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Noble County, was formed by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of Ohio, passed on the 24th day of March, 1851, from parts of the Counties of Washington, Morgan, Highland and Meigs, situated in the northwestern part of the State, known as the Sandstone region, where the soil is of a red, sandy nature and fertile. The county is bounded on the north by Monroe County, on the east by Muskingum County, on the south by Athens County, and on the west by Gallia County. The county is of considerable size, containing an area of about 440 square miles, being about 12 miles in length and about 11 miles in breadth. The county is divided into nine townships, which are named Southfield, Northfield, Eastfield, Westfield, Northstar, Southstar, Eaststar, Weststar, and Meigsfield.

The county is hilly and undulating, with a variety of small streams and springs. The soil is generally rich and productive, supporting a variety of crops. The principal crops are wheat, corn, oats, and hay. The county is also known for its dairy industry, with a significant number of dairy farms. The county seat is McConnelsville, which is located in the central part of the county. McConnelsville is a small town with a population of approximately 2,000 people. The town is known for its historical significance, as it was the site of a battle during the American Civil War. The county is also home to several state parks, including Cranesville and Southold State Parks, which offer opportunities for hiking, fishing, and camping.

The county is served by the Noble County Clerk of Courts, who is responsible for maintaining the county's official documents, such as deeds, wills, and probate records. The county is divided into nine townships, each with its own township clerk, who is responsible for maintaining the township's official documents. The county is also home to several churches and religious organizations, including the United Methodist Church, the Catholic Church, and the Presbyterian Church. The county is also home to several schools, including Noble High School, which is the county's only high school. The county is also home to several small businesses, including farms, small shops, and restaurants.
HISTORICAL SKETCH OF NOBLE COUNTY.

of the sixteen counties in the Mississippi Valley for these years were 38,088 bushels. Consequently Noble is above the average in the production of tobacco.

The tobacco crop of the county in 1871 was 52,803,483 pounds, placed third in the State in the production of tobacco, which it has been for a series of years. The wheat crop of the County for 1874 was a prospective one, only 716,974 barrels of grain. The crop of hay for the year of 1873 was 132,007 tons. The oven crop for 1874 amounted to 35,379,481 bushels, it being one among the best

The growth-proposing-county Counts in the State, the number of horses is 1873 was 5,983, cost 14,714; horses 34,074, and sheep 51,604. The number of hundreds of apples in 1874 were 140,440. In the year 1875 of this County was the most abundant, the production of apples, there being produced that year, 51,604,232 bushels. This is ample and

necessary to warrant it in saying that Noble County is the first Counties in the State in the production of apples.

Varieties of Timber.

While oak stands from which there is a sufficient quantity to supply all the demands for the next hundred years, and its quality is unsurpassed. A list of other timbers compose black walnut, hickory, sugar-maple, beech-maple, ash, elm, poplar, white oaks, sycamore, hickory, butternut, and the small amount of cypress and gum is the state. Among the wild fruits are the black-berry, grape, plums, peaches, pears, raspberries, and goose apples.

The stovewarm timbers covered over an area of about 25,850 acres in the County.

Geology.

The mineral resources of Noble are abundant and in this respect there are but few counties in the State that surpass it; and we might say any not, if her resources were properly developed.

Until within a few years she has been without the lime-slate and nearly every farmer has dug his own, and has sold it for fuel. But now they have the facilities for transportation by the Missouri, Kansas and Gulf Railroad, and coal will be brought in large quantities of coal free of sulphur of iron, and when evaporated, produces a very pure coal for domestic purposes. A little salt for local use has been made along this valley for many years, but the supply is small, and the large quantities of excellent salt now being manufactured at North Olive, and shipped to different parts of the State. This salt is much sought after, and commands the highest price in the market.

The use of manufacturing salt in this County is very much reduced by the cheapness, abundance and convenience of the coal for manufacturing purposes. Other valuable county in this locality have been little explored for the saline faults; but there is no doubt that extensive fields containing abundance of coal, which in due course of time, will be prospected out and manufactured to meet the increasing demand for this indispensable article.

