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The main stem of its waterway; Olmsted had the Zumbro, joined by a number of lesser streams; Rice County had the Cannon. But none of these was large enough for navigation...

Minnesota History, 35: 12-13

Two chief causes may be assigned to the decline of most ghost towns: changes in transportation routes and changes in the regional economy.... Since the principal Midwest industry has long been agriculture... the best illustration... of this [second] factor are to be drawn from... the milling towns which once thrived... when wheat was grown extensively in this part of the state... Southeastern Minnesota contains many of these ~~villages~~ <sup>milling</sup> villages... There are... Jarretts on the Zumbro... Forest Mills... was almost exclusively a milling village.... In... k867 H.H. Palmer... prospected for a millsite... on the Zumbro River. Construction was completed... the following year.

Zumbro R. <sup>Four</sup> ~~family~~ (fur?) geog names, page 11

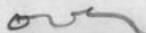
"Zumbro river...derived from the early French name, River des Embarras...was obstructed by driftwood...This burden and embarrassment prevented or hindered its navigation by the canoes of the French voyageurs for the fur trade"

Larson, page 31:

Even before the government was ready to offer the land.. people began to swarm into the valleys of the Minnesota<sup>R</sup> River, the Root, the Zumbro, and the Cannon; settlement came to vary inversely with the distance from these streams.

Larson, page 45:

Fillmore, Olmsted, and Rice counties were not located on navigable streams. Fillmore had the Root River as



GHOST TOWNS

ANOKA COUNTY

DECORRI

"A Post Office has been established at the mouth of Rum river, (north side) called Decorri, and G.W. Branch appointed Postmaster."

(From St. Anthony Exp. Wkly. of Aug. 6, 1852)

Decorri

Anoka Co.

"The P.M. General has changed the name of the post office at Rum River from Decorri to Anoka."

(From the St. Anthony Express (wkly) of May 6, 1854.)  
(vol. III, No. 49)

## GHOST TOWNS

## G R O W

"Mr. McCray, of the town of Grow, raised this season from five hills with three plants in a hill, 200 large squashes. So says the Anoka Press." (Mpls Tribune, Oct. 24, 1868 - pl, col. 1)      THERE IS A GROW TWP IN ANOKA CO.

GHOST TOWNS

ANOKA CO.

ITASCA

Township: Ramsey

Location: S. 19 and 20

Platted: 1852

P.O. estab: first P. O. in Anoka county May 1852

the name was later applied during many years to  
its station near the former Itasca village site.

both the village and railway station have been  
abandoned.

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

## GHOST TOWNS

Itasca

Anoka country ~~Scottsboro~~

Thomas Andrew Holmes in 1849 purchased the site of Itasca and here laid out another town. Only the little lake of Itasca is left as a reminder of this settlement. It was across from the present railroad station of Dayton in Hennepin county.

GHOST TOWNS

OAK GROVE (ANOKA CO.)

"THE MINNESOTA APPLE -- LETTER FROM REV. G.H. POND."

"To the Editor of the Minnesotian:

Oak Grove, Oct. 2nd, 1858.

Mr. Editor: I send herewith some apples which you can make such use of as you think proper. Apples from the same tree have been exhibited in the Agricultural Fair at Minneapolis and St. Paul each of the last three years without a name. I now venture to name it THE MINNESOTA APPLE.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Every Minnesotian ought to obtain apple seeds and plant them all over the State, and then Minnesota will produce apples and not till then. Doubtless some localities are more favorable than others, but they will grow ANYWHERE IN MINNESOTA with proper care. Let everyone plant the seeds FIRST, and while they are growing, he may,

(over)

if he choose, experiment in imported trees, BUT WILL  
GATHER FRUIT FROM THE SEEDLINGS.

I say so because I think so.

G.H. Pond."

(Daily Minnesotian, ~~Sept~~ Oct. 5, 1858, -p2, col. 2)

## "ST. FRANCIS AND ITS NEIGHBORHOOD."

Anoka July 25, 1867

St. Francis is a very pleasant little village of considerable promise, situated on Rum River, in the northern part of Anoka. Anoka county has been represented for most part as a second rate land, but from inspection, the land appears as excellent black dirt. The city itself is very prosperous looking, having hotels, mercantile stores, mills and other factories, and in no time will expand to greater proportions. The crops in this section appear excellent, and farmers are looking for a banner season."

(Mpls Tribune, ~~Maxyzkzxyzk888xexp2zxczxyz2~~x July 27, 1867-  
p 1, col. 2 )

GHOST TOWNS

OAK LAKE

(Becher)

"Oak Lake is represented to be a point of considerable interest at present. There are several miscellaneous stores there, one owned by Harvey Abrahams, of this city (Mpls); a jewelry store, newstand, good hotels, and other evidences of civilization. The surrounding country is said to embrace soil of the highest fertility, and is now bearing \*\*\*grain.

Colonies from Lawrence county, Rochester, N.Y., and Boston, are located in the vicinity, besides the large Scandinavian population. There is little government land open to settlement, and already many are selecting railroad lands for homesteads." (Mpls Tribune, July 7, 1871 - p4, col. 1)

(over)

Apparently in Becker County -From Wilcox's History of Becker Co.: OAK LAKE VILLAGE - in 1871-72 there was a thriving village at the Old Oak Lake Cut on the north-east quarter of Section 24 of the present Audubon twshp. Grew up simultaneously with work of excavating long deep cut on N.P. rlwy at that place; it being several hundred feet in length etc. (see Becker file)

## GHOST TOWNS

BELTRAMI CO.

## FARLEY

Township no. 148 Range no. 32

Location: NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SEC. 28, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
sec. 28, Port Hope twnshp.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Turtle  
River Lake on the Minn. & International Railway  
and MTH NO. 71.

Date estab: during 1900 exact date unknown.

" platted: " 1900 " " missing from plat

" organ: 1st village election held Oct. 26

1901, the place being unrecorded.

Date extinct: sometime after 1906.

" P.O. estab: unknown Date P.O. remov: unknown

Reason settled: town established because of a

grudge Blakely & Farley held for neighboring town of Turtle River.

Ref: Martin Widsten; R.A. Hannah & files of Beltrami County Historical Society.

Photos: unknown, possibly Hakkerup Studio, Bemidji  
Records: very incomplete & only consist of those scattered records available in the office of County Auditor.

Remarks: estab. by logging contractors, Blakely and Farley, who tried to establish a sawmill at town of Turtle River, but were not granted the concessions they asked in this town, as a result obtained land on lake shore a mile north of Turtle River and set up their mill at this point. Many business men and residents of Turtle River were induced to settle in

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FARLEY continued

*Beltrami*

the new town.

Only one set of town officers seems to have been elected, the election being in 1906 when W. T. Blakely was chosen president; Herman Buhalk, clerk and M. W. Blakely treasurer.

*Investigated Oct. 24, 1938*

GHOST TOWNS

BELTRAMI CO.

FOWLDS

Township 149 Range 34

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 27 & SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 22. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of  
Mud Lake on Crookston Lumber Co. spur between Wilton  
and Island Lake

Date estab: unknown first settlers came in region  
sometime between 1896 and 1905.

platted during 1905, exact date missing from records  
organized at meeting held in Leonard hotel lobby

Apr. 16, 1906. first election held in bank bldg. June  
7, 1906.

extinct about 1913 forest fire practically wiped  
out entire settlement.

P.O. estab. unknown. removed: supposedly about 1913  
principal reason for settlement proximity to logging  
camps and activity of large lumber cos. one of  
which estab. large supply warehouse at Fowlds.  
Ref: Ernest Neumann, R.A. Hannah & files of Belt.  
Co. Hist. Soc.

Photographs: none

no existing records except in office of Co. aud.

Remarks: estab. on spur of Crookston Lumber. Co.'s  
rr. as supply dept town for number of logging camps  
nearby. named in honor of John F. Fowlds, one of  
first settlers. at height of existence had several  
stores and saloons, Leonard Hotel, Bank of Fowlds  
Main street of village extended east & west. Town  
was in direct line of severe forest fire & most of

cont.

FOWLDS continued

*Beltrami*

the buildings were destroyed. residents fled to other sections to establish new homes.

Only one set of town officers seems to have been elected according to records on hand. P.A. Huffman, president; Edward Leonard, clerk; B.Y. McNary, treas. H.W. Vandervort, assessor. Elected to serve during 1907. No records exist as to population.

*Investigated Oct 22, 1938*

GHOST TOWNS

BENTON CO.

WATAB (Indian Trading Post)

Township: Watab

Estab: 1848

Extinct: before 1880 the village of Watab entirely  
disappeared

during about ten years following its establishment  
Watab was the most important commercial place in  
Minnesota Territory northwestward from St. Paul,  
but later it was superseded by Sauk Rapids and St.  
Cloud

GHOST TOWNS

BENTON CO.

WATAB

Estab: 1848 as trading post

Extinct: before 1880

Ref: MHSC vol. 17 " during about ten years next following its establishment in 1848, Watab was the most important commercial place in Minnesota Territory northwestward from St. Paul, but later it was superseded by Sauk Rapids and St. Cloud, and before 1880 the village of Watab entirely disappeared. "

GHOST TOWNS

BLUE EARTH CO.

HILTON (changed to St. Clair by officers of the  
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul rail-  
way co.)

Platted: 1865 on the land of Aaron Hilton

Township: Mc Pherson

Location: on the site of the old Winnebago  
agency.

Refer: MHSC vol . 17

GHOST TOWNS

L U R A

(Blue Earth of Faribault)

"W.Z. Haight, of LURA, has invented a peat machine, which is highly spoken of by those who have seen it. The manufacture of this machine, it is said, burn as well in the stove as bituminous coal." (Mpls Tribune, July 15, 1869 - p3, col. 3)

## GHOST TOWNS

BLUE EARTH CO.

## MAPLETON

Estab: April 1856

Platted: June 1856

Organ: April 2, 1861

Ref: MHSC Vol. 17 " was named Sherman in 1858

Isaac Sherman, an old settler of Danville, or perhaps for Asa. P. Sherman of this township.

It was organized with its first town meeting, Apr. 2 1861, taking its present name from the Maple river, which received this name from the government surveyors in 1854, for its plentiful maple trees. The site of the railway village of Mapleton was platted Jan. 21, 1871, and it soon superseded the older village which had been platted in June, 1856.

GHOST TOWNS

BLUE EARTH CO.

QUARRY

originally called Quarry owing to stone quarries in the vicinity. In 1902 the name was changed to Stone.

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

SHELBYVILLE (Blue Earth Co.)

"MR James Miller, of SHELBYVILLE, recently thrashed (sic) 346 bushels of wheat from ten acres of land, ~~whi~~ which was the ninth successive crop of wheat grown in that field. The yield is over  $34\frac{1}{2}$  bushels per acre. We think this sufficiently demonstrates the fact that "Minnesota wheat land DOES NOT WEAR OUT. - Mankato Union Mpls Tribune, Sept, 12, 1868, p2. col. 1) Upham states "Shelby township (Blue Earth County), established by the county commissioners April 6, 1858, was then named Liberty, but was renamed as now on October 14, of that year. Its VILLAGE OF SHELBYVILLE had been platted in April, 1856, which was superseded by the more centrally

(over)

located railway village of AMBOY, platted in 1879,  
so that the SHELBYVILLE POSTOFFICE was discontinued  
in 1881. This village name was given by Rev. John W.  
Powell, who came here in October, 1855, from Shelbyville  
Indiana." Upham, MHC vol. 17, p63)

GHOST TOWNS

BLUE EARTH CO.

SHELBYVILLE

Platted: April 1856

Township: Shelby

P.O. remov: in 1881

Extinct: superseded by the more centrally  
located railway village of Amboy, platted in  
1879

Ref: MHSC vol 17

GHOST TOWNS

BLUE EARTH CO.

SHELBYVILLE

Township: Shelby

Platted: April 1856

P.O. remov: 1881

Extinct: about 1881 superseded by the more centrally located railway village of Amboy

GHOST TOWNS

BLUE EARTH CO.

SOUTH BEND

Township: South Bend

Established: summer of 1853 as a rival of Mankato

Platted: plat recorded Sept. 22, 1854

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS -

STERLING (Blue Earth)

"-----The Congregational Church at Sterling, Blue Earth county, recently dedicated their new church edifice, and now an interesting revival of religion has followed the effort to build a house for God." (Mpls Tribune, Mar. 25, 1868, p 1, col. 5) This probably now Sterling Center.

GHOST TOWNS

BLUE EARTH CO.

VERNON

Township: Vernon Center

Platted: June 1857

## GHOST TOWNS

## MINNEINNEOPA FALLS

"The St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad Company are engaged in preparing for the erection of a passenger depot and station buildings at MINNEINNEOPA FALLS. The passenger house will be large enough to accommodate excursion parties to these falls and afford shelter in case of storm." (Mpls Tribune, May 10, 1870 -p2, col. 2)

Note - probably Minneopa Falls of Blue Earth Co.

## GHOST TOWNS

CARLTON CO.

### TWIN LAKES

Township: Twin Lakes

A map of Minnesota in 1856, by Silas Chapman, shows a small settlement named Twin Lakes, which was the only locality indicated as having inhabitants in Carlton county. It was nominally the county seat until Thomson was so designated by the legislative act of Feb. 18, 1870.

GHOST TOWNS

CARVER CO.

BENTON

Township: Benton

Location: on the northeast shore of the little lake

Benton and a half mile ~~from Cologne~~ north  
of Cologne

Platted: June 1880

Inc. March 1881

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

CARVER CO.

CAMDEN

Township: Camden

Platted: 1856

P.O. estab: 1856

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

CARVER CO.

HELVETIA

Township: Hollywood

Location: near southeast corner of twsp.

Platted: autumn of 1856

Ref: MHSC vol. 17.

GHOST TOWNS

CARVER CO.

SAN FRANCISCO

Township: (fractional) San Francisco

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1854

Extinct: about 1864

site reverted to farming land

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

Ghost Town

San Francisco

Carver co.

sometimes called "Bill Foster's town"  
was selected as the county seat of Car -  
ver county by the Minnesota Territorial  
~~Legislature~~ Legislature in 1855.

"after removal of the county seat to Chaska  
in 1856 the town of San Francisco dis-  
appeared from the face of the earth"

## Ghost Town

St. Lawrence

Carver co.

in the latter part of 1856 William Stodder and Charles L. Pierson laid out a town in the southern part of the township (San Francisco) which they called St. Lawrence. It was practically astraddle the Minnesota river and was half in Carver co. and half in Scott co. There was one house built in East St. Lawrence on the Carver side but the west side of the town was never settled and town soon became as dead as the celebrated saint from whom it was named.

RAPID WATER - now possibly Watertown in Carver Co.

GHOST TOWN

RAPID WATER

"Territorial News - From St. Anthony Express.

"TERRITORIAL ROADS - Our Minneapolis friends John H. Stevens, Hilliary B. Hancock, and Lewis Harrington, are at present engaged in laying out a territorial road from Minneapolis to Fort Ridgely, with branches to Glencoe, Lake Addie, Hutchinson, Forest City, and Cedar City! The road goes on the north shore of Lake Minnetonka. It is whispered that those branches lead off from a new town on Crow River which has been christened RAPID WATER. It is further said that RAPID WATER has one of the best water powers in the Territory, and that it is going to be improved this year. This is a great country!"  
(Daily Minnesotian, April 1, 1856 - p2, col. 3)

POSSIBILY WHAT IS NOW WATERTOWN IN CARVER COUNTY

GHOST TOWNS

CASS CO.

LATHRUP

Township: Shingobee

Location: T. 141 N.; R. 31 W.; S. 25.

Estab: 1890 ?

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1905 ?

P.O.estab:

P.O.remov:

Reason settled:

Ref: inv. by K.A. Lehto, 1936. No history of  
above dates given.

Photos:

Records found as follows: Village finance book  
1896-1901; Warrant book 1898-1901; Village ordi-  
nance~~x~~ 1896-7

In 1874 atlas township is Shingobee not Turtle  
River.

GHOST TOWNS

CHIPPEWA CO.

CHIPPEWA CITY

Platted: autumn of 1868

home of county seat until 1870 when act of legislature  
changed it to the new town of Montevideo.

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

SUNRISE CITY (CHISAGO)

"There are four hotels in SUNRISE CITY, and all are doing a thriving business. They also have two grist mills in town." (Mpls Tribune, July 8, 1869 - P3, col. 3)

## GHOST TOWNS

(Clearwater County)

Some "Forgotten Townsites" of Clearwater County, most of which were surveyed and recorded between 1900 and 1924, are described in the Farmers Independent of Bagley for August 29 (1935). Among the townsites noted are Mallard, Alida, Regina, Moose, Wheelock, Itasca, Murray, and St. Jefferson. Of these, one, Mallard, was at one time a thriving logging village. (M.H. vol 16 (Dec. 1935 - P493)

GHOST TOWNS

ALIDA (Clearwater Co.)

Described in Farmers Independent of Bagley, Aug. 29,  
1935 (MH 16 p493)

GHOST TOWNS

ITASCA (Clearwater Co.)

Described in Farmers Independent of Bagley, Aug. 29,  
1935. (MH 16 p493)

GHOST TOWNS

MALLARD (Clearwater)

Described in Farmers Independent of Bagley, Aug. 29, 1935.

GHOST TOWNS

CLEARWATER CO.

MALLARD

Township:

Location:

Estab: 1902

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct:

P.O. estab:

P.O. remov:

Reason settled: logging industry

Ref: inv. by Arlene Peterson, 1936 but no definite  
dates were given concerning organization or  
P.O. or twsp.

this village after flourishing for some time with six saloons (Indian Treaty 1910 closed saloons) and the logging business gone, came to an end. Some buildings were burned and some moved away; only one dwelling remains. Village also had P.O. and newspaper, "Mallard Call"

GHOST TOWNS

CLEARWATER CO.

MEADOWS (former P.O.)

Township: Greenwood

P.O. discontinued

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

CLEARWATER CO

MOONLIGHT (discontinued P.O.)

Township: Eddy

Location: S.3

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

MOOSE (Clearwater)

Described in Farmers Independent of Bagley, Aug. 29,  
1935. (MH 16 p493)

GHOST TOWNS

MURRAY (Clearwater).

Described in Farmers Independent of Bagley, Aug. 29,  
1935. (MH 16 p493)

GHOST TOWNS

CLEARWATER CO.

OLBERG

Township: Leon

Location: north edge of S. 22

superseded by Clearbrook when the railway was built there.

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

REGINA (Clearwater Co.)

Described in Farmers Independent of Bagley, Aug. 29,  
1935. (MH 16 p493)

GHOST TOWNS

ST. JEFFERSON (Clearwater)

Described in Farmers Independent of Bagley, Aug. 29,  
1935. (MH 16 p493)

GHOST TOWNS

Clearwater Co.

STARLIGHT (P.O.)

Township: Sinclair

Location: S. 21

P.O. discontinued

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

CLEARWATER CO.

WEME

Township: Eddy

Location: S. 18

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

WHEELOCK (Clearwater co.)

Described in Farmers Independent of Bagley, Aug. 29,  
1935 (MH 16 p493)

GHOST TOWNS

CLEARWATER CO.

WILLBORG (former P.O.)

Township: Eddy

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

CLEARWATER CO.

WINSOR (discontinued P.O.)

Township: Winsor

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

AUBURN

Township: Vermillion (1858)

Location: T.114 N; R. 18 W.

Estab: 1856

Platted: 1855

Organ: 1858

Extinct: By 1900(not in Gaz. 1880 to 1896 to 1927)  
(OK Gaz. 1878-79 and 1896 only)

P.O. estab: 1870 (U.S.P.G.)

P.O.remov: by 1900(no P.O. 1900 to 1920 L.M.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Maps of Dakota co. including Minn. Hist.

Atlas 1874; U.S.P.G. Guides and Census reports;

Gaz. and L.M. 1870 to date; Histo. of Minn Valley

Neill, and Hist. Dak. co. C.W.

Photos: none

Records: none. no officers given

Remarks: Named for the Vermillion river, which bears a translation of its Sioux name. Village is located on map in Geo. of Minn. by Winnhell, plate 34, 1882-85.

## GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

## BELLWOOD

Township: Marshan (formerly Bellwood, org. 1858)

Location: T. 114, N.; R. 17 W.; Sect. 28

Estab: 1857 (first settlers)

Platted: none Organ: none

(not listed in Gazateers L. M. or U.S.P.G.)

Extinct: 1880

P.O.estab: P.O.remov: No. P. O. recorded

Reason settled: by land and town lot speculators

Ref: Neill Hist. of Minn. Valley; C.W.; U.S .P.G.

& Census reports; Gaz. & L.M also early maps  
of co.

Photos: none

Records: none given or officers

Remarks: The Hastings Independent of July 25, 1857 gives a rosy account of this village but its predictions were never fulfilled. Named for Joseph Bell.

## GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

BLACK DOG VILLAGE (INDIAN) (C.W.p. 401)

Township: Eagan

Location: T. 116 N.; R. 24 W.; S. 17 &amp; 18

Estab: 1837 (in recorded history S ec. 18)

Platted: none Organ: none

Extinct: 1852 (ratification of treaty removed  
Indians to Red Wood Agency)

P.O. estab: none P.D. removed: none

Reason settled: Indian Village

Ref: M.H.S.C. vol. 17; Neill Hist. Minn. Valley;

C.W.; and town given on map of co. in Mann. Geo.

Survey by Winchell 1882-5.

Photos: none

Records: none

Remarks: The treaty of 1837 gave to the Indian Village a French ~~man~~ named Louis Martin, who taught the Indians farming. He was located in Sec 17. Indians built village of log cabins about him

## GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

BURNSVILLE (see note below towns & townships often confused) (C.W.p. 435)

Township: Burnsville (1858)

Location: T. 115 N; R. 20 W.

Estab: 1856 Platted: 1857 Organ: 1858

(Probably just Township Center)

Extinct: By 1880 (not in Gaz. 1878 to 1927)

P.O.estab: 1860 (possibly township PO.)

P.O.remov: 1880 (not in L.M. 1905 or U.S.P.G)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Maps of Co. 1874 on; Gaz. & L.M.; U.S.P.G.

and Census reports(1860 gives village); Minn.

Geo. Survey ~~xxxxxxx~~ Winchell, 1882-85; Neill

Hist. Minn. Valley; and Hist of Co. C.W.

Photos: none

Records: none given; records destroyed to 1860  
C.W. p. 435.

Remarks: Village in 1860-70 U.S. Census. The  
census is somewhat confusing and I believe town-  
ship is indicated only, not sure.

GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

CHRISTIANA (see p. 416 C.W.)

Township: Eureka

Location: T. 113 N. R. 20 W; (P.O. on S. 19 & 21)

Estab: 1854 (first settlers)

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1858

Extinct: (?) (Listed in Gaz. 1878 to 1927 last)

P.O. estab: 1857 (OK U.S.P.G. 1857 to 1900)

P.O. remov: 1905 (L.M.) not in U.S.P.G. 1914 or 1920)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: C.W. and Neill's Hist. Minn. Valley; Gaz.

& L.M. 1870 on; U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; Maps of

Co.; M.H.S.C. vol 17 and Minn. Year Book 1936

Photos: none

Records: no officers given

Remarks: Township named for Greek word, Eureka,  
"I have found it!" This was exclamation of members  
of its Indiana settlement, when they first  
arrived in 1854.

GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

CRYSTALL

Township: Lebanon (possibly twsp. only)

Location T. 27, N; R. 20W.

Estab: none Platted: none

Organ: 1858

Extinct: early (not in Gaz. 1878 to 1927)

P.O.estab: none P.O.remov: none

(No. P.O.1889-1905 L.M. or 1857 to 1914 U.S.P.G.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Note: according to C.W. p. 382, Hist of Co.

vol. I. "In Lebanon township there were no abandoned towns or villages." However in the Minn. Hist. Atlas 1874, the village of Crystallis given.

It must have been a phantom town ,as there is no reference in L.M' or Gaz.

Photos: none

Records: none

Remarks: Township named for Lebanon, New Hampshire from whence came the early settlers.

GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

"EMPIRE CITY" an early neighborhood settlement

Township: Empire

Estab : about 1854-55

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

## GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

FAIRFIELD (See Hist. Atlas 1874)

Township: Lakeville

Location: T. 114 N; R. 20 W.

Estab: 1855 (as old Lakeville, then Fairfield, 1869)

Platted: 1856 " " " "

Organ: 1858 " " " " (new Lakeville, 1878)

Extinct: 1878 (as Fairfield)

P.O. estab: 1857 (as old Lakeville U.S.P.G 1857, 59  
then new to date)

P.O. remov: 1878 (as Fairfield)

reason settled: Fairfield on railroad

Ref: U.S.P.G.&L.M.; Gaz. & census reports, in-  
cluding Co. hist. & maps.

Photos: none

Records: none , as Lakeville absorbed them

Remarks: The above Fairfield is not an abandoned town but in name only. In 1869 a new village site was chosen, at first called Fairfield, because on the railroad. This village superseded the older Lakeville but adopted that name(Lakeville) in its act of incorporation, March. 28, 1878. Do not find Fairfield as a P.O. but only Lakeville, old or new. See Gaz. OK Fairfield, not P.O. 1878-79, then Lakeville, 1880 to 1927; same L.M. 1880 to date as P.O.

GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

GREENVALE (see note bottom of page. formerly called Berlin, see C.W. p.469 can't understand why it appears in Gaz. 1920-22 only)

Township: Greenvale

Location: T. 112 N; R. 20 W.

Estab: None given (Appears only in Gaz. 1920-22  
Possibly new village 1920)

Platted: none given

Organ: " " (not in Gaz. 1878 to 1927,  
except 1920-22)

Extinct: Early (OK census 1860-70)

P.O. estab: none

P.O. remov: none (Not in L.M. 1889 or 1905 or U.S.P.G.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: M.S.H.C.vol. 17;U.S.P.G and L.M. ; Maps of  
Co. (not on 1874 Minn. Hist. Atlas); Neill's  
Minn. Valley; C.W. p. 469.

Photos: none

Records: none given or officers

Remarks: Apparently there was a North and South  
Greenvale. A Penn. Dutchman Jacob Shellenberger,  
named N . Greenvale, "Berlin" It went by that name  
two or three years. Town meeting changed it to No  
Greenvale. Township named by settlers living in So.  
Greenvale.

## GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

KAPOSIA (Indian)

Township: Inver Grove (South St. Paul)

Location: T. 28, N.; R. 23.

Estab: 1837 to 1862 (suburb of So. St. Paul)

Platted: none Organ: none

Extinct: 1862

P.O. estab; remov: 1862 (I question this, O.S.M)

Reason settled: Indian village.

Ref: M.H.S.C.vol. 17 p. 170; Neill's hist. Minn.

Valley and C.W. hist of Co.

Photos: none

Records: "

Remarks: "This was a village of successive hereditary Sioux chiefs named Little Crow

At one time this movable village on east side of  
Mississippi river and earlier at Grand Marais

GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

LAKEVILLE

Township: Lakeville

Estab: 1855

Extinct: 1869

When Hastings and Dakota railroad was built here in 1869, a new village site was chosen, at first called Fairfield. This village superseded the older Lakeville and adopted that name in its act of incorporation, March 28, 1878.

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

## GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

LEWISTON (C.W. p.315)

Township: Sciota

Location: T. 112,N; R. 22 W.; S . 14,15,22.

Estab: 1854 (first settlers, Charles Lewis &amp; Sons)

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1855

Extinct: 1875 (not on state hist. map 1874)

P.O.estab: 1857 (OK U.S.P.G. 1857,1859 and 1870)

P.O.remov: by 1889(L.M.)(not in 1889 or 1905 L.M  
or Gaz. 1900)

Reason settled: Farming and speculating on lots.

Ref: C. W. Co. Hist.; Neill's Hist. Minn. Valley;

Maps of Co. 1874 on; U.S.P.G. and U.S. Census  
reports;

Gaz. & L.M.; M.H.S.C. vol. 17; Minn. Year Book  
1936.

Photos: none

Records: C.W. p. 317 list of officers elected May  
11, 1858.

Remarks: Village named after Charles Lewis. He ~~is~~  
built first bridge across Cannon river. Exorbitant  
prices for town sites, killed the town

GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

MARSHAN CITY

Township: Marshan

Location: T. 114 N.; R. 17, W.; S. 17 & 26 fractions

Estab: 1853 (first settlers)

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1856

Extinct: 1875 (not in Gaz. 1878 to 1927, last)

P.O. estab: 1857 (OK U.S.P.G. 1857 but not 1859)

P.O. remov: 1859 (Not in L.M. or U.S.P.G. 1859 on)

Reason settled: Farming

Ref: C.W. p. 374; Neill Hist. Minn. Valley; U.S.P.G.

& U.S. Census; Gaz. & L.M. Maps 1874 on; M.H.S.C.

vol 17.

Photos: none

Records: none given or officers.

Remarks: "The plat on which this village was  
founded has since been abandoned." (C.W. p.374)

GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

MERRIMACK

Township: Inver Grove

Location: T. 27 N; R. 22 W.; S. 10 and 11

Estab: 1857 (store built, "no stock put in" not used)

Platted: 1857 ("laid out in spring of 1857, Lot 8")  
(C.W. p. 397)

Organ: none

Extinct: 1865

P.O. estab: P.O. removed: no P.O.

(not in U.S.P.G. 1857 or 59 or 1889, 1905, 1911)

Reason settled: Merrimack saw-mill

Ref: U.S.P.G. and L.M.; Gaz. (early editions);

C.W.; Neill hist Minn. Valley; M.H.S.C. vol. 17;

maps examined of Co. 1874, 82-5, 1918

Photos: none

Records: none, village not organized

Remarks: This town is not shown on the Hist.

Atlas Minn. 1874 or maps of Co. 1928 Security  
Surveying Co.

## GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

## MIESVILLE

Township: Douglas

Location: T. 113,N; R. 17 W. S. 11

Estab: 1871

Platted: 1872

Organ: 1874

Extinct: ( ? ) (not in Gaz. 1878-1885)

(OK in Gaz. 1890 to 1927, last)

P.O.Organ: 1871(1878 C.W.p.460)(1871 Gaz. 1900-1  
p. 653)

P.O.remov: 1905 (out L.M. of 1905)

Reason settled: farm community

Ref: Minn. State Atlas 1874 on; USP.G. &amp; Census;

Gaz. &amp; L.M. 1870 on; Neill Minn. Valley; C.W.;

Minn. Year Book 1936

Photos: none

Records: none given or officers

Remarks: John Mies, its founder in 1874. (C.W.p.  
462) Probably not extinct, still small village.

## GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

NEW TRIER (note: listed pop. 80 in 1936 Minn.  
Year Book)

Township: Hampton

Location: T. 113, N; R. 18 W.

