

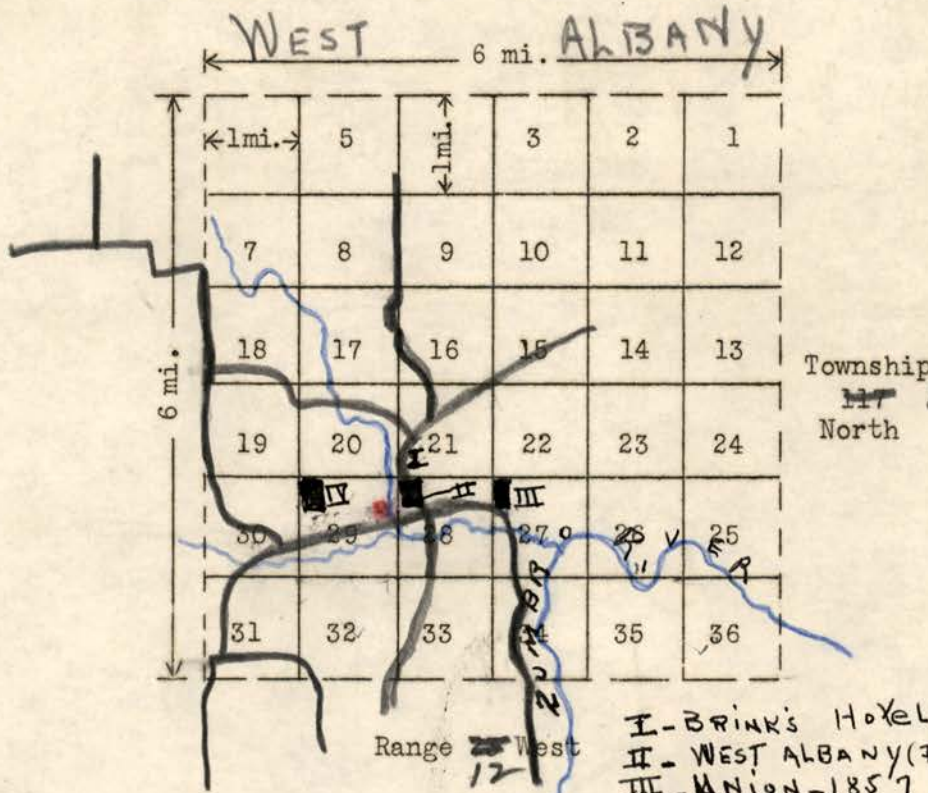


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# A TOWNSHIP SURVEY



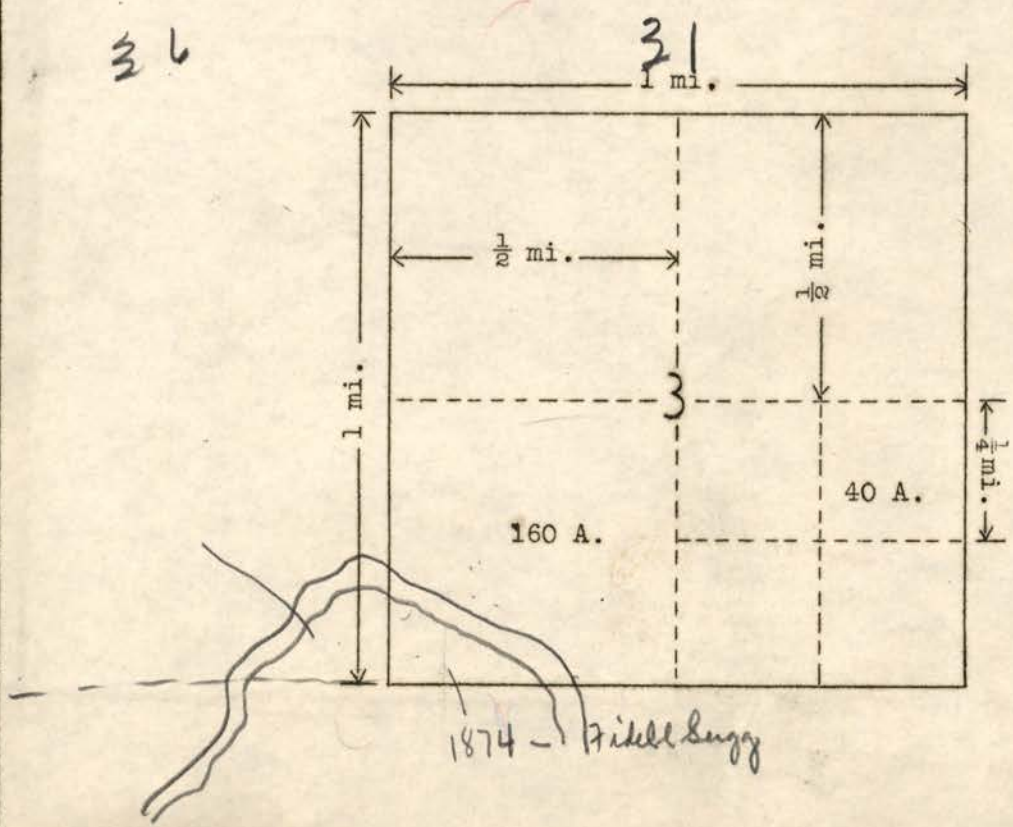
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- I - BRINK'S HOTEL - 1855
- II - WEST ALBANY (FIRST) - 1857
- III - UNION - 1857
- IV - WEST ALBANY (ST PAT CHURCH)
- V - WEST ALBANY PO. - 1874 (andreas)

## SURVEY OF A SECTION

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POST OFFICES  
 OF  
WABASHA COUNTY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHED</u>	<u>FIRST P. M.</u>	<u>DISCONTINUED</u>
Reads Landing	2-21-1850	C. R. Read	Changed to Reads 1916
Wabasha	4-15-1850	A. P. Bailly	-
Mazeppa	1- 7-1856	John E. Hyde	-
Lake City	10- 4-1856	H. P. Williamson	-
Greenville	7- 2-1856	Rodman Burchard	7-30-1857
Independence	11- 3-1856	Seth H. McCarty	2-19-1862
West Newton	5-14-1856	Alfred Cunningham	3-12-1859
Minneiska	9-13-1856	H. S. Teft	-
Tepecotah	2-14-1857	M. C. Enright	3-6-1862
Elgin	6-29-1857	Geo. Bryant	-
West Albany	2- 4-1857	E. B. McCollum	1861
Bear Valley	8-24-1857	Joseph Caswell	12-6-1902
Plainview	7-30-1857	Moved from Greenville	-
Fleasant Prairie	12-2-1857	Francis A. Burdett	11-25-1864
Zumbro Falls	11-16-1857	Henry M. Clay	1-28-1858
" "	4- 2-1869	Uriah Whaley	12- 2-1872
" "	3-17-1873	F. Sugg	-
Hyde Park	7- 6-1867	William Parker	2-25-1867
" "	2-15-1869	Geo. Roberts	7-19-1880
Cocks Valley	5-18-1858	Daniel Metzger	4-15-1893
Smithfield	9-16-1858	A. Y. Felton	8-31-1903
Wautona	10-15-1858	Christ Abbott	10-13-1860
Watopa	8-19-1867	Lewis Martin	2-15-1871
South Troy	9-16-1858	John M. Jones	12- 3-1903
Forest Mound	9- 4-1858	William Town	9-10-1874
Mt. Pleasant	1-20-1859	Uriah Veeder	1-10-1868
Jacksonville	1- 5-1859	J. B. Montgomery	8- 4-1859
" "	10-29-1860	J. A. "	1- 8-1867
Gopher Prairie	8-29-1860	Benjamin Dodge	12- 2-1867
Woodland	8- 9-1860	Geo. F. Sylvester, Sr.	5-12-1875
Lincoln	9-25-1861	D. K. J. Clark	10-11-1878
Fawcelim	11- 4-1862	W. A. Johnson	3-28-1872
Glasgow	2- 3-1863	Andrew Lansing	1-28-1879
Lyon	5- 9-1862	Alfred Lathrop	5-18-1863
"	5-20-1863	Daniel Watkins	1- 2-1880
Old Abe	3-14-1864	James McHench	10- 5-1868
West Chester	6-30-1867	Chas. D. Hodson	9-29-1870
Millville	6- 4-1867	Chas. R. Reed	" " "
Weaver	2-15-1871	William Weaver	" " "
Bremen	1-16-1872	Claus Behrns	11- 8-1888
Oak Center	12-31-1874	Richrrd Morse	8-30-1907
Belle Chester	4-30-1879	Anton Casper	2-28-1903
Theilmanton	11-29-1879	Peter Hall	Changed to Theilman
Theilman	6-8- 1895	Theo Hampe	" " "
Keegan	2-12-1879	Wm. Studebacher	1919
Jarretts	9-12-1879	Francis W. Shaw	1919
Hammond	9-16-1878	Wilhelm Bartz	"
Lakey	1-28-1861	P. J. McGinn	5-13-1903

Conception	6-12-1894	Conrad Reil	11-29-1902
Dumfries	7- 9-1894	Russel Parsons	4-15-1912
Kellogg	3-26-1872	Moved from Pawselim	

POPULATION

Of

CITIES AND VILLAGES OF WABASHA COUNTY

U. S. CENSUS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>1930</u>
Lake City	3204	3210
Elgin	468	460
Hammond	252	184
Kellogg	403	409
Mazeppa	545	450
Millville	175	165
Minneiska	187	192
Plainview	1500	1233
Wabasha	2368	2212
Zumbro Falls	212	186
Total C & V	<u>9314</u>	<u>8721</u>
County Population Total	17653	17613

1940

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

WABASHA COUNTY

[Crops of Previous Years]

	<u>1940</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1930</u>
No. of farms	1696	1759	1782
Acres in Area	333440	333440	333440
Acres in farms	318178	322038	318003
Proportion in farms %	954	-	-
Average size of farms	187.6	183.11	178.5
Cropland harvested	162442	157186	174608
Crop failure acres	1474	8578	1926
Cropland idle	5240	4241	5145
Flowable pasture	38880	43842	31658
Woodland	48750	77223	64248
All other land	61392	30356	42026
Farms reporting	1664	-	-
Value of farms	12878111	14950495	24875894
Average Values	7593	8499	13960
Value of Imp. & Mach.	2176082	-	2570503
No. of full owners	861	885	905
No. of part owners	206	218	223
No. of managers	4	14	13
No. of all tenants	628	642	641
Proportion of tenancy %	37	36.5	36.
Acres of full owners	150542	154582	-
Acres of part owners	51091	51816	-
Portion rented from others	19738	19377	-
Under managers	2085	4653	-
Farms reporting horses mules	1542	1628	1657
Farms reporting horses & colts	1584	1624	-
Horses over 3 yrs. old	7322	8001	9363
Farmers reporting colts	372	-	-
Colts 3 to 27 mo. old	580	-	-
Farms reporting cattle & calves	1610	1686	-
No. over 3 mo. old	38598	-	37299
No. cows milked 1939	17986	18925	18223
Gal. milk produced 1939	9841699	7177109	-
Farms reporting hogs & pigs	1503	1529	-
Hogs over 4 mo. old	19586	-	-
Farms reporting sheep & lambs over 6 months old	727	-	-
No. of above sheep	21253	-	22795
No. of sheep shorn	19131	22635	19495
Pounds wool shorn	151274	178279	-

	<u>1940</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1930</u>
Farm producing eggs	1513	1586	-
Eggs in dozens	1036308	892113	-
Farms selling chickens	1180	-	-
Chickens sold	116130	-	-
Chickens raised	273949	255158	-
Turkeys raised	8997	-	-
Ducks raised	1967	-	-
Geese raised	947	-	-
Guineas raised	285	-	-
Pounds Honey produced	68060	-	-
Farms reporting corn	1591	1672	1637
Acres of corn	33547	41712	35925
Bushels harvested	1219521	462886	-
Corn for silage acres	7433	-	-
Bushels of oats	1188113	-	-
Bushels of Barley	726470	494031	-
Bushels of Rye	54240	23662	-
Bushels of Flax	36286	21751	-
Bushels of winter wheat	39658	4013	-
Bushels of spring wheat	34928	30535	-
Farms reporting hay	1516	1601	-
Acres of hay	36896	20906	35925
Farms reporting Alfalfa	808	555	-
Acres of Alfalfa	8135	3691	-
Tons of Alfalfa	14717	3436	-

The following restorations of historical<sup>c</sup> houses in Minnesota are taken from the volume --- Historic Restorations of the Daughters of the American Revolution, by Lewis Barrington. New York, Richard R. Smith, 1941. 210 entries

No. 176. SIBLEY HOUSE. Sibley Memorial Highway, Mendota, Minnesota. (Open daily, April through October.)

In 1834 Henry Hastings Sibley, then twenty-three years old, came up the Mississippi to take charge of the trade between the Sioux and the American Fur Company. On November 7, he reached the trading post at the confluence of the Mississippi and the Minnesota River and was so pleased with the location that he decided to make it his headquarters. During the following year he built the house which has taken his name, employing over a hundred helpers - hunters, trappers, and Indian men and women.

The outer walls are a fine quality of native stone, laid with mud from the river. Later the mud was replaced with mortar. The roof was covered with hand-split shingles and the floors were hand-hewn timbers. The partitions were made by hewing out beams for studding, heavy timbers being driven in solidly about eighteen inches apart between the beams. Willows wrapped with hay were then woven in and fastened with wooden cleats one foot apart, there being few if any nails. The walls were then plastered with river mud. Eight years later when Sibley married Sarah Jane Steele and an addition was built to the house, he used common lath and plaster, relathing and plastering over the old walls so the original house has two layers of lath and plaster. At this time he equipped the house with Brussels carpets, fine furniture and a piano.

One of the traditions of the Sibley House is that five of Mr. and Mrs. Sibley's eight children were born in the same room on the second floor, yet were born in five different states or territories. Because boundary lines changed so frequently in those days, one was born in the territory of Michigan, one in Wisconsin, one in Iowa, one in the territory of Minnesota and one in the State of Minnesota.

In 1848 Sibley was elected to Congress as a delegate from Wisconsin Territory. He secured the passage of an act establishing Minnesota Territory and then returned to Mendota. In his home was the office of the new territorial government and therein were passed the first laws of Minnesota. The first territorial legislature met here and the first territorial court was held here. Sibley became first Governor of the State in 1858. Later, he was made Brigadier General in charge of troops sent against the Indians.

He sold his house to St. Peters Church in 1862. During the years that followed it was used as a parochial school, a summer art school, and finally after serving as a storehouse it became so neglected that it was abandoned.

In 1909 the St. Paul Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution became interested in the house and succeeded in having the church transfer the property to them with the understanding that it

would be restored. Since 1910 it has been open to the public as an historic house museum. Personalia of the Sibley family are exhibited. The several Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution responsible for this unique history exhibit have set a high standard that all custodians of historic house should see and study.

Photographs by Brown and Fenney of St. Paul.

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No. 177. FARIBAULT HOUSE. Adjoining the grounds of the Sibley House, Mendota, Minnesota. (Open daily, April through October.)

Jean Baptist Faribault was born in Canada in 1774. In 1796 he was apprenticed to the Northwest Fur Company and served at various stations. He went to Vincennes (then Port Vincent) to see Governor Harrison and was entertained there for several days. In 1819 he took his family to Fort Snelling and settled on Pikes Island where his farm was submerged and ruined by the flood of 1822. In 1826 he was again washed out and then moved to the west bank of the St. Peters (now Minnesota) River where he built this large stone house contiguous to the Sibley property: it was used as store, tavern, and residence.

In 1840 Faribault gave the house to Father Lucian Gaultier who used it as a chapel and residence. Later it was used at a hotel, then as a storehouse. In recent years it was acquired by the Minnesota Highway Commission who restored it with the help of the Work Projects Administration and then gave it into the custody of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The house serves as a meeting place for the State Society and its Chapters. One room is occupied by the Library of the State Society. A feature is the exhibit of products of Indian handicrafts which includes the famous collection made by Bishop Whipple.

The house is built of hand-hewn timbers and the walls are similar in construction to those in the Sibley House. A unique feature is the construction of the windows which appear to be double-hung, but instead the lower section is fixed and the upper and larger section is hinged to swing out. The furnishings are consistent with the period 1830-65.

Photographs by Brown and Fenney of St. Paul.

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No. 178 DE PUIS HOUSE. Southeast of the Sibley House, Mendota, Minnesota. (Open daily, April through October.)

Hypolite De Puis, secretary to Henry Hastings Sibley, had red brick shipped from Milwaukee and in 1854 built a house on the crest of the hill near the Sibley House. After General Sibley moved to St. Paul, De Puis sold his property to Timothy Fee.