CENTRE TOWNSHIP

Was formed June 66, 1861, by the associations of the County, at their first regular meeting, at the Town of the Centre of Union Township from Monroe County and from Congressional Union Townships of Monroe and Jackson Counties. Union Township was in the north-west corner of Monroe County, Centre Township is in the north-east corner of Monroe County, both townships were bounded by the Mississippi River, which is the eastern boundary of Centre Township was formed by taking sections from the west side of Union, which Township thereby became extinct, the section the only part of Monroe, making the Township of Centre, at that time five miles in west and east, and six miles in length south and south.

Some years after this the Councilors took two and one half sections from the south-east corner of Centre and attached them to Enoch Township; leaving Centre Township as it now stands, with an area of twenty-seven and one-half square miles, or twenty-seven and one half sections.

The Eighth Range East runs through Centre Township from north to south, between that portion taken from Union and that portion taken from Noble Township; and was the original line between Monroe and Jackson Counties at the time of the creation of Noble County.

Thirteen townships within the limits of this Township are named by the tributaries of the Creek. The Little Buffalo Fork of Will Creek flows through this Township in a north-westerly direction. The Big Buffalo Fork flows through this Township in a north-east direction. The Steamboat Fork flows through this Township in a south-east direction. The Middle Fork flows through this Township in a south-west direction. The East Fork flows through this Township in a north-east direction. The West Fork flows through this Township in a north-west direction. The Steamboat Fork flows through this Township in a south-west direction. The Middle Fork flows through this Township in a north-east direction. The Steamboat Fork flows through this Township in a south-west direction. The East Fork flows through this Township in a north-east direction. The West Fork flows through this Township in a north-west direction. The Steamboat Fork flows through this Township in a south-west direction. 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ELK TOWNSHIP

Tone is part of Township free of Range Seven, and originally came from Monroe County. It is bounded on the north by Stock Township and Marion County, on the east by Monroe and Jackson County, on the south by Mercer and Monroe County, and on the west by Jefferson Township, and lies chiefly upon the waters of the Wabash and the Illinois rivers, being about six miles square, and consists of the sources of the Wabash Creek. The land is generally level, and the soil is a sandy loam, and a considerable quantity of soil is annually cultivated and used. Four of its citizens are German settlers. The majority of its citizens are of German descent.

The Hollow is situated in the southern part of the Township in the valley of the East Fork of Creek, and is then out of town. The town of Rainsboro is in the present limits of the Township.

ENNOCH TOWNSHIP

Tone is part of original Township six of Range eight, and originally came from Monroe County. Some time after the Illinois and Michigan Canal Commissioners took two and a half sections from the south-east corner of Ennoch and added them to the north side of the Creek. It is bounded on the north and north-west by the county lines, on the south by Mercer and the west by Monroe Township, and lies chiefly upon the waters of the Wabash and the Illinois rivers, being about six miles square and a considerable quantity of soil is annually cultivated and used. The inhabitants are principally of German descent. The farms are generally small, and a considerable quantity of soil is annually cultivated and used.
STOCK TOWNSHIP.

This Township is situated in the eastern part of the County, and bounded on the north by Monroe Township, on the west by Jefferson Township, on the south by Jefferson Township and Marion Township, and on the east by the township line. It is divided by the waters of the Wabash River, which flows through it, and is traversed by the old Erie Canal and the Illinois Central Railroad. The land is well watered, and the soil is excellent. The Township is of moderate size, and is very productive. The principal village in the township is Stockville, which is located about two miles north of the center of the township. This village is a thriving agricultural center, and is well supplied with stores, schools, and churches. The Township is also well supplied with schools, and is liberally supplied with churches. The population is increasing steadily, and the Township is rapidly growing in wealth and population.

BEAVER TOWNSHIP.