Estab: 1850 (Gaz. 1891)

Platted: 1874 (inc. 1874) (C.W. p.389)

Organ: 1856

Date extinct: (?) (in Gaz. 1885 to 1927, last Gaz.  
pop. 160)

P.O. estab. 1867

P.O. remov. 1923 (OK in U.S.P.G. 1905, 10, 20)

OK in L.M. 1889, 1905, 1911. Out from 1923 to 1937 L.M.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Gaz.; L.M.; U.S.P.G.; U.S. Census; M.H.S.C. v 17

Neill Minn. Hist. Valley; C.W.; co. maps.

Photos: none

Records: first officers given C.W. p. 389

Remarks: In 1922 this village had a pop. of  
20. It was named for Trier, Germany. Not shown  
on 1928 Dakota map.

GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

NICOLS

Eagan Township

Location: T. 116, N; R. 24. W.; S 17

Estab: 1867 (flag station C.W. p.407)

Platted: 1862

Organ: 1861 (estab; by legislative act)

(not in Gaz. 1878 to 1900; OK 1900 to 27)

Extinct: none

P.O.estab: none recorded

P.O.remov: (not in 1905 L.M.)

(not in U.S.P.G. 1905-14-20 to 1937)

Reason settled: railroad station

Ref: Maps 1874 on; Gaz. & L.M. 1870 on; U.S.P.G.

1857 to date; M.H.S.C. vol. 17; Neill Hist. Minn. Valley; C.W.; State Census Reports & Minn. Year Book 1936.

Photos: none

Records: none given or officers

Remarks: Named for John Nicols of St. Paul, the former owner of its site. This village is apparently a flag station, how large or small formerly, no record.

## GHOST TOWNS

## NININGER (Dakota Co.)

". . . . The Dakota County Agricultural Society Fair commences today, at Nininger. Great preparations have been made to render this a fine affair. An address, a 2 ladies riding match, a horse ring, and a temperance celebration, are among the features. A pleasant time is anticipated, and a large crowd of visitors." (Daily Minnesoitian, Oct. 7, 1858 - p3, col. 1)

GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

NININGER

Township: Nininger

Location: T. 115,N; R. 18,W.

Estab: 1858 (Inc. winter of 1857-58)

Platted: 1856 (named from its earlier "City of  
Nininger" platted in 1856)

Organ: 1857

Extinct: By 1925(OK 1878 to 1896)(Out 1920,22-27 Gaz.

P.O.estab: 1857

P.O.remov: by 1895(Gaz. 1890)(P.O.Ok 1889 L.M. out  
1895)(No P.O.1905 L.M.or 1914 or  
1920 U.S.P.G.)

Reason settled: Large town of 1000, 1858;farm comm.

Ref: Minn. Year Book 1936; Maps 1874 on; Gaz.& L.M

1870 on; U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; M.H.S.C. vol. 17;  
Neill Minn. Valley; C.W.; Geol. (map 1882-85) Winchell

Photos: None

Records: Officers: Ignatius Donnelly, Pres.; Chas.  
E. Clark, Recorder; A. J. Cheney, City Marshal.

Remarks: "Once a large village but now (1920 M.H.S.  
C. p.167) nearly deserted." At one time incorporated  
as a city. Named for John Nininger. In 1858  
had 1000 inhabitants and cast a vote of 200. OK  
1857 and 59, U.S.P.G.

SUGAR CANE - "The St. Peter Statesman mentions a farmer in that vicinity who has four acres of sugar cane. The Hastings Ledger alludes to several fields in the vicinity of that place; among others, Mr. Burbank, who has grown thirty acres of cane this season, and is erecting a large manufactory at NININGER, and is getting the proper apparatus at St. Paul to make the syrup.

"The Faribault Herald gives another instance; Mr. Mills brought into our office on Monday last, a sample of syrup made from the Chinese sugar cane, of which he has some six acres growing, now nearly ripe, and of very luxuriant growth.\*\*\*\* It was just about as thick as a good quality of sugar house syrup, quite clear, though nothing had been used to clarify it; very pleasant to the taste, and (we over)

believe will prove a very remunerative crop.\*\*\*\*

"Those who have grown this cane entertain strong hopes that the seed will ripen--something that has been considered as highly improbable in this Northern latitude. (Weekly Pioneer & Democrat, Sept. 23, 1858 - p2, Col. 1)

## GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

## OAKLAND

Township: Inver Grove

Location: T. 27, N; R. 22 W.

Estab: Platted: none

Organ: 1858

Extinct: early. (not in Gaz. 1878 to 1927)

P.O.estab: P.O.remov: none

(no P.O.1905 U.S.P.G. 1857 to date or L.M. 1889 to dat

Reason settled: Farming

Ref: M.H.S.C. vol. 17; Maps 1874 on; U.S.Census  
reports and U.S.P.G.; Neill Minn. Valley; C.W.;

Minn Year Book, 1936.

Photos: none

Records: none given or officers.

Remarks: investigator says he ran across this village some place but has been at a loss to locate it.

GHOST TOWN

PINE BEND (Dakota Co.)

"GOLD DISCOVERED AT PINE BEND.--The recent discoveries of the auriferous metal in various parts of Minnesota, has caused the inhabitants in various places to examine their localities for a like result. Some denizens of Pine Bend, about 16 miles below St. Paul, declare they have found particles of the precious ore in the sand near that place. Whether it be genuine or not we cannot say." (St. Paul Daily Minnesotian, Aug. 13, 1858 - p3, col. 1) NOTE - Upham lists it; but not the present day MADART or SPRING LAKE, which might have some connection.

## GHOST TOWNS

## PINE BEND (Dakota Co.)

"The farmers of the PINE BEND neighborhood held a meeting last week to promote the interests of the Dakota County Agricultural Society.\*\*\*\*

"The town of PINE BEND is going ahead finely; several substantial structures are now being erected; among them a saw and grist mill.\*\*\* The agent of the Society, Wm. Jones, Esq., who got up the meeting, also held one at West St. Paul, with like gratifying results; he informs us that the farmers are awake, and the coming Fair to be held on the 7th, 8th, & 9th of October next, will prove highly important to the interests of the farmers of Dakota County and entertaining and useful to the visitors who will be in attendance." (Daily Minnesotian, Sept. 27, 1858 -- p3, col. 1)

## GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

PINE BEND (village formerly called Centralia, C.W.p397

Township: Rosemount

Location: T. 115,N; R. 19 W.

Estab: 1858

Platted: 1860 (originally surveyed 1857 C.W.p.339)

Organ: 1859

Extinct: (Ok 1878 to 1927 Gaz.)

P.O.estab: 1856 (OK U.S.P.G. 1857 to 1900 and C.W.  
p.398)

P.O.remov: 1905 (out 1905 L.M.)

Reason settled: railroad town and farming

Ref: Neill Minn. Valley; C.W.; M.H.S.C.vol 17;

U.S.P.G. since 1857; U.S.Census reports and maps.

Gaz. & L.M.

Photos: none

Records found: none

Remarks: "It is named from the fact that pine trees stand on the banks where the river makes a decided turn or bend." Pop. of this town in 1885 was 26; 1900 30.

GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

RICH VALLEY

Township: Rosemount

Location: T. 115, N; R. 19 W.

Estab: 1858

Platted: 1857

Organ: 1856

Extinct: (in Gaz. 1884 to 1927 last)

P.O. estab: 1857(U.S.P.G. OK 1859; C.W.p. 339; OK  
U.S.P.G. 1867 to 1920)

P.O. remov: 1923-36 (see L.M. for 1937)

Reason settled: Farming community

Ref: Minn. Year Book(villages bonded) 1936;

Gaz.; L.M. 1870 on:; U.S.P.G. 1857 on; Geo.

Survey(map) by Winchell; co. maps 1874 on;

Neill M<sup>I</sup>nn. Valley; C.W.

Photos: none

Records: no officers given

Remarks: named for its location in a valley of  
very fertile soil. (C W.p. 339)

## GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

WALLACE VILLAGE

(C.W. p.321)

Township: Sciota

Location: T. 112 N; R. 22 W.

Estab: 1859

Platted: 1860

Organ: 1858 (Twsp)

Extinct: 1930 (?) (not in Gaz. 1884-1891, OK  
farmer's P.O. 1900-01, OK 1927 Gaz.)P.O.Estab: 1900 (no PO. given in U.S.P.G. 1857-  
59 or L.M. 1889)(OK L.M. 1895-1905, out 1911)

P.O.remov: 1910(OK L.M. 1905)(not in USPG 1914-20)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Gaz. &amp; L.M. since 1870; M.H.S.C. vol. 17;

Neill Minn. Valley; C.W.; U.S.P.G. from 1857 on ;

Co. maps 1874 on.

Photos: none

Records: none given or officers

Remarks: "Wallace village is a discontinued farmer's  
P.O. 20 miles S.W. of Hastings." (C.W. p. 321)

## GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

WATERFORD village (C.W. p. 312)

Township: Waterford

Location: T. 112 N.; R. 19 W.

Estab: 1855 (first village unsuccessful)

Platted: 1855 (second village 1873)

Organ: 1856 ( " " 1874)

Extinct: by 1870 (first village) (2nd V. OK. 1889 L.M.)

P.O. estab: 1854 (OK U.S.P.G. 1857, 59 thru to 1874)

P.O. remov: by 1870 first village (out 1905 L.M.)

(OK 1889 thru to 1905, new)

Reason settled: sawmill, farming &amp; railroad

Ref: Gaz. &amp; L.M. since 1870; Maps of co. 1874 on;

U.S.P.G. &amp; Census reports.; Neill Minn. Valley;

C.W.; Minn. Geo. (map) Winchell; M.H.S.C. vol 17;  
Minn. Year Book 1936.

Photos: none

Records: none given or officers.

Remarks: The village of Waterford is listed in the  
1874 Minn. Hist. Atlas.

## GHOST TOWNS

DAKOTA CO.

WESTCOT or WESTCOTT

Township: Inver Grove

Location: T. 27 N; R. 22 W. S. 11.

Estab: 1854 (settled by John Westcott)

Platted: no information

Organ: " "

Extinct: (appears in Gaz. 1880 to 1927)

P.O.estab: 1881(not in U.S.P.G. 1857-59 to 1880)

P.O.remov: before 1895 (not in 1889 or 1905L.M.)

(dis. P.O. Gaz. 1900-01)

Reason settled: railroad, also farming

Ref: C.W.;Neill Minn. Valley; Co. maps; U.S.P.G.

&amp; L.M.; U.S.census reports; M.H.S.C. vol. 17.

Photos: none

Records: none given or officers

Remarks: This place was made a railroad flag station in 1866; as store was opened in 1867 and previous to that a black smith shop in 1860.

(C.W. p. 399)

## GHOST TOWNS

## FARMINGTON

"A new foundry and machine shop has been established At Farmington, in Dakota county.

"There are two Farmington's in Minnesota, one in Dakota county, the other in Olmsted but only one post office by that name, which is in Dakota." (Mpls Tribune, June 4, 1869,-p3, col. 3)

Olmsted has a township called "armington, probably the settlement referred to above.

## GHOST TOWN

## ASHLAND (Dodge Co.)

Platted July, 1855, by a company from Winona composed of William Windom, Thomas Wilson, D.S. Norton, M.W. Sargent, S.B. Sheardon, and G.W. ~~Tom~~ Townsend. It was never organized so far as can be learned from available records. Became extinct in less than a year after platting. In the summer of 1856 Robert Moffett appointed postmaster. No record of postoffice building, but surmised it was located in the hotel. Existed a matter of few months.

It was an optimistic land venture which did not justify even erection of log hotel by Lewis Hewitt, who was stocked and partially financed by G.W. Townsend. Since the town abandoned and never duly organized, no records. Hotel later converted to cross-roads store which was operated for some years by Lewis Hewitt.

Coming of railroad missed Ashland and made even the store unprofitable. Old settlers remember the store but very little about site's history as a village. Reference: R.L. Polks History of Dodge County. (from material gathered by MHS - Robert G. Distad, Oct. 24, 1938)

GHOST TOWNS

DODGE CO.

BUCHANAN

Location: on the North Middle branch of the Zumbro river  
~~former~~ former small village with sawmill

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

## GHOST TOWNS

## HALLOWELL (Dodge Co.)

In Wasioja township, on the South Middle fork of the Zumbro river. Established 1856, but never platted. In 1856 plans were made to organize, but organization, like platting, if it occurred, is impossible to determine from records. Disappeared 1868. In 1856 D.A. Shaw was postmaster; postoffice removed 1868. There was considerable timber available at this point and the erection of a steam saw-mill and shingle-mill at this point gave rise to the hope a village might some day grow here. A general store also erected. Mill burned in 1858; rebuilt in 1859. Burned again 1868, marking end of HALLOWELL.

Reference: R.L. Polk's Chronological History of Dodge County. (From MHS - by Robt. G. Distad, Oct. 24, 1938)

GHOST TOWNS

DODGE CO.

OSLO

Township: Vernon

P.O. estab: 1879

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

DODGE CO.

RICE LAKE

Township: Claremont

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

DODGE CO.

SACRAMENTO

Township: Mantorville

Platted: 1855

Extinct: about 1867

in 1857 attempted to win county seat from adjoining village of Mantorville, but was defeated. scene of early "gold rush" its buildings were removed and its site reverted to farm use making this a "deserted village"

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWN

WASIOJA (Dodge Co.)

"In the senate, yesterday (Feb. 7, 1868), the house resolution to appoint a joint committee to investigate the condition of WASIOJA COLLEGE property was concurred in after some debate, and Messrs Daniels and Harris appointed on the part of the Senate. ~~DANIELS~~ WASIOJA ~~COLLEGE~~ wants a Normal School, and proposes to donate this property to the state for that purpose."  
(Mpls Tribune, Feb. 8, 1868 - P 1, Col. 1)

GHOST TOWNS

WASIOJA (Dodge Co)

"THE GROVELAND SEMINARY (late NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE) at Wasioja, Dodge County, Minn., will open on Monday, Nov. 30th, under charge of Rev. Dr. Allen, of this city. The tuition is fixed at the following rates: Elementary studies per term, \$5.00; Higher English, \$7.50; Languages, \$10.00; Piano Music extra. Mr. Allen was formerly president of the Burlington Collegiate Institute, Iowa, and is known as a gentleman of high culture and a most thorough education. He will be assisted by competent teachers." (Mpls Tribune, Oct. 29, 1868 - p2, col. 2)

GHOST TOWNS

DODGE CO.

WASIOJA

Platted: May 24, 1856

Ref: MHSC vol.1 7

GHOST TOWNS

DODGE CO.

WINESBURG

Platted: 1855

Township: Milton

Location: Sec. 11

Planned and platted and surveyed by Eli Brant.

Ref: Mantorville Express 1896 approx.

GHOST TOWNS

DOUGLAS CO.

CHIPPEWA

Township: Brandon

Location: about two miles north of village of Brandon

Estab: previous to 1860 a station of the Burbank  
stage route from St. Cloud to the Red river

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

HOLMES CITY

(Douglas Co.)

"We learn within the past month, some twenty families have come into the Holmes City settlement. They are a class that have been well-to-do in their native land, judging from the abundant means that they have brought with them. One farmer alone has \$6,000 in greenbacks, and others \$2,000 and \$3,000 each." (Mpls Tribune, Oct. 6, 1868 - p4, col. 4)

GHOST TOWNS  
Holmes City

Douglas co.

started by Thomas Andrew Holmes in 1857

## GHOST TOWNS

## HOLMES CITY (Douglas Co.)

"GOOD YIELD. - Mr. Van Loon, of Holmes City township, harvested last summer thirteen acres of wheat, which produced four hundred and forty five bushels of sound, clear wheat. The dimensions of the field were ascertained by surveyor's measurement. The average yield of the piece was a trifle over thirty-four bushels to the acre. The general average of the township is put at twenty-seven bushels per acre by those capable of making accurate estimates. Holmes city is principally settled by the Scandinavians who evidently know how to farm." (Mpls Tribune, Dec. 13, 1868, p2, col. 1)

GHOST TOWNS

Faribault Co.

VERONA (early P.O.)

Township: Verona

Location: SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S. 11R.

P.O.estab: 1856 at the home of Henry T. Stoddard,  
it was terminus of mail route

Ref: MHSC vol. 187

Investigated by Edward A. Blomfield for Historical Records Survey, July, 1937.

The following hamlets should be included in the list. They are mentioned in the USPG for 1859 but further info not obtainable: BERGEN, LOOKING GLASS, FARMER'S GROVE, ALXBRIDGE (P.O. 1855). Some of these may be merely a P.O. name and not a village.

Abbreviations:

|        |     |                |                 |
|--------|-----|----------------|-----------------|
| T.V.   | for | Territorial    | Village         |
| C.W.   | "   | Curtiss-Wedge  | Hist. Fill. Co. |
| Neill  | "   | Neill & Bryant | " " "           |
| Bishop | "   | "              | " " pub. 1858   |
| USPG   | "   | United States  | Postal Guide    |
| Gaz.   | "   | Minn. State    | Gazateer        |

|      |     |                    |
|------|-----|--------------------|
| Hud. | for | Hudson Map Co.     |
| Inc. | "   | incorporated       |
| P.O. | "   | post office        |
| L.M. | "   | Legislative Manual |

None of these towns is Inc. or in USPG or L.M  
for 1937

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

these 20 listed on sheet found in HRS files but  
not investigated like the bal.(28)

ALBA

AMHERS T

ARENDAHL VILLAGE

BELDENA

BELLEVILLE

BIG SPRING

BRATBERG

CANFIELD(later called York)

CARIMONA VILLAGE

CHERRY GROVE

CHOICE

CLEAR GRIT

DEER CREEK

DOUGLAS( divided into Holt and Norway)

ELLIOTA VILLAGE

ETNA

ETTAVILLE

FAIRVIEW

FILLMORE VILLAGE

FINLEYS

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

AMHERST

Township: Amherst

Location: T. 102 N.; R. 9W.

Estab: 1852 or 53 (C.W.)

Platted: 1858 (CW)

Organ: 1858 (C.W.)

Extinct: 1926 (Gaz.) but not on Hud. 1928

P.O. estab: 1872 (USPG)

P.O. remov: 1905 (L.M.) 1904 (USPG)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: USPG; Neill; C.W.; Directory 1865 to date;

L.M. 1859 to date; MHSC vol. 17; Bishop: Atlases .

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. since 1900. First officers listed  
HRS files.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

ALBA

Township: Beaver

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 13 W.

Estab: 1855

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: about 1904

P.O. estab: 1859 (USPG) (C.W. p. 331)

P.O. remov: 1887 ( " )

Reason settled: farming

Ref: C.W.p. 331; Census 1900-20; Directory, 1865 to date; USPG; 1859; Neill.

Photos:

Records:

Town not mentioned in 1872-73 Minn. State  
Directory; probably absorbed by Ostrander.  
First officers not given (see Neill, p. 520)  
for Alba. Not inc. since 1900.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

ARENDAHL

Township: Arendahl

Location: T. 104 N.: R. 9 W.; S 9, 10.

Etab: 1854(Gaz.)

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1860 (Gaz.)

Extinct: 1926 (Gaz.) and Hud. 1928

P.O. estab: 1861 (C W.)

P.O. remov: 1880(C.W. p. 361; USPG 1861 to 1905)  
(out 1910, L.M.)

Reason settled: Farming

Ref: C.W.; Neill; USPG; Directory 1865 to date;

L.M. 1859 to date; Atlases & Census

Photos:

Records:

First store opened in 1865(CW.p. 360), at residence. Not inc. since 1900. When settlers arrived ~~at~~ the old Indian village consisted of 40 houses constructed of elm bark and wood. Probably Winnebago tribe. Material utilized by settlers. First officers listed in HRS file.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

AMHERST

Photos: residence of John Ward. This is also a rather elaborate drawing of the square type of farmhouse fenced in and a barn. Print from Andreas Atlas, Minn. 1874. Cata. No. F.M. 69, F4-R1

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

BALDENA

Township: Spring Valley

Location: T. 103 N.; R. 13 W.; S. 9

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1856

Organ:

Extinct: 1858 (not in Gaz. 1865 to 1873)

P.O. estab: none

P.O. remov: " (not in USPG 1870)

Reason settled: not settled

Ref.C.W.; Neill; USPG; Atlases and U.S. census;

Photos:

Records:

this village was named after Dr. W. B. Baldaan and

was surveyed and platted but not organized or recorded. (1854-1858) No first officers ever appointed. Abandoned because of lack of interest. Neill p. 551.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

Belleville

Township: ~~Newburg~~ Newburg

Location: T. 101 N.; R. 8 W.; S. 25

Estab: 1853

Platted: 1854

Organ: 1855

Extinct: about 1900

P.O. estab: 1855(P.O.1857, USPG)(1862 Neill p.438)

P.O. remov: 1884 (USPG)

Reason settled: farming community

Ref: C.W.; Neill; Bishop; USPG; U.S.Census books;

Gaz. 1865 to date; L.M. 1859 to date; MHSC vol.

17.

Photos:

Records:

"The name Belleville was given to the P.O. when "Mabel" was created it was changed to that." See Neill, p. 438. No first officers given in Neill p. 438. Not inc. since 1900.

## GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

## BIG SPRING (T.V.)

Township: ~~Harmony~~ Harmony

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 10 W.

Estab: 1855 (Neill p. 480)

Platted: 1855 (160 acres platted by James B. Tibbett)

Organ: never

Extinct: out 1910(Gaz.) never materialized, phantom

P.O.estab: 1857 to 1873(USPG)

P.O.remov: out 1884; (never had one, Neill) 1880(GAZ)

Reason settled: Land office. To create town and  
sell lots for speculationRef: Apparently phantom town. However, there seems  
to be a discrepancy somewhere as USPG indicates  
there was a P.O. in 1857-59 to 1865-73, while  
Neill, p. 480, says: "The plat of 160 acres was

taken to Chicago and lithbgraphed in colors. Lots in the East for residences sold for \$25 and business blocks for \$150. Two ladies in the East who bought a business lot for millinery store found it in the middle of a swamp." (in Gaz. 1891 to 1910, then out)

Photos: none

Records: none

Note above contradictions. No town officers.

Referred to in Hist. Fill. co. 1858, Bishop, Map.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

BRATBERG

Township: Norway

Location: T. 103 N.; R. 8 W.; S. 10

Estab: 1859 (1850 Gaz. p. 257)

Platted: 1860

Organ: 1861

Extinct: (Gaz.) 1926 and (Hud.)1928.(Hist. Fill.Co.)

P.O. estab: 1860

P.O. remov: 1909 (L.M.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Neill p. 379; L.M. 1859 to date; Gaz. 1865  
to date and Atlases.

Photos: none

Records:

Recorded in Neill p. 379; no first officers/  
Not inc. since 1900. Last Gaz. 1927 mentions  
this village. P.O. discontinued.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

CANFIELD (later called York)

Township: York

Location: T. 101 N.; R. 12 W.; S. 21-22

Estab: 1876 (Neill)

Platted: 1877

Organ: 1878

Extinct: Out about 1900 (changed to York)

P.O. estab: 1859 (USPG)

P.O. remov: 1888 ( " )

Reason settled: farming

Ref: USPG; Neill p. 512; C.W.; Gaz.; L.M.

Photos:

Records:

Named for S. G. Canfield who built a store in

1876. No officers given. Name changed from Can-  
field to York (1876)

CARIMONA \*\*

GHOST TOWNS

*Fillmore*

Daily Minnesotan, Mar. 10, 1855, p2, col. 1

GHOST TOWN

CARIMONA

*Fillmore*

"Real Estate Sale. - Messrs. Picket & Johnson have sold to Henry T. Morse, of Decorah, their valuable mill property including both flouring mill and sawmill. Mr. Morse has an extensive experience in building and conducting mills in the west, and will urge on what remains to be done on the flouring mill to an early completion. CARIMONA will soon have a mill which would be a credit to any place in the Territory. --Fillmore County Pioneer."  
(Daily Minnesotian, April 4, 1856-P2, col. 2)

## GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

CARIMONA (T.V.)

Township: Carimona

Location: T. 102 N.; R. 11 W.; S 4.

Estab: 1853 (Neill p. 498) or 1852

Platted: 1855 (or 1854 C.W. and Neill 1854)

Organ: 1858

Extinct: 1926 (G.) and (Hud. 1928)

P.O. estab: 1854(P.O. 1857-59, USPG)(Neill p.499)

P.O. remov: 1904 (USPG)

Reason settled: farming and stopping place for stage

Ref: Bishop; USPG; Neill; C.W.; Bishop; Atlases;

Gaz.1865 to date; L.M. 1859 to date; Census 1860  
to date.

Photos:

Records:

Bishop says village laid out in Dec. 1855; again, this village founded in 1853-4 and was county seat in 1855-6, then called Preston Station. On stage route Galena-Dubuque to St. Paul. "Carimona" prominent chief of Winnebagoes, "In 1858 "all the comforts of an eastern village," Bishop. No first officers given in C.W. p. 344, or Neill p. 498.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

CHERRY GROVE

Township: Forestville

Location: T. 102 N.; R. 12 W.; S. 4

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1855

Organ: 1856

Extinct: 1926 (Gaz.) but not on (HUd. 1928)

P.O. estab: 1859 (USPG); 1869 (C.W. p. 340)

P.O. remov: 1882 (C.W. p. 340) out 1903 (L.M.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: C.W.; Neill; USPG; Atlases; Gaz. 1865 to date;

L.M. 1859 to date; Census.

Photos:

Records:

C.W. p. 340: " Village made up of hopes unrealized."  
No first officers given.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

CHOICE

Township: Preble

Location: T. 102 N.; R. 8 W.

Estab: about 1854 (1858 Gaz. p. 259)

Platted: none

Organ: "

Extinct: Gaz. 1926; Hudson 1928.

P.O. estab: 1891 to 1905 (USPG) out 1910(L.M.)

P.O. remov: out 1910 (L.M.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: C.W.; Neill; USPG; Gaz. 1865 to date; L.M.

1857 to date; Atlases; Hud. 1928 and same Webb  
map co.

Photos:

records:

Not inc .since 1900. no first officers

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

CLEAR GRIT

Township: Carrolltown

Location: T. 103 N.; R. 10W.; S. 21

Estab: 1867 or 1869

Platted: 1868

Organ: 1869

Extinct: 1885

P.O. estab: No P.O. (USPG 1865-73)

P.O. remov: none

Reason settled: farming and milling

Ref: C.W.; Neill; USPG; L.M. 1859 to date; Gaz.

1865 to date; Atlases.

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. since 1900 . This village claims first roller mill in Fillmore County. "Ruins of mill, all that is left today." (C.W.1912) No first officers given in Neill, p. 468.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

DEER CREEK

Township: Spring Valley

Location: T. 103 N.; R. 13 W.; S. 17

Estab: 1856

Platted: 1858 (about)

Organ: 1859 ( " )

Extinct: out 1873 (Gaz.)

P.O. estab: 1856 (on P.O. 1857 to 1859 USPG)

P.O. remmv: 1870 (not in 1872 to 1873 Gaz.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Bishop 1858; C.W ; Neill; Atlases; USPG;

Gaz. 1865 to date; L.M. 1859 to date

Photos:

Records:

"Deer Creek sent in to P.O. authorities in Washington as "Arcade" but rejected for above name Deer River." Not inc. since 1900. No first officers.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

DOUGLAS (divided into the villages of Holt and Norway

Township: Holt

Location: T. 103 N.: R. 9 W.;

Estab: May 11, 1858

Platted: 1859

Organ: 1860

Extinct: 1862

P.O. estab: none ( 1865 to 1873 Gaz.)

P.O. remov: none

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Gaz. 1865 to date; L.M. 1859 to date;

C.W. p. 304 and Atlases.

Photos:

Records:

Called Douglas in honor of Stephen Douglas,  
changed to Holt in 1862. First officers listed  
in HRS files.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

ELLIOTA VILLAGE (T.V.)

Township: Canton

Location: T. 101 N.; R. 9 W.; S. 32

Estab: 1853

Platted: 1854

Organ: 1855

Extinct: 1890

P.O. estab: 1857 to 1859 to 1873 (USPG)

P.O. remov: Out 1884 (USPG)<sup>x</sup>

Reason settled: travel, trade and mail station.

Ref: L.M. 1859 to date: Gaz. 1860 to date;

C.W.; Neill; Bishop; Atlases and USPG

Photos:

Records:

Important mail station once between Dubuque and St. Paul. Stage route. No first officers given, p. 417, Neill. Not inc. since 1900. Village naturally dwindled away.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

ELLIOTA

Township: Canton

Location: S. 32

Estab: about 1853

Platted: " 1853 ("laid out"

P.O. estab: ? Captain Julius Elliott "its first  
settler and first postmaster"

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

ETNA (T.V.) laid out as Tifton (Bishop 1858)

Township: Bloomfield

Location: T. 102 N.; R. 13 W.; S. 25 (S. 31 Bishop)

Estab: 1853 (1867 C.W. p. 325)

Platted: 1855

Organ: 1856

Extinct: about 1918

P.O. estab: 1857 to 1859 (USPG) and to 1873 (GAZ.)

P.O. remov: 1904 (USPG)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Bishop; C.W.; Neill; USPG; L.M. 1859 to date;

L.M. 1865 to date and Atlases.

Photos:

Records:

"Town laid out as Tifton but P.O. called ~~Etana~~  
Etana" (Neill p. 601) Not inc. since 1900; P.O.  
out 1904(L.M.) No first officers given (Neill,  
p. 601)

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

ETTEVILLE

Township: Beaver

Location: T. 101 N.; R. 13 W.; S. 36

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1855

Organ: 1856

Extinct: 1875

P.O. estab: 1858 (1859-USPG to 1870)

P.O. remov: Out 1870 (USPG.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: C.W.; Neill; MHSC vol. 17; USPG.; L.M. 1859

to date; Atlases; Gaz. 1865 to date.

Photos:

Records:

Town officers, none; not inc. since 1900. P.O.  
out before 1905 (L.M.) probably absorbed by  
Ostrander.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

FAIRVIEW (see Bishop 1858)

Township: Forestville

Location: T. 102 N.; R. 12W.; S. 6

Estab: 1856

Platted: 1857

Organ: 1859

Extinct: About 1890

P.O. estab: 1857-59 (USPG) and to 1873

P.O. remov: out 1876 (USPG)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Bishop; Neill; C.W.; MHSC vol. 17; Atlases;

USPG; L.M. 1859 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date.

Photos:

Records:

This town not listed in Atlases 1915 or 1928 but is listed on map, Bishop 1858 P.O. named Elkhorn, in Fairview. Not inc. since 1900. P. O. discontinued before 1905. No first officers given.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

FILLMORE VILLAGE

Phtos: residence of Marcus Robbins. Another print from Andreas Atlas, Minn. 1874. It is a drawing of the house only. FM 69 F.4-X2

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

FINLEYS (on map Bishop, 1858)

Township: Chatfield

Location: T. 104 N.; R. 11 W.

