



## Town of Marcellon

The Town of Marcellon is located (Sec. 29, T. 13N. – R. 10E.) in Columbia County Wisconsin Land Atlas, and Plat Book. The bordering townships consist of Fort Winnebago to the West, Town of Wyocena to the South, Town of Scott to the East, and, Town of Buffalo in Marquette county to the North, and corners Town of Green Lake to the North East, Town of Springvale to the South East, and Town of Pacific to the South West. Our capital city, at Madison, is located thirty miles south of our township. STH 33, a major East and West route begins at Port Washington, next to Lake Michigan, and ends in La Crosse on the Mississippi River. STH 22 goes north and south through our Town, connecting many towns and rural communities.

A portion of the historical "Old Military Road", that linked Fort Crawford at Prairie du Chien with Fort Winnebago at Portage, and Fort Howard at Green Bay, goes through our Town. The work began in 1835 and was completed in 1838, by the army troops. In 1829, Governor Lewis Cass, who had been a brigadier general in the War of 1812, appointed his secretary, a young lawyer named James Duane Doty, to scout out the land for the Military Road, with two companions as guides. Doty and Lieutenant Alexander J. Center were made commissioners to get the job done. This road was called "Wisconsin's first main highway". No doubt, this was the major achievement of the soldiers during the seventeen years that Fort Winnebago was garrisoned.