This is part of Township 8, Range 9. It is bounded on the north by Monroe Township, on the east by Marion Township, on the south by Jefferson Township, and on the west by the township line. It is a large Township, covering about 32 square miles, and is well watered by the Goshen Creek, which flows through it. The Township is also well supplied with schools, and is liberally supplied with churches. The population is increasing steadily, and the Township is rapidly growing in wealth and population.

BROOKFIELD TOWNSHIP.

This Township is situated in the north-west part of the County, and is bounded on the north by Marion Township, on the east by Jefferson Township, on the south by Monroe Township, and on the west by the township line. It is a large Township, covering about 32 square miles, and is well watered by the Goshen Creek, which flows through it. The Township is also well supplied with schools, and is liberally supplied with churches. The population is increasing steadily, and the Township is rapidly growing in wealth and population.

MARION TOWNSHIP.

This Township is situated in the south-west part of the County, and is bounded on the north by Monroe Township, on the east by Marion Township, on the south by Jefferson Township, and on the west by the township line. It is a large Township, covering about 32 square miles, and is well watered by the Goshen Creek, which flows through it. The Township is also well supplied with schools, and is liberally supplied with churches. The population is increasing steadily, and the Township is rapidly growing in wealth and population.

NOBLE TOWNSHIP.

This Township is situated in the north-west part of the County, and is bounded on the north by Monroe Township, on the east by Marion Township, on the south by Jefferson Township, and on the west by the township line. It is a large Township, covering about 32 square miles, and is well watered by the Goshen Creek, which flows through it. The Township is also well supplied with schools, and is liberally supplied with churches. The population is increasing steadily, and the Township is rapidly growing in wealth and population.

OLIVE TOWNSHIP.

This Township is situated in the north-west part of the County, and is bounded on the north by Monroe Township, on the east by Marion Township, on the south by Jefferson Township, and on the west by the township line. It is a large Township, covering about 32 square miles, and is well watered by the Goshen Creek, which flows through it. The Township is also well supplied with schools, and is liberally supplied with churches. The population is increasing steadily, and the Township is rapidly growing in wealth and population.
HISTORICAL SKETCH OF NOBLE COUNTY.

The north side of the township, and left remaining excepted with
Gonzalez County, thereby reducing the township to only
twenty-four square miles. The greater portion of this town-
ship constitutes the valley of the little fork of Will's Creek.
The first settlement in this township was made from 1816 to
1818, by John Redekop, George B. Johnson, Abram
Brookner, George and John Rich, Thomas Nicholson, Samuel
Brookner, John and Jacob Lentz, and Jacob Tyson. The
Redeemers were from Pennsylvania, Thomas
Nicholson was from Jefferson County, Ohio, and the others
were from Virginia. None of the original settlers are now
living. Abram Brookner was a soldier in the war of 1812,
with Great Britain. Buffalo Township is bounded on the
north and west by Gonzales County, on the south by Noble
and Centre Townships and on the East by Scenic Township.

SHARON TOWNSHIP.

Is bounded on the north by the Townships of Brookfield and
Noble; on the east by Olive Township; on the south by
Jackson Township and Morgan County; and on the west by
Morgan County, and contains an area of twenty-seven square
miles. It came from Morgan in the formation of Noble
County.

The territory now comprised within the limits of this
was originally part of the townships of Manches-
ter and Olive. The County Commissioners at their first reg-
eral meeting held after the formation of Noble County, while
re-organizing the several townships and parts of townships,
formed the Township of Sharon, by adding to that part of
Manchester Township which came from Morgan County, one
and a half miles of Section below the west side of Olive
Township, thereby making the newly formed township of
Sharon four and a half miles wide east and west, and six
miles long north and south.

The surface of this township is gently rolling, descending
gradually to the bed of the streams, rendering nearly all of
it within the range of cultivation. It slopes steeply toward
the south, affording to the soil and vegetation, a good share of
sunlight and heat. There is considerable limestone in the
hills, making the soil generally good and productive, yielding
high crops of grains and fruits in return for the farmers' labors
when bestowed. It is chiefly drained by the streams of Olive
Green Creek.