Estab: No record

Platted: " "

Organ: " "

Extinct: Out (Gaz.) 1873

P.O. estab: No. P.O. (not in USPG 1857-1873)

P.O. remov: NO. P.O.

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Bishop 1858; Not on recent atlases; not in  
USPG or Gaz. or L.M.

Records:

Photos:

This seems to be one of those Phantom Towns

no first officers given

GHOST TOWNS

FILIMORE CO.

FILLMORE VILLAGE (T. V?)

Township: Forestville

Location: T. 103 N.; R. 12 W.; S. 3

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1855 ( "laid out" Bishop)

Organ: 1855

Extinct: (Gaz.) 1926 but not on (Hud. 1928)

P.O. estab: 1856 (USPG) 1857-1859

P.O. remov: 1905 (L.M.) out 1905 (USPG) out 1910 (L.M)

Reason settled: Fruit farming

Ref: Bishop; USPG; L.M. 1859 to date; Gaz. 1865

to date.

Photos:

Records:

Fillmore village can be located on map by Bishop.  
Not inc. since 1900 and P.O. out before 1905  
(L.M.) No first officers given

## GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

## FORESTVILLE (T.V.)

Township: Forestville

Location: T. 102 N.; R. 12 W.; S. 13

Estab: 1852 (C.W. p. 333)

Platted: 1854 ( " " " ) or 1855 (Bishop p.27)

Organ: 1855

Extinct: 1912 (C.W.p. 334)(OK 1926 Gaz. OK Hud. map 28)

P.O. estab: 1856 (Neill p. 594, 1855) ←

P.O. remov: Out 1904 (USPG)(OK P.O. 1857-9 USPG) →

Reason settled: farming and manufacturing

Ref: Bishop; Neill; C.W.; MHSC. vol 17; State Atlas  
of Fill, Co.

Photos:

Records:

A village called So. Forestville was also started in 1854, stopping place for pioneers point west & north. Not inc. since 1900. Nox first officers given. (Neill p. 594) "Boasts first store in Fillmore Co."(C.W. p. 333)

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

GREENFIELD VILLAGE (T. V.)

Township: Harmony

Location: T. 101 N.:R. 10W.; S. 14,  $\frac{3}{4}$  mi. so. Harmony

Estab: 1854 (1856 Neill, p. 480)

Platted: 1856 (Bishop)

Organ: 1857

Extinct: out Gaz. 1865-73

P.O. estab:

P.O. remov: No. P.O.

Reason settled: farming and stage town

Ref: Bishop; Neill p. 480; See map Bishop; Not  
in USPG or L.M. or Gaz. 1865 to 1873

Photos:

Records:

on Dubuque-St. Paul stage route. No first officers given. Not inc. since 1900. "At one time this was quite an important little hamlet, now extinct."

Neill p. 480

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

GREENLEAFTON

Township: York

Location: T. 101 N.; R. 12 W.

Estab: 1854 about

Platted: 1856 "

Organ: 1858 "

Extinct: On Gaz. 1926 and Hud. '28

P.O. estab: 1874

P.O. remov: out 1909 (L.M.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: C.W. p. 340; Neill; Co. atlas 1915; L.M.

Gaz.;

Photos:

Records:

On map Atlas Fill, Co. 1915; "named in honor  
of Mary Greenleaf of Philadelphia, who gave  
\$3500. to build Dutch Reformed Church edifice"  
(C.W.p. 340) Not inc. since 1900. No first  
officers.

## GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

HAMILTON (T.V.) (under name of Elkhorn T.V.)

Township: S umner

Location: T. 103-4N.; R. 13&amp;14 W.; S. 6 and 30

Estab: 1853

Platted: 1855 ("laid out", Bishop)

Organ: 1856

Extinct: 1920

P.O. estab: 1856 (Ok 1857 USPG to 1873)

P.O. remov: out 1903, back 1904, out 1905

Reason settled: noted for "springs"

Ref: Bishop; Neill; C.W.; Atlas Fill Co.; L.M.;

Gaz.; MHSC vol. 17

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. since 1900; noted for "Hamilton Springs"  
It was a "boom town" in the fifties. In 1858 the  
town had a gang of organized thieves. (C.W. p. 381  
Neill p. 608) (on map Bishop 1858) No first officers  
given Neill . p. 608

## GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

HENRYTOWN (T.V.)(on map Bishop 1858)

Township: Amherst

Location: T. 102 N.;R. 9W.;

Establ 1852

Platted: 1854 ("laid out" 1856, Bishop)

Organ: 1856

Extinct: OK 1926(Gaz.) and on Hud. map '28.

P.O.estab: 1858 (Neill p. 453)

P.O.remov: 1865 (no PO. 1865-73 USPG)(Out 1904 L.M.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Bishop;Neill;C.W.; USPG; L.M. 1856 to date;

Gaz. 1865 to date; Fill. Co. atlas.

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. since 1900; in 1858 P.O. estab. in  
Village of Henry and known as "Richland P.O."  
which is OK as P.O. 1859 (USPG) No first officers

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

HIGHLAND VILLAGE

Township: HOLT

Location: T. 103 N.; R. 9 W. ; S. 35 & 36

Estab: 1855 or 1857

Platted: 1858

Organ: 1859

Extinct: OK Gaz. 1926 but not Hud. map. '28

P.O. Estab: 1857 (OK 1857-59 USPG.)(OK 1865 -72 Gaz.)

P.O.remov: Out 1904 USPG

Reason settled: farming

Ref: C.W. p. 304; Gaz. 1865 to date; USPG; Neill;

MHSC vol. 17; State atlas.

Photos:

Records:

A well completed in 1870 costing \$200 was noteworthy at that time. Not inc. since 1900. no first officers given

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

HOLT (first called Douglas, changed to Holt 1862)

Township: Holt

Location: T. 103 N.; R. 9 W.; S. 30

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1857

Organ: 1858, May 11 (C.W. p. 304)

Extinct: 1873

P.O. estab: none (1865-73 Gaz.)

P.O. remov: none

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Gaz. 1865 to date; USPG; C.W.; Neill;

Atlas; MHSC vol .17

Photos.

Records: First titles to land in Holt were issued by the govt. in 1855.

"The town of Holt and Norway were organized together as one town and called Douglas."

Div. of towns made in 1860. Holt peopled by English speaking people, Norway by Scandinavians. (C.W. p. 303) Not inc. since 1900. No first officers given.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

Hurdal

Township: Beaver

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 13 W.; S. 16

Estab: 1855

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1857

Extinct: about 1910

P.O.estab: 1860 (no P O. 1865-73)

P.O.remov: out 1864; back 1891; out 1892, back  
1893-98. Out 1900 (USPG.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: C.W. p. 331; L.M.1859 to date; Gaz. 1865  
to date; USPG; Co. atlas; Neill.

Photos:

Records:

Hurdal probably absorbed by Ostrander. (C.W.p.331)

Not inc. since 1900, no first of icers given.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

ISINOIRS

Township: Carrolltown

Location: T. 103 N.; R. 10W.; S.

Estab: 1870 (MHSC vol .17 p. 193)

Platted: 1871

Organ: 1873

Extinct: OK Gaz. 1926; but not on Hud. map '28;

P.O. estab: 1871 (no P.O. 1865-73 Gaz.)

P.O. remov: OK P.O. 1880 to 1903 out. USPG; back 1904

Out 1905 USPG; OK(L.M.)1905-10;

Out 1915 L.M.

Reason settled: Railroad

Ref: C.W. p. 249; L.M. 1859 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date; Co. atlas; MHSC vol .17.

Photos:

Records:

Isinours railroad station erected by citizens of  
Preston. Named after George Isenhour. Not inc  
since 1900; no first officers.

GHOST TOWNS

FILIMORE CO.

JORDAN (T.V.)(see map. Bishop)

Township: Jordan

Location: T. 104 N.;R. 12 W.; S. 28.

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1855

Organ: 1856

Extinct: 1888

P.O.estab: 1854 (OK 1857 USPG)

P.O.remov: 1856 (in again 1860, out 1863) out 1870  
(no P.O. 1865 to 1873 Gaz.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: C.W. p. 384; Neill p. 503; C.W. copies this;

USPG; Gaz. 1865 to date; L.M. 1859 to date; Co.

atlas

Photos:

Records:

There seems to be some confusion and contradiction from authorities of the P.O. of Jordan(town) C.W. says, p.384, "in 1856 P.O. was removed to Fillmore." Later in S. 16, a P.O. was estab. called Bear Creek, and afterward name changed to "Idar" up to 1863. Not inc. since 1900; no first officers given.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

JORDAN VILLAGE (T. V.)

Township: Jordan

Location: T. 104 N.; R. 12 W.; S . 29 and 32

Estab: x 1854

Platted: 1855

Organ: none

Extinct: 1858

P.O. estab:

P.O. remov:

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Bishop; Neill; C.W.; L.M. 1859 to date;

Gaz. 1865 to date; Co. atlas.

Photos:

Records:

"This village never materialized," C." p. 384

"The plat was annulled and the stakes ploughed  
up" Bishop. No first officers given. Neill p.

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GHOST TOWNS

FILIMORE CO.

LIBERTY (T. V.)(map Bishop ~~xx~~)

Township: Spring Valley

Location: T. 103 N.; R. 13 W.; S. 24.

Estab: 1856

Platted: 1857 (Neill p. 551)

Organ:

Extinct: 1858 (not in Gaz. 1865 -73)

P.O. estab:

P O. remov:

Reason settled: Farm Community

Ref: Neill; Bishop; Atlas Co.; L.M. 1859 to date;  
Gaz. 1865 to date.

Photos:

**Records:**

Henry Kebler had a farm on S. 24 sold a few goods from his home and attempted to build a village. Platted and recorded, never materialized. Neill p. 551. No first officers given.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

LIME TOWN or LIME CITY

Township: Spring Valley

Location: T. 103 N.; R. 13 W.; S. 4

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1855

Organ: 1857

Extinct: not in Gaz. 1865 to 1873

P.O.estab: No. p.o. 1865 to 1873 (G.)

P.O.remov: none recorded

Reasons settled: farming and steam saw mill and lime

Ref: C.W.p.550; Gaz. 1865 to date; Atlas.

Photos:

Records:

Village named on account of lime burned here.  
(Neill p. 550) Apparently no P.O. was ever  
established in this village. No first officers  
given.

GHOST TOWNS

FILIMORE CO.

NEWBURG VILLAGE (T.V.)

Township: Newburg

Location: T. 101 N.; R. 8 W.; S. 8

Estab: 1854 (1853 C.W. p. 321)(MHSC vol. 17)  
(1853 Neill p. 437)

Platted: 1855

Organ: 1856

Extinct: In (Gaz.) 1865 to 1873; Out 1910

P.O. estab: 1854 (OK in USPG 1857-59)

P.O. remov: out 1904 (USPG)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: MHSC vol. 17; USPG; Gaz. 1865 to date; Neill;  
C.W.; Atlas

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. since 1900; P.O. discontinued on or  
before 1905. No first officers.(Neill p. 437)

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

NORWAY (Douglas divided into Norway and Holt 1860)

Township: Norway

Location: T. 103 N.; R. 8 W.

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1855

Organ: 1860

Extinct: not in Gaz. 1865-73; 1875

P.O.estab: 1860

P.O.remov: No. P.O. 1865 -1873 (Gaz.)

Reason settled: Farm community

Ref: Gaz. 1865 to date; U.S.P.G.; C.W.; Neill;

Bishop; Co. Atlas; L.M. 1865 to date

Photos:

Records:

first officers (1860) listed in HRS report.

Norway and Holt at one time comprised the town  
of Douglas.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

ODESSA

Township: Harmony

Location: T. 101 N.; R. 10W.

Estab: 1856

Platted: 1857

Organ: 1858

Extinct: not in Gaz. 1872-3. About 1885.

P.O.estab: OK P.O. 1859 (USPG)

P.O.removed: No P.O. 1865 to 1873 (Gaz.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: USPG; Bishop; Gaz. 1865 to date and L.M.

1859 to date

Photos:

Records:

See map. Bishop; OK Gaz. 1865 but out 1872-3.

No first officers. not inc.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

PEKIN VILLAGE

Township: Arendahl

Location: T. 104 N.; R. 9 W.; S. 10

Estab: 1860

Platted: 1861

Organ: 1863

Extinct: not in Gaz. 1865 to 1873; 1864 Out.

P.O.Estab: 1856 (C.W. p. 364)(in S. 12)

P.O.remov: No. P.O. 1865-73 Gaz.1860;still in

village,1882 says Neill p. 355

Ref: C.W. p. 364; Gaz. 1865 to date; not in U?S.

census books or Co. atlas.

Photos:

Records:

named "Pekin" because village located in a hollow  
and one had to peep-in to see it. Not inc since  
1900; no first officers.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

PILOT MOUND

Township: Pilot Mound

Location: T. 104 N.; R. 10 W.; S. 10 & 12

Estab: 1854 (twsp)

Platted 1855 (twsp)

Organ: 1858 (twsp)

Extinct: OK Gaz. 1926 and OK Hudson map 1928.

P.O. estab: 1856 (OK P.O. 1857-59, USPG)  
(and thru to 1910 L.M.)

P.O. remov: Out L.M. 1910

Reason settled: farming

Ref: MHSC vol. 17 p. 194; Neill; C.W.A.; Bishop;  
Co, atlas; USPG; L.M. 1859 to date: Gaz. 1865  
to date

Photos: see note below

Records:

First officers listed HRS reoprt. Not inc. since 1900; town on Bishop map.

A mounted photograph of old Swedish pioneers taken near Pilot Mound, Oct. 7, 1906. Inscription reads:  
" En gruppe gamle ved 50 aars festen for North Prairie og Root Prairie menigheder Oct. 7, 1906."  
Cata. No. F. M. 69 F4-07.

this would not be Swedish, but Norwegian, according to wording of description which translates:

"a group of old people at 50 years festival for North Prairie and Root Prairie pioneers Oct. 7, 1906"

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

RICHLAND CENTER (T.V.) (on Bishop map)

Township: Amherst

Location: T. 102 N.; R. 9 W.; S. 35

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1855

Organ:

Extinct: about 1865

P.O. estab: OK P.O. 1857-59 (USPG.)

P.O. remov: no P.O. 1865-1873 (Gaz.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Bishop; Neill p. 452; USPG; Gaz. 1865 to

date; L.M. 1859 to date. Atlas

Photos:

Records:

This village was "laid out" in 1854 by William Boston, Sect. 35, but the village did not materialize. No first officers.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

SOLAND

Township: Amherst

Location: R. 9 W.; T. 102 N.

Estab: no record. not in(Gaz) 1865-1873

Platted: about 1875

Organ: " 1876

Extinct: 1910 (not in Gaz. 1878 to 1900)

P.O.estab: OK 1891 to 1904 USPG)(not in Gaz. 1865-  
1873)

P.O.remov: Out 1904

Reason settled: farming

Ref: only ref. found to this village is location  
on map of Hudson Map Co. for Fill. Co. 1928.

Not mentioned in any of the county histories;

Not in Gaz. 1865-73.

Photos:

Records:

Probably phantom town. no first officers.

## GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

## STRINGTOWN

Township: Amherst

Location: T. 102 N.; R. 9 W.; S. 27

Etab: 1860

Platted: 1861

Organ: 1863

Extinct: 1880

P.O. estab: 1864 (P.O. named Amherst)(OK in Gaz. 1873)

P.O. remov: out 1870 (USPG)

Reason settled: saw mills and farming

Ref: Neill. p. 452; C.W.; MHSC vol. 17p. 195;

USPG; L.M.; Gaz.; Atlas

Photos:

R<sub>e</sub> cords:

called "strung out town" because houses built  
along road in ravine-shortened to "Stringtown".  
No first officers; not inc. since 1900.

## GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

## SUMNER

Township: Sumner

Location: T. 104 N.; R. 13 W.; S.

Estab: 1853

Platted: 1855

Organ: May 11, 1858

Extinct: about 1881(not in Gaz. 1865-1892)

P.O.estab: no record(except Kedron P.O.estab. 1869S.17)

P.O.remov: no record

Reason settled: farming

Ref: It is ~~difficult~~ difficult to determine whether there was a town of Sumner as Neill says, p.606, or a township. C.W. copies from Neill, so not much

value. Not on maps Co. histories and no P.O. given  
1865 to 1873 (Gaz.)

Photos:

Records:

First officers listed HRS report.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

~~UNPLATTED~~ TOWNEY

Preble township

Location: T. 102 N.; R. 9 W.

Estab: no record (not in Gaz. 1865 to 1873)

Platted: # "

Organ: " "

Extinct: 1873

P.O. estab: No P.O. 1865 to 1873 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov: no record

Reason settled: no record

Ref: only ref. is in Hudson's Co. map. 1928.

No mention in Neill, C.W. or Gaz. as found by  
Blomfield.

Photos:

Records:

Probably another phantom town. no first officers.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

WASHINGTON (hamlet)

Township: Sumner

Location: T. 104 N.; R. 13 W.; S. 36

Estab: 1855

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1857

Extinct: 1910

P.O.estab: 1859 (OK. P.O. 1857-59 USPG)

P.O.remov: (OK 1865 to 1873 Gaz.)(out 1903 USPG)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Bishop; Neill; C.W.; USPG; L.M. 1859 to

date; Gaz. 1865 to date; Atlas.

Photos:

Records:

This hamlet has an interesting paragraph in Bishop, p. 31; says "it will support a flourishing village." now "gone with the wind." No first officers.

## GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO

WASSONIA (hypothetical town) (T.V.)

Township: Arendahl

Location: T. 104 N.; R. 9 W.; S. 25 &amp; 26

Estab: 1857

Platted: 1857 ("site laid out" Bishop)

Organ: 1860 Apr. 1

Extinct: 1865

P.O estab. 1861

P.O: remov: (no P.O. 1865 to 73 Gaz.)

Reason settled: farming and selling lots.

Ref: Bishop; Neill; C.W.; USPG; L.M. 1859 to date;  
Gaz. 1865 to date; Atlas.

Photos: Records:

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

WAUKOKEE (T.V.) (more a locality)

Township: Carimona

Location: T. 102 N.; R. 11 W.; S. 25

Estab: 1853

Platted: never platted or recorded (Neill p. 499)

Organ:

Extinct: 1885

P.O.estab: 1857 (OK 1857-59 USPG)

P.O.remov: out 1876 (USPG)

Reasons settled: farming and mail route

Ref: Bishop: Neill; C.W.; USPG; Gaz. 1865 to date ;

MHSC vol. 17,p. 195; Co. atlas; Hud. map. 1928;

Webb. 1915.

Photos:

Records:

on mail route between Dubuque and St. Paul. Named after Indian chief who had hunting and fishing grounds in vicinity. No first officers; not inc since 1900.

GHOST TOWNS

FILMORE CO.

WILTON CENTER (hamlet)

Township: Harmony

Location: T. 101 N.; R. 10 W.; S. 1.

Estab: 1857

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1865

P.O.estab: no record. None 1865 to 1873 (Gaz.)

P.O.remov: no. P.O. 1865-73 (USPG)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Neill p. 480; USPG; L.M. 1859 to date; Gaz.  
1865 to date; Not mentioned on atlas; Not in C.W.

Photos:

Records:

Neill says p. 480 in defending the hamlet-"the capitol of the state, not many years ago, had a smaller number of buildings than this."

No first officers.

GHOST TOWNS

FILLMORE CO.

YORK (formerly Canfield (Gaz. p. 244, for 1900-01)

Township: York

Location: T. 101 N.; R. 12 W.; S. 21

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1855

Organ: 1858 (May 11)

Extinct: OK 1926 Gaz., but not on Hud. map. 1928

P.O. estab: 1857 (no P.O. 1865-73 Gaz.) Out 1870

P.O. remov: Out 1870 USPG; back 1891 to 1903; out  
1903 USPG

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Neill p. 410; C.W. p. 339; Gaz. 1865 to date;  
not in atlas; not in L.M. 1859 to date.

Photos:

Records:

first officers listed in HRS report.

GHOST TOWNS

FREEBORN CO.

BANCROFT

Township: Bancroft

Location: S. 28 and 29

Platted: fall of 1856

Extinct: probably shortly after March 4, 1857 when it  
unsuccessfully attempted to become county  
seat

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

*See p 341 - MHC Vol X, pt 1 -*

GHOST TOWNS

FREEBORN CO.

~~ITASCA CO.~~

ITASCA (south)

Township: Bancroft

Location: S. 31

Estab: 1855

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1857

Extinct:

P.O. estab: 1857 ? (called Freeborn Springs P.O.)

P.O. remov:

Reason settled: farming

Ref: inv. by Mildred Kukas, 1936. Source of info.

Mrs. Dellin Sigas, Wells, Minn. and Freeborn  
County History

Photos:

Records:

in 1857 Pres. Hall and James Longworth started a store and did a thriving business. They bought calico for 11c a yd. and sold it for 60c a yd. Big contest between Itasca and Albert Lea for county seat. Freeborn Springs Herald estab. to help Itasca but lost out. Village abandoned. Only bldg. left old hotel used for farm bldg. and cemetery not in use.

GHOST TOWNS

FREEBORN CO.

ITASCA

Township: Bancroft

Location: S. 31

Platted: winter of 1855-56

Extinct: lasted only a few years after 1857 when it  
aspired but failed to become the county seat

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

SHELL ROCK (Freeborn County)

Now known as Glenville

GHOST TOWNS

FREEBORN CO.

SHELL ROCK

Township: Shell Rock

Platted: 1856

Extinct: about 1877 when the railway was built here  
and it was superseded by Glenville

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

ST. NICHOLAS (Freeborn)

"Thriving towns have sprung up everywhere --- and others like St. Nicholas in Freeborn county and old CROW WING to perish with not a single remaining building to show their location." (St. Paul Pioneer Press, Dec. 31, 1933, Diamond Jubilee Edition, p66)

GHOST TOWNS

FREEBORN CO.

ST. NICHOLAS

Township: Albert Lea

Location: S. 25 and 26 ,on the south side of lake  
Albert Lea

Platted: summer of 1856  
first village in the county

In March, 1857, it aspired to be elected as the  
county seat, but, after the failure of that hope  
its buildings were removed and the village site  
became farming land.

Ref. MHSC vol. 17

In 1855x the first P.O. in county was established here

A store, a trading post for Indians, a hotel, a saw mill, blacksmith shop were located here. When Albert Lea became the county seat, the village gradually vanished.

4 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Albert Lea, on shore of Lake Albert Lea Jefferson Highway. DAR marker on site.

Ref: MHRS

## GHOST TOWNS

Most of the information on ghost towns in this card file has been obtained from the files of the Historical Records Survey field investigators' reports. The condensed information here given can be further checked from these reports, if advisable.

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## GHOST TOWNS

## GENERAL

In a report, submitted Feb. 25, 1938, to Mr. Hodnefield, research investigator Edward A. Blomfield states that he has completed the following counties: Goodhue, Dakota, Wabasha, Winona, Houston Fillmore, Olmsted, Renville, and Dodge (not completed) .

## GHOST TOWNS

William T. Bell, in the Diamond Jubilee Edition of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Dec. 31, 1933, says -

"Minnesota has as many 'ghost towns' as any state in the Union, not excepting the mining states farther west."

## GHOST TOWNS

## GOODHUE CO.

total inv. 57-38 "extinct towns"; 19 "not extinct"  
However, these so called "not extinct" villages,  
are probably merely a R.R. or bus stopping place,  
having only a store or a house. In other words,  
they are not an organized village as such. There-  
fore may properly be called "forgotten cities".  
None of the 57 has a P.O.

References and their abbreviations are as follows:

Minnesota State Legislative Manual 1860 to date;

L.M. --Minnesota State Gazeteer 1865 to date;

Gaz.--History Goodhue County, Rasmussen; Ras.--

Goodhue County, Hancock; Han.--History Dakota and

Goodhue Counties, Curtiss-Wedge, Vol. 2; C.W.--

Goodhue County Atlas C.M. Foote 1894; Co. Atlas.

Rhame's Plat Book, Goodhue County, 1933; Rhame---  
State Compendium Census, 1920; Comp.Cens. --  
U.S.Census Books, 1865,71,75,80,85,90,95 to 1900;  
U.S.CENS---Minnesota Historical Collections vol. 17  
MHSC vol.17--History Goodhue County, Woods--Wood.  
All investigated by E.A. Blomfield, June 1937  
and found in files Minnesota Historical Records  
Survey.

Extinct Towns marked "E"

Not extinct marked "NE"

All references from above list, therefore not listed  
with each separate vil age

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

AURLAND (not in MHSC vol. 17) E.

Township:

Location:

Estab: not in Gaz. or L.M.

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct:

P.O.estab:

P.O.remov:

Reason Settled:

Photos: RECORDS

Can't find info. on this village. not inc.

## GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

ASPELUND (NE) (not in MHSC vol 17)(in Gaz. 1927)

Township: Wanamingo

Location: T. 110 N.;R. 17 W.

Estab: 1862

Platted:

Organ: 1864

Extinct: In last Gaz. 1926-27

P.O.estab: 1878 (Gaz.)

P.O.remov: 1905 (L.M.)

Reason settled: farming

Photos: view of the premises of Wm. Williamson. Print  
from Andreas Atlas, Minn. 1874. Cata. No. F.M.6.9.

-G. 6. The picture is a rather elaborate drawing

P. 4

of farm house and yard dotted with trees fenced  
in. In the rear is the barn. The Williamson Store  
adjoining, faces the road, same as the house.  
Village inc. 1864; not since 1910 to date(L.M.)  
County seat 1878-79.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

AYR (E.) (not in MHSC vol 17) .

Township: Cherry Grove

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 17W.

Estab: 1870 about

Extinct: not in Gaz. 1918-19

P.O. estab: 1872 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov; 1905(L.M.) and 1889-99

Reason settled: Farming community

inc. 1872; not since 1910 to date L.M.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

BARR (NE) (not in MHSC vol 17)

Township: MINNEOLA

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 16 W.

Estab: x 1916

PLatted:

Organ:

P.O. estab:

P.O. remov:

Extinct: in Gaz. 1916-27

Reason settled:

Photos:

Not inc. Small village, had brief existence

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

BELLE CREEK (NE) (P.O. at first called Burr Oak 1854--  
55; then Belle Creek, then Ryan)

Township: Vasa

Location: T. 112 N.; R. 16 W.

Estab: 1853

Platted:

Organ: 1858

Extinct: Not in 1908 Gaz.; back again 1914-15, thru  
to 1927.

P.O.estab: (1865 Gaz.)(1858 C.W .p. 145 )

P.O.remov: 1892 to 1907; back 1914-15 Gaz.

Reason settled:

Photos:

This town was on the stage route from Dubuque  
to St. Paul. Walter Doyle had home here and sent

four sons to Civil War. Doyle's home was often  
stopping place for such celebrities as Gov.  
Ramsey, Sibley, and many Indian warriors notably  
"Hole in The Day"

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

BELVIDERE MILLS (NE)

Township: Belvidere (first called York, then Elmira,  
then Belvidere, 1858)

Location: T. 11 N.; R. 14 W.

Estab: 1855

Platted: 1857

Organ: 1858

Extinct: in Gaz. thru 1927

P.O. estab: 1878 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov: 1905 (L.M.)

Reason settled: Farm community

Photos:

Records:

According to C.W. p.312, P.O. was established 1855

and discontinued about 1895. Five churches in  
1893.

Incorporated 1881(L.M.) not since 1910 to date(LM.)

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

BLACK OAK (E) (not in M.H.S.C. vol 17)

Township: Burnside(?)

Location: T. 113 N.; R. 15W.

Estab: about 1878-1880

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1908

P.O. estab: 1882 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov: 1886-7 (Gaz.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc.; also not since 1910 to date (L.M.)

Not in Gaz. 1892-99; located N.E. part of Co.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

BOMBAY (NE)(not in MHSC vol .17 )

Township: Wanamingo

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 17 W.

Estab: 1906 (Gaz.) first mentioned in Gaz. 1906-07  
p. 230

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1909 (Gaz.) back 1916 to 1927 (Gaz.)

P.O.estab: none

P.O.remov: none

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

This village not inc.; and not since 1910 to

date. A small station on C.M. &S t. Paul. R.R.  
5 miles east of Kenyon.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

BURLEY (E) (not in MHSC vol. 17)

Township: Featherstone

Location: T. 112 N.; R. 15 W.

Estab: 1856

Platted:

Organ: 1857

Extinct: 1918 (Gaz.)

P.O.estab: 1897 (L.M.)

P.O.remov: 1898; back 1900; out entirely 1902

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

not incorporated. not since 1910 to date(L.M.)

## GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

BURNSIDE (first called Union, 1853-59, then Milton,  
1859-61, then Burnside, 1862.)

Township: Cherry Grove

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 17 W.

Estab: 1853 or 1854

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1858 (as Burnside, 1862)

Extinct: 1908 (Gaz.)

P.O. Estab: none

P.O. remov: "

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Incorporated ~~1881~~ 1881 (L.M.) not since 1910 to

date (L.M.)

not in Gaz. 1880-87. It was named after General  
A. E. ~~Burnside~~ Burnside of Civil War fame in 1862.  
Also famous for Indian mounds. This village in-  
cluded part of Prairie Island, suburb of Red Wing

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

BURR OAK (E) (not in MHSC vol. 17)

Township: Belle Creek

Location: T. 11 N.; R. 16 W.

Estab: 1852

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1856 (as Burr Oak)

P.O.estab: 1854 (C.W.)

P.O.remov: 1855 (C.W. p. 145)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. Burr Oak was later established as Belle Creek P.O.; then Ryan. This village was on the

old Dubuque St. Paul stage route.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

CASCADE (E) (not in MHSC vol. 17)

Township: Stanton

Location: T. 112 N.; R. 18 W.

Estab: about 1880

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1908 (Gaz.)

P.O.estab: 1884 (Gaz.)

P.O.remov: 1902 (L.M.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Inc. 1884; not since 1910 to date(L.M.)

Probably a short-lived village. Very little data

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

CENTRAL POINT (E) (later called Rest Island)

Township: Fractional two sections<sup>e</sup>

Location: T. 112 N.; R. 12 W.

Estab: 1850 or 1853

Platted: 1855

Organ: 1858

P.O. estab: 1858

P.O. remov: 1860

Extinct: 1890-91 (Gaz.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Inc. 1881 (T. org. L.M. 1881-91)

First locomotive brought into the state to Central

Point in 1857 and later used to operate a saw mill. Later Central Point called Rest ~~Island~~ Island, which was noted for John G.<sup>e</sup> Wooley's "Home for Drunkards", started 1891. Overshadowed by Lake City.

## GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

## CHERRY GROVE

Township: Cherry Grove

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 17 W.

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1858

Extinct: 1908 (Gaz.)

P.O. estab: none

P.O. remov: "

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

no record of inc. (T. org. 1881 (L.M.))

Received name from Cherry Grove; log school house

built in 1857. Not in Gaz. 1880-81.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

CLAY BANK (NE)

Township: Goodhue

Location: T. 11 N.; R. 15 W.

Estab: 1890 (Gaz. p. 259, '98-99)

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: in Gaz. 1908 to 1927

P.O.estab: 1891 (L.M.)

P.O.remov: 1905 (L.M.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Inc. 1892. Not since 1910 to date(L.M.)

At one time R.R. station for clay used for

pottery, tile, etc. at Red Wing. Used as  
farmers' P.O. from 1892 to 1905 (last) . Other  
villages for clay called Clay Pits or Belle  
Chester.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS (not in MHSC vol. 17) (E)

Township: ( Don't know.

Location: In Gaz. 1865 to 1886)

Estab: 1865

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1886 (Gaz.)

P.O.estab: 1865 (Gaz.)

P.O.remov: 1886 ( " )

Reasons settled:

Photos:

R<sub>e</sub> cords:

Not inc. This village mentioned in 1865 Gaz. to 1886; none thereafter.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

EGGLESTON (NE) (in Gaz. thru to 1927)

Township: Welch

Location: T. 113 N.; R. 16 W.

Estab: 1855

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: In Gaz. thru to 1927

P.O.estab: 1878 (Gaz.)

P.O.remov: 1920(L.M.) Open again 1920-31; dis. 1933  
(L.M.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

R<sub>e</sub> cords:

Inc. 1878; not since 1910 to date(L.M.)

Population 1888-89, nine.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

EIDSVOLD (E) (not in MHSC vol. 17)

Township: Holden

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 18W.

Estab: 1875

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1895

P.O.estab: 1878 (Gaz.)

P.O.remov: 1905 (L.M.) also 1890 to 1899 (Gaz.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Inc. about 1878. P.O. estab. 1875, disc. 1895

C.W. p. 312.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

ELMIRA (E) (first York, then Elmira, then Belvidere)

Township: Goodhue

Location: 111 N.; R. 15 W.

Estab: 1855 or 56

Platted:

Organ: not

Extinct: 1857

P.O.estab: none

P.O.remov: "

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. Under "Forgotten Towns " p. 65, Rasmussen  
says: " Town called first York, then Elmira,

then Bellvedere, 1858.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

~~FAGEN (E)~~ (not in MHSC vol. 17)

○ Township: Warsaw

Location: T. 111 N.; R. 18 W.

Estab: Before 1894 C.M. F oote & Co. atlas.

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: about 1900

P.O. estab: none

P.O. remov: "

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. Not inc. 1900 to date (L.M.)

Not in Gaz. or L.M. early or late dates.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

FAIR POINT (NE) ( in "Forgotten Cities" Rasmussen,  
p. 65 but also in Gaz. 1927)

Cherry Grove: township

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 17 W.

Estab: 1852

Platted: 1853 (or 1857, MHSC vol. 17)

Organ: 1854

Extinct: Apparently from 1852 to 1864 not much  
doing; then re-established and served for over  
30 years, 1864-94. Not in Gaz. 94-99 or 86-87 as  
P.O. Still in existence 1908 thru to 1927 last  
Gaz.

P.O.estab: 1858 (C.W.)

P.O.remov: 1861 (C.W.) However P. O. back again

1880; discontinued 1905.

Reason settled: Farming community

Photos:

Records:

Village inc. 1860. Not since 1910 to date(L.M.)

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

FEATHERSTONE (E)

Township: Featherstone

Location: T. 112 N.; R. 17 W.

Estab: 1853 or 55

Platted: 1857

Organ: 1858

Extinct: 1908 (Gaz.)

P.O. estab: 1865 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov: 1878 ( " )

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Village inc. not inc. 1910 to date (L.M.) } (T. org.  
1881 (L.M.) (out T. 1892-99)

15?

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Also discontinued 8/1863

William Featherstone and large family settled here  
in 1855. Town named after him. It is claimed he was  
the first man to introduce fine wheat from Canada.  
origin of hard wheat in Minnesota.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

FINSETH STATION (E) (brief existence)  
(not in MHSC vol. 17 )

Township: Holden

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 18 W.

Estab: before 1894 (in Atlas C.M. Foote & Co.)

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: About 1900

P.O.estab: none

P.O.remov: "

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not incorporated.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

FLORENCE (E)

Township: Florence

Location: T. 112 N. R. 13 W.

Estab: 1854

Platted:

Organ: 1858

Extinct: 1885 (Gaz.) (not in Gaz. 80-81)

P.O.estab: 1865 (Gaz.)

P.O.remov: 1880 ( " )

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

This was a small post village 1865(Gaz.) T. org.  
1881(L.M.) but not inc. 1910 to date (L.M.)

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

FOREST MILLS (NE) (in Gaz. 1908 thru 1927)  
(not in MHSC vol. 17)

Township: Zumbrota

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 15 W.

Estab: about 1860

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: still exists 1908 thru to 1927 last Gaz.

P.O. estab: 1880 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov: 1901 (L.M.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Apparently town not organized or inc.; certain not since 1910 to date. (L.M.) Recorded in 1878-9(Gaz)

and says in 1880-81 Gaz. p. 213: "town wants  
badly a church and preacher and a soap factory."

## GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

HADER (NE)(Note: in "Forgotten Cities," p. 65, but  
also in Gaz. 1927)(not in MHSC vol. 17)

Township: Wanamingo (formerly Hader)

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 17 W.

Estab: 1861(or 1858, see Gaz. p. 199, 1878-9)

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: In Gaz. 1908 thru 1927 last Gaz.

P.O. estab: 1865 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov: 1903 ( W ) 1905 (L.M.)(also 1892-99)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. since 1910-30(L.M.) This town at one

time was a strong contender for the County Seat.  
(see Rasmussen, p. 65)

GHOST TOWNS

HADEN (Goodhue Co.)

"After so long a time the old town of HADEN, Goodhue County, is being developed. The store, shops and schoolhouse and church constitute a center in that delightful agricultural region." (Mpls Tribune, Sept. 17, 1868. - p2, col. 6)

## GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

HAY CREEK (NE)(name once changed to Pleasant Valley  
1859, but never used)

Township: Hay Creek (formerly Peterson) (1880-81 G.)

Location: T. 112 N.; R. 14 W.

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1858

Organ: 1858

Extinct: In Gaz. 1908 thru to 1927

P.O. estab: 1862

P.O. remov: 1903(Gaz.)(1905 L.M.)(P.O. stopped 1886-  
89(Gz.) back 1900 (Gaz.)

Reason settled:

Photos: From Andreas Atlas, Minn. 1874, another

print, Hay Creek Brewery. Cata. No. F.M.6.9. G6 -U5

The picture is a drawing of the Hay Creek Brewery, John Hartman, Prop., frame structure, which looks like a store. There are two other small buildings in connection.

Records:

Township organized 1881. village not inc. 1910 to date (L.M.)

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

HOLDEN (NE) (in Gaz. 1908 thru to 1927)

Township: Holden.

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 18 W.

Estab: 1854 or 55

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1858

Extinct: in Gaz. 1908 thru to 1927

P.O. estab: 1863 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov: 1903 (Gaz.) 1905 (L.M.)

Reason settled: farming community

Photos:

Records:

not inc. 1910-30 (L.M.) township org. 1881 (L.M.)

## GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

LENA (NE)(not in MHSC vol. 17)(in Gaz. 1908 thru  
1927)(first mentioned Gaz. 1900-01 but not a  
B.O. p. 578. or 02-03.)

Township: Pine Island

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 15 W.

Estab: 1898

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: in Gaz. 1908 thru to 1927

P.O. estab: none

P.O. remov: "

Reason settled:

Photos:

not inc. not inc. ~~1908 thru~~ 1910 to date(L.M.)

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

LEON (E)

Township: Leon

Location: T. 111 N.; R. 17 W.

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1858

Extinct: about 1892

P.O. estab: none

P.O. remov: "

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

T. organ. 1881; out 1891 L.M. name of twsp in  
New York and Wis. Foreign, Spanish name.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

LILLIAN (not in MHSC vol. 17) (E)

no info. found on this village

no record in either Gaz. or L.M.

## GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

MILTON (# )(first Union, then Milton, then Burnside)

Township: Cherry Grove

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 17 W.

Estab: 1859-61, length of existence

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1861

P.O. estab: none

P.O. remov: "

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

not inc. this village first called Union, then  
Milton, then Burnside.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

MINNEOLA (B)

Township: Minneola

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 16 W.

Estab: 1855

Platted:

Organ: 1859

Extinct: 1892 Not in Gaz. 92-99

P.O.estab: 1872 (Gaz.)

P.O.remov: 1886

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

not inc 1910 to date(L.M.) org. T. 81(L.M.)

united with Zumbrota in 1858; separated 1860.

Name derived from Sioux language, meaning "much water"

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO?

NONSEN (NE)(not in MHSC vol. 17, but in Gaz. 1908  
-1927. and also in Rhames Plat Book 1933)

Township: Holden

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 18 W.

Estab: 1858

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1874 (however in Gaz. 1908-27)

P.O.estab: 1899 (L.M.)

P.O.remov: 1903(Gaz.) 1905 (L.M.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. Not inc 1910 to date (L.M.)

Not in Gaz. 1880-81. Farmers' P.O. 1900-07

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

NORWAY (not in MHSC vol. 17) (E)

Township: Wanamingo

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 17 W.

Estab: 1853 or 54 (Gaz. 1896-7 p. 804)

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1912 (Gaz.)

P.O. estab: 1865 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov: 1904 (Gaz.) 1905 (L.M.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. not inc. 1910 to date (L.M.)

considerable export of wheat 1878-79. Population

30, 1888-89

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

POPLAR GROVE (E)(not in MHSC vol. 17)

Township: Pine Island

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 15 W.

Estab: 1860

Platted:

Organ: 1860

Extinct: About 1886. (not in Gaz. 86-87)

P.O.estab: 1878 (Gaz.)

P.O.remov: 1886 (L.M.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

REST ISLAND (E) (succeeding Central Point)

Township: Fractional, 2 sections

Location: T. 112 N.; R. 12 W.

Estab: 1853

Platted: 1855

Organ: 1858

Extinct: Now summer resort only, 1916-27

P.O. estab: 1893 (L.M.)

P.O. remov: 1900 (L.M.) also, not a P.O. 1886-7 (GAz.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. Not inc. 1910 to date (L.M.)

First engine brought into Minnesota to Central

Point(succeeding Rest Island) in 1857, later used  
to operate a saw mill. Rest Island noted for  
John G. Wooley's "Home for Drunkards", abandoned  
1891.

## GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

RICE (E) (White Willow P.O. 1878-9 )

Township: Zumbrota

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 15 W.

Estab: 1878 (Gaz.)

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1889 (Gaz.)

P.O. estab: none

P.O. remov: "

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

ROCK CREEK (E) (brief existence) (not in MHSC vol 17)

no. info. on this village.

no P.O. in Gaz. or L.M.

see forgotten towns p. 65, Rasmussen.

## GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

ROSCOE (NE)(in "Forgotten Cities", Rasmussen,  
p. 65, but also in Gaz. 1927 and Rhames  
Plat Book, 1933 )

Township: Roscoe

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 16 W.

Estab: 1854

Platted:1856

Organ: 1858

Extinct: In Gaz. 1908 thru to 1927

P.O.estab: 1865 (Gaz. p. 140)

P.O.remov: 1907 (L<sub>4</sub><sup>3</sup>M.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

not inc. 1910 to date (L.M.) T. org. 1881 (L.M.)  
Roscoe and Roscoe Center six miles apart; separate  
villages.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

ROSCOE CENTER (E)

Township: Roscoe

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 16 W.

Estab: 1863

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1903

P.O.estab: 1865 (Gaz. p. 140)

P.O.remov: 1900 (L.M.) also P.O. out 1886-99 (GAZ)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

RYAN (E) (formerly Burr Oak and Belle Creek)

Township: Belle Creek

Location: T. 111 N.; R. 16 W.

Estab: 1852(Burr Oak)1853(Belle Creek)1880(Ryan)

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: In Gaz. 1908 to 1916; then out 1919-1926

P.O. estab: 1884 (Gaz.) Farmers' P.O. 1892-03

P.O. remov: 1904 (L.M.) (no P.O.1886-9(Gaz.) pop.20

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. not inc. 1910 to date

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

SEVASTOPOL (E)

Township: Wacouta

Location: T. 113 N.; R. 13-14 W.

Estab: 1856 (or 1858, Gaz. p. 1064)

Platted: 1857

Organ:

Extinct: 1864

P.O. estab: none

P.O. remov: "

Reasons settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. On file Register of Deeds settled 1857  
never vacated; logging town located just above

Wacouta. Considered a wild town in the logging days. Named probably for soldiers who fought in the Crimean War against Sevastopol in the fifties and who emigrated here.

## GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

SOGN (NE)(not in MHSC vol. 17, but in Gaz. 1908 to  
1927 and Rhame's Plat Book, 1933)

Downship: Warsaw

Location: T. 111 N.; R. 18 W.

Estab: 1892

Platted:

Organ: 1880

Extinct: In Gaz. 1908 thru to 1927

P.O.estabL 1893 (L.M.)

P.O.remov: 1904(Gaz.) 1905(L.M.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. ~~inc~~.not inc. 1910 to date (L.M.)

No. P.O. 1888-89; New P.O. 1894-5 (Gaz.)

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

SPENCER (E)(later Vasa, OK P.O. 1937)(not in MHSC )

Township: Vasa

Location: T. 112 N.; R. 16 W.

Estab: 1858

Platted:

Orgn:

Extinct: 1880 ("Forgotten Cities", Rasmussen p.65)

P.O. estab: 1865 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov: 1878 (L.M.)

Reasons settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. Formerly P.O. between Cannon Falls  
and Red Wing

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

SPRING CREEK (E) (not in MHSC VOL. 17)

Township: Cherry Grove

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 17 W.

Estab: 1849 Morris Dennison made a claim, back permanently 1853. MHSC settled 1856; Gaz. 1896-97 p. 1089.

Platted: 1884

Organ:

Extinct: 1920(not in Gaz. 1908-15)Then in again 1916, out 1919.

P.O. estab: 1861. (1865 Gaz.)

P.O. remov: 1905

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. 1910 to date, L.M.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

SUNAPEE (changed to Roscoe Center, 1863) (E)

Township: Roscoe

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 16 W.

Estab: 1856

Platted:

Organ: 1858

Extinct: As Sunapee 1863, then changed to Roscoe  
Center same year. ?

P.O. estab: 1858

P.O. remov: 1863 ,as Sunapee.

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Village not inc.

*Maybe different  
location +*

## GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

THOTEN (E) (not in MHSC vol. 17.)

Township: Belvidere

Location: T. 111 N.; R. 14 W.

Estab: 1858 (~~1862~~)

Platted:

Organ: 1864

Extinct: 1912 (Gaz.)

P.O. estab: 1880 (Gaz.) (P.O. estab. 1862 C.W.)

P.O. remov: 1886 ( " ) (P.O. disc. 1886 C.W.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Inc. 1864. Not inc. 1910 to date (L.M.)

## GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

~~XXXXX~~ TROY CITY (E)(not in MHSC vol. 17)(recorded  
1878-79 (Gaz.) p. 613 and not a P.O.)

Township: Belle Creek

Location: T. 111 N.; R. 16 W.

Estab: 1856

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1857 C.W. p. 145(1880 or 1886, not in Gaz.  
1880-81)

P.O. estab: none

P.O. remov: "

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. Forgotten Towns p. 65, Rasmussen

## GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

UNION (E) (then Milton, then Burnside)

Township: Cherry Grove

Location: T. 109 n.; R. 17W.

Estab: 1853 or 54

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1858

Extinct: 1859

P.O. estab: none

P.O. remov: " (as Union)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. Famous for Indian Mounds; suburb of Red  
Wing

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE XXXXX CO.

WACOUTA (NE) (note: mentioned in "Forgotten Cities"  
Rasmussen, p. 65)(small post village 1865,  
but in Gaz. 1908 to 1927)

Township: Wacouta

Location: T. 113 N.; R. 13 W.

Estab: 1850

Platted: 1853

Organ: 1858

Extinct: In Gaz. 1908 thru 1927

P.O.Estab: 1855(one of the first in the county, C.W.)

P.O.remov: 1905

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Inc. 1858. Not inc. 1910 to date(L.M.) T. org.  
1881 (L.M.)

Wacouta at one time expected to be a thriving  
city, like Lake City but "Wacouta cannot stand,  
For its founded on sand." runs a ditty.

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

WANGS (not in MHSC vol. 17) (E)

Township: Warsaw

Location: T. 111 N.; R. 18 W.

Estab: 1876

Platted:

Organ: 1860

Extinct: in Gaz. 1908-19; Extinct 1926(Gaz.)

P.O. estab: 1878 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov: 1902

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. ~~xxxx~~ Not inc. 1910 to date (L.M.)

Exports butter, eggs, and wheat.

## GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

## WARSAW (E)

Township: Warsaw

Location: T. 111 N.; R. 18 W.

Estab: 1855

Platted: 1857

Organ: 1858

Extinct: 1908 (Gaz.)

P.O. estab: 1880 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov: 1886 ( " )

Reason settled:

Photos:

R<sub>e</sub> cords:

(T. organ. 1881 L.M.) named after Polish city of  
Warsaw. Settlement 1854, Rasmussen. (not in Gaz.

1886-87) (no. T. Gaz. 1900-01)

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

WASTEDO (E) (claimed to be "forgotten town" Rasmussen  
p. 65, but in Gaz. 1922)

Township: Leon

Location: T. 111 N.; R. 17 W.

Estab: 1856

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: In Gaz. 1908 to 1922 (out 1923)

P.O. estab: 1865 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov: 1903 (L.M.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. Not inc. 1910 to date (L.M.)

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

WHITE ROCK (NE)

Township: Vasa

Location: T. 112 N.; R. 16 W.

Estab: 1858 (1853 Gaz. 1896-97, p. 1167)

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: in Gaz. 1908 thru 1927

P.O. estab: 1878 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov: 1905 (L.M.)

Reason settled:

Photos: White Rock cemetery. This is a photograph, 6 x 4, of an old pioneer cemetery restored and a marker(stone) indicating names of persons buried

and listed by white wooden crosses. Donor: Mrs. C  
A. Rasmussen, Red Wing, Minn. Cata. F.M' 6.9.

G6-R.21

Records:

Not inc. Not inc. 1910 to date (L.M.) According to  
Rham's Plat Book, 1933, "White Rock has bank and  
Telephone Co." see p. 4, back of map 4, under  
Stanton.

GHOST TOWN

WACOOTA (Goodhue Co.)

"A new Post Office has, we learn, been established at WACOOTA (sic) Goodhue County, and James <sup>B</sup>. Smith, <sup>E</sup>sq., has been appointed Postmaster." (Oct. 25, 1854 - Daily Democrat, p2, col. 3)

MOST LIKELY WACOUTA

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

WHITE WILLOW (NE) (or Rice Station)

Township: Zumbrota

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 15 W.

Estab: 1876 (or 1887 Gaz. 1904-05, p. 1396)

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: In Gaz. 1908 thru 1927

P.O. est<sub>a</sub>b: 1878 (Gaz.)

P.O. remov: 1906 (L.M.)

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. Not inc. 1910 to date (L.M.)

no P.O. 1886-89; back 1900-1906 (Gaz.)

GHOST TOWNS

GOODHUE CO.

YORK (E) (then Elmira, then Belvidere)

Township: Goodhue

Location: T. 111 N.; R. 15 W.

Estab: 1855 or 1856

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct: 1857 or 1858 (1858 C.W. p. 148)

P.O.estab: none(as York)

P.O.remov: " ( " " )

Reason settled:

Photos:

Records:

Not inc. as York.

GHOST TOWNS

GRANT CO.

POMME de TERRE

TOWNSHIP: Pomme de Terre

Location: T.130; R. 42; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  S. 24.

Estab: about 1860

Platted: no dates on original plat, but likely was done in 1868 by Tim Heald, recorded 1874.

Organ: no authentic date

Extinct: about 1897 when Lage Johnson moved his bldg. towards Fergus Falls and changed it into a dwelling house.

P.O. estab: about 1871-72; N.Q. (Newt) Puntches was agent for the stage line and postmaster at Fort Pomme de Terre.

P.O. removed: not known

Reason settled: Timothy Heald, owner of the land,

had visions of a prosperous town on account of the water power and railroad survey close by.

Photos: none

Records: original plat, 20x20 in. written with pencil on brown paper, office of R. of D. Elbow Lake courthouse.

Ref: Herald, May 20, 1897, p. 8; Apr. 23, 1891, p. 4; Sept. 24, 1891, p. 4; Nov. 8, 1934 to Jan 10, 1935; July 2, 1931, vol. 53; (Herald Pub. Co. Elbow Lake) also Herald, Feb. 13, 1890. Hist. Grant Co. Larson, 1916 Vol. I. pp. 499, 428, 388, 377. Frank S chaeffer, Joe Brown, Clark Field, Ralph Burns, all of Elbow Lake

Remarks: First & most important village in Co. in early days. Platted on homestead of Timothy Heald. Prospected here in 1867, came here in 1868, laid out townsite on his claim in S. 24, and named it

## GHOST TOWNS

GRANT CO.

## Pomme de Terre (cont)

"Pomme de Terre"; this name given township in 1877. Heald built cement bridge on Pomme de Terre river 1872 for \$500. Alfonso Field had first merchandise store around 1860. Tim Heald built hotel 1870. Walt Preston opened saloon, Trum Brownell blacksmith shop. 1873 August Schaeffer & Fred Williams built grist mill on the river, near the village where they made a mill-race which developed 7 head of water power. This mill was first in co. thriving business many years. 1885 rebuilt as roller mill, capacity about 130bbl a day. 1886 destroyed by fire, rebuilt to feed mill. Elevator capacity 30,000 bu. 1891 Frank Wahldeick ran feed mill, 400sacks a day. 1876 the Schaeffer mill sent expedition of 20 ox-

teamx carts of flour & merchandise to the Black Hills. Also sent flour to Winnepeg over the Red River at Breckenridge. loading 6 flatboats with flour & merchandise. Alvin Murdock, homeopathic doctor had first drug store. Puntches erected 2-story bldg. with basement 26 x 50 ft. 1875 Lage Johnson & H.A. Langlie, built store across street from Puntches. There were 2 stores, 2 blacksmith shops, a mill, elevator, hotel, one or 2 saloons. Heald also had livery barn in connection with hotel.

1878-1880 it was expected that the St. Paul & Pacific RR. (now G.N.) would be extended from St. Cloud and other points northwesterly to Pembina. Heald, as the leading spirit, predicted the road would pass thru the village, making it the leading town of the county, eventually yco. seat.

## GHOST TOWNS

GRANT CO

## Pomme de Terre (cont)

Punches had railroad ties already made for the trains. At final survey the line veered off to the north leaving Pomme de Terre to die a natural death. Time Heald stood by his town until his death in 1901 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery near by. Pomme de Terre had distinction of being along the stage coach line from St. Cloud, Alexandria, and thru old Fort Pomme de Terre to Fort Abercrombie N. Dak.

The river was known for its variety of fish. Now a little stream.

At present all that can be seen are the cement

and stone foundations, the old power wheel in the  
spill-way, the bridge, trees along the stream.

Investigator. H.R.S.      Reinhold C.A. Wegner  
Jan. 10, 1939.

GHOST TOWNS

CRYSTAL LAKE ( Hennepin )

GHOST TOWNS

CRYSTAL LAKE

(Hnnepin Co.)

"POST OFFICE DISCONTINUED."

"The Postmaster General has discontinued the post office at CRYSTAL LAKE, in this county on account of the resignation of the postmaster, and the office being of little benefit to the people. All mail for said office will be received and distributed at the next nearest office, which is INDUSTRIANA." (Mpls Tribune, July 16, 1867 - p4, col. 1)

## GHOST TOWNS

DAMASCUS (Hennepin, Wright, Sherburne or Anoka Co.)

"IMPORTANT ITEM. -- For the benefit of those who are in the dark -- we would say that Damascus is situated at the mouth of Crow river some twenty-five miles northwest of this place."

(St. Anthony Exp. Wkly of March 27, 1852.)

GHOST TOWNS

EUREKA

EUREKA - (Hennepin?) mentioned in Daily Minnesotan  
of St. Paul, Nov. 8, 1854, pl, col. 6

GHOST TOWNS

HENNEPIN CO.

GREENWOOD

Township: Greenwood

Estab: about 1855

Platted: winter of 1856-57 by Thomas A. Holmes  
(founder of many towns) and others.

aspired to be a city

It was soon superseded by Rockford, on the Wright  
county side of the Crow river about a mile below  
the Greenwood city site.

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

HENNEPIN CO.

HENNEPIN

Township: Eden Prairie

Location: S. 34 and 35 (on the Minnesota river)

Platted: 1852

a short-lived village, was during several years  
a shipping point for grain

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

INDUSTRIANA

INDUSTRIANA - Mpls Trib. July 16, 1867. p4, col. 1

Neill tells about it in Hennepin History, ~~1880~~ 1881

CRYSTAL LAKE - also

GHOST TOWNS

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## GHOST TOWNS

## RICHFIELD (Hennepin Co.)

"Richfield Enterprise -- At a meeting of the Town Supervisors of RICHFIELD, on Thursday last, \$1,200 were appropriated to rebuilt the RICHFIELD dam and bridge and enough more to repair other bridges damaged or washed away by recent floods on Minne-ha-ha creek. This commendable enterprise is worthy of incitation." (Mpls Daily Tribune, July 13, 1867 - p4, col. 2)

GHOST TOWNS

RICHFIELD (Hennepin Co.)

"The Supervisors of the town of RICHFIELD will receive sealed proposals, until the 26th inst., for the building of a bridge near RICHLAND MILLS, across Little Falls Creek, and the time in which it will be completed, according to plans and specifications at Webster's & Pray's office, Harrison's Block, Minneapolis, and at D. Albaugh's Richfield. Each proposal to be accompanied with the name or names of sureties. The privilege of rejecting any or all bids is reserved."

D. Albaugh,

Chairman of Board of Supervisors.

RICHFIELD, Minn., July 17, 1867. (Mpls Tribune, July 19, 1867 - p 1, col. 6)

GHOST TOWNS

HENNEPIN CO.

ST. ANTHONY CITY

PLATTED: 1848-49 comprised the site of the State  
University and adjoining area southeastward,  
which was popularly called "Cheevertown"

GHOST TOWNS

HENNEPIN CO.

ST. ANTHONY FALLS

Platted: as a village in 1849

included in Ramsey county until ~~March~~ 4, 1856

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

Total: including Postal stations, 20.

Investigated by Edward A Blomfield Jan. 1938.

Explanation:

Abbreviations as follows: U.S.P.G. for United States Postal Guide; U.S.O.R for United States Official Register; L.M. for Legislative Manual; Gaz. for Minnesota State Gazateer; Maps of Houston Co. 1872 Winchell's Geological map, 1874 Historical Atlas of Minnesota, 1878 Warner & Foote Co. Atlas, 1896 Standard Map Co. and 1913 Hudson Map Co.; M.H.S.C for Minnesota Historical Society Collections, Neill for History of Houston Co.; Arnold for History of Houston Co. (Portland Prairie)

2. None of these towns incorporated in Census of 1890 to date; very little help from M.H.S.C.

3. La Crescent, a village of Houston Co. near La Crosse, was called in the 50's "Menton!" Not an abandoned town.

## GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

## DAY VALLEY

Township: Mound Prairie

Location: T. 104 N; R.5, W.;S. 21

Estab: not known (early in the 50's)

Platted: " "

Organ: " "

Extinct: " " (probably late 50's)

P.O. estab: " " P.O. remov: not known

Reason for settle: not known

Ref: Gaz. 1865 to date; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.

M. 1889 to date; Houston Co. maps for 1872, 1874,  
1878, 1896 and 1913. only references to this vil-  
lage found anywhere is on the 1874 Hist. Co. map

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: Apparently this place was short-lived.

No. P.O. is recorded but the name is plainly seen  
on Houston Co. Hist. Map for 1874.

## GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

## DEDHAM

Township: Yucatan

Location: T. 103, N.; R. 7, W.

Estab: 1855 (E. MacKintire, first settler and first  
postmaster, came from Dedham, Mass. 1855)

Platted: not known

Organ: " "

Extinct: 1873 (Gaz. OK as PD for 1865; out 1873  
as village)P.O. estab: 1859 (U.S.P.G. 1859 to 1867) (1859 p. 510  
Neill)

P.O. remov: 1867 (1865 Neill p. 510)

Reason for settle: Farming and Dedham grist mill 18<sup>56</sup>

Ref: U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to date;

Gaz. 1865 to date; Houston Co. maps for 1872,  
1874, 1878, 1896, 1913; Hist. of Houston Co. Neill;  
Arnold; M.H.S.C. vol 17 and Winchell Geo. Hist. 1872

Photos: none Munic records : none

Remarks: It is worthy of note that not one of the  
above maps shows the village Dedham. It is re-  
corded by Neill p. 510 as P.O. present Yucatan  
P.O. near site. Probably town never was platted.

Name origin: Dedham , Mass.

GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

FAIRY ROCK

Township: Crooked Creek

Location: T. 102,N. ;R. 4,W..

Estab:Platted: Organ:Extinct:P.O.estab;remov;

Reason for settlement: not known.

Ref: the only reference to this village is on the 1874 Hist. map. of Houston Co.; not in U.S.P.G.; L.M.;Gaz. or Neill, except possibility that Fairy Rock later became Reno, see p. 383,-not in M.H.S. C. vol. 17

Photos: none ; munic. records; none

Remarks: There is some slight evidence that Fairy Rock in the early days was changed to Reno,(no authority) as it is in that locality.

GHOST TOWN

HOUSTON CO.

HACKETT'S GROVE

Township: Brownsville

Location: T. 103 N.; R. 4 W.

Estab: 1856 (P.O.1857)

Platted:1857

Organ: 1858

Extinct: 1870 (not in Gaz.)

P.O.estab: 1857(U.S.P.G.1857 to 1866)(Neill p. 333  
P.O.estab. 1855; dis. 1866)

P.O.remov: 1866

Reason settled: probably P.O. station.

Ref: U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; GAZ.1865 to date;

maps of Co. 1872,1874,1878,1896,1913; M.H S.C.

vol. 17. Neill. Not in L. M; recorded in Arnold

p. 27 as Hackett's Ridge, possibly no connection.

Photos: none

Munic records none

Remarks: Hackett's Grove is given in U.S.P.G. only  
It is not on maps or in Gaz. Probably was a P. O.  
station. Referred to by Neill p. 333 as at one  
time "a promising locality" Hackett's Ridge is  
spoken of in Arnold p. 27

## GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

HOWE CORNERS (or Howe)

Township: Yucatan

Location: T. 103, N.; R. 7 W.

Estab: 1855 (settled)

Platted: Organ: not known

Extinct: 1920 (Gaz. 1884 to 1912)

P.O. estab: 1883 (U.S.O.R. 1883 to 1886)

P.O. remov: 1886

Reason settled: Farming and the Howe Grist Mill 1856

Ref: Maps of Co. 1872, 1874, 1878, 1896, 1913; Neill

M.H.S.C. vol. 17; U.S.O.R. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889  
to date and Gaz. 1865 to date; Gaz refers to  
village as Howe's Corner; U.S.P.G. same.

Photos: none

Munic. records none

Remarks: The Standard Map. Co. Atlas for Houston Co. 1896 gives<sup>+</sup> the name of Howe P.O. No other maps give the place. "Howe's Corner" is 5 miles S.W. of Houston and 11 miles N.W. Caledonia, according to 1886-7 Gazateer and it also states P.O was discontinued. Town named for Hiram Howe.

GHOST TOWN

HOUSTON CITY (Houston co.)

"The Herald (Brownsville) gives the following brief history of the towns in Houston County:

'There are seven towns platted in Houston Count(sic), viz: Brownsville, Hokah, Houston City, Caledonia, Spring Grove, Watertown and Manton!" (Daily Minnesotian, Dec. 18, 1855 - p2, col. 1) This probably present town of Houston.

GHOST TOWN

HOUSTON CO.

JEFFERSON

(formerly called Ross's landing)

Township: Jefferson

Location: T. 101, N.; R. 4 W.; S. 34.

Estab: 1868

Platted: 1869

Organ: 1870

Extinct: 1875 (about)

P.O. estab: none    Remov: none

Reason settled: not known, probably fishing

Ref: Maps of Co. 1872, 1874, 1878, 1896, 1913;

U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz.

1865 to date; M.H.S.C. vol. 17; Neill p. 420

says: "that R.R. Co. bought land just south of

State Line and started a village called New Albin. Thus Jefferson expired without a struggle. "

Photos: none    Munic. records: none

Remarks: The above maps all have Jefferson indicated in Jefferson twsp. but there is very little data on village. "Jefferson village on the west ~~xxx~~ channel of the Miss. was at first called Ross's Landing for J.&S. Ross brothers who came here as first settlers in 1847" M.S.H. C. p. 239.

## GHOST TOWNS

## HOUSTON CO.

LaVILLA (formerly Hamilton, Neill. p. 510 )

Township: Yucatan

Location: T. 107, N.; R. 7, W.

Estab: Platted: Organ: not known

Extinct: 1875 (in Gaz. 1865 to 1870 )

P.O. estab: 1859 (U.S.P.G. 1859 to 1871, as La Villa)

P.O. remov: 1871

Reason settled: don't know.

Ref: Maps of co. 1872, 1874, 1878, 1896, 1913 no record.

Neill; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to date;

Gaz, 1865 to date; M.S.H.C. vol. 17; Name sometimes spelled LaVilla or Lavilla. As LaVilla, U.S.P.G.

1859; same Gaz. 1869-70 Arnold, as Lavilla.

Photos: none

Munic. records :none

Remarks: Although this village is mentioned in U.S.P.O. and the Minn. State Gaz. as indicated above, it is not shown on any of the above Houston Co. maps.

## GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

## LIMA

Township: Location: Estab: Platted: Organ: unknown  
Extinct: 1870 (Gaz. OK. 1865; out by 1869.)

P.O.Estab: 1863 (USPG 1863 to 1867)

P.O.remov: 1867

Reason settled: unkonown

Ref: U.S.P<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz.  
1865 to date; M.H.S.C.vol. 17; Neill; Maps 1872,  
1874, 1878, 1896, 1913, -not indicated on any of these  
Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: This is another one of those villages that  
is mentioned in U.S.P.G. & Gaz. but not a single  
one of the above reference maps tells where it

was located. Probably a P.O. station only.

## GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

## LOONEYVILLE

Township: Houston

Location: T. 104, N.; R. 6, W.; (exact location, "in the center of the W. half of the N.W. of Sect. 26, and E. half of the N.E. of Sect. 27)

Estab: 1856

Platted: 1857

Organ: 1859

Extinct: 1885 (Gaz. 1865 to 1879)

P.O.E<sub>s</sub>tab: 1859 (U.S.P.G. 1859 to 1871) (1855 Neill  
p. 403)

P.O. remov: 1871 (1858 Neill p. 403)

Reason settled: land speculation

R<sup>e</sup>f: Neill; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; maps 1872, 74,

78,96 and 1913; U.S.Gaz. 1865 to date; L.M. 1889 to date; M.H.S.C. vol. 17. (Note: Looneyville P.O. not given until 1859 in U.S.O.R. not in 1855-~~2~~-7-8.)

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: This village was named after Corydon Looney. It was one of those embrotic or paper vil- lages that advanced so rapidly thru its group of speculators that the county ~~gaxexix~~ seat was its goal in 1857. However, it is not shown on any of the maps referred to above. Neill says, p.403: " that the ruins of this deserted village, in the form of corner lot stakes, were a ~~considerable~~ cause of consider- able profanity in after years when they were encoun- tered by the knives of the mowing machines."

## GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

LORETTE (or Loretta)

Township: Mound Prairie

Location: T. 104,N.; R.5,W.

Estab: 1856

Platted: 1857 (Neill p.449)

Organ: 1858

Extinct: 1880(OK as P.O. Gaz. 1865 to 1870, then out  
as town 1879)

P.O.estab: 1859 (U.S.P.G. 1859 to 1869)

P.O.remov: 1869

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Maps 1872,74,78,96, 1913; U<sup>s</sup>S.P.G.1855 to  
dâte; M.H.S.C. vol. 17; L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz.  
1865 to date ; Neill p. 449.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: There was a P. O. at Lorette and also a famous hostelry known as the "Lorette House". For excellent account see Neill, p. 449. Why it is not indicated on any of the above maps, especially when referred to in the Minn. Gaz. from 1865 to 1879 is another one of those village mysteries.

GHOST TOWNS

MANTON (Houston)

"The Herald (Brownsville) gives the following brief history of the towns in Houston County:

'There are seven towns platted in Houston Count(sic), viz: Brownsville, Hokah, Houston City, Caledonia, Spring Grove, Watertown, and MANTON.'" (Daily Minnesotian, Dec. 18, 1855 - p2, col. 1)

GHOST TOWN

MANTON (Houston)

"Manton is situated on the west bank of the Mississippi, opposite La Crosse; Mr. Gillett, proprietor."  
(Daily Minnesotian, Dec. 18, 1855,-p2, col. 1)

## GHOST TOWNS

## MONEY CREEK (Houston Co.)

"The Baptist meeting house in Money Creek, Houston county, was dedicated to the worship of God on the 9th inst. Rev. G.M. Stone, of Winona, preached the sermon. This house is 28 x 60 feet and well built. The \$1,200 debt was provided for at the time of the dedication."

(Mpls Tribune, Dec. 27, 1868, p3, col. 1)

## GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

## OWEN

Township: Yucatan

Location: T.103,N.;R.7,W.;516

Estab: (about 1885)

Platted: Organ: not known

Extinct: 1910 (about)

P.O. estab: 1887 (U.S.P.G. and L.M. 1887 to 1905)

P.O. remov; 1905 (OK as P.O. 1896, co. map)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Maps. 1872, 74, 78, 96, 1913; M.H.S.C. vol. 17;

U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz. 1865  
to date; Neill.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: Owen is not mentioned in U.S.P.G. up to and including 1885, neither is there any reference to the village in any gazateer. It was probably a P.O. station in Yucatan Twsp. It is located only on 1896 map as Owen P.O.

GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

POPE'S PRAIRIE

Township: Location: Estab: Platted: Organ: Extinct:  
not known.

P.O. estab: P.O. remov: none

Reason settled: not known

Ref: Not on any maps; not in U.S.P.G.; not in L.M.  
or Gaz. referred to only in Co. Hist. by Arnold  
p.27.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: No mention of this village is made any-  
where except in Arnold's book on "Portland  
Prairie" in Hist. of Houston Co. p.27. Not  
positive this village is in Houston Co. except

~~XXXXX~~ referred to by Arnold in his history.

## GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

PORTLAND PRAIRIE (as P.Pr. P.O. 1856 Arnold, p. 19)

Township: Winnebago

Location: T. ~~100~~ 101, N.; R. 5, W.; S. 30.Estab: 1854 (first settlers 1851, Sect. 34, see Arnold  
Hist. P. Prairie, p. 5.)

Platted: 1855

Organ: 1856

Extinct: 1890 (OK in Gaz. 1878 to 1885)

P.O. estab: 1855 (U.S.P.G. 1855 to 1861) (1855, Neill p  
500)

P.O. remov: 1861

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Hist. of Houston Co. Portland Prairie by Arnold;  
Neill, p. 333 as P.O. and p. 360; maps 1872, 78, 74 as

as Portland Prairie, 1896 as Portland P.O., other maps village not listed, including 1913; M.H.S.C. vol.17; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M.1889 to date and Gaz. 1865 to date. Note: U.S.O.R. 1855 says: town, Portland, estab. Feb. 23.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none.

Remarks: The Minn. State Gaz. indicates in the 1880 81 number p. 446, that Portland Prairie is the same as "Eitzen" and U.S.P. G. for Feb. 23, 1855 states P.O. Portland Prairie, "no returns". also Neill in Hist. of Co. says, P.O. Probably confusion comes from fact that villages were on Portland Prarie.

GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

ROSS'S LANDING (became Jefferson village)

Township: Jefferson

Estab: 1847 John and Samuel Ross, first settlers

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

ST. LAWRENCE

Township: Houston

Location: T.104,N.;R. 6,W.;on the S.E.of S.27 and  
the N.E. of S. 34.

Estab: 1857 (first settler, elder Mr. Looney, 1852)

Platted: 1858 (Neill p. 403)

Organ: 1859

Extinct: 1870 (about)

P.O.estab: none

P.O.remov: "

Reason settled: Land speculation

Ref: maps 1872,74,78,96,1913; Neill; U.S.P.G. 1855  
to date; L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date; M.H  
S.C. vol. 17.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: This is another of those embryotic towns referred to in the Hist. of Houston Co. by Neill, p.403. It lost out because R.R. passed thru on other side of the river. "City duly platted and recorded and given the canonical name of St. Lawrence and assessed for a long time as city property." says Neill p. 403.

GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO .

SAN JACINTO

(as P.O. only)

Township: Location: Estab: Platted: Organ: not known

Extinct: 1875(Gaz. OK as P.O 1865 to 1873)

P.O.estab: 1859(U.S.P.G. 1859 to 1871)

P.O.remov: 1871

Reason settled: not known

Ref: Maps 1872,74,78,96,1913; Neill; U.S.P.G. 1855

to date; L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date and

M.H.S.C. vol. 17. Note: referred to in Gaz. 1869-70

as P.O. p. 292.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: This village possibly was a P.O. station only, as it is in U.S.P.G. and Gaz. also as P. O.

Gaz. usually indicates it was a village. Maps of  
co. do not have name of village, hence can't locate  
it.

## GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

SOUTH RICEFORD (suburb of Riceford)

Township: Spring Grove

Location: T. 101 N.; R. 7, W.

Estab: 1856 (Neill, p. 471)

Platted: Organ: not known

Extinct: 1860 (about)

P.O. estab: P.O. remov: none

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Minn. State Gaz. 1865 to date; Maps. 1872, 74,  
78, 96, 1913; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to  
date; Gaz. 1865 to date; M.H.S.C. vol. 17; Neill.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: Neill p. 471 says: " A village, which

was at one time an ambitious suburb of Riceford, called S. Riceford, was laid out on the side hill, south of the creek; it had its Main St., Water S t. etc. but was finally abandoned and the buildings torn down."

Teledo (or)  
Toledo

Houston County  
(Winona County??)

"Teledo, a small town on the road between Winona and La Crescent, contains a woolen factory of stone, 40 x 60 feet, three and a half stories high, which turns out daily an average of 200 yards of goods. The machinery, building and site cost \$33,000."

(from St. Paul Daily Press of June 17, 1870 - page 2,  
Column 1)

## GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

## UNION

Township: Union

Location: T. 103,N.; R. 5,W.

Estab: Platted: Organ: not known

Extinct: 1885(Ok Gaz. 1865 to 1879 as P O. out 1879)

P.O. estab: 1859 (U.S.P.G. 1859 to 1879)

P.O. remov: 1879

Reason settled: Farming

Ref: U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date; L.M

1889 to date; Maps 1872,74,78,96,1913; ~~M.H.~~<sup>M.H.</sup> M.H.

S.C. vol. 17; Neill.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: According to Neill, p. 485,: "Union (twsp) has no village." This village not indicated on maps. Union might be confused Union Grove. As "Union" U.S.P.G. OK 1865 and 1867; Union G. OK same 1867. Probably "Union" just a P.O. station at any rate, village referred to as P.O. in Gaz. 1869-70, p. 292.

GHOST TOWNS

WATERTOWN (Houston Co.)

"The Herald (Brownsville) gives the following brief history of the towns in Houston County:

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GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

WILMINGTON (possibly called Portland Prairie or  
Nittedale-see remarks)

Township: Winnebago and Wilmington (Neill p. 490)

Location: T. 101, N.; R. 6, W.; S. 25.

Estab: 1852 (first settled)

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1857

Extinct: (Gaz. 1865 as P.O. to 1908, then village  
to 1927)

P.O. estab: 1865 (U.S.P.G. 1865 to 1905) (L.M. 1889 to 05)

P.O. remov: 1905 (As. P.O. Neill p. 316) (Arnold p. 41)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: maps 1872, 74, 78, 96, 1913; M.H.S.C. vol. 17 ;

Neill; U.S.P.G.1855 to date; L.M.1889 to date;  
Gaz. 1865 to date: (note: Neill claimed P.O. estab.  
1855. see p. 500)

Photos: none

Munic. records. none

Remarks: The Village of Wilmington is difficult to determine. For instance, in the Gaz. for 1890-91, p.1031 it states that, "W. is sometimes called Portland Prairie, and was settled in 1851." It locates Wil. as 8 miles from Caledonia; and again, in Gaz. 1896, p.1173, it states that "Wil. was formerly called "Nittedale" and is  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Spring Grove." However, Nittedale appears in L.M. 1891 and 1893 as separate P.O's. same for Wilmington, 1891 to 1905.

## GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON CO.

## WINFIELD

Township: Houston

Location: T. 104, N.; R. 6, W.; S. 23.

Estab: 1855 (see Neill p. 403)

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1857

Extinct: 1880 (mentioned once in Gaz. 1878-79)

P.O. estab: P.O. remov: none

Reason settled: Land speculation

Ref: maps 1872, 74, 78, 96, 1913; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date;

L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date; M.H.S.C. vol.

17. Neill; Not referred to by Arnold.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: An embryotic village referred to by Neill

p.403, and named after General Winfield Scott. Not shown on maps referred to above. This village had prospective streets, avenues, squares and parks, truly metropolitan. "As no one should despise the day of small things, a saloon started the village."

GHOST TOWNS

HOUSTON COX

WINNEBAGO VALLEY (as P.O. 1856, Arnold.p.19)

Township: Winnebago

Location: T. 101,N.;R.5,W.; S.22

Estab: 1856

Platted: 1857

Organ: 1859

Extinct: 1920(Gaz. 1865 to 1918((P.O.estab.1858  
Neill, p. 500)

P.O.estab: 1859(U.S.P.G.1859 to 1907)(L.M.1889  
to 1907)

P.O. remov: 1907 (Gas. dis.P.O. 1908)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Maps 1872,74,78,96,1913;Neill;Arnold; U.S.P.G  
1855 to date; L.M.1889 to date;Gaz. 1865 to date;

M.H.S.C. vol. 17.

Photos none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: Winnebago Valley possibly changed to W. Mills  
(see 1927 Gaz.) Same comment ~~made~~ made there as  
to location as in Gaz. 1884-5, viz. "8 miles from  
New Albion, Iowa," and this continues thru to 1918  
Neills says-"P.O. estab. in 1858 on Section 22;  
see p. 500.

GHOST TOWNS

HUBBARD CO.

LATONA (P.O.)

Township: Straight River

P.O. now discontinued, at Horton railway station

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

KANDIYOHI CO.

COLUMBIA

Township: Green Lake

Extinct: 1886 when the railway village of Spicer  
was platted on the deserted early townsite

Ref: MHSCvol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

SWEDE GROVE

"The Land and Bond Bill. -- We are gratified to learn that Hon. Dana E. King is about to take the stump on this important question, and has made the following appointments: . . . includes SWEDE GROVE." (Mpls Tribune, May 20, 1870 - pl, col. 5) (possibly in Kanidyohi county or vicinity)

## GHOST TOWNS

## UNION GROVE

"The Land and Bond Bill. ---We are gratified to learn that Hon. Dana E. King is about to take the stump on this important question, and has made the following appointments: . . . .includes UNION GROVE." (Mpls Tribune, May 20, 1870 - page 1, col. 5) (possibly in Kandiyohi county or vicinity)

Bronson (Kittson Co)

Name changed to Lake Bronson effective Jan 2, 1939  
by town election held about Dec. 12, 1938.

(See Bronson Budget) or some other Kittson papers

Confirmed by phone with Mpls P.O. - 6/22/39 - G.V.M.

7xpls P.O. - MA in 5192

GHOST TOWNS

KITTSOON CO.

BEATON (changed later to Holma)

Township: Deerwood

Location:

Estab: 1883 ?

PLATTED:

Organ:

Extinct:

P.O. estab: 1894 ?

P.O. remov:

Reason settled: Lumber and farm products

Ref: investigated by Cyril Cannon, 1936, but little given of definite dates.

Village lost out because settlers east of Beaton

decided to have avillage of their own and stopped trading at Beaton. Also G. N. R R. passed them up and Soo Line as well, which built  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles south because of swamp land. Then Beaton moved to Halma on Soo line.

GHOST TOWNS

KITTSOON CO.

INTEROPOLIS

Township: St. Vincent

Location: NW corner S. 36

Estab: 1882

Platted: 1882

Organ: 1883

Extinct: 1890 (about)

No record P.O. estab or remov;

Reason settled: saloon business

Ref: inv. by Cyril Cannon 1937, but no record of  
P.O. given. USPG 1855 --

No photos-no records

in 1882 62 blocks were laid out for this village .

As the saloon business seemed to be its greatest  
interest, it didn't last long.

## GHOST TOWNS

KITTSOON CO.

NORTHCOTE , formerly Alice

Township: Hampden

Location: T. 162 N.; R. 49 W.; S. 21 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 

Estab: 1878

Platted: 1880 (never inc.)

Organ: 1881 (depot built 1879)

Extinct: 1910 ?

no record p.o. estab or remov;

Ref: investigated by Cyril Cannon 1937.

no photos-no records

This village was never inc. The Soo line built ten miles east, didn't help. Changed from Alice to Northcote about 1888; population now about 65 so probably not extinct.

## GHOST TOWNS

KITTSOON CO.

## PELAN

Township: Pelan

Location: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 36

Estab: 1880. Charles Pelan started a cattle ranch at Two River Crossing (village of Pelan) . Other settlers did not arrive until 1882.

Platted: Spring 1903

Organ: March 3, 1903

Extinct: Nov. 26, 1909

P.O. Estab: Spring of 1887

P.O. Remov: Sept. 17, 1938

Reason settled: Pelan was first called Two River Crossing, then Twin Lake City, finally Pelan in honor of Charles Pelan, the founder. It was sit-

uated at a point where the historic Sandridge & (Roseau) Trail crosses Two Rivers. There was considerable traffic on this trail. It was also on the route of a proposed railroad.

Ref: William Lofgren, Hallock, Minn.

Axel " " "

Gust " Argyle "

Lars Erick Anderson, Karlstad, Minn.

Martin Johnson, Greenbush, "

John Kelzar, Karlstad, "

Hans H. Olen, " "

John Olson " "

Karlstad Advocate " "

Kittson Co. Enterprise, Hallock, Minn.

Photos: early photos thru Karlstad Advocate or Kittson Co. Enterprise.

## GHOST TOWNS

KITTSOON CO.

## PELAN (cont.)

All surplus produce of Pelan community was freighted to Stephen. Considerable traffic passing thru.

During peak in 1903 village had 3 gen. merch. stores 5 saloons, 1 bank, 1 flour mill, 2 hotels, 1 restaurant, 2 land offices, 2 newspapers, 1 barber shop.

1 creamery, several professional ~~XXXXXX~~ men. Summer

1903 "Soo" line made two other surveys for their Winnipeg line, each at a greater distance westward of Pelan. That fall last survey 9 miles west of

Pelan definitely chosen. At same time Great Northern pushed a line to Greenbush, 10 miles east of Pelan

Coming so close yet failing to pass thru caused immediate dismantling of Pelan. Most business

places and residences were moved either to Karlstad or Greenbush. 1910 only Lofgren and one other smaller store was left, and when in that same year the Lofgren store and the P.O. housed in it with most of its records burned, Lofgren opened a store in Karlstad. Roy Clark continued to operate confectionery, beer parlor & gas station combined until fall of 1937 when he also moved his business and bldg. to Karlstad. Nov. 26, 1909 nine out of 12 of the village officers voted for dissolution. All village records have evidently been destroyed in the several different fires. Only remnants of village remaining are excavations and rickety boardwalks.

Extensive & detailed info. in Historical Records Survey Files.

## GHOST TOWNS

KITTSOON CO.

## PELAN (cont.)

Remarks: State highway no. 11 now crosses the river less than 100 feet north of this historic crossing. 1880 Charles Pelan started a cattle ranch at this crossing. Walter Long & Hans Olson were among the first settlers but neither made Two River Crossing their permanent home. Olson opened a blacksmith shop and started a cattle ranch on a small scale. Spent the remainder of his life in this community. Olson started small mercantile store in Pelan 1895. Peter Lofgren bought out Olson 1898. 1899 Lofgren built 3-story bldg. with 60x30 ft. basement. from 1900 to 1903 he employed as many as 9 clerks. Sold as high as 400,

000 ft. lumber in one year. Two other general stores in Pelan at this time. props. E. S tromgren & Kosmatka. 1896 "Soo" line ran survey for their Winnipeg route thru Pelan, creating a boom. 1903 census of Village showed the 175 residents required for incorporation. The village was inc. that same year. Townsite was resurveyed & platted. The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  S .36 town of Pelan is still platted. First school in Pelan held in 1894, teacher Edith Carey, one month session, 20 pupils. Spring 1895 24x12 ft. log school house built. 2nd term of 3mos. teacher William Clinch, 50 pupils. 1901 addition built. 1902-03 two teachers employed. Fall 1903 9mo. term inaugurated. Continued thus until fall 1912, since then only 1 teacher has been employed. Pelan situated  $\frac{1}{2}$  way between Stephen & Roseau. Stopping over place on stage route between these two points.

GHOST TOWNS

KOOCHICHING CO.

NORDEN (P.O.)

Township: Norden

**"RAINY LAKE CITY"**

Location: at the east side of the strait between Rainy lake and Black bay (also called Rat Root lake) was a gold mining station during a few years.

A stamp mill was built there in 1894 for crushing the ore mine on the southwest end of Dryweed island, less than a mile distant; but the work failed to repay its expenses, and about fifteen years later the proposed city site was abandoned

Estab: about 1894

Extinct: " 1909

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

CAROLINE

*Re Snare (Mankato?)*

The forgotten railroad village of Caroline on the old Winona and St. Peter Railroad between Mankato and Kasota is the subject of an article in the Mankato Free Press for July 10. The recent removal of the railroad tracks and of the signal tower -- the last indications of the village ~~six~~ site -- are noted. A picture of the tower accompanies the article. (MH 18 p469)

GHOST TOWNS

LE SUEUR CO.

CLEVELAND

Township: Cleveland

Estab: ~~1875~~ 1857

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

was the county seat during one year, 1875-6, being  
succeeded by Le Sueur Center

GHOST TOWNS

LE SUEUR CO.

CORDOVA

Township: Cordova

Platted: Sept. 28, 1867

GHOST TOWNS

LE SUER CO.

ELYSIAN

Township: Elysian

Platted: 1856 Sept. 20.

Inc. Jan. 1884

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

LE SUEUR CO.

EAST HENDERSON

Platted: Dec. 22, 1877

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

LE SUEUR CO.

EAST ST, PETER

Platted: Oct. 1, 1856

REF: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWN

LEXINGTON (Le Sueur Co.)

"Rinehart Lynched by a Mob of 30 or 40 men."

"Our readers will doubtless be startled to learn from the following communication, that a party of men, disregarding the supremacy of our laws, and assuming the power of both Judge and Jury, entered the jail at Lexington, Le Sueur County, where Rinehart was confined for the murder of Bodell, on the 27th inst. took the prisoner out and lynched him, within a short distance of the town:

. . . . ." (Letter describing lynching follows.)

(Daily Minnesotian, Dec. 31, 1858 - p2, col. 3)

GHOST TOWNS

LE SUEUR CO.

OKAMAN

Platted: March 30, 1857

Extinct: 1867-site vacated and reverted to farm uses  
lies partly in Waseca co.

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

LINCOLN CO.

MARSHFIELD

Township: Marshfield

Location: NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S. 30

Platted: 1873

was the first county seat until 1882, being then succeeded by Lake Benton. The village site is now farming land

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

LYON CO.

SARATOGA

Township: Amiret

Platted: 1857 first townsite in the area of Lyon county, about three miles southwest from site of Amiret village. Railway village of Saratoga platted in 1874.

P.O. estab: in 1872, when railroad was built, and named Coburg. In 1879 name of Amiret was chosen and superseded both these names (Saratoga and Coburg)

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

LAKE ADDIE - possibly refers to settlement at Lake  
Addie in McLeod County.

## GHOST TOWNS

## LAKE ADDIE

"TERRITORIAL ROADS - Our Minneapolis friends John H. Stevens, Hilliary B. Hancock, and Lewis Harrington, are at present engaged in laying out a territorial road from Minneapolis to Fort Ridgely, with branches to Glen-coe, Lake Addie, Hutchinson, Forest City, and Cedar City. The road goes on the north shore of Lake Minnetonka. It is whispered that those branches lead off from a new town on Crow River which has been christened RAPID WATER. It is further said that Rapid Water has one of the best water powers in the Territory, and that is going to be improved this year. This is a great country!" (Daily Minnesotian, April 1, 1856, p2, col. 3) THERE IS A LAKE ADDIE IN MCLEOD COUNTY AND ITEM POSSIBLY REFERS TO SETTLEMENT ON ITS SHORES.

From the 50th Anniversary Edition of the Warren Sheaf,  
1880-1931. Vol. LI, No. 29, July 22, 1931. Page 13.

Election to determine the location of the county  
seat of Marshall county Oct. 13, 1890 (Warren won 1,261;  
Argyle 958; Majority 303 - more than the 55 % required)

Names of the election predincts were: Alma, Augsburg,  
Big Woods, Bloomer, Boxville, Cedar, Comstock, Eagle  
Point, Excel, Foldahl, Holt, Lincoln, Marsh Grove, McCrea,  
Middle River, Nelson Park, Newfolden, New Solum, Oak  
Park, Parker, Sinnot, Spruce Valley, Tamarac, Vega,  
Viking, Wanger, Warrenton, West Valley & Wright.

AMBER

Martin Co. ???

GHOST TOWNS

MARTIN CO.

CEDARVILLE

Township: Cedar

Location: T. 104 N.; R. 33 W.; S. 24

Estab:

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct:

P.O. estab:

P.O. remov:

Reason settled:

Ref: inv. by Minnie De War 1936; no definite dates

given as organ. or P.O.. sources: Fairmont

Daily Sent. June 1, 1922, J.P. Dunning, 503 Albion

Ave. Fairmont, E. Howard Fits, over Fairmont Creamery

Photos:

Records:

Cedarville was a flourishing village in the late 60's and early 70's. Three railroads built thru the county passed it by and caused its demise.

GHOST TOWNS

MARTIN CO.

HORICON

Township: Westford and Rutland

Location:

Estab:

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct:

P.O.estab: 1864 about

P.O.remov:

Reason settled:

Ref: inv. by Minnie Dewar, 1936 but no definite dates given. Source of info. Fairmont Daily Sentinel, July 29, 1922.

Photos:

**Records:**

settled by people from Horicon Wis. Old Horicon church still standing built near old P.O. and has resident pastor. However, probably P.O. dept. gave it the name of Horicon. Settlers' cemetery is nearby.

GHOST TOWNS

MARTIN CO.

TRIUMPH

Township: Galena

Location: T. 104 N.; R. 32 W.; S. 31

Estab:

Platted: 1899

Organ:

Extinct:

P.O. estab:

P.O. remov:

Reason settled:

Ref: inv. by Minnie Dewar 1936. Only definite date given platted by the Western Town Lot Co. 1899. Source of info. Fairmont Daily Sentinel, May 16, 1922 and E. Howard Fitz over F. Creamery.

Photos:

Records:

This village took the name and P.O. of a post about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from present site. For a time it prospered as a R.R. town on the N.W. R.R.

"Large Vegetables--Minnesota Ahead!"

"Mr. Thaddeus R. Webb, of Cedar City, writes us that he has raised the (a) Valpariso squash this year that weighed seventy-three pounds, and a morrowfat squash of seventy pounds. When we consider that these varieties, usually do not exceed over thirty pounds in weight, we must think that the soil and the cultivation of the vines has forced this large growth.

"Mr. Webb raised a cucumber this year that measured forty-four inches in circumference, and exceedingly large turnips--one that weighed sixteen pounds,--another that measured in circumference three feet. The latter beats both the Hennepin County and Glencoe turnips. We need not inform our readers that CEDAR CITY is WEST OF THE  
(over)

3 'BIG WOODS,' which explains the cause of the extraordinary growth of vegetables." (Daily Minnesotian, Dec. 1, 1858 - p2, col. 4) Cedar City became Cedar Mills (Meeker County)

## GHOST TOWNS

## CEDAR CITY (Meeker)

"TERRITORIAL ROADS - Our Minneapolis friends John H. Stevens, Hilliary B. Hancock, and Lewis Harrington, are at présent engaged in laying out a territorial road from Minneapolis to Fort Ridgely, with branches to Glencoe, Lake Addie, Hutchinson, Forest City, and CEDAR CITY. The road goes on the north shore of Lake Minnetonka. It is whispered that those branches lead off from a new town on Crow River which has been christened Rapid Water. It is further said that Rapid Water has one of the best water powers in the Territory, and that it is going to be improved this year. This is a great country!" (Daily Minnesotian, April 1, 1856 - p2, col. 3) THERE IS A CEDAR LAKE IN SCOTT COUNTY:POSSIBLY REFERS TO SETTLEMENT ON ITS SHORES. (over)

Ignore Scott Co. reference.

Cedar Mills in Meeker County was once known as  
Cedar City.

## GHOST TOWN

Cedar City (now Cedar Mills) in Meeker  
county about 9 miles from Hutchinson and  
13 miles from Litchfield  
in March 1856 this was a new townsite

GHOST TOWNS

CROW RIVER (Meeker Co.)

"The Pacific Road, on and after Wednesday next, will be opened and regular trains running to a point nine miles beyond Crow River." (Mpls Tribune, Dec. 20, 1868, p4, col. 1)

## GHOST TOWNS

## FOREST CITY

"Territorial News.-From St. Anthony Express.

"TERRITORIAL ROADS - Our Minneapolis friends John H. Stevens, Hilliary B. Hancock, and Lewis Harrington, are at present engaged in laying out a territorial road from Minneapolis to Fort Ridgely, with branches to Glencoe, Lake Addie, Hutchinson, FOREST CITY, and Cedar City. The road goes on the north shore of Lake Minnetonka. It is whispered that those branches lead off from a new town on Crow River which has been christened Rapid Water. It is further said that RAPID WATER has one of the best water powers in the Territory, and that it is going to be improved this year. This is a great county!" (Daily Minnesotian, April 1, 1856 - p2, col. 3) Probably Meeker Co.?

## GHOST TOWNS

## FOREST CITY (Meeker)

"The firm of Hines, Kimball & Beedy, of Forest City, . . . are proprietors of some of the finest mill and real estate property to be found in the west, at Forest City, where they now own and operate a saw mill, grist mill and a mammoth country store.

"During the past summer they have invested a large amount of capital in the improvement of the water-power of MANNANAH (Manannah), about 12 miles from Forest City. Across the Crow river at Mannanah(?) they have thrown a dam 400 feet long. . . Upon this dam they have erected ~~six~~ since July 20th last, a saw mill for the purpose of manufacturing hard wood lumber, which is one of the best in the country. They have just completed . . . a merchant  
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and custom mill 35 x 45 feet, 3 stories in height (sic)...  
having a grinding capacity of 800 bushels daily, or  
30,000 barrels of flour annually." (Probably they are  
heaviest mfrs. of lumber & flour west of Mpls.)

(Mpls Tribune, Feb. 9, 1871 - p4, col. 1)

GHOST TOWNS

FOREST CITY (Meeker)

"Flour manufactured at Forest City finds a ready market out towards the western Forts. The millers do not have to ship a barrel." (Mpls Tribune, May 30, 1869 - p3, col. 3)

Once important; believed U.S. land office here once.

GHOST TOWNS

GREENLEAF (Meeker Co.)

LAND OFFICE -

"Crops near GREENLEAF." - "Mr. J.M. Waldron, Receiver of the United States Land office at Greenleaf, informs us that crops never looked as well as they do this year, out in that region. Immigration is pouring in there at the rate of ten to twelve teams a day. They are mostly Swedes and Norwegians and, what is more, he says they have plenty of gold. These people, who work hard and produce from the soil are what adds the wealth of a country." (Mpls Tribune, July 14, 1867 - P4, col. 1)

GHOST TOWNS -

GREENLEAF

Greenleaf (likely in Meeker county) mentioned in Mpls  
Tribune of July 14, 1867, p4, col. 1.

GHOST TOWNS

GREENLEAF (Meeker Co.)

The Tribune here tells of a new invention, a "broadcast seed sower," that has been patented by Gottfried Rank of Greenleaf, Meeker County. Main value of the sower, according to the Tribune, is in "scattering the seed and protecting the same from the action of the wind while being sown upon the ground." (Mpls Tribune, Dec. 15, 1868, p4, col. 1)

GHOST TOWNS

KINGSTON

*(Muhel)*

"The Land and Bond Bill. ---We are gratified to learn that Hon. Dana E. King is about to take the stump on this important question, and has made the following appointments: . . . (includes) KINGSTON." (Mpls Tribune, May 20, 1870 - page 1, Col. 5) (possibly in Kandiyohi county or vicinity)

GHOST TOWN

KINGSTON (Meeker Co.)

"The new Grist mill at KINGSTON, in Meeker County, is said to be doing a fine business and turning out a superior quality of flour. Farmers in the southwest of Stearns county will find it convenient, as the mill at St. Cloud is not able to do all the work offered."  
(Daily Minnesotian, Dec. 17, 1858 - p2, col. 1)

GHOST TOWNS

MANNANAH

(apparently Manannah, Meeker Co.)

"The firm of Hines, Kimball & Beedy, of Forest City, ....are proprietors of some of the finest mill and real estate property to be found in the west, at Forest City, where they now own and operate a saw mill, grist mill and a mammoth country store.

"During the past summer they have invested a large amount of capital in the improvement of the water-power of MANNANAH (Manannah), about 12 miles from Forest City. Across the Crow river at Mannanah(?) they have thrown a dam 400 feet long...Upon this dam they have erected since July 20th last, a saw mill for the purpose of manufactur-

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ing hard wood lumber, which is one of the best in the country. They have just completed.....a merchant and custom mill 35 x 45 feet, 3 stories in hight (sic).... having a grinding capacity of 800 bushels daily, or 30,000 barrels of flour annually." (Probably they are heaviest mfrs. of lumber & flour west of Mpls.)

(Mpls Tribune, Feb. 9, 1871 - p4, col. 1)

Lucy Ann Lobdell, famous female hunter of Long Eddy, N.Y., taken in custody at Manannah, where she lived, for wearing male attire, etc. Follow up; one of the odd characters of the early days.

GHOST TOWNS

MANANNAL

(apparently MANANNAH, Meeker Co.)

"The Land and Bond Bill. --We are gratified to learn that Hon. Dana E. King is about to take the stump on this important question, and has made the following appointments: . . . M A N A N N A L." (Mpls Tribune, May 20, 1870, p 1, col. 5) (possibly in Kandiyohi county or vicinity)

This is most likely MANANNAH on northern edge of Meeker county and adjoining Eden Valley in Stearns Co. Two towns one now, under name Eden Valley.

## GHOST TOWNS

MORRISON CO.

## GRANITE CITY

Township: Granite

Location: Sec. 21

Estab: 1858

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

founded by Tallmadge Elwell. It had a sawmill, hotel and other buildings, which were deserted in 1861-62, on account of the civil war and the Sioux war, the site being permanently abandoned.

## GHOST TOWNS

MORRISON CO.

## NEW PIERZ

Township: Pierz

Platted : August 1908

Extinct: 1915 changed to Genola

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

ROOT RIVER (Mower Co.)

On N.H. Winchell's Geological Map of Mower Co, 1874,  
is shown ROOT RIVER, P.O. in Pleasant Valley Township,  
Sec. 16. (T 104N, R 15W - Sec. 16) (Executive Docu-  
ments of State for 1874, Vol. II - p166)

GHOST TOWNS

NEVADA (Mower Co.)

Winchell's Geological Map of 1874 shows a NEVADA, P.O. in Nevada township, Sec. 21. (T101N, R 17W - Sec. 21) (Executive Documents for the State of 1874, Vol. II, Page 166)

GHOST TOWNS

MADISON (Mower Co.)

In N.H. Winchell's Geological Map of Mower Co. of 1874 (Executive Documents of Minnesota, Vol. II for the year 1874) is shown a postoffice called MADISON in UDOLPHO township of Mower Co. (page 166)

LOCATION - T 104N, R 18,W - Sec. 21

GHOST TOWNS

MOWER CO.

Frankford

Township: Frankford

Platted: 1856

GHOST TOWNS

BELLEVUESTA (Mower Co.)

On N.H. Winchell's Geological Map of Mower Co. of 1874,  
is shown the village BELLEVUESTA in Lodi township.  
(Executive Documents of the State for the year 1874,  
Vol. II.) (page 166)

Location

LOCATION - T 101, R 15W - NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 16.

GHOSTV TOWNS

MURRAY CO.

IONA

Township: Iona

Platted: 1878

Reason settled: railroad village

GHOST TOWNS

BELGRADE

(Misallt)

"The Mankato authorities have located the BELGRADE ferry near the site of the old Britton ferry, at the foot of Sibley's mound - conditional upon BELGRADE'S town authorities voting \$300 aid to the enterprise."  
(Mpls Tribune, May 19, 1870 - p 1, col. 3)

Present day North Mankato is in Belgrade township, where apparently ferry plied.

GHOST TOWNS

NICOLLET CO.

DAKOTA CITY

Township: Nicollet

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 28 W.; S. 3.

Estab:

Platted: 1856

Organ:

Extinct:

P.O. estab:

P.O. remov:

R<sub>e</sub>ason settled:

Ref: inv. by Fred Rose, 1936, only definite date given "platted 1856." Sources of info. Geo. E.

Peterson and R<sub>e</sub>corder of Deeds Office.

Photos:

Records: Recorder of Deeds office.

Plat of city interesting because it depicts a ferry on Minn. R. near Judson and also a steamboat, Minneapolis, cruising down the river. Village had McNutt's Dakota Mills, still landmark left, opposite steamboat landing; stone bldg. left now used as blacksmith shop; saw mill operated there; father of John A. Johnson, governor, ran blacksmith shop at Judson.

GHOST TOWNS

NICOLLET CO.

EUREKA (one mile west of Dakota City )

Township: Nicollet

Location: S. 33

Estab:

Platted: 1854 (Gov. survey in Nicollet Co. Hist.  
Society's archives)

Organ:

Extinct:

P.O.estab:

P.O.remov:

Reason settled:

Ref: inv. by Fred Rose, 1936, but no definite dates  
given. Source of info: Geo and Glenn Drake's father  
came in 1858; brothers farming same farm.

Father was millwright at the old Cawood sawmill in early days.

Photos:

Records:

in this village was a large sawmill built 1856 called Cawood. A dam was built for harnessing power but later water failed. Boulders used by Hiram Cawood, owner, from hillside for mill stones Site of old dam still visible. mill discontinued 1880. Ferry directly in front of mill on Minn. River.

Ghost Towns

NICOLLET CO.

HILO

P.O. estab: 1856

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

LAKE EMILY

"We are sorry to learn that the saw mill of Mr. Volk, at Lake Emily, in Nicollet County, was destroyed last week by the tornado." (~~St~~ Mpls Tribune, July 11, 1869 - p3, col. 4)

GHOST TOWNS

NICOLLET CO.

NORWEGIAN GROVE

Estab: 1855-57

REF: MHSC VOL.17

GHOST TOWNS

NICOLLET CO.

REDSTONE CITY

Township: Courtland

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 30 W.; S. 1

Estab:

Platted: 1857 (filed in Recorder of Deeds office)

Organ:

Extinct:

P.O.estab:

P.O.remov:

Reason settled: farming.

Ref: inv. by Fred Rose, 1936, but no definite dates

except 1857. Source of info. Nick Reinhart of

Courtland twsp.

Photos:

Records: Recorder of Deeds office

"Late in the 60's Redstone was quite a town." ( Nick Reinhart). There was a ferry between New Ulm and Redstone in early days. Had railroad trestle bridge and was stopping point for water on N.W. R.R. Water was pumped by hand. Town now gone except Barson's bldg. still standing.

GHOST TOWNS

NICOLLET CO.

REDSTONE

Township: Courtland

Location: S. 34 & 35

Platted : 1856

Ref: MHSC vol. 17.

A few years later this site was mostly vacated  
by removal of its settlers to New Ulm, Brown Co.

GHOST TOWNS

NICOLLET CO.

TRAVERSE DES SIOUX

Township: Traverse

Platted: 1852

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

In 1823 this place was named "the Crescent"

GHOST TOWN

TRAVERSE DES SIOUX (Nicollet Co.)

"ARRIVAL OF THE RED RIVER TRAIN"

"We learn that Messrs. Kittson, Rolette, Cavileer, Grant, and others have arrived at TRAVERSE des SIOUX, with nearly two hundred carts. They were all heavily loaded with buffalo robes, furs, mocasins, pemmican, & c. They are expected down on the Iola." (Daily Minnesotian, July 22, 1854 - p2, col. 1)

## GHOST TOWN

## WEST NEWTON (Nicollet Co.)

"More good coal is said to have been found in West Newton, Nicollet county. There is not a locality west of Range 29 and North of the different townships No. 114, but what fine particles of coal are found in sinking wells. We have seen several bushels of apparently good coal taken out of one well in Glencoe, some thirty feet below the surface." (Mpls Tribune, July 3, 1869 - p3, col. 4)

West Newton township once embraced the site of Fort Ridgely, etc.

GHOST TOWNS

NORMAN CO.

ROLETTE

Township: Lockhart

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

former railway village superseded by Lockhart village

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

BLACK OAK GROVE (P O station only)

Township-not known Location -not known

Date Est. -not known Date Platted-not known

Date organized-not known

Date extinct: 1870 (Gaz. 1865 as P.O. p. 223)

Date P.O. est. June 28, 1861 (Minn H. Soc. P.O. record

Date P.O. removed: Dec. 20, 1864 ( " " "

Reason settled: P.O. station and farming.

References: Gaz. 1865 to date: U.S.O.R. 1855 to

~~MHSC~~; not in L.M. not on maps of Olmsted Co.MHSC VOL. ~~12~~ ; HIST Olm. Co. by Leonard, same by  
Mitchell; H.H.Hill Co. 1883.

over

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks, history etc. IN. U.S.O.R. 1863 to 1867 ;  
and Gaz. 1865 as P. O. p. 323-only references.

Probably Black Oak Grove was Postal Station only  
possibly at residence of some early settler as  
is often the case.

*Investigated Jan. 1938*

GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

CARROLLVILLE (see remarks, history, etc. below)

Township: High Forest

Location: T. 105, N.; R. 14, W.; S. 2.

Date estab. 1854 (settled)

Date platted: 1855 (approx.)

Date organized: 1856 (" )

Date extinct: 1920 (Gaz. 1878 to 1918)

Date P.O. estab: July 22, 1872; reestab: Dec. 19, 1879

Date P.O. removed: Oct. 10, 1879; Oct. 31, 1902 (Minn.

Hist. Soc. P.O. records)

Reason settled: farming, mostly wheat.

Ref.: Maps of Olm. co. OK 1874, 1896, 1923 as  
P.O. but not 1914: Hist. OLM co. by Mitchell

same by Leonard;H. H. Hill Co. 1883; MH.S.C  
Vol. 17;U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to  
date and Gaz. 1865 to date.

Photos: none

~~Mink~~. records found: none

Remarks, history etc. In U.S.O.R. 1873 to 1902  
Gaz. 1878-9, p. 103, says: "It is a wheat growing  
district and began to be settled as early as  
1854" Not in Gaz. for 1920, '23, or '27 but for  
some reason the name only is recorded in the new  
1937-38 Minn. State Com'l Directory." At present  
time only farm house" Fawcett.

*Investigated Jan. 1938*

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

## CASCADE

R  
Township: Cascade

Location: T. 107, N.; R. 14, W.

Date est: unknown Date platted: unknown.

Date organ: unknown-twshp. organ. 1859.

Date extinct: 1880 (Gaz. 1872 to 1879)

Date P.O. estab: Nov. 25, 1867 (Minn. H.S.P.O. rec. )

Date P.O.rem: Nov. 26, 1879 ( " " " )

Reason settled: farming

Ref.: Minn. Hist. Soc. Cell. Vol.17. U. S . P.G.

1855 to date. not in L.M. Gaz. 1865 to date; not  
on any Olm. co. maps; Hist. co. Leonard, Mitchell  
H.H.Hill Co. 1883, Laws of Minn. 1849 to 1879.

Photos: none

~~Mint~~ records found : none.

Remarks, history etc. In U.S.O.R. 1871-1879  
and in Gaz. 1872-79. No other references.

Possibly postal station only, located in  
residence of some settler or merely village  
P.O.

*Investigated Jan. 1938*

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

CENTRE GROVE ("now site of Douglass Station.")

Histo. Olm. Co. Hill &amp; Co. 1883 p.839)

Township: New Haven

Location: T.108,N.; R. 15,W.;S. 36.

Date estab: 1855 (settled, Hist. Olm. Co. Mitchell p.92

Date platted: unknown; organ: unknown; extinct: unknown

Date PO estab: None (Minn Hist. Soc. P.O. records)

Date PO remov: " ( " " " " " )

Reason settled: Farming

Ref: not in U.S. P.G. 1855 to date; or L.M. 1889

to date; or Gaz. 1865 to date; not on any maps of

Olm. co. for 1874, 1896, 1914, 1923; Hist Olm. co

Leonard, Mitchell, H.H.HILL &amp; Co. 1883, M.H.S.C.

vol. 17

Photos: none

~~Mink~~ records founds: none

Remarks history etc. : " The locality was called Centre Grove which still clings to it, notwithstanding it is the site of Douglass Station. Here occurred first wedding in county, March 23, 1855"

( Hist. Olm. Co. H. H. Hill & Co. 1883, p.839)

Investigated Jan. 1, 1938.

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

CORRA ( Formerly North Viola)

Township: Viola

Location: T. 107, N.; R. 12, W .; S. 5.

Date estab: 1880

" platted: 1881

" organ: 1882

" extinct: 1910 (approx.) (Gaz. 1880 to 1908)

" P.O. estab: Feb. 2, 1880; reest: June 19, 1889.

" P.O. remov: Dec. 18, 1888; Apr. 14, 1904 ( Minn.

Hist. Soc. P. O. Records) ( Leg. Man. out 1903)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Maps Olm.co. not 1874 or 1914 but 6K 1896  
and 1923 as P.O.; Hist. Olm. Co. Leonard, Mitchell

H' H Hill & Co. 1883. M.H.S.C. vol 17; U.S.P. G.  
1855 to date. Gaz. 1865 to date and L.M. 1889 to date.  
Photos; none ~~Munje~~. Records found: none  
Remarks, hist. etc. : The village of Corra  
was formerly North Viola and was changed Feb.  
2, 1880 (Hist. Olm. Co. H. H. Hill & Co. 1883)  
in U' S. O'R. 1880 to 1904. "Formerly Corra was  
North Viola which P. B. was estab. in 1875;  
Corra 1880. (Hist. Olm. Co. by Leonard) Also  
reference Gaz. 1880-1. p. 140.

*Investigated Jan. 1938*

GHOST TOWN

OLMSTED CO.

CUMMINGSVILLE ( " Former village on North branch  
of Root River" Olm. Co. M.H.S.C. vol 17)

Township: Orion

Location: T. 105, N.; R. 12,W.; S. 28.

Date estab: 1855 (settled)

" platted: 1856 (Hist. Olm. Co. Mitchell p. 98)

" organ: 1857

" extinct: 1860 ( no mention Gaz. 1865 to 1927)

" P O. estab: none(Minn. Hist. Soc. P. O. record)

" P.O. remov: none( " " " " " " )

Reason settled: farming and saw mill.

Ref: U.S.O.R. 1855 to date; GAZ. 1865 to date;

L.M.1889 to date. MHSC vol.17; Maps of Olm. Co.

OK 1874,1896,1914,1923; HIST. Olm. Co. by Leonard

Mitchell; H.H.HILL & Co. 1883;

Note: unusual-village to be on all maps above  
but not in Gaz. U.S.P.G. or L.M.

Photos: none.

~~Munk~~ Records Found: none.

Remarks, hist. etc.: MHSC. vol 17. p.386, says:

" Former village." " In the summer of 1855 F. H  
Cummings built a saw mill, planned a town and  
gave it the name of Cummingsville." ( Hist. Olm. Co.  
Mitchell p.98) " The first town meeting was  
held in the school house at C. May 11, 1858" (Hist  
Olm. Co. H.H. Hill & Co. 1883). 898.) also  
"village failed to develop after a few years."  
(Hist.Olm. Co. Leonard p. 282.)

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GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

CUMMINGSVILLE

Township: Orion

Estab: 1855

Platted: by Francis H. Cummings, who built sawmill.

Ref. MHSC vol. 17

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

DURANGO (changed to New Haven July 6, 1857 "1858"  
 H.H. Hill & Co. 1883, p.840 )

Township: New Haven

Location: T. ~~12~~ 108, N.; R. 15, W.

Date estab<sup>d</sup>: 1854 (settled)

" platted: as New Haven

" organ: " " "

" extinct: 1857 (not in Gaz. or L. M.)

" P.O. estab: Jan 28, 1856 ( Minn. Hist. Soc. P.O.r.

" P.O. remov: July 6, 1857 ( " " " "

Reason settled: saw mill built on Zumbro  
 river; farming.

Ref: USPG. 1855 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date

not in L. M.; not on maps of Olm. Co. ~~by~~ for 1872  
1874, 1896, 1914, 1923; Hist. Olm. Co. by Leonard,  
Mitchell; H. H. Hill & Co. 1883; M.H.S. Coll. Vol 17

Photos: none

M.H.S. Records found: none.

Remarks, history etc. " The village of Durango  
promised to make a large commercial center, as so  
many new towns often promise, only to prove like  
the fruit of Sodom and Gomorrah" (Hist. Olm.  
Co. H.H. Hill & Co. 1883, p. 840) In. U. S.O.R.  
1856 to 1857. "Town of New Haven collapsed, 1864  
(Hist. Olm. Co. Leonard p. 279)

*Investigated Jan. 1938*

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

## FAIRFIELD

( P.O. station only)

Township: Location: Date estab: platted; organ: unknown  
Date extinct: 1870(about) (Gaz. 1865 as P.O. p.  
324.)

Date P. O. estab: Apr. 26, 1857. (Minn. H.S. C.P.Ø. rec  
" P.O. remov: Sept. 21, 1864 ( " " "

Reason settled: Farming

Ref: not on any Olm. co. maps for 1872, 1874, 1896  
1914, 1923; not in L.M.; Gaz. 1865 to date; U.S.O.R.

1855 to date; Hist. Olm. Co. by Leonard; same by

Mitchell; same by H. H. Hill & Co. 1883; Hist of  
Olm. Co. by Strang and map 1884.

Photos: none

~~Munc~~ records found: none

Remarks, hist. etc. Fairfield probably a P. O.  
station only. Only reference to village in U. S.  
O.R. 1857 to 1867 and Gaz. for 1865. P. O.  
probably located at some farm house.

*Inverted Jan. 1958*

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

FARM HILL (Later, "Potsdam, grew up about 1860." Hist.  
Olm. co. by Leonard p.263.)

Township: Farmington

Location: T. 108, N.; R. 13, W.; S. 4.

Date estab: 1855 ("settled", Hist. Olm Co. Hill 1883  
p. 867)

Date Platted: 1856

" Organ: 1858 (Hist. Olm. Co. Hill 1883, p. 867)

" extinct: 1890 (to Potsdam) (Gaz. 1869 to 1910)

" P.O. estab: Apr. 13, 1863 (Minn. H.S. P.O. record)

" P.O. remov: Dec. 4, 1889 ( " " " " )

Reason settled: Farming, " exports wheat" Gaz.  
1878-79. and daily stage between Rochester and Lake

City.

Ref: Maps of Olm. Co. OK 1874 only, not on 1896, 1914, 1923; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date; M.H.S.C. vol 17; Hist. Olm. co. Mitchell, same Leonard, same Hill 1883.

Photos: none.

Munic records found: First officers-Supervisors, Ethan Kimball, chrman; E. Evans, P. Russell, town clerk, T. H. Roe (Hist. Olm. Co. Hill p. 867)

Remarks, hist. etc. "The P.O. was establ. in 1860" (Hist. Olm. Co. Hill p. 868) Ibid-"Last town meeting held at residence of M. Kutghes. From this the place was changed to the village of Potsdam a few miles south, some years since, and still in existence." Ibid: Farm Hill called "Modern Eden"

U.S.P.G. gives P.O. 1861 to 1891.

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## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

GREENFIELD (Postal Station Only)

Township: Eyota

Location: T. 106,N.;R. 12,W .

Date est: platted,organ: not known

Date extinct: 1864. (In Gaz. 1865 as P. O. p.325)

" P.O.ESTAB: Apr.28,1857(Minn. H. S oc. P.O.rec)

" P.O.remov: Sept.24,1864( " " " " )

Reason settled: P.O. &amp; farming

Ref. Not on any maps of Olm. co.; not in L.M.

U.S.O.R. 1855 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date;Hist. OLM

Co. Leonard, Mitchell, Hill 1883, Strang; Minn.

H.S.C. vol. 17

Photos: none

Mini. records found: none

Remarks, history etc.: This village probably started as a P.O. station as it is mentioned only in U.S .O.R. 1857 to 1867 and Gaz. for 1865 as P.O Possibly P.O. located in some farm house. Believed to be one of the first post offices in Elmsted county.

*Investigated Jan. 1938*

GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

GREENFIELD (Postal Station Only)

Township: Eyota Location: T. 106,N.; R.12 W.

Date estab: platted; organ: Not Known

Date extinct: 1864.(In Gaz.1865 as P.O. p.325)

" P.O. estab: Apr. 28,1857(Minn. H S.E.O. rec.)

" P.O. remov: Sept.24,1864( " " " )

Reason settled: P.O. and farming

Ref: Not on any maps of Olm. Co.; not in L.M.;

U.S.O.R. 1855 to date; Gaz.1865 to date; Hist

Olm Co. Leonard,Mitchell,Hill 1883, Strang,M.H.S.

Coll vol. 17.

Photos: none

Minn. records found: none

Remarks, hist. etc. this village probably started  
as a P.O. station as it is mentioned only in  
U.S.G.R. 1857 to 1867 and Gaz. for 1865 as P. O.  
Possibly B.O. located in some farm house.

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## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

## HANSON

Township: Rock Dell

Location: T. ~~104~~ 105, N.; R 15; W. S. 11.

Date estab: 1875 (appr)

" Platted: 1876 "

" organ: 1877 "

" extinct: 1915 ( Gaz. 1878 to 1910)

" P.O. estab: May 27, 1875 (Minn. Hist. Soc. P.O. rec.)

" P.O. remov: June 6, 1900 ( " " " " " )

Reason settled: Farming, exports wheat, butter  
eggs, (See 1878-9 Gaz.)

Ref. maps of Olm. Co. OK 1896 and 1923 but not  
1874 and 1914; Gaz. 1865 to date; U.S.P.G. 1855

to date; L.M. 1889 to date; M.H.S. Coll. Vol 17;  
Hist. Olm. Co. by Leonard, Mitchell, Hill 1883;  
Strang.

Photos: none

~~Mini~~ records found: none

Remarks, hist. etc. Minn State Gaz. 1880-1 says:  
"It contains two Norwegian churches and Norwegians  
and English district schools." There seems to be  
no references of this village in any Hist. of  
Olm. Co. In U.S. P.G. 1877 to 1901.

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GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

HIGH FOREST

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

## LITTLE VALLEY

Township: Quincy

Location: T. 197, N.; R. 11. W.; S. 16

Date estab: 1860 (approx.)

" platted 1861 "

" organ: 1862 "

Date extinct: 1925 (about) (Gaz. 1869 to 1918)

" P.O. estab: June 3, 1863; re-estab: Mar. 18, 1892.

" P.O. remov: Nov. 16, 1891; Oct. 31, ~~1902~~ 1902.

(Minn. Hist. Soc. P.O. Records)

Reason settled: Farming ("exports wheat, barley,  
pork," see Gaz. 1878-9)Ref: Maps of Olm. Co. OK 1874, 1896, 1923 as P. O.  
not 1914; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date.

L. M. 1889 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date; Hist. of  
Olm. Co. by Leonard, Mitchell, Hill 1883, S<sub>t</sub>rang  
M.H.S.Coll. vol 17.

Photos: none

M<sub>uni.</sub> records found: none

Remark, hist. etc: In U.S. P. G. 1863 to 1902;  
twsp.organ. May 11, 1858. (Hist. Olm. Co. p.889)  
"Post offices were estab. in neighborhoods known  
as Six Oaks and Little V<sub>a</sub>lley" (Hist. Olm. Co.  
by Leonard, p.290.)

*Investigated Jan. 1938*

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

## MARION

Township: Marion

Location: T.106,N.; R.13 W.; S.35.

Date estab: 1855-6 (founded" M.H.S.Coll. p.387)

" platted: 1857

" organ: 1858

" extinct: 1910 (approx.)

" P.O.estab: Jan.5,1857(Minn. Hist.Soc.P.O. rec)

" P.O.remov: May 15,1905 " " " " "

Reason settled: Farming

Ref: Minn. Hist. Soc. P.O. records Mss. room; M.H.

S. Colls. vol.17; maps of Olm. Co.1874,1896,1914,  
1923; Hist. Olm.Co. by Leonard; Mitchell, Strang,

Hill 1883. Note: Minn. Hist.Soc. Quar.vol.11,p.  
387 refers to "Marion-now dead." Note:"Marion  
P.O.estab.1856" Hist. Olm.Co.by Leonard p.278

Photos: none

M~~in~~n. records found: none

Remarks, hist. etc:"Marion named for Frances  
Marion" M.H.S.C.vol.17,p.387; "in 1856 Marion  
was the rival of Rochester for the County Seat."  
(Hist. Olm. Co.by Mitchell p. 98;" formidable  
rival of Rochester for County Seat.....when con-  
ferred upon latter,Marion prosperity began to  
wane and now she is a mere shadow of her former  
self."(Hist. Olm. Co. Hill 1883,p.820).

*Investigated Jan. 1938*

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

NEW HAVEN (formerly Durango)

Township: New Haven

Location: T.108 N.;R.15 W.

Date estab: 1857

" platted:1858

" organ: 1859(Hist. Olm Co. Mitchell p.91)

" extinct:1870(approx.)(Gaz.1865 to 1879)

" P.O.estab: July 6,1857(Minn. H.S. P.O.records)

" P.O.remov: Apr. 27,1870 " " " "

Reason settled: Farming

Ref. Hist. Olm. Co.by Leonard;Mitchell,Hill 1883;

Strang and maps; Gaz. 1865 to date; U.S.O.R. 1855

to date; L.M.1889 to date; M.H.S.C.vol 17; Maps

Olm. Co. OK 1874,not 1896,1914,1923.

Photos: none

M~~un~~. records found: none

Remarks, hist. etc. In U.S.O.R. 1857 to 1869;  
"Village of New Haven in 1864 rapidly fell into  
decay." Hist. Olm. Co. Hill & Co 1883 p. 840;  
" P.O.no returns" (1867 U.S.P.G.) Hist. Olm. Co.  
by Mitchell p. 91: " Business was transferred to  
other towns and village of New Haven passed away  
and was reckoned among the things that were not  
and are not." "Named for New Haven, Conn," M.H.S.  
C. vol. 17.

*Investigated Jan. 1938*

## GHOST TOWNS

## OLMSTED CO.

OLMSTED (S tation on Winona & St. Peter R.R.)

Township: Kalmar

Location: T. 107,N.;R. 15 W.; S.36.

Date estab: 1870 (Hist. Olm. Co. by Leonard p. 226)

" platted: 1871 (approx.)

" organ: 1872 "

" Extinct: 1910(approx.) (Gaz. 1878 to 1908)

" P.O.estab: Dec. 23,1874(Minn.H.S.P.O.records)

" B.O.remov: July 27,1881( " " " " )

Reason settled: Railroad and farming. "Sheese  
factory" (Gaz. 1878-9)

Ref: Maps of Olm. Co. OK 1896 only,Not on 1872,  
1914 or 1923; U.S.B.G.1855 to date; L.M.1889 to date

Gaz. 1865 to date; M.H.S.C.vol. 17; Hist. Olm.  
Co. Leonard, Mitchell, Hill 1883.

Photos: none

Munic records found: none

Remarks, hist. etc.: "An attempt was made to es-  
tablish a village called, "Olmsted" and P.O. in  
1870, located on the Winona & S<sub>t</sub>. Peter R. R. but  
was abandoned about five years after 1875, as town  
was too near Rochester." (Hist. Olm. Co. by  
Leonard p. 276.) In U.S.P.G. 1873 to 1883.

*Investigated Jan. 1938*

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

NORTH VIOLA (changed to Corra 1880)

Township: Viola

Location: T. 107 N.; R. 12 W.

Date estab: 1860 (approx.)

" platted: 1861 "

" organ: 1862 "

" extinct: 1880 (to Corra)

" P.O. estab: Nov. 17, 1862; Re-estab: July 1  
1875." P. O. removed: Mar. 2, 1868; Dec. 29, 1879. Re-  
estab: Jan. 12, 1880, then to Corra Feb. 2, 1880  
(Minn. Hist. Soc. P. O. records)Reason settled: farming; Stage line from Eyota to  
Elgin

Ref: Maps of Olm. Co. 1872, 1874, 1896, 1914, 1923.  
U.S.P.G. 1855 to date: Gaz. 1865 to date; L.M.  
1889 to date; ~~M.H.S.C.~~ M.H.S.C. vol. 17; Hist.  
Olm. Co. Leonard, Mitchell, Hill 1883.

Photos: none

Muni. records found: none

Remarks, hist. etc. There is some confusion concerning the above village, as there is a "Viola" "Viola Centre" and "North Viola" Viola P. O. was probably established in 1862 then N. Viola 1875. In U.S.P.G. it is 1875 to 1880 as N. Viola and "N. Viola P.O. was estab. July 1, 1875, then changed to Corra, 1880. P. O. dis. as Corra 1904." (Hist. Olm. Co. by Leonard p. 296 and Hist. Olm Co. Hill 1883 p. 880.

*Inverted Jan 1938*

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

## OTHELLO

Township: New Haven

Location: T.108 N.; R. 15 W.; S . 31.

Date estab: 1860 (approx.)

" platted: 1861 "

" organ: 1862 "

" extinct: 1910 " (Gaz. 1869 to 1910)

(L.M. 1889 to 1902)

" P.O. estab: Mar. 19, 1864; re-estab; Apr. 19, 1881

" P.O. remov: Jan. 28, 1879; Oct. 31, 1902 (Minn.

Hist. Soc. P.O. records)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Maps of Olmsted Co. OK 1896 but not 1874,

1914, 1923; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date; M.H.S.C. vol. 17; Hist. of Olm. Co. Leonard, Mitchell, Hill 1883, and same by Strang with map of Olm. Co. 1884.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks, hist. etc.: "A P.O. was estab; in the winter of 1862-3, on Sect. 31 and christened Othello" (Hist. Olm. Co. Hill 1883 p. 841) and "A P.O. was estab. in 1862 within a mile of the west line of the twsp. and county and was named "Othello" (Hist. Olm. Co. Leonard, p. 281.) In U.S.P.G. 1864 to 1902.

*Investigated Jan. 1938*

GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

PLEASANT GROVE

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

QUINCY (In 1857 known as "Quincy Mills" ,Hist.  
Olm. Co. Leonard, p. 289.)

Township: Quincy

Location: T. 107 N.; R. 11 W.; S. 25.

Date estab: 1855("settled", and unbroken wildern-  
ess" Hist. Olm. Co. Mitchell p. 102)

" platted: not known

" organ: 1858 (twncsp)

" extinct: 1920 (approx.) (Gaz. 1865 to 1918)

" P.O. estab: July 13, 1858. (Minn. H.S. P.O. record)

" P.O. remov: Oct. 31, 1902 " " " "

Reason settled: Farming: "Whitewater river grist  
mill built in 1857."

Ref: Maps. Olm. Co. OK 1874, 1896 as P.O. not in 1914 or 1923; Gaz. 1865 to date; L.M. 1865 to date; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; M.H.S.C. vol. 17; Hist. Olm. Co. Leonard; Mitchell, Hill 1883. Note: "What promised to be a thriving village is but a farm." Hist. Olm. Co. Leonard p. 290.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none.

Remarks: In U.S.P.G. 1859 to 1902. Quincy twsp. was settled in 1855, the mill built 1857, the beginning of a village. "At one time there was a village of 8 families, a mill, a store, P.O. blacksmith shop, church and school. In 1876 there was a good business done in the village but a cloudburst caused the

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GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

QUINCY continued

breaking of the dam and swept away part of the town, which was not ~~built~~ rebuilt."

(Hist. Olm. Co. by Leonard, p. 289.)

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GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

ROCK DELL

GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

SALEM

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OLMSTED CO.

SALEM

Township: Salem

P.O. estab: winter of 1855-56

Ref: MHSC vol. 1 7

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

## SIX OAKS

Township: Quincy

Location: T. 107 N.; R. 11 W.; Sec. 5

Date estab: 1861 (approx)

" platted 1862 "

" organ: 1863 " (Twnsp, 1855)

" extinct: 1920 " (Gaz.1870 to 1918 as  
village)

" P.O.estab: June 8,1868(Minn.H.S.P.O.records)

" P.O.remov: Oct. 31,1902( " " " )

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Maps of Olm. Co. OK 1874,1896,1923 as P.O.

not 1914; U S .P.G? 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz.1865 to date; M.H.S.C.vol.17; Hist Olm. Co. by Leonard, Mitchell, Hill 1883.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: In U.S. P.G. 1873 to 1902; "Post offices were established in neighborhood known as Six Oaks and Little Valley" (Hist. Olm. Co. Leonard, p.290)

As ~~xxxxxxx~~ this place persists thru to 1918 in Minn. State Gaz. as village, it was probably incorporated and platted.

*Investigated Jan. 1938*

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

SPRINGFIELD as P.O. later Eyota

Township: Eyota. (see M.H.S.C.vol. 17 p. 386)

Location: T. 106 N.; R. 12 W.

Date estab: 1855 (settled)

" platted: not known(Eyota R.R. village Nov. 1864  
Inc. Mar. 9,1875) ~~INK.~~

" organ: Not known ; (M.H.S.C. vol. 17,p.386)

" extinct: 1859 (changed to Eyota)

" P.O. estab: Apr. 30,1855(M.H.S.P.O.records)

" P.O. remov: Jan. 26,1859 " " "

Reason settled: Farming and P.O.

Ref: U.S.O.R. 1855 to date. L.M. 1889 to date

Gaz. 1865 to date; ~~XXX~~<sup>773</sup> M.H.S.C.vol.17; Hist. Olm. Co. by Leonard, Mitchell, Hill 1883; not on maps of Olm. Co. 1874, 1896, 1914, 1923 as Springfield. OK as Eyota; Hist. Olm. Co. by Strang & Map 1884.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none.

Remarks: "Springfield (later Eyota) is the only village that is listed in U.S.O.R. for Olmsted Co. 1855 and it is marked "no returns". " This is probably the first P.O. established in Olm. Co. In U.S.O.R? 1855 to 1859 and probably a postal station in farm house of settler.

*Investigated Jan. 1938*

GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

WATERLOO (P.O.) (name changed to Grant 1864)

Township: location: Date estab: platted; organ: not  
known

Date extinct: 1864 to Grant (Gaz. OK. 1865 as P.O.  
p. 328)

" P.O. estab: Oct. 28, 1856 (M.H.S. P.O. records)

" P.O. remov: May 23, 1864 (to Grant)  
(then to Grant, May 23, 1864 to Aug. 28, 1865)  
(Minn. Hist. Soc. P.O. records)

Reason settled: farming and P. O.

Ref: Not on any Olm. Co. maps for 1874, 1884, 1896  
1914, 1923 either as Waterloo or Grant; U.S.O.R.

1855 to date; L.M.1889 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date;  
Hist. OLM. Co. Leonard, Mitchell, Hill 1883, Strang  
& map. 1884, M.H.S.C. vol. 17.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: In. U.S.O.R. 1857 to 1867. Note: no mention  
of Grant any authority except above (Minn. H. S. &  
P.O. records) Probably both Waterloo and Grant were  
merely P.O. stations. NOT in Gaz. 1865 as Grant  
but as Waterloo 1867.

*Investigated Jan. 1938*

## GHOST TOWNS

OLMSTED CO.

## YANKEE RIDGE

Township: Location: Date estab: plat~~ted~~:organ: not  
 known  
 Date extinct: 1875(approx.) (not in Gaz.1865 to date)  
 " P.O. estab: Jan.24,1863(Minn.H.S. P.O. records)  
 " P.O. remov: Apr.15,1867( " " " "  
 Reason settled: P.O, and farming  
 Ref: Not on any OLM Co. maps for 1874,1884,1896,  
 1914,1923; U.S.P.G.1855 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date;  
 Hist. Olm. Co. by Leonard;Mitchell,Hill & Co.  
 1883, Strang & map;Laws of Minn. 1849 to 1875;  
 M.H.S.C. vol. 17.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: In. U.S.P.G. 1863 to 1871 and Minn.

Hist. Soc. P.O. records only reference to this village, if such. Probably only a P.O. station.

No other references give the place. In. U.S.P.G. marked "no returns", 1867 and discontinued 1871.

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GHOST TOWNS

OTTER TAIL CO.

DAYTON

Estab: before 1860

P.O. estab: Post Office was named Waseata.

this settlement was permanently abandoned in Aug.  
1862 on account of the Sioux outbreak.

GHOST CITY

OTTER TAIL CO.

OTTER TAIL CITY

Township: Otter Tail

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

early station on a route of fur traders in going from St. Paul and Crow Wing to the Red river valley, for several years the place of the U.S. land office, and later it was the first county seat.

GHOST TOWNS

PINE CO.

BANNING

Township: Finlayson

Location: S. 34

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

PINE CO.

CHENGWATANA

Township: Chengwatana

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

"an Indian village which from time immemorial had been located near the mouth of Cross lake. This locality had long been a rallying point for Indians and traders."

## GHOST TOWNS

POLK CO.

## FISHER'S LANDING

Township: Fisher

Estab: 1875 (fall of)

Extinct: about 1880

was head of practicable steamboat navigation. During a few years, until the railway lines to Winnipeg and Grand Forks were completed, respectively in 1878 and 1879, it surpassed Crookston in population and business. It closely adjoined the site of the present village of Fisher, by which it was superseded so that the old Landing village area "has changed to an unpretentious cow pasture"

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

RAMSEY CO.

Sept. 4, 1938)

LILY DALE (feature story St. Paul Pioneer Press  
50 years ago center of logging and dairy indust.  
name derived from popular song by Clifford Clark-  
son, ferry~~man~~ operator and riverman de luxe.  
now the residence of perhaps 50 families and listed  
only as part of Mendota township.  
then 600 head of cattle browsed the lush fields  
and served a large part of St. Paul with thriving  
dairy business. huge numbers of logs floated down  
stream for handling at sorting booms maintained there  
more than 400 men worked in the log sorting yards.  
Town of Lily Dale was once incorporated, had offices  
and regulation village government.

charges of crookedness were made, voters had incorporation cancelled, it went back to what it was before and is now, just a part of a township. community properly entitled to Name of Lily Dale is only about ten acres.

Photos: two reproduced in feature story. probably property of newspaper

one: "The Public School at Lily Dale-now used as a sort of community house as well as a seat of learning."

one: Charles Haas-and the brick house in which he was born.

GHOST TOWNS

REDWOOD CO.

LOWER SIOUX AGENCY

Township: Sherman

Location: NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S. 8-on the southern bluff of  
the Minnesota river

Estab: 1853-4

Extinct: Aug. 18, 1862 -abandoned on account of the  
Sioux outbreak and massacre

Had several government buildings and  
became a considerable village before aband.

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

Info. from H R.S. files investigated by Blomfield  
Sept. 1937.

1. Not a single village of the 36 listed is recorded in the U.S.P.G. 1914 to date.
2. These towns, listed in last Minn. State Gazateer of 1927, need investigation: Bechyn, Brookfield, Eddsville, Lake Side, Melville & Osceola.
3. References given have all been investigated but some towns are not found in reference books.
4. None of these towns Inc. since 1910.

## GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

## BANDON

Township: Bandon

Location: T. 113 N.; ~~R.~~ R. 33 W. S. 18

Estab: 1869 (Jeremiah Farrell, first Settler)

Platted: 1870

Organized: 1871 (Neill)

Extinct: by 1912 ( OK 1882-1889 Gaz.)

(not in Gaz. 1912 to 1927 last.)

P.O.estab: 1881 (Neill)(L.M.1889)(USPG 1884,85 to1900

P.O.remov: 1900 (L.M.1901) (C.W.1901)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: MHSC vol.17;Neill MINn. Valley; C.W. Hist.

Renville Co.; U.S.Census Reports &amp; USPG; Gaz.;

L.M.;Co. map Renville, N.W.Map. co. 1900.

Photos: none

Records: Destroyed and with them names of first officers.

Remarks: named by Irish settlers for a town in southern Ireland on the river Bandon, near Cork. Election of officers occurred but all records destroyed during Sioux massacre (Neill p. 826)

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

~~BEAVER FALLS~~ (first called Beaver Creek, after  
attempt to name village Upson)

Township: Beaver

Location: T. 113 N; R. 35 W.; S 15, 16, 22, 27

Estab: 1862

Platted: 1866 (surveyed)

Organ: 1867 Inc. Jan 1890

Extinct: about 1918 (not in Gaz. 1920-27)

P.O. estab: 1864 (1889 L.M.) (USPG 1870, 76, 84, 85, to 1900)

P.O. remov: 1902 (C.W.p. 577) (L.M. 1905)

Reason settled: farming (later county seat to 1900)

Ref: M.H.S. Vol. 17; U.S.P.G. state census books; M.L.

since 1865; Gaz. since 1865 & A.A. Davidson, inv.

Renville co. May 1936. C.W. and Neill.

Photos: none

Records: none no first officers.

Remarks: Beaver Falls, Sioux name for Chapah river  
noted on Nicollet's map in 1843 and County seat for  
33 years.

## GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

## BECHYN

Township: Henryville

Location: T. 114 N.; R. 35 W; S. 29

Estab: 1869 about ~~x~~ (town given on Hudson co. map

Platted 1871 " 1913, but not referred to in

Organ: 1870 " Neill or C.W. histories.)

Extinct: (?) (Not in Gaz. 1878-89; OK 1900-27 Gaz.)

P.O. estab: 1888 (L.M. 1889)

P.O. remov: 1904 (C.W.) (out USFG 1884 back 1897)

(out L.M. 1905)

Reason settled: farming

R<sup>E</sup>f: U.S.P.G. and census reports; Gaz. & L.M.;

C.W.; Neill; Co. maps. N.W. map co. 1900

Photos: none

Records: none nor first officers

Remarks: Neither C.W. nor Neill report Bechyn.

It is commented on in Gaz. pub. 1926-27. If  
abandoned, it is recently.

## GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

BIRCH COOLEY (competed for County Seat with Beaver Creek. Name changed to Morton about 1895)

Township: Birch Cooley

Location: T. 112 N; R. 34 W; SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  S. 4

Estab: 1845 (steamboat landing)(1859 and 1865)

Platted: June 1866(or surveyed)(never recorded)

Organ: April 2, 1867 (fall 1866, Neill p. 806)

Extinct: About 1904 (big warehouse burned 1871)

P.O. estab: 1868(USPG 1876)(1870 Neill p. 806)

(L.M. 1888)

P.O. remov: 1895(L.M. 1895) to Morton

Reason settled: steamboat landing for Sioux Indian agency supplies.

Ref: U.S. Census guides; L.M.; Gaz; U.S.P.G.; C.W. Neill

MHSC.vol. 17; A.A. Davidson inv. 1936.

Photos: none

Records: missing, no first officers.

Remarks: Battle of Birch Cooley in 1862 fought nearby in 1862. Village named for its small stream. French word "coulée"; original name was La Croix creek but known from early days as Birch Coulée; corrupted to "Birch Cooley" official name.

Birch Cooley one of oldest villages in state. Its location on Minnesota River dates back to 1845 as Indian Agency point.

List of First officers \* Neill Hist. Minn. Valley  
p. 800.

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

BOON LAKE (until 1870 part of Preston Lake)

Township: Boon Lake

Location: T. 116 N; R. 32 W; S. 34

Estab: 1865 (first claim S. 34, I S. Shepherd, first  
settler, E.U. Russell)

Platted: 1867

Organ: Sept. 6 1870

Extinct: 1918 Not in Gaz. 1918 to 1927.

P.O. estab: (1872 C.W.)(L.M. 1889)(U.S.P.G. 1884, 85  
to 1892)(Gaz. 1884-5 says: P.O. recently est

P.O. remov: (1903 or 04 C.W.)(also 1892, back 1897)  
(out 1905 L.M.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: MHSC. vol. 17; USPG; Gaz; L.M.; C.W.; Neill ;

Co. map N.W. map Co. 1900; U.S. census reports

Photos: none

Records: first officers listed on HRS reports.

Remarks: Village bears name of largest lake in township.

## GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

## BROOKFIELD

Township: Brookfield

Location: T. 116 N; R. 32 W; S. 1

Estab: 1871

Platted: 1872

Organ: April 7, 1874 (Neill)

Extinct: ? (Gaz. 1888 to 1927)

P.O. estab: (P.O. came into existence quite early C.W.)  
(not in USPG 1884-85 or L.M. 1888 to 1900)

(1899 C.W. p. 569)

P.O. remov: (1914 C.W. to Buffalo Lake)  
(out USPG 1915)(L.M. 1917)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: MHSC vol. 17; P.G. &amp; census reports; Gaz. L.M.

C.W.; Neill; Co. map N.W. map co. 1900.

Photos: none

Records: first officers on HRS reports Neill p.832

Remarks: If abandoned, recent, as Brookfield is listed in last Gaz. pub. 1926-27

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

CAIRO (formerly called Mud Lake until July 8, 1869)

Township: Cairo

Location: T. 112 N; R. 32 W.

Estab: 1859 (first settler recorded)

Platted: 1870 (in Gaz. 1878-9, not since to date)

Organ: April 7, 1868 (Neill p. 811)

Extinct: Out by 1890 (not in Gaz. 1880 to 1927)

P.O. estab: (not in L.M. 1880) (not in USPG 1884)

P.O. remov: probably never established.

Reason settled: farming

Ref: L.M. appendix p. XLVI, 1887; USPG; Census books;

Gaz.; L.M. since 1865; C.W.; Neill; MHSC. vol. 17

Photos: none

Records: first officers attached to HRS reports

Remarks: Cyclone of 1881 did considerable damage  
in the town. Neill p. 811

One of the first towns settled in Renville co.  
First settler John Buehro, located east side of  
Mud Lake, killed by the Sioux 1862.

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

CAMP (in 1879 changed from Renville . Neill p. 814)

Township: Camp

Location: T. 112 N; R. 33 W.; S. 23

Estab: 1858 (first settlers Polanders)

Platted: 1868

Organ: 1867 (reorganized 1865)

Extinct: by 1918 (OK Gaz. 1882 to 1916)(not in Gaz.  
1920)

P.O.estab: (1872 known as Renville P.O. 1873 Neill  
p. 814 )(1884 USPG 85)(L.M. 1889)

P.O.remov: L.M.1905 USPG 1905

Reason settled: several mills and farming

Ref: C.W.; Neill; Co. atlas 1900; U.S.Census since

1865; USPG; L.M.;Gaz. since 1865; MHSC vol. 17;  
Co. maps.

Photos: none

Records: missing, lost, destroyed S ioux war 1862

Remarks:

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

Questionable if this belongs in Renville or in  
MEEKER county.

CEDAR MILLS (see P.O. Directory p.300,1870)

Gaz. 1872 p. 414, same in Renville Co. See plat  
map of Meeker in Meeker county. See Album or  
History of Meeker p. 558 in Meeker Co. L.M.  
1889, p.449 Meeker Co.

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

Questionable if this belongs in Renville or Meeker county.

COSMOS (see P.O. Directory p. 300, 1870)

Minn. Gaz. 1872 p. 414 same in Renville Co. See plat map of Meeker Co., village in Meeker.

See Album or History of Meeker p. 572 in Meeker Co. L.M. 1889 p. 450 Meeker Co.

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

CROOKS (see L.M.appendix 1887 p.XLVI,C.W.p.555)

Township: Crooks

Location: T. 116 N; R. 36 W.

Estab: 1870 (homestead farmer H.S. Crooks)

Platted: 1876 about

Organ: Dec. 9,1884 (last twsp. organ in Co.)

Extinct: by 1900

P.O.estab: no rec. Gaz. to 1889, or 1901 to last  
Gaz. 1927.

P.O.remov: probably no PO.

Reason settled: farming

Ref: L.M.appendix 1887,p. XLVI,listed as village;

USPG; L.M.;Co. maps including old map 1873;C.W.;

Neill; MHSC vol. 17; U.S.census reports; Gaz.

Photos: none

Records: village not mentioned in Neill to 1882.

Remarks: an early map of 1873 says;" This village bears no name and no names of settlers" C.W. p.555  
After 1873 settled.

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

EDDSVILLE

Township: Norfolk

Location: T. 114 N; R. 34 W; S. 13

Estab: about 1867

Platted: " 1869

Organ: " 1868

Extinct: ? (in Gaz. 1878 to last Gaz. 1927)

P.O.estab: 1878 (Neill p. 830)(USPG 1884, 85)(L.M.1889  
to 1900

P.O.remov: 1905 (L.M.)(USPG 1905)

Reason settled: farming, mostly wheat.

Ref: U.S.P.G.; Census books; Gaz.; L.M.; Neill;

C.W.; N.W.Map. co. map 1900 and old map 1873.

Photos: none

Records: lost. no first officers given

Remarks: called "an open prairie settlement"

Gaz. p.152 1878-9 )Village mentioned by Neill

p. 830

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

~~EMMITT~~ and "town 116-36-S. 32 attached to Emmitt  
for official purposes." (Neill p. 847)

Township: Emmitt\* or Emmett

Location: T. 115 N; R. 36 W.

Estab: 1869 (first settlers June, 1869)

Platted: 1871

Organ: Sept. 1870

Extinct: about 1900 (Not in Gaz. 79 to 1927)

P.O. estab: (not in USPG 1884 or L.M. 1889)  
(probably Wadsworth P.O. used)

P.O. remov:

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Neill p. 823; C.W.; Co. maps; U.S.P.G; Census  
reports; L.M.; Gaz.; MHSC vol .17.

Photos: none

Records: first officers listed in HRS report.

Remarks: named in honor of Robert Emmett, Irish patriot, ~~1872~~ No P O. is mentioned in U.S.P.G. to 1924 nor is village in Gaz. 1879to 1927 .

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

ERICSON (absorbed by Sacred Heart)

Township: Ericson(early map 1873, as Erickson)

Location: T. 116 N; R.37 W.

Estab: 1871 (first settlers)

Organ: 1874

Extinct: now part of Sacred Heart

No. P.O. indicated.

Settled for farming

Ref: M.H.S.C. vol. 17; Neill; C.W.; Co. maps; U.S  
census reports; U.S.PG.; Gaz.; L.M.

Photos: none

Records: officers listed in HRS report.

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

FLORA (or Florita C.W. p.577)(GAZ. 1888-9 p. 352)

Township: Flora

Location: T. 112 N.; R. 36 W.; S. 22

Estab: 1859 (and 1865 after Sioux War)

Platted: 1868

Organ: 1867 (Neill p. 809)

Extinct: 1916 (OK in Gaz. 1889 to 1914 then out)

P.O. estab: (1888 C.W.)(L.M.1889)(Gaz. 1888-9)

Not in USPG 1884)(OK 1888 to 1900)

P.O. remov: 1904 C.W.; 1905 L.M.

Settled for farming

Ref: MHSC vol. 17; USPG; GAZ; L.M.; C.W.; Neill;

Maps 1913 & 1900; U.S. census books; 1873 co. map.

Photos: none

Record of first officers with HRS report.

Remarks: named after "the first horse brough here after the Sioux massære by Francis Shoemaker." (that is, Flora) Most of the early settlers of 1859 killed by Sioux.

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

GORDON

Township: Hawk Creek or Wang

Location: T. 116 N; R. 38 W.

Estab: 1870 about

Platted: 1872 "

Organ: 1871 "

Extinct: 1895 (in Gaz. 1878-9 only)

P.O.estab: 1876 (U.S.P.G.)

P.O.remov: 1884 (USPG)(not in L.M.1889 to date)

Reason settled: farming, butter, eggs.

Ref: Gaz.; L.M.; USPG; Census books; Neill; C.W.;

Co. maps including one for 1873; MHSC. vol. 17

Photos: none

Records: none

Records: none

Remarks: not mentioned in MHSC vol. 17 or in Neill

At one time both twsps were under Hawk Creek

## GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

## HAWK CREEK

Township: Hawk Creek

Location: T. 115 N.; R. 36 W. (in 1875 changed to  
T. 114 & 115 N. R.38 W)

Estab: 1859 (settlers)

Platted: 1865

Organ: 1867 (July 1868; Neill)

Extinct: 1881

P.O. estab: 1869 (C.W.)(Neill, 1869 p. 817)  
(in sect. 8 C.W.)

P.O. remov: 1880 (C.W.) (not in USPG 1884 or L.M.1889)

Farm community

Ref: MHSC vol. 17; U.S.P.G.; U.S.Census reports ;

Gaz. L.M. since 1865; C.W.; Neill; N.W. map co.

map 1900 and maps 1913, 1873.

Photos: none

Records: none. list first officers with HRS report

Remarks: name of village taken from the name  
"Chetambe" noted on Nicollet's map. Mentioned  
in Gaz. 1878-9 but NOT in Gaz. following, 1880-  
81 to 1927.

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

HENRYVILLE

Township: Henryville

Location: T. 114 N.; R. 35 W.

Estab: 1866 (first settler Patrick Barkey, 1866)

Platted: 1870

Organ: 1871 (Neill p. 828)

Extinct: by 1915 (OK Gaz. 1880-81 to 1910. not in  
1920 to 1927)

P.O. estab: (1879 C.W.) (USPG 1884, 85 to 1890)  
(L.M. 1889 to 1890)

P.O. remov: 1894 (L.M. 1895) (1898 C.W.)

Settled for farming

Ref: Gaz. & L.M. since 1865; U.S.P.G.; Census  
Books; C.W.; Neill; MHSC vol .17: Co. maps.

Photographs: none

First officers listed on HRS report.

Remarks: This village named for Peter Henry,  
one of its pioneer farmers.

## GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

HERTZ HORN, or Herzhorn (P.O.directory 1870)

Township: Flora

Location: T. 114 N.; R. 36 W.

Estab: 1872 (C.W.)

Platted:1873

Organ: 1874

Extinct:1884 (not in Gaz. 1890-91)

P.O.estab: (1869 Neill p. 809)(1870 P.O.Directory  
1870, 76.)

P.O.remov: (1879 Neill p. 809)(USPG 1880)

(Not in USPG 1884 or L.M. 1889)

Settled for farming

Ref: C.W.; Neill; Co. Atlas; State Comp. Census

1920; U.S. Census books since 1865; USPG; MHSC vol 17

Co. maps; .

Photos: none

No records

" in 1872 winters very severe. Summer grasshoppers so thick, when they were flying, could not see the sun." C:W.p. 575

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

JEANETTE or JENNETTVILLE

Township: Hawk Creek

Location: T. 115 N; R. 28 W.; S. 28

Estab: 1858 or 59 (first settlers)

Platted: none

Organ: "

Extinct: Probably 1904 (OK Gaz. 91, but not 1904)

"vil age early failure" Neill p. 817

P.O.estab: 1872 (C.W.) (USPG 1876)

P.O.remov: 1884 (USPG 1884)(not in L.M.1889)

settled for farming

Ref: C.W.; Neill; MHSC vol. 17; USPG; Census books;

Gaz.; L.M.; Co. maps and census.

Photos: none

no records

Neill p. 817 this village was a failure and consequently not platted or organized. Settlers first came about 1858

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

KINGMAN (L.M. appendix 1887, p. X ~~2~~)

Township: Kingman

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Location: T. 116 N; R. 34 W.

Estab: May 1877 (first settler, J.C.Hogadone, 1877)

Platted: 1879

Organ: Sept. 3, 1878 (Neill p. 845)

Extinct: by 1905 (not in Gaz. 1875 to 1900)(not  
1890 to 1927)

P.O.Estab: Not in USPG 1884 or L.M. 1889

P.O.remov: Probably no P.O.

settled for farming

Ref: M.H.S.C? vol. 17; USPG; Census reports: Neill

p. 845; C.W.; Co. map; Gaz.& L.M since 1865

no photos; record of first officers with HSR report

1873 map "this town bears no name and no name  
of settlers" (C.W.p.555) OK, not settled until  
1877. named in honor of W.H. Kingman, who pur-  
chased considerable land in twsp.

## GHOST TOWNS

REM VILLE CO.

LAKE SIDE or (Mahkhsahpah, Neill p. 822 -Wahkhsah-  
pah, Gaz. 1878-9 p 254 )

Township: Boon Lake

Location: T. 116 N; R. 31 W.; S. 21.

Estab: about 1869

Platted: " 1871

Organ: " 1870

Extinct: ? (Ok Gaz. 1878 to 1889 thru to 1927)

P.O.estab: (1871 C.W.Neill)(U.S.P.G. 1876,84,85  
to 1900) (L.M. 1889 to 1900)

P.O.remov: (1902 to Buffalo Lake C.W.)(Out 1905 L.M.)

Reason settled: exports butter, cheese, wheat, oats  
(1878-9)

Ref: Gaz. 1865 to date; L.M.; USPG; Census reports;

C.W.; Neill; MHSC. vol. 17; Co. maps(Lakeside,  
Hudson Map Co. 1913, OK)

No photos-no records

Gaz. 1878-9 p. 305 "the vil age had a farm house  
P.O. note difference in spelling of name "Mahkhsah-  
pah" or "Wahkhsahpah" one with M the other W.

Mahkhsahpah P.O. was established 1868, discontin-  
ued probably to Lak Side 1870.

## GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

MAHKAHSAHPAH (possibly later Lakeside)

Township: Boon Lake

Location: T. 116 N; R. 31 W.

Estab: 1865

Platted: 1868

Organ: 1867

Extinct: 1880 (not in Gaz.)

P.O. estab: 1868 (C.W)(Neill)

P.O. remov: 1870 " " (not in USPG 1884 or  
L.M. 1889)

settled for farming

Ref: Neill; C.W.; Minn. atlas map of Co.; USPG;

Census books; L.M.; Gaz; HSC vol. 17

no photos-no records

spelled "Wahkahnahpah" in Gaz. 1878-9 and states  
"otherwise ~~spelled~~ called Lakeside". However, there  
were two postoffices, one for each town. Neill p.  
822.

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

MARTINSBURG (L.M. appendix, 1887, p. XLII)

Township: Martinburg

Location: T. 114 N; R. 32 W.; S. 22.

Estab: 1873 (first settlers)

Platted: 1876

Organ: Sept. 3, 1878 (Neill p. 844)

Extinct: By 1885 (not in Gaz. 1878 to 89 thru 1927)

P.O.estab: remov: no record in USPG or L.M.  
settled for farming

Ref: MHSC. vol. 17; U.S.P.G. & Census books; Gaz.;

L.M.; C.W.; Neill; Co. maps.

no photos

no records. first officers listed in HRS report

village was named for Martin Grummons

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

MELVILLE (L.M. appendix 1887, p. XLVI) (Neill p. 823)

Township: Melville

Location: T. 115 N; R. 33 W.

Estab: 1872 (first claim Miss Dora Caleff spring 1872  
( " settler N.G. Poose, fall 1872)

Platted: 1874

Organ: 1876 (Neill p. 838)

Extinct: ? (no record Gaz. 1878 to 1889 to 1914  
OK 1916-1927)

No record of P.O. estab or removed.

settled for farming

Ref: MHSC vol. 17; Neill: C.W.; Co. maps; Gaz.

L.M. since 1865

No photos; first officers listed HRS report

There was a settlement of Moravians in this  
village

GHOST TOWNS

RENVOLLE CO.

~~MINNESOTA CROSSING~~ (changed to Sacred Heart)

Township: Sacred Heart

Location: T. 114 N.; R. 37W.S. 8.

Estab: 1868 about

Platted: 1871 "

Organ: 1870 "

Extinct: (1876 USPG)(1878 changed to Sacred Heart)

P.O.estab; 1870 (1876 USPG)

P.O.remov: 1878 (removed to Sacred Heart)  
(not in USPG 1884 or L.M.1889)

Reason settled: Farm and R.R. community

Ref: MHSC vol. 17; C.W.; Neill; Census books;

USPG; Gaz; L.M.; Co. maps.

No photos; no records

name of this village was changed to ~~A~~ Sacred  
Heart in 1878.

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

NEW LISBON

Township: Wang

Location: T. 116 N; R. 38W.; S. 9

Estab: 1865 about

Platted: 1867 "

Organ: 1866 "

Extinct: 1918 (OK Gaz. 1878 to 1910. Out 1914 to 1927)

P.O. estab: (1866 Neill p. 837)(L. M. 1889 to 1900)  
(USPG 1876, 84, 85, to 1902)

P.O. remov: 1904 L.M.

Reason settled: wheat, beef cattle.

Ref: MHSC vol. 17; Neill; C.W.; USPG; L.M.; Gaz.;

Co. maps. U.S. Census reports.

no photos-no records

Hawk township in an early Renville County map of 1873 included both Hawk and Wang of today.

## GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

NORFOLK (formerly called Benton, 1870)

(1871 changed to Marschner, then Norfolk)

Township: Norfolk

Location: T. 114 N; R. 34 W. S. 30.

Estab: 1868

Platted: 1867

Organ: 1869(1870 Benton;1871 Marschner, Neill p820)

Extinct: 1920(OK Gaz. 1880 to 1918)(out 1920-27)

P.O.estab:(1878 C.W.)(1879 Neill)(USPG 1884, 85  
(L.M. 1889 to 1900)(estab. again 1899)P.O.remov: 1879(Neill)then(L.M.)1904 permanently  
settled for farming

Ref: MHSC vol. 17; C.W.;Neill; Co. maps 1900to 1913

U.S.P.G; Census reports; Gaz. beginning 1859 and  
L.M. 1865

no photos; records lost.

Name originated from a county in England.

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

OSCEOLA (see name of town C.W. p. 555)

Township: Osceola

Location: T. 116 N; R.33W.

Estab: 1875

Platted: 1877

Organ: 1879 (Neill)

Extinct: ? (OK Gaz. 1891 to 1927)

P.O.estab: 1902(C.W.)(not in USPG 1884 or L.M.1889  
OK 1902-04)

P.O.remov: 1904(C.W.) 1905(L.M.)

settled for farming

Ref: USPG; Census books; Gaz. & L.M. since 1865;

Co. maps; Neill; C.W.

no photos-no records

Village named by L.L. Teuins for village of  
Osceola Wis. also name ~~xxiximix~~ derived  
originally from patriot Seminole chief, Osceola

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

PALMYRA

Township: Palmyra

Location: T. 114 N.; R. 33W.; S. 22

Estab: 1870 claims taken

Platted: 1873

Organ: 1872 ( Neill P. 830)

Extinct: 1915 (OK Gaz. 1878 to 1908, then out to '27)

P.O. estab: 1873 (USPG 1876)

P.O. remov: 1880 (not in USPG 1884 or L.M. 89)

Reason settled: farming and live stock

Ref: MHSC vol. 17; Gaz.; L.M.: C.W.; Neill; USPG;

Census books; Co. maps.

no photos: first officers listed in HRS report

Village named for town in Wis. origing ancient  
Palmyra "city of palms", located in an oasis of  
the Syrian desert.

## GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

## PLAINFIELD

Township: Hector

Location: T. 115 N.; R. 32 W.

Estab: about 1870

Platted: " 1872

Organ: " 1871

Extinct: about 1880 (not mentioned in Gaz. 1878-9  
or 1880-81 thru to 1927)

P.O. estab: 1875 C.W. (USPG 1876)

P O. remov: 1878 C.W. (not in USPG 1884 or L.M. 1889)

settled for farming

Ref: Gaz.; L.M.; USPG; Census books; MHSC vol. 17;

C.W.; Neill; Co. maps.

no photos- no records



## GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

Three Mile Creek Hotel and Trading Post

RENVILLE and CAMP P.O.

Township: Camp

Location: covers about 10 acres in center of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 23--112--33

Estab: 1858 First Trading post

Platted: was not platted

Extinct: 1882

P.O.estab: 1872 Renville: 1879 Camp.

P.O.remov: 1905

Reason Settled: Good point for Trading Post as lots  
of Breeds lived close by. Fresh water spring coming  
out of hillside made ideal camping place en route  
for No. West.

Ref: Re

Ref: Renville County History p. 571 -1862-4

Records: Register of Deeds, Olivia, Minn. for first land owner.

Remarks: Thomas A. Robertson and William La Frambois famous Mix-Bloods were first owners of this land. Werner Boesh established a trading post and tavern here 1858. He had been a Swiss military officer and had helped build Ft. Ridgely. Indians destroyed most of the dozen buildings during the outbreak of Aug. 1862. Lewis Hanson erected another large tavern and store in 1869. T. H. Hafso erected store in 1872 H.M.Hagestad built second store. Lee Bros. established saloon. Al Olson blacksmith shop. Old military road passed by, with endless string of covered wagons for the NW.

Andrew A. Davidson Inv. HRS

Feb. 4, 1939

RENVILLE and CAMP P.O.

(continued)

One of county's first Indian Trading posts. Land office says : Robertson and La Frambois, who figured conspicuously in outbreak of 1862, squatted here about 1855, getting their supplies from Ft. Ridgely, only 3 miles away. Filed their Half-Breed Land Script in St. Peter Land office. 1858. Sold their holdings to Werner Boesh same date. He enlarged post and erected large log tavern for traveling accomodation. The Ft. Abercrombie Military trail crossed the creek at this place. Indians destroyed most of buildings outbreak of 1862, but Mr. Werner Boesh with goods and household escaped and went to New Ulm where his experience as a Swiss military officer became valuable as he helped in the defense of that vilage during

during the siege. 1869 Lewis Hanson purchased land and erected large tavern from remains of former buildings. 1872 T. H. Hafso established general store.

A stage coach ran between Beaver Falls and New Ulm with this place as stopping place and horse change. Renville P.O. established 1872, changed to Camp in 1879 due to fact that Renville Station had come.

1873 Hagestad and Lee established another store and saloon in connection. Ale Olson black smith shop. Was quite a village. A mile down the creek was the Pléss Mill. A bad fire in 1880 destroyed most of property. 1882 the railroad came thru Franklin and establishments on Three Mile Creek passed out of existence as a trading point. Camp P.O. existed until 1905. There is today a cluster of about 6 dwelling houses on the site of this village

RENVILLE and CAMP P.O.

(continued)

occupied by families.

Franklin

These facts from personal interview with Nels O. Berg /  
resident since 1868 and inspection of grounds by  
Andrew A. Davidson, MHRs investigator, Feb. 5, '39.

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

**SWANSEA**

Township: Preston Lake

Location: T. 115 N.; R. 31 W.; S. 14

Estab: 1865 about

Platted: 1867 "

Organ: 1866 "

Extinct: 1916 (OK 1878 to 1910; not in Gaz. 1912-27)

P.O. estab: 1869 (C.W.) (Neill p. 819)  
(USPG 1876, 84, 85)

P.O. remov: 1888 (C.W.) (out 1888 L.M.)

Reason settled: farming, wheat and beef (1878-9)

Ref: U.S.P.G.; Censusbooks; Gaz.; L.M.; Co. maps.;  
C.W.; Neill; MHSC vol. 17

no photos-no records

## GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

TROY (L.M. appendix 1887, XLVI)(Neill p. 838)  
(not in USPG ~~1888# 1888~~ 1884)

Township: Emmett

Location: T. 115 N; R. 36 W.; S. 18

Estab: 1871-72(first claim, Aug. Schendel, 1871)

Platted: 1874

Organ: Mar. 21, 1876

Extinct: 1898(not in Gaz. 1878-90 or 1920-27)

No P.O. in USPG or L.M. except appendix 1887.  
settled ~~for~~ farming

Ref: MHSC vol. 17; Gaz. & L.M. since 1865; Neill;  
C.W.;Co. maps since 1873; USPG & Census books.  
no photos-first officers listed HRS report

Village named after town in Asia Minor, famous  
in ancient history as town sacked by Greeks in  
Trojan war. also name of city in New York

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

VICKBURG("Vickburg P.O.estab. as Sacred Heart P.O  
in 1869, next year name changed to Vick  
burg." C.W.p.576)(1878 buildings moved o  
to Sacred Heart. Neill p. 809)

Township: Sacred Heart

Location: T. 113 and 114 N.;R. 36 W.;S. 19

Estab: 1866

Platted: 1867 (surveyed Oct. 21,1870 C.W. 1867,Neill  
p. 809)

Organ: 1868

Extinct: 1878 (merged with Sacred Heart )

P.O.estab: (1869 C.W.p. 576)(USPG 1876,84,85, to  
1900)(L.M.1889)

P.O.remov: (1904 L.M.)(1905 C.W.)

Reason settled: steamboat landing & agricultural  
Ref: A.A. Davidson, inv. May 1936; Gaz.; L.M.; USFG;  
census reports; MHSC vol. 17; C.W. Neill.

Photos: none Records: none

One report by inv. Davidson says: "town abandoned  
because C.M.&St. Paul R.R. built thru site of Ren-  
ville, and Vickburg bldgs. moved there 1878."; another  
"Vickburg was superseded in 1878 by the railroad  
village of Sacred Heart, to which its buildings  
were removed." (Minn. C. 1917)

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

VICKBURG or VICKSBURG

Township: Flora

Location: SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of S. 19, T. 114, R. 36W.

Extinct: 1878

Ref: A.A. Davidson, inv. says: "Wm. Brade, 20 years ago, John Larkins, still living, clerk in Brade store now located in Renville, Minn. Joe Paquet, son of blacksmith still living. History of Renville Co.

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

WADSWORTH

Township: Emmett

Location: T. 115 W.; R. 36 W.

Estab: 1860 about

Platted: 1863 "

Organ: 1861 "

Extinct: 1881 (not in Gaz.) (OK 1878-9 Gaz. out then  
on to 1927)

P.O. estab: (July 1875, Neill) (USPG 1876)

P.O. remov: (1879 Neill) (Not in USPG 1884, 85, or L.M  
1889 on)

Reason settled: farming, mostly wheat and beef

Ref: MHSC vol. 17; C.W.; Neill; U.S.P.G.; Census  
books; Gaz. & L.M. since 1865; Co. maps.

no photos-no records

According to C.W. p. 577 P.O. discontinued in  
1879

## GHOST TOWNS

## RENVILLE CO.

WANG(L.M.appendix,1887 p.XLVI)(Present town of  
Wang given as part of Hawk Creek, see C.W.p.555)

Township: Sacred Heart and Hawk Creek.

Location: T. 115 N.; R. 37W.;S. 7

Estab: 1867 (first settlers)

Platted: 1876

Organ: ("July 28,1875,set apart for organ.Neill)

Extinct: 1881 (not in Gaz. 1878-89 thru to 1927)

P.O.estab: (not in USPG 1884 or L.M. 1889)

P.O.remov: out about 1876

settled for farming

Ref:Gaz. &L.M. since 1865; USPG & census books;

Cô. maps 1873,1900, 1913. C.W.;Neill.

no photos-no records

This village was at one time part of Sacred Heart,  
then Hawk Creek. Name taken from district in Norway.  
Wang not mentioned in Gaz. 1920 to last published  
1927

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

WELLINGTON

Township: Wellington

Location: T. 113N.; R. 32 W.

Estab: 1868 (first settler, Wm. Chalk, 1870)

Platted: 1874

Organ: 1873

Extinct: by 1920 (in Gaz. 1880-89, not 1918-27)

P.O. estab: (1868 C.W.) (USPG 1884, 85, to 1900)

(L.M. 1889 to 1900)

P.O. remov: (1904 C.W.) (1905 L.M.)

settled for farming

Ref: MHSC. vol. 17; C.W.; Neill p.830; USPG; census

reports; Gaz. & L.M. since 1865. Co. maps.

no photos

early records missing. only officers given;  
Wm. Carson, chmn. H.J. Barton, Clerk.  
Village name commemorates the Duke of Wellington,  
~~xxxx~~ victor over Napoleon at Waterloo,  
1815.

GHOST TOWNS

RENVILLE CO.

WINFIELD(formerly named Liberty, March 1879 changed  
to Winfield)

Location: T. 116 N.; R. 35 W.

Estab: 1872

Platted: 1878

Organ: 1878, Dec. 27. (Apr 15 1878, Liberty)

Extinct: by 1925. Not in Gaz. 1878 to 85; OK  
1886 to 1920 then out.

P.O.estab: (1868 C.W.)(not in USPG 1884 or 85)  
(new P.O. 1886-7 Gaz.)(OK in L.M. 1889)

P.O.remov: (1904 C.W.)(1905 L.M.)(OK USPG 1888-1902)  
settled for farming

Ref: MHSC vol. 17; C.W.; Neill p.846; USPG;  
census books; Gaz.; L.M.; Co. maps.

no photos -no records

Village named in honor of General Winfield  
Scott, Commander-in-Chief, Mexican war. Map  
1873 this village bears no name and no name of  
settlers, C.W. p. 555. Settled since 1873, see  
C.W p. 555 for name.

first officers listed HRS reports

GHOST TOWNS

RICE CO.

WHEATLAND

Township: Wheatland (settled 1855-6)

Location: T. 112 N; R. 22 W.; S. 19, 20 and 29

Estab: 1897

Platted: 1856-7 (second survey 1896)

Organ: 1897

Extinct: 1908

P.O. estab:

P.O. remov:

Reason settled: farming

Ref: inv. by Lester Blois, 1937 but no record given  
of P.O. U.S.P.G. 1855 to

Photos: none

Records of Register of Deeds

No record given of first officers. Village abandoned on account of lack of agreement by village council concerning railroad and finally removal of all business places to Londale, a railroad town more enterprising.

GHOST TOWNS

RICE CO.

MILLERSBURG ✓

Township: Forest

Platted: 1857

P.O. remov: 1901

village site is now mostly farming land

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

RICE CO. ?

PRAIRIEVILLE

Township: Cannon City

Location:  $3\frac{1}{2}$  mi. E. of Faribault, look up S. 35

Estab:

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct:

P.O.estab:

P.O.remov:

Reason settled:

Ref: inv. by Lester Blais, 1937, but no definite dates given. He says that: These facts were told by Felix Blais, who purchased old Methodist Church bldg. and made it over into a barn. Mr. Thompson,

former resident; Mrs. Seadschlg, wife of a son of Herman Seadschalg. "facts" mostly description of bldgs.

Photos:

Records:

Village never incorporated. At one time fair sized-village, now few houses left.

GHOST TOWNS

RICE CO.

TESELI ✓

Township: Wheatland

Location: T. 112, N.; R. 22 W.; S. 10 and 15

Estab: 1880 ?

Platted: 1880 (plat filed, 1882)

Organ: 1892 (Inc. 1889, MHSC. vol 17)

Extinct:

P.O. estab:

P.O. remove.

Reason settled: farm community

Ref: inv. by Lester Blais, 1937 but no record given  
of P.O. USPG 1855 to--

Photos: none

Village dissolved but no records found.

See C.W. Hist. Rice & Steele Co. p. 573

GHOST TOWNS

ROCK CO.

MANLEY

Township: Beaver Creek

Location: south edge of twsp

Platted: Oct. 1889

The former village has dwindled until it remains only as a wheat-buying station

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

ROSEAU CO.

DUXBY

date investigated Sep. 26 1938

Township: Pohlitz

Location: NW corner of SW SW Sec. 26-163-42

Date es tab: first store was built in 1901

" platted: never platted.

" organ: never really organized

" extinct: School house located at Duxby is still used for school and church gatherings, town elections & other meetings

P.O. estab: not known

P.O. removed: April 30, 1938.

reason settled: roads were almost impassable in the early days and the distance to another town

was quite far.

Ref: J.J. Vatnsal, Badger, Minn. Florence Lins,  
Badger, Minn. R #2

Photographs: none      Records: none

Remarks: first P.O. on north side of Roseau river  
on SW SE of SE~~v~~. 22-162-42.

1901 small gen. store estab. on south side of riv-  
er in NW corner of SW SW sec. 26-163-42. about 1902  
P.O. moved into this store. here except for short  
time when in a house about 30 rods northwest  
P.O. was at some time between 1901 and 1938 dis-  
continued for a time, date unknown.

at one time boasted a store, P.O. school, blacksmith  
shop, saw mill. rumors of flour mill. nothing re-  
mains except school house and old store bldg. store  
not in operation for several years.

## GHOST TOWNS

ROSEAU CO.

PELON (first called Twin Lake City)

Township: Pelon

Location: NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , S. 36

Estab:

Platted: 1901 (inc)

Organ:

Extinct:

P.O. estab:

P.O. remov: 1935 ?

Reason settled: stopping place for travellers

Ref: inv. by Cyril Cannon, 1936, but no definite dates, except inc. 1901, given. USPG 1900 to-- this, at one time thriving village, was named after Charles Pelon of Hallock. Its demise

occurred because Soo line routed 7 miles west of Pelon and thru Karlstad which town drew most of the people of ~~Rex~~ Pelon eventually. At the present time there is a roadhouse and filling station on Pelon site.

GHOST TOWNS

Roseau Co.

SANWICK (former P.O.)

Township: Dewey

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

ROSEAU CO.

TORFIN (former P.O.)

Township: Palmville

Location: east edge of twsp.

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

ST. LOUIS CO.

PORTLAND

Location: on north shore of Lake Superior adjoining  
original plat of Duluth

Platted: 1855

Extinct: 1868 annexed to Duluth

Ref: MHSC vol.1 7

GHOST TOWNS

ST. LOUIS CO.

ENDION

Platted: 1856

village site now a part of Duluth

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

## "OPENING OF THE LAND OFFICE AT BUCHANAN."

"By reference to the following letter received by Hon. Henry M. Rice, from Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks, the reader will perceive that the Land Office at BUCHANAN, is, in all probability, now open, or will be in a few days:

'General Land Office, Aug. 20, 1857

Sir:--I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, and in reply have to state that the Register and Receiver at Buchanan were, on the 7th instant, instructed to repair to their posts, with a view to opening their offices as soon as practicable.

With great respect,  
Thos. A. Hendricks, Comm'r.

Hon. H.M. Rice, St. Paul, M.T.'"

(Pioneer Democrat Weekly, Sept. 3, 1857 - p5, col. 1)

GHOST TOWNS

ST. LOUIS CO.

BUCHANAN

Location: on the shore of Lake Superior southwestward  
from the mouth of Knife river

Platted: Oct. 1856

Like many other paper towns on the north shore, it  
never amounted to anything

It had the U.S. land office from 1857 to May 1859,  
when the office was removed to Portland, later a  
part of Duluth

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

SCOTT CO.

BRENTWOOD

Platted: Sept. 1860

Extinct: 1872-united with Jordan

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

CREDIT RIVER

Scott county

3 miles southeast of Prior Lake  
once had a flour mill  
river after which it was named now dried up,  
when the town was founded it was large enough  
to furnish power for flour mill which was  
abandoned when power no longer available  
cooperative creamery organized in 1902 -  
discontinued after a few years

GHOST TOWNS

SCOTT CO.

HELENA

Township: Helena

Location: S. 11

GHOST TOWNS

SCOTT CO.

LOUISVILLE

Established: 1853

Platted: 1854

grew well during four or five years, until it had 30 houses or more; but within a few years later its buildings were mostly removed to Carver, or were torn down, and the site is now farming land

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

## GHOST TOWNS

## LOUISVILLE

Scott

"LOUISVILLE, MINNESOTA -- This village is not named in honor of the place upon the Ohio river where Matt. Ward resides, but for Capt. Louis Roberts, who first claimed the site. It is situated on the south side of the Minnesota, at the foot of the Little Rapids. The town is going ahead--keeping pace with the other thriving villages of the valley. Mr. H.H. Spencer is one of the proprietors, and has set up business on the spot. He took up by the Black Hawk yesterday several families to settle there, and lumber to build them houses. The land in the vicinity is excellent, and the country rapidly filling up." ~~(ix)~~  
(Daily Minnesotian - May 19, 1854 - p2, col. 2)  
(Note - see p446, 508, 509 - MHC vol. 17) Upham says after Louisville, Ky.)

## GHOST TOWNS

## LOUISVILLE

(cont)

"LOUISVILLE, Minnesota - The proprietor of the above town would call the attention of Emigrants and all others to the advantages of this place.

It is situated immediately below the Little Rapids, which is practically the head of navigation on the Minnesota River: \* \* \* \*

We have one hotel, one store, and a steam saw-mill will be operation in a few weeks. There is also a good warehouse convenient to the landing.

We have good steamboat navigation to this place at all seasons when not closed by ice. As a point for the various mechanical branches and for mercantile business it cannot be beat, as the country on both sides of the river  
(over)

is unsurpassed for farming purposes and thickly settled.

We have no gas works here; come and see before you invest or locate.

Louisville April 1856

H.H. Spencer"

(Daily Minnesotian, May 21, 1856 - P4, col. 5)

GHOST TOWN

LOUISVILLE

(Scott)

"LOUISVILLE, MINNESOTA - Louisville is a New Town. Located on the South Bank of the Minnesota River at the nearest point below the Little Rapids that is above high water; it is about 50 miles above St. Paul, by the River and 34 by land, and 10 or 12 miles by the River and 6 miles by land above Shakopee. Louisville is on a high rolling Prairie, with a number of Springs of the best water and an abundance of good Line (presumably Lime) Stone in the vicinity....." Balance of article eulogizes "Louisville," and invited new settlers, etc. (Daily Minnesotian, May 17, 1855 - p3, col. 4)

GHOST TOWNS

SCOTT CO.

MERRIAM

Platted: 1866

Extinct: 1871 abandoned

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

SCOTT CO.

ST LAWRENCE

Township: St. Lawrence

Platted: fall of 1858

Extinct: before 1882

village all vacated for farming uses

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOSTOWN

SPRING LAKE (Dakota or Scott Cos.)

"There was a splendid monthly fair held last Monday at Spring Lake. About 75 head of cattle changed hands." (Mpls Tribune, July 3, 1869 -p3, col. 4)

(Four Spring Lakes in Minnesota; Dakota, Isanti, Itasca, and Scott counties.)

GHOST TOWNS

SHERBURNE CO.

ORONO

Township: Elk River

Platted: May 1855

Extinct: 1881 united with Elk River

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

PLEASANT VALLEY

*Sherburne*

"The Pacific Railroad Company is building a new station house at PLEASANT VALLEY, seven miles above BIG LAKE, in Sherburne County, with a fair prospect of the county seat of that county, at no distant day, being located at that point." (Mpls Tribune, Nov. 22, 1868 - p 1, col. 2)

GHOST TOWN

SHERBURNE CO. (1856) ?

HUMBOLDT - "The town of Humboldt is the county seat of Sherburne county. It lies between the Mississippi and Snake rivers. The part of the town which I saw was a very small part. Mr. Brown's residence, which is delightfully situated on the shore of a lake, is at once the court house and the post office, besides being the general emporium and magnate of Humboldt business and society. Furthermore, it is the place where the stage changes horses and where passengers on the down trip stop to dine. It was here we stopped to dine; and as the place had been a good deal applauded for its table-d'hote, a standard element

GHOST TOWNS

SIBLEY CO.

FAXON

Township: Faxon

Platted: April 1857

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

EDEN LAKE

STEARNS ?

"----The St. Cloud Times says that the pastor of the Campbellite Church at EDEN LAKE announced a few days since that he would baptize by immersion, in a creek near that place, a young lady convert, to witness which ceremony there was a large assemblage of the people. The minister led the young woman until a depth of three feet of water was reached, when she sprang from him, rushed to the shore and went home." (Mpls Tribune, Nov. 15, 1870, p2, col. 3)

Probably settlement near Eden Lake, Stearns county, and possibly now known as Eden Valley

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

~~XXXXMIX~~ FREEMONT CITY

Located southwest of present village of  
Clearwater.

*News item 1939*

## GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

## GETTY'S GROVE

Township: Getty  
Location: S. 19  
Estab: July 6, 1857  
Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

GRAND RAPIDS

Surveyed by George N. Propper July  
24, 1857. Was located on both sides of the  
Sauk river west of the city of St. Cloud  
where the railroad and wagon bridges cross the  
river.

*News Item 1939.*

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

HARTFORD

Surveyed by M. P. Noel January 31, 1857.  
Located on north side of S uk river nearly opp-  
osite the 1938 village of Rockville

New plan 1939

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

LAURISSAVILLE

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

LEEDSTONE

Which is now the present village  
of St. Martin.

*News item 1939*

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

MAINE PRAIRIE

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

MAINE PRAIRIE CORNERS

Township: Maine Prairie

Estab: 1865-6

on the site of a stockade and fort constructed in  
1862 as a refuge from the Sioux outbreak

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

MARTY

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

MINNEWAWA

Surveyed by T. B. Titus, April 28, 1857. Located in section 17 and 20, township 127, range 27. This is between Augusta and Clearwater and a levee for steamboats was located here.

*Newz Item 1939*

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

MUNICH

Surveyed by Sebastian Wimmer in section  
7, township of Oak near Frevels lake north of  
present village of ~~Munich~~ New Munich. Surveyed  
March, 1858.

*New item 1939*

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

NEENAH

Located in section 13 of St. Augusta township on Johnson's creek south of present village of St. Augusta.

*News item 1939*

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

OAK STATION

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

PERSEVERANCE CITY

Surveyed by M.P.NOEL, December  
1857. Located in section 35, township of St.  
Joseph on north side of Pleasant Lake.

*News item 1939*

GHOST TOWNS

~~SAUK CITY~~

STEARNS CO.

SAUK CITY

Surveyed by J. H. Place, January, 1850  
in the south corner of LE\*SAUK township near  
Heim's mill.

*News item 1939*

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

STEWART'S CROSSING

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

STONY BROOK CROSSING

Which was a stage stop  
for the stage to Spring Hill. F. W. Lenz  
operated a hotel at this location where passengers  
stayed over to catch the stage coach~~es~~.

*News item 1939*

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

TORAH

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS COUNTY

WARDEVILLE

Township: Holding

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

WOODSTOCK

GHOST TOWNS

STEARNS CO.

YARMOUTH

GHOST TOWNS

STEELE CO.

OAK GLEN

Township: Blooming Prairie

Location: northeast part

Platted: 1856

village site platted where formerly was a stage  
coach station at the Oak Glen lakes

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

STEVENS CO.

GAGER'S STATION

Township: Darnen

Location: S. 12

Established: 1866

The site of Gager's station, at the crossing of the Pomme de Terre river on a state road from Glenwood to Brown's Valley, was later occupied by the Riverside mill

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWN

RANDALL (Swift Co. Or Stevens)

"At first Benson had strong hopes of becoming the headquarters of the colony, but these were blasted when the bureau decided to move the lumber yard to the railroad station at RANDALL in June, 1876. (re-Benson Times, June 12, 1876) The town was renamed CLONTARF by Bishop Ireland, in honor of a town and watering place in Ireland, a suburb of Dublin, and the location changed to Section 15, T122, R40.

(From "A History of Swift County" by Stanley Holte Anonsen - Oct. 28, 1929)

Joe McDermott says about 1875 or 1876 was moved about two miles South and became Clontarf, one of Archbishop Ireland's original colonies. No trace of settlement re-

mains.

GHOST TOWNS

TODD CO.

BURNHAMVILLE

Township: Burnhamville

Platted: 1883

railway village

Ref: MHSC vol. ~~177~~ 17

GHOST TOWNS

TODD CO.

KANDOTA

Township: Kandota

Platted: 1856

proposed townsite on the shore of Fairy Lake

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

TODD CO.

KANDOTA

Township: Kandota

Location: T. 127 N.; R. 34 W.

Estab: 1856

Platted: 1857

Organ: 1858

Extinct: 1862

P.O. estab:

P.O. remov:

Reason settled:

Ref: inv. by Katherine Heney, 1936, except P.O.

USPG 1855 to --

Photos:

Records:

Edwin A. Whitefield, New England artist, founded village of 320 acres in 1856. City council elected 1856, re-elected 1859. Village abandoned year of Sioux War 1862. All settlers fled to Saux Center stockade and did not return to homes. Also no water power near Kandota. (from township history Long Prairie Leader, Aug. 9, 1934, O.B. Laurier historian)

GHOST TOWNS

TODD CO.

PILLSBURY (formerly Burnhamville)

Township: Bruce (settled in 1870)

Location: T. 129 N.; R 32 W.; S 34.

Estab: 1867 ?

Platted: 1883

Organ: 1884

Extinct: 1885

P.O.estab: 1871

P.O.remov: 1872 ?

Reason settled: Farm community

Ref: inv. by Katherine Heney, 1936, and history  
taken from Long Prairie Leader 1934.

Photos:

Records:

Burnhamville was legally changed to Pillsbury in 