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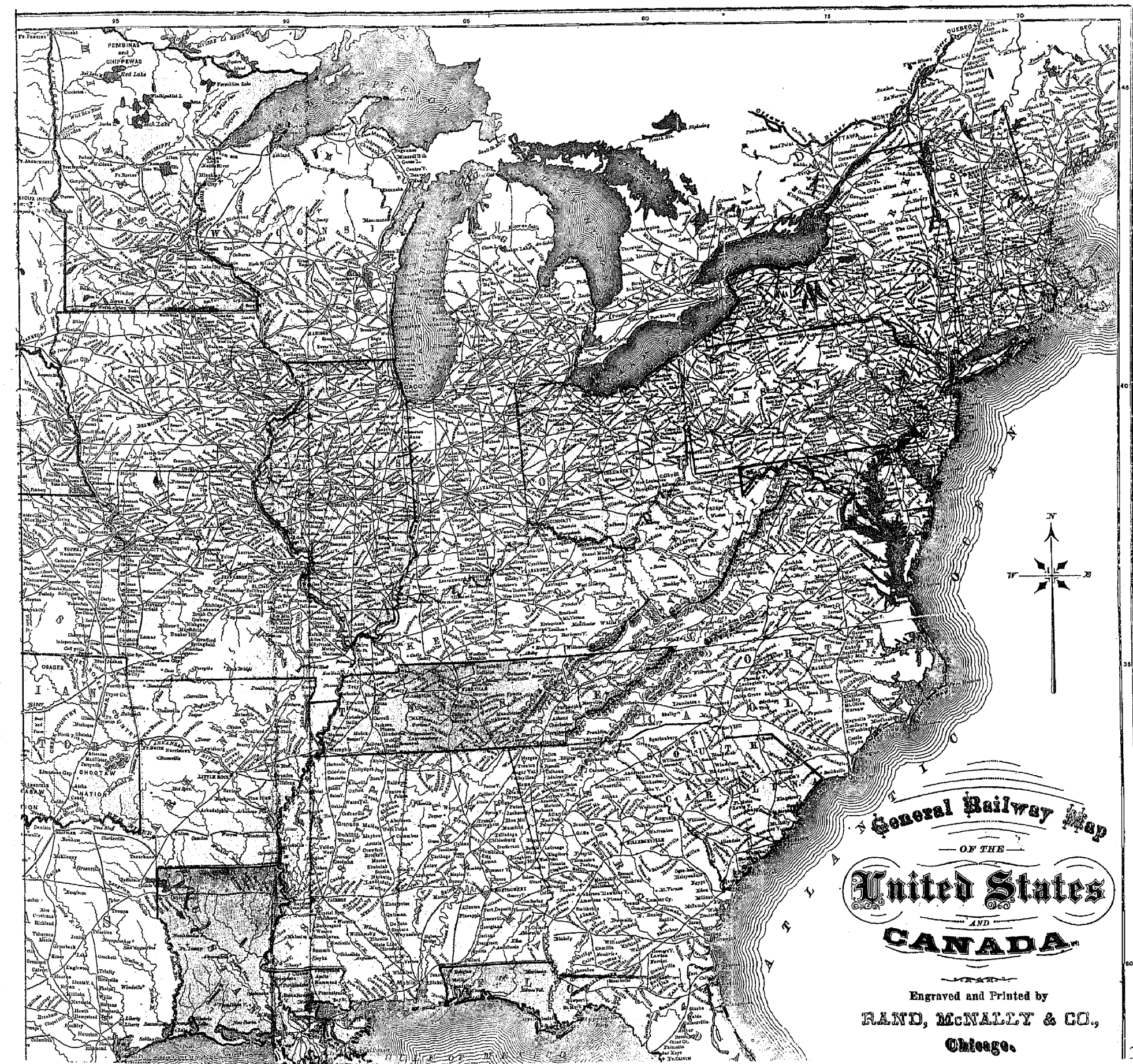
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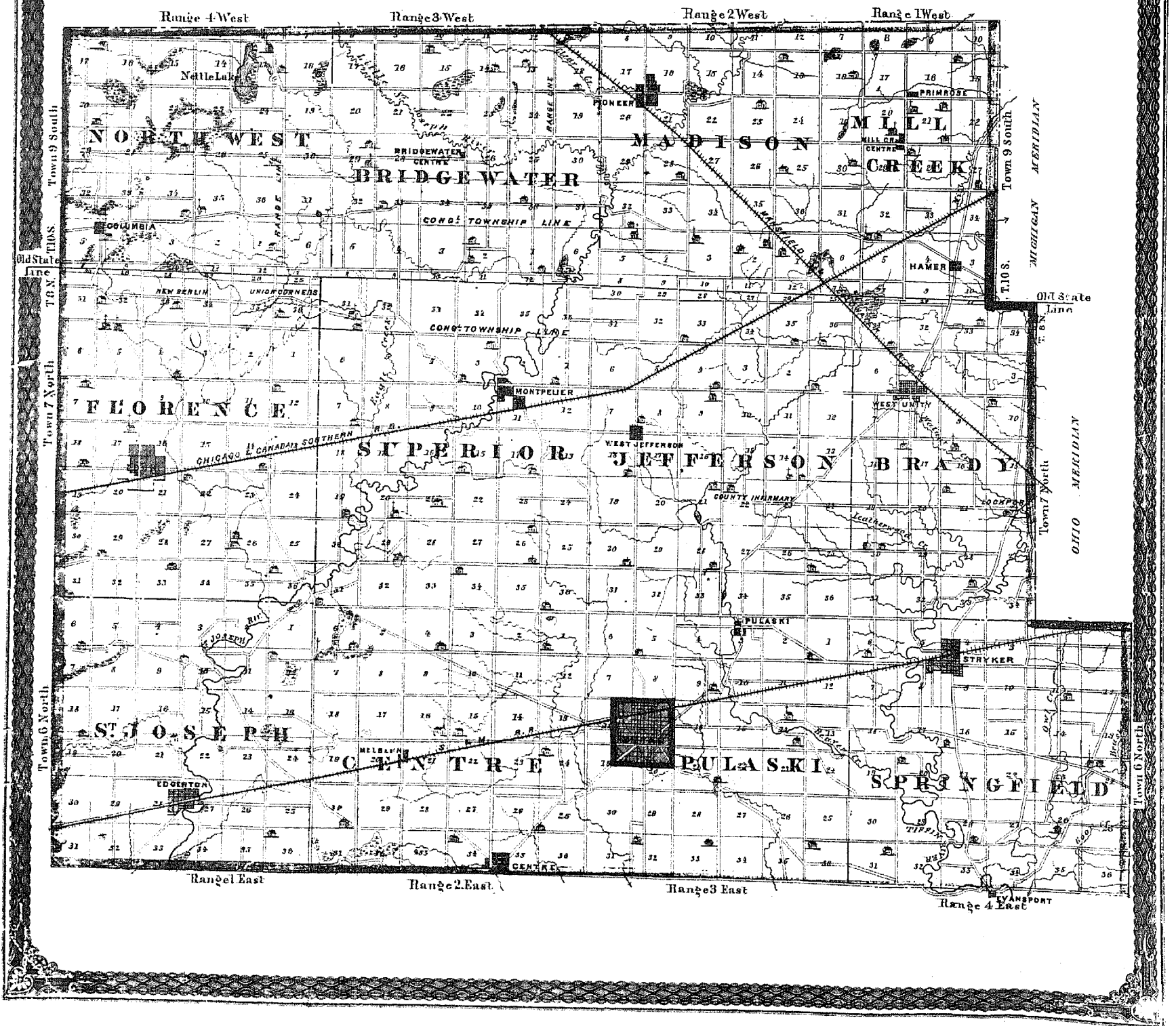


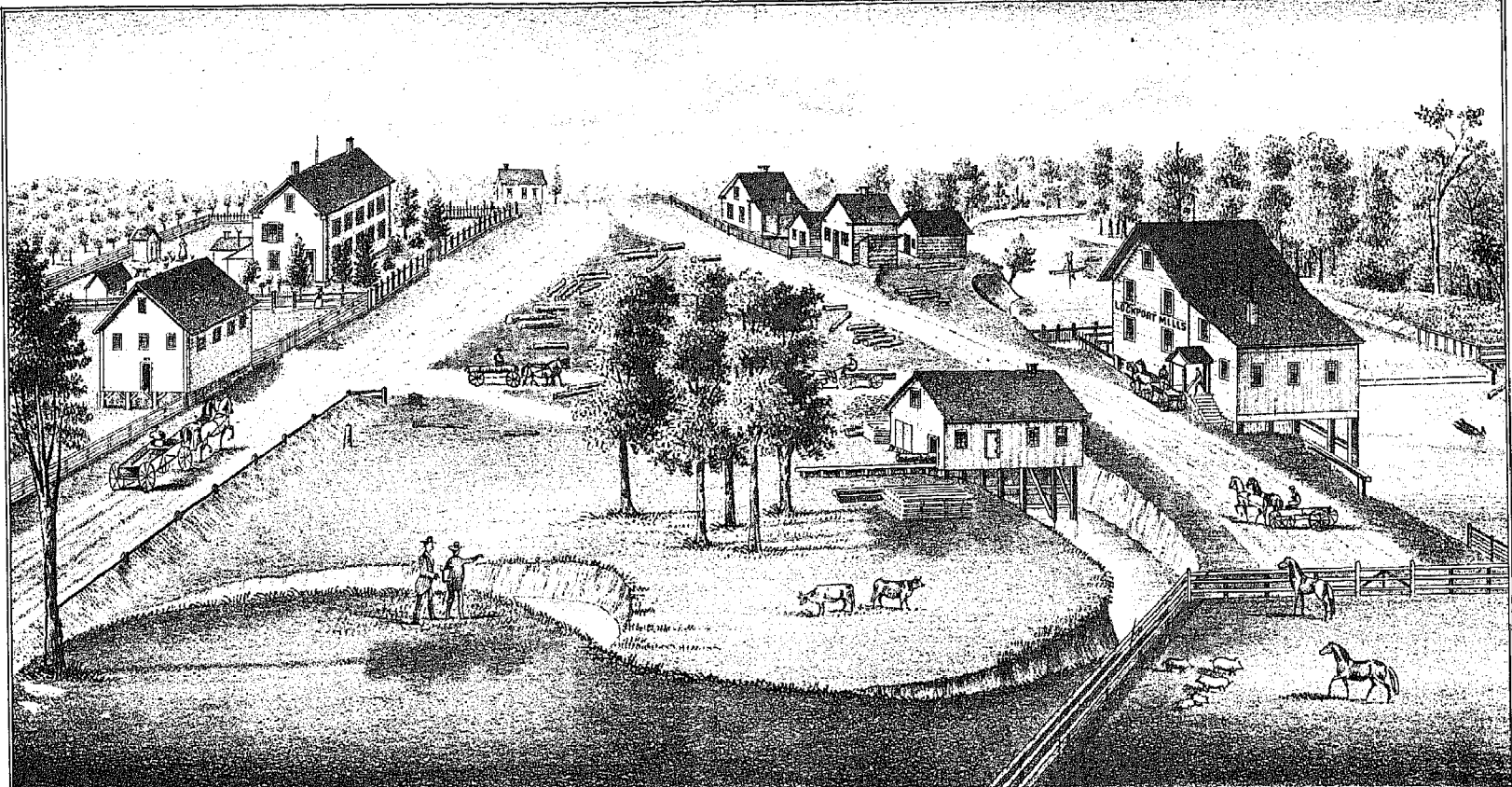




# MAP OF WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO.

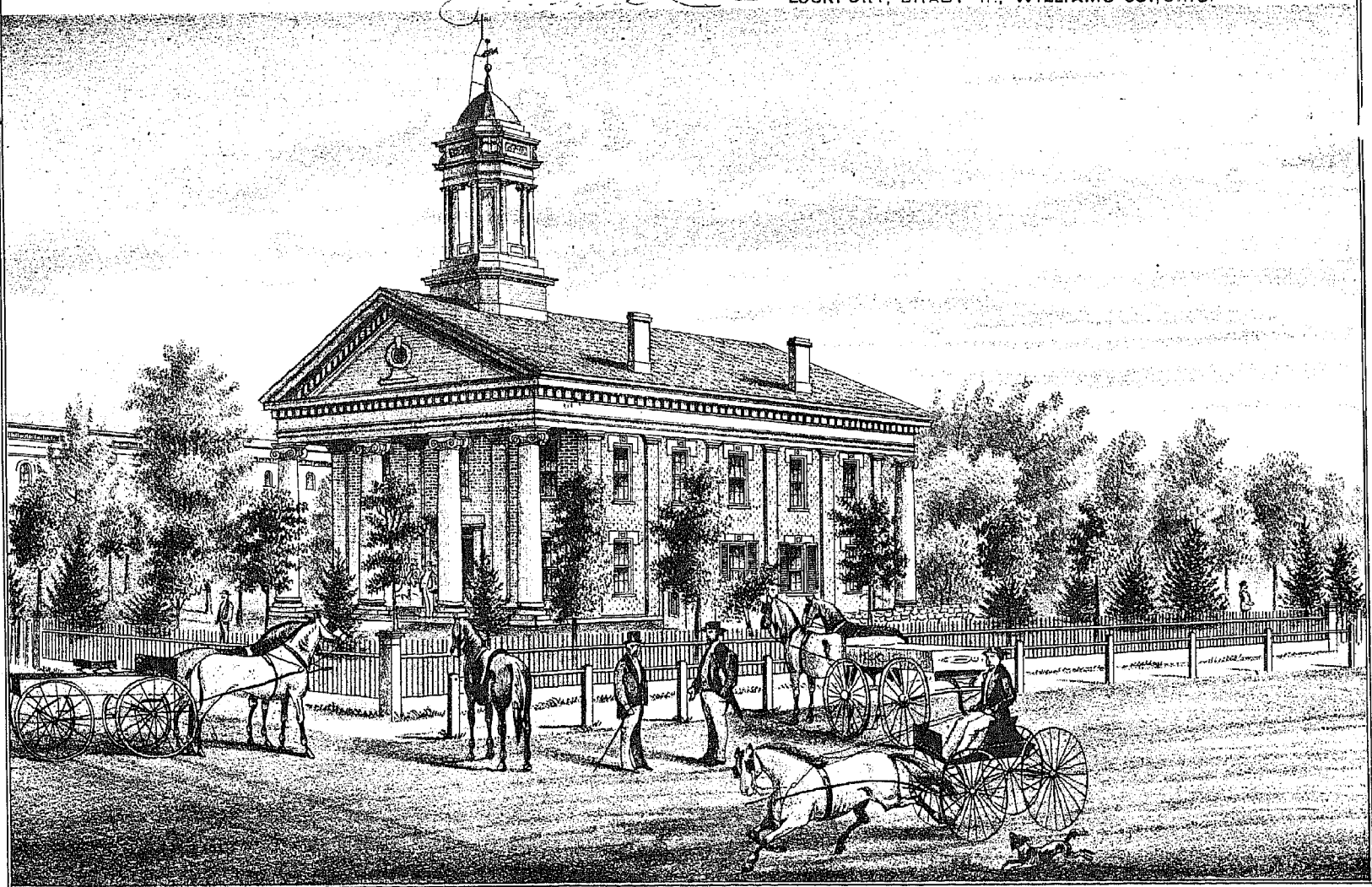
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# History of Williams County, Ohio.

Williams County is situated in the extreme northwest corner of the state, being bounded on the north by the State of Michigan, and on the west by the State of Indiana.

The superficial area of the county is about equal to 112½ Congressional townships, or 420 sections. It is subdivided into 12 civil townships, 4 of which contain 36 square miles each, the remainder varying from about 24 to about 43 square miles each. The boundary line between Michigan and Ohio established by the celebrated "Ordinance of 1787," known as the "Fulton line," passes through the northern part of the county. The original Government surveys for Ohio and Michigan were made with reference to this line. The Michigan townships counting south, and those of Ohio north, towards it, and each having fractional townships and sections along the line.

As this line was the cause of a great amount of excitement during the early days of the settlement of both Ohio and Michigan, and as many of the people are not familiar with the history of the difficulty, we have taken pains to hunt up the authentic record and history of the controversy, and insert it here (substantially) for the benefit of the people of the county.

## THE OHIO AND MICHIGAN WAR, 1835.

The boundary of 1787, was on the line known as the "Fulton line," which started at the southern extremity of Lake Michigan, and ran thence due east to Lake Erie, striking the latter at the mouth of Big Turtle Creek, about 18 miles southwesterly from Toledo. At the northwest corner of Ohio this line is 5 miles, 24 chains and 64 links south from the present boundary. Between the present line and the "Fulton line" lies what was known as the "disputed territory."

The English Colonies, planted from time to time along the Atlantic coast, held charters from the British Monarchs making their western boundaries "The Great South Sea," then supposed to lie a short distance inland from the Atlantic Ocean.

The western boundaries were not definitely settled until the Colonies became independent. So far as history informs us, the first action ever taken, looking to a definite boundary, was by the American Congress, February 22, 1779, but nothing positive was concluded upon.

The State of New York was the first to relinquish claims to territory lying west of her present limits, which she did by an Act of her General Assembly presented by her delegates in Congress, March 7, 1780.

Congress passed a resolution October 10, 1780, that the territory should be disposed of for the common benefit of the United States, to be eventually formed into new states.

In compliance with this resolution, Virginia, by act of her General Assembly, September 13, 1783, authorized her delegates in Congress to convey, by proper instruments, all her territory lying northwest of the Ohio River, reserving the right of soil between the "Little Miami" and "Big Scioto" Rivers, known as the "Virginia Military Tract." The deed was executed by Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Harley, Arthur Lee and James Monroe, March 1, 1784.

Connecticut ceded her claims September 16, 1780, reserving "the right of soil" to that portion since known as the "Western Reserve." This act was confirmed May 30, 1800.

Massachusetts ceded, without reservation, all right of territory, May 10, 1785.

By the "Ordinance of 1787," it appears that Congress divided the "Northwest Territory" into three parts. The Western to include all the present States of Illinois and Wisconsin, and including a portion of the upper Peninsula of Michigan. The Middle to include the present State of Indiana, and thence north to the British line; and the Eastern, all the remainder of the territory bounded by Indiana, Canada, Pennsylvania and the Ohio River, with a provision that, if expedient, one or more states might be formed out of territory lying north of an east and west line drawn through the southerly extremity of Lake Michigan. A map published by Mitchell & Bradley, in 1780, and very indistinct, showed the north of the Great Miami 10 miles, and the mouth of the Wabash 20 miles too far east; the Mississippi River line of Illinois 40 miles too far west, the head of Lake Michigan 30 miles too far north, and the south east of Lake Erie 10 miles too far south. At that date there were no white settlers in the whole Northwest Territory excepting small trading posts belonging to the French, in each of the present states formerly constituting the territory.

The first permanent settlement in Ohio was made by General Arthur St. Clair, and Messrs. Tupper and Rufus Putnam, at Marietta, on the mouth of the Muskingum River, April 7, 1788.

General Wayne, in his report, after his defeat of the Indians at the Maumee Rapids, August 20, 1794, says: "The Maumee Valley is the heart of the Indian country, and nowhere have I seen before larger corn-fields between the lakes and Florida." Bean Creek took its name from the great quantity of beans growing along its banks. An act of Congress, to enable the people of Ohio to form a state government, was passed April 30, 1802. In this act the boundaries were described as follows: "East by Pennsylvania line; south by the Ohio River to the mouth of the Great Miami; west by a line drawn due north from the mouth of the Great Miami, and north by an east and west line drawn through the southerly extreme of Lake Michigan, running east, after intersecting the due north line, aforesaid, from the mouth of the Great Miami River, until it shall intersect Lake Erie on the Territorial (British) line, and thence on the same, through to the Pennsylvania line."

The Ohio State Constitution, formed November, 1802, accepted the

U. S. boundary but, learning from a hunter that Lake Michigan extended much farther south than was supposed, the Convention inserted a "proviso" "that if the southerly bend of Lake Michigan should extend farther south than Lake Erie, or if a due east and west line should intersect Lake Erie east of the mouth of the Maumee River, then, with the assent of Congress, the northern boundary should be established by, and extended to, a direct line from the southerly extremity of Lake Michigan to the most northerly Cape of Maumee Bay, intersecting the due north line from the mouth of the Great Miami, thence north to the territorial line."

The plan of surveying the land by sections seems to have been adopted about the time Ohio was organized.

The Territory of Michigan was set off from Indiana Territory, January 11, 1805. In making these subdivisions the map of Mitchell & Bradley was used as a guide.

The Act of Congress constituting Ohio a state, makes no mention, or rather pays no attention to the "proviso" of the Ohio Convention, and leaves the boundaries as originally given.

Upon this technicality sprang up the boundary difficulties. The boundary was considered even by the Ohio Legislature as very uncertain, and at different sessions in 1807, 1809 and 1811, resolutions were passed, requesting that commissioners be appointed to establish definite boundaries on the north and west.

Congress passed an Act, May 20, 1812, authorizing the Surveyor General of the United States (with the consent of the Indians?) to survey and mark said boundary line, "noting particularly where the north line intersects Lake Erie," and report to Congress.

June 18, 1812, the United States declared war against Great Britain. General Hull was then on his march towards Detroit to chastise the Indians. On the 16th of July, his memorable and cowardly surrender to General Proctor took place, and the Northwest was without an army. Generals Harrison and Winchester, commanding separate divisions, next advanced. Winchester with a small force reached Frenchtown on the River Raisin, where on the 22d of January, 1813, he also was compelled to surrender. Then followed the sieges of Fort Meigs, opposite where Maumee City now stands, and of Fort Stephenson at Lower Sandusky, held by the gallant and youthful Major Croghan, ending, after many severe encounters, in one of which Colonel Dudley's command was nearly destroyed by Tecumseh, and the leader killed, in the repulse of the entire British and Indian force. September 10, 1813, Commodore Perry won his famous victory over the British fleet, and on October 5, following, General Harrison totally defeated the combined British and Indian forces under Proctor and Tecumseh on the River Thames in Canada. Tecumseh fell in this battle, and the spirit of the Indians was broken, and the power of the British to harass the Northwest completely shattered.

With the termination of the war, returned the question of boundary.

Indiana was erected into a state in 1816, and its northern boundary, as defined by Act of Congress, included "a strip of land, 10 miles wide, of the southern portion of Michigan Territory."

In 1816, William Harris, a skillful Surveyor, was employed by Edward Tiffin, the Surveyor General, to run a portion of the west line and all of the north line. He found that a due east line from the head of Lake Michigan would intersect Lake Erie 7 miles south of the north Cape of Maumee Bay. The line finally adopted runs from the north Cape of Maumee Bay south, 57 degrees west, with a needle variation of 3 degrees, 32 minutes, to a point on the line between Ohio and Indiana, 5 miles, 24 chains and 64 links, north of where a due east line from the south end of Lake Michigan would intersect said north and south line. This is the present boundary.

Governor Lewis Cass, of Michigan, made inquiry into the Harris survey in September, 1817, claiming the boundary to be in accordance with the Ordinance of 1787. A lengthy correspondence followed between Governor Cass and the Surveyor General, and the matter was taken up by the Ohio Legislature in January, 1818, which concluded by strong resolutions that the Harris line was the true one, holding that Congress so decided in authorizing the organization of the state.

Governor Cass was not satisfied, and obtained an order through William H. Crawford, Secretary of the Treasury, to run the due west line. John A. Fulton surveyed the line in 1818, and the United States surveys for subdivisions into townships and sections were closed upon the Fulton line,—on the Ohio side, within three years thereafter, and on the Michigan side in 1828, which indicated that the Government considered it the true line.

Ohio, however, claimed to the Harris line, and proceeded to organize townships, etc., accordingly. Wordy discussions followed, and civil officers were appointed by each state, but nothing serious occurred for several years. During J. Q. Adams' administration arose the question of internal improvements, and the project of uniting the waters of Lake Erie and the Wabash River by a canal was considered. General Jackson did not favor internal improvements by the aid of the Government, but the State of Indiana obtained an appropriation by Congress, of each alternate section five miles wide on each side of the proposed canal its whole length, including the portion through Ohio. Indiana conveyed to Ohio the portion within the latter state upon the conditions of the original grant. Ohio became interested, and Michigan also examined into the matter. The Fulton line passed a little south of the present depot grounds of the T. W. & W. and L. S. & M. S. Railways, in Toledo, leaving nearly all the business portion of the city in Michigan.

In March, 1834, the Ohio Legislature authorized Governor Lucas to appoint three commissioners to locate the canal line through Ohio.

The same year a survey of the proposed canal was made, and it was found necessary to make the eastern terminus at a point on the Maumee River, north of the Fulton line in order to reach navigable water. February 12, 1835, the Territory of Michigan passed a law inflicting heavy penalties upon any person attempting jurisdiction over any part of the territory, without authority from the United States or the Territory of Michigan.

Eleven days later Ohio passed an act declaring the right of the state to extend jurisdiction to the Harris line, and organized townships bounded by the line on the north.

Three commissioners were appointed to run and remark the line.

Michigan organized her militia to arrest the commissioners should they attempt to survey. This was in the Spring of 1835. Both states organized their forces and prepared for what seemed inevitable.

Governor Lucas arrived at Perrysburg April 2, 1835. President Jackson had appointed two commissioners to confer with the belligerents in the interests of peace. A conference was held on the 6th of April. The commissioners, with a large force, left Defiance to commence the survey. They arrived at the Fulton line on the 19th. Both belligerents had scouts watching the "border." General Brown Jay at Adrian with a large force.

A parley was held, and the Ohio Commissioners decided not to advance without advice from Governor Lucas. The Governor instructed them to run the line at all hazards.

A portion of the party ran the line from where they were to the northwest corner of the state, a distance of 38½ miles, but were forced to retreat by the Michigan Militia under General Brown, with the loss of nine men taken prisoners. About this time Governor Mason of Michigan was removed by President Jackson and Governor Shaler appointed in his place. President Jackson took the ground from the start that, without an Act of Congress changing the boundary, the disputed territory belonged to Michigan.

Shaler does not appear to have accepted the office, and the President soon after appointed John S. Horner, who immediately wrote Governor Lucas, September 21, 1835, announcing his appointment, and the two governors entered into amicable correspondence.

In pursuance of an Act of Congress of July, 1823, Captain Talcott, assisted by Robert F. Lee, since famous as commander of the Rebel army, was sent out to fix the position of the three important points involved in the controversy—the south extremity of Lake Michigan, the north Cape of Maumee Bay and the Canada line at its most southerly dip in Lake Erie. The south end of Lake Michigan was found to be in latitude 41 degrees, 37 minutes, 7 seconds. The north Cape of Maumee Bay 41 degrees, 41 minutes, 2 seconds, 40 and the Canada line 41 degrees, 33 minutes, 38 seconds, showing important variations from the old maps.

Finally Congress passed an act June 15, 1836, establishing the "Harris line" as the permanent boundary between the states.

Michigan was admitted December 15, 1836, upon condition that she accepted the decision on the disputed line, and thus the matter ended.

Northwestern Ohio was originally thickly timbered with the deciduous varieties common to this latitude, and the settlers were obliged to literally hew their homes out of the wilderness.

Williams County is generally level, and the soil, when prepared for cultivation, of the best description. All the cereals are produced in abundance, and many varieties of fruit are very prolific especially apples, pears and peaches, and the people are also paying more and more attention to the cultivation of the grape, which flourishes well. The county is very generally well watered. The principal streams are the St. Joseph and its branches, and Bean Creek, also called Tiffin River.

Flowing fountains are obtained in various portions of the county, particularly at the City of Bryan, where the people have bored a large number of wells and found abundance of water, which flows steadily and in great volume. These fountains have given the city its name—"Fountain City."

There are few marshes in the county, and those mostly in process of drainage. The only lake worthy the name is "Netele Lake" in the northwest townships, covering perhaps 160 acres. The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway is at present the only line in operation, but there are two others projected and partially completed—The Chicago and Canada Southern, and the Mansfield and Coldwater roads.

The water-power is not extensive, the streams being generally rather sluggish. The county generally has a rich clay soil with occasional districts of sandy loam.

Nearly all the fountains are highly impregnated with minerals.

The original County of Williams was organized in April, 1824. At that time it comprised what are now Williams and Defiance Counties, and possibly more, with the county seat at Defiance.

Defiance County was set off in 1845.

Bryan was laid out and made the county seat in 1840. The county was named in honor of Daniel Williams, one of the captors of Major Andre.

At the time of the first settlements the county was occupied by various Indian tribes, the most prominent of which were the Pottowattamies, Miami and Wyandots.

The principal village was below the mouth of Clear Fork, on the east branch of the St. Joseph River, near Pioneer. All the trails crossed at this point.

The first settler of what is now Williams County, according to Mr. P. W. Norris, President of the Pioneer Association, was J. P. Lantz, now living at Lincoln, Nebraska, who settled near the junction of Beaver and Bean Creeks, July 26, 1825.

Another account says Isaac Perkins settled as early as 1817. The first Federal Census was taken in 1820, and included the present Counties of Williams, Paulding, Defiance, and part of Henry. The population was 357. In 1830 Williams County contained 4,465 inhabitants; in 1840, 8,013; in 1850, 16,633, and in 1870, 20,991. In 1839, the real and personal valuation was \$30,532. Number of acres on the duplicate, 561; value, \$8,258.

PRESENT VALUATION OF THE COUNTY.

Lands outside of Bryan	\$4,673,800
Personal property outside of Bryan	1,587,038
Lands in Bryan	478,685
Personal property in Bryan	297,046
Total	\$7,036,569

The first session of County Commissioners in *Old Williams County* was held at Defiance, December 6, 1824. Commissioners, Benjamin Leavell, Cyrus Hunter and Charles Gunn. Clerk, John Evans.

The first Court of Common Pleas was also held at Defiance, April 5, 1824, by Associate Judges Pierce Evans, Robert Shirley and John Perkins. John Evans was Clerk, *pro tem.*, and also was appointed Recorder.

At the May term of 1825, Rodolphus Dickinson was appointed Prosecuting Attorney.

Among the earliest settlers of Williams County was James Guthrie, who "squatted" near Bean Creek in 1827. He erected a cabin and made a small "clearing," but devoted most of his time to hunting and trapping. In 1830 Hollingshead and Lindlberger also "squatted" on Bean Creek, near Guthrie's claim, and commenced clearing up the land. Daniel Colgan entered the tract on which Hollingshead had "squatted," bought out his claim, and resided there until his death, sometime in 186-.

During the Summer and Fall of 1833, Joseph Bates and John Young moved their families to the northeastern portion of the county. Eli Oliver, Turner Thompson, Jabez Jones and John Miller entered lands about the same time, and moved on to them.

About the first of October, 1833, Judge John Perkins and his two sons, Isaac and Garrett, his son-in-law, John Plummer, John Moss, George Lantz, Henry Jones and a man named Hood, came with their families from Bremerburg, and settled near where the Village of Pulaski now stands. Judge Perkins was one of the three first associate judges appointed for Williams County, which position he held for many years. He built the first grist and saw-mill in what is now known as Williams County.

In 1839, according to Dr. Thomas Kent, the settlers had become so numerous that at the election that Fall the following named voters participated: John Perkins, Garrett and Isaac Perkins, Ezra Wilson, Reuben H. Gillson, Gen. B. Jones, Isaac Swagger, William Killpatrick, Jas. McKinley, Henry Johnson, James Alexander, Garrett T. Hitt, David Pickett, Alonzo Rawson, Robert Thompson, George Everett, Thomas Kent, Benj. Kent, Henry Cosslett, John Beaver, George Lantz, Dan'l Wyatt, and Davidson.

Up to this time the county seat had been at Fort Defiance, but a motion was set on foot to move it farther north, and in 1839-40 an act was passed by the Legislature authorizing a change in the county seat, and Hon. Jo. McCutchen of Crawford; Burns of Coshocton, and Culbertson of Perry, were appointed commissioners to select a site. Several places contended for the honor, and in the Spring of 1840 they visited the locality, glanced at the various competing points, among which were the Villages of Pulaski and Center; the Perkins farm on Beaver Creek, and the "Walnut Tree Site." The present site of Bryan was then a "howling wilderness," but Mr. Bryan having offered several thousand dollars toward the erection of the county buildings, the commissioners were readily satisfied Bryan was the proper locality, and located it accordingly. The whole plot was a dense forest, not a stick had been cut for any purpose, and the land was considered low and marshy. The nearest dwelling in a northerly direction was on a clearing then owned by Igle, since by John Davis.

Garrett Perkins, on the east, was the nearest clearing, at a point where the state road crosses Beaver Creek on the farm now occupied by Mr. Clodfelter, some two miles of the Court House; south, seven miles, was Craig's log tavern, and on the west, two miles away, Wm. Sheridan, Sr., worked a small farm and carried on blacksmithing.

In the Summer of 1840, Miller Arrowsmith, then County Surveyor, laid out the embryo city, which he named Bryan, after its enterprising proprietor. As soon as the survey and plat was completed, Volney Crocker struck up a basswood log shanty on the lot since occupied by Reasoner's tavern, in which he lodged while clearing the Court House Square. The shanty was neither "chinked nor daubed," and was only used for a short time. Before the completion of Crocker's job, Daniel Wyatt came on from Beaver Creek, cleared a lot and built a round log cabin near where the residence of Sam'l White is now located. This cabin was duly finished according to the architecture of the times—was "chinked and daubed"—had a puncheon floor, and a real chimney made of "sticks and mud," and run up on the outside at one end of the cabin. It was, beyond doubt, the first house erected in Bryan, and was occupied for a long time by Mr. Wyatt and his family. Soon after the completion of his house, Jacob Over, now residing in Bryan, came into "town," and boarded during the Winter with Mr. Wyatt.

Before the "raising" of Wyatt's cabin, "Uncle" John Kaufman commenced an improvement on the corner of Main and Bryan Streets, where Dr. Grazer's residence now stands, and soon became a resident; having erected a cabin and moved his family into "town" in the Fall of 1840. He made the brick for the present Court House, and in 1842-3 assisted in its construction. He is still a resident of Bryan.

The third dwelling was erected a little later by Mr. Hamilton, on the place now owned by J. J. Snyder, on Lynn Street. Several other cabins were erected during the Fall and Winter of 1840-1, and the "wilderness" was preparing to blossom into a city.

Up to the Spring of 1841 water had been obtained only from holes dug as reservoirs for surface water. Mr. Wyatt concluded to dig a well on his

lot in the rear of his cabin, and proceeded in the usual manner to dig and curb. Reaching the "hard-pan" as night overtook him, he retired, intending to renew his labors in the morning, little dreaming of the wonderful phenomenon that was to be presented to his astonished vision on the morrow. On returning in the morning he discovered the water flowing from the top of his well. The underground reservoir had burst its bounds and was pouring out its surplus waters. The next well was dug shortly after by Hamilton.

The "flowing well" conveyed to the mind of Dr. Kent an idea on which he acted. Getting Mr. Sheridan to manufacture a set of tools expressly for the purpose, he proceeded to "bore" for water in 1842, on the lot where Carter's drug store now stands, and soon had the satisfaction of having a flowing "fountain." Since that time numerous others have been bored in the city and county, some flowing a barrel a minute.

During the Fall and Winter of 1840-41, a log court house was raised on the lot now owned by I. R. Whitmore, on North Main Street, and in the Spring of 1841 the county records were removed from Defiance. The county offices were in a log building on the south side of the square.

The county officers did not come with the records, but entrusted them and the business to deputies. The officers and deputies were: Ed. Phelps, Clerk; Levy Colby, Deputy. W. A. Brown, Auditor; S. R. Brown, Deputy. E. Lloyd, Treasurer; J. L. Martin, Deputy. C. L. Noble, Recorder; W. A. Stevens, Deputy. Daggett, Sheriff; John Drake, Deputy. Mr. Stevens transacted nearly all the county business during the first two years, except during "court week" and tax-paying time.

The first term of Williams County Court of Common Pleas commenced April 19, 1841, in the log court house, Judge Emory D. Potter, presiding, with Jonas Colby and Wm. D. Haymaker, associate judges. The general jurors for the term were: Horace Hilton, John Bowdle, James Partee, Jacob Kries, Zachariah Hart, Wm. Travis, Francis Loughhead, Daniel Wyatt, Gen. W. Durlin, Jacob Dillman, Isaiah Ackley, Amos Stoddard, Seth Stinson, Fred Meizer and Jacob G. Weldin. Jacob Dillman was appointed foreman. Geo. W. Myers was one of the petit jurors at the same term.

The first political convention of which we can get any knowledge was a Democratic convention, held at the house of Col. J. B. Kimmel, at Williams Center, in the Fall of 1839.

The first hotel in Bryan was opened on the east side of the square in 1841 by Thomas Shorthill, who was appointed postmaster that year, and the post-office business was transacted by his brother, James Shorthill.

The first store was also started on the east side of the square, by Wm. Yates, Esq.

In 1841, E. H. Leland opened a law office, and was soon followed by George Higgins. In 1842 they were competitors for nomination, which at that time was as good as an election, before the Democratic County Convention, for Prosecuting Attorney. Leland was successful, and Higgins removed in disgust to a more congenial locality.

A. J. Tressler, cashier of the First National Bank of Bryan, was the first school teacher in Bryan. The school house was of logs, on the south side of the square where Brown's tailor shop now stands.

The first marriage was that of A. J. Tressler, Esq., to Miss Olivia Kent, of Bryan, by J. B. Kimmel, Esq.

The new court house, begun in 1842, was completed in 1845, and was at that time the best structure for that purpose in Northern Ohio.

The first newspaper—*The Northwestern*—was started by Blecker. It was Democratic in politics, and after a sickly existence of about a year gave up the ghost.

From 1840 to 1856 the growth of Bryan was slow, but the completion of the Air Line Railroad infused new life into the town, and it has since become a prosperous business center.

CITY OF BRYAN.

The City of Bryan is the most important place in the county, and the largest town on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway between Toledo and Elkhart. It contains a population of about 3,000, and is a busy and prosperous place. It has a very large mercantile business, and can boast of as fine business buildings as any town of similar size in the county.

There are 4 church buildings, 2 fine schools, 1 college, a very fine museum, the property of Dr. Q. H. Graser; 4 hotels, 2 steam flouring mills, 2 steam saw mills, a large iron foundry, hub and spoke factory, shingle factory, several stove factories, a new cheese factory, a costly and elegant new fire engine house, wagon and carriage factories, and a great variety of artisans and mechanics. Bryan also boasts of as good a band as can be found in the country. There are two enterprising newspaper establishments in the city, the *Bryan Democrat* and the *Union Press*, both ably conducted and well sustained.

To R. N. Patterson, of the *Democrat*, we are under obligations for the use of his files from which we obtained the history of the Ohio and Michigan war of 1835-6, written by a prominent citizen and surveyor who was employed on the line and was familiar with the whole subject. We would also acknowledge our obligations to the County Auditor, Mr. Gillis; the County Surveyor, Mr. Bement; the Recorder, Mr. Dale; Dr. Kent, P. W. Norris, of Norris, Mich., and many others.

PULASKI TOWNSHIP.

This township contains the City of Bryan, the county seat of Williams County, and has consequently the largest population of any in the county. It contains some very fine farming lands in the northern portion; but in the southern part the soil is not so good, and there is still a considerable portion of comparatively new land, and in places low, swampy ground, covered with timber. Water in the southern part of the township is generally quite poor.

With regard to the early settlement of the township, we have not been able to gather much information, but a more extensive historical view of it will

be found in the Bryan items. So far as we can learn, one Perkins was probably the first settler in the township. A. R. Bowby was also in early. Peter Deck and nine sons settled three and a-half miles southeast of Bryan, in 1840. Daniel Thorp came the same year, and located Section 29. Jacob Beavers and H. S. Gurwell settled in 1847, and John Mattocks in 1845.

The Village of Pulaski, in the northern portion of the township, was perhaps the first village laid out in the county, Judge Perkins being the founder.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP.

This township is said to be the first settled in Williams County. It is generally well watered, the Tiffin River or "Bean Creek," flowing through the western portion, and numerous smaller streams being found over the rest of the township.

The first settler in the township, and perhaps in the county, was James Guthrie, who located on Tiffin River, in 1827. At an early day a man named Packard settled on Section 4. Rev. Thomas Prettyman perhaps delivered the first sermon. Among other early settlers are J. Hollingshead, John Stubbs, W. Coonrod, Peter Knipe, Daniel Colgan, Wm. B. Sprague, James Luther, Solomon Sprague, John Lindenberg, Lewis and Harvey Clark, Jonathan B. Taylor, Jacob Coy, Harmon Doolittle, and Joseph Stubbs. The first white person born in the township was Rachel Guthrie; and the first death that of Malinda Knipe. Jacob Coy was the first J. P. The first saw-mill was erected on Section 34, by Jacob and John Coy, and John Snyder. A cheese factory is located at Stryker, operated by Mr. Werum. B. F. Kniffin owns two large dairy farms south-east of Stryker Village, and disposes of his milk at this factory.

James Luther settled near the site of Stryker in 1833, and others came soon after. The original town was laid out by J. A. Sargent, E. L. Barber, and Jesse McArt, in the Fall of 1853. About the same time Silas Croot built a saw-mill, and a grist-mill was put up in 1857 by King-land & Chase. The first school house was erected in the village by the township in 1853, and owing to the increase in population the citizens of Stryker built a larger one in 1857. The first store was opened in 1853, and first blacksmith shop in the Spring of 1853, the store by Blinn & Letcher, and the shop by William Pinkley. The Methodist Episcopal denomination established the first church, although the Catholics built the first one. Stryker has suffered from a number of the "fire fiends'" visits, which have kept it from growing extensively, although it is slowly improving. The town contains two wagon shops, two blacksmith shops, fifteen stores, including harness and shoe shops, one hotel, three churches, a fine brick school house, and the usual supply of markets, saw-mills, liverys, physicians, etc., etc. The best water is obtained by boring from 75 to 130 feet, when it flows in a constant stream, always fresh and pure.

A view of the "Miles House," "Eagle Mills" and "Stryker Nursery" will be found in this Atlas.

ST. JOSEPH TOWNSHIP.

The first settler in this township was Samuel Holton, who located on Fish Creek in December, 1827, on land now owned by Geo. Burkhart, one mile north of the Village of Edgerton. He is said by some to have been the first settler in the county, although that honor is also claimed for one James Guthrie, who located the same year on Bean Creek, or Tiffin River, in the eastern part of the county. Samuel Lewis settled south of where Edgerton now stands April 13, 1834, on Section 33. Volney Crocker located in the county some time in 1834, and some time in the year 1840. He erected a small cabin and cleared the Court Square at Bryan. Payn C. Parker came in the Winter of 1835-6, and built the house now standing on the farm owned by Geo. E. Long, on the St. Joseph River. Mr. Parker also laid out a town on the place, and called it Denmark. He built a store and sold goods to the Indians, who were at that time numerous throughout this portion of the state. Daniel Farnham came into the county in August, 1835, and helped build the first mills in the county, at West Buffalo, in Florence Township, on the St. Joseph River. Mr. Farnham was with Parker in his store for four months, and in 1837 he settled on Section 19, and erected a dwelling. Mr. F. has been very prosperous while in the county, and is now one of its "heavy men" financially, carrying on at present a large general trade at Edgerton, in perhaps the finest store building in the county, to which the view of the premises given in this Atlas will testify. Samuel Slater was also an early settler, locating about 1834, on the farm now owned by Thomas Gillis, in Section 32. James Blair and two sons settled just west of him, in March, 1836. John Casebeer, owning land in the northwest portion of the township, settled just across the line in Indiana, in 1839.

The first death in the township was, perhaps, that of Mr. Wilson, who died sometime before Mr. Farnham came, but the exact date of his demise we have not been able to ascertain. Mr. F. also states that there were three graves at Denmark when he came to the county, which have since been plowed over and all traces of their whereabouts obliterated.

The Village of Edgerton, in this township, was laid out by Messrs. Sargent, Crane & Bement, the latter an engineer on the L. S. & M. S. Railway, in 1854. It is now a thriving village, containing four churches, one good brick school building, one hotel, one woolen factory, several wagon and blacksmith shops, and the usual complement of stores, all doing a fair business, the principal one being that of D. Farnham & Co. which we have mentioned elsewhere.

The township is generally level, except along the streams where there is considerable broken land, and more especially along the St. Joseph River, which has an exceedingly tortuous channel, with but little current to its dirty waters, and although the scenery along its banks is generally very fine, the river itself is not as fine a stream as one would wish to see, and would see in a more rolling country.

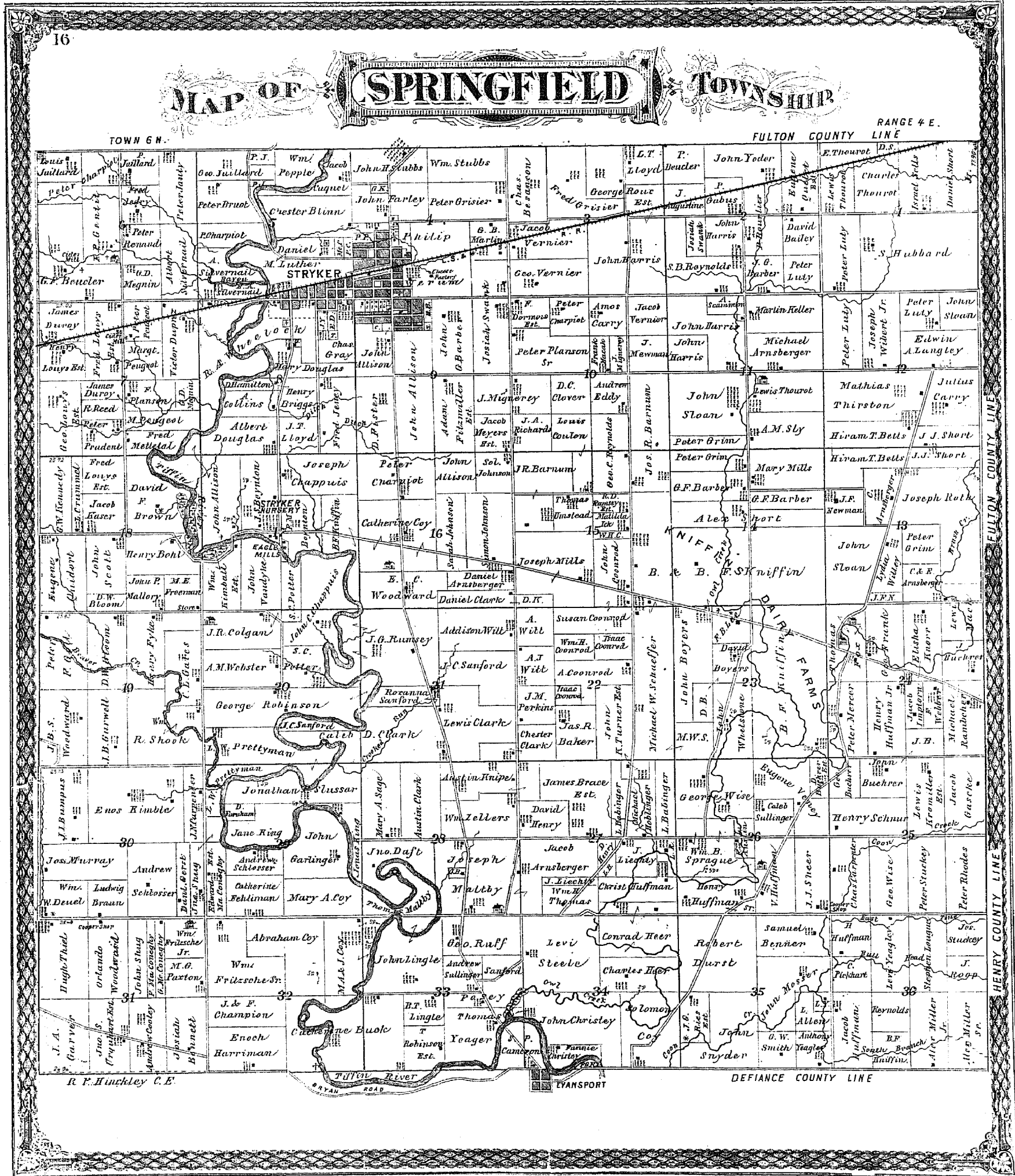
The original survey of the township, made by the government, was very incorrect, and a re-survey has since been made which, in a great many instances, causes dissatisfaction among property owners—the lines running



# MAP OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

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RANGE 4 E.  
FULTON COUNTY LINE

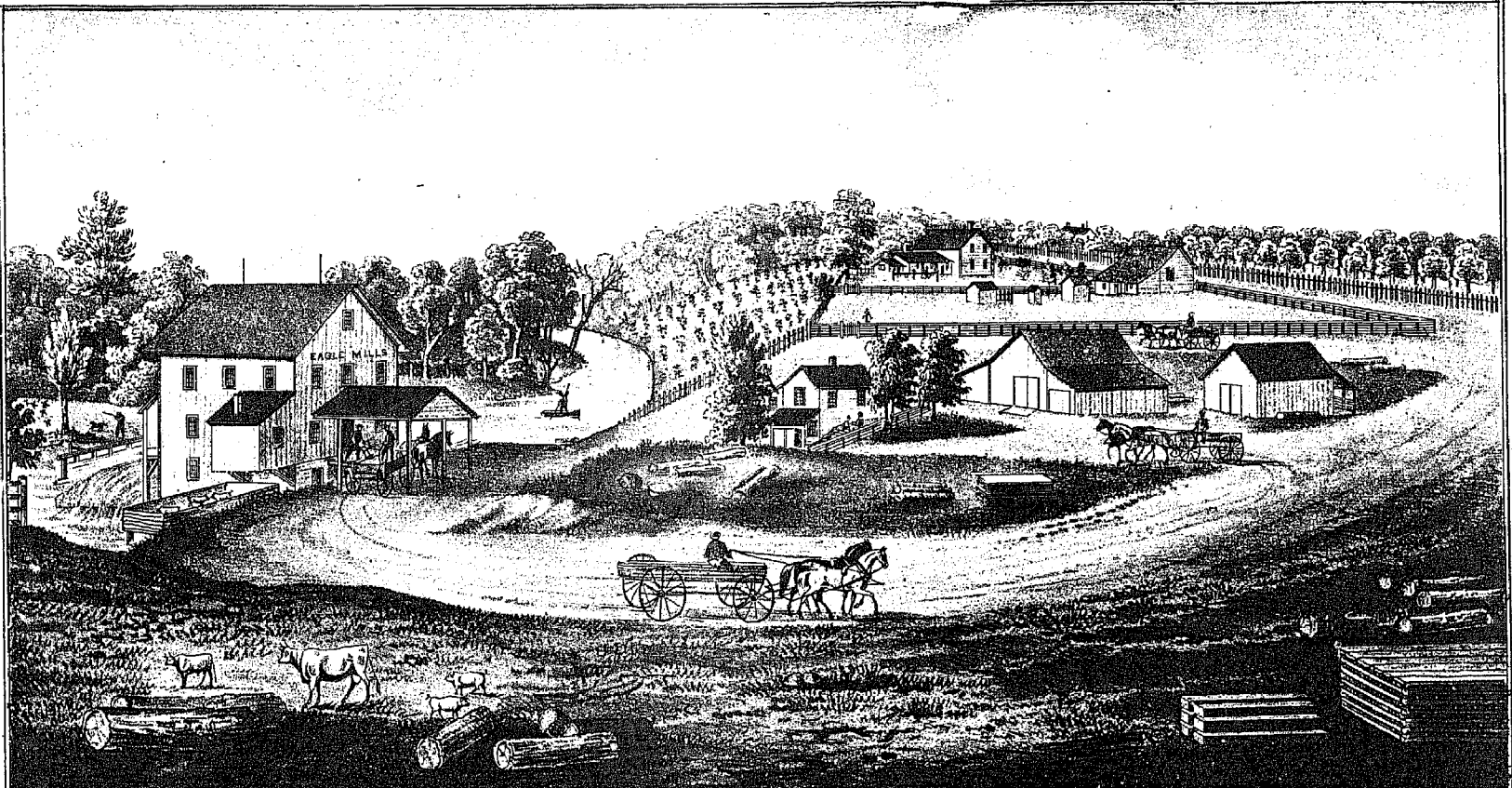


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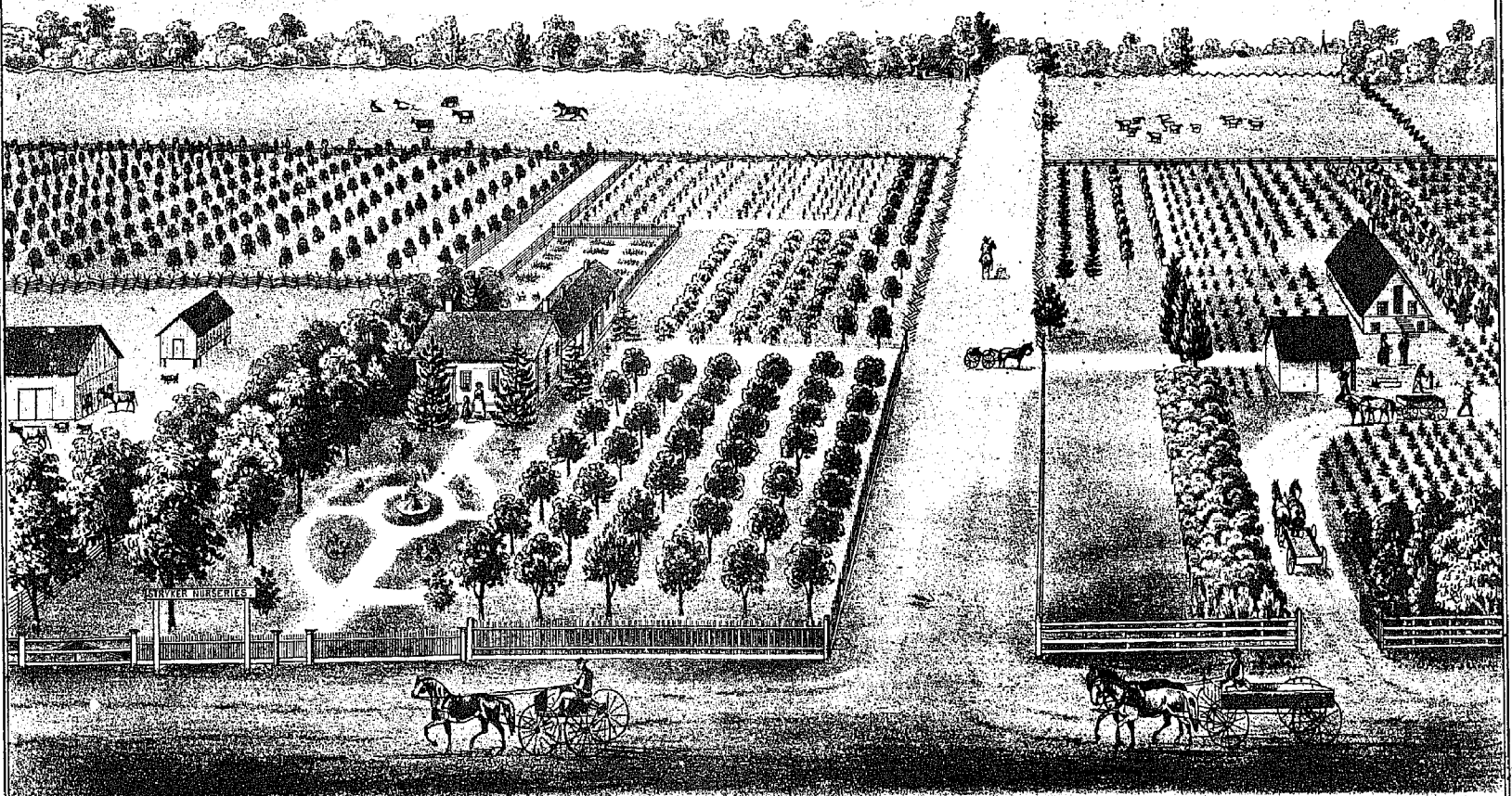
DEFIANCE COUNTY LINE

FULTON COUNTY LINE

HENRY COUNTY LINE



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so as to cut off orchards and buildings, and in order to still live where they are, and own the land they had been occupying, they must buy it. There are several other townships in the county in just such shape, and continual strife is going on because of the original inaccurate surveys.

We are indebted for much of our information regarding the history of this township to Mr. Farnham, and as he is, perhaps, as well posted as any man in the township, we take it for granted that our items are correct, and take this opportunity of thanking Mr. F. for his assistance.

#### CENTRE TOWNSHIP.

The first settler in this township was Frederick Mozer, who located on Section 27, in the Spring of 1833. The next year the population of the township was increased by the arrival of Jacob Dilman, Overlease, Frame, Bramt, Kinzie, and the Simsons. Daniel and Abraham Weaver settled on Section 23 in the Spring of the next year, 1835. The first school house in the township was what is known as the Yackee School House, situated on Section 5. The first church was built by the Methodist denomination at Centre Village. The first regularly ordained preacher was a Rev. Delzer, of the New Lutheran persuasion. The first marriage ceremony was performed by Jabez Jones, J. P., when he united in matrimonial bonds Mr. Frederick Mizer and Miss Kate Leonard. The first child was a daughter of Bastian and Elizabeth Frame. The second birth was that of Joseph Weaver. The first white man buried in the township was Jacob Fetter, who was laid to rest on his own farm, Mr. Lloyd officiating as clergyman. One of Mr. Fetter's sons soon followed him, and was buried at the same place. The first blacksmith was George Arnold. The first saw mill was built on Lick Creek, in Section 25, by J. Bowman. Jacob Househalter, distiller, manufactured the first genuine whisky, without the subsequent additions of everything calculated to kill at ninety rods. A few tamarack swamps are found in the township, but none of them very extensive. The surface is generally level, except along Lick Creek and its tributaries. Water is generally quite poor in the township, and during dry seasons considerable difficulty is found in getting a good supply.

The town contains the two Villages of Centre and Meiborn, the latter a new station on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway. Centre Village was formerly called Williams Centre, it being nearly the centre of the county when Williams and Defiance were one.

#### MADISON TOWNSHIP.

According to one authority, James A. Rogers was the first settler in this township. He located on section 20, upon lands now owned by G. R. Joy. Rogers was badly injured by an ax while cutting timber for P. W. Norris' house in the Fall of 1845, and subsequently died from the effects.

Another authority, Mr. P. W. Norris, says the first white settler in the township was Cyrus Barrett, and the first white child was William H. Barrett. Barrett settled April 21, 1841.

The Pottawattomie Village and sugar bush was situated below the mouth of Clear Fork, on the east branch of the St. Joseph River, at which point all the Indian trails converged and crossed. Remains of their rude bridge are still traceable. Indian hieroglyphics can still be seen in the neighborhood. There are also many evidences of the great pre-historic race which once occupied the American continent.

J. W. Norris was born in Wayne County, N. Y., August 17, 1821. Mr. Norris built a log cabin on the north bank of Clear Fork in October, 1840. Miles Putnam, Mr. Lindsay, Deacon Amos Drake and Smith Waterman assisted him on the job. Norris laid out the original town plat of Pioneer Village. He and Jacob Dohn built the first water mill in the township in 1853, and Norris built the first steam mill at Pioneer in 1855.

Norris first arrived in Williams County in 1838. He helped Owen McCarty build the first cabin in Bridgewater Township. He remained a citizen of the county until the Fall of 1867. He is still (1874) President of the Pioneer Association, and proposes to write up and publish a faithful history of the early days of Williams County.

Another account says Jacob Dohn erected the first mill in 1851, and Mr. Norris put up the steam mill in 1853. We cannot reconcile the difference of opinion. We have Mr. Norris' statement, and give them both. James A. Rogers, before mentioned, was the person who died in the township.

The first brick school house was built by Jacob Young in 1844. Miss Angell was the first teacher. Messrs. Ferrier, Lillibridge and Butler were the first preachers of the Christian gospel. The first log school house was built on Section 23.

#### BRADY TOWNSHIP.

This township was formerly six miles square, but the two tiers of sections on the east side have been set off to Fulton County.

Joseph Bates settled in this strip in February 1833 or '34. J. B. Packard the same season, and afterward came John McLaughlin and Daniel Osman. Among the early settlers of the present limits of the township are the following: John Miller, who, according to the best accounts, entered a piece of land near the present site of West Unity, in April, 1834; Gilbert S. Dunscomb, May 8, 1834, and John Bohner, who entered his land in April and settled in June 1834. Warren Hancock came in the Fall, John Rings in the Spring, and Abner Ayres August 25, of the same year. Samuel Snider settled in 1836, and Henry L. Flowers and David Loutzenheiser in 1837. Among other early comers are Walter Coleman, William Miller, James Guthrie, J. Hollinshead, William E. McGrew, William Stubbs, George McGarah, William L. Smith, Robert Bodet, and A. F. Hull.

The first birth in the present limits of the township was that of Charles Coleman, and the first death that of Mariah L. Dunscomb, June, 1837. The first school-house was built on section 5, and the first school taught by William L. Smith. The first preacher was Rev. Lillibridge. The first marriage is supposed to have been that of George Johnson and Miss Hannah Donutt, although Theron Landon and Miss Harriet Bates were married at

an early day. Jabez Jones tied the matrimonial knot in both cases. In 1836 Walter Coleman operated a grist mill by oxen power, and we are informed by Judge Ayres that the first wheat he had ground in the present limits of the township was ground in a saw mill, at Pulaski, between two "nigger heads," which every one will understand.

Brady and Springfield Townships were one until the Spring of 1836, when an election was held in Brady, and it was organized as a separate township and named Brady by suggestion of Gilbert S. Dunscomb, in honor of the pioneer patriot, Captain Samuel Brady, whose exploits are so well known to every one familiar with the pioneer history of this part of the western country.

The first state election was held in the Fall of 1836. Augustus F. Hull sold the first goods in the township. The villages are West Unity and Lockport. The former is quite a thriving village, laid out on land formerly owned by John Rings. Jerry Kline and some others settled here soon after Hancock and Rings. The first grist-mill was a company concern, built by John Rings, C. D. Benson, Charles Colvin, E. Dawson, and — Vail. The first store was opened by one Hastings, and the first blacksmithshop was run by George Pifer. The oldest settler now living in the place is George, son of John Rings. The town is situated in the midst of a good farming region, and does considerable trading with the farmers around. It contains three churches, a good school building, one hotel, one grist-mill and carding machine, two saw-mills, a foundry and machine shop, and about twenty-five stores, shops, etc. Good water is obtained at a depth of from eight to twenty-five feet and numerous springs abound.

Wertz & Brothers settled near where Lockport now stands in 1834, and the following year erected a small mill on the Tiffin River, which sickly stream was declared navigable for some distance above them. The settlers endured many hardships, and could get no grain nearer than Defiance, which was eighty miles by water, and then they could only procure corn, which they transported to their settlement by means of a "pirogue" or large sized "dug out." In this they could carry fifteen or twenty bushels, which cost at the rate of one dollar per bushel at Defiance, and the trip took ten or twelve days to accomplish. Their meat was wild game, at that time quite plenty. J. Hollinshead was hired by the settlers to keep them supplied with meat while they worked at the mill. The meat was principally venison, and from this it will be seen their fare consisted entirely of corn bread and venison, dishes which but few would refuse to partake of to-day. They were troubled then, as now, along the Tiffin River with that pest of a low country, the ague. After their mill was completed they commenced raising pork, and in a short time thereafter the Village of Lockport was laid out, a few cabins erected, and a mail route established between Lockport and Defiance. The next year A. F. Hull was induced to bring a small stock of dry goods and notions from Maumee City and open a store. The village was for a time the best place in the county for trade, but has since dwindled away, and the town lots have nearly all been vacated. It contains at present one saw and one grist-mill, a good brick school house, and a few dwellings.

#### FLORENCE TOWNSHIP.

With reference to the first settler in this township there is some difference of opinion even among those who style themselves early settlers, and we have not been able to exactly ascertain to whom the honor belongs. The first tax was paid by John Case, in 1837, the property taxed being four head of cattle, valued at \$32, and the tax was fifty-one cents and two mills (\$0.512). Florence Township, at that time, contained much more territory than at present, and by most it is believed that David Singer was the first settler in what is now Florence Township. Mrs. Singer, to whom we are indebted for much of our information, says that, for three years succeeding their arrival, she did not see a white woman, their only neighbors being the denizens of the forest—the "noble (?) red men."

Several persons had entered land previous to the time Mr. Singer settled, among them Eli Depew, John Webb, John Martin, and a Mr. Burk. Mr. Singer settled on Section 9, and the next comers on Section 36, they being Eli Depew and John Martin. These men built a grist and saw-mill on the St. Joseph River, at what was then, and has since been, termed West Buffalo. Daniel Farnham, now of Edgerton, helped build the mills, they being the first in the county. Most of the streams in the township are small, and of no particular value. The St. Joseph River crosses the southeast corner of the township.

Edon is a thriving village situated on the proposed new line of the Chicago & Canada Southern Railway; and, in anticipation of the early completion of said road, is growing quite rapidly. Two new hotels are being erected, one of which will be the finest in the county. Substantial business blocks and dwellings are rapidly springing up, and the town wears an aspect of prosperity and "go-ahead" seldom seen in a place of its size, and should the railroad be completed, as it probably will be, the prominent business centers of the county and adjoining country.

The township is generally well adapted to farming purposes, although in a few spots tamarack swamps and low tracts of ground exist, and this may be said of the entire western portion of the county, which lies adjacent to the summit or watershed, where the Elkhart, Pigeon, Fawn and other rivers, of more or less note, start on their respective journeys to the sea.

#### SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP.

This is one of the best townships in the county, settled by an intelligent and, consequently, thriving class of farmers, and containing but slight foreign population.

The St. Joseph River traverses the township from northeast to southwest, affording an ample supply of water for the use of steam mills; but there being but little fall to its waters, dams are not built on account of the overflow which they would occasion.

The first clearing was made by George Wisman about the same time Joseph Pew built and moved into his cabin. Mr. Wisman had his cabin finished and occupied it as early as Oct. 12, 1836. In the Spring of 1837

William Ogle settled on Section 32, and in the Fall of same year George Bible settled on Section 24. The next settler was Jacob Schall, who came in February, 1838. Settlers now began to come in more rapidly, and in 1839, there were the requisite number of voters to claim a township organization. Superior, which had heretofore been united with Florence, now organized a township of herself, the first election being held at D. Schall's house—now the Houseman farm, section 15, with the following result: trustees, Clark, Burgoyne and G. Wisman; clerk, G. Bible; treasurer, Robert Ogle; and, some years after, G. Bible was their first justice of the peace.

The first school house was probably on section 14—built about 1839 on the southeast corner of Mr. Wisman's land, Abner Aikens being the first teacher. The first church was built on section 26, in 1844, by the Presbyterians. The old church has gone into disuse and a neat new one been erected. Its first pastor was Rev. John Melville Crabb.

The first funeral was that of Mr. Mick, who was buried in a small cemetery, the first in the township, on Adam Bechtol's farm, section 14. L. and F. J. Wisman, twins, were the first white persons born in the township.

The only town is Montpelier, incorporated in 1874. Its settlement was begun by Dan Tucker and a Mr. Huston, who erected a grist mill—the first in the township—on the site of the present structure. G. and R. Brown soon after built a dry goods and grocery store.

The original town was laid out by a Mr. Hyatt. Sanguine hopes are entertained for its prosperity, as it is not near enough to other towns to have anything to fear from them, and is in the midst of a fine farming region, with plenty of water, and good prospects for the early completion of the Canada Southern Railway, at present only graded through the county. Montpelier also longs for the possession of the county buildings, now located at Bryan, and is growing quite rapidly, promising to be considerable of a town in the near future.

#### BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP.

The following are the facts we have been able to gather with regard to the early settlement of this township:

The first settlers, so far as our information extends, were William Follett and Daniel and Asa Smith, who located in the Fall of 1837. They were followed on April 10, 1838, by Clark Backus, J. W. and E. G. Back, and C. Holt. Much difficulty attended the settlement of the township, especially in the line of procuring provisions. Everything had to be brought from Defiance County, up the St. Joseph River, which stream is declared navigable to the south line of township 9 south, and the voyage occupied two weary weeks. Game, however, was plenty, as well as the wild beasts common to the forests of the western country, at that period. Indians were also plenty, and the Pottawattomie chiefs, Beaubice and Mitea, have more than a local fame. Rattlesnakes (Massasaugas) were exceedingly abundant, and all things taken into consideration, the early settlers of Williams and adjoining counties had to endure many hardships, and have their patience well tried ere the country was cleared up and the white population became so numerous as to establish the towns and villages which may now be seen dotting the country in every direction. In the Spring of 1840 an election was held in the township at which thirteen votes were polled, but, sad to relate, some of them were illegal, a part of the voters not having been residents long enough to make them legal voters. As a result of the election, Anson Smith was chosen Clerk, Asa Holt, Supervisor, and C. Holt and D. Smith, Justices of the Peace, but the latter failed to give bail, and never fulfilled the duties of their offices. The first marriage ceremony was performed by Wm. Ogle, J. P., the parties most interested being Mr. E. G. Back and Miss Lucy Sumner. This was in October, 1839. The first church edifice was the "Church of God," situated on Section 2. This will compare favorably with the other churches in the county, having cost about \$3,000, and was dedicated January 1, 1871. The first school-house was on Sidney Hill's land, and the first school was taught by Miss Mary McWilliams.

In 1844 Worthington and Van Court put up a saw mill at Bridgewater Center, and soon after added a flouring mill. The first post-office was kept by C. Holt, on Section 36. One Dewey kept the first store on land now owned by James Heritage. The first physician was Dr. Wm. D. Stought. The first blacksmith, shoemaker and carpenter were respectively J. M. Face, whose shop was on O. C. Corbitt's land; D. Smith and E. G. Back. The latter framed the timbers for the first frame building—a barn—erected on Erastus Back's land. The first birth was Asa Smith's child, and the first death was that of Mrs. Adams.

This township, prior to the "Ohio and Michigan war," belonged to Michigan, but after the line was permanently established, it fell to Ohio, and in consequence of the old state line running through the county, there are fractional townships and sections on both sides of it, cutting the country up rather awkwardly. The St. Joseph River traverses the township diagonally from northwest to southeast, and is a small and very crooked stream, affording but little water power; and along its banks "fever and ague" remind that portion of mankind that live there of their "latter end," and good health stands aloof and gives disease full sway. The population of the township has a liberal sprinkling of foreigners, but nearly all are well-to-do farmers.

#### HISTORY OF MILL CREEK TOWNSHIP.

The first settlers in the present limits of Mill Creek Township were Theron Landon, section 32, November 17, 1835; Josiah Woodworth, section 31, in February, 1836; George Berone, James Black, Joseph and John Haines in the Summer of 1836. Talman and Joseph Reasoner, Justice Alvord, and Samuel G. Wallace were also among the early settlers. Among those who settled in the strip which has since been set off to Fulton County were Abijah Coleman, who settled in December, 1835, and afterwards moved into the present limits; David Severence and — Gillett sometime during the same year. Alanson Pike, Nathan Fellows, Calvin Ackley, and Elijah Masters were also among the early settlers of the eastern portion of the township, and Jacob Landis and Joseph Miller of the western portion.

The first school house was built on section 26, in the old limits, the first in the present limits being erected on the present site of the Lutheran Church, Section 20. This is the first church built in the township, dedicated in the Winter of 1871-2. The next one was on Section 5, belonging to the Evangelists. The first school was taught by Joseph Reasoner. The first mill was put up on Section 3, on Mill Creek, by George Berone, and run by water power. The first store was kept by the firm of Landon & Haines at Hamer Village.

The first birth was that of Hannah Woodworth, in the Spring of 1837. Mrs. Rachel Aldrich was the first person who died in the township, the date of her death being April 18, 1836. Theron Landon was the first resident of the township who was married, although he was married in Brady Township. He was also the first justice of the peace. The first cemetery was started on Section 34, but was soon vacated, and another, now in use, started on Section 27, and called the "Town Cemetery."

Three villages have at different times been started in the township, but owing to their close proximity to larger towns they have never amounted to much. They are Hamer, Mill Creek Center and Primrose. Hamer, located on Section 3, was laid out on land owned by Theron Landon by James Thompson, at the time county surveyor. The first store was opened by Landon & Haines in 1853. A railroad, to run from Detroit, Mich., to Logansport, Ind., was surveyed through Hamer, and owing to its never being completed the village kept at a standstill. A post-office was kept at the place until some time during the war. The town now contains a doctor's office, a small grocery, and a district school building.

Primrose is located on Section 16. This was a school section and was not ready for sale until 1854. Ephraim Miller owned the land on which the village is located, and no regular town has ever been laid out, but small lots have been sold in sizes to suit purchasers, which have since been surveyed and numbered.

A steam saw mill was erected in the Fall of 1855 by Seth and Eli Ham-

lin. The town contains one church, a post-office and store, a cooper shop, a blacksmith shop, and a wagon shop. A fine nursery is located just south of town, owned by H. W. Moyer. Philip Wolff operates a cabinet shop. The first store and post-office, burned in October, 1873, were kept by O. S. Smith.

The township is drained by Mill Creek and its branches, and is the smallest township in the county. When Mr. Landon settled he had his choice of going either to Adrian, thirty-seven miles, or to Brainerdsburg, thirty miles, to get milling done.

#### NORTH WEST TOWNSHIP.

This township is also a part of the territory gained by Ohio, in the "Ohio and Michigan War." It comprises a part of ranges 3 and 4 west, and townships 9 and 10 south, according to the Michigan survey. It is well adapted to farming purposes, and generally quite healthy. In the northeastern portion, as we near the St. Joseph River, the country becomes more broken. As its name implies, it is the northwest township of the county, and also of the state of Ohio.

The first actual settlement was made by a Mr. Goodwin, in 1837. In 1838, Wm. Billings came from New York, and on the 20th of June, 1839, another party arrived, consisting of Adolphus Rogers, T. F., and J. C. Whaley. This was altogether too thick for Goodwin, and he at once packed up, and, like the "star of empire," wended his weary way "west, young man." Of these five pioneers, William Billings started a store on his claim, in Section 11, this being the nucleus of what is now Billingstown. The Whaleys and Mr. Rogers settled on Section 20, buying their land of a speculator at about government price. The inhabitants gradually increased in number, and soon an election was held—the date of which we have been unable to learn—and ten votes were polled, the voters' names being as follows: Hiram Russell, Thomas, T. F. and J. C. Whaley, Johnson Butler,

Wm. H. Billings, Ozias Billings, A. Rogers, Richard Parish, and a Mr. Parish, whose name we could not learn. The returns of this election showed that Thos. Whaley, Wm. H. Billings and Adolphus Rogers were elected Trustees; Wm. H. Billings and A. Rogers, Justices of the Peace; J. C. Whaley, Treasurer, and T. F. Waley, Constable.

In 1841 the first school-house was erected, the exact site at present being occupied by the dwelling of Parsons, in Billingstown. The first teacher was Miss Abigail Hill, now Mrs. T. F. Whaley. The second school building was erected on the northwest corner of S. Cain's land, in Section 29. The first church edifice was the Methodist Episcopal, in the Village of Columbia. This honor is also claimed by the U. B. Church, on Section 35. The first preacher was Elder L. Dean, of the Baptist denomination. The first wedding was that of Chester Hill and Laura Stanbrough, in the Spring of 1840, where the first wedding-cake was served. July 4, 1841, J. C. Whaley was married to Rhoda Phelps. This was the second wedding, the ceremony being performed in York Township, Indiana. Their little child was probably the first white person buried in the township.

#### JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP.

Eli Otter, Turner Thompson, John and Henry Miller, Joseph Monday, Thomas and Isaac Garrett, Jacob Boner, Thomas Reed and John Shankster entered land in Jefferson Township, as early as 1833 to 1835. Geo. Rudbill had entered land a year or two previous, but did not settle on it at the time.

The first saw-mill was built on Beaver Creek. The first school-house was built of logs on the northeast corner of Section 21, in 1835.

Andrew Hood and Betsey Reed were the first couple married in the township, and James Pattee and Lottee Reed were the second—both by Judge Myers.

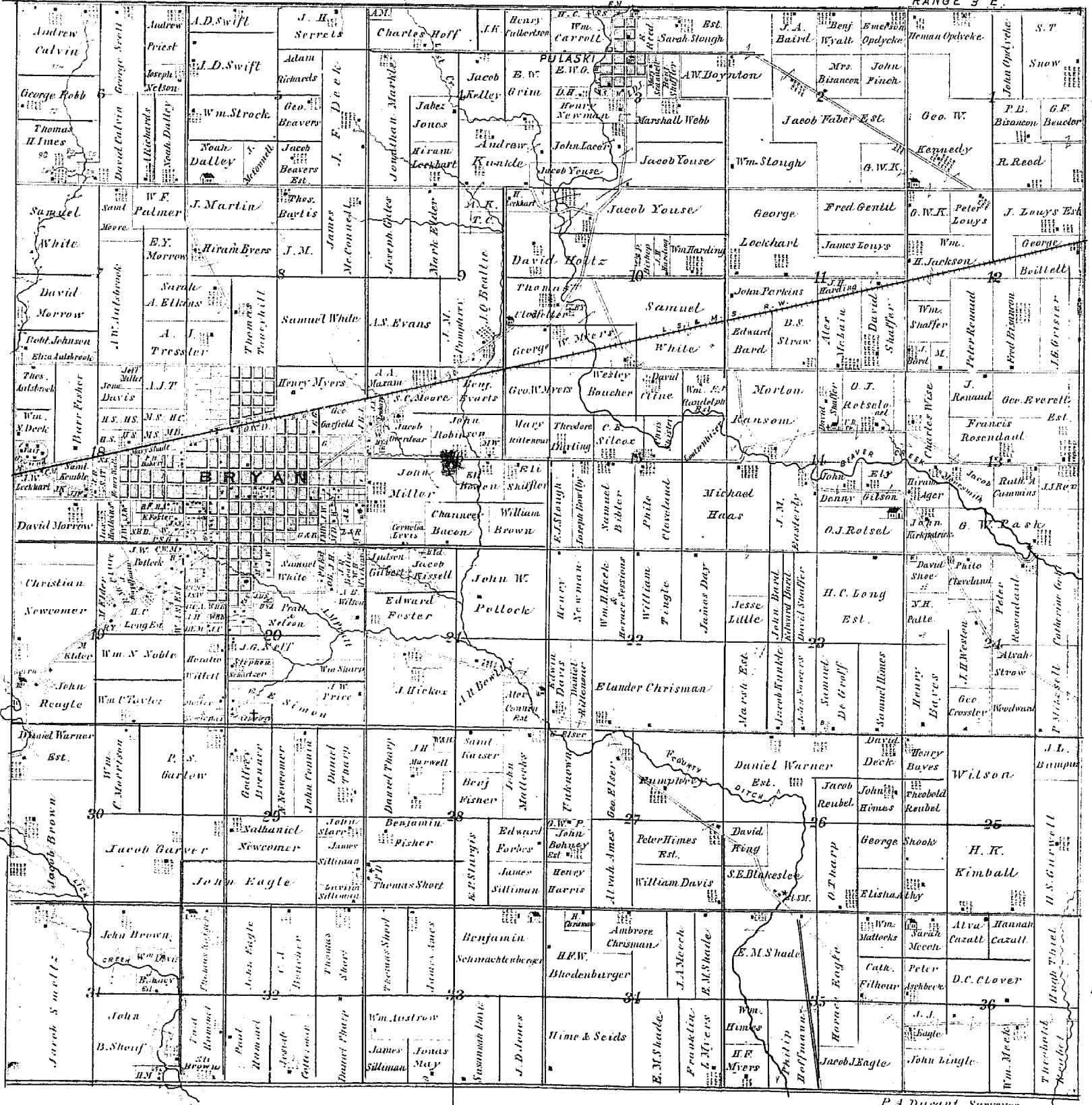
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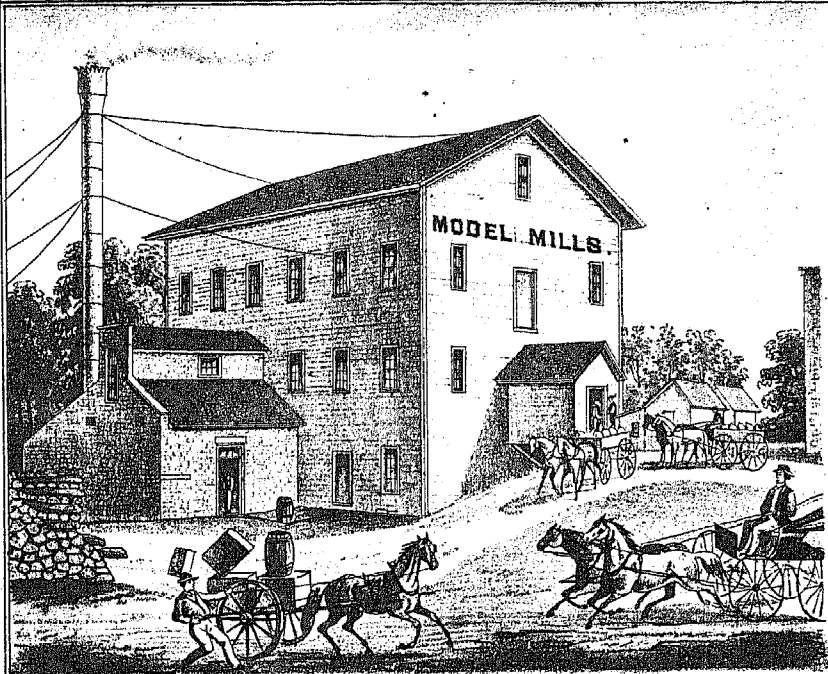
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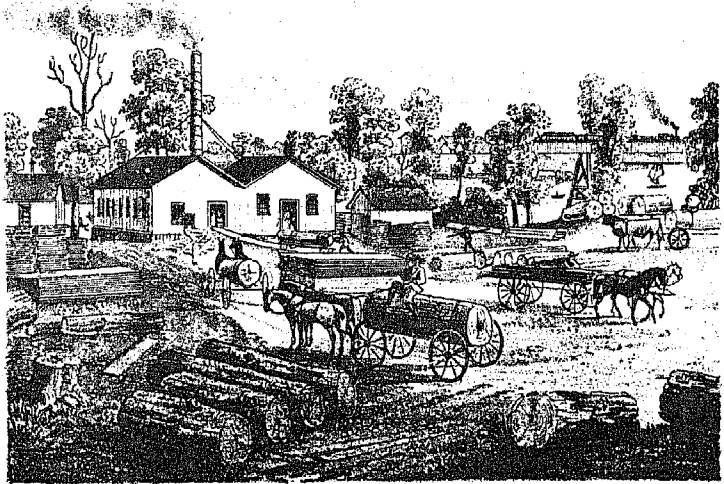


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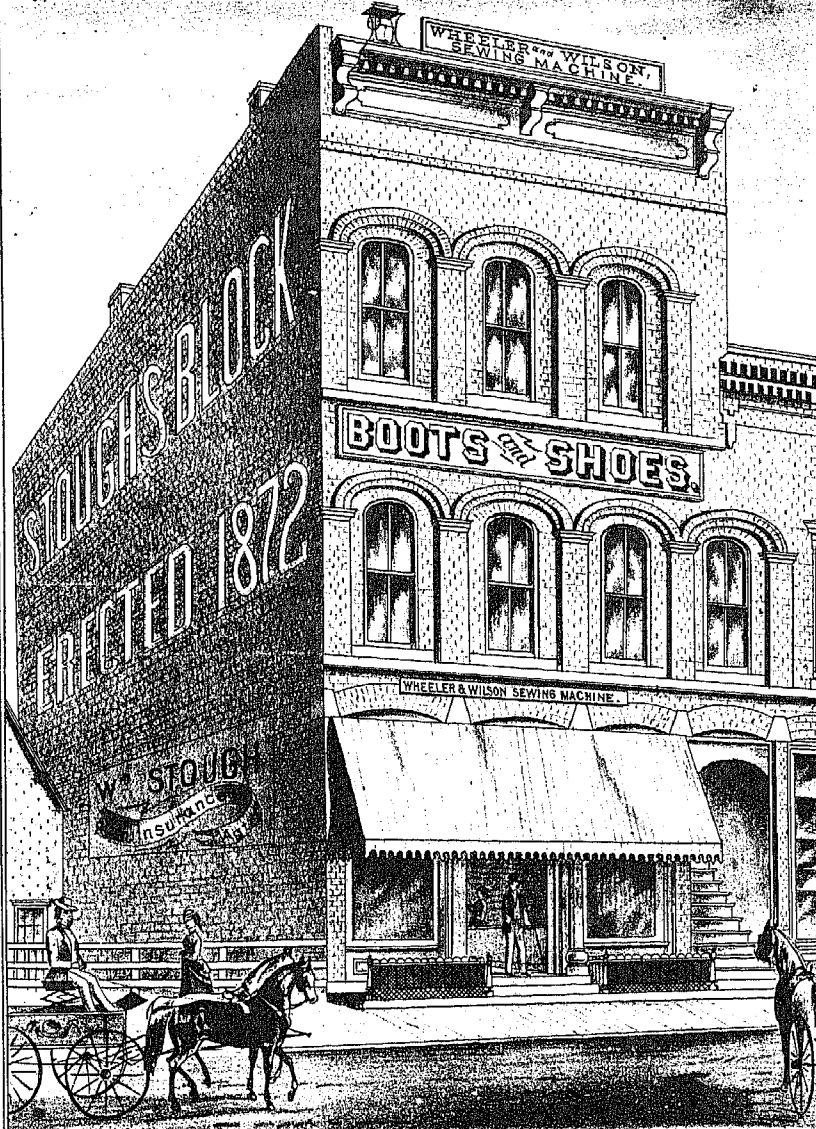


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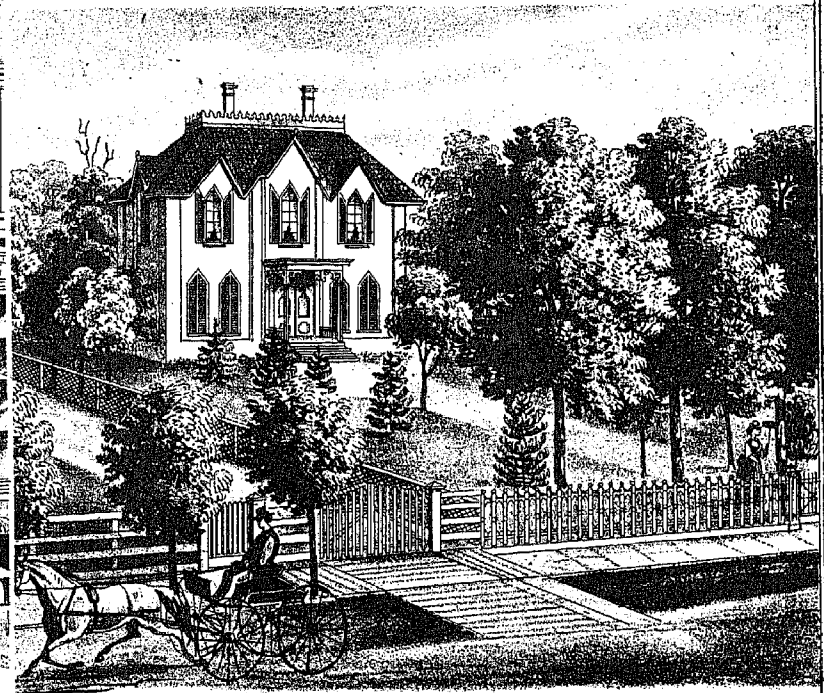
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ROOM 15, UP STAIRS. BRYAN, OHIO.



INTERIOR OF GROCERY STORE, N° 3, LONG'S BLOCK, BRYAN, OHIO.  
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WEST UNITY VILLAGE.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	Date of Birth	NATIVITY.	P. O. ADDRESS	BUSINESS.
Booth, Eli	West Unity	1848	Ohio	West Unity	Shoe Dealer and Co. Com.
Badger, M. C.	"	1853	Ohio	"	Marble Cutter.
Colgon, J. R.	"	1833	Ohio	"	Minister M. E. Church.
Cline, J.	"	1843	Ohio	"	Dry Goods and Groceries.
Conselven, Aaron	"	1871	New Jersey	"	Furniture Dealer.
Denman, W. M.	"	1852	Ohio	"	Druggist and M.D.
Elliott, T. G.	"	1864	Pennsylvania	"	Merchant.
Ewers, E. P.	"	1867	Ohio	"	Teacher.
Ely, G. W.	"	1845	New Jersey	"	Surgeon and Dentist.
Fox, John F.	"	1863	Pennsylvania	"	Book Agent.
Gardner, Wm.	"	1856	Ohio	"	Grocer.
Hinnman, R.	"	1839	Ohio	"	Underwriter.
Jones, Jabez	"	1853	Ohio	"	Insurance Agent.
Pierce, Geo. H.	"	1853	Ohio	"	Merchant.
Poucher, J. C.	"	1868	England	"	"
Rings, Geo.	"	1835	Pennsylvania	"	Milling and Farming.
Runnion, J. N.	"	1863	Ohio	"	Physician and Surgeon.
Ritchey, T. M.	"	1871	Pennsylvania	"	Produce Dealer.
Rindle, David J.	"	1864	Ohio	"	Manufacturer of Mouldings, etc.
Stoner, A. F.	"	1852	Ohio	"	Blacksmith.
Stump, Levi	"	1865	Ohio	"	Mason.
Scannel, W. H.	"	1845	Ohio	"	Cabinetmaker.
Snediker, D. M.	"	1854	Ohio	"	"
Stockton, J. P.	"	1862	Pennsylvania	"	Minister.
Shepard, W. H.	"	1865	Ohio	"	Retired Merchant and Farmer.

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	Date of Birth	NATIVITY.	P.O. ADDRESS.	BUSINESS.
Allen, John	Montpelier	1847	Ohio	Montpelier	Druggist.
Allman, Jacob	Superior Tp.	1847	Ohio	"	Farmer and Carpenter.
Allman, John	"	1842	Ohio	"	Farmer and Carpenter.
Bothwell, Sam. C.	Montpelier	1862	Illinois	"	Dry Goods.
Rechtel, Adam	Superior Tp.	1837	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer and Stock Dealer.
Clum, Susanna	"	1847	Ohio	"	Farmer and Stock Dealer.
Champion	Montpelier	1844	Ohio	"	Hardware & Agricul. Impl'ts.
Daniels, W. H.	"	"	New York	"	Lumber Mill & Sickle Sharp'n
Dunlap, T. L.	"	1844	Ohio	"	Hardware.
Dellinger, Henry	Superior Tp.	1841	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer and Sinek Dealer.
Downs, C. G.	"	1857	Maryland	"	Farmer, Carpenter and Joiner.
Ford, James	Montpelier	1866	Ohio	"	Mfr. of Boots and Shoes.
Fry, M. E.	"	1862	Virginia	"	Hotel.
Gibbens, Andrew	"	1845	Ohio	"	Carpenter and Joiner.
Grose, John	Superior Tp.	1861	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer.
Hilborn, Wm. H.	Montpelier	1839	Pennsylvania	"	Groceries.
Henry, John	Superior Tp.	1846	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Kriebel, J. D.	Montpelier	1861	Pennsylvania	"	Notary Public.
Knepper, W. M.	Superior Tp.	1852	Ohio	Bryan	Farmer.
Kollar, J. C.	"	1853	Ohio	Montpelier	Farmer.
Kint, Daniel	"	1836	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer and Carpenter.
Kime, Elias	"	1860	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Lattimer, Adam	Montpelier	1845	Ohio	"	Hardware.
Leu, Jacob & Bro.	"	1865	Switzerland	"	Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes.
Lamb, E.	"	1841	Ohio	"	Photographer.
Lamb, E.	"	1863	Michigan	"	Hardware & Agricul. Impl'ts.
Lowry, Oscar	"	1868	Ohio	"	Dry Goods and Gen'l Mer.
Leek, S. M.	Superior Tp.	1855	Virginia	Bryan	Farmer and Stock Dealer.
Louden, M. H.	"	1843	Pennsylvania	Montpelier	Farmer and Stock Dealer.
Manon, Jacob	Montpelier	1842	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer and J. P.
Mott, C. C.	"	1857	Ohio	"	Butcher and Stock Dealer.
Myers, Solomon	Superior Tp.	1863	Ohio	"	Farmer and Stock Dealer.
McKibben, John	"	1858	Wisconsin	"	Farmer.
Opdyke, Hiram	"	1836	Ohio	"	Farmer and Dealer in Mowers, Reapers and Blooded Stock.
Ogle, Robert	"	1846	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Platt, John W.	"	1841	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Follock, John	"	1851	Ireland	Durbin Corners	Farmer.
Snyder, J. B.	Montpelier	1872	Ohio	Montpelier	Lumber Mill & Sickle Sharp'n
Snyder, I. M.	"	1836	Ohio	"	Physician & Deal. Real Estate.
Slot, F.	"	1837	Ohio	"	Harness and Saddles.
Shaffer, P. B.	"	1866	Ohio	"	Saddler and Harness Mfr.
Schall, Geo.	Superior Tp.	1849	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Schaffler, Julie	"	1856	Switzerland	"	Farmer.
Wisman, F. J.	"	1837	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Williams, Oliver	"	1850	Ohio	"	Livery and Sale Stable.
Young, Jacob	"	1865	Ohio	Bryan	Farmer.

ST. JOSEPH TOWNSHIP.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	Date of Birth	NATIVITY.	P. O. ADDRESS	BUSINESS.
Aucker, Jacob	St. Joseph Tp.	1836	Ohio	Edgerton	Farmer.
Burkhardt, Isaac	"	1865	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer.
Bowersox, John W.	"	1839	Maryland	"	Farmer.
Chirra, Jacob	"	1865	Germany	"	Farmer.
Cape, Lawrence	"	1868	Bavaria	"	Farmer.
Crocker, Volney	"	1838	New York	"	Farmer.
Dohmer, Isaac Z.	"	1866	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Farrham, M. C.	"	1842	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Geiger, Jacob	"	1846	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Goeltzenleuchter, J.	"	1845	Ohio	"	Carpenter and Joiner.
Hollinger, Chas.	"	1848	Germany	"	Farmer.
Hinkle, Stephen	"	1857	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer.
Krathwohl, David	"	1864	Germany	"	Farmer.
Kissinger, Samuel	"	1853	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Longanoker, A. R.	"	1862	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Lownsberry, J. M.	"	1865	Indiana	"	Farmer.
Long, Geo. H.	"	1849	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Lind, Wm.	"	1847	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Neidhardt, Chas. L.	"	1837	France	"	Farmer.
Reichert, John	"	1850	Germany	"	Farmer.
Reusch, John	"	1860	Indiana	"	Farmer.
Shaffer, Andrew	"	1863	Maryland	"	Farmer.
Shaffer, John	"	1861	Maryland	"	Farmer.
Stevens, J. H.	"	1833	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Strausburger, Peter	"	1873	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Swendeman, J.	"	1862	Germany	"	Farmer.
Strausburger, Abraham	"	1873	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Sett, Christopher	"	1844	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Snyder, Moses	"	1873	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Skelton, Isaac N.	"	1831	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Stevens, Daniel	"	1865	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Schroll, Christian	"	1866	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Skelton, Joseph H.	"	1841	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Somers, John	"	1841	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Suffel, Jacob	"	1838	Germany	"	Farmer.
Weitz, Adam	"	1846	Germany	"	Farmer.
Wilson, Philander	"	1849	New York	"	Farmer.
Wright, W. M.	"	1845	New York	"	Farmer.
Zigler, Benj.	"	1865	Ohio	"	Farmer.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	Date of Birth	NATIVITY.	P.O. ADDRESS.	BUSINESS.
Byers, Mrs. Catherine	Jefferson Tp.	1853	Ohio	Bryan	Farmer.
Brown, H.	"	1840	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Brannan, Franklin	"	1851	Ohio	Durbin's Cor's.	Cattle Broker.
Bennett, M. D. Orlando	"	1870	Ohio	"	Physician.
Bott, J. A.	"	1853	Pennsylvania	Pulaski	Farmer.
Barclay, John A.	"	1844	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Clark, Wm.	"	1850	Ohio	Durbin's Cor's.	Farmer.
Delph, Osmun	"	1857	New York	"	Landlord and Farmer.
Delebaugh, Geo.	"	1847	Ohio	Pulaski	Farmer.
Fulton, J. A.	"	1844	Ohio	"	Carpenter.
Penmore, J. H.	"	1853	Ohio	West Unity	Farmer.
Grose, J. A.	"	1849	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer.
Gilbert, Stephen	"	"	"	"	"
Hallock, Russel C.	"	1852	Ohio	Bryan	Farmer.
Holden, Geo. W.	"	1866	Virginia	Durbin's Cor's.	Farmer.
Hodson, Robert	"	1869	Ohio	Pulaski	Farmer.
Hester, Abbie	"	1832	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Haverfield, John	"	1855	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Hendricks, A. W.	"	1848	Ohio	West Unity	Farmer and Lumber Dealer.
Muhl, Mrs. Rebecca	"	1848	Ohio	Bryan	Farmer.
McDaniel, Benj. M.	"	1853	Ohio	Pulaski	Farmer.
Marsl, J. P.	"	1862	New York	"	Farmer.
Martin, Samuel T.	"	1851	Ohio	West Unity	Farmer.
Opdycke, John	"	1836	Ohio	Pulaski	Farmer.
Opdycke, E. B.	"	1848	Ohio	"	County Surveyor.
Rudisill, J. J.	"	1843	Ohio	"	Carpenter.
Reid, Geo.	"	1837	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Rittenour, Geo. U.	"	1853	Ohio	"	Shoemaker.
Sheets, I. N.	"	1853	Ohio	Durbin's Cor's.	Farmer.
Shankster, Thomas	"	1835	Ohio	Pulaski	Farmer.
Shankster, John	"	1835	England	"	Farmer.
Shankster, Isaac	"	1835	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Shiffer, Christian	"	1848	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Shiffer, J. C.	"	1848	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Sprott, S. B.	"	1864	Pennsylvania	West Unity	Farmer and Justice Peace.
Shortbill, James	"	1837	Ireland	Pulaski	Miller.
West, I. W.	"	1868	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Weaver, N. C.	"	1849	Ohio	West Unity	Farmer.
Wineland, William	"	1853	Ohio	Bryan	Farmer.
Young, Mary A.	"	1840	New York	"	Farmer.

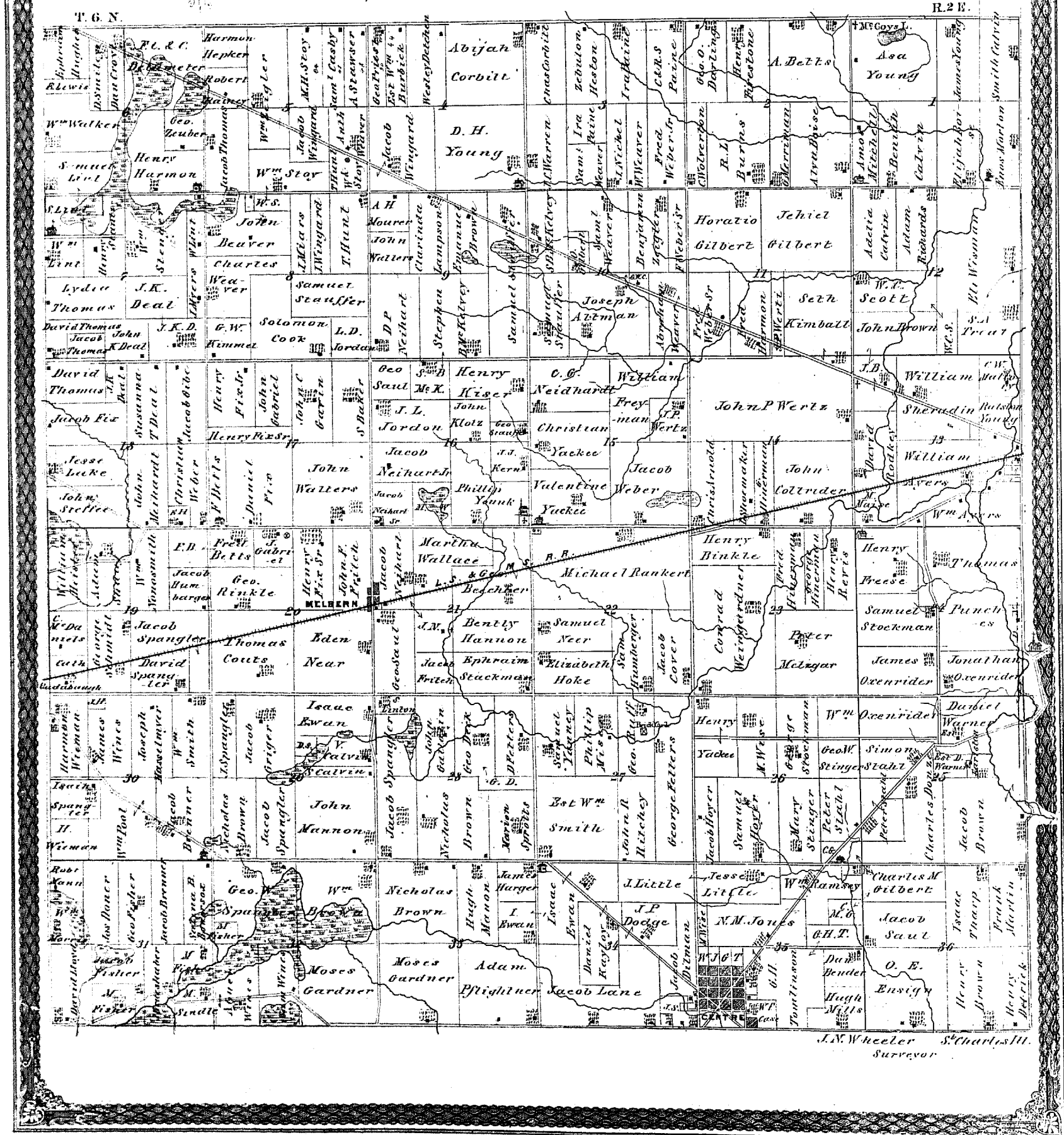
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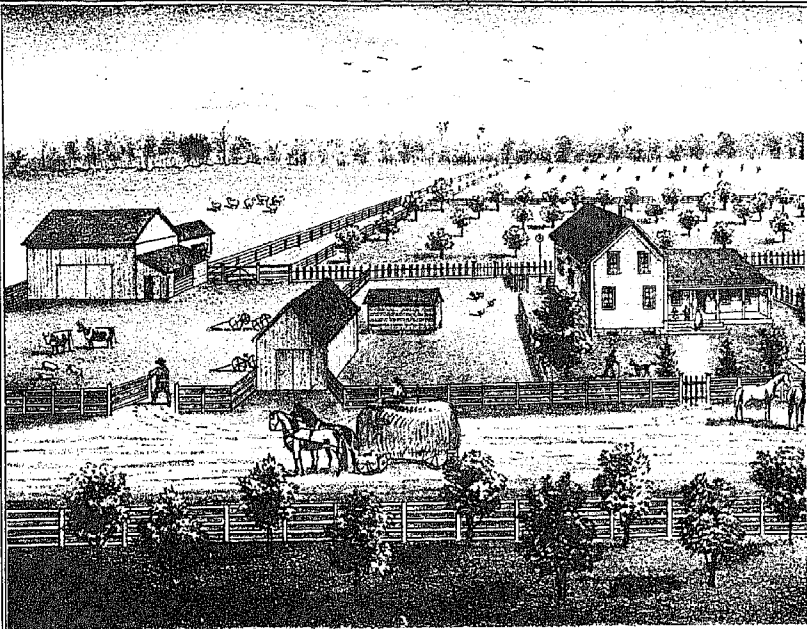
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Amsbaugh, Sam'l	Mill Creek Tp.	1842	Pennsylvania	West Unity	Farmer.
Axtell, C. R.	"	1846	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Alvord, Henry D.	"	1842	New York	"	Farmer.
Bavin, John	"	1856	England	"	Farmer.
Borton, John T.	"	1846	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Bricker, A.	"	1851	Pennsylvania	Primrose	Farmer.
Book, H.	"	1858	Pennsylvania	West Unity	Farmer.
Coleman, John	"	1835	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Clay, Geo.	"	1846	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer.
Clay, Jacob	"	1845	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer.
Cruin, Silas	"	1856	Ohio	Primrose	Farmer.
Chamberlin, S.	"	1840	Ohio	"	Farmer and Minister.
Flora, J. A.	"	1873	Maryland	"	Physician.
Gerver, J. R.	"	1852	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Hoover, Geo.	"	1852	Pennsylvania	West Unity	Farmer.
Johnson, G. W.	"	1849	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Johnson, O. L.	"	1852	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Landon, Theron	"	1835	Connecticut	"	Farmer.
Lippy, John	"	1852	Pennsylvania	Primrose	Farmer.
Lyons, Wm.	"	1853	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer.
Marlow, Wm.	"	1854	Virginia	West Unity	Farmer.
Mann, Joseph	"	1850	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Moyers, H. W.	"	1864	Ohio	Primrose	Nurseryman and Farmer.
Page, John	"	1849	England	West Unity	Farmer.
Raymond, Geo.	"	1853	Ohio	Primrose	Farmer.
Smitley, M. J.	"	1864	Pennsylvania	West Unity	Farmer.
Snediker, J. F.	"	1857	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Shultz, Sam'l	"	1848	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Shipman, O. E.	"	1873	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer.
Saunders, Thos.	"	1855	England	"	Farmer.
Sevrence, W. M.	"	1835	New York	"	Farmer and Thresher.
Stoner, John W.	"	1852	Ohio	Primrose	Farmer.
Sturgeon, J. W.	"	1847	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer.
Tucker, David	"	1863	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Wolff, Philip	"	1866	Pennsylvania	"	Physician.

CENTRE TOWNSHIP.

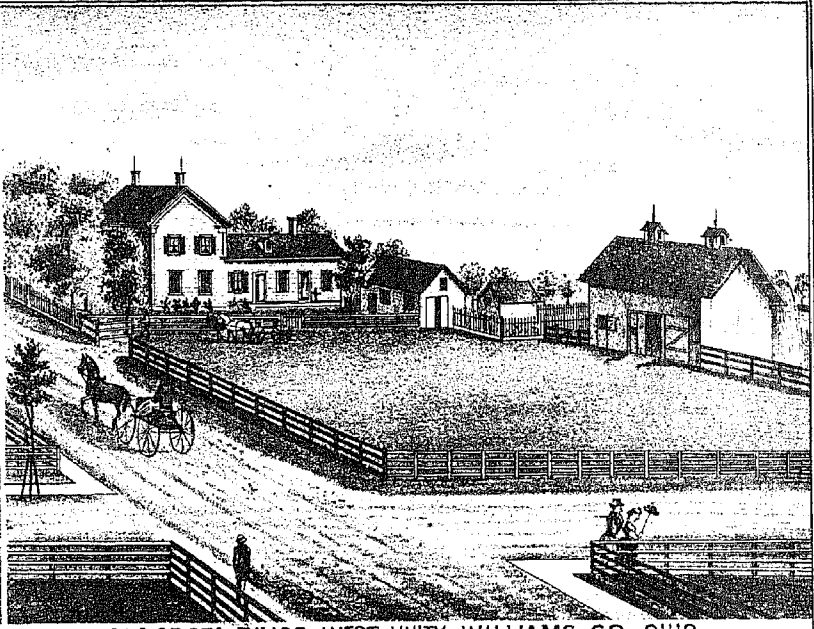
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Fritch, John	Centre Township	1836	Germany	Melbern	Farmer.
Gilbert, G. N.	"	1850	New York	Bryan	Farmer.
Hoyer, Samuel	"	1846	Pennsylvania	Williams Centre	Farmer.
Jordan, John	"	1845	New York	Melbern	Farmer.
Neihard, Mrs.	"	"	"	"	"
Neihard, D. P.	"	1840	Ohio	"	Farmer and Stock Dealer.
Nicholds, J.	"	1842	New York	"	Farmer.
Neihard, Jacob	"	1837	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer.
Saul, Mrs.	"	1836	Ohio	"	Farmer.
Wert, John P.	"	1842	Pennsylvania	Bryan	Farmer.
Walters, John	"	1845	Pennsylvania	Melbern	Farmer.

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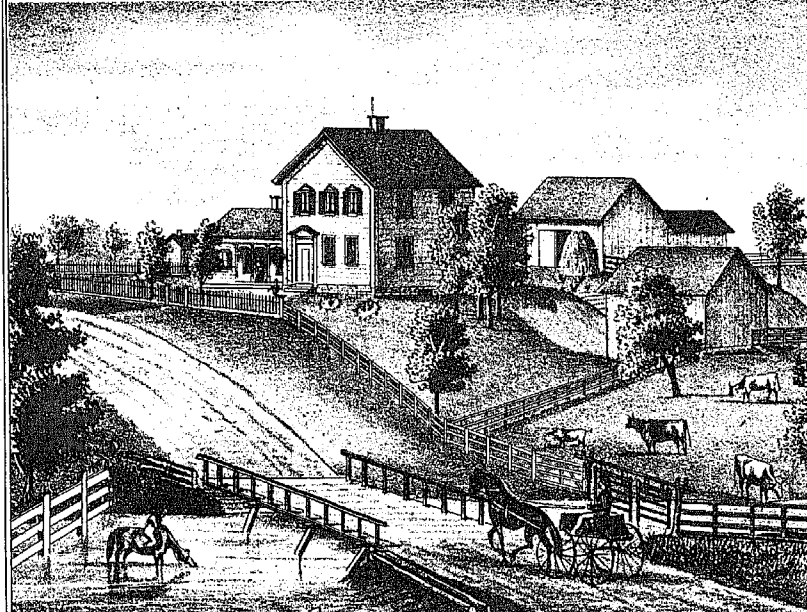




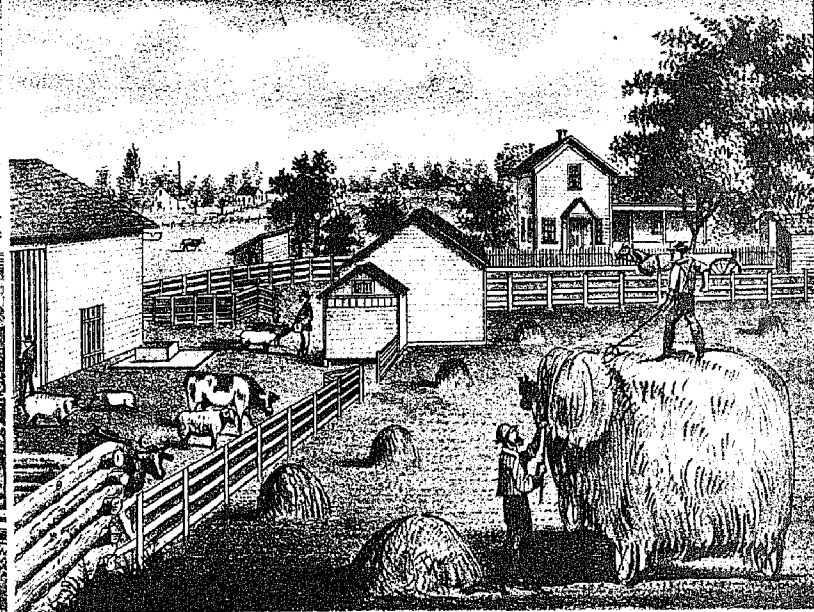
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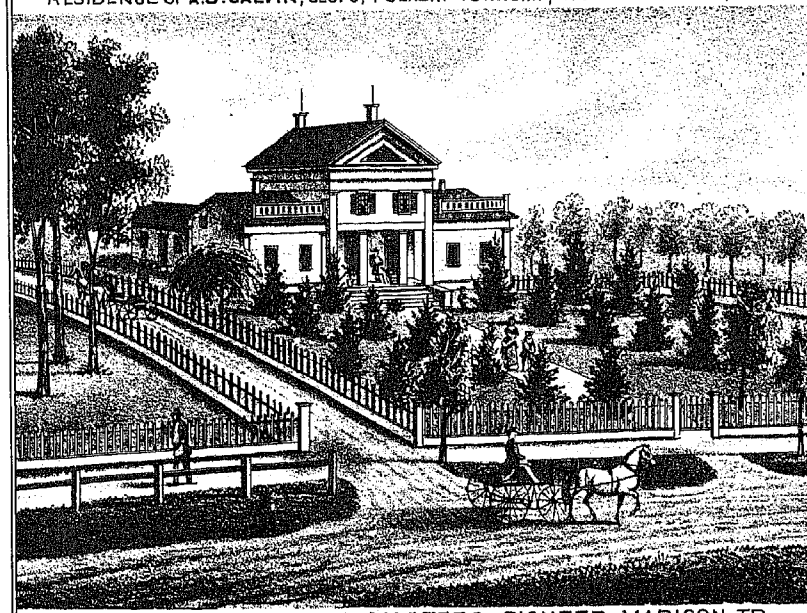
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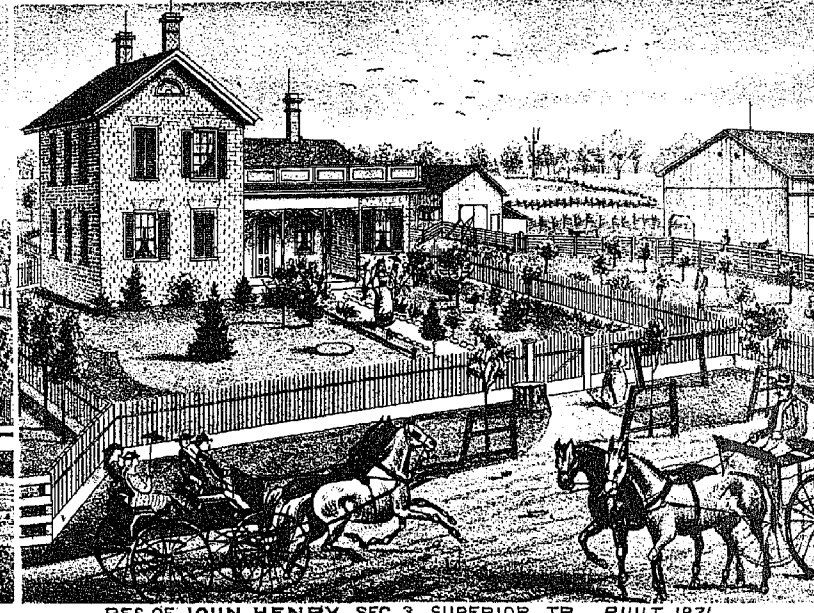
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RES. OF JOHN HENRY, SEC. 3, SUPERIOR TP., BUILT 1871.



BRADY TOWNSHIP.

Table with columns: NAME, RESIDENCE, DATE OF BIRTH, NATIVITY, P.O. ADDRESS, BUSINESS. Lists residents of Brady Township including Altmann, L. A., Balfour, S., Brownell, S. A., etc.

EDGERTON VILLAGE.

Table with columns: NAME, RESIDENCE, DATE OF BIRTH, NATIVITY, P.O. ADDRESS, BUSINESS. Lists residents of Edgerton Village including Austin, A. D., Amaden, John, Aschbacher, Friedrich, etc.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP.

Table with columns: NAME, RESIDENCE, DATE OF BIRTH, NATIVITY, P.O. ADDRESS, BUSINESS. Lists residents of Springfield Township including Allison, John, Bradley, E. D., Boynton, J. S., etc.

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP.

Table with columns: NAME, RESIDENCE, DATE OF BIRTH, NATIVITY, P.O. ADDRESS, BUSINESS. Lists residents of Florence Township including Anspaugh, Benj., Burke, Jonathan, Casler, Henry, etc.

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP.

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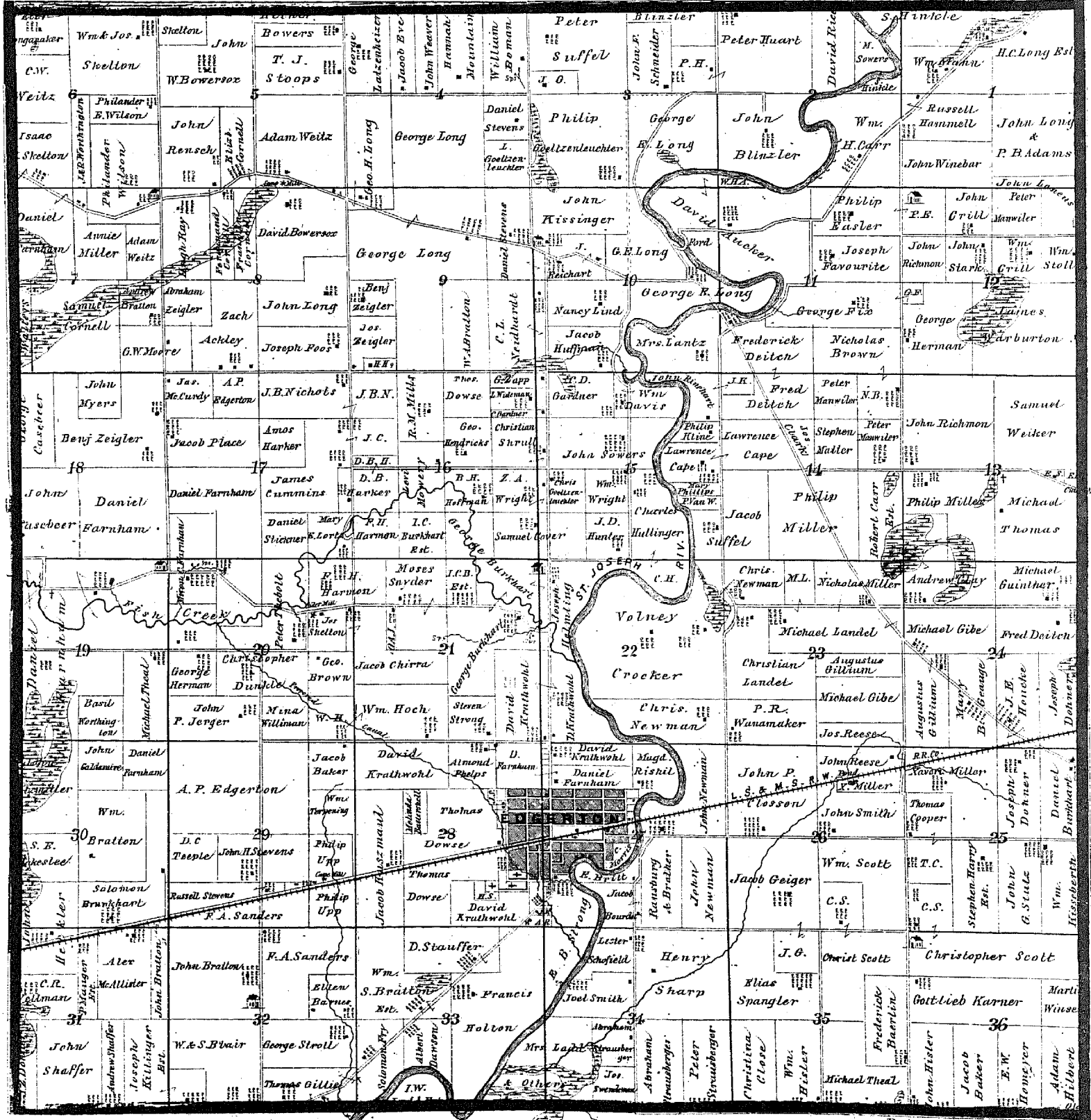
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MADISON TOWNSHIP.						MADISON TOWNSHIP — Concluded.					
NAME.	RESIDENCE.	DAY of Settlement	NATIVITY.	P. O. ADDRESS	BUSINESS.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	DAY of Settlement	NATIVITY.	P. O. ADDRESS.	BUSINESS.
Allis, Wm. J.	Pioneer	1874	Ohio	Pioneer	Merchant.	Kirk, H. S.	Madison Township.	1847	Ohio	Deer Lick	Farmer, Carpenter and Joiner.
Bradhurst, T. J.	Madison Township.	1854	Pennsylvania.	"	Farmer.	Kunkle, H. S.	"	1842	Pennsylvania	"	Farmer and Stock Dealer.
Barrett, Mrs. R.	"	1854	Canada	"	Farmer.	Kelly, M.	Pioneer	1837	Ohio	Pioneer	Merchant.
Bollinger, J.	"	1851	Pennsylvania.	"	Farmer.	Loomis, H. E.	"	1865	New York	"	Manufacturer of Cabinetware.
Cummins, J.	"	1830	Ohio	Deer Lick	Farmer and Stock Dealer.	Marshall, —	"	1861	New York	"	Merchant.
Cogswell, Dan <sup>l</sup>	Pioneer	1833	Ohio	Pioneer	Blacksmith.	Masters, E.	"	1870	Ohio	"	Retired Farmer.
Connolly, J. C.	Madison Township.	1840	Ohio	West Unity	Farmer, Carpenter and Joiner.	Nisley, J.	Madison Township.	1873	Ohio	Deer Lick	Lumberman.
Durbin, Simeon	Pioneer	1862	Ohio	Pioneer	Farmer and Stock Dealer.	Orewiler, John	Pioneer	1853	Ohio	Pioneer	Real Estate Agent and J. P.
Dye, John	Madison Township.	1864	Maryland	"	Farmer and Stock Dealer.	Riddle, —	"	1864	Ohio	"	Merchant.
Durbin, Samuel	"	1839	Ohio	"	Farmer.	Russell, Sam <sup>l</sup>	"	1869	Massachusetts	"	Wagon Manufacturer.
Doolittle, B. E.	Pioneer	1849	New York	"	Farmer.	Shepard, L.	Madison Township.	1854	New York	"	Farmer.
Eckis, J. B.	"	1871	Pennsylvania.	"	Harness Manufacturer.	Sweet, C. G.	Pioneer	1865	Canada	Deer Lick	Proprietor Jay's Hotel.
Eggleston, E. D.	Madison Township.	1853	Ohio	"	Farmer.	Shock, Jno.	Madison Township.	1873	Ohio	Deer Lick	Lumberman.
Fisher, Wm.	"	1867	Ohio	"	Farmer and Grain Thresher.	Scovill, J. M.	"	1858	Ohio	Pioneer	Farmer.
Gray, Peter	"	1850	New York	West Unity	Farmer.	Wanderfort, J. H.	Pioneer	1873	Ohio	"	School Teacher.
Gay, O. P.	Pioneer	1859	Ohio	Pioneer	School Teacher.	Winner, C. M.	"	1864	Ohio	"	Miller.
Gandern, R.	"	1840	New York	"	Physician and Surgeon.	Winner, M.	"	1864	Pennsylvania	"	Miller.
Haviland, W. W.	Madison Township.	1865	New York	"	Farmer and Lumberman.	Wright, C. R.	"	1859	Ohio	"	Carriage Manufacturer.
Irwin, Andrew	"	1854	Ohio	"	Farmer and School Teacher.						

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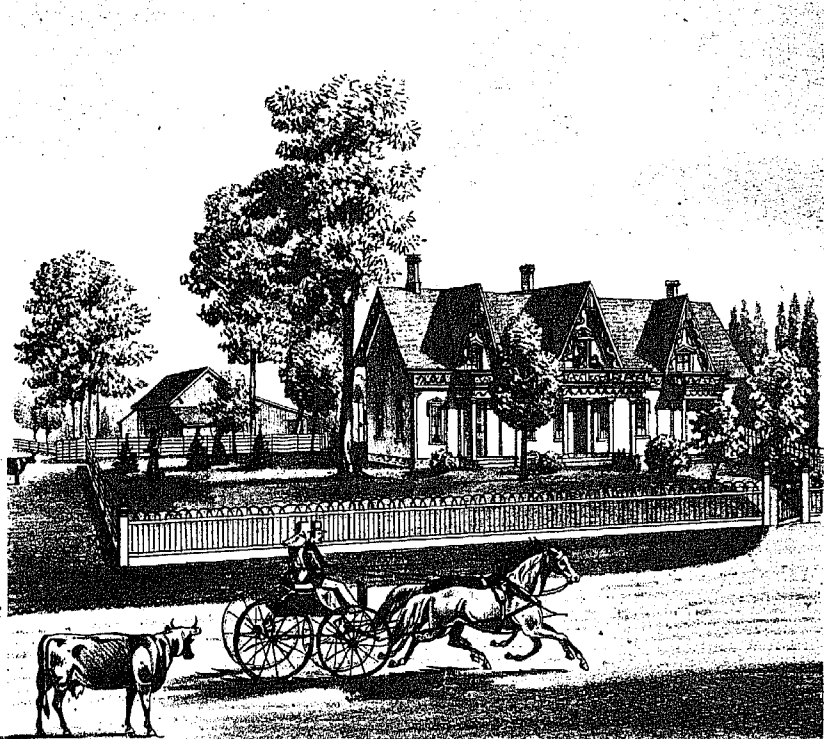
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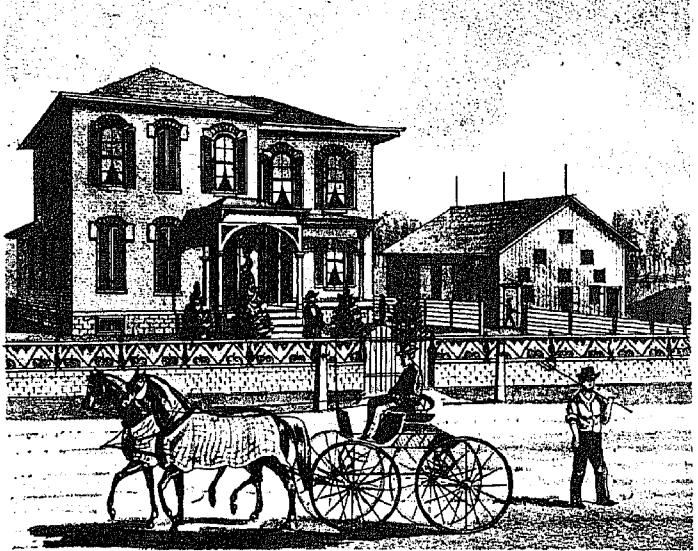


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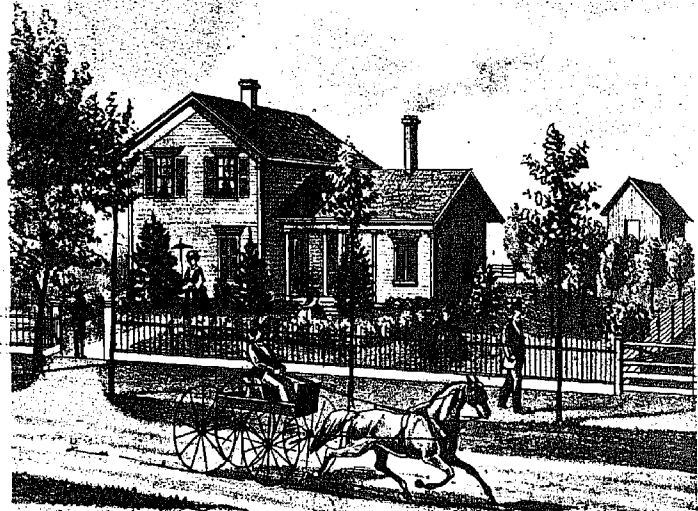




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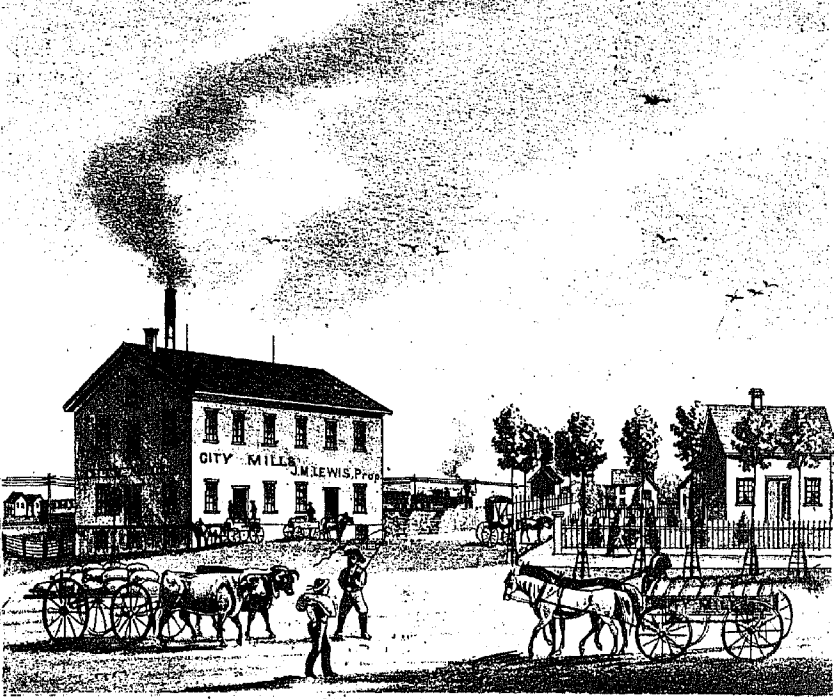
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C. T. SPERRY & Co., Successors to Ashton & Co., Wholesale and Retail dealers in Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods, Clothing, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Carpets, Oil Cloths, etc. No. 20 Court Square.

JACOB KELLY, County Auditor.

S. E. BLAKESLEE, Attorney at Law.

L. E. BREWSTER, Clerk of Courts.

R. D. DOLE, Recorder Williams County.

A. T. BEMENT, Engineer and Surveyor.

P. C. HAYES, Editor and Proprietor *Bryan Press*.

ROBT. N. PATTERSON, Proprietor *Democrat* and General Job Printer.

JOHN W. LEIDIGH, Probate Judge Williams County.

PHILETUS SMITH, Attorney at Law. Office, Opera House Block.

CHAS. ARNOLD, Private Collector.

WM. STOUGH, Justice of the Peace, Real Estate and Insurance Agent.

W. W. DARBY, Sheriff.

BRYAN BANK AND SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION. E. Foster, President; O. C. Ashton, Vice President; J. W. Nelson, Cashier.

S. A. TREAT, Attorney at Law.

J. W. LONG, of Long Bro's., Dealers in Drugs, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Books, Stationery and Fancy Articles generally. Opera House Block.

SELWYN N. OWEN, Attorney at Law.

S. B. HYATT, Real Estate and Personal Property Broker.

PRATT & BENTLEY, Attorneys at Law. West side Public Square.

J. H. SERRELS, Attorney at Law.

G. W. SNYDER, Manufacturer of and dealer in Boots and Shoes. East side Square.

HIME SEIDS, Dealer in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Provisions, Glass and Queensware, Wood and Willow Ware, Lamps and Fixtures, Notions, etc.

J. W. SMITH, Dealer in all kinds of Agricultural Implements; also Agent for the Singer Sewing Machines. S. E. cor. Court Square.

G. W. HARDING, Manufacturer and dealer in Saddles, Carriage and Farm Harness, Flag and Canvas-faced Collars, Whips, Blankets, Combs, Cards, Brushes, Trunks, Fly Nets, Screen Nets, Saddlery Hardware, Traveling Satchels, etc. Sign of Big Collar. South side Public Square.

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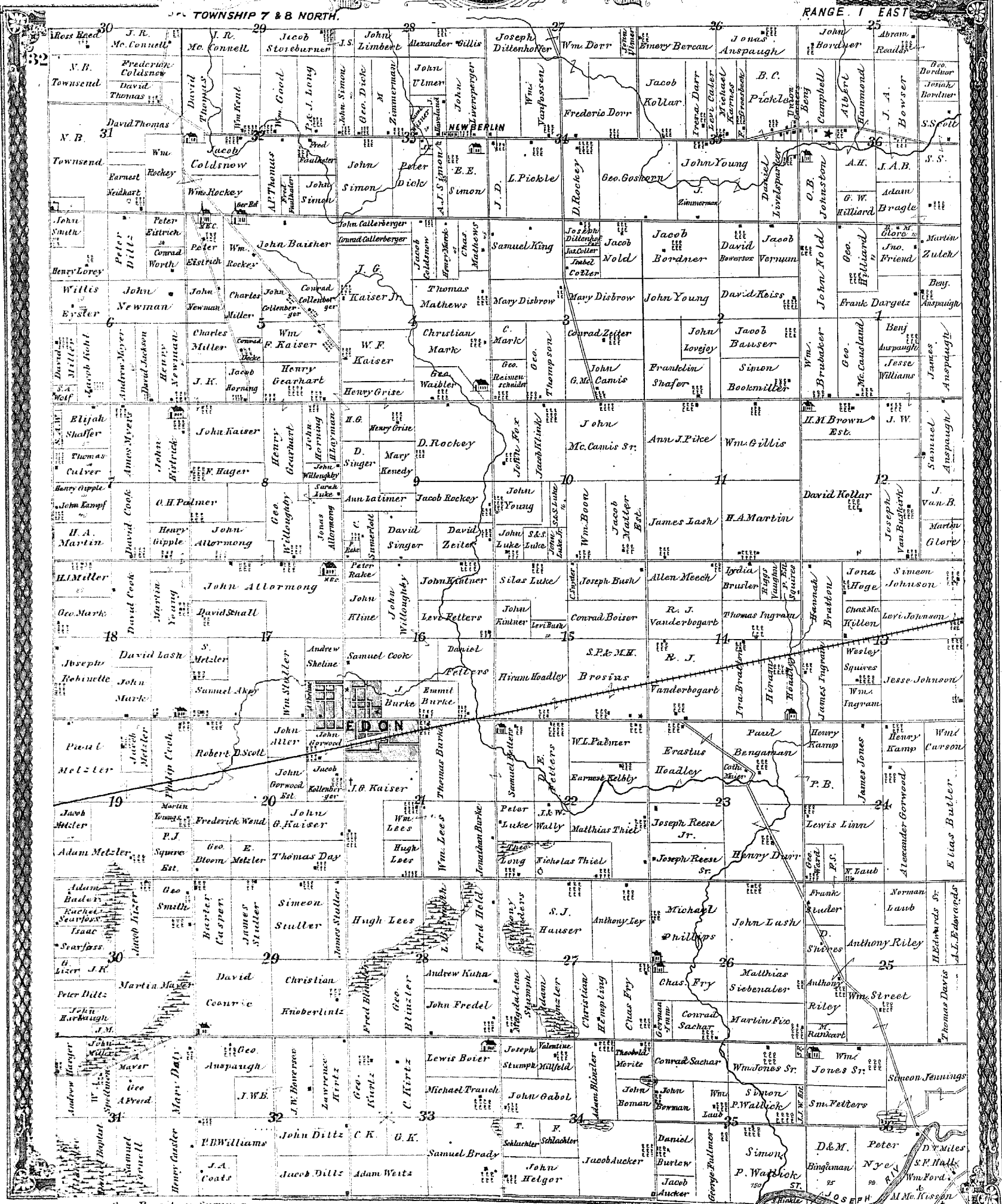
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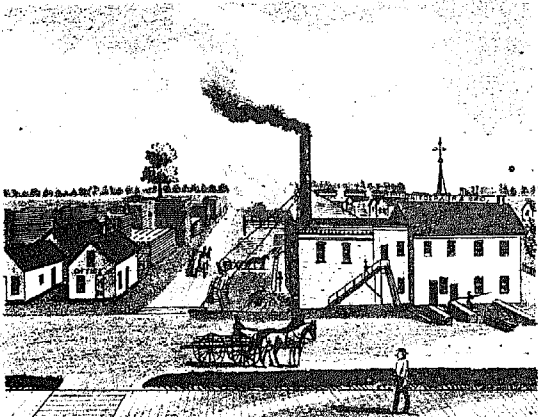
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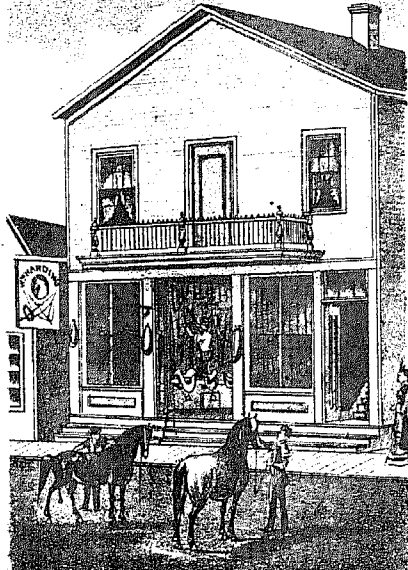
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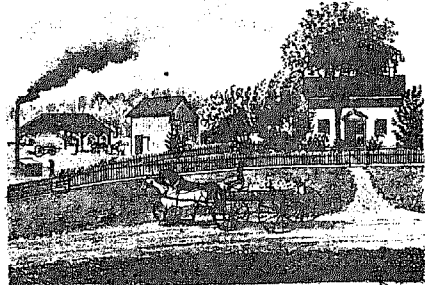
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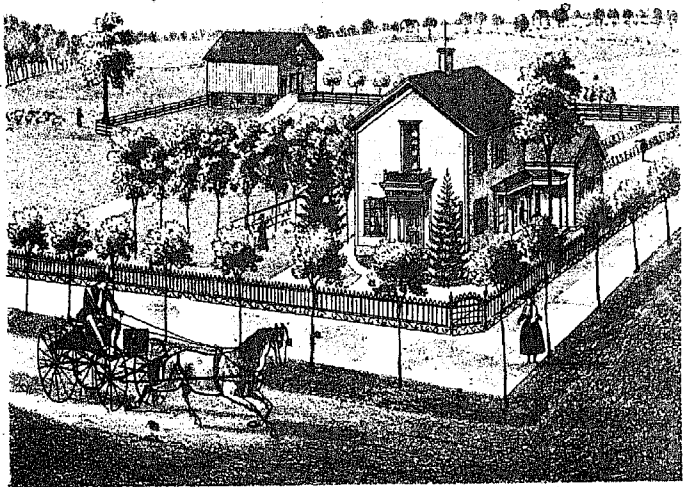
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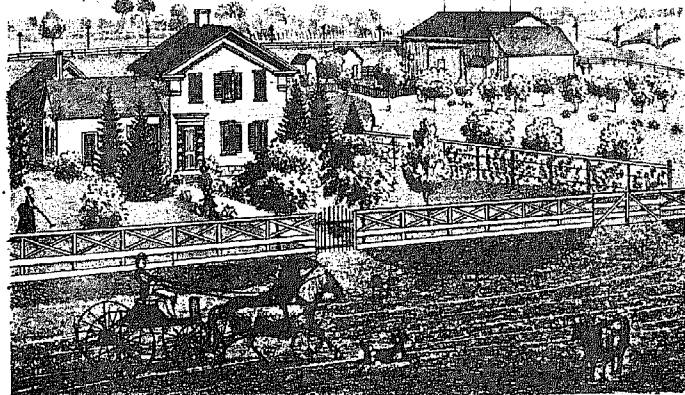
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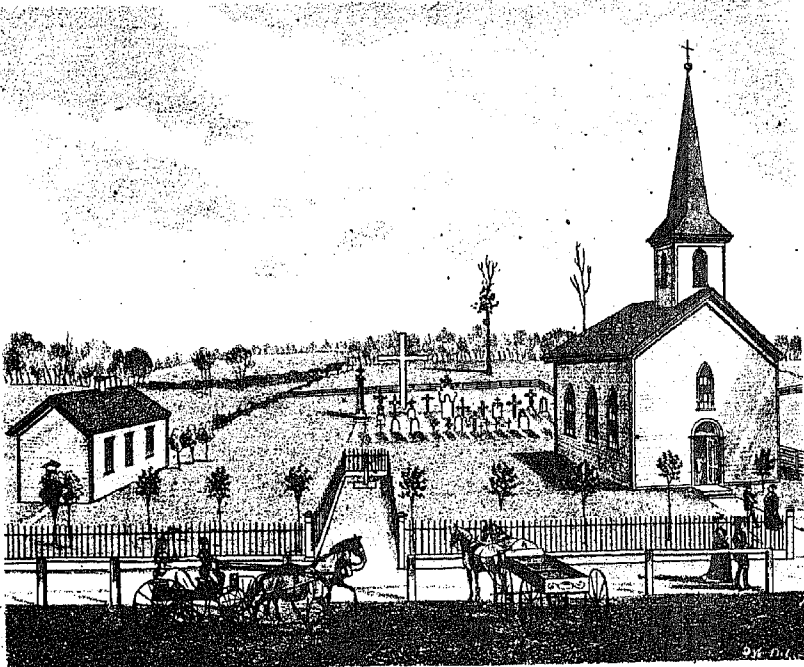
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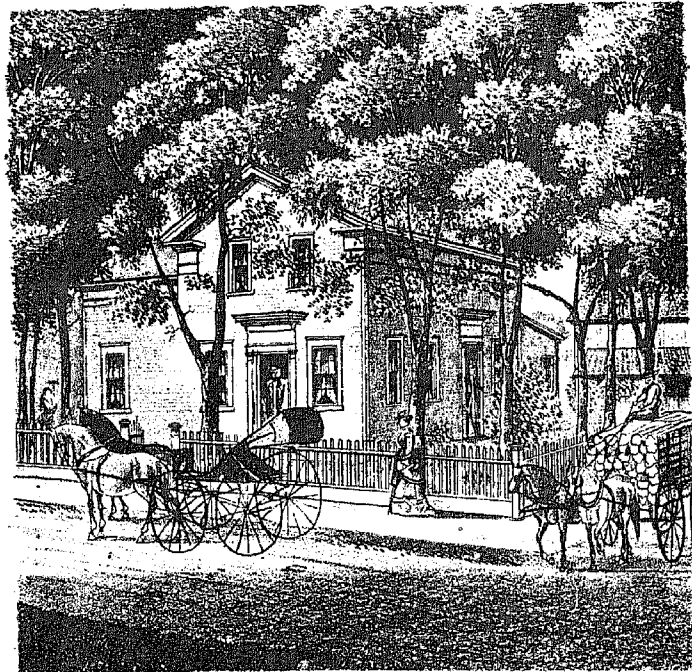
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H. S. KIRK, School Teacher. Madison Township.	A. COLLIE, Carpenter and Joiner. Northwest Township.	H. OPDYCKE, Farmer and dealer in Mowers, Reapers and Blooded Stock. Superior Township.	MISS MOLLIE FYKE, Teacher. Springfield Township.
J. HODSON, Farmer and Agent for Johnson Harvester Company's Mowers and Reapers. Bridgewater Township.	I. N. WISMAN, Carpenter. Northwest Township.	S. MYERS, Farmer and Stock Dealer. Superior Township.	F. B. LEE, Farmer and Saw Mill. Springfield Township.
I. C. SNOW, Farmer and Stock Dealer. Bridgewater Township.	S. J. HAZEN, Farmer, Carpenter and Joiner. Northwest Township.	A. BECHTOL, Farmer and Stock Dealer. Superior Township.	S. BALTOSSER, Farmer and Carpenter. Brady Township.
C. S. SCOVILL, Farmer, Carpenter and Joiner. Bridgewater Township.	JACOB COOLMAN, School Teacher. Northwest Township.	H. DELLINGER, Farmer and Stock Dealer. Superior Township.	D. P. RITENOUR, Farmer and Ashery. Brady Township.
W. H. SCOVILL, Farmer and School Teacher. Bridgewater Township.	R. D. BUTLER, Farmer and Grain Thresher. Northwest Township.	S. M. LEEK, Farmer and Stock Dealer. Superior Township.	A. S. GISH, Farmer and Teacher. Brady Township.
H. M. CLOSE, Farmer and Minister of the Gospel. Bridgewater Township.	G. W. JOHNSON, Farmer and Stock Raiser. Mill Creek Township.	M. H. LOUDEN, Farmer and Stock Dealer. Superior Township.	H. B. HAYES, Carpenter. Brady Township.
ABEL BUCK, Farmer and Manufacturer of Steam Cut Shingles. Bridgewater Township.	H. W. MOYERS, Nursery and Farming. Mill Creek Township.	DANIEL KINT, Farmer and Carpenter. Superior Township.	WM. SWISHER, Farmer and Stock Dealer. Brady Township.
J. REYNOLDS, Farmer and Township Trustee. Bridgewater Township.	SILAS CRUM, Farmer and Trustee. Mill Creek Township.	JACOB ALLMAN, Farmer and Carpenter. Superior Township.	G. F. PIFER, Farmer and Blacksmith. Brady Township.
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J. LANTZ, Farmer and dealer in Live Stock. Bridgewater Township.	J. A. FLORA, Physician. Mill Creek Township.	F. DARR, Farmer and Stock Dealer. Florence Township.	S. A. BROWNWELL, Custom Grist and Saw Mill. Brady Township.
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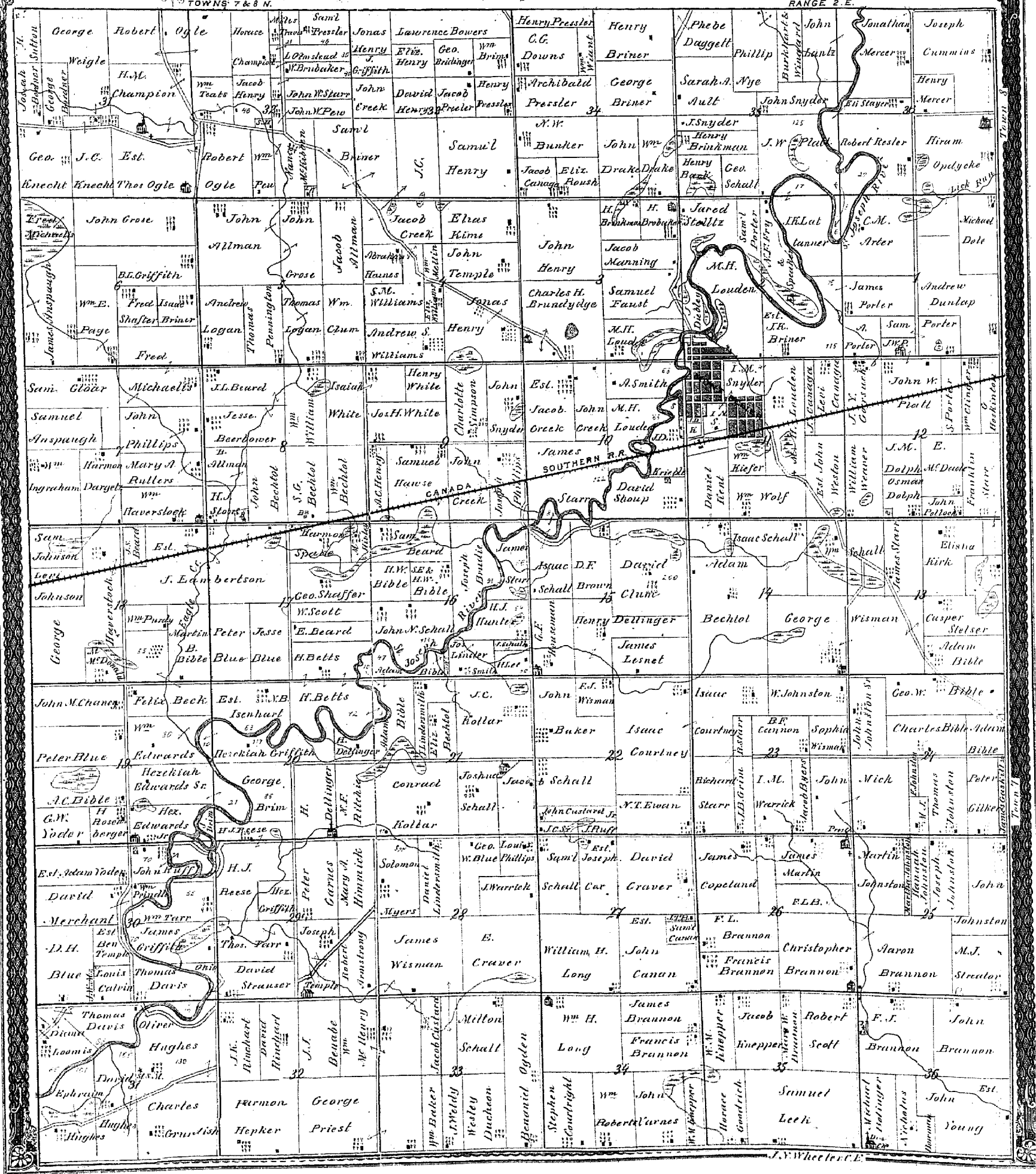


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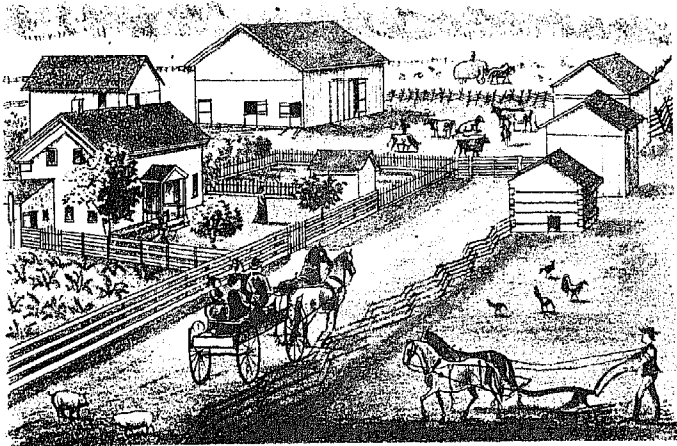
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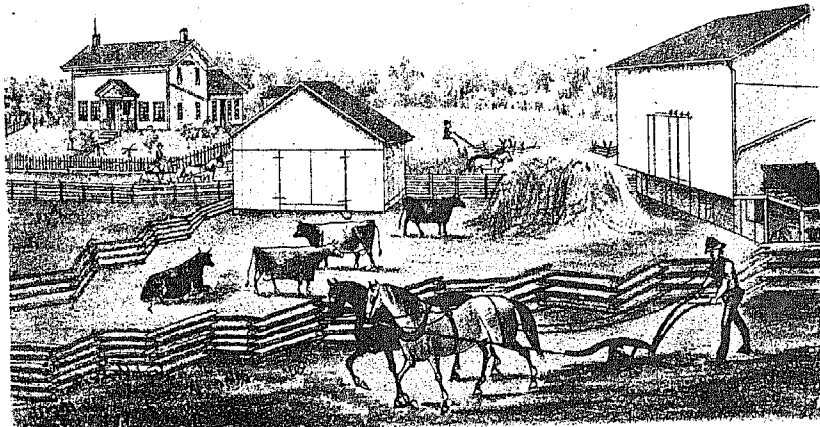
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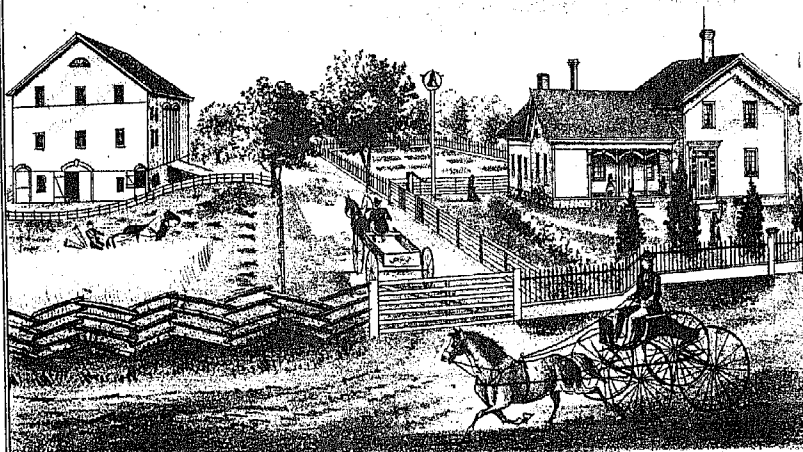
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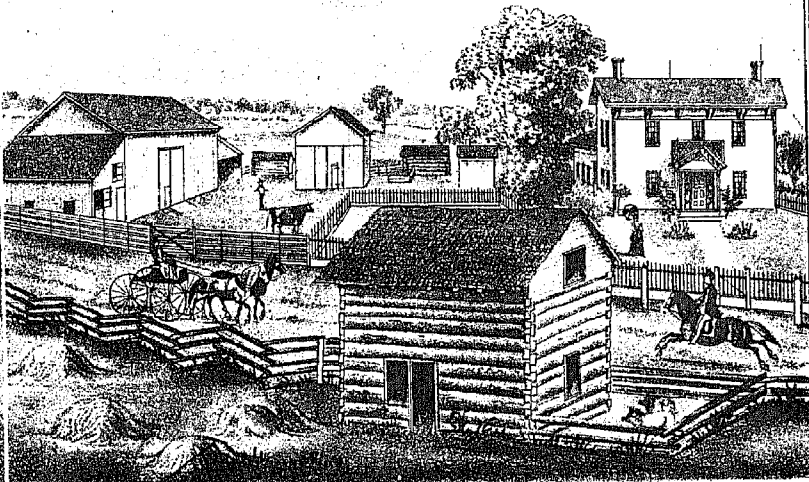
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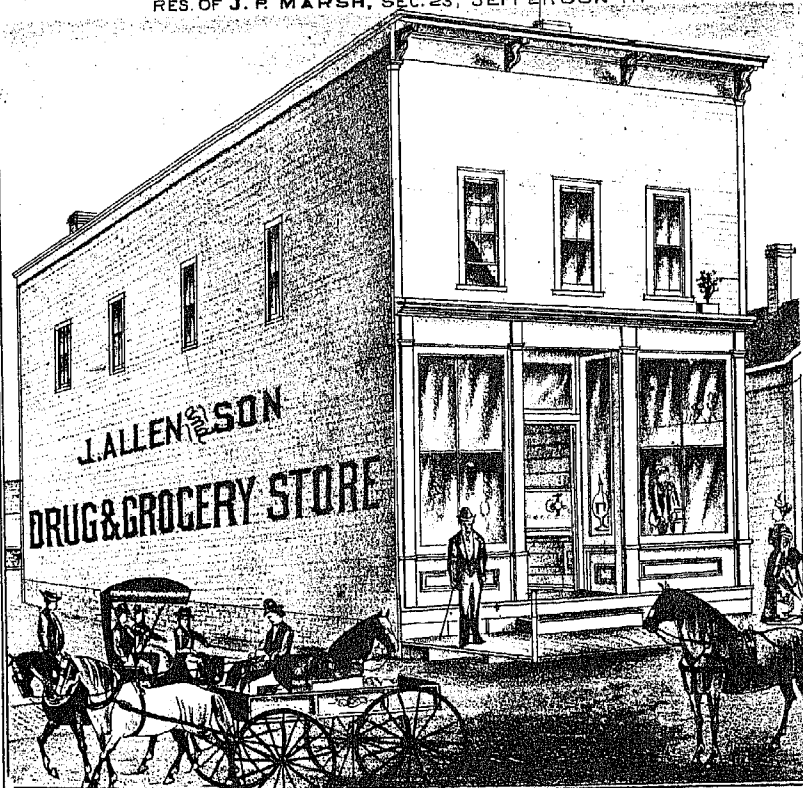
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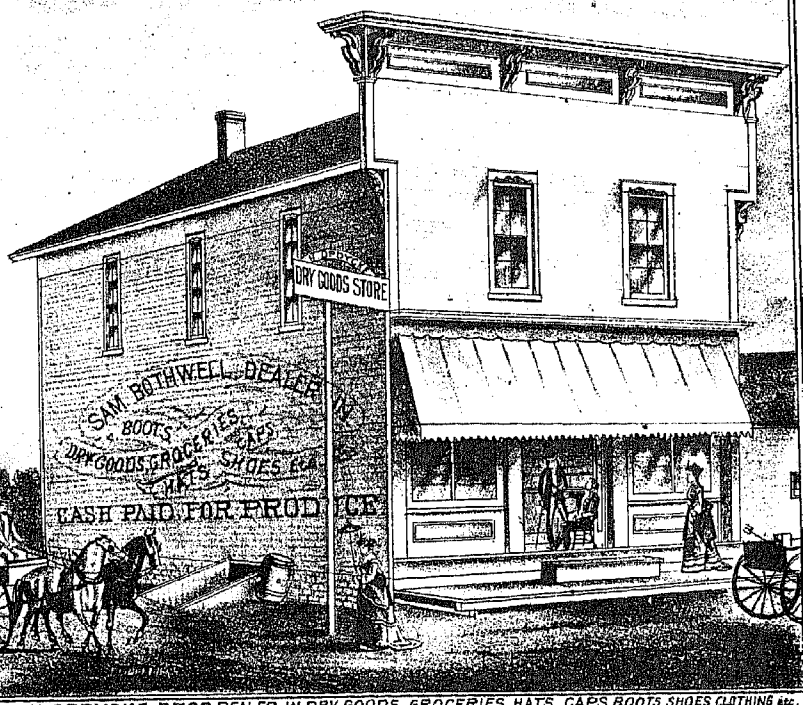
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RES. OF J. P. MARSH, SEC. 23, JEFFERSON TP.



RES. OF W. M. SEVRENCE, SEC. 22, MILL CREEK TP.



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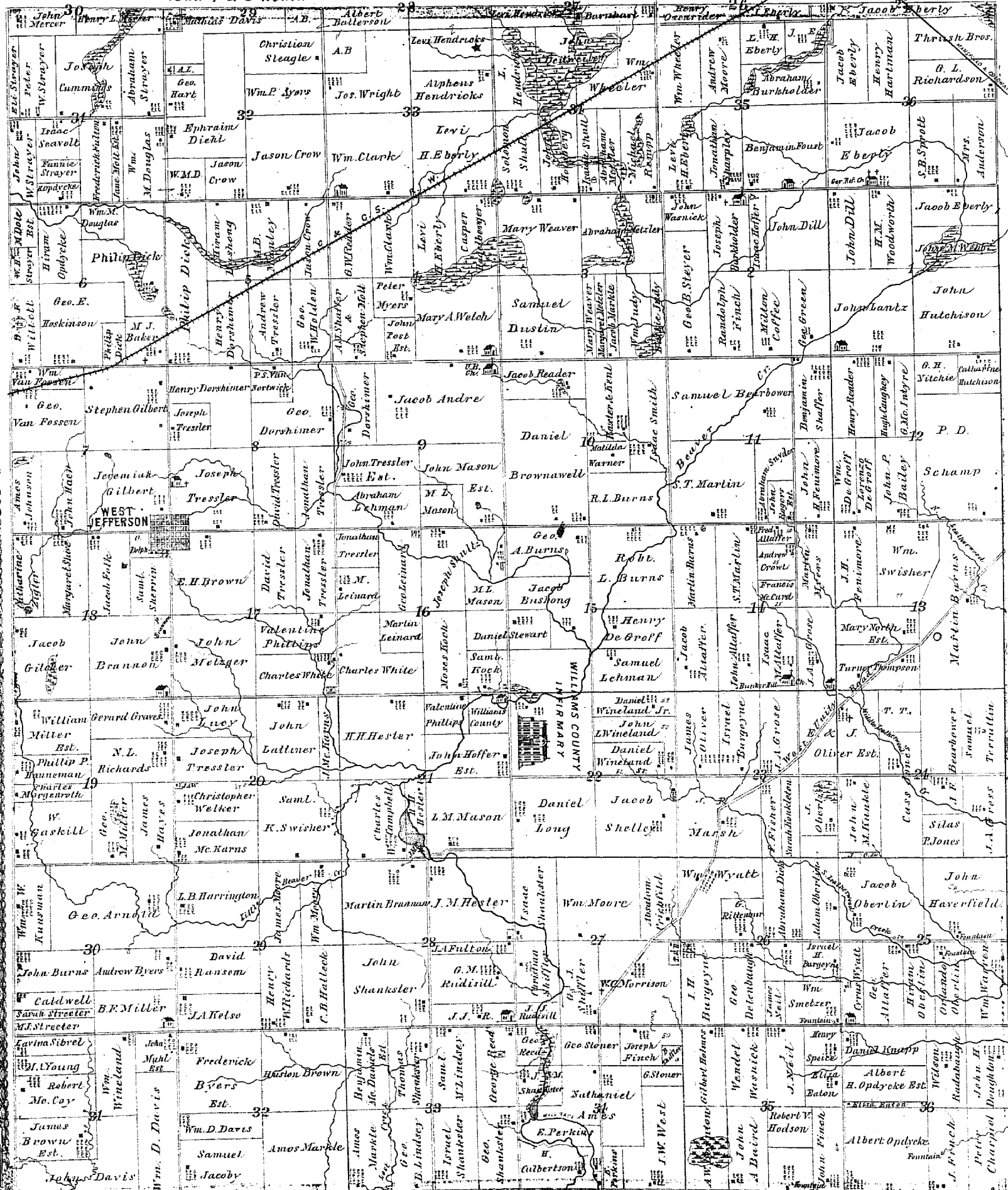
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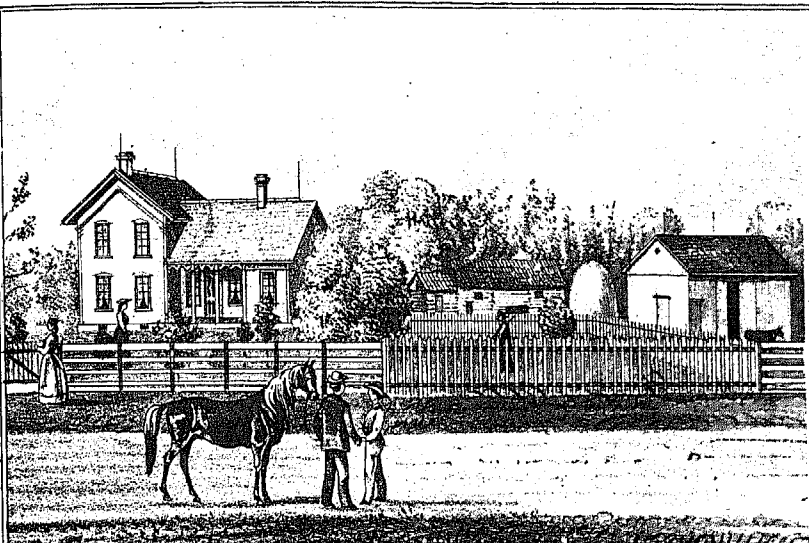
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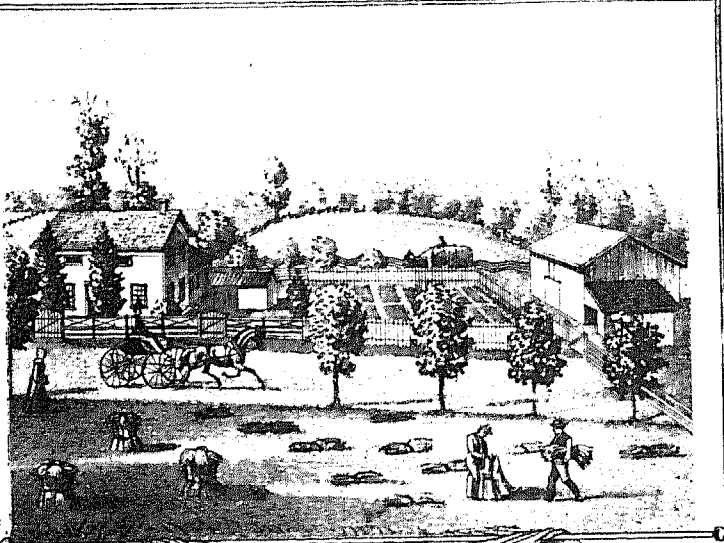
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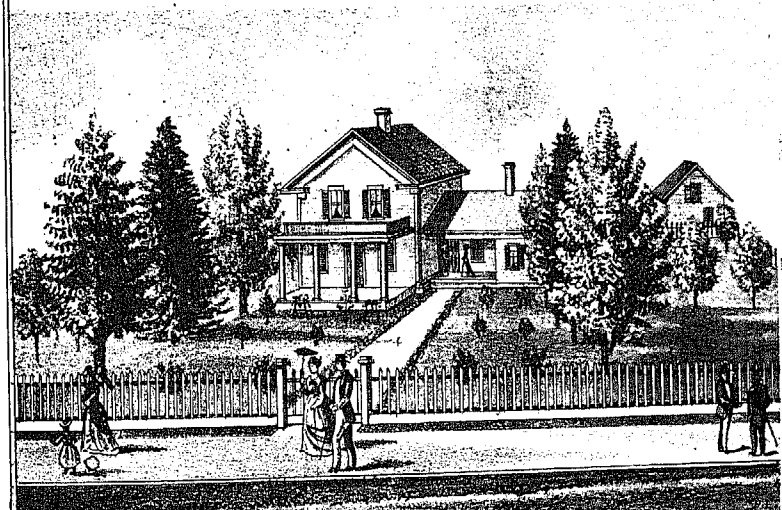




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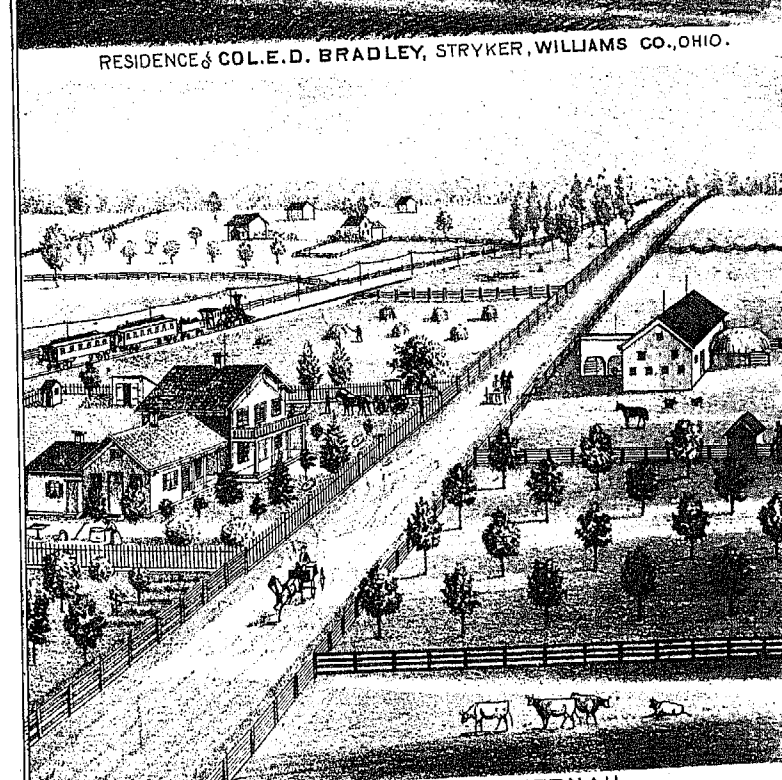
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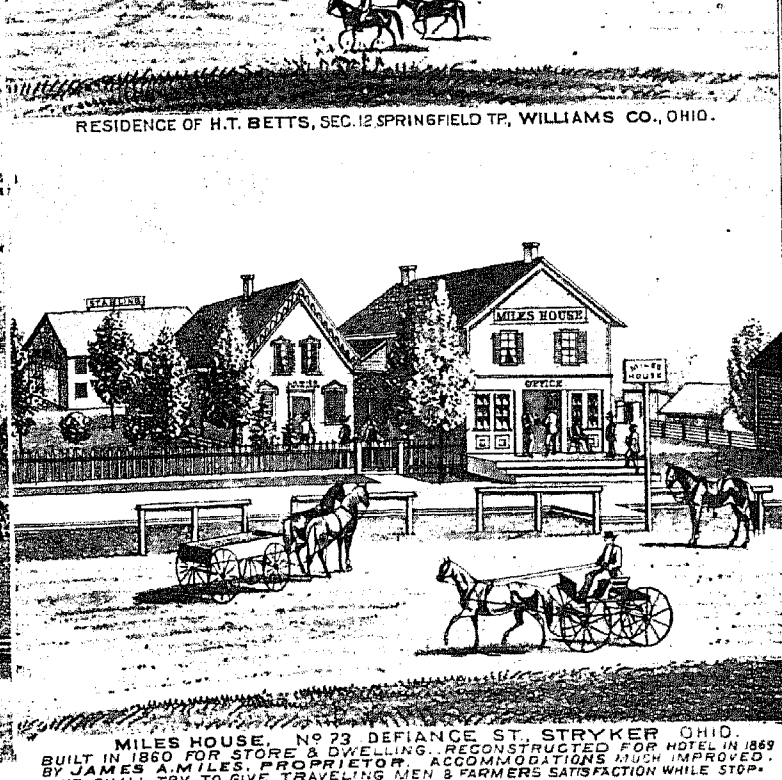
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MILES HOUSE, No 23 DEFIANCE ST. STRYKER OHIO. BUILT IN 1860 FOR STORE & DWELLING. RECONSTRUCTED FOR HOTEL IN 1869 BY JAMES A. MILES, PROPRIETOR. ACCOMMODATIONS MUCH IMPROVED. WE SHALL TRY TO GIVE TRAVELING MEN & FARMERS SATISFACTION WHILE STOPPING WITH US.

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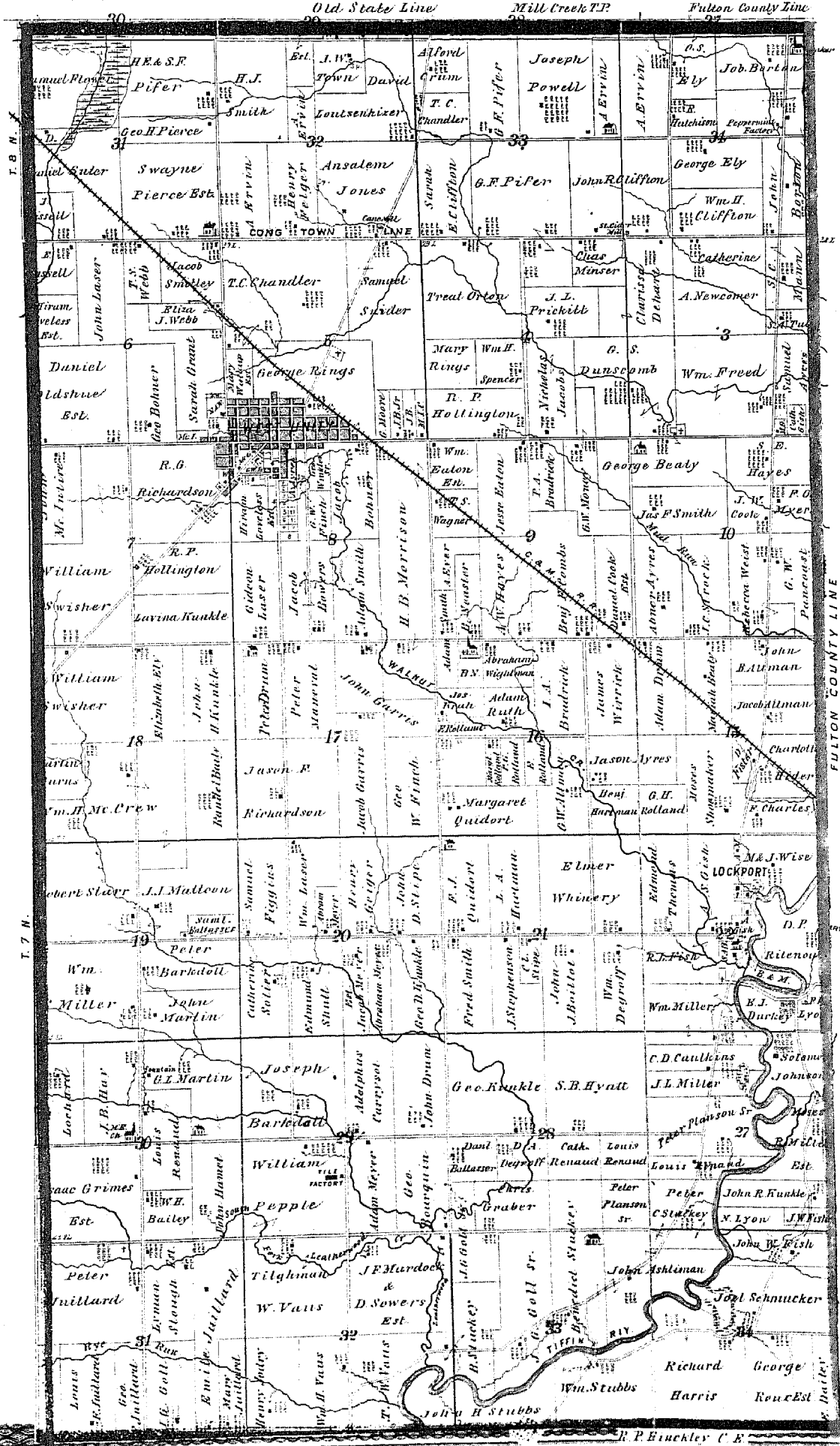
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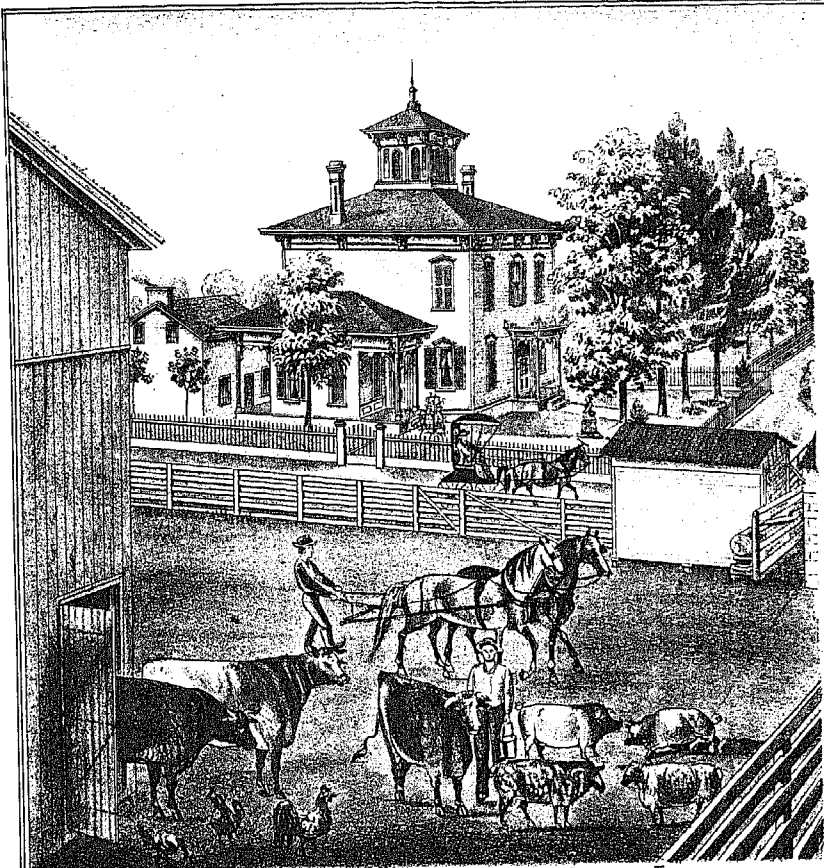
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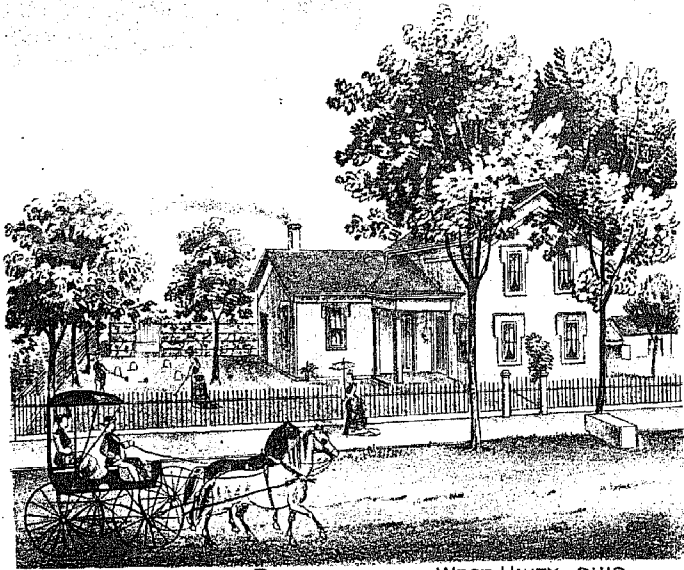


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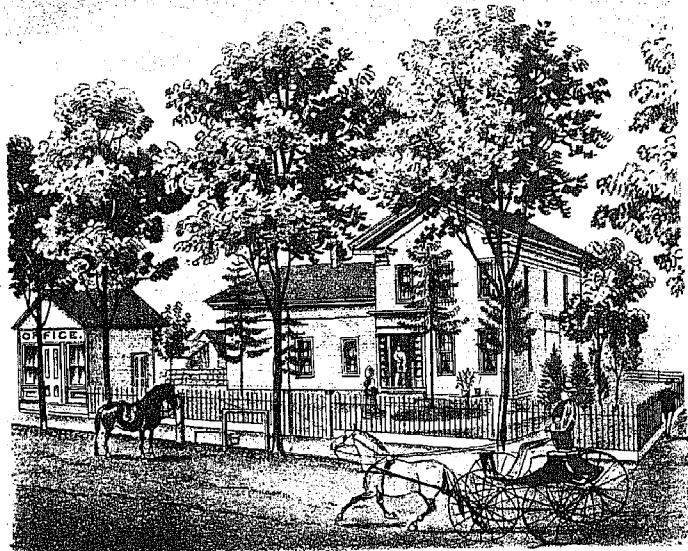
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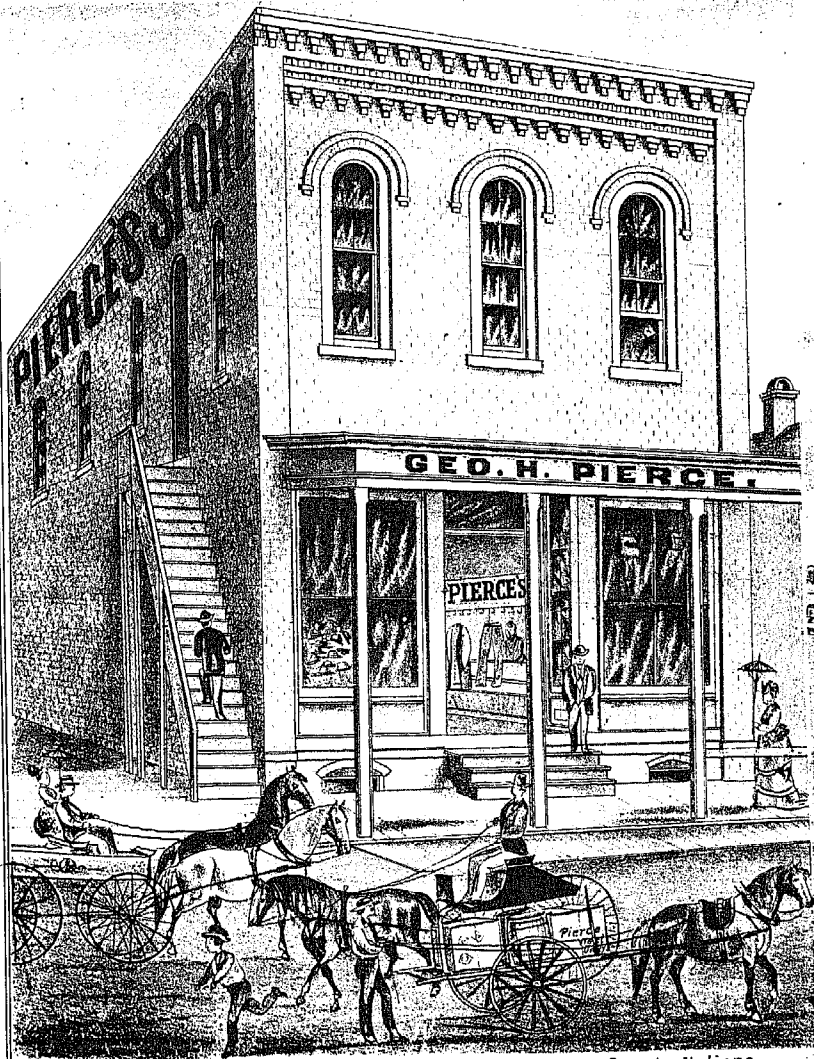
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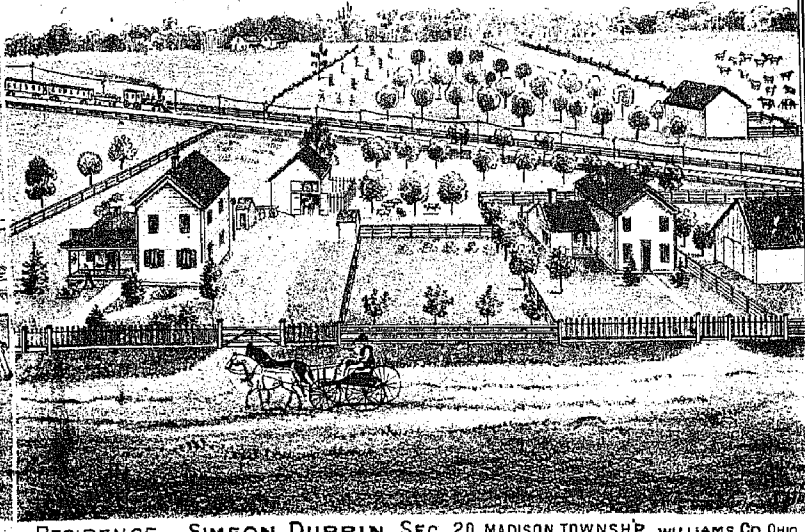
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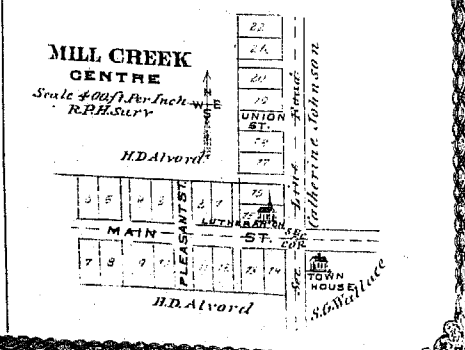
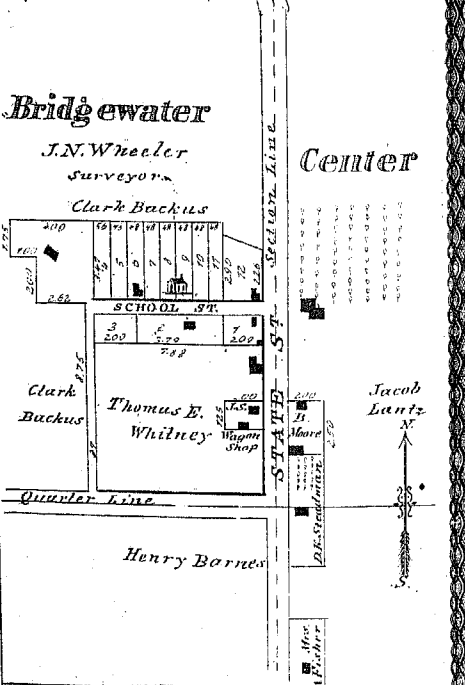
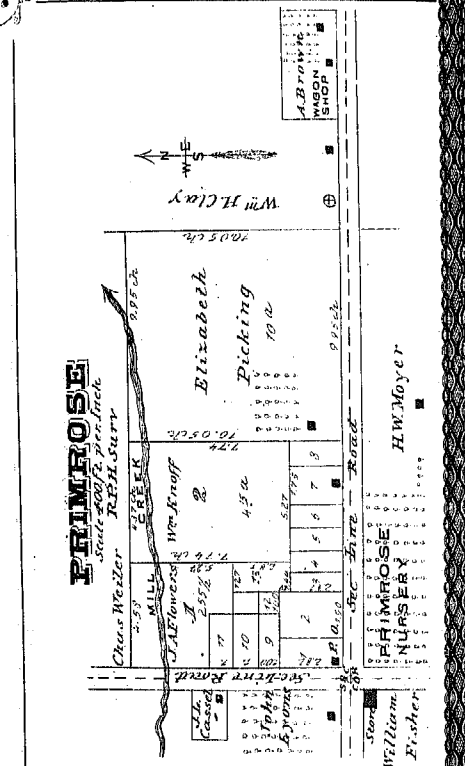
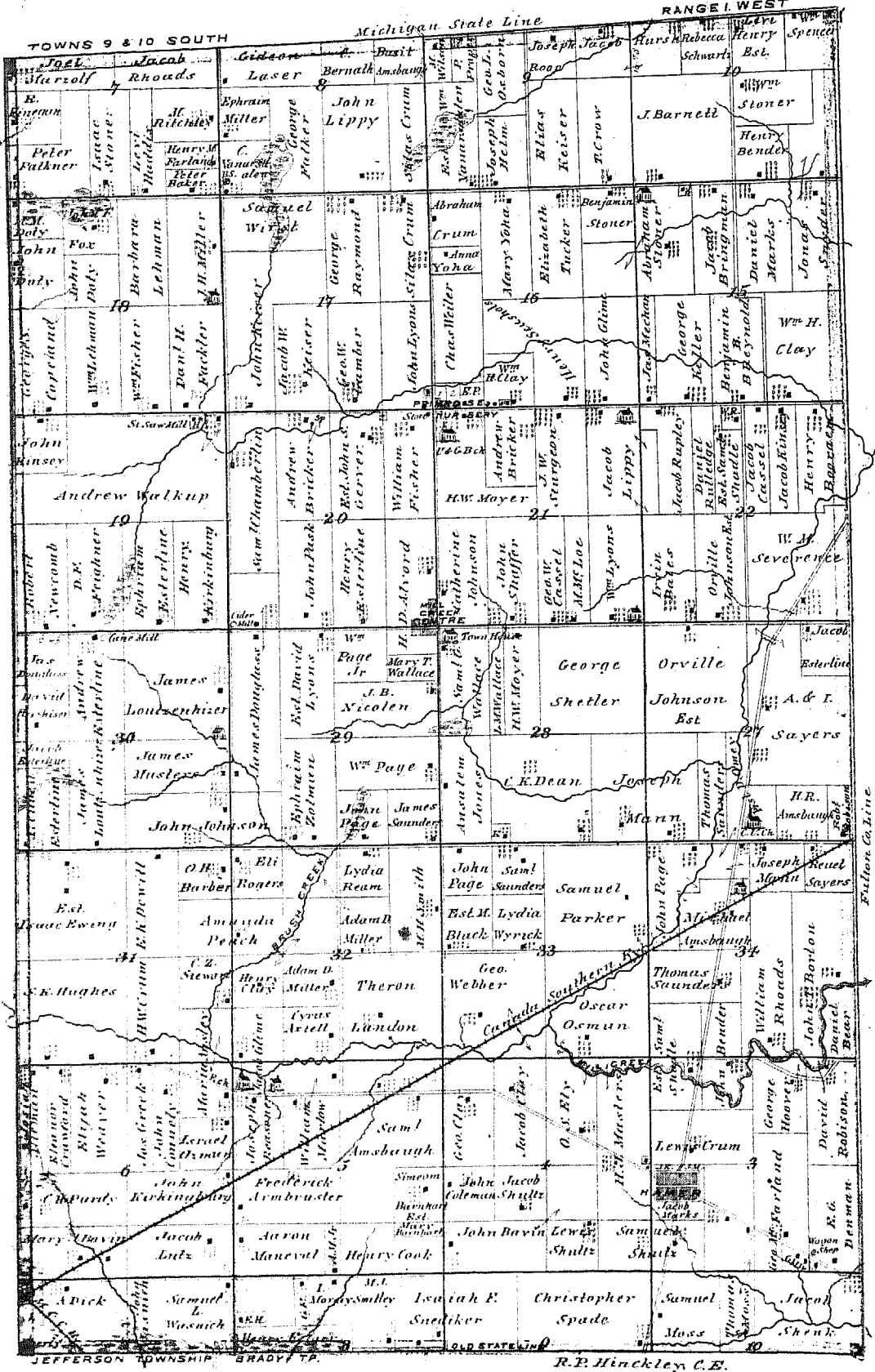
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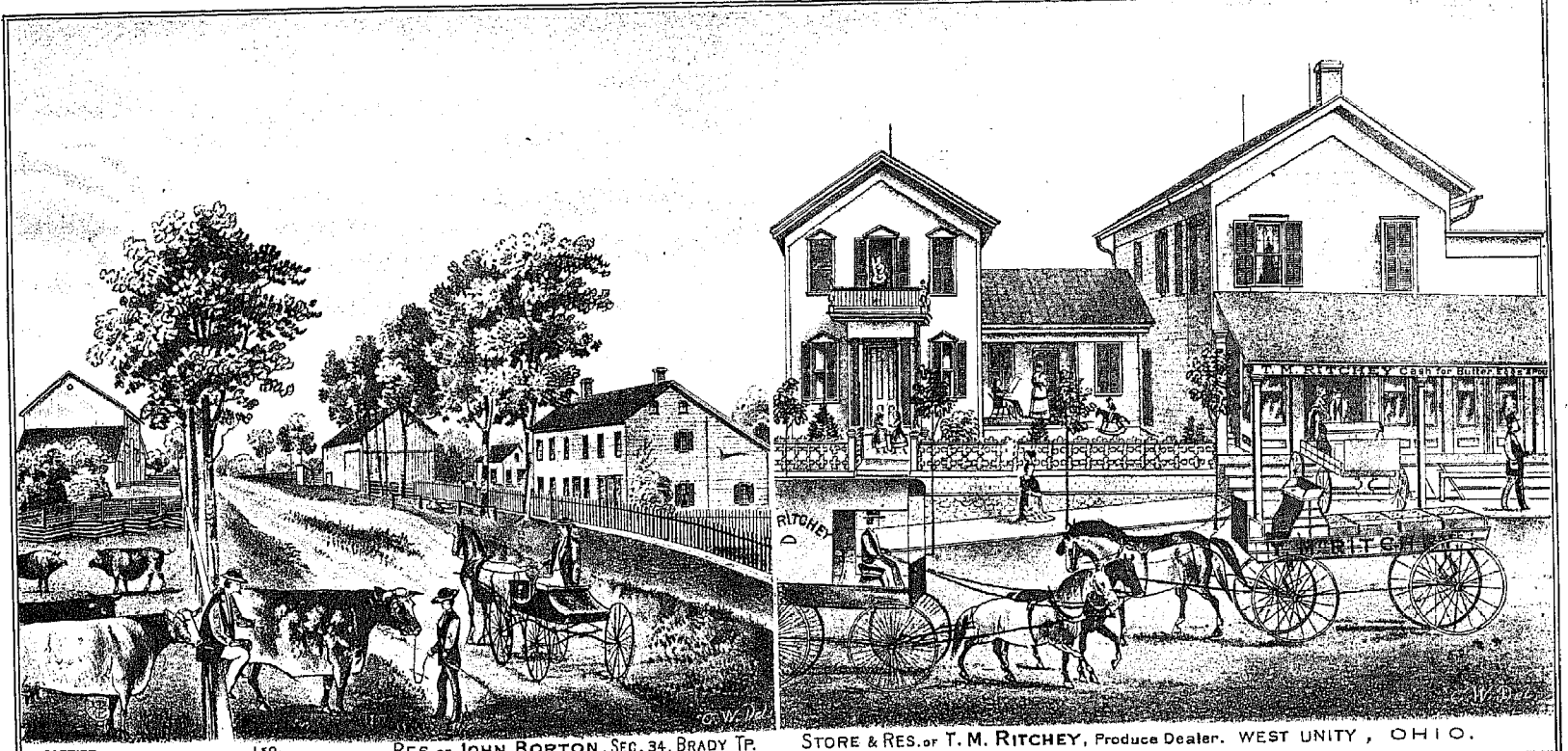
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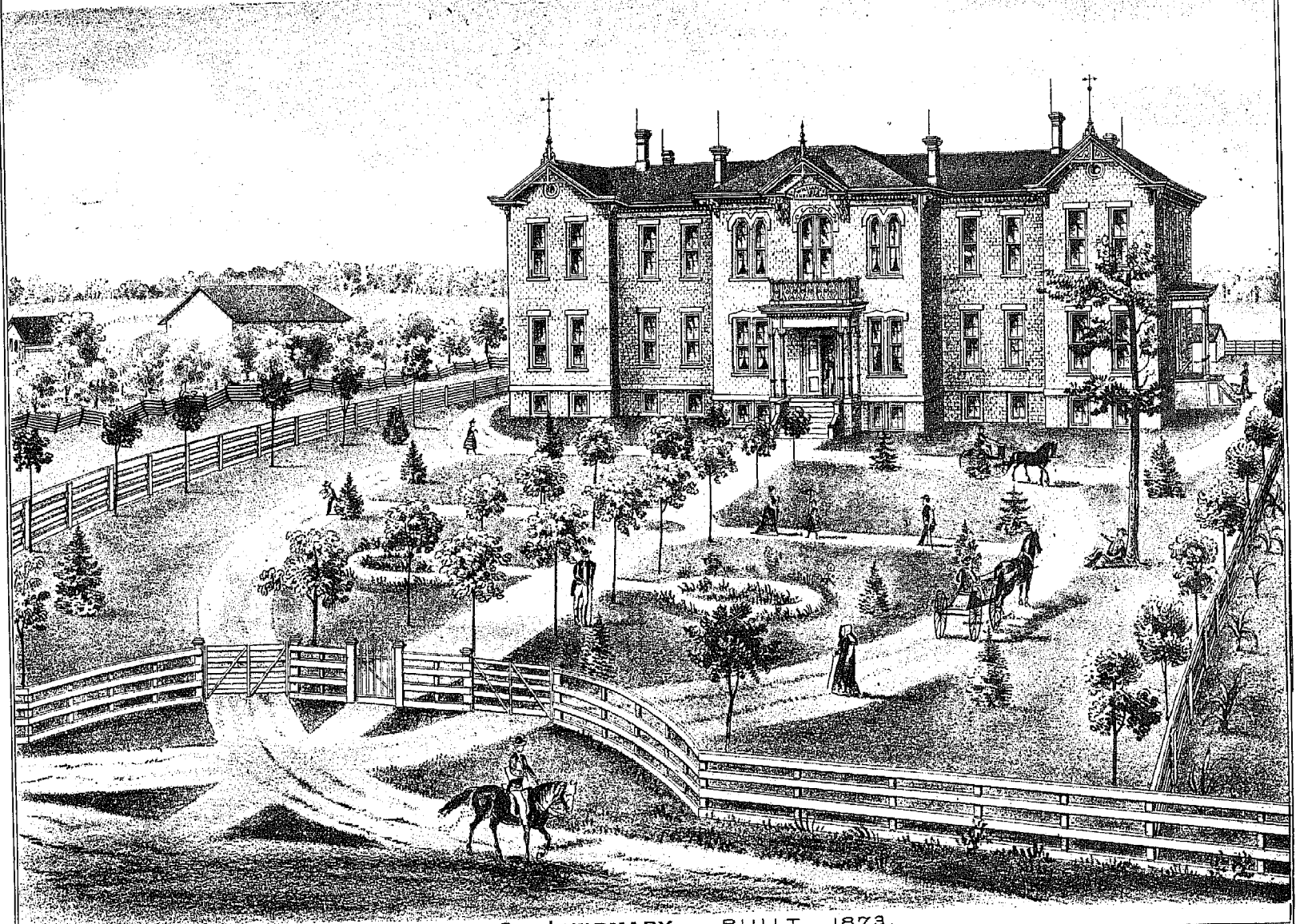
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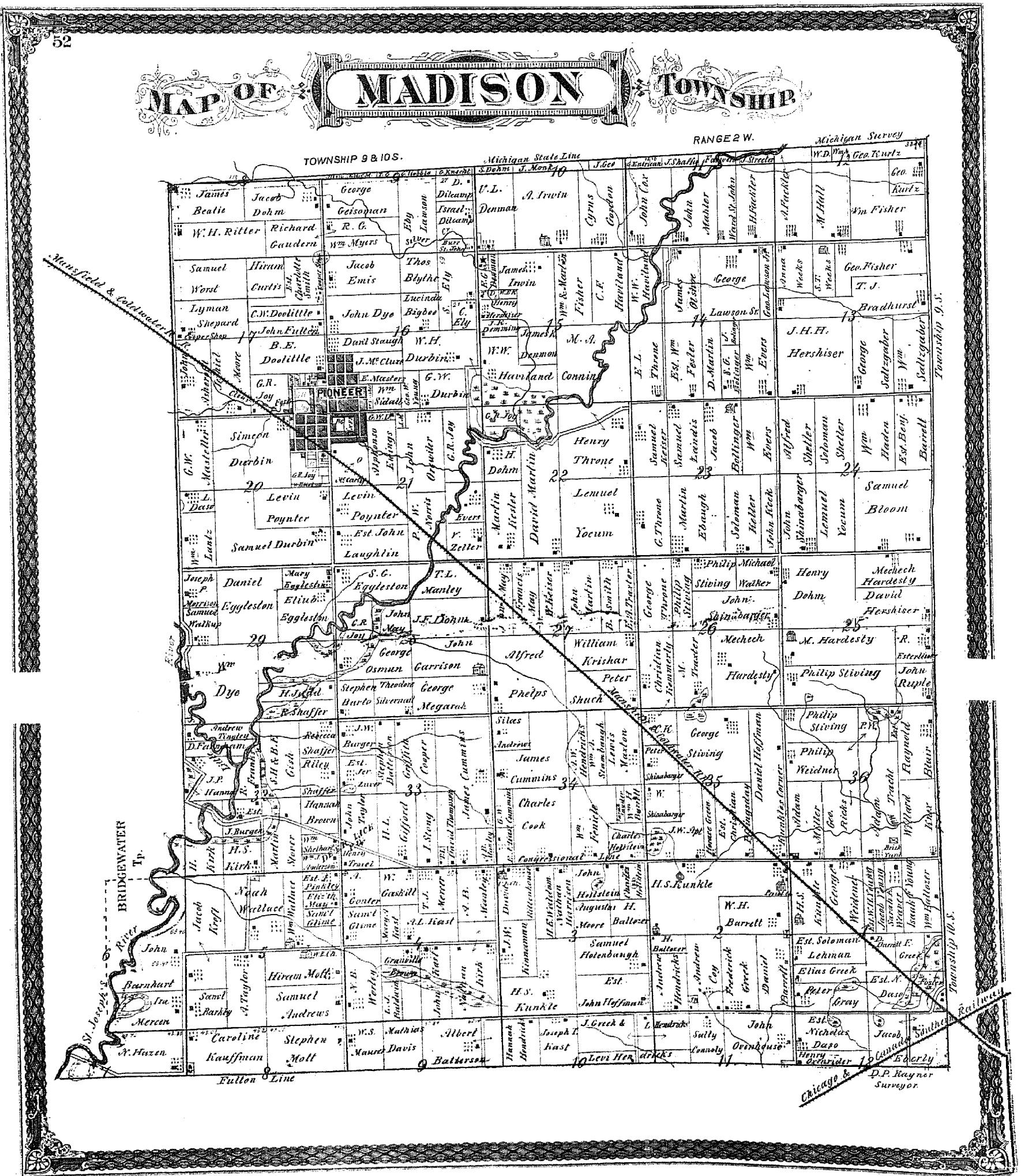
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STORE & RES. OF T. M. RITCHEY, Produce Dealer. WEST UNITY, OHIO.



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# MAP OF MADISON TOWNSHIP



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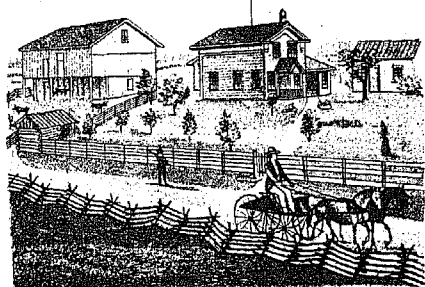
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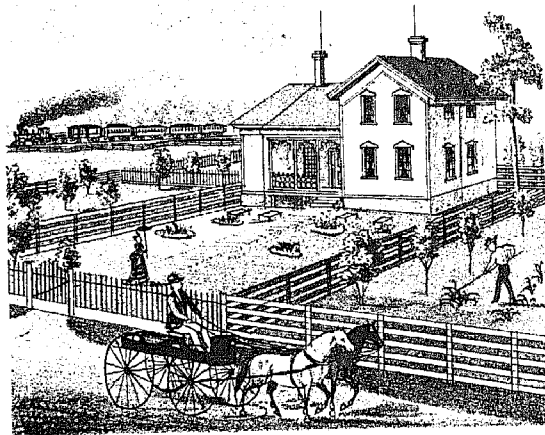
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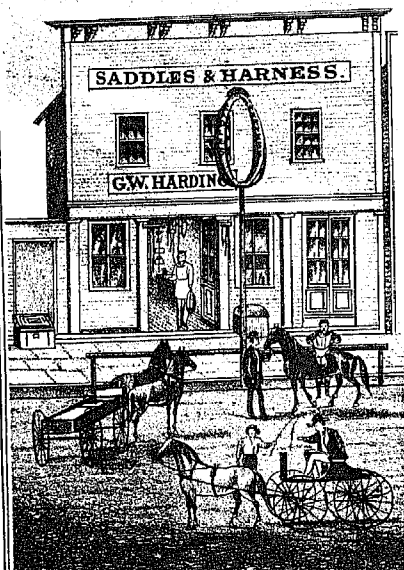




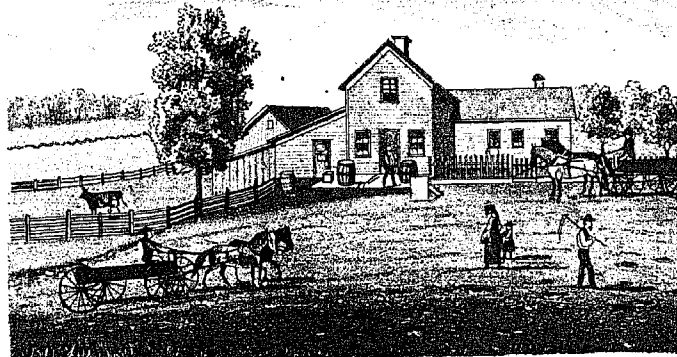
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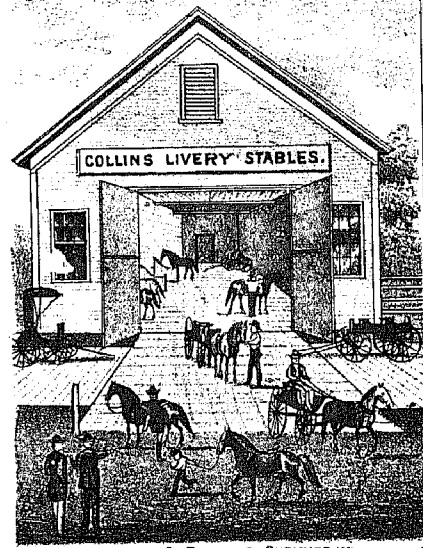
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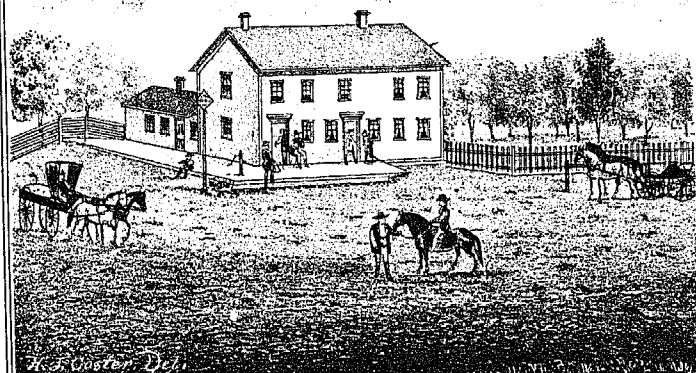
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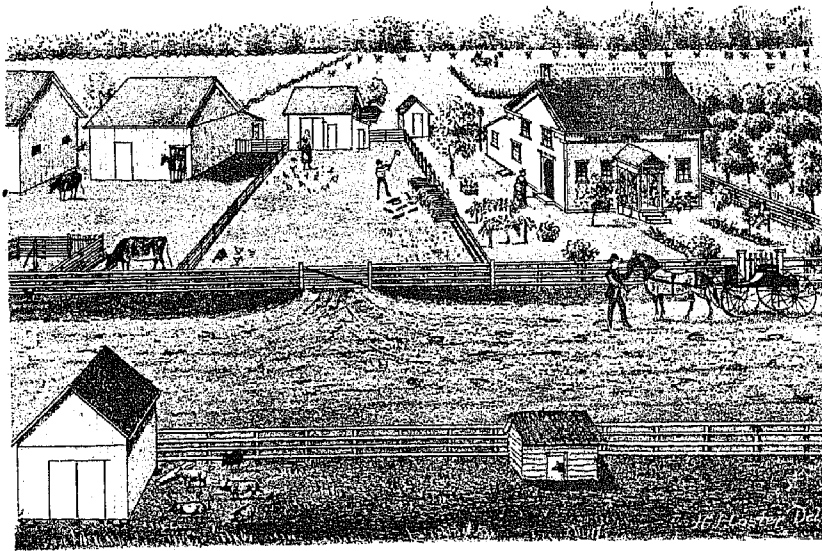
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LIVERY STABLE OF A. COLLINS, STRYKER, WILLIAMS CO. OHIO. Good Horses & splendid Carriages can be furnished on short Notice. Parties conveyed to any Part of the Country cheap.



COLUMBIA HOTEL, KEPT BY JOSEPH RANNELS, COLUMBIA, NORTH WEST TR., WILLIAMS CO. OHIO.

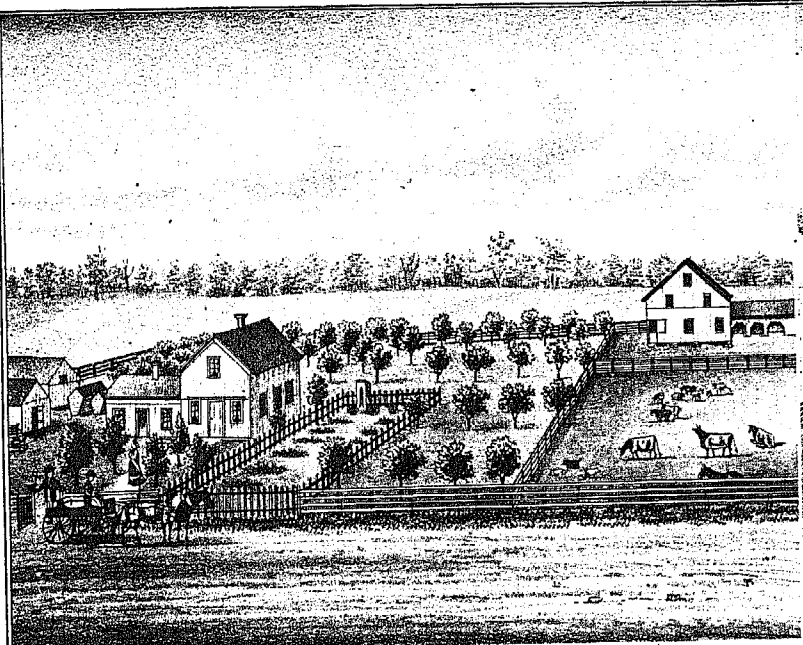


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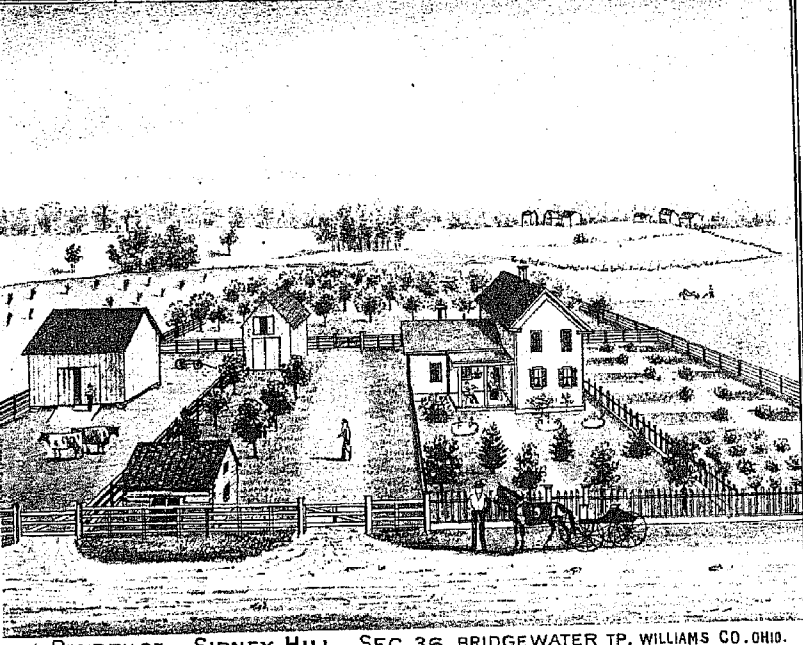
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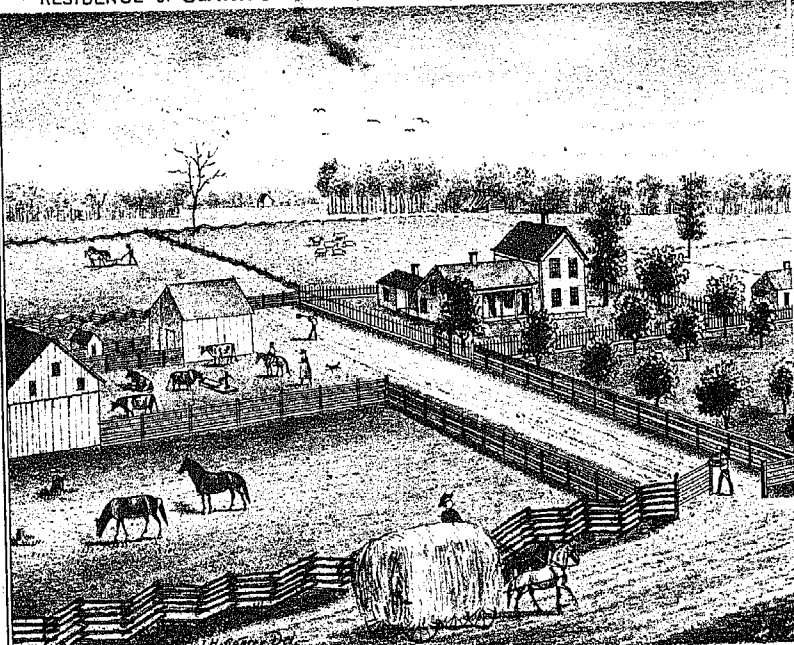
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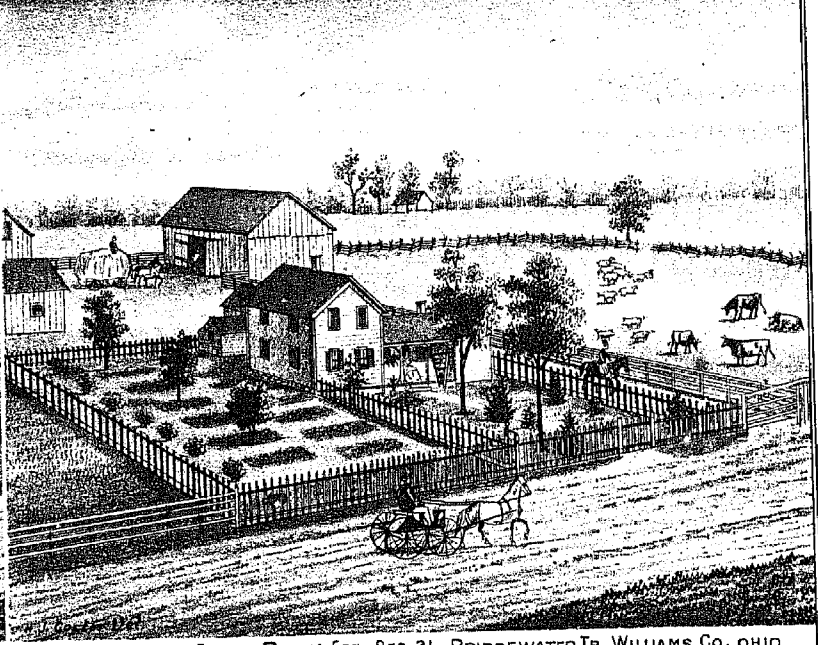
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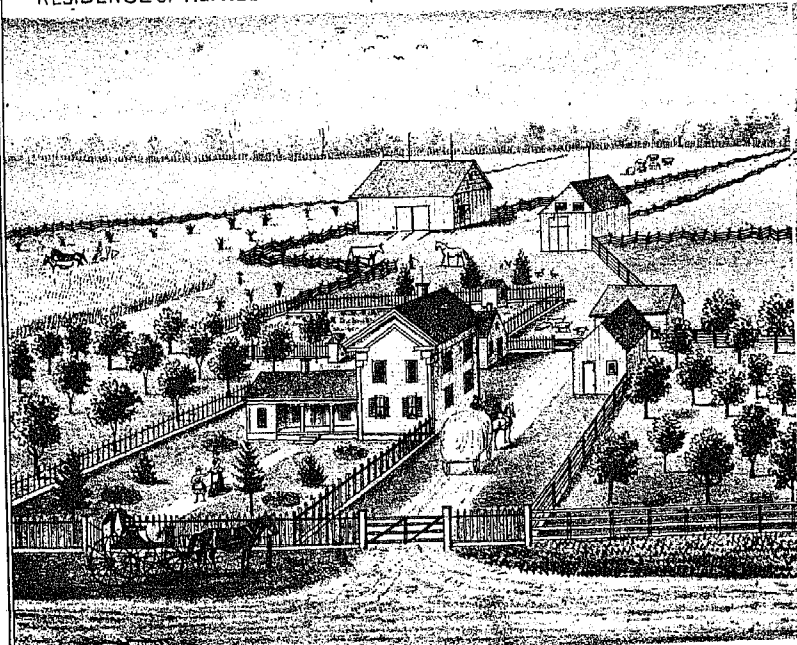
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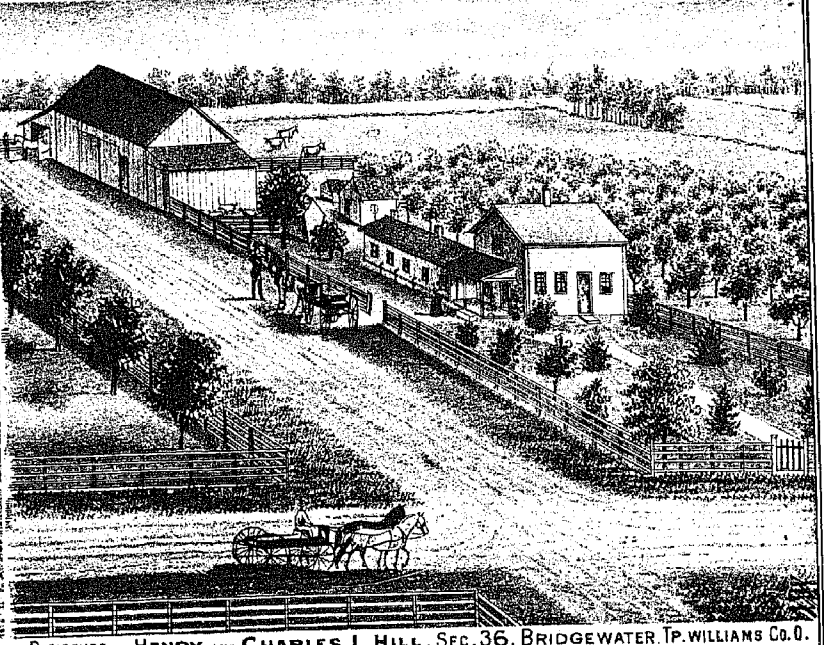
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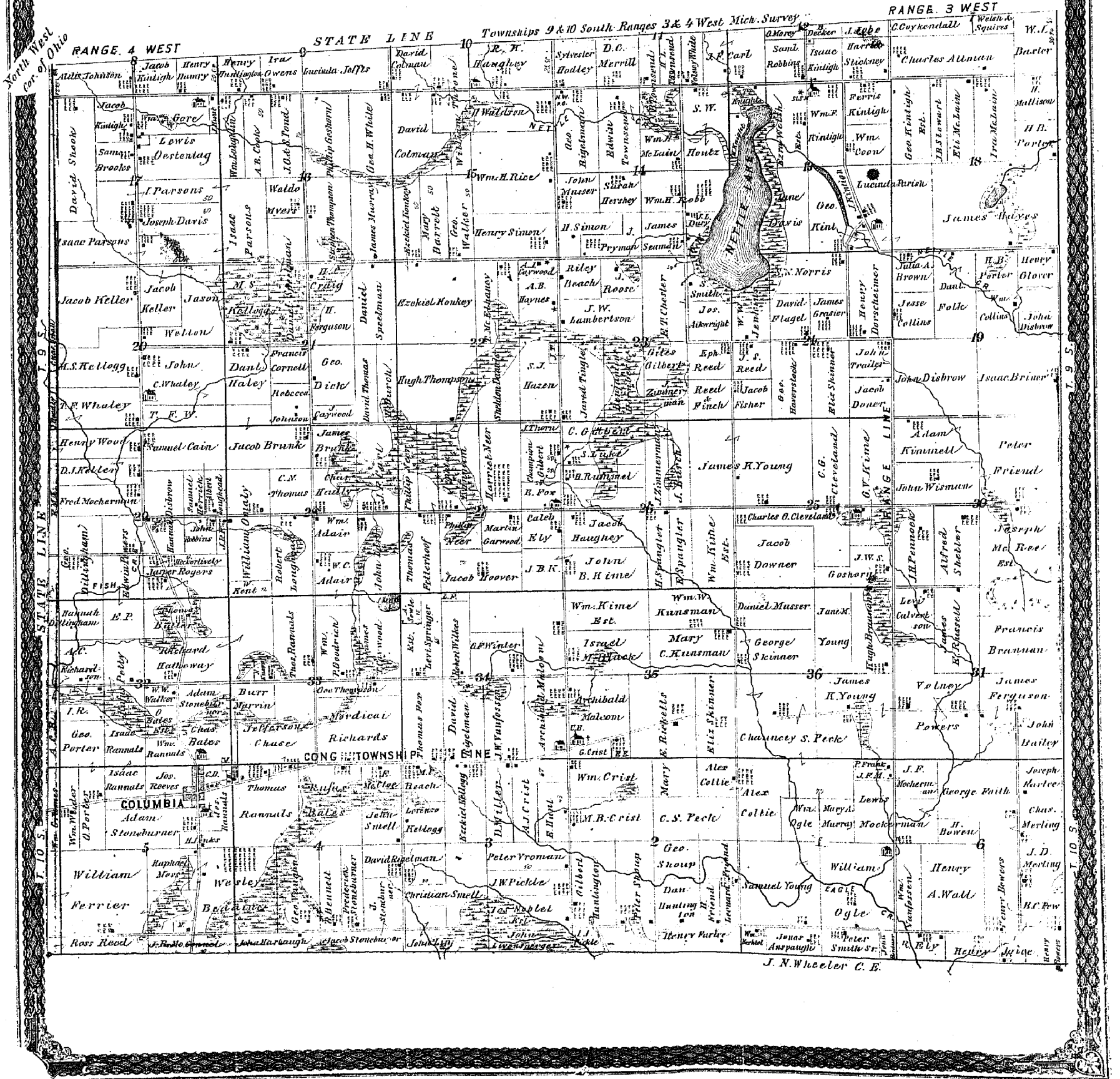
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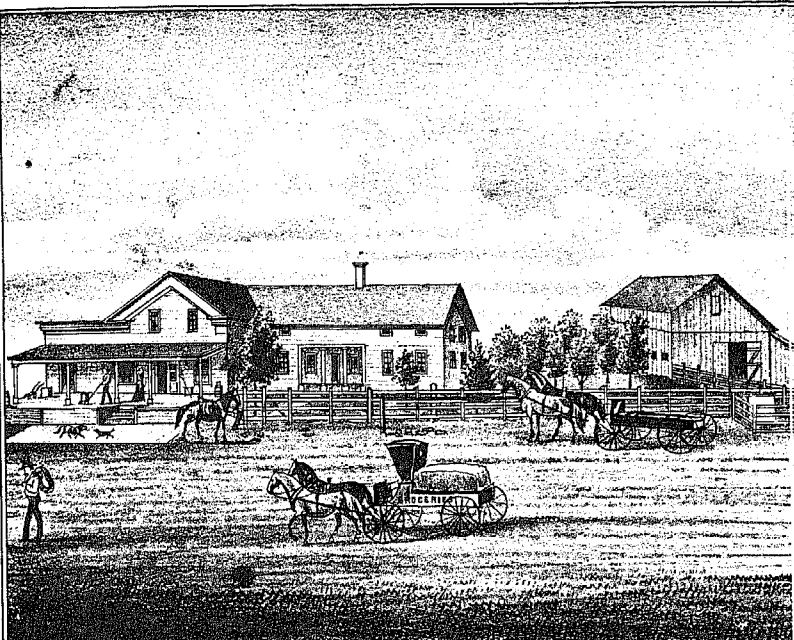
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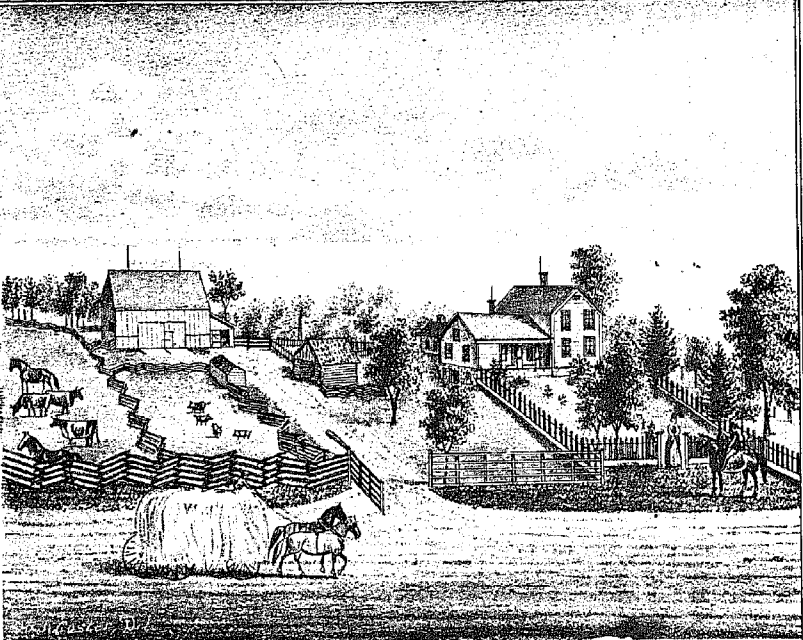
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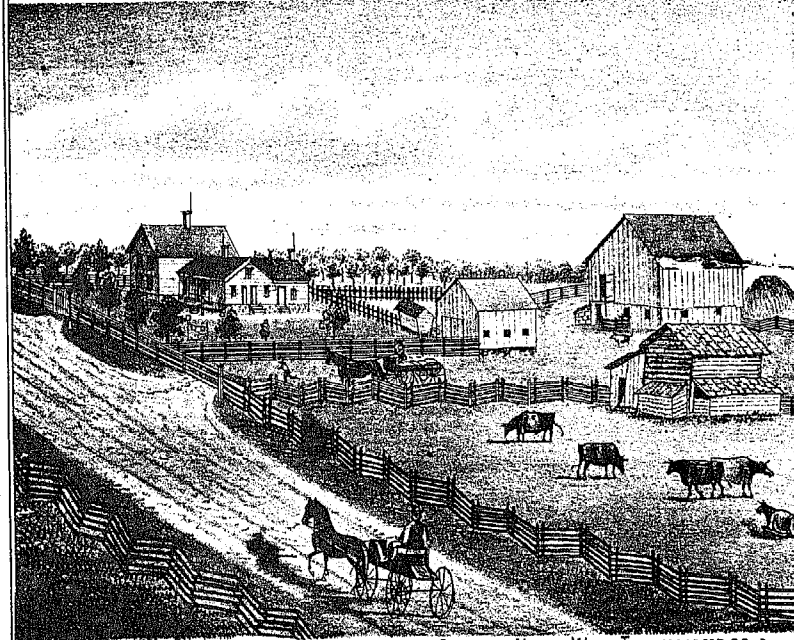
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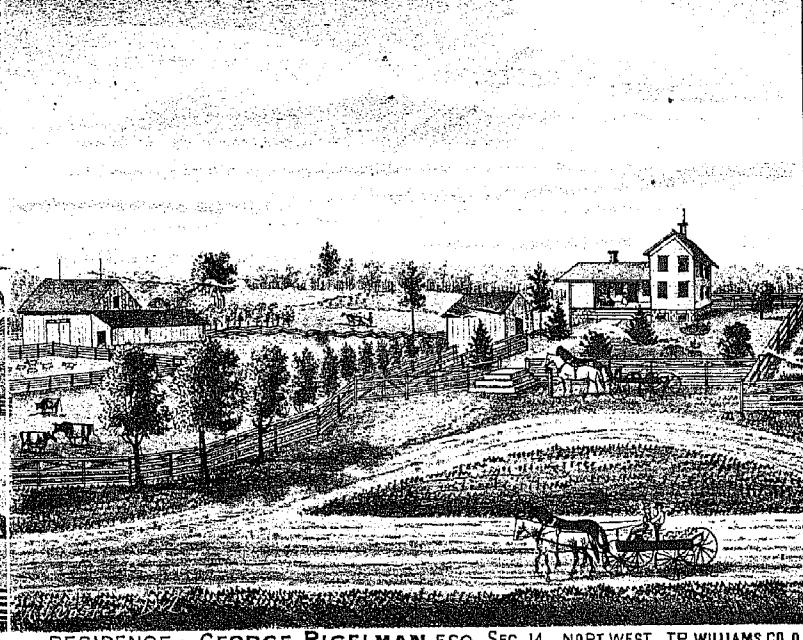
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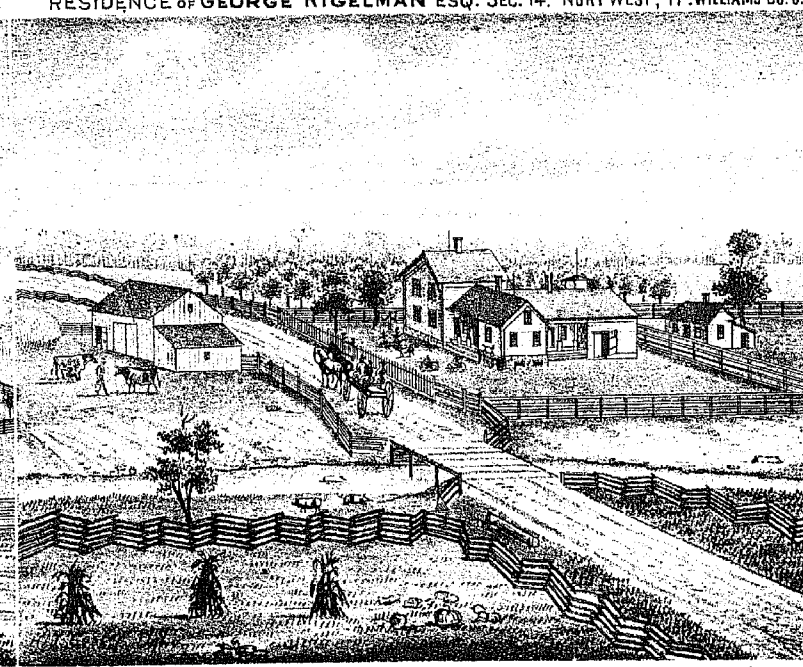
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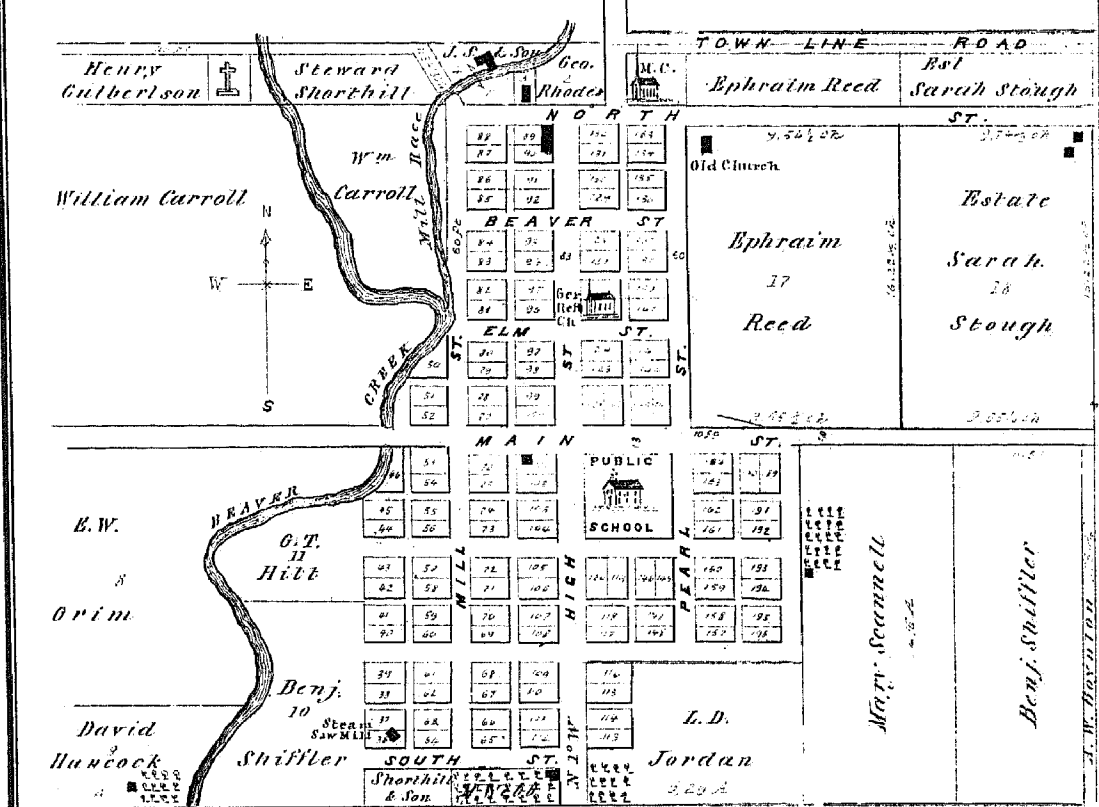
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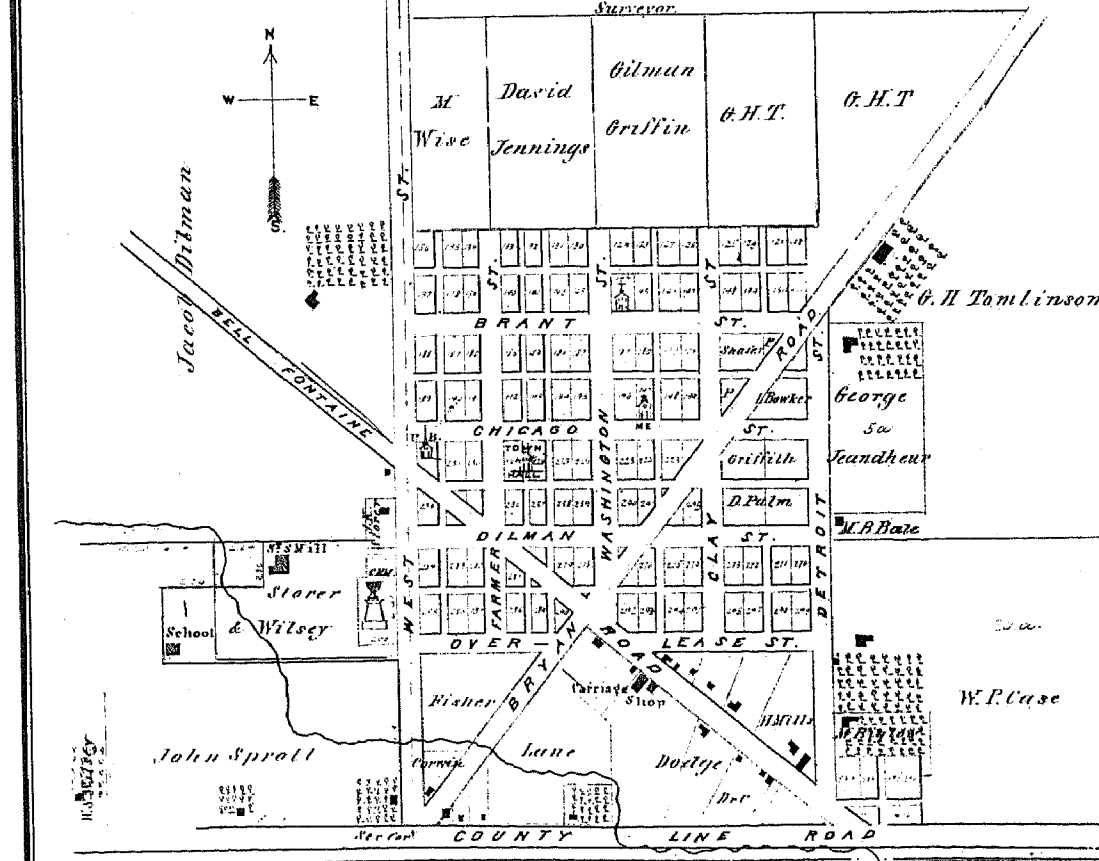
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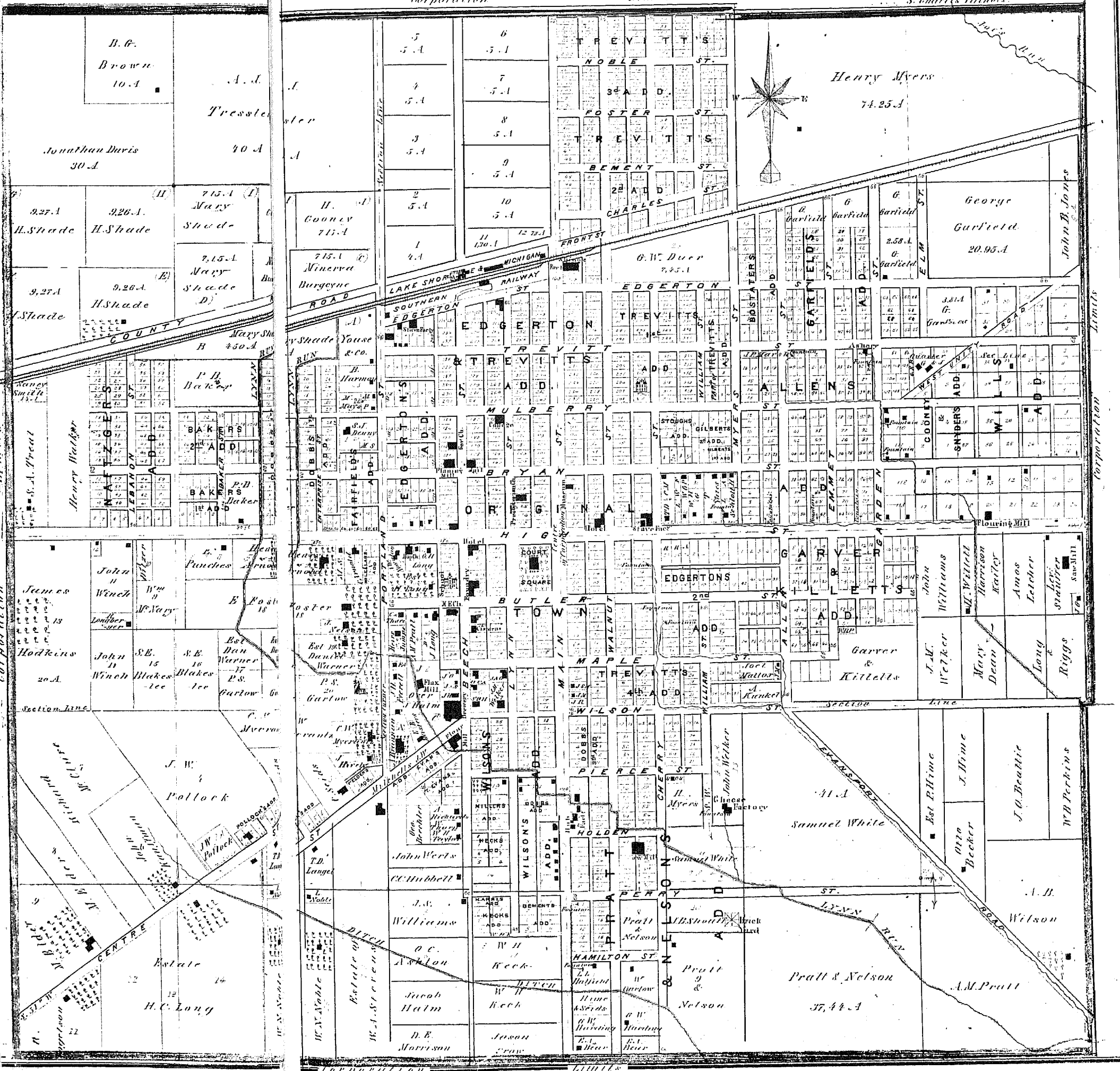
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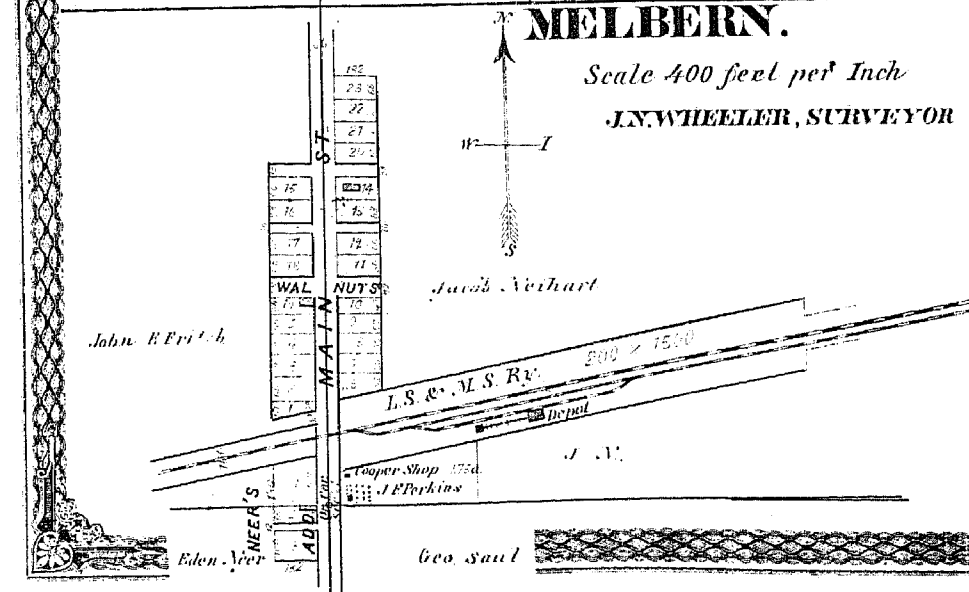
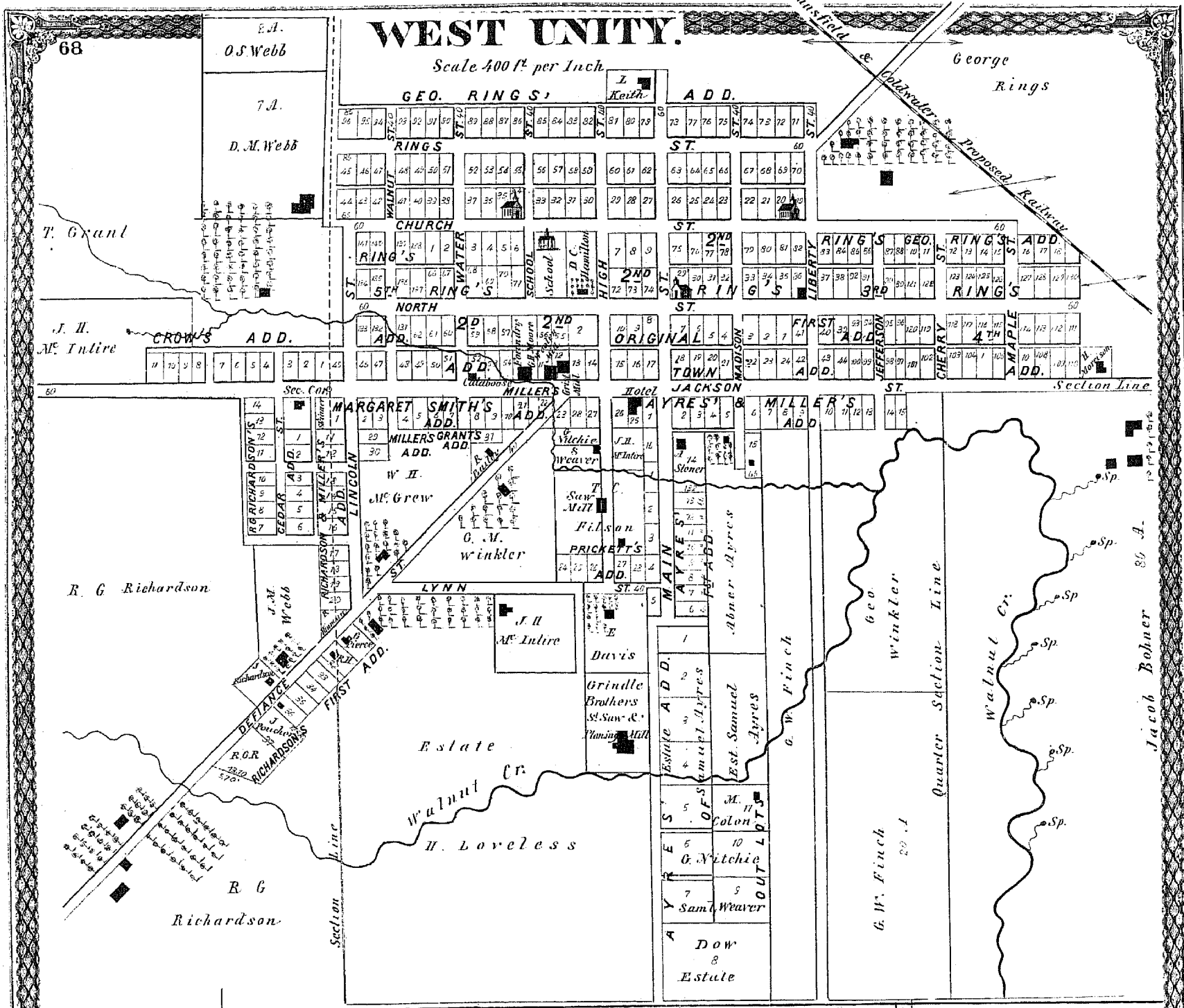


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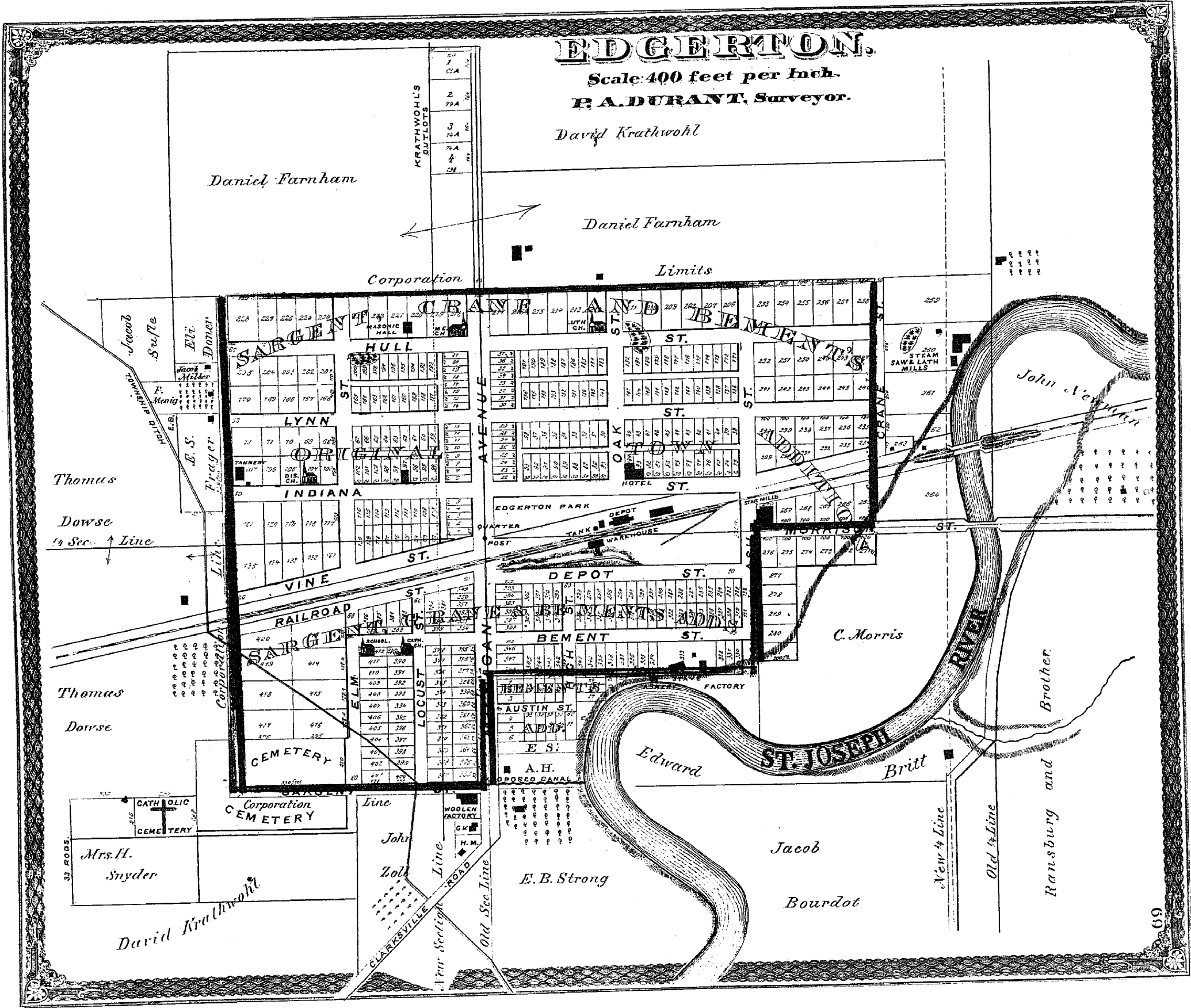




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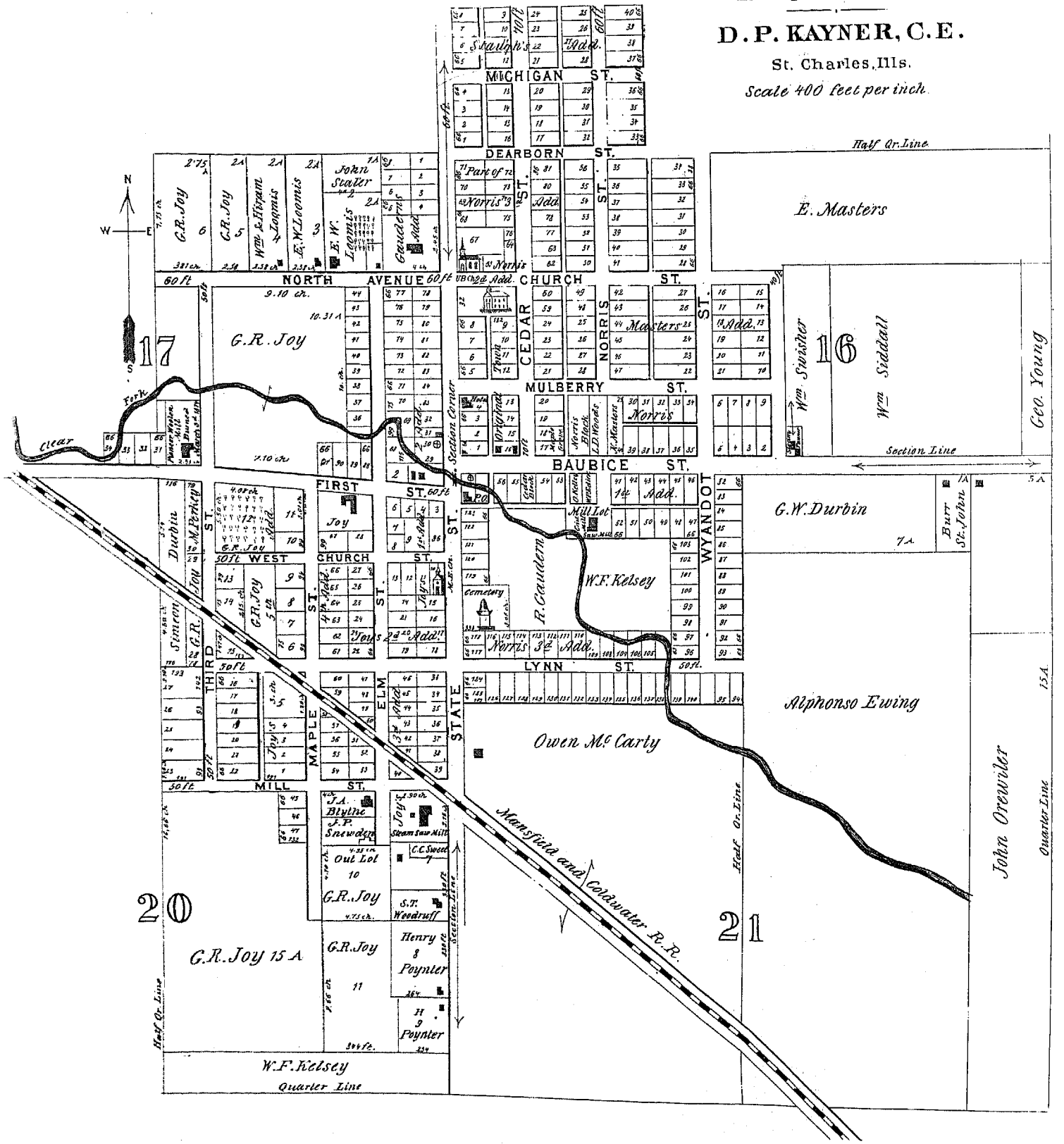


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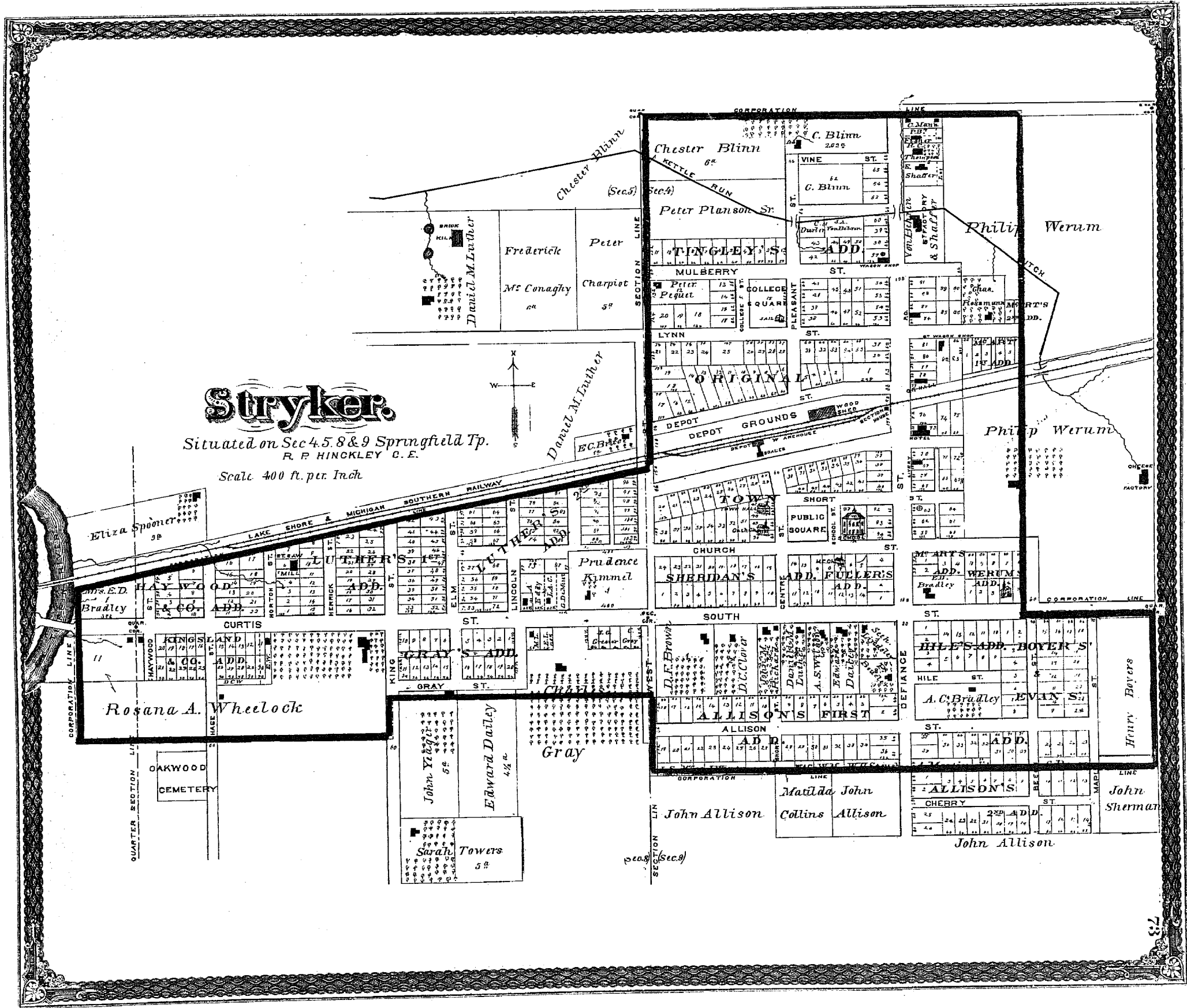




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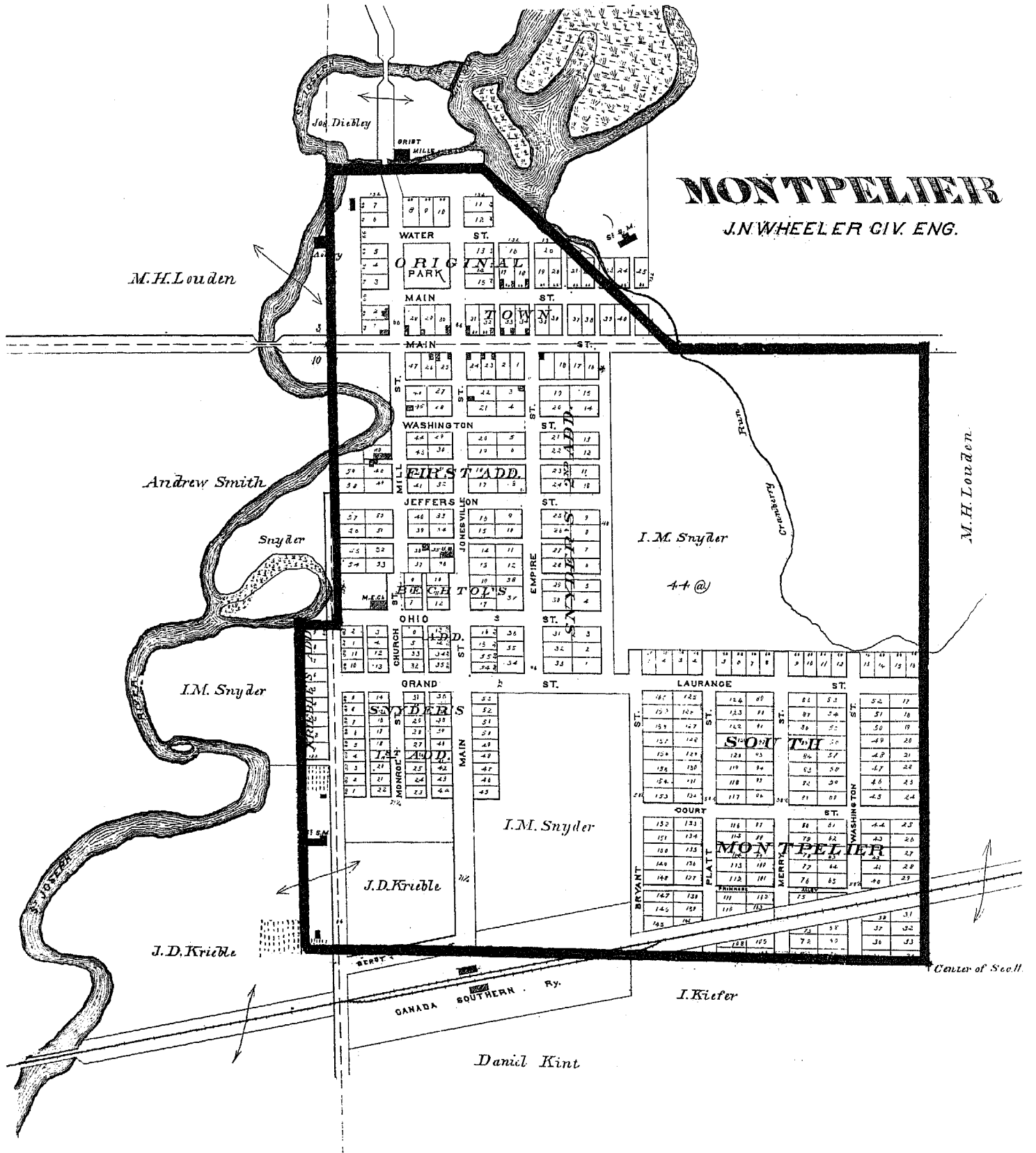
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# MONTPELIER

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