The Cumberland sand of coal is found in the high hills.
This township has two Post-Offices within its bound-
aries, Olive-Green and Sharon.

Sharon is quite a flourishing town, situated in the north-
est corner of Sharon Township, on an elevated site, gently
sloping towards the south. It contains one Presbyterian and
one Methodist Church, several grocery and dry goods stores,
one drug store, one Hotel and one tannery.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP.

This Township is situated in the southern part of the
County, and bounded on the north by the townships of Enoch
and Stock, on the east by Eliz., on the south by Washington
County, and on the west by Jackson and Enoch Townships.

At the formation of Noble County the larger portion of this
township came from Monroe County, and the remaining or
smaller part came from Washington County. Its outline is
very irregular. The West Fork of Duck Creek flows through
the north west corner but it is chiefly drained by Middle
Creek and its tributaries. The surface of this township is
gentle undulating. The streams are nearly bordered by high
abrupt hills, which being well wooded with hemlock and oak
are rich and fruitful. The soil as a general thing is very
productive. The valley of Middle Creek is rich, being made
up of the successive meadowings from the neighboring limestone
hillsides. The upper Salem or Cumberland sand of coal is
found in all these hills at its proper elevations. Valuable
mines have been opened by the Ohio Coal Company in the
western part of this township in which a branch rail-
road has been constructed from the M. P. and C. Railroad at
Masonburg, in Washington County. The coal is of good
quality, well adapted to household use, to the generation of
steam and to the rolling mill. A branch railroad has been con-
structed from the M. P. and C. Railroad at Dunker City
through the valley of Buffalo Run for coal purposes.
Considera-
tble quantities of petroleum have been obtained along the val-
ley of the West Fork of Duck Creek in this township.
There has also been small quantities of petroleum obtained in
the valley of Middle Creek.

Riels for the manufacture of salt can be obtained by boring
in these valleys, and salt for its evaporation is abundant.

There are two post-offices in this township, one at Middles-
bury called Middle Creek F. O. and the other at Dunker
City.
BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Business Directory of Enoch Township.

John C. Hisey, Jr., Dealer, Dealer City, Dealer.
John H. Miller, Dealer City, Dealer.
John G. Monk, Dealer City, Dealer.
John A. Staub, Dealer City, Dealer.
John B. Wilson, Dealer City, Dealer.
John R. White, Dealer City, Dealer.
John W. Wood, Dealer City, Dealer.

Business Directory of Wayne Township.

F. A. Knott, Kenosha, general merchant, dealer in hardware, 332 acres.
E. H. McGlade, Kenosha, druggist and pharmacist, 233 acres.
Mrs. Mary Van, Kenosha, farmer, 332 acres.
George D. Calkins, Kenosha, farmer, 333 acres.
John Call, Kenosha, farmer, 333 acres.

Business Directory of Clinton County.

Felix Haver, Middle Creek, farmer, 332 acres.
Michael Staat, Middle Creek, farmer, 332 acres.
John Staat, Middle Creek, farmer, 332 acres.
Dagmar Hahna, Middle Creek, farmer, 332 acres.
William Hahna, Middle Creek, farmer, 332 acres.
Thomas Clark, Middle Creek, farmer, 332 acres.
William Clark, Middle Creek, farmer, 332 acres.
John F. Muller, Middle Creek, farmer, 332 acres.

Business Directory of Tuscola County.

J. Cook, Middle Creek, farmer, 332 acres.
John S. Miller, Middle Creek, farmer, 332 acres.

Business Directory of Chicago County.

C. P. Paul, Dealer City, dealer.
C. W. Paul, Dealer City, dealer.

Business Directory of Winnebago County.