In 1924 the house was purchased by the Minnesota Daughters of the Revolution and in 1928 it was remodeled for a tea house. The success of the project is indicated by the fact that twelve thousand persons are served annually in the months that the house is open.

Other buildings on the spacious grounds of the Sibley House include the original icehouse which now shelters the stagecoach which ran between St. Paul and Deadwood, South Dakota; the old smokehouse which is now used for rest rooms and as a tool house; and the brick laundry which is now the manager's home. The house stands on five acres of ground which has been beautifully landscaped and kept in perfect condition by the Minnesota Daughters of the American Revolution.

This group, including the Sibley and Faribault Houses, constitutes the greatest single restoration of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Photograph by Brown and Fenney of St. Paul.

ZUMBRO FALLS INDEPENDENT And Mazepa Independent

Old Series - Vol. III, No. 51

New Series - Vol. I, No. 2 (first copy at Minn. Hist. Society)  
(Issue of Jan. 14, 1898)

COLD SPRING

I offer the Cold Spring custom mills, with 90 acres of adjacent land,  
for sale for \$5,000, \$3000 cash balance on time. . . .

M. Brandt, Zumbro Falls.

(Zumbro Falls Ind., Jan. 14, 1898 - p5, col. 3)

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BREWERY CREEK

BREWERY CREEK bridge - (Z.F. Ind., Jan. 14, 1898, p5, col. 2)

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The Pioneers of the County of Wabasha organize (Z.F. Ind., Jan. 21, 1898)

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ZUMBRO FALLS  
INCORP.

Incorporation of Zumbro Falls election of Feb. 8, 1898 carries by 38 votes  
(above headline appears, but seems screwy on noting below)  
Out of 60 votes cast, 39 favored the proposition

(Z.F. Ind., Feb. 11, 1898, Pl, col. 7)

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PLEASANT PRAIRIE  
CEMETERY

PLEASANT PRAIRIE CEMETERY under South Troy news column.

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Atkinson's FORD

Oliver Atkinson of Gillford

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County Commissioners' Proceedings of May 3, 1898  
Blunford bridge, Greenfield bridge, Browns bridge

(Z.F. Ind., May 20, 1898, p4, col. 1)

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Personal name spelled - Schuchard

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We owe a word of apology to Mr. Geo. R. Hall for transposing the names of the Masonic committee on resolutions on the death of the late E.B. Depuy. Mr. Hall having drafted the resolutions his name deserved to come first . . .  
Plainview News, May 24, 1884, p3, col. 4

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Geo. Landon passed the week in Wabasha, looking after captured sinners.  
Plainview News, May 24, 1884, p3, col. 6

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Lon Buck, who drives the daily stage between this town and Wabasha, has not yet missed a trip this winter.  
Plainview News, Feb. 14, 1885

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Herald: Edward Hudson is too proud for ordinary people to speak to. His wife made him a magnificent present last week in the shape of a baby that tipped the scales at just  $18\frac{1}{2}$  pounds. That might be considered a fair illustration of triplets rolled into one.

Plainview News, May 9, 1885, p3, col. 3

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Herald: Hon. A.T. Sharpe, editor and proprietor of the Ottawa (Kas.) Republican, with one of his children a bright boy seven years old, spent two days in Wabasha last week, on his way home from North Wisconsin where he had been putting in a week with a party of Kansas friends fishing for bass and maskallonge.

Plainview News, Aug. 8, 1885, p3, col. 3

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A person is possessed of pure gall that will make a practice of entering a printing office, take possession of the editor's desk, tear the rappers /sic/ from the exchanges, and especially look over the shoulders of the compositors, read copy and make suggestions and other remarks. If manuscript in the printer's hands is not as private as any person's letter of correspondents, we give it up. This also applies to those who will take up a proof sheet and peruse it. There are some that do not think of this hence these lines. If this hits you it means you. -- Ex.

Plainview News,

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It is gratifying to see with what rapidity the spirit of political independence is advancing. Only four or five years ago the few papers, like THE NEWS, that advocated complete independence in politics, were denounced on all hands as "character ghouls," "disorganizers" and "blackmailers." Politicians and party organs were constantly holding them up as the bane of society and good government. Today the president of the United States is severely criticised for expressing his intention of voting his party ticket--- not by the rabid democratic element, it is true; but the best element of republican and independent journals. Can one conceive of a more complete and sudden overthrow of party bigotry and past fanaticism? Those who have observed the course of THE PLAINVIEW NEWS must concede that it has forseen this great change a good many years ahead. It is certainly entitled to the honor of being one of the oldest Mugwomp papers in the country. From the very first

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it earnestly opposed public patronage for political favors and advocated the serving of the public service on strictly business principles. Our efforts at that time were confined to the affairs of Wabasha County --- public sentiment was the n so constituted, that, had we attempted beyond we would have been crushed out of existence as between two mill stones. But now it is the masses --- the bone, muscle and brain, and the wealth of the country that is shaking off the party yoke, dropping the party chains and defying the party whip, and to be partisan for party's sake is fast becoming as odious as it was popular then.

Plainview News, Oct. 17, 1885, p5, col. 1

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February 25, 1942.

Elgin Watch Company,  
Elgin, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

In completing some history material on Wabasha County in Minnesota, I am unable to determine how the village of Elgin received its name. This old name of a burgh and county in Scotland, also is applied to approximately 20 municipalities in the United States. In the naming of some of these American towns, it seems that your trade name has been borrowed. I quote, for example, from the North Dakota State Guide published in 1938 and on page 230, the following:

"ELGIN . . . Its first name, Shanley, was discarded when the Northern Pacific railroad came through because of its similarity to Stanley. A new name was being discussed by a group waiting for a train one day when a member of the group, having looked at his watch, suggested the trade name, Elgin, as a good town site name. His suggestion met with approval of the railroad company. . . ."

I am wondering if you have any knowledge as to the influence of your business name on nomenclature in this country. Perhaps, you have done some research on this subject. Perhaps, you have used such material in your advertising or promotion program.

Have you any reason to believe that Elgin, Minn., received its name in a manner similar to the town in North Dakota? Incidentally, I am curious as to where or from whom you derived the name of your famous watch. Anything you can contribute, without going to too much trouble, on this subject will be appreciated. Enclosed is an addressed and stamped envelope for a reply.

Yours truly,

Geo. V. Matson  
523 Laurel Avenue  
St. Paul, Minn.



# ELGIN NATIONAL WATCH COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES AND FACTORIES

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

February 28, 1942

Mr. George V. Matson  
523 Laurel Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Matson:

We are delighted to have your letter of February 25.

I believe that the 75th Anniversary number of our employees publication, *The Watch Word*, will give you all of the information concerning our company that you require.

We find it a little more difficult to secure the other facts that you requested. The historian at our public library informs me that the city of Elgin derived its name from an old Scotch hymn. This song was the favorite of the first settler here, Mr. James Gifford, and from it he bestowed the name of "Elgin" to his little cabin.

There are quite a number of cities in The United States named "Elgin", but to the best of our knowledge, Elgin, Illinois was the first so named. The others may have taken their name from this charming city in the Fox River Valley, or perhaps from the famous Elgin watch. However, we have no research to back up these suppositions.

As you get into this subject you may require additional material, and if we can be of any assistance, we should be glad to have you write us.

It was very nice of you to get in touch with us.

Very truly yours,

ELGIN NATIONAL WATCH CO.

*Frank Brodsky*  
Advertising Manager

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REVIEW ON THE WABASHA COUNTY HISTORY OF 1884

Having taken so much active interest in aiding and encouraging the publication of the history of Wabasha County by H. H. Hill & Co., of Chicago, we are sorry to be compelled to say that we are greatly disappointed with the work. The general appearance of the book is all that can be desired. It is neatly printed and well bound. Some portions of it is very well and no doubt accurately written, but much of it is jumbled up in very bad shape. It does not seem to have been edited at all. The publishers had a number of writers in different parts of the county at various times and it looks very much as if the manuscript had been run in sort of "hit and miss" or "crazy patchwork" fashion. Sufficient material has been compiled [sic] to have made a very valuable book, but either it was hurried, the proof not half read, or else some of the compilers were grossly incompetent. It might almost be said that in proper names wrong spelling is rather the rule than the exception. It is a terrible conglomeration of historical data and biographies thrown promiscuously together without system or classification. Take the history of Plainview for example. You can find fragments of it in three or four different parts of the book, while the biographies are scattered anywhere and everywhere, not a few of which are tacked in the back part and not even indexed. It's little slur on Mr. Titterington, of Elgin, evidently because he refused to subscribe for the book, is contemptible in the extreme. The man who wrote it as well as the publishers themselves, deserve to have their pants kicked. It is apparent, however, that these errors are attributable to mismanagement and inadequate organization of the forces employed on the work rather than a desire, on the part of the publishers, of cutting down expenses to the sacrifice of perfect work. There has certainly been sufficient money expended on the book to have made it a first class history, and even as it is it contains a sufficient amount of valuable matter to make it worth all its costs, yet it is deplorable that it should contain little personal slurs and sarcasms. We had reason to expect better.

(Plainview News of Sat. June, 14, 1884, p3, col. 1 -- Ed. A. Paradis, editor)

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Wm. F. Bigelow, who has been waiting here for nearly two months to secure a settlement with H.H. Hill & Co., the history publishers, finally succeeded in getting his pay through Mr. E. Mathews, the delivery agent, this week, and left town Thursday for Missouri to look after certain lands which he owns [sic] in that state. It is our opinion that if Mr. Hill was as good a business man, and as desirous to do what is right as appears to be his delivery agent, he would get out better histories and save himself a great deal of trouble.

(Plainview News of Sat., June 14, 1884, p3, col. 3)

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The suit of A.J.A. Pollock against H.H. Hills & Co has been settled. The defendants paying the full amount claimed together with interests and costs.

(Plainview News, June 21, 1884 -- Pollock came into Elgin as agent but remained to become an attorney, etc. at Elgin)

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The PLAINVIEW NEWS of last week criticises the History of Wabasha County with considerable severity and some justice. --- Wabasha Herald. We lent our voice to the encouragement of this work believing that the publishers would give our people a book worthy of future generations. They have disappointed us, and, don't you forget it, Uncle Oliver, we are not afraid to say so.

(Plainview News of June 28, 1884, p3, col. 3)

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A Relic of Early Days

Wabasha Herald:

The following note was found among the papers of the late John B. Dowmer, ~~is~~ deceased: \$300. On or before the first day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, we jointly and separately agree to pay to the order of Samuel M. Pennock the sum of three hundred dollars, at five per cent, per month interest, until paid, value received. Wabashaw, Dec. 30, 1858.

(SIGNED) Daniel Burns, John Hitt, P.S. Harrell, Artemus T. Sharpe, J.A. Criswell, Chas. S. Bryant, Francis H. Milligan, J.H. Evans, Oliver Monette, John McKenzie, Jacob Gengnagel, Felix Reck /sic/, Deldrech Steenbach, Frederick L. Grummeli, John Spanie, B. Lapoint, S.H. Stoups, John Hawat, James Dunnon, John H. Phillips, John Argot, Edward Murray, Chas. Dillon, D. McKenzie, Henry Amerland, R.C. Custard and W. Buchanan.

It takes us back to old times. It was given to raise money to send Gen. Sharpe to Washington to secure legislation to protect the settlers on the "half-breed tract" against the location as "scrip." The payee is the father of Isaac J. Pennock, now mail agent on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, and the signers were all well known citizens of Wabasha and vicinity. Of twenty-eight only six are now residents here; full half are dead and others are scattered far and wide. Of the more prominent signers now living away from Wabasha, Gen. Sharpe resides at W. Ottawa, Kansas, Chas. S. Bryant at St. Paul and J.A. Criswell in Iowa. That note was "gilt edged" and was doubtless paid prompt at maturity. The rate on interest is enough to make a man's hair stand up very straight, but it was the ordinary rate in 1858. (Plainview News of Sat., Feb. 3, 1883 p3, col. 3)

HALES OF  
PIONEERS

HALF BREED  
TRACT

GEN. SHARPE

QUIGLEY has ~~checked~~ B.C. Baldwin, Abner Tibbits (also Tibbets) and B.H. Reppe and Joseph Schurb, Jr. Chas. R. Read, who came in 1851, at what became West Newton in 1852. All but ~~St.~~ Chas. R. Read, who came in 1851, at what became West Newton townsite in 1853. Discrepanantly, had a hand in laying out here upon noting the following:

"BALDWIN, Benjamin Chapman, civil engineer, born in Durham, N.H., 1821; died in St. Paul, Feb. 22, 1909. He came to Minnesota in 1855; resided in Lake City until 1873, and then removed to St. Paul; was chief clerk in the W.S. surveyor general's office, 1877-1907." (Minn. Hist. Colls. vol. 14, p30)

"TIBBITTS, Abner, pioneer, born in Maine; came to Lake City, Minn., in 1855; owned a third interest in the townsite; removed to New Mexico in 1878." (Minn. Hist. Colls. vol. 14, p784)

ALSO - ANDREAS 1874 ATLAS (page 376) lists an Abner Tibbits at Lake City and as coming to Minnesota in 1855.

NOTE: From the foregoing it is apparent that ~~either~~ either Quigely is wrong in tying these men up with West Newton on these dates, or else it is Upham who is in error in his biographical volume. Possibly by checking obits in St. Paul papers of Feb. 22, 1909, or immediately following, the arrival of Baldwin can be definitely determined. Also pick up West Newton material, if any, etc. Check more than one SP paper. Note also spelling of Tibbits, Tibbets, or Tibbets. Probably little or nothing available on latter since he went to New Mexico.

THIS WILL ALSO CHANGE STORY ON MINNEISKA TOWNSHIP.

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Material from the 1896 Atlas on Wabasha County

M. Gorman -  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of 33 &  $E\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$  of 32 in Greenfield, T110, R9-10.

Mrs. A. E. Albertson - most of sec. 19 in Greenfield, T110, R10.

Henry Feddern -  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  mostly of sec. 2, Greenfield, T110, R10

Aug. Schuth -(school?) - N part of sec. 8 in Greenfield.

Fred Lane - land owner on island - sec. 20 & 29, Greenfield, T110, R9.

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Jarretts Mill is on the Zumbro apparently, not on creek--map outlines clearly mill race as diverted from Main Zumbro short distance to mill.

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Horsehoe Lake - small oxbow of Zumbro river about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile SW of Keegan. In SE corner of section 3 of Oakwood township.

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*← needs recheck*  
*SW OK*

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Middle Creek hits Zumbro just east of Keegan in Oakwood twp in sec. 3. Comes from Highland township.

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School No. 39 - NE corner of Sec. 32, Highland. W.S. Baxter in  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 33. Residence almost  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile South of school.

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Thos. Sheehan owns land in secs. 8, 9, 17 - also 7 of Minneka township.

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John & William Gien , section 3 & 4 in Elgin twp.

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Pawselim: plat of Kellogg shows it as Pawselim. Johnson's Addition just South of Pawselim.

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?(Collins Creek)? --- Plat of Lake City shows stream entering Lake Pepin - hits center of sec. 9 and flows nearly straight east, little by north into lake, while still in section 9. Lake twp.

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Platt of READS LANDING, shows Spring Brook hitting Lake Pepin in NE corner of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of section 30. Rises near center of Section 25 in twp to west. About 2 mi. long.

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ZUMBRO FALLS - platt shows original town S of Zumbro, a small bit, both in sec. 36 & 31.

CENTERVILLE: Original Planview (Centerville) in sections ~~ax~~ 8 & 17 in middle of line.

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NAMES FROM DIRECTORY IN 1896 ATLAS OF WABASHA COUNTY.

(residence and length of time in county - giving year of arrival)

Appel, L.W., farmer and stockraiser, sec. 8, Highland - 1866  
Appel, Stephen, town clerk & farmer, sec. 16, Highland - 1859

Baxter, W. S., retired farmer, sec. 33, Highland - 1862.  
Bigelow, F. M., sec. 29, Elgin - 1865.  
Brady, John, farmer, sec. 34, Glasgow - 1858  
Brady, O., farmer sec. 34, Glasgow - 1857.  
Burnham, G.H., farmer, sec. 33, Highland - 1857  
Burnham, T.M., farmer, sec. 4, Plainview - ?  
Burnham, Wm., farmer, sec. 33, Highland - 1856  
Busse, Fred, sec. 29, Mazeppa - 1872  
Buttermore, R.H., sec. 36, Mt. Pleasant - 1860. Note middle initial here is 'H'.

Canfield, J.A., graindealer, sec. 22, Greenfield, PO Kellogg - 1855.  
Casper, A.M., postmaster & merchant, Belle Chester - 1877.  
Clough, D.D., sec. 12, Elgin - 1863  
Collins, M.L., drugs, etc., Lake City - 1863.  
CONWAY, Jas., farmer, sec. 23, Lake - 1853. '111'  
Cook, Valentine, farmer, sec. 2, Plainview - 1853.

Dady, John, sec. 35, Greenfield - 1857  
Dady, M., sec. 34, Greenfield - 1861  
Dale, L.A., sec. 24, Zumbro (merchant) - 1863  
Dale, J.M., sec. 19, Zumbro - 1856  
Dale, S.W., sec. 24, Zumbro - 1865  
Darcy, E.A., sec. 10, Chester - 1868  
Disney, W.S. (merchant), Zumbro Falls - 1858  
Disney, J. C., farmer, sec. 33, Gillford - 1861  
Disney, Robert, farmer, sec. 27, Gillford - 1858  
Donahoe, Wm., farmer, sec. 6, Minneiska - 1860  
Donant, J., farmer, sec. 10, Greenfield - 1874  
Dose, F., sec. 20, Mt. Pleasant - 1883.  
Drury, M.E., banker in Wabasha - 1853  
Drury, S.E., postmaster of Wabasha - 1857  
Drury, Edward, farmer, sec. 4, twp of Wabasha - 1865.

Evans, J.H., contractor, Wabasha - 1856  
Evans, J.M., farmer, sec. 36, Elgin - 1891  
Evans, Wm., farmer, sec. 5, Glasgow - 1865

Fetzer, A.P., farmer, sec. 18, Glasgow - 1858  
Fick, E.L., sec. 10, W. Albany - 1867  
Fick, H.J., sec. 36, Lake - 1865  
Fick, Wm., sec. 10, West Albany - 1860  
Fick, Christ, sec. 36, Lake - 1865  
Fick, H.T., sec. 34, Lake - 1858  
Fish, Wm.R., farmer, sec. 3, Hyde Park, PO Jarretts - 1858  
Ford, E.L., retired, Mazeppa - 1855  
Ford, O.D., Pres. Mazeppa bank - 1855  
Foster, A.P., sec. 17, Plainview - 1855

Gerken, Henry, sec. 5, Mt. Pleasant - 1872. (note, without final 'S')  
Gerkens, D., sec. 21, Gillford - 1871  
Gerkens, A., Sec. 5, Mt. Pleasant - 1872 (Note, same residence as Henry Gerken, but has 'S')  
Giem, V., sec. 4, Elgin - 1856  
Giem, S, sec. 4, Elgin - 1856  
Giem, Wm., retired, sec. 4, Elgin - 1856  
Gilbert, Sanford, sec. 10, Mt. Pleasant - 1855  
Goetsch, Aug., sec. 29, Mazeppa - 1884  
Gorman, M., retired farmer, Kellogg - 1855  
Gorman, John, sec. 4, Watopa - 1857

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Hall, Samuel, sec. 11, Hyde Park - 1861  
Hall, T.F., sec. 25, Oakwood - 1867  
Hazlett, S -- believe in Mt. Pleasant (took this name since in vicinity of Hazellet's Coulee)  
Harncame, J.S., sec. 24, Glasgow - 1855 (Harncame, not Harncane)  
Hitchcock, J.H., farmer, stockman, celery gardens, sec. 24, Watopa - 1855  
Hitchcock, Mark, miller, sec. 34, Greenfield - 1865  
Hodson, C.S., farmer, sec. 7, Chester - 1859  
HOWATT, Wm., sec. 25, Mt. Pleasant - 1884 (Note Buttermore School)

Irish, J., farmer, sec. 34, Greenfield - 1881

Jackson, John, sec. 18, Greenfield, PO in Alma, Wis. -- 1861  
Jackson, J.A., sec. 4, Mt. Pleasant, PO in Lake City - 1855  
Jarrett, H., farmer, sec. 32, Zumbro - 1859

Killeen, G.W., farmer sec. 26, Lake City twp - 1865  
Knapp, F.W., sec. 35, Highland - 1860

Lyon, W.H., farmer, sec. 36, Elgin - 1867 (Note: in Plainview News of 1880, more often Lyons)  
Lyon, G.A., sec. 19, Plainview - 1878 (above note does not refer to this name--may?)  
Lyons, G.H., sec. 30, Highland - 1868.

Mahoney, C., sec. 11, Watopa, PO in Kellogg - 1855  
McCracken, John H., sec. 20, Glasgow - 1872  
McGraw, M., sec. 26, Oakwood - 1862  
Melendy, C., sec. 12, Plainview - 1856  
Melendy, D.S., sec. 12, Plainview - 1880  
Miller, F.W., sec. 7, Lake - 1869  
Miller, H.C., sec. 16, Glasgow - 1867  
Miller, Henry, sec. 13, Chester, PO at Oak Center - 1874

Olson, Ole, sec. 19, Minneiska, PO at Weaver - 1865  
Oleson, Ole, No. 2, sec. 30, Minneiska, PO at Weaver - 1856  
Owens, J.P., sec. 13, West Albany - 1858

POLSON, E., sec. 21, Oakwood - 1866 (Note: no Paulson listed in this roster)  
Prèble, W.N., Bear Valley postmaster, farmer & stockraiser - 1855

READ, C.R., farmer and stockraiser) Millville - 1846 (Note: This is the Read of Reads Ldg.)  
Riley, John, sec. 26, Lake - 1862

Shaw, Benj., sec. 2, Hyde Park - 1855  
Shaw, F.W., merchant at Jarretts - 1855  
Shea, Jerry, sec. 16, Watopa - 1857  
Shea, P.W., sec. 16, Watopa - 1857  
Sheehan, Thos., sec. 7, Minneiska - 1857

Teddern, Henry, sec. 2, Greenfield - 1885 (UNDOUBTEDLY this is Henry Feddern)  
Tefft, N.S., physician at Plainview - 1856 (Definitely TEFFT -- so in ADS.)  
Theilmann, C., sec. 31, Glasgow - 1856

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Wallrich, J.P., sec. 7 Glasgow - 1860 (??Seem to recall this as like 'Wallerich', did I  
Wallrich, M., sec. 21, Pepin - 1861 (err in taking this down???)  
Welch, S.D., merchant at Zumbro Falls - 1859  
Wilson, Geo., sec. 11, West Albany - 1858  
Winter, B., retired, sec. 10, Elgin - 1856  
Winters, F.W., sec. 1, Chester - 1865  
Wright, R.C., sec. 10, Plainview - 1869

York, E.M., retired farmer at Hammond - 1855  
York, E.N., postmaster & merchant at Hammond - 1855

"A MAP OF WABASHA COUNTY WANTED. Have you one of Warner's maps of Wabasha county that you don't care much for? If you have such a map in good condition you can get three dollars in cash for it by inquiry at this office." (Plainview News, Dec. 13, 1879)

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PLAINVIEW TWP.

"Mr. Nels Olson, of Highland, one of the old settlers of this county, died last Sunday, at the good old age of seventy-two years . . . ."

(Plainview News, vol. IV, No. 1 - Sat., Jan. 3, 1880, p3, col. 3)

DEATH OF OLDEST INHABITANT

"Mr. Nels Olson, whose death was mentioned in the last issue of the News, was a native of Norway. He settled on Greenwood Prairie in the spring or summer of 1854, and before the prairie was known by that name. He and his sons made the first improvements in the town of Plainview, and the first on this wide prairie. They put up a log cabin and broke some 25 acres on section 1 (one) in the summer of 1854, and raised wheat on the same in 1855, and afterward sold the claim to Thomas Smith. Mr. Olson then settled on a claim in Highland, two miles north of Plainview, where he resided to the time of his death. He and his sons plowed the first furrow on this, then, beautiful prairie; sowed the first grains of wheat that ever germinated in its rich and fertile soil, and harvested the first golden grain that ever waved in the gentle breeze of this delightful portion of mother earth, which has now opened her mouth and taken him in to rest until his appointed time."

(Plainview News, Saturday, Jan. 10, 1880, p3, col. 1)

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TEFFT is correct. (Dr. N.S. Tefft advertisements appear in Plainview News)

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LITTLE VALLEY --- location not determined, may not be in Wabasha county. This name appears several times.

Issue of April 24, 1880, p3, col. 3 -- tells of child of E.J. Dowling being sick.

" " May 1, 1880, p3, col. 6: "Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Dowling of Little Valley; their child buried at Little Valley Church." IN Olmsted County, forget it.

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DRY RUN (stream)

"A German named Claus Luchau left his house in the town of Chester, a few miles from Lake City, with a mule team, and the next morning the team returned without him. A search led to the discovery of his dead body in DRY RUN, ~~in Bear Valley;~~ not far from his residence . . . . Dry Run in Bear Valley, is usually, as its name implies, dry; but the thawing of snow had caused a considerable stream to flow through it, and, in crossing, Mr. Luchau was probably jilted from his wagon and drowned."

(Plainview News, Sat., March 13, 1880, p3, col. 4)

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ATKINSON'S FORD --- County:

"The sudden rise in the Zumbro river, caused by recent rains, has rendered it a dangerous stream. On Monday forenoon Rev. Loyd McCullough of Lake City, while en route to Redwood Falls, attempted to cross the river in his carriage at Atkinson's Ford, north of Oronoco. . . ." (Plainview News, Sat. April 3, 1880, p2, col. 2)

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MIDDLE CREEK

LONG CREEK

EAST INDIAN CREEK

WEST INDIAN CREEK ---May 1, 1880 issue of Plainview News tells of trout planting in them.

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TROUT BROOK VALLEY:

". . . and while ascending a hill near the residence of Joseph Passe in Trout Brook Valley, . . ." (Plainview News, Sat. May 22, 1880, p2, col. 4)

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WALLERICH -

John Wallerich versus John Wallerich, Jr., (case to come up in court)

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LONG CREEK:

John Blatner of Long Creek (item run under Elgin News in "Plainview News.")

? John H. Blatner, sec 32, Oakwood (address 1874)

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KELLOM'S HALL --- Methodists hold ice cream festival here. (Noted persons named Kellom in news columns. Probably owned hall)  
(Suspect in Lake City)

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HOWATT (re-school)

Plainview News carries item about Jas. Howatt under Highland news.

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PLAINVIEW - Allaire flouring mill wheel damaged by storm - \$500. Never paying proposition,  
 VILLAGE short on motive power most of time. Clamor for steam mill at Plainview.  
 Sat. July 17, 1880.

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Geo. W. Fowler - old and respected resident of Mazeppa, died July 19, 1880.

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HYDE PARK PO - "The post-office at Hyde Park, in this county, has been discontinued."  
 Plainview News of Sat., July 31, 1880, p3, col. 6.

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LEATHERMAN school district - between Plainview and Elgin.

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WHIPPLE FORD - "Wabasha County - On Sunday afternoon, August 2nd, a large concourse  
 (Olmsted Co??) of people convened at the Whipple Ford to witness the sacred and  
 impressive ordinance of baptism which was duly administered to 33  
 willing candidates by Elder Hartley and Evangelist May, of Iowa."  
 Plainview News, Sat., Aug. 14, 1880, p2, col.3

NOTE: it reads- ". . . at the Whipple Ford. . ." Also later in  
 issue of Jan. 8, 1881 appears name of: "D.D. Whipple of Viola,  
 which is in Olmsted County, where D.D. Whipple did live.

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JAS. McHENCH "Mr. Jas. McHench, one of the most prominent farmers on Greenwood Prairie  
 GREENWOOD PR. for many years . . . ." Sat. Aug. 28, 1880, p3, col. 4

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WABASHA CO  
 NAMES

Lake City has made all the necessary arrangements for a Union Fair  
 to be held in that city Sept. 21, 22 and 23. The following named gentle-  
 men have been chosen as a board of town directors and are expected to  
 canvass their respective neighborhoods as far as practicable to secure  
 the entry of articles for premiums, and to generally represent and look  
 after the interest of the association relative to the fair:

Lake - F.A. Zilgitt	Watopa - J.B. Mullins <i>John B. - 529</i>
Lake City - A.D. Van Buren	Zumbro - D.F. Wyatt <i>- 4 - sec 7</i>
Pepin - F.J. Schmauss <i>7 Feb. J. - sec 30.</i>	Hyde Park - Isaac York <i>- 7 sec 3</i>
West Albany - William Duffus	Mount Pleasant - John C. Fowler (Goodhue Co & Wis.)
Glasgow - Thomas Mateer	Central Point - H. Bonnell
Gillford - J.J. Beatty <i>- sec 9</i>	Belvidere - Perry George
Chester - R.A. Johnson	Frontenac - Gen. N.C. McLean
Mazeppa - Ed. F. Hopkins	Pepin, Wis - S.H. Hulett
Elgin - I.W. Rollins <i>- Sec 27</i>	Bay City - C.R. Tyler
Oakwood - C.L. Pratt	Hartland - G.W. Weekes
Plainview - C.R. Daniels	Maiden Rock - A.R. Merrell
Minneiska - A.Z. Putnam <i>- atty.</i>	Diamond Bluff - C. Mero
Greenfield - G.B. Albertson	Trenton - Lee Collyer
Wabasha - Thomas J. Malloy <i>- sec 20 F</i>	Stockholm - Isaac Newman

(Plainview News of Sat., Sept. 11, 1880, p3, col. 3)

COOPERVILLE - "WABASHA COUNTY - The Mazeppa Tribune says that the Mill company has donated a site for the Baptist meeting house, in Cooperville, across the river, and that the society will shortly commence building operations."  
(Plainview News, Sat., Sept. 18, 1880, p2, col. 3)  
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NAMES (Petit Jury list)  
W.A. Pell - Plainview - *see 148 Elgin twp*  
Samuel Welch - Hyde Park  
C.S. Hodsdon - Chester - *see 7*  
C.H. Lamb - Gillford -  
Clark Congdon - Gillford -  
D.R. French - Plainview - *see 14*  
Hezekiah Messer - Plainview -  
Henry Schmauss - Pepin -  
Geo. Farrar - Elgin *et al. see 27*  
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QUINCY PO "OLMSTED COUNTY - Mr. E.J. Dowling has been appointed postmaster at Quincy, vice Burr Deuel, resigned." (Plainview News, Oct. 9, 1880, p3, col.5)  
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MATHIAS PUETZ an early settler of Watopa, died on the 11th inst. . ."  
(Plainview News of Sat., Oct. 23, 1880, p2, col.3)  
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(in political activities of county)  
NAMES  
*see v 9 p 22*  
Walter McNallan - Highland Nick Ronck - Minneiska  
Ole Christopherson - Oakwood C.E. Daniels - Plainview  
John Springer - Plainview H.E. Mathews - Elgin  
I.W. Rollins - Elgin John B. Mullins - Watopa  
John Kennedy - Watopa Col. E.C. Geary - Highland  
Jacob Haessig - Plainview \*P.A. Goddard - Plainview  
\* - after elected county auditor, commits suicide Jan. 11, 1881.  
(Plainview News ?  
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SCOTCH SETTLEMENT  
W. Albany twp "Several years ago [Robert] Lowe married the widow of Sandy Gray, who had been a well-to-do farmer in the Scotch Settlement, West Albany . . ."  
(Lowe murdered wife & child and suicide) Sat., Oct. 30, 1880, p3, col. 2  
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HAMMOND'S FORD "Ground is being broken for a new Catholic church in the town of Hyde Park at Hammond's Ford. Father Jacob . . ."  
(Plainview News, Sat., Nov. 13, 1880, p2, col. 4)  
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HAMMOND'S FORD "Uncle Hamm end of Hammondsford has just completed a fine store building in the town . . ."  
(Plainview News, Sat., Nov. 20, 1880)  
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T.L. SMITH "T.L. Smith who has been a resident of this county for the past fifteen years . . . sold his farm of eighty acres in town of Gilford. Goes to Texas . . ."  
(Sat., Dec. 18, 1880) Two older sons in Texas, his sons.  
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MILLVILLE "A fire at Millville, Wednesday night, totally destroyed Behrens brewery and contents . . . loss \$9,000; insurance \$3,000. . ."  
(Plainview News, Sat. Jan. 15, 1881, p3, col. 5)

HAZLETT COOLEY ROAD - so mentioned in county commissioner proceedings. In Mt. Pleasant twp. ---0---

GREENWOOD PRAIRIE "We are very sorry to announce that we are soon to lose one of our oldest and most honored citizens who intends to remove to Grand Forks, Dakota, about the first of next month. This time it is none else than Hon. H.P. Willson. The judge is one of the old pioneers of Greenwood Prairie, having settled here about twenty-five years ago." He was a lawyer, etc. Sat. Jan. 22, 1881.

DRURY, PATRICK "Patrick Drury, a farmer of the town of Watopa, and a brother of the Drurys of Wabasha, was burned to death in his house on Friday morning, Jan. 14 . ." Sat. Jan. 22, 1881

HAMMOND'S FORD "The name of the Hammond's Ford post office in this county, has been changed to Hammond, and B.H. Young appointed postmaster. (Plainview News of Sat. Jan. 22, 1881, p3, col. 5)

KELLOGG "Our postmistress, Miss Emma Hendricks . . . ." Sat. Feb. 12, 1881.

OLD SETTLERS' REUNION ". . . Next came what we might call the address of the evening, by Old Settler A.P. Foster. . . .

". . . And in view of the especial nature of the occasion that brings us together tonight, I deem it fit that I should speak of the subject [spoke on education in Greenwood Prairie] as connected with the earliest of this part of Greenwood Prairie.

"In the earliest years --- I might say the earliest months of the settlement, the subject naturally became one of frequent discussion amongst the few settlers who thought we were here to stay.

"The whole of that number at that time --- I am talking about June, 1855--- did not exceed a baker's dozen. Mr. A.T. Sharpe was the self appointed, and to some extent the Recognized leader of the little community. A very good talker, but ostentatious to the last degree in everything, he wished to create the impression that he was a learned man, and perhaps he had the faculty of digesting literary subjects, at least he never failed to chew them enough, and he could never be satisfied to say literature without calling it LITCHERACHURE.

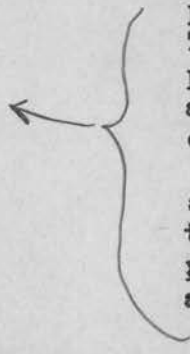
"Some of you remember him well as Mr. Sharpe. He afterwards came to be called GENERAL. By that title many of you remember him.

"How he came by the title I never knew. I am certain that he never 'set a squadron in the field nor the division of a battle knew.'

"We had for a while in Territorial days a governor named Sam Medary. A kind of a worn out fossil of a politician from Ohio. He was sent here to rule and reign over us by Jas. Buchanan. [Foster was active in local politics as a Republican] He and Mr. Sharpe were cronies somewhat. That is, they had been acquainted in Ohio, each drank as much whiskey, and perhaps a little more, than the other. I am not certain but the governor appointed him to some such honorary position in the militia. . . . . and the office if he held it, was to all intents a sinecure.

"Certain it is there was nothing to do and what from the Democratic standpoint [Sharpe and Medary were Democrats] is even worse than that, there was no salary. But however the title was procured, or for what purpose, he bore it with fortitude. He was a GENERAL anyway and generally drunk. But except in the extreme condition of

*"Governor Libbey has appointed Hon. A.T. Sharpe of this city [as] Brigadier General of the Second Brigade, Minnesota Volunteer militia" Wabasha Weekly Journal Dec. 10, 1859*



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inebriety he was always fluent of speech, and he could make a pretty good talk about the educational and LITCHERARY future of the town we were seeking to build up when he was to far over the bay /sic/ to say anything else. In the exuberance of his imagination he stopped nothing short of a live university. And today some Baron Schliemann or other enterprising anti-quarian in search for the buried evidences of a past civilization will find as he dives down into the recorded history of these times, deep in the archives of the Wabasha county recorder's office, a good looking paper town called GREENVILLE.

"Its streets and alleys are solemnly dedicated to the public for the uses and purposes therein set forth; signed, sealed and delivered by A.T. Sharpe, F.S. Richards, Wm. Boatman and A.P. Foster. Within its somewhat pretentious limits it includes the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 11, and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 10; 320 acres of this beautiful earth.

"Famed by the gentle breezes of that summer day --- its easy undulations crowned by the waving grass and fragrant flowers that God himself had planted there, when no vandal plow-share had yet dared to poke its cold and practical nose beneath an inch of that virgin soil. The bright clear air above us was beaten by the wings of large, and to me unfamiliar birds.

"The broad, fertile, unclaimed prairie was all around us. There was romance for you and reality too. I thought I had found the Garden of Eden with the serpent left out. Afterwards I found no lack of serpents.

"But the scene was a joy to look upon. I thought then and I think now that the sun will seldom shine on a greener spot, and the proprietors, alas! were about as green as the turf.

"The antiquarian, heretofore alluded to, will find one block conspicuously marked on the plat as College Square. It is selected with the best of taste. No better site for a College need ever be desired. Many an anxious land-locker seeking home and investment on the Minnesota frontier, has followed the pompous steps of our President Sharpe to College Square, has been kindly and patronizingly offered an interest in the large advantages that were sure to follow; has been told in a confidential whisper that we intended this for a LITCHERARY town, a kind of modern Athens. The walls of that college were to rise like magic. He knew where the money was coming from. He held intimate relations with men of capital and influence all over the country, and he spoke advisedly.

AH! Well-a-day! The students who were expected to throng thither never appeared. The chairs of the Professors never were filled, nor even created. From turret to foundation stone the thing was a flat failure, and today the Berkshire pigs of our worthy secretary, Col. T.G. Bolton, roam at their own sweet will over that consecrated spot and munch yellow corn with as little remorse as if the ground whereon it grew was not classical ground.

"All this was but a part of what we talked of doing. Now comes something about what we did accomplish. Concluding just for the time being to limit our ambition to a less pretentious scheme than the University, we began to talk of the propriety of a board shanty, 20 feet square, and making it do double duty as a school house and a church. Less sublime, certainly, than the original project, but it seemed more feasible. Our children we were determined should have an opportunity to acquire the knowledge of books, and we would all thereby hope to grow in grace. Our great anxiety to lay deep and strong foundations of scientific attainment and pure religion was somewhat stimulated and quickened by another thought. Timber was not plenty. But if we went about our building right then it was believed that we could steal a little here and there from vacant lands with comparatively little

danger of being prosecuted. We did it, and by the spring of '56 had the proud satisfaction of having completed and ready for services of school or sanctuary the first building on Greenwood Prairie especially dedicated to those uses.

"Early that same summer Miss Anna White accepted an invitation to take charge of the school, and not many months after, the Rev. John Cochrane, a Congregationalist clergyman, assumed the ministerial duties of the situation.

" . . . . . A store started by Mr. Richards and soon passing into Mr. Burchard's hands was the leading mercantile establishment. A hotel was built by Dr. Kerll. . . . ."

(Plainview News, Sat. Feb. 19, 1881, p3, col. 2,3,4)

NAMES

"The following grand and petit jurors were drawn Friday, to serve at the May term of district court:

GRAND

W.C. Prescott - Chester  
 C.C. Robinson - Chester  
 J.P. Newell - Elgin  
 J.J. Beatty - Gilford  
 A.W. Stowman - Glasgow  
 James Orr - Greenfield  
 Peter Carroll - Hyde Park  
 Henry Roff - Lake City  
 F.E. Bouton - Lake City  
 Wm. Angel - Mazepa  
 T.J. Bundy - Mt. Pleasant  
 Joel Clark - Mt. Pleasant  
 Andrew Johnson - Minneiska  
 \* James McGuigin - Oakwood  
 John Horn - Plainview  
 Jacob Haessig - Plainview  
 W.W. Cassidy - Reads Landing  
 N.P. Burman - Watopa  
 J.C. Thompson - West Albany  
 Albert Krul - Wabasha  
 A.A. Williams - Wabasha  
 H.R. Krick - Wabasha  
 R.Z. Adams - Zumbro

*also  
McGuigan*

PETIT

J.O. Smith - Chester  
 H.W. Judd - Chester  
 August Pretzer - Elgin  
 Geo. G. Dennison (Dennizen, Dennigen) - Gilford  
 W.W. Churchill - Mazepa  
 W.J. Disney - Gilford  
 George Goodrich - Gilford  
 Wm. Huddleston - Glasgow  
 Owen Brady - Glasgow  
 Martin Quigley - Greenfield  
 Wm. Carey - Greenfield  
 L.W. Appel - Highland  
 John Kelpar - Lake  
 Walter Lilley - Lake City  
 V.E. Clifford - Lake City  
 John Harding - Lake City  
 Oliver Gibbs, Jr., Lake City  
 Daniel Mack - Mazepa  
 H.C. Jackson - Mt. Pleasant  
 John Blatuer (Blattner) - Oakwood  
 Joseph Roemer - Pepin  
 Wm. Myer - Pepin  
 J. Anderson - Reads Landing  
 W.B. Mohler - Reads Landing  
 John Lamey - Watopa  
 H.B. Whitney - Wabasha  
 Edward Drury - Wabasha  
 W.L. Lewark - Wabasha  
 D.D. Harrington - Plainview

(May, 1881 term)

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HAMPE'S MILL - "Mr. H. Hampe's mill on Indian Creek took fire and burned to the ground Saturday morning. . . . The mill cost originally \$12,000. Probably worth \$10,000; insurance \$6,000. - From Wabasha Herald." (Date of fire ? Feb. 19)  
 (Plainview News, Sat. Feb. 26, 1881)

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MELINDY  
 MELENDY

So far appears both ways in newspaper copy. 1881

NAMES

Andrew Helgerson  
 Hon. Henry Poehler  
 Hervey Evans, early settler, dies - April 9, 1881 //Giem came here 1856  
 Andrew Giem, dies. old settler of Plainview, born Germany April 5, 1820  
 J.J. Hartigan - came down from Tracy  
 H.J. O'Neil - figures prominently in Minneiska news, a grain man  
 Samuel Demery, veteran stage driver dies in Millville, May 11, 1881  
 Brooks Bros - Lester R. Brooks and Anson S. Brooks, partners.  
 Alonzo P. Foster ~~Stix~~  
 Otis Huntoon, one of our old settlers in Plainview  
 Mrs. L.V. Rich, of Volga, Dak., formerly of this place. Plainview?  
 O.T. Dickerman of Elgin (really in Viola twp, Olsted)  
 Mrs. Betsey K. Boutelle of Bear Valley (Chester), the mother of the late  
 C.M. Boutelle (dies Aug. 1881)  
 Peter Muste's, new house in Bear Valley

APPELS MILL

"We understand that Stephen Appel has again started up his grist mill on West Indian Creek." (Sat. April 16, 1881)

HENRY CORRA

*sec 13 - West Albany*

A Henry Corra seems to be a part of the Scotch Settlement and he is on a visit to Crookston. Does he have anything to do with Corra PO, Olmsted? (Plainview News, Sat. April 30, 1881)

WEDGE'S CORNERS

"NOTICE TO CANE GROWERS -- We, the undersigned, will run a cane mill this fall near Wedge's corner. A.C. Kimberly J.D. Wood." (Sat. April 30, 1881)

JARRETT station

"Messrs. Reister and Dyke with their ladies, went fishing on the Zumbro one day this week. They struck it big, and sold all their fish at Jarrett station." (Plainview News, May 28, 1881)

GOOSE LAKE  
 MINNEISKA

"... Mr. O'Neil's warehouse broke loose and was blown into Goose lake, a distance of half a mile. A large lumber barge at the upper end of town was blown up the Whitewater quite a distance...." June 11, 1881

PAWSELIM

So spelled in printing of county commissioners proceedings.

WOODLAND

"DEATH OF AN OLD PIONEER -- Few people have ever lived on this prairie any length of time without knowing Mr. Seneca Carswell, of Woodland. . . . He expired Monday, Aug. 15 ... Born in Oneida county, N.Y., in the town of Floyd on 5th day of March, 1823. . . . in 1856 he removed to Minnesota, and built up for himself and family a comfortable home in Woodland, where he has since resided. . . ." (Plainview News, Sat. Aug. 20, 1881)

AMOS BARNES  
 OF  
 MAZEPPA TWP

"FROM the Mazeppa Tribune - We learn that Mr. Amos Barnes, a pioneer settler of Mazeppa township, died at his residence in the town town of Zumbro, July 18, 1881. Deceased was born in 1832 and emigrated from England in 1852 and settled in the town of Mazeppa about twenty years ago....." (Aug. 20, 1881, p3, col. 5)

BEAR VALLEY

Mrs. Betsey K. Boutelle of Bear Valley, (Chester), the mother of the late C.M. Boutelle. . . (Aug. 20, 1881)

Peter Muste's new house in Bear Valley

SCOTCH SETTLEMENT - "A small tornado visited the Scotch settlement in West Albany last week...."  
(Plainview News, Sat. Sept. 3, 1881, p3, col. 6)

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LIST OF JURORS NEXT NOV. 14, 1881

GRAND

NAMES  
 John Turnis - Reads Landing  
 L. Troutman - Reads Landing  
 John P. Owens - West Albany  
 Sidney Corp - Zumbro  
 Jerry Baldwin - Plainview  
 R. Warren - Hyde Park  
 Aug. Ludke - Elgin  
 A.A. Helgersen - Plainview  
 A.J. Tafft - Mazeppa  
 George Barry - Oakwood  
 Conrad Seivers - Lake  
 John Schultes - Reads Landing  
 H. Marx - Pepin  
 Ben Lager - Pepin  
 Jacob Thaney - Waba ha  
 Knud Johnson - Glasgow  
 S.A. Bell - Lake City  
 L. Burdell - Mt. Pleasant  
 J. Landrigan - Reads Landing  
 A. Baisey - Lake City  
 G.R. Bartron - Lake City  
 Augustus Smith - Plainview  
 C.W. Kennedy - Gillford

John Ryan - Hyde Park  
 George Sanford - Mazeppa  
 Andrew Burgess - Mazeppa  
 Ole C. Fremo - Oakwood  
 Wm. Golden - Plainview  
 Wm. McCue - Plainview  
 Z.C. Goss - Wabasha  
 W.E. Wright - Minneiska  
 H.A. Knowlton - Plainview  
 O.D. Reed - Chester  
 Frank Welch - Reads Landing  
 John Howatt - Highalnd  
 Chauncey Fisk - Plainview  
 Ira Fifield - Mazeppa  
 John Champine - Elgin  
 Wm. Befort - Chester  
 Peter Hall - West Albany  
 Patrick Houlihan - Greenfield  
 Wm Evans - Lake  
 Peter Fetzer - Glasgow  
 O. Christopherson - Oakwood  
 John Wear - Mt. Pleasant  
 Wm. Gien - Elgin

(Sat. Sept. 24, 1881, p3, col. 3)

PETIT

Ed. Wise - Mt. Pleasant  
 J. Ley - Pepin  
 S.H. Gaylord - Plainview  
 H. Schmusser - West Albany  
 W.S. McArthur - Wabasha  
 J.S. Collins - Lake

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BRIGHT'S FORD

In County Commissioners Report - Special Session - Sept. 13, 1881  
 "Resolved, That \$150 be appropriated out of road and bridge fund to  
 aid towns of Mazeppa and Chester to build a bridge over the Zumbro  
 river at Bright's Ford . . . ."

LONG CREEK

"Your committee appointed May 1880 to expend \$100 to aid Oakwood in  
 building a bridge across Long Creek, on Keegan's road, and May 1881 to  
 expend \$50 on Hampe's mill road, and \$80 for Hyde Park on a road running  
 west of Millville hill, . . . ." Sat. Sept. 24, 1881, p3, col. 5

MILLVILLE HILL

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HERSHBERGER

"From Wabasha Bulletin - Ralph Hershberger, of Sand Prairie, died of  
 dyphtheria Wednesday." Sat. Sept. 24, 1881.

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SOUTH TROY SCHOOL

"ELGIN NEWS - Mr. W.E. Farrar is engaged to teach the South Troy school,  
 the coming winter." Sept. 1881

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MARSHAL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL ??

"Miss Mamie Woodward is teaching a fall term in the Marshall district."  
(Plainview News Oct. 1, 1881)

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COOK DISTRICT  
SCHOOL  
UNION CENTRE  
SCHOOL ??

"Miss Mamie Woodward is teaching school in the Cook district and  
Miss Susie Richardson at the Union Centre school-house."  
(Plainview News, Sat. May 7, 1881, p3, col. 4)

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Whaley, Cyrenus  
pioneer

Cyrenus Whaley, died at residence in Mazeppa, on Wednesday evening  
last. . . aged about 50 . . . old settler of vicinity, leaves large  
family of small children in destitute circumstances. . .  
(Oct. 8, 1881, Saturday)

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NAMES

Michael Pulles of Glasgow -- Oct. 15, 1881

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NAMES OF  
DEMOCRATS

In Democratic county convention, Oct. 14 & 15, 1881

R.A. Johnson - Chester	** Mat Gorman - Greenfield
* P.H. Rahilly - Mt. Pleasant	Joe Hammond - Zumbro
M. O'Shea - Greenfield	
J.C. O'Keary - Greenfield	* - On Dec. 24, 1881, his residence given as Lake City.
Anthony Dwyre - Greenfield	** - The Gorman of Gorman Hill, etc. ??

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GREENWOOD  
PRAIRIE  
OLD SETTLERS'  
MEETING

"The near approach of the Old Settlers' annual meeting which is to be held at School Hall, Wednesday evening, Feb. 1st., naturally directs attention to the history of the early settlement of this prairie. In the spring of 1855 E.B. Eddy, A.T. Sharpe, Thomas Todd and William Boatman settled in the eastern part of this township, being the first white settlers in the town except a Norwegian named Nels Olson, on Sec. 1, who was a year ahead of them. Soon after A.P. Foster and Benj. Lawrence and two or three others joined the colony. The first store was operated in the winter of '55, in which Mr. R. Burchard was interested. The first school house was built in 1856. The first school teacher Miss Annie M. White. The first post office was opened the next winter at Greenville with A.P. Foster as postmaster. The first hotel was run by 'Dr.' Kerl. The town site of Greenville was laid out on sec. 10, about two miles and a half east of Plainview, in 1856, by O. Wilcox, Dr. Gibbs, and T.A. Thompson, and \* called Centerville. The first store was built and occupied by Mr. Wilcox, and the first dwelling on the new town plat was built by T.A. Thompson. In 1858 the post office was discontinued at Greenville and a new one opened at Centerville. NOTHING COULD BE PLAINER, SO IT WAS NAMED PLAINVIEW. . . ." (Plainview News, Sat., Jan. 21, 1882)

\* Evidently type setter skipped a few lines here, since Centerville is what later became Plainview. Greenville never was Centerville. The latter set up as rival of Greenville and overtook it and when it took over post office it became Plainview ? because the state already had a Centerville PO.

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County Commissioners Proceedings of Jan. 3, 1882.  
Report on Roads and Bridges

FEEHAN HILL "M.A. Grove \$30 on Feehan Hill . . ."  
GORMAN HILL "J.H. Evans \$25 on Gorman Hill in Smithfield (error? Gorman Hill in Greenfield  
HAZLETT COOLY & " . . . \$178 for repair of Hazlett Cooly and Boston House roads." (& Watopa)  
BOSTON HOUSE ROADS  
BRIGHT'S FORD "a bridge over north branch at Bright's Ford...."  
Cold Spring branch "a combination bridge over Cold Spring branch of Zumbro river. ."  
of Zumbro river

HAZLETT COOLEY & "\$100 to repair the Hazlett Cooley and Boston House road in town of  
BOSTON HOUSE road Mt. Pleasant,"

MILLVILLE HILL "M.A. Grove \$100 on Millville Hill, south of Millville, Eyeota and  
Lake City Road."

DICKMAN HILL "M.A. Grove \$15 on Dickman Hill in Oakwood."  
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County Commissioner Proceedings of March 2, 1882.  
Roads and Bridges - Appropriations

WEST ALBANY HILL- Mr. Pierce \$300 on West Albany Hill, also \$100 on West Albany road in  
town of Lake.  
ROCHESTER COOLEY Mr. Disney, \$150 on Rochester Cooley road, town of Mt. Pleasant.  
READS LANDING HILL Mr. Pierce, \$100 on Read's Landing Hill, town of Lake.  
BRIGHT'S FORD Mr. Disney, \$45.59 to aid the towns of Chester and Mazeppa in building  
a bridge at Bright's Ford in the town of Mazeppa.  
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Resuming research in Plainview News, beginning April 22, 1882.

Fisk, Chauncey, not Fish

John Brandt "The wagon shop owned by John Brandt was completely destroyed by fire..."  
(Sat., April 22, 1882)

Carroll, Geo. W. ". . . death of another well known and much esteemed citizen of this community. George W. Carroll, whose home was three miles north west of town, died . . . Saturday, April 22. . . born May 24, 1830 at Mentor, Lake county, Ohio, reared on farm about a mile from our lamented Garfield-- the president whom he loved so well---... public schooling -- taught school one term . . . married Eliza Noble. Alba Noble Carroll and Emmett Alton Carroll born to them. Came to Minnesota, reaching Plainview twp May 7, 1857 . . . ~~built~~ log cabin, an 8 x 12, in the timber on Beaver Creek. . . June 2, 1860 wife dies, leaving 3 sons, including Fred Augustus Carroll. Jan. 1861, oldest child dies. . . Oct. 1861 marries Mary Marshall, who survives and children Carrie and Sammy. (April 29, 1882)

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The Halls H.V. Hall, formerly of Plainview, but now at Nordland, D.T. visits brothers Geo. R. and E.V. Hall.

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County Commissioner Proceedings of May 1, 1882  
Mentions MILLVILLE HILL, DICKMAN HILL and McNULTY HILL. PEUTZ HILL in Watopa twp. Also Weaver Hill.

FOX'S or  
Whipple's Ford

Messrs. Disney, Grove and Evans were appointed a committee to view and locate a site for a bridge either at or near Fox's or Whipple's Ford in the towns of Zumbro and Mazeppa. (May 20, 1882)

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READY HILL  
MORAN COOLEY  
GEARY HILL  
SADER RAVINE

*Read's?*

Co. Commissioners Proceedings - July 24, 1882  
Mentions Gorman Hill in Greenfield twp. ". . . and \$100 to be expended on Ready Hill in Moran Colley, leading to Lake City." Gearey Hill in Highland. Sader Ravine road in Watopa twp.

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FUNK

"Henry Funk, Sr., of Glasgow, and his sons Henry and John, were arrested yesterday by Marshall Crette, on a warrant sworn out by Henry Rollman for stealing seven acres of barley in the shock [Herald]  
Plainview News reprinting this Aug. 26, 1882, ridicules charges.

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HELGERSONS  
NELSONS

"Wabasha Herald: M.A. Grove, of Oakwood, Oliver Nelson of Highland, and A.A. Helgerson of Plainview, were in town Monday attending to a contested application in Probate court, for the appointment of an administrator of the estate of Hans Helgerson who died in Plainview six years ago. The application was made by A.A. Helgerson, a son of the deceased and was resisted by Nicholas and Mary Nelson, grandchildren of Mrs. Rosa Helgerson widow of a son of the deceased. . . . (Sept. ", 1882) \*\*Note following, indicating Editor Paradis of Plainview News did not himself know so much about immediate residents of his village---\*\*

"Evidently Jno. N. Murdoch [Wabasha Herald publisher] understands deciphering county politics better than he does Norwegian family connections. Although he was one of the attorneys in the case we wish to correct the item we copied from his paper, last week, concerning the Helgerson estate. The application of A.A. Helgerson is for the appointment of an administrator in

the matter of the estate of Andrew Helgerson, his father, and not of Hans Helgerson, who was his brother, and Mary and Nicholas Nelson are the children of Isabel Nelson, a sister of A.A. Helgerson, instead of Rosa Helgerson, who is the widow of Hans Helgerson. . . ." Sept. 9, 1882

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WADLEIGH, T.J. - Died Mrs. Fatima P., wife of T.J. Wadleigh, at 63. Native of New England, Vermont. In autumn of 1855 came here with husband and small children . . ." "to take chances with the few settlers who were then passing their first season on Greenwood Prairie...." Died Sept. 11 (Sept. 16, 1882)

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HARLAND, John One of most prominent and oldest inhabitant of the town of Oakwood dies Nov. 4. J of P in Oakwood for a number of years. (Nov. 11, 1882)

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SCHOOLS IN WATOPA twp. RYAN SCHOOL ? "Most of the Watopa schools commenced last Monday with the teachers, viz: J.B. Mullen in the Schilling dist. - Miss O'Connell in the Snake Creek dist. - Miss Maggie Enright in the Ridge dist. - Miss Hitchcock in the Hoosier Ridge dist. -- with the Ryan dist. to be heard from ." Nov. 25, 1882

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PELL, J.B. father of W.A. Pell dies in New York city at 82. spent summer in this section about 25 years ago. Dec. 23, 1882.

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#### A Relic of Early Days

Wabasha Herald:

The following note was found among the papers of the late John B. Downer, ~~late~~ deceased: \$300. On or before the first day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, we jointly and separately agree to pay to the order of Samuel M. Pennock the sum of three hundred dollars, at five per cent, per month interest, until paid, value received. Wabashaw, Dec. 30, 1858.

NAMES OF PIONEERS

(SIGNED) Daniel Burns, John Hitt, P.S. Harrell, Artemus T. Sharpe, J.A. Criswell, Chas. S. Bryant, Francis H. Milligan, J.H. Evans, Oliver Monette, John McKenzie, Jacob Gengnagel, Felix Reck ~~of~~, Deldrech Steenbach, Frederick L. Grummeli, John Spanie, B. Lapoint, S.H. Stoups, John Hawat, James Dunnon, John H. Phillips, John Argot, Edward Murray, Chas. Dillon, D. McKenzie, Henry Amerland, R.C. Custard and W. Buchanan.

HALF BREED TRACT

It takes us back to old times. It was given to raise money to send Gen. Sharpe to Washington to secure legislation to protect the settlers on the "half-breed tract" against the location as "scrip." The payee is the father of Isaac J. Pennock, now mail agent on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, and the signers were all well known citizens of Wabasha and vicinity. Of twenty-eight only six are now residents here; full half are dead and others are scattered far and wide.

GEN. SHARPE

Of the more prominent signers now living away from Wabasha, Gen. Sharpe resides at ~~W~~ Ottawa, Kansas, Chas. S. Bryant at St. Paul and J.A. Criswell in Iowa. That note was "gilt edged" and was doubtless paid prompt at maturity. The rate on interest is enough to make a man's hair stand up very straight, but it was the ordinary rate in 1858. (Plainview News of Sat., Feb. 3, 1883 p3, col. 3)

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- Rodman Burchard, born Paris, Oneida Co., N.Y., Dec. 26, 1808. Married Esther A. Davis on Dec. 23, 1847 at Gainsville, N.Y. Landed at Wabasha in the fall of 1855. Having heard of Greenwood Prairie he hired a team to take his family and goods to the village of GREENVILLE... where he formed a partnership with Richard's Bros., in the mercantile business, opening a general store in a log house, living upstairs and ~~keeping~~ keeping a hotel at the same time. Trade increased so rapidly that they were soon obliged to erect a larger building for the store, leaving the log house to be used as a dwelling. Here he lived for many years. His wife died June 10, 1866, leaving husband, one son and three daughters. After the death of his wife, he moved to Plainview. ... married Miss Maggie Crossen April 13, 1871.... Died Feb. 6, 1883. (Feb. 17, 1883)
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- Miss Hattie Carroll has received her commission as postmistress from President Arthur. (Sat. Mar. 10, 1883)
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- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Richardson of Elgin came to Greenwood Prairie from Vermont, 1856.
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- Town meeting held at Mazeppa to appropriate \$200 to aid in building a bridge over the Zumbro river, near Blunt Ford. (April 7, 1883)
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- WHITE, Roswell N. - Died at Plainview April 4, 1883, age 74. Came to Plainview twp spring 1856 from McHenry County, Ill. Bought NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 11 - Brought family in June.
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- Joseph Passe, Glasgow. R.D. Phelps, Zumbro. Mathias Webber, Watopa.
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- Detail account of Elgin tornado of July 21, 1883 gives: Destruction on Main Street of DRY CREEK bridge. Dry Creek mentioned several times in account, it joining Whitewater right in Elgin.
- Fitch School (Likely in Farmington twp, Olmsted) Apparently west of Elgin -- mentioned between items on Jas Hines on Thomas Brooks place and Duane or Dewain Searles ( $\frac{1}{2}$  mile N of school) - also Henry White  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile west of school. Other names mentioned here are F. Benike, Burt Stacey, E. Dodge, Fred and Geo Harvey, A.B. Hart. Reporter went only 10 miles west of Elgin, but Fitch school likely nearer, otherwise in Olmsted county. (Sat. July 28, 1883, pages 2 & 3)
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- Died in village of Plainview July 31, 1883, Benjamin Lawrence, age 69. Native of Massachusetts, moved with father to Vermont. After ventures in SW Iowa and Missouri, came to Greenwood Prairie in 1855. Amongst one of the first parties on Greenwood Prairie.
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- Dies Sept. 13, 1883, S of Plainview, age 65. Old settler. Andreas has him in Olmsted, came 1861.
- County Commissioners Proceedings, Sept 3, 1883, notes: Repair road, \$50 in COCHRANE VALLEY, town of Pepin. Also mentioned are MORAN COOLEY road -- JACKSON HILL, town of Gillford. SADER RAVINE, Watopa twp. Appropriate \$57.85 for Blunt's Ford bridge
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- Native of England, thence to Lower Canada, thence to Upper Canada near London and thence to Wabasha county in 1856 -- dies Jan. 18, 1884. Age 64. Buried in Plainview cemetery.
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Report on a skit given at the Old Settlers Reunion in Plainview, Feb. 13, 1884

DRY WELL

". . . As the curtain was raised the spectator was presented with a scene in GREENVILLE hotel, August, 1856. A gentleman whose occupation is that of a well digger comes in from his work apparently discouraged, having given up the idea of finding water. As bad luck would have it, just at this time one of the most enthusiastic proprietors of the then vacant city plat, a certain land shark known as A.T. Sharp /e/ receives a letter from an eastern capitalist enquiring about this section of the country with a view of making large investments. The "Col. Seller" of Greenwood Prairie is elated, but an honest farmer of the neighborhood, a Mr. Wm. Boatman, stumbles upon an interesting problem: Will the Ohio man invest his money in a country where you can't get a drop of water? Sharp believes that the capitalist will not think of that but is reminded of the new well, with the dirt six feet high all around it; how can he help but notice it? Ah, but a land shark is not thus easily baffled! The man who cannot turn the most serious obstacle into one of the most glowing advantages is not equal to the emergencies liable to arise in the experience of a western prairie builder. Mr. Sharp saw through it in a minute! An elegant scheme! Why, just take a team and draw twenty or more barrels of water during the night and ~~put~~ into it. Guess that would catch the Ohio capitalist. The plan is no sooner proposed than its execution is undertaken. The next scene opens in Brown's Hotel, Minneiska, and introduces the Ohio capitalist, Mr. A. Sterling, on his way to Greenville. He is unsuccessful in obtaining much information from the reticent Mr. Brown or any of his boarders, none of whom seemed to be posted concerning the prairie. A few laughable little incidents are worked in here. Among ~~the~~ other things one of the boarders sings an original song about what was for a time supposed to be an elopement but afterwards terminated in an O. S. \* getting a head put on him. According to the song Dr. N.S. Tefft came out vindicated. Some of our old settler readers will remember the song, but all will no doubt remember the incident that gave it rise. The third and last scene is in Greenville. Mr. Sterling is received with open arms by Mr. Sharp who has had Mr. Boatman drawing water into the well all night. He is shown over the beautiful undulated prairie as Mr. Sharp lays before him in the most extravagant manner the unsurpassed natural advantages of Greenville, and arrests his attention on the unequalled beauty of the place. He is showing the lots reserved for the high school, the grounds laid out for the city park, the place selected for the "brick female seminary," and so on and so forth, much to the amusement of the hotel keeper, Mr. Kerl, who seems to enjoy whittling about as well as Mr. Sharp does lying. But it is not until Mr. Sterling begins to inquire about the water and railroad prospects that the man of corner lots becomes really enthusiastic, particularly on the water question. Why, the prettiest chance in the world for a railroad coming straight from Dubuque through Greenville to ~~Omaha~~ St. Paul, square on section lines every foot of the way. Also a grand opening for another one from Greenville to Omaha; no obstacle; section line all the way. And water! My! No trouble at all. The best watered country under the canopy of heaven. Living springs, splendid ~~lakes~~ little lakes -- a beautiful lake only a short distance from Greenville, near Malendy's, on which he contemplates placing a pleasure steamer, ~~filled with~~ the following season --- and sparkling streams, filled with speckled trout, without number. Wells? No other country in the world ~~is~~ equal to it for wells! Any amount of water eighteen or twenty feet below the surface; completed a well just recently and found plenty of water. Invites Mr. Sterling to see it, raises the lid with gushing pride and satisfaction, assumes a majestic attitude and commands the eastern capitalist to LOOK! He looks. But eastern capitalists do not all get taken in. Fortunately for Mr. Sterling the water hauled in the night previous by Mr. Boatman has been all absorbed and the well was as dry as a powder horn! and down went Greenville, the "Napoleon" of Greenwood Prairie, with its colleges, city parks, female seminaries, and, above all -- or rather below it all -- its great railway system, all on section lines (!!!) Useless to add that the little "seriously-comical drama," as the versatile genius who composed it, Dr. N.S. Tefft, is wont to call it, gave ample satisfaction. . . .

(Plainview News, Sat. Feb. 16, 1884, p3, col. 2-3)

\* - Old Settler.

see other side sheet for more --

With Mr. Geo. S. LaRue as Sharp, Mr. C.D. Burchard as Kerl, Mr. F.L. Meachum as Sterling, Mr. D.C. Clark as Brown and Mr. H.C. Woodruff as Boatman the little play could not help but be played in a creditable manner. We never saw Sharp but those of his acquaintances present pronounced Mr. LaRue's impersonation as very striking indeed. In fact every one of the actors, including the gentlemanly boarders, and Mrs. Brown in the kitchen suffering for a bucket of water because her dutiful son had on a white shirt and couldn't go after it, acquitted themselves of the various parts first rate.

REVIEW ON THE WABASHA COUNTY HISTORY OF 1884

Having taken so much active interest in aiding and encouraging the publication of the history of Wabasha County by H. H. Hill & Co., of Chicago, we are sorry to be compelled to say that we are greatly disappointed with the work. The general appearance of the book is all that can be desired. It is neatly printed and well bound. Some portions of it is very well and no doubt accurately written, but much of it is jumbled up in very bad shape. It does not seem to have been edited at all. The publishers had a number of writers in different parts of the county at various times and it looks very much as if the manuscript had been run in sort of "hit and miss" or "crazy patchwork" fashion. Sufficient material has been compiled [sic] to have made a very valuable book, but either it was hurried, the proof not half read, or else some of the compilers were grossly incompetent. It might almost be said that in proper names wrong spelling is rather the rule than the exception. It is a terrible conglomeration of historical data and biographies thrown promiscuously together without system or classification. Take the history of Plainview for example. You can find fragments of it in three or four different parts of the book, while the biographies are scattered anywhere and everywhere, not a few of which are tacked in the back part and not even indexed. It's little slur on Mr. Titterington, of Elgin, evidently because he refused to subscribe for the book, is contemptible in the extreme. The man who wrote it as well as the publishers themselves, deserve to have their pants kicked. It is apparent, however, that these errors are attributable to mismanagement and inadequate organization of the forces employed on the work rather than a desire, on the part of the publishers, of cutting down expenses to the sacrifice of perfect work. There has certainly been sufficient money expended on the book to have made it a first class history, and even as it is it contains a sufficient amount of valuable matter to make it worth all its costs, yet it is deplorable that it should contain little personal slurs and sarcasms. We had reason to expect better.

(Plainview News of Sat. June, 14, 1884, p3, col. 1 -- Ed. A. Paradis, editor)

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Wm. F. Bigelow, who has been waiting here for nearly two months to secure a settlement with H.H. Hill & Co., the history publishers, finally succeeded in getting his pay through Mr. E. Mathews, the delivery agent, this week, and left town Thursday for Missouri to look after certain lands which he owns [sic] in that state. It is our opinion that if Mr. Hill was as good a business man, and as desirous to do what is right as appears to be his delivery agent, he would get out better histories and save himself a great deal of trouble.

(Plainview News of Sat., June 14, 1884, p3, col. 3)

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The suit of A.J.A. Pollock against H.H. Hills & Co has been settled. The defendants paying the full amount claimed together with interests and costs.

(Plainview News, June 21, 1884 -- Pollock came into Elgin as agent but remained to become an attorney, etc. at Elgin)

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The PLAINVIEW NEWS of last week criticises the History of Wabasha County with considerable severity and some justice. --- Wabasha Herald. We lent our voice to the encouragement of this work believing that the publishers would give our people a book worthy of future generations. They have disappointed us, and, dont you forget it, Uncle Oliver, we are not afraid to say so.

(Plainview News of June 28, 1884, p3, col. 3)

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HAMPLE, Joseph  
Joseph Hample dies Feb. 12, 1884, at home of son, Fred. Born in Austria in 1811 - 73 years old. Came to Warsaw, Ohio in 1852 and to Wabasha County in 1855. Buried in Bremen Cemetery. (Feb. 16, 1884)

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PIONEERS  
A great many old settlers from Elgin, Beaver, Watopa and other points attended the reunion here Wednesday evening. We noticed, among others, Curtis Bryant, John O. Richardson, George Farrar, Joseph Richardson, Dr. W.T. Adams, F. M. Bigelow, Ezra Dickeman, of Elgin, and John Gage, of Watopa. . . .  
(Feb. 16, 1884)

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F. F. Fedder sells meat market at Plainview and takes trip to Germany. (1884)

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FOSTER, Josiah C.  
Josiah C. Foster was born January 20, 1815, in Erie County, Pennsylvania. Married Miss Elizabeth Grier 49 years ago -- In 1851 moved to Ohio, and to Wabasha county, Minn., in 1856. Died April 20, 1884. Prominent in Methodist Episcopal church in his early days at Cook's Valley and Highland. Left wife, four sons and one daughter. (April 26, 1884) No relationship shown with A.P. Foster

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RICH SCHOOL (Dist. 39)  
Came to my premises near the Riches school house, about four miles NE of town two colts, etc. -- Fred Glassmer/ (Aug. 9, 1884)

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SCHAD, John  
John Schad, one of our well-to-do German farmers, who lives about five miles northwest of town (Plainview) - (Aug. 16, 1884)

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SCHAD, Chris  
A man by the name of Bernard Beartlink, who works for Chris Schad, about two miles north of Lyon's Mill, . . . hurt. . . (Sept. 6, 1884)

LYON'S MILL

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NAMES  
Jury list of Nov. 1884 gives among others: William Cochrane, Glasgow; Andrew Burch, Hyde Park; George Lyon, Elgin.

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FOSTER, A.P.  
Dies Oct. 6, 1884 at about 39 years, Mrs. Thomas G. Bolton, only child of Alonzo P. Foster. Came in 1855 from Vermont with her father. (Oct. 11, 1884)

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TRACEY, Lawrence  
Just as we go to press the said intelligence reaches us that Lawrence Tracey, of Lakey station, West Albany, is lying at the point of death. Mr. Tracey is one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Wabasha. --Herald. Mr. Tracey died at his home on Thursday last week - 62 years old. /Died Oct. 2/  
(Plainview News of Oct. 11, 1884)

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County Commissioners Proceedings - Oct. 1, 1884 mentions:  
road at Blunt's Ford to Mazeppa; Moran Cooley, ?Lake?; Rochester Road, Mt. Pleasant; Roscoe's Cooley, Pepin; Feehan Hill, Oakwood.

WARRING CREEK

"\$70.86 for bridge at Warring creek in Gillford twp."

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## County Commissioners' Proceedings, July 28, 1884

\$100 for WARRING Creek bridge in Gillford  
 \$299.17 in Glasgow twp for Funk's Ford bridge  
 \$80 to aid Oakwood in making a new road at Feehan hill  
 \$128 for building two bridges over dry run in Chester  
 \$24.92 to aid Mt. Pleasant in building bridge over dry run on Rochester and Hazlett  
 Cooley road near the house of James Caine.

Plainview News, Aug. 16, 1884.

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COOPERTOWN ? The Mazeppa Roller mill, formerly known as the Mazeppa mill, after an idleness  
 COOPERVILLE ? of nearly six months was started up again the latter part of last week. Work  
 in the cooper shops was resumed Jan. 19. The mill and shop, when running full  
 time, gives employment to about fifty persons.

Plainview News, Jan. 31, 1885, p3, col. 1

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E. B.  
 EDDY dies Ezra B. Eddy, born in Portage county, Ohio /1830/. At age of twenty, in December,  
 1850, married Miss Jane Willson. ... in spring of 1855 in company with Messrs. A.T.  
 Sharpe, Wm. Boatman, and a couple of other parties he landed in this township, and  
 took a claim on SECTION 13, now occupied by John Horn, and helped to build the first  
 house on this prairie. Mrs. Eddy being the only woman in the party, she was installed  
 as housekeeper over this "fist palace of Greenwood Prairie"....After farming it for  
 a couple of years he engaged in hotel business, in the new village of Plainview ...  
 engaged in other business and then returned to farming. ... in the fall of 1877,  
 WHEN THE GREAT BOOM COMMENCED IN NORTHERN DAKOTA . . . ( he left Plainview twp)

Plainview News, Feb. 14, 1885.

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H.H. Butts Came to Plainview about 1856.

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## TOWN CLERKS IN WABASHA COUNTY

Greenfield - M.H. Tobias, Kellogg	Minneiska - D.H. Ingalls, Minneiska
Oakwood - Jas. McGuigan, Millville	Mazeppa - O.B. Munger, Mazeppa
Elgin - J.B. Norton, Elgin	Highland - John Bricher, Cooks Valley
Mt. Pleasant - Sidney Cross, Lake City	Greenfield - John Dady, Kellogg
Glasgow - Jacob Howe, Cooks Valley	West Albany - Jas. Monroe, Theilmanton
Chester - Wm. C. Prescott, Bear Valley	Hyde Park - Michael Kinney, Jarrett
Gillford - Andrew Boss, Zumbro Falls	Pepin - Carl Marx, Reads Landing
Plainview - A.B.W. Norton	Wabasha - R.E. Stearns, Wabasha
Lake - Wm. Annand, Lake City	Watopa - N.P. Burnam, Weaver
Zumbro - A.J. Perkins, South Troy	Lake City - M.O. Kemp, Lake City (?Duplic)

Plainview News, May 23, 1885, p3

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## County Commissioners Proceedings of May 12, 1885

Jarrett's Ford  
 \$50 to repair bridge on LONG CREEK, on Millville and Harlan road  
 A petition praying for vacation of road ... commencing in the Wabasha and STEWART  
 VALLEY road at the quarter stake between sections nine and ten, in town 110, R11,  
 Wabasha county, and following the line said road to the point where it crosses the  
 east line of B. Schmidt's farm on Section 17 in same town. Committee appointed to  
 meet later at Thomas Huddleston's, Glasgow.

A petition having been duly presented praying for the laying out of a highway  
 described as follows: Commence on the Lake City and West Albany road at a point  
 where a creek crosses said road near the confines of Lake City, directly east of  
 a bridge known as the MOREY CREEK bridge . . . again mentioned in description as  
 MOREY CREEK.

Plainview News, May 30, 1884, p3, col. 3-4

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VALE'S MILL Patrick Rhodes, who lives beyond VALE'S Mill,.... He was driving to Plainview.... Plainview News, June 20, 1885

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FEEHAN HILL P. Feehan owns land on NW, NE and SW corners and Dennis Feehan on SE corner of crossroads corner where meet SECTIONS 1, 2, 11, 12. Road crooked here indicating this probably location of Feehan Hill. Dennis Feehan came in 1863. (1896 Atlas)

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WARRING W.H. Warring, farmer, Sec. 13, Chester twp - came in 1860 (1896 Atlas)

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GILLET SCHOOL HOUSE This may refer to school in Sec. 23, T. 111, R. 13, Mt. Pleasant, since along with it is mentioned Sidney Cross house in NE 1/4 of sec. 23, T. 11, R. 13, dealing with road running south here. Elsewhere indicates Gillet school may be in or adjacent to Lake City. Plainview News, Oct. 3, 1885, p3, col. 4.

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CANFIELD HILL They were four hours going from Smithfield post office to CANFIELD HILL, about three miles [towards Wabasha] (complaint on road conditions due to heavy snow) Plainview News, Jan. 23, 1886

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COCHRANE VALLEY Mentioned in Co. Com. Proceedings of March 15, 1886: \$100 to aid town of Pepin in repair of roads and bridges . . . on COCHRANE VALLEY and Reads Landing road running past M. Redmond's house . . . . P. News., March 20, 1886

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ALBERTSON'S SLOUGH Wm. Albertson has sold his farm of 150 acres, in Greenfield twp to Groff Brothers. Albertson goes to S. Dak. P. News, April 17, 1886

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GILLET ??? Geo. S. LaRue has been engaged by Dr. Gillet, Supt. of the Florida Chautauqua Assembly. [Note: This name may apply to a Harrison Gillett, machinist, who settled in Lake City in 1856 and established shop (MHS Coll. Vol. 14).] P. News., April 17, 1886

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HAZLETT & BOSTON COOLEYS Co/ Commissioners Proceedings, May 12,13, 1886

"new road in HAZLETT COOLEY in Mt. Pleasant (we have it in Lake ?)  
"new road in BOSTON COOLEY in Mt. Pleasant  
"\$75 to aid town of Chester in repairing Rochester and Red Wing road on LOUCKS AND KIMBLE hills..." (elsewhere spelled as KIMBALL'S Hill

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Cp. Com. Proceedings - July 26, 1886

SUGAR LOAF "Sugar Loaf Valley road in Mt. Pleasant

Louck Hill KIMBALL HILL "repairing Louck and KIMBALL hill road in Chester (note: also as Kimble's hill) P. News, Aug. 7, 1886, p3, col. 3-4

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STERRETT SCHOOL "Among incidents of Saturday's storm, the Wabasha Herald gives the following: It is reported that the STERRETT school house in Mt. Pleasant was blown to pieces. . . . Plainview News, Sept. 4, 1886, p3, col. 3

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D.C. SWEET KELLOGG D.C. Sweet, Esq., the well-known Justice of Peace at Kellogg, died...last Thursday He has lived at Kellogg ever since village started...prominent citizen...postmaster etc. from Wabasha Herald. Plainview News, Sept. 25, 1886, p3, col. 3

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COCHRANE  
VALLEY  
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John Cochran of Glasgow... dies...He was 69 and had been in Wabasha county since 1856  
P. News. Nov. 27, 1886, p3, col. 4

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SMITHFIELD

HERALD: Judge C. G. Dawley, who has been postmaster at Smithfield for the past 20  
years . . . The office has been transferred to Mr. Stienman, his neighbor.....  
P. News. Jan. 15, 1887, p3, col. 5

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WARRING  
COOLEY

\$23 for repairing WARRING COOLEY road in Gillford--Co. Com. Proceedings, Jan. 3, 1887

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Grand Forks, Dak.,  
Feb. 4, '87

R.C. Stillman, Esq., Secy of the Old Settlers' Association, Plainview  
Dear Sir:

GREENWOOD  
PRAIRIE  
&  
PLAINVIEW

.... Thirty two years ago the 12th of last November, myself and family  
landed on the west bank of the Mississippi, at Reads Landing. The country was  
then very new, and with the exception of a few farmers along the Mississippi river,  
was entirely uncultivated. There was a few settlers at Wabasha and Reeds, but what  
is now the largest best part of Wabasha was then in Mr. Cratt and Mr. Buison's  
fields, fenced with worm fences, made of timber stolen from government lands (It  
was not called stealing then to take timber from unclaimed lands).... Alexse Baily,  
of Wabasha was then champion of the half-breeds. He kept a store and had a very  
profitable trade with the Indians and half-breeds. At his residence he kept a side  
board of choice brandy, wine, and other liquors, and lived like a nabob. Joe  
Reggers and Phils Stone were then the mighty hunters of Wabasha. . . Thirty years  
ago you will remember was the winter of the deep snow. Then there was quite a  
settlement on Greenwood Prairie, Plainview (then Centerville) had been platted and  
about a half dozen dwellings erected. The first winter I lived in Wabasha County  
there was what they called a road from Wabasha to Chatfield and from there to Elliota  
near the state line. The road consisted of only a few wagon tracks and a few scat-  
tering stakes to show the general course, and there were but three stopping places....  
The Zumbro, Springers (now St. Charles) and Chatfield. There were no other settlers  
to stop with . . . all log cabins.

H. P. Willson

Plainview News, Feb. 12, 1887, p3, col. 2-3.

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OAK RIDGE

R.W. Carpenter, one of our constables, has been having a rather busy time of it lately,  
with Charles Batcher, on OAK RIDGE. Some time ago a mortgage was foreclosed on Mr.  
Batcher.... [Batcher refused to vacate] P. News. April 23, 1887, p3, col. 3

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RIDGE  
road & hill

". . . was going down the Ridge road hill, which leads into Weaver

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NORWAY  
HILL

"\$50 for bridge near NORWAY HILL in Oakwood, --(Co. Com. Proceedings, May 11, 1887  
P. News, May 28, 1887, p3, col. 5

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PURCELL  
HILL

"\$20 on Purcell hill. . . (Co. Com. Proceedings-Oct. 26, 1886)  
[R.W. Purcell, farmer in sec. 35 of Lake twp, came here 1857, may be  
connected with this.]

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- ZUMBRO FALLS FERRY Co. Commissioners' Proceedings - May 10, 1887  
 \$63 for running expense of ZUMBRO FALLS FERRY  
 \$144.28 to build AMERLAND BRIDGE in Greenfield
- NORWAY HILL \$50 for bridge near NORWAY HILL in Oakwood  
 \$144.28 for building bridge, near residence of Henry Amerland, in Greenfield  
 (Plainview News, May 28, 1887, - p3, col. 5)  
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- The RIDGE . . . Rumor says that Nate Lawrence and Charley Hamlin had a very spirited race on the RIDGE, . . . (deals with dissatisfaction over horse trade)  
 (Plainview News, May 11, 1887, p3, col. 3)  
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- WABASHA HILL Wabasha Herald: Mrs. Bernard Passe, whose residence is on top of the WABASHA HILL . . .  
 (Plainview News, May 11, 1887, p3, col. 5)  
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- OAK RIDGE Mr. Timm, a farmer living on OAK RIDGE between Elba /Winona Co./ and Minnesota City in Winona Co. . . . (P.N. July 2, 1887, p3, col. 2)  
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- STERRETT SCHOOL Nathaniel Sterrett, a pioneer settler of Mt. Pleasant, died Monday . . . [July 18] age 74 years . . . (Plainview News, July 23, 1887, p3, col. 6)  
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- YALES MILL [several families] . . . put in last week very pleasantly camping out at YALE'S MILL. . . . (Plainview News, July 23, 1887, p3, col. 6)  
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- SMITH COOLEY Co. Commissioners' Proceedings - July 25, 1887  
 \$125 to repair SMITH COOLEY road, city of Wabasha to appropriate a like amount. . .
- MARS RAVINE \$15 for MARS ravine and river road to Jarrett
- PREBLE & COMSTOCK MILL \$255 to aid Mazeppa in repairing bridge across Zumbro river near PREBLE & COMSTOCK'S mill in said town
- MARS RAVINE \$15 on MARS ravine road
- BREMEN HILL \$10 on BREEMEN hill, Oakwood (Plainview News, Aug. 13, 1887, p3, col. 4)  
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- GILBERT VALLEY . . . quite a vein of ochre has been found at the head of GILBERT VALLEY in Mt. Pleasant  
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- Co. Commissioners' Proceedings - Sept. 12, 1887  
 . . . to build brige over Zumbro river near PREBLE & COMSTOCK'S MILL
- FEEHAN HILL ?? \$26 for building bridge near residence of CHARLES FEEHAN in Oakwood
- NORWAY HILL \$11.17 for bridge on NORWAY HILL road in Oakwood  
 (Plainview News, Sept. 24, 1887, p3, col. 3)  
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- LYONS MILLS Steven Appel, proprietor of the LYONS MILLS (should be Stephen)  
 Plainview News, Oct. 29, 1887, p3, col. 3  
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- Grind Your Buckwheat -- I am now prepared to grind buckwheat at any and all times and guarantee ~~good~~ to turn out as good work as can be done elsewhere.  
 STEVEN APPELL (P.N., Oct. 29, 1887, p3, col. 5)  
 Later issue, this add corrected to read APPELL, but remains STEVEN  
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Ed. A. Paradis, editor and publisher of Plainview News, sells out to Meachum & Cobb, as of Dec. 10, 1887

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RUDY &  
MORAN

Co. Commissioners' Proceedings - Jan. 3, 1888  
\$50 on RUDY and MORAN COOLEY roads

\$11 for HAMPE bridge

MCNULTY HILL

MCNULTY HILL in Oakwood (Plainview News, Jan. 21, 1887, p3, col. 4)

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GREENWOOD  
PRAIRIE

Mrs. ~~ix~~ T. A. Thompson dies Jan. 28, 1888 at Lawrence, Kans. Came with husband to Greenwood Prairie 1856 - moved to Kansas 1881. Pioneer settler.  
(Plainview News, Feb. 4, 1888, p3, col. 2)

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PLAINVIEW  
POSTMISTRESSES

Miss Hattie E. Carroll died Feb. 2, 1888 in Mpls. --- Appointed Plainview postmaster in 1873, had as her assistant younger brother, Arthur [? A.J. ?]. Held office until August, 1887, about 14 years. Born in Ohio Feb. 26, 1832, came to visit in Minnesota with brother George in 1859, who had come in 1857. She returned in 1860. . . . (Plainview News, ? Feb. issue)

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PLAINVIEW

[in an address at Old Settlers Reunion, T.G. Bolton said]: . . . It seemed to those who first saw this prairie, that no fairer landscape ever greeted the weary, home-seeking, traveler, than that which lay before him here in Plain View . . . . (P.N., March 3, 1888, p2, col. 1)

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FIRST  
PLAINVIEW  
SCHOOL

. . . Plainview's first school house was located two miles east of this village [Plainview] upon land ~~now~~ now owned by T.G. Bolton. The district at that time comprised about half of Wabasha county, there were seven pupils enrolled in 1856. The school building was 14 x 18, built of rough boards set up endwise with benches made of rough boards for seats . . . [address of G.R. Hall at Reunion] (Plainview News, March 3, 188, p2, col. 4)

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GREENWOOD  
PRAIRIE

. . . they suddenly found themselves in the very midst of a vast prairie of luxuriant [sic] verdure, "carpeting a gently undulating [sic] prairie soil, dotted here and there by small groves of oaks and popples spread out beneath a clear sky, . . . [F.L. Meachum's address at Reunion] (Plainview News, March 3, 188, p3, col. 3)

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GAYLORD  
BRIDGE

. . . the bridge in the north of this town [Plainview township], known as the "Gaylord bridge," on the Wabasha road. . . (P.N., Mar. 10, 1888, p3, col. 2)

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A.R. SPAULDING, of Lake ---m (Plainview News, March 24, 1888, p2, col. 2)

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BAKER  
SETTLEMENT ???

ELGIN ITEMS - Mr. A. Baker died Monday the 7th inst. at the residence of his son, B. T. Baker, at the advanced age of eighty-seven.....

(Plainview News, May 12, 1888, p2, col. 1)

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COLD BROOK  
RUN

Co. Commissioners' Proceedings - July 23, 1888  
\$125 for bridges on COLD BROOK run in Chester...  
(Plainview News, Aug. 11, 1888, p3, col. 4)

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RESTAURANTS

The following business cards are arranged in the order in which they were  
found in the collection, viz. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.

1. J. J. McDonald

Proprietor and Manager, London

100, Strand, London, W.C. 2

Day Dining, Lunches, Dinner and Supper

Clothing, Hats, Trunks, Luggage

Books and Stationery, Cigarettes and Cigars

Flowers and Plants, Furniture and

Decorative Art, etc., etc.

2. J. J. McDonald

Proprietor and Manager, London

Day Dining, Lunches

Clothing and Trunks

Books and Stationery, Cigarettes and Cigars

Flowers and Plants

3. J. J. McDonald

Proprietor and Manager, London

Day Dining, Lunches and Supper

Clothing and Trunks

This card is one of the largest in the collection  
and is very well printed and illustrated in good style  
and is very attractive and is arranged in the following  
order: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.  
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order: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.

BUSINESS CARDS

The following business cards appeared among others in 'The Wabasha County Reads Landing Herald, Vol. 2, No. 22, Saturday, Jan. 29, 1859.

F. A. Richards

Forwarding and Commission Merchant  
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in  
Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes  
Clothing Hats & Caps Queensware  
Drugs and Medicines, Hardware and Provisions  
Plows and Farm Implements, Furniture and  
Cabinet ware." \_\_\_\_\_ Reads Landing, Minn.

T. B. Wilson & Co.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers  
in  
Dry Goods, Groceries  
Hardware & Provisions &c.  
Forwarding and Commission Merchants  
Reads Landing, Minn.

"St. Julian House"

(Formerly Union Hotel)

Corner of Water and Main Street.

Carl F. Hufschmidt Proprietor.

This hotel is one of the largest in Eastern Minnesota has lately been refitted and furnished in good style, and every inducement will be extended to the travelling public to make it their stopping place. Good fare, attentive servants and best of accommodations, will characterize the St. Julien and we hope to make it the best hotel in the place. No. 27, Tf. "

American House

B. H. Seevey Proprietor

Reads Landing, Minn.

"This hotel is large, well furnished and convenient to the steamboat landing. It is the only hotel in the place kept by an American and good order and neatness are its characteristics.

Good fare, single rooms and the best of beds for travelers.

Board \$1 per day

Good stabling attached to the house.

F. "

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Richards and Whitney

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

Stoves and Tinware

Reads Landing "

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"A. Lamar

Merchant Tailor

Water Street - Reads Landing  
Custom work done to order, and all  
work warranted \_\_\_ Aug. 28-57

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"Ludwig Trautman

Reads Landing Bakery,

Opposite the Steamboat Landing, 2 doors above American House, is prepared to supply steamboats, families &c, with Bread, Cake, Pies and everything in his line.  
Aug. 29-57 "

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S. A. Kemp

Notary Public

Reads Landing, Minn

Dealer in Real Estate and General  
land agent.

Collections made and proceeds  
promptly remitted. " 1Y

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Daguerrean Gallery

Persons desiring first class Daguerreotypes  
or ambrotypes, can be accomodated by calling  
at the rooms in the Bank Block, Levy Street,  
Wabashaw. 46 TF

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H. M. McDougall

County Surveyor

of

Wabashaw County Minnesota and General Land  
Agent, office corner Main and Marion Sts.,  
Lake City, Jan. 30, '58 N.21 Y

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W. C. Fox

Brick and Stone Mason and Plasterer

Is prepared to take contracts  
for anything in the above line and  
execute them promptly. Long ex-  
perience and close application to  
business he feels confident, enable  
him to warrant entire satisfaction.

John N. Murdock

Attorney & Counsellor at Law

Wabashaw, Minnesota

Office over Robers & Sons Bank.

Refers to Chas R. Read, Esq. F. S. & L. Richards

M6, No. 3.

"Francis H. Milligan, M. D.

Having resumed the practice of medicine  
and surgery, will attend exclusively to  
the different branches of his profession.

Office corner of Levee and Bailey streets.

Residence at the house formerly occupied by

Alexis P. Bailey, Esq. Wabashaw, May 29, 1858 "

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Lumber - Lumber

For cash, grain or flour, the subscriber  
is prepared to fill orders for all kinds  
of lumber required for building purposes,  
and will receive in exchange cash, grain  
or flour at his mill at Wabashaw - 38TF

J. Williams. "

G. W. Hall

Manufacturer and Dealer in

Cabinet Ware

Mattresses, Pillows, Feathers & etc., All kinds  
of chairs, tables, bedsteads, washstands &c,  
constantly on hand

Wabashaw Oct. 31, 1857 "

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"Wm. L. Lincoln, M. D.

(Member of Mass. Medical Fraternity )

Respectfully offers his professional  
services as Physician and Surgeon, to  
the citizens of Wabashaw County and  
vicinity. Office over Rogers & Sons,  
Bank. Wabashaw, Minnesota.

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Book and Variety Store

James Crowley

Dealers in Books, Stationery, Yankee Notions

Toys, Candies &c.

Main - Between Walnut & Alleghaney Strs.

Wabashaw

Minnesota

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"Building Materials

Constantly On Hand and For

sale at Williams Steam Mill in Wabashaw,

Planed finishing boards, Planed floor  
boards, Planed siding, Sheathing lumber,  
Fencing boards, Fence pickets, Scarttings.

All timber of all sizes furnished to  
order at the lowest price. Those in want  
of lumber will do well to call before pur-  
chasing elsewhere.

Wabashaw, May 20, 1858.

NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

200,000 acres of land in Wabashaw County, and  
within 15 miles of the Mississippi River,  
subject to pre-emption.

Pre-Emption Houses

for sale at Williams Mill, Wabashaw

May 29th

N. 38, TF. "

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WOOD!

WOOD!

WOOD!

All persons in the habit of helping themselves  
to wood and timber from lands belonging to the  
proprietors of the town of Pepin (known as Reads  
Landing) without authority, will hereafter be  
dealt with in such a manner as cannot fail to  
convince them that it is more economical to buy  
wood, at the present low prices, than to supply  
themselves by stealing from others.

This notice is intended for Germans as well  
as others who resort to this method of obtaining  
fire wood. There is no humbug about this matter  
and further indulgence will not be permitted.

One of The Proprietors.  
Reads Landing, Jan. 21, 1851.

A DURRIN

Attorney and Counsellor at Law, and Solicitor in Chancery

Notary Public and Conveyancer,

Reads Landing, Minn.

Is also empowered to take Depositions to be used in this or any other state. Scrip and Land warrants located with promptness, care and fidelity. Land bought and sold, Taxes paid &c., collections promptly attended to, and remittances made forthwith. I would call the attention of the public especially to the fact that I am in direct communication with J. F. Meline, Esq. resident at Cincinnati, Ohio who is consul for the following European countries viz. Belgium (Luxumburg), Holland, Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Holstein, Hamburg and Lubeck, and Vice Consul for France, Sardinia, Denmark (Schleswig, Holstein and Lauenburg) Sweden and Norway; and as such, recognized by various exequators of the President of the United States, with consular jurisdiction throughout the western states. Persons desiring to make remittances to any of the above named countries, or obtain money from thence in the shape of debts, pensions or legacies, or wishing any legal advice concerning Estates, inheritances or pensions, can be greatly facilitated in the one, and obtain the other by calling at my office.

Jan. 1, 1859

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Wabashaw

Steam Planing Mill

Doors, Sash and Blind Manufactory. We have a large assortment of work manufactured from seasoned lumber and are prepared to fill all orders for irregular size of sash and doors, Store fronts, planing, resawing, wood turning, and scroll sawing at reasonable prices. Dressed flooring and siding at lowest market price.

R. D. F. Clapp & Co.

M. Kennedy

Manufacturer and Dealer in

Boots, Shoes &c.

Corner Third and Walnut Strs.

Wabashaw

Has just returned from below with his fall and winter assortment consisting of Boots, shoes, gaiters, ladies and childrens ware. \* \* \*

Something New

Under The Sun

Edward F. Mues

at

His New Store

in

The Julien Hotel Block

offers

At Wholesale and retail a large and splendid stock to which he invites the attention of the Public. He respectfully solicits the patronage of farmers and cordially invites all to call and to supply themselves with

Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Nails, Glass, Glassware, Crockery, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps.

Yankee Notions

Ready Made Clothing

Wines, Liquors and Cigars

at

The lowest cash prices

"Quick sales and small profits" is the motto he has adopted, and adhering to the old adage that a nimble six pence is better than a slow shilling" he offers better bargains for cash than can be obtained elsewhere in the country

and money will be saved by calling on him before purchasing.

Remember the place. St. Julien House Building, Water Street. Reads  
Landing, Aug. 1, 1857

DRUG STORE

T. B. Wilson and Company

Have on hand a well assorted stock

OF

Drugs and Medicines

Chemicals and Perfumery

Paints Oils and Dye-stuffs

They are in charge of an experienced druggist, and the public may  
rely upon their being waited on in a most satisfactory manner.

Physicians' prescriptions accurately compounded at all hours of day  
and night.

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RODMAN BURCHARD

(Successor to F. S. Richards)

Reads Landing, Minnesota

Would respectfully announce to the citizens of Reads Landing  
and surrounding country, that he has purchased the extensive stock of  
goods now in the store lately occupied by F. D. Richards, all of which  
will be sold

LOW FOR CASH

or its equivalent. His stock stands unrivalled. Confident of which  
he respectfully solicits an examination of same.

Persons visiting this point for the purpose of bringing goods, can  
not fail to make it an object to examine.

PRICES AND QUALITY

Before purchasing elsewhere, my motto shall be to sell for

Ready Pay and Small Profits

It shall be my aim to keep the best assortment of goods in market.

In connection with the above the

Boot and Shoe

business will be carried on, and the best of work constantly on hand.

The Custom Department

is under the superintendence of a competent and experienced workman,

The Blacksmith Shop & Wagon Shop

will also be kept in full operation

Horse Shoeing and Job Work

of every description, done in a manner warranted to be satisfactory, and

on the most reasonable terms.

My stock is complete, and consists of all articles kept in a country store,

such as

Dry Goods

of all descriptions:

Groceries

Golden Syrup; Sugar House Molasses;

N. O. Sugar; Clarified, Loaf, Powdered and Crushed Sugar; Coffee,

Teas, Spices, Rice Saleratus, Dried Apples, Dried Peaches.

Vinigar, White Fish, Cod Fish, Mackerel, Salt, Tobacco & etc.

Pork, Ham, Flour, Butter, Lard, Grain and Provisions, Hardware, Queensware.

Iron and Nails

Crockery and Glassware

Boots and Shoes

The largest and best stock in the country.

Ready Made Clothing

Furniture

Cabinet Ware, Wooden Ware

Farming Implements

Superior Quality

Harness, ships, lashes, wagons &c

Carpenters and Joiners Goods

Drugs and Medicines

Doors, sash, putty, glass, sash & paints

(Odd size glass cut to order)

Powder, Shot and Lead, Stationery, Trucks

Fancy Soaps, Perfumery, &c, &c, &c.

For further particulars, call and enquire yourselves

Grain, Hides, Furs & Peltries,

Bought at the highest market prices.

F. S. Richards is my authorized agent, to whom all business matters at

Reads Landing are entrusted

R. BURCHARD

Reads Landing, Jan. 21, 1859.

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The business cards were all printed in single column display and from their marking indicated that they represented continuous advertising rather than those usually found in special or seasonal editions. They are an index to the volumes of business transacted in Reads Landing and monument to the enterprise of its business men.

Mr. Territory

Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed extension of the term of office of the members of the Board of Supervisors, and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the Board for their consideration.

The Board has the honor to inform you that they have not yet reached a decision upon the matter, and that they will endeavor to do so as soon as possible.

The Board has also the honor to inform you that they have received from the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, a copy of their report on the proposed extension of the term of office of the members of the Board of Supervisors, and that they are at present reviewing the same.

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The Minnesota Territory

The Rise and Progress of Minnesota Territory - published by C. L. Emerson in 1855 gives first hand information relative to the years 1849 to 1855 in Minnesota.

In its introduction, a good picture of the territory is given in the following words:

"The Territorial Government of Minnesota was established by an act of Congress, approved the third day of March, 1849, the expiring date of the administration of President Polk. On the succeeding day General Taylor's term commenced, and shortly thereafter he appointed Alexander Ramsey, of Pennsylvania, Governor of the Territory.

On the first day of June 1849, Governor Ramsey issued his proclamation, announcing the organization of a Territorial government, and on the third day of September following, the first Legislative Assembly of the Territory convened in St. Paul.

The geographic limits of Minnesota, as defined by the Act of Congress extended from the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers, and the western extremity of Lake Superior on the east, to the Missouri on the west; and from the Iowa line on the south to the boundary line between the United States and the British Possessions, on the north.

The Territory comprises an area of one hundred and sixty-six thousand square miles, or one hundred and six million of acres; lying between parallels 43° 30' and 49° of north latitude, and extending between degrees 90 and 103 of west longitude. The general character of the country is gently undulating prairie, interspersed with groves of trees, and watered principally by four large rivers and their tributary streams. Innumerable lakes of clear water abound, stocked with fish, and resorts of myriads of wild fowl. The margins of lakes and streams are commonly covered with different varieties of wood,

including oak, maple, ash, hickory, beech and pine. Immense tracts of pine skirt the St. Croix and Rum rivers and other tributaries of the Mississippi; furnishing at the present time the most valuable export of the territory.

The Minnesota shores of Lake Superior are rich in copper and iron ore; and the fisheries of this lake promise in a few years to rival those of New Foundland.

In the region adjacent to the Minnesota River coal in considerable quantities has been found; and near the Iowa line indications of galena have been detected. The rivers which in every direction intersect the Territory, present in their numerous falls facilities for manufacturing unsurpassed by the Merrimac or Connecticut.

The soil of this favored region is admirably adapted to the cultivation of cereals and roots. The prairies are natural fields, already prepared for the plough; and the liberal earth returns the husbandman reward for his labor a hundredfold. The culture of several kinds of fruits has been fully tested; and the apple, pear, quince and cherry are found to thrive beyond the most sanguine expectation. Garden vegetables grow to a size which appears almost fabulous; wild grasses supply nutritious pasturage for stock; and orchards of sugar maple, wild rice, and wild fruits of various species, in connection with fish and wild game, present means of subsistence to the different aboriginal tribes.

The climate of Minnesota is free from sudden variations of temperature to which most other localities are subjected. In winter owing to the stillness of the air and the absence of moisture from the atmosphere, the cold is less perceptible, than in more moderate climates, where the wind is high and the air is raw and damp. Snow remains on the ground until the thaws of spring, but never falls to a great depth, as in New England and middle states. Navigation of the rivers is generally suspended by the 25th of November, and resumed by the first of April - in the mean time the smooth surfaces of the lakes and streams become icy highways of travel, and the Mississippi

opposite St. Paul, presents the appearance of a gay and crowded thoroughfare. Ice is cut for summer use, pure and clear as crystal, and in cubical masses, whose sides average thirty inches.

In the spring no late frosts occur; the whole country as if by magic in robes of greenest verdure, and a thousand varieties of wild flowers enamel the hill-sides and prairies.

The summer months are exceedingly pleasant. The days are warm and bright, with a gentle breeze at all times, and the nights cool and pleasant. In mid-summer, there is usually a day or two of intensely hot weather, on account of a meridian sun beaming through a brilliant atmosphere. Thunder storms are frequent, occurring mostly at night.

Autumn in Minnesota is the most charming season of the year. A soft haze rest on every object, mellowing the distant landscape, dreamy in the lingering sunshine of the dying year. Through the day the air is warm and dry; at night it is cool and bracing. Little rain falls and early frosts are unknown.

The Indians in the Territory number about forty thousand; comprehended for the most part in the divisions of Dakota, Chippewa and Winnebago. The whole land "glows with their myths and traditions; is sprinkled over with their battlefields, with the sites of their ancient villages, and with the Wakon stories of their teeming mythology. Not a foot of ground that we tread, but has been trod before us. Wild tribes of men have marched their armies over the site of our towns and fields; fierce battles have been fought where new churches raise their spires; our plowshares turn furrows amidst the graves of buried races, and our children play, where generations of children played before them. Dakota and Ojibwa, Shiann and Assineboins, Winnebago and Iowa, Ozankie and Musquakie, each in turn or together have dwelt in the land, hunted and warred through it, migrated to and from it. When the first Jesuit

missionary, one hundred and ninety years ago, visited Lake Superior, he found the Chippewas and Sioux engaged in that war which has continued with little intermission to the present time. How long before, how many centuries previous, this contest was waged, we know not - the records are dim, the traditions vague and uncertain. But we do know that from the St. Croix to Mille Lac, which rich maple bottoms are a Golgotha of hostile bones, through all the midland hunting grounds to Lake Superior, and northwest, by wild rice shallows, to the fertile lacedo of Red Lake, the results of the warfare between the Algonquin and Dakota races can be traced - a warfare which completed that general disruption of the old geographical relations of the various tribes of Minnesota, which the Dakotahs, perhaps, were the first to disarrange, when they located on the Upper Mississippi."

A sum equal to about a quarter of a million of dollars is annually disbursed by the general government among the Indian tribes of Minnesota; and agencies are established, on the Minnesota river for the Sioux; at Long Prairie, in Cass County, for the Winnebagoes; and on Crow Wing river, seven miles from the junction with the Mississippi, for the Chippewas.

The public domain is divided into six land districts, with government offices at the following localities, viz: at Brownsville, in Houston county; at Winona, in Winona county; at Red Wing, in Goodhue county; at Minneapolis, in Hennepin county; at Stillwater, in Washington county; and at Sauk Rapids, in Benton county.

Three United States military posts are located within the territory; designated respectively as Fort Snelling, Fort Ripley; and Fort Ridgely; and during the past winter an appropriation has been made by congress for the erection of a fourth fort, situated at Pembina, near the inter-national boundary line.

The first census of Minnesota was made by order of Governor Ramsey, in the summer of 1849. The number of inhabitants reported at that time was

4680, of whom 3607 were males, and 1713 females. The number returned in the subsequent year, under the United States census, was 6139. Since 1850 no general enumeration of the inhabitants has been had; but at the present time the population of the Territory cannot be less than forty thousand; while by many it is estimated at as high as fifty and sixty thousand.

In 1850 the taxable property was returned at \$832492; in 1851 at \$1,282,303; in 1852 at 1,598,165; in 1853 at \$2,445,437 in 1854 at \$4,578,033.

Previous to the meeting of the first legislative assembly in 1849 but one county organization existed within the limits of the newly established Territory of Minnesota. This county was known as St. Croix county, and was a remnant of the old Territorial organization of Wisconsin. It comprehended the angle of land formed by the St. Croix and Mississippi rivers, and comprised all the land in Minnesota, exclusive of military reservations, to which at that time the Indian title had been extinguished West of the Mississippi, the Indian ownership was undisturbed; and so remained, until the summer of 1851 when, by a treaty negotiated with the Dakota Indians, by Alexander Ramsey and Luke Lea, a cession was effected, by which the United States acquired title to a tract of country, covering a superficial area of more than forty thousand square miles. New counties have been established at each session of the Territorial Legislature. \* \* \*

#### Wabashaw County

Mr. Emerson gave but a paragraph to Wabasha County and says:

'Wabashaw County is bounded on the North by Goodhue county, on the east by the Mississippi river, and on the south by Winona County. These limits were established by an act of the Territorial Legislature approved Feb. 23, 1854. In this county lies the tract of land commonly known as the 'Half Breed Tract,' set apart in a treaty held at Prairie du Chien, in 1850, to the relatives of the Medawakontoan Sioux of mixed-blood, to be held by them in common, as other Indian lands are held. The existence of this anomalous title has

retarded the settlement of the county, but by an act of the last congress, this obstruction will shortly be removed, and Wabashaw county during the current season will undoubtedly attract the large immigration, to which its generous soil and fine natural advantages entitle it. "

The history contains a list of the established post offices then in Minnesota totalling fifty-nine, two of thich were in Wabasha county, Reeds Landing and Wabasha.

Mr. Emerson in recounting the acts of the XXXIII Congress affecting and aiding the Territory refers again to 'The Half-Breed Tract,' in Wabasha County as follows: "The President, by an act, approved on the 17th of July (1854), was authorized 'to cause to be surveyed the tract of land in the Territory of Minnesota, belonging to the Half-Breeds, or mixed-bloods of the Dakota or Sioux nation of Indians.'" The result of this enactment has been the extinguishment of the greatest of all impediments to the advancement of civilization - a half-breed title. By the extinguishment of this title, the beautiful country bordering on Lk. Pepin, has been thrown open to settlers. In consideration of the relinquishment of their right, title and interest in the land to the United States, the half-breeds receive from the government scrip for land equal in quantity to that which they would receive in case of division among themselves, not exceeding six hundred and forty and not less than forty acres each. Provision is made in the act for surveying the lands and bringing them into market."

It is also noted that the first session of the XXXIII Congress appropriated \$15,000 and the Second Session \$13,171.76 towards the improvement and completion of the "Wabasha-Mendota Road" built by the government at a cost of \$5,000 in 1850. This congress also provided for a mail route from Reeds Landing, via Chatfield, to Burr Oak in Iowa.

Newspapers

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The Wabasha County Herald: The Herald was first issued at Reads Landing in May 1857 by Joseph and Thomas McMaster. It was at that time proposed to change the name of the village to Waumadee and though this was not done, the paper was produced as "The Waumadee Herald."

The editors were drowned, by the capsizing of their sailboat, immediately after the first publication and there was a suspension of publication. Soon thereafter, Norman E. Stevens purchased the plant and resumed publication of the paper as the "Waumadee Herald." Later in 1857 the paper appeared as The Wabasha County Reads Landing Herald.

July 23, 1859 C. W. Wheaton became associated with Mr. Stevens under the firm name of Stevens and Wheaton who continued as Editors and Publishers until March 1, 1860 when Mr. Stevens again became sole editor and publisher. Mr. Stevens was an ardent Republican and the Herald was just as ardent in the advocacy of the Republican party.

H. C. Simpson, who had been publishing the Wabashaw Weekly Journal at Wabashaw, discontinued its publication December 6, 1860 and the subscription list and its advertising contracts were taken over by the Herald and the Heading of the Herald was changed to the Wabashaw County Herald and Weekly Journal, Reads Landing and Wabashaw, Minnesota. On January 30, 1861 it appeared at Wabashaw as The Semi-Weekly Wabasha County Herald with Mr. Stevens as editor and publisher. Wabashaw and Reads Landing as places of publication.

July 1, 1862 Stevens sold the subscription list and materials to A. B. Shaver, but retained the presses and type and started the "Plainview Enterprise" which proved an unsuccessful enterprise and was discontinued by him that fall.

Mr. Shaver changed the paper to a weekly again on August 10th, 1862. Mr. Stevens purchased a half interest of Mr. Shaver in October 1862 and the firm name appeared as Shaver and Stevens. July 9, 1863, the Herald was changed from a five column to a seven column paper and Reads Landing was

dropped as one of the places of publication

April 1, 1864, Mr. Stevens sold his interests to Mr. Shaver and removed to Paxton, Illinois where he started the Paxton Record.

Mr. R. H. Copeland purchased a one-half interest in July 1864 and the new firm became Shaver and Copeland and so continued until February 2, 1865 when, Shaver purchased Copeland's interest and Mr. Copeland entered the Union army. August 3, 1865, Shaver sold to E. W. Gurley and Frank E. Daggett. Both Daggett and Gurley were enthusiastic Republicans who had served in the Union Army and the policy of the paper continued Republican. Under their management the paper appeared with a new style head letter and a non-ad first page. March 8, 1866 Gurley dropped out and Daggett became sole proprietor. May 3, 1866 H. M. Rose bought an interest and the firm became Daggett & Rose who enlarged the paper first to eight and then to 9 columns in 1867. Daggett dropped out in Nov. 1867 and Rose became sole editor and proprietor. Rose died April 2, 1868 and J. K. Arnold became editor and had charge of the office under Lawrence Ginthner, administrator of the estate of Mr. Rose. Mr. Daggett returned and purchased the Herald of Mr. Ginthner and was sole proprietor until the summer of 1870, when he sold to Amasa T. Sharpe and Willis D. Palmer and the firm became Sharpe and Palmer. Sept. 5, 1872, Mr. Sharpe sold his interest to W. S. Walton and the firm became Walton and Palmer. During the Sharpe and Palmer ownership the leading editorials were written by J. N. Murdock, a well known lawyer of Wabasha. He was a forceful writer, and infused the spirit of Republicanism anew into its columns.

Mr. Walton, the new proprietor, devoted his talents to making the Herald a better local paper, and was a strong advocate of things best for the interests of the community. He associated himself with his brother, H. H. Walton. In June 1878 W. L. Lewark bought one-third interest, and in April 1879 Mr. Walton sold his two-thirds interest to W. H. Matteson; the firm became Matteson and Lewark. In 1881 Matteson sold his interest to O. F. Collier and the firm became O. F. Collier and Company.

In 1893 Collier sold to John F. McGovern and James Keating who associated themselves with Lemark under the firm name of J. F. McGovern and Company. Later, in January 1898, Lewark retired and the firm became McGovern and Keating.

O. F. Collier and Company made the Herald an independent paper in politics, and, though it has at times had strong Democratic leanings, it has continued independent.

Mr. McGovern died in 1904, and on Sept. 1, 1905, S. M. Quigley purchased the McGovern interests and with Mr. Keating established the firm of Keating and Quigley who, as editors and proprietors, ran the paper until October 16, 1908 when Quigley purchased the interests of Keating, becoming sole owner and publisher. On January 1, 1928 he sold the paper to A. W. Klein who had been associated with him as associate editor since 1921. H. F. McGovern was associate editor from October 1908 until June 1909. W. J. Dornuf served in a like capacity from June 1909 to the close of the year 1920.

Mr. Klein sold the paper to Daniel Burns and Everret Heuer in 1929. Behrns and Heuer organized the Wabasha Printing Company and after purchasing the Wabasha Standard consolidated the Herald and Standard under the name Wabasha County Herald Standard.

Mr. Heuer disposed of his interest to M. A. Jensen in - - - -, and Behrns and Luther I. Aasgaard, and Aasgaard and Jensen became the owners and publishers of the paper, and continued the publication until 1940 when Jensen sold to Aasgaard. Mr. Aasgaard is now proprietor, editor, and publisher.

The Wabasha Journal: The Journal was the first newspaper published in Wabasha County. It was started at Reads Landing July 4, 1856 by H. J. Sanderson who was editor and proprietor.

The Journal was moved to Wabasha in the spring of 1857 where it was made official paper April 27, 1858. During the summer of 1858, S. S. Burleson, of North Pepin, Wisconsin, bought an interest in the paper and later became its owner. He changed the name of the paper to 'Minnesota Patriot.'

In October 1859 H. C. Simpson purchased the equipment and began the publication of the Wabashaw Weekly Journal. G. W. Marsh came in with Simpson during 1860. The Journal which had been Democratic in politics became Republican and also became unpopular on account of its position relating to the agitation for changing the County seat.

The last issue as the Wabashaw Weekly Journal appeared December 6, 1860 and its subscription list and advertising contracts were completed by the Wabashaw County Herald.

Mr. Simpson moved the plant to Lake City and started the Lake City Journal. The first issue of the Journal appeared January 3, 1861. It later absorbed the Lake City Tribune then edited by H. C. Porter.

The Wabasha Journal was published by Mr. Sanderson in "The Old Log Church" at upper end of Main Street in Wabasha.