the  
Town of Cavendish Legally warned and  
held at the Meeting house in said  
Town on Tuesday the Twelfth day  
of March A.D. 1817 at 10 O'Clock before noon  
agreeable to the foregoing warrant

Voted and chose Jeremiah Thurston Moderator  
of the Meeting

Voted and chose Edmund Ingels Town Clerk

Voted and chose

Edmund Ingels } Selects  
Jeremia Parker }  
Wm. Myself } Messrs

Voted and chose John Procter Town Treasurer

Voted and chose Samuel Adams Constable  
and Collector

Voted and chose Mandell Lovell Overseer  
of the Poor

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Witness whose Edmund Triguale

Reuben Chapman

Elmer Mueller

Jonas Absenton

Philip Russell

Jacob Procter

Jesse Adams

Joseph White

Edmund Stone

Tim Procter

William Spaulding 2<sup>d</sup>

Asa Spaulding 2<sup>d</sup>

Petty jurors

1841  
Voted and Chose Isaac Baldwin  
Michael Lovell  
Elephatett Kimball  
Joseph Lorenz  
Jobey Proctor  
Joseph White  
Jesse Adams  
Dan Groat  
Nathan Chapman  
John Swift  
Edward Perry

Persons to Notify the select men of  
any Persons Moving into their several  
Districts who are not Town Inhabitants  
Voted to pay Thomas Dever one dollar  
& fifty cents for tending and sweeping  
the Meeting house the ensuing year

CAVENDISH TOWN BOOK  
Volume Three  
1812-1825

Page No.	Date of Meeting	Extracts from Record pertaining to Reuben Chapman.
23	2 Mar. 1812	Chose Reuben Chapman (w/13 others) Highway Surveyors.
27	" " "	Chose Reuben Chapman (w/11 others) Petit Jurors.
48	31 Mar. 1813	Voted and Chose Reuben Chapman (w/14 others) Surveyors of Highways. Voted and Chose Reuben Chapman (w/11 others) to be Petit Jurors for the ensuing year.
55	15 Mar. 1813	Notice and Warning of a Town Meeting - to act on the following Articles, to wit, 4. To see if the Town will receive several of the inhabitants of Reading into the district where Reuben Chapman lives, and also to see if the Town will make any Alterations in the School district on the Twenty mile stream.
60	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday,	Voted and Chose Reuben Chapman (w/14 others) Surveyors of Highways.
62	(1) Mar. 1814	Voted and Chose Reuben Chapman (w/11 others) to be drawn as Petit Jurors for the ensuing year.
77	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, (6) Mar. 1815	Voted that the names of the following Persons be put in the Jury box to be drawn as Petit Jurors the ensuing year, to wit, Reuben Chapman (w/11 others)
83	12 Mar. 1816	Voted and Chose Reuben Chapman (w/14 others) Surveyors of Highways.
88	" " "	Voted the names of the following Persons be put into the Jury box to be drawn as Petit Jurors for the year ensuing, viz - Reuben Chapman (w/ 11 others)
101	12 Mar. 1817	Voted and Chose Reuben Chapman (w/10 others) Petty Jurors (sic)
102	" " "	Voted and Chose Reuben Chapman (w/10 others) as "Persons to notify the Select men of any Persons moving into their several Districts who are not Town Inhabitants.

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08/17/90



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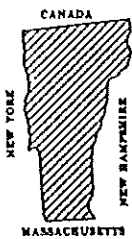
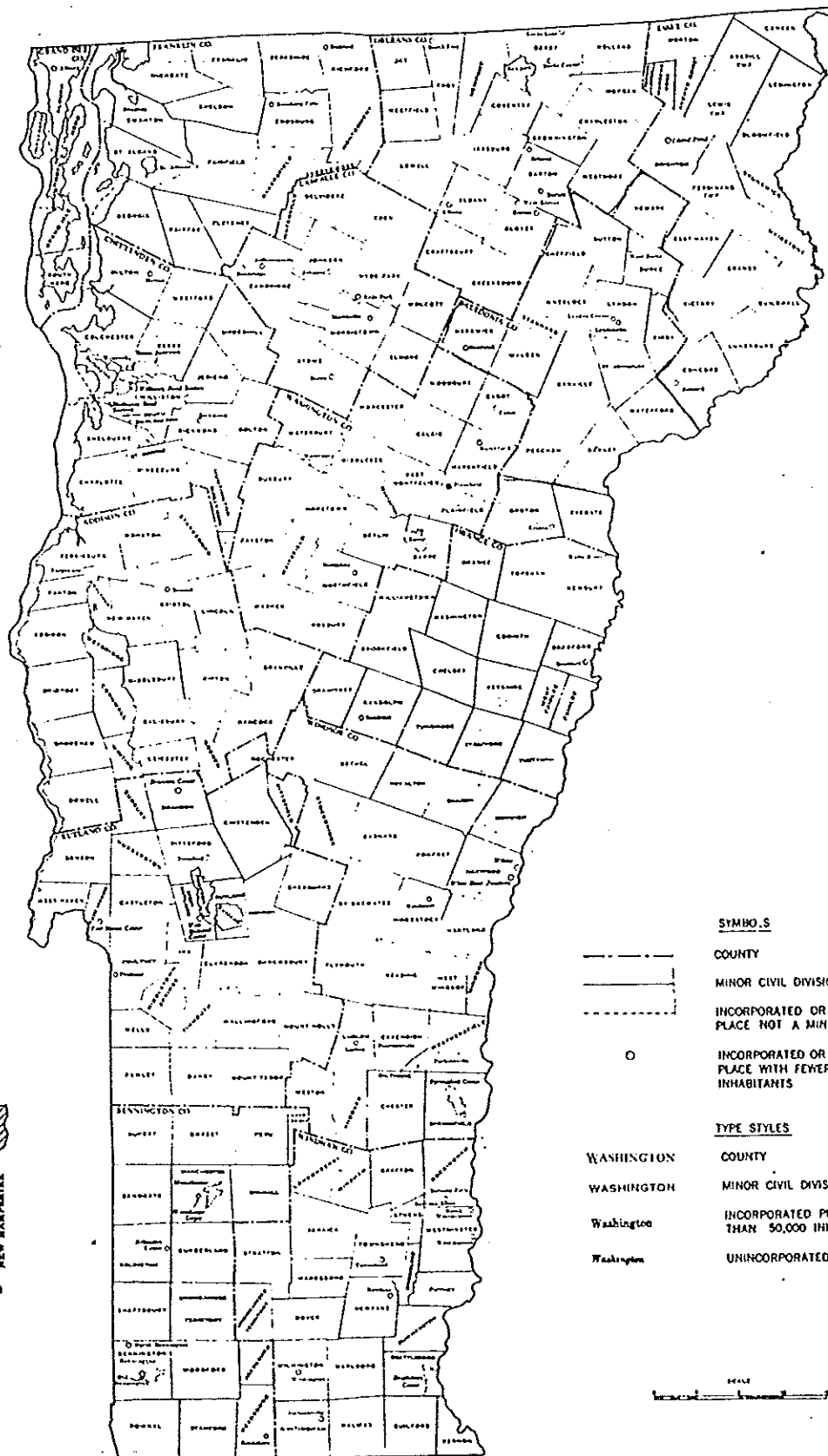


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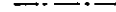



The primary divisions of the counties in Vermont are the towns and cities, except in the more sparsely settled areas, where there are several unorganized townships and divisions known as "grants" and "gores," some of which have little or no population. The incorporated villages form secondary subdivisions of the minor civil divisions in which they are located.

## MUNICIPALITIES

Municipal governments in Vermont are the cities and incorporated villages. The cities exist outside the area of any town and operate under charters granted by the legislature. The incorporated villages, authorized by general law, are located within town areas.

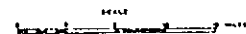


**SYMBOLS**

-  COUNTY
-  MINOR CIVIL DIVISION
-  INCORPORATED OR UNINCORPORATED PLACE NOT A MINOR CIVIL DIVISION
-  INCORPORATED OR UNINCORPORATED PLACE WITH FEWER THAN 2,500 INHABITANTS

**TYPE STYLES**

- WASHINGTON COUNTY
- WASHINGTON MINOR CIVIL DIVISION
- Washington INCORPORATED PLACE WITH FEWER THAN 50,000 INHABITANTS
- Washington UNINCORPORATED PLACE



Bureau of the Census: 1970



State Vermont      **1800 CENSUS**      **UNITED STATES**  
 County Windham  
 Microfilm Number 52

SCHEDULE of the whole number of persons within the division allotted to Jotham White

NAMES of Town, City, County or Village.	FREE WHITE MALES.					FREE WHITE FEMALES.					All other free persons, except Indians, not taxed.	Slaves.	Total.	(No. of page where this was recorded.)	(Remarks)		
	Under ten years of age.	Of ten years, and under sixteen.	Of sixteen, and under twenty-six, including heads of families.	Of twenty-six, and under forty-five, including heads of families.	Of forty-five and upwards, including heads of families.	Under ten years of age.	Of ten years, and under sixteen.	Of sixteen, and under twenty-six, including heads of families.	Of twenty-six, and under forty-five, including heads of families.	Of forty-five and upwards, including heads of families.							
																to 10	to 16
Cavendish  △																	
	Jonathan Chapman	3	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	288	
	Reuben Chapman	3	4	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	289	
	David Chubb	13	3	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	"	
Eliphalet Chapman	6	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	293	



THE CHILDREN OF REUBEN & RHODA (PECK) CHAPMAN

Levi, ..... born 1784 in Connecticut )  
Arvis, ..... born 1791 in Vermont ... ) came to Medina County, Ohio, in 1817.  
Perrin, ..... born 1795 in Vermont ... )  
  
Cyrus, ..... born 1788 in Vermont ... )  
Sceva, ..... born 1793 in Vermont ... )  
Clyne (dau.), born 1797 in Vermont ... ) came to Medina County, Ohio, in 1818  
Leonard, .... born 1799 in Vermont ... ) with Reuben & Rhoda.  
Ozias, ..... born 1802 in Vermont ... )  
  
Triphena, ... born 1786 in Connecticut ) married Amos Kinney in Vermont, who is  
recorded in the 1820 Medina Co., Census.

e. e. b.  
02/11/91

1820 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

[No. 1.]

The number of Persons within my Division, consisting of Medina County, appears in a Schedule hereto annexed, subscribed by me this 30th day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty. Gustavus V. Willard Assistant to the Marshal of Ohio

Schedule of the whole number of Persons within the division allotted to Gustavus V. Willard

Name of the County, Parish, Township, Town or City where the Family resides.	Names of Heads of Families.		Free White Males.				Free White Females.				Slaves.				Free Colored Persons.										
	(line on page)		Under ten years of age.	Of ten & under sixteen.	Between sixteen & eighteen.	Of sixteen & under twenty-six, including heads of families.	Of twenty-six & under forty-five, including family head.	Of forty-five & upwards, including heads of families.	Under ten years of age.	Of ten & under sixteen.	Of sixteen & under twenty-six, including heads of families.	Of twenty-six & under forty-five, including family head.	Of forty-five & upwards, including heads of families.	Under fourteen years.	Of fourteen & under twenty-six.	Of twenty-six & under forty-five.	Of forty-five & upwards.	Under fourteen years.	Of fourteen & under twenty-six.	Of twenty-six & under forty-five.	Of forty-five & upwards.	Under fourteen years.	Of fourteen & under twenty-six.	Of twenty-six & under forty-five.	Of forty-five & upwards.
Harrisville Township.	Anson Marsh		19	1	"	1	"	1	"	1	"	1	"	1	"	1	"	1	"	1	"	1	"	1	"
	Reuben Chapman		25	"	"	1	1	1	"	"	"	1	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Amos Kinney		27	6	"	"	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Cyrus Chapman		3	"	"	"	1	2	"	1	1	1	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Levi Chapman		4	3	"	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total of 40 families, 221 inhbrs in Township																									

PIONEER HISTORY  
OF  
MEDINA COUNTY.

BY  
N. B. NORTROP.

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

ministers of the Baptist, Methodist, Episcopalian and Universalist orders often held meetings in the township, as early as 1816. In 1818, Somer Griffin, with his wife, six sons and one daughter, moved into the township, also Reuben Chapman with his sons Levi, Perrine and Leonard, Captain Ed. Harris and family, David Sausman, Mordica Tracy, Stephen Harrington, with his sons Reuben, Benjamin and Weava Harrington. The first death in the township occurred in the person of a child of George Burr in 1817. Doctor Barnes preached the funeral sermon, being the first funeral service performed in the township. The first adult that died in the township was Huida the wife of Stephen Harrington. She died in 1818. The first birth in the township was a daughter to George and Mehetabel Burr, in the spring of 1815. The first male born in the township was Alpha, son of Justus Burr, now of Illinois.

The first wedding in the township was celebrated in November 1816. The parties to it was Levi Holcomb and Laura Marsh. There being no clergyman or Justice of the Peace in the township to solemnize the marriage contract, Mr. James Rogers, who still lives in the township distinguished now as then for his disinterested philanthropy in matters of that kind generously volunteered his services to procure the so much needed official dignitary. Setting out on foot, like Japhet in search of his father, he bent his course towards Wadsworth. Arriving there he made application to Esq. Warner, who readily assented to come out the next day and legalize the ceremony. It being near sundown Mr. Rogers, at the request of Mr. Warner, consented to tarry over night and accompany him to Harrisville the next day. But alas! how precarious are all human calculations, for during the night Esq.

Warner was taken so severely ill, that it was quite impossible for him to fulfil his engagement. Here was a dilemma. The wedding was set for that very night, and no one yet secured to perform the ceremony: but Mr. Rogers, whose perseverance was only equalled by his philanthropy, true to his purpose as the needle to the pole, pushed on to Esq. Van Heinans in Norton township. The Esquire, who as it would seem, must have been a lineal descendant of Nimrod, was out on a deer hunt, and did not return until night, when he very ungallantly informed Mr. Rogers that he was not at his service. This to most men would have been a settler. Not so to Rogers, these reverses and backsets only stimulated his zeal the more, for on learning that there was a Justice of the Peace in Coveauty, he immediately proceeded thither, secured the services of an Esquire Heathman, and arrived at Harrisville the next day after the wedding—should have been. — However the affair was closed up that evening, and the parties are now living in Michigan. This is supposed to have been the first wedding in the county.

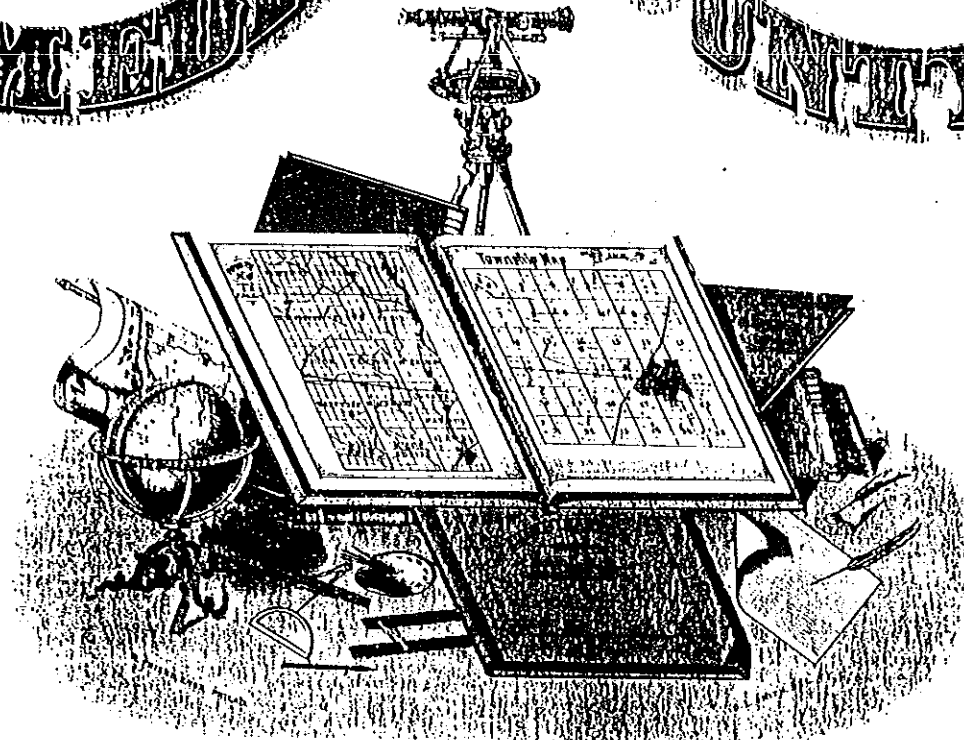
The first frame building in the township was a thirty by forty foot barn, erected by Russel Burr, in 1816, and soon after, in the same year, L. Holcomb built another in the west part of the township.

James S. Redfield brought into the township, in 1820, the first stock of dry goods and groceries. In 1826, Redfield and Chapman sold goods in company. In 1828, a store was opened by Barker and Siza, and in 1830, another by Archibald Miles and Charles R. Deming. Since that time, J. Higbee and the Ainsworths have been the principal merchants at the center of the town.

In settling a wilderness county, even those who have not experienced its trials and privations can easily per-

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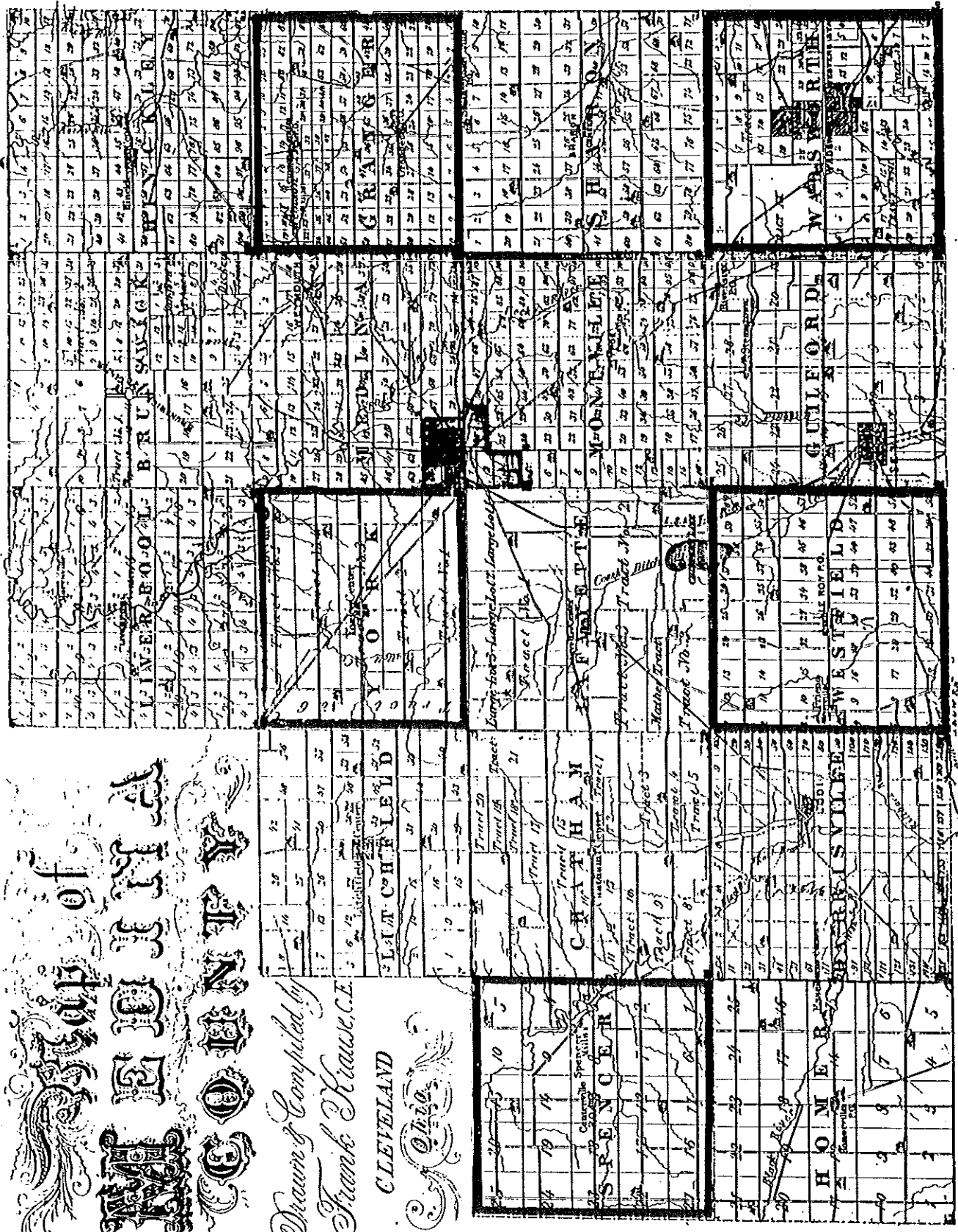
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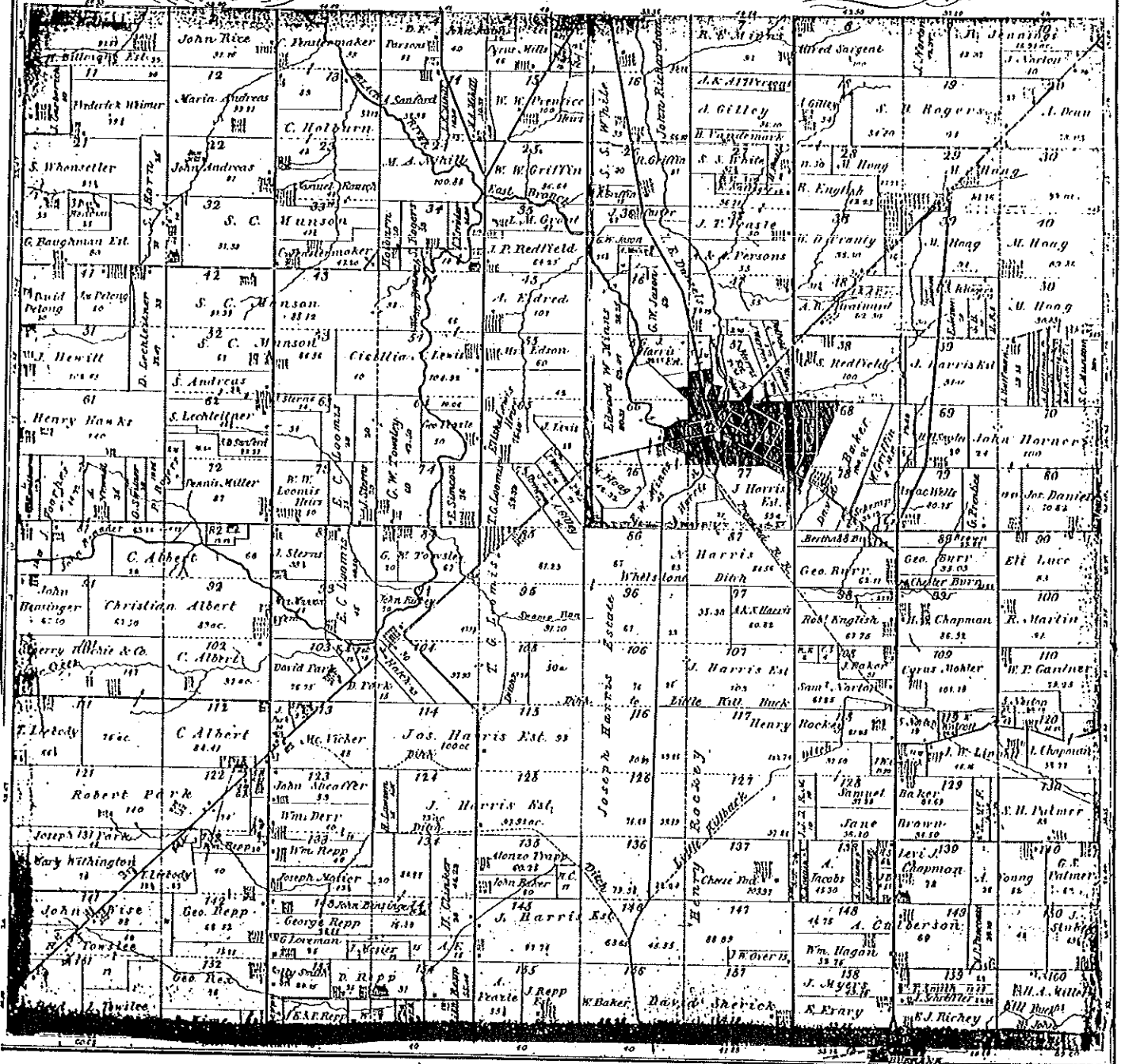
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# MAP OF HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP



Scale: 1 inch = 40 rods. Township Range 10 North, Range 10 West, Range 10 East, Range 10 South.

Reuben Chapman Family  
1820 in Medina Co., Ohio.

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| Reuben, age 59<br>Rhoda Peck, age 60                    | 1. | [ Reuben Chapman<br>[ Rhoda  |
| Levi, age 36<br>Lucinda Turner, married 1810            | 2. | [ Levi Chapman<br>[ Lucinda  |
| Amos Kinney, age<br>Triphena Chapman, age 34            | 3. | [ Amos Kinney<br>[ Triphena  |
| Cyrus, age 32<br>Jerusha Hosmer, married 1819           | 4. | [ Cyrus Chapman<br>[ Jerusha |
| Arvis S., age 29<br>Lucinda Burr, married 1828          | 5. | Arvis S. Chapman             |
| Sceva, age 27<br>Azuba Marsh, married 1825              | 6. | Sceva Chapman                |
| Perrin, age 25<br>Hannah Herson, married 1820           | 7. | Perrin Chapman               |
| Anson Marsh, age<br>Clyne Chapman, age 23, married 1818 | 8. | [ Anson Marsh<br>[ Clyne     |
| Leonard, age 21<br>Sally Cook, married 1822             | 9. | Leonard Chapman              |

Census Enumeration

<u>Head of Family</u>	<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
1. Reuben Chapman	16-26	= 1 Leonard		
	26-45	= 1 Arvis or Sceva		
	45 & Over	= 1 Reuben	45 & Over	= 1 Rhoda
2. Levi Chapman	to 10	= 3 Amory, Levi J., & James M.	to 10	= 1 Salina
	26-45	= 1 Levi	26-45	= 1 Lucinda
3. Amos Kinney	to 10	= 6		
	to 45	= 1 Amos Kinney	to 45	= 1 Triphena
4. Cyrus Chapman	16-26	= 1 Perrin	to 10	= 1 Eliza Ann
	26-45	= 2 Sceva or Arvis & Cyrus	to 26	= 1 Jerusha
8. Anson Marsh	to 10	= 1 Nathan A.		
	16-26	= 1 Anson Marsh	to 26	= 1 Clyne

Total number of persons enumerated = 26.

Edw<sup>d</sup> E. Bartlett  
08 Feb<sup>y</sup> 1990.

## REUBEN CHAPMAN

was a native of Connecticut, born March 20, 1761. On the 21st day of November, 1782, he became the husband of Rhoda Peck, also a native of Connecticut, born January 27, 1760.

The following account of their emigration westward exhibits some of the phases of pioneer life at that day. Mr. Chapman with his family, consisting of his wife Rhoda, and his children Cyrus, Sceva, Leonard, and Clyne (his sons Levi, Arvis, and Perrin having preceded them the year before), started from Cavendish, Windsor County, Vermont, — where they had spent some years, — on the 20th of June, 1818, with two wagons, one drawn by a span of horses and the other by two yoke of cattle; they also drove a cow. The horse-team got through to Harrisville Township, Medina County, Ohio, some time in August. The ox-team arrived about two weeks later, which was early in September. They came in company to Buffalo, where Cyrus and Sceva went aboard a sloop for Cleveland, taking with them the ox-wagon and yokes. The sloop was two weeks running from Buffalo to Cleveland, being driven back by a gale from near Cleveland to Erie.

The first steamboat on Lake Erie was about completed at Black Rock, and Cyrus and Sceva went on board to view it. When the oxen, having gone by land, reached Cleveland, the sloop had not yet arrived, and Leonard was left in charge of the Oxen awaiting the arrival of the sloop. When the vessel came, the three brothers took the ridge road, by way of Grafton, for Harrisville. They passed the night with a man in Grafton. There now remained two miles of road not yet cut through, and Sceva drove the team while his two brothers, assisted by the Grafton man just mentioned, cut the underbrush and cleared the way. Sceva thus became the first man who drove a team from Grafton to Harrisville. The cow they brought along more than paid her own expenses, besides furnishing milk for the family. There was only one family in Chatham Township at this time.

Mr. Chapman settled upon a farm near the present village of Lodi, and upon this spot he passed the rest of his life. He and his wife were among the first members of the Baptist Church of Westfield, and he was Deacon of the same. He possessed a great versatility of talent and a natural ingenuity that enabled him to turn his hand to anything in the department of mechanics. He was also an excellent singer, and taught singing-school for quite a number of years. Mrs. Chapman died June 7, 1843, aged eighty-three years; Mr. C., on October 9, 1845, aged eighty-four.

## SCEVA CHAPMAN, Harrisville,

was born in Windsor County, Vermont, February 10, 1793. In 1818, as before stated, he came West, and located in Harrisville. His educational advantages were very limited, three months of school being all that he ever had after he had learned to read.

On February 17, 1825, he married Azuba Marsh, of Ashland County. Miss Marsh was born October 7, 1802, in Windham County, Vermont. Her father's family was the third that settled in Medina Township, Medina County.

Mr. Chapman has held a number of township offices, among them that of Treasurer for some twelve years; also that of Trustee for several years, and of School Director for several terms. Mrs. C. has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for half a century. She is in her seventy-second year, and is quite vigorous for her age. The children of the family were as follows: Williard J., who died in infancy; Harrison S., of Lodi; Ozias E., of Bureau County, Illinois; Arminda E., of Lodi; Marinda E. (deceased); Rozella M., now Mrs. E. G. Topping, of Harvey County, Kansas.

HARRISON SCEVA CHAPMAN, Harrisville,

second son of Sceva, was born in Harrisville, July 26, 1830. The common school advantages were all that he ever enjoyed. On August 20, 1860, he married Jane Gilley, of Harrisville. Miss G. was third daughter of Andrew and Catherine Gilley.

Mr. Chapman has been School Director for some nine years, and most of the time Clerk of the District. He has also served as Township trustee. Both he and his wife have been for twenty-two years past active members of the Congregational Church of Lodi, in which he has held for some twenty years the positions of Clerk and of Deacon. The family comprises one daughter, Angie Lena, born March 24, 1862, and one son, Chesley Gilley, born July 10, 1867. Mr. Chapman resides near Lodi, on the paternal acres formerly owned by his grandfather.

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HISTORY  
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*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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had been set for that very night, and no one on hand to perform the ceremony; but Mr. Rogers, true to his purpose, pushed on east to Norton, to Esquire Van Helms; but this gentleman was out on a deer hunt, and did not return until night, when he informed Mr. Rogers that he could not go with him. This, to most men, would have been a settler; not so to Mr. Rogers. These reverses and backsets only stimulated his zeal the more, for, on learning that there was a Justice of the Peace in Coventry, he forthwith went there and engaged the services of an Esquire Heathman, and the two together arrived at Harrisville the next day after the wedding should have been. However, the affair was closed up that evening. This was the first wedding in Medina County. Other festivities and excitement of a general kind, at this time, were wolf-hunts, for the purpose of destroying and driving out these troublesome beasts.

There lived, during the years from 1830 to about 1839, an old and strange character near the Harrisville settlement. Nobody knew whither he had come; and, when he, in the latter year, disappeared, it remained unknown where he had gone. He was known to the settlers as "Old Cherryman," and was supposed to be a half-breed, as traits of Caucasian and Indian blood mingled in his features. He inhabited one of the little cabins, back in the woods, that had been abandoned by its builder. He wore a pair of buckskin trousers, and a cloak made out of wolfskin; on his head he wore a squirrel cap, and his feet were clothed in leather moccasins. His hair hung in long strings over his shoulders, and his sallow, brown-colored, peaked face was covered with a grizzly beard. His sole companion in the woods, and at his lodgment were two rifles, which he invariably carried about with him on his tramps. When he spotted any game, he would drop one of his guns. He was taciturn and uncommunicative, and would talk with no

person more than the disposal of his slaughtered game, and the buying of ammunition, required. One of his ways to track the deer and bring them within reach of his rifle was to start with a burning hickory torch and burn a line of the dry leaves and grass through the woods for a considerable distance. This sometimes caused great annoyance and trouble to the farmers, as, in many instances, the fire would extend, and, quite often, burn down timber. The deer would approach the fire line, but would be afraid to cross it, and pass along its entire length, while the old hunter would post himself at some convenient spot, and kill the deer as they passed along. The farmers of the neighborhood finally made efforts to have him stop this practice, as they feared that great injury might be done to their property by the fire. He stolidly listened to the remonstrances, and made no reply. He suddenly disappeared, and was never seen again in the locality.

The first symptom of political organization manifested itself in 1816, when an "Ear-mark" and Estray Recorder was appointed, Alvin Loomis being the person who was endowed with this function. This was unquestionably the first office held by any person in Medina County. This is the direct antecedent of the much-maligned "pound-keeper" of to-day. It was an outgrowth of necessity at that time. There were no fences, and the cattle ran at large. To distinguish the ownership of the cattle and sheep and hogs, a distinct and separate ear-mark by every owner of stock in the colony, was required, and the mark properly recorded in a book kept by the "Ear-mark" Clerk. The first entry in the book reads as follows: "Harrisville Township, Portage County, State of Ohio, April 16, 1816.—This day Joseph Harris entered his ear-mark for his cattle, sheep and hogs, which is as follows: A half-penny on the under side of the left ear." Then follows Timothy Burr, whose mark is "a swallow tail in the end of the right ear." Rus-

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, Seeva 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)

hood days. His father was a sort of farmer, and the boy's life passed along as farmers' boys' lives usually do. The first event in the life of Lomer Griffin, of which we have any information and record, is his marriage to Miss Charity Moore, which occurred April 15, 1797, from which union there were seven children, namely, Parley, Willis, Raizmond, Andrew, Thomas, Lydia and Harlow, of whom three, settled in Harrisville Township, are still alive. Another event which has lately been brought prominently before the public, as, in some respects, proving his age, was his enlistment in the Connecticut militia company commanded by one Capt. Moses Heyden, in August, 1813, and serving until October of the same year. On the strength of this enlistment, he, in the year 1850, made an application to the Government for bounty land, which stands recorded in the Pension Office at Washington, and was recently brought to light by another application made by Mr. Griffin last spring for the same service in the militia company, under an act of Congress passed last winter, giving a pension to soldiers of 1812. Mr. Griffin's application was at once made special, on account of the extreme age of the applicant, and his claim was granted. He has been drawing a pension since last spring, and was the oldest pensioner on the list in the Government offices. In the beginning of the year 1818, early in the month of January, Lomer Griffin, who had by that time become the proud and happy father of five children, collected his family treasures about him, loaded a large box on bob-sled runners, drawn by a pair of oxen, and moved out West. During the latter part of March, he arrived in Harrisville Township, and at once went to work and put up a rude log cabin on a part of the Harris farm, two miles north of Lodi, which is now known as the Hoag farm. The rest of this man's life is given in the history of the township in which he lived to the day of his death, taking a lively interest in its affairs. During

the last five years of his life, he became a celebrity, talked about the world over as the American Centenarian."

Jeremiah Higbee, for a number of years a resident in Lodi, during the earlier existence of the Harrisville Settlement, exerted a commanding and wide-spread influence in its business and civil affairs. He was a man deeply interested in the social and religious movements that were propagated during his life in Lodi. He removed to Cleveland in 1858, and there became the founder of one of the most prosperous business establishments in that city. He died in the fall of 1878.

An active part was played by several of the Harrisville people in the anti-slavery movements in the North, during the two decades preceding the war of the Rebellion. Quite prominent in this matter, stood Uncle Timothy Burr, who then lived in the large brick building west of the village of Lodi, and now occupied by Mr. E. W. Minns. He, with a number of his neighbors, was in accord with the sentiments of the Abolition party that was manifesting itself throughout the North; and they together made their best endeavors to help the cause. The Burr House, near Lodi, became a famous station on the "underground railroad," on which the fugitive slaves who had escaped their masters in the South, were transported during the night to places of safety in the Northern States and Canada. Numbers of the colored people, who had left their shackles of bondage in the South, came to the Burr House and there found shelter, protection and food. Oftentimes there were ten and fifteen negroes secreted in the house, and some of them remained for days. Most of them traveled from there on to Oberlin and other points of safety. Laura, the wife of Mr. Burr, and Rachel Norton, a young girl who then lived with them, and is now the wife of E. W. Minns, nobly assisted in giving succor to the fleeing slaves.

The industrial and commercial life of Harris-



ville Township commenced with its first colonization. As a stripling boy of sixteen or eighteen years, James Redfield opened up a traffic in wolf hides, and, by his shrewd energy and industry, earned a good many dollars through the reward given by the State of Ohio for wolves killed. It is said that in a period of several years, he killed as many as 125 of these beasts. He captured and killed them in a systematic, business-like manner. At one time, he traveled to a settlement some twenty miles distant, in Wayne County, and bought an old, decrepit horse of which he had heard, for \$2. He brought the horse back to Harrisville and led it out into the thick woods and shot it. He set his traps on the dead carcass, and, in a short time, captured as many as fifteen wolves. Aside from the capturing and killing of wolves, the young pioneer early devoted his attention to other industrial pursuits. Among the first was the establishment of an ashery for the production of "black salts." This he carried to Elyria and exchanged for merchandise, which he disposed of to advantage in the home settlement. He was soon joined in the enterprise by Reuben Chapman, forming, in 1826, a partnership, and opening up a small village store.

Another store, with an assortment of general merchandise, was opened in the year 1828 in the center of the village, by Barker & Siza. A few years later, another country store was added to the business world of the Harrisville settlement, by Archibald Miles and Charles R. Deming. This made three stores, and the country trade naturally drifted into the settlement. The store buildings were small, and the stock of goods rather limited, yet sufficiently large for the immediate wants of the early settlers.

The immediate interests of the people of the township are agricultural. The desire of the American farmer is to excel. This is manifested in agricultural fairs held all over this broad land. Harrisville had its fair at an early day. The first exhibition of farm products and

stock was quite limited, and conducted in an informal way. A few head of farm animals were shown on the green, and products were exhibited in the village tavern. This occurred for two or three seasons, and some years after an agricultural society entitled the Harrisville Agricultural Society, was organized in the summer of 1859. The following were chosen a board of officers, at the first meeting of the society, held on the 15th of September of the same year: E. H. Sibley, President; H. Selders, Treasurer; N. Harris, Secretary; and Lyman Mihills, Dyer Strong, T. G. Loomis, H. Selders and Isaac Rogers as Board of Trustees. The first fair was held on the Redfield farm one-half mile east of Lodi, on October 25 and 26, of 1859. It was a grand success for the first exhibition. Two more fairs were held in the following years,—the last being a complete failure on account of the inclemency of the weather. The society then died out, and the leading farmers of the township have joined the County Agricultural Society of Medina.

Harrisville was established as a post office in 1834. The first mail line was run by James Redfield, who had a Government contract to carry the United States mails from Wooster to Elyria, by way of Harrisville, Spencer, Pennfield and Turner's Mills. The mail was carried twice a week. There is no authentic record to show when and at whose suggestion the name of the post office was changed to Lodi. There is now a tri-weekly mail passing from Burbank, on the N. Y., P. & O. R. R., to Belden, on the O., T., V. & W. R. R.

The population statistics of the township since its earliest settlement, are slightly suggestive of the different changes that have passed over it since its civil existence. In 1818, at an enumeration taken by the State of Ohio, the population numbered 231. This number rapidly augmented, until, by 1850, the United States census returns exhibited a total population of 1,477 persons. In 1860, this

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. 156, 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., Nedebiah 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 Klingsby, Elijah De Witt, Isaac Catlin, Diodema Birgo, John Jason, Moses Parsons, Balzemoind Griffin, Parley F. Griffin, Richard West and Ferrin Chapman. District No. 2.—Loammi 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, Seeva 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.

Attested:

ANSON LOOMIS, Clerk.

JAMES ROGERS,

JONATHAN FITTS,

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. Kluney 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-