E. W. Mans, Kenosha, farmer, 332 acres.
Chester W. Mckinley, Kenosha, farmer, 332 acres.

Business Directory of Marion County.

A. R. Ackern, Indianapolis, farmer, 80 acres.

Business Directory of Delaware County.

E. M. Hearn, Middle Creek, farmer, 332 acres.

Business Directory of McHenry County.

E. M. Hearn, Middle Creek, farmer, 332 acres.


F. C. Cook, Dealer City, dealer.
John G. Monk, Dealer City, dealer.
John A. Staub, Dealer City, dealer.
John B. Wilson, Dealer City, dealer.
John R. White, Dealer City, dealer.
John W. Wood, Dealer City, dealer.


James McDonald, Dealer City, farmer.
W. B. Swain, Dealer City, farmer.


E. W. Mans, Kenosha, farmer, 332 acres.
Chester W. Mckinley, Kenosha, farmer, 332 acres.

Business Directory of Knox Co.

J. B. Paul, Dealer City, dealer.
E. M. Hearn, Middle Creek, farmer, 332 acres.

Business Directory of Lake County.

John G. Monk, Dealer City, dealer.
John A. Staub, Dealer City, dealer.
John B. Wilson, Dealer City, dealer.
John R. White, Dealer City, dealer.
John W. Wood, Dealer City, dealer.

Business Directory of Cook Co. Co.

F. C. Cook, Dealer City, dealer.
John G. Monk, Dealer City, dealer.
John A. Staub, Dealer City, dealer.
John B. Wilson, Dealer City, dealer.
John R. White, Dealer City, dealer.
John W. Wood, Dealer City, dealer.


James McDonald, Dealer City, farmer.
W. B. Swain, Dealer City, farmer.

Business Directory of Kane Co. Co.

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Chester W. Mckinley, Kenosha, farmer, 332 acres.

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Chester W. Mckinley, Kenosha, farmer, 332 acres.
BUSINESS DIRECTORY.—Continued.

Weygant & Haga, South Olive, grocers, proprietors of all sizes and quantities of all

Weber & Co., 50 West 7th, kitchen & table furniture, and have everything that can be found in a store of this kind.

W. R. N. Smith, 307 E. 11th, furnishing and general store, and all kinds

W. A. Harris, South Olive, farmer, and grocer of all sizes.

W. W. C. Gifford, South Olive, farmer, and grocer, and has a stock of fine goods in his store.

W. E. Howlett, South Olive, farmer, and grocer, and has a stock of fine goods in his store.

W. H. F. O'Neil, South Olive, farmer, and grocer, and has a stock of fine goods in his store.

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY—Continued.

A. M. Williams, Middle Creek, farmer. 315 acres.
J. F. Williams, Middle Creek, farmer. 20 acres.
A. A. Williams, Middle Creek, farmer. 10 acres.
J. V. Williams, Middle Creek, farmer. 20 acres.
J. T. Williams, Middle Creek, farmer. 60 acres.
W. H. Williams, Middle Creek, farmer. 150 acres.
J. M. Williams, Middle Creek, farmer. 200 acres.
N. D. Williams, Middle Creek, farmer. 100 acres.
M. S. Wilson, Middle Creek, farmer. 60 acres.
W. G. Wilson, Middle Creek, farmer. 60 acres.
W. Wilson, Middle Creek, farmer. 100 acres.
A. S. Wilson, Middle Creek, farmer. 20 acres.
R. B. Wilson, Middle Creek, farmer. 50 acres.
E. W. Wilson, Middle Creek, farmer. 150 acres.
J. L. Wilson, Middle Creek, farmer. 50 acres.
L. C. Wilson, Middle Creek, farmer. 60 acres.
E. L. M. Wilson, Middle Creek, farmer. 100 acres.
A. Wilson, Middle Creek, farmer. 50 acres.
J. M. Wilson, Middle Creek, farmer. 50 acres.
J. L. Wilson, Middle Creek, farmer. 60 acres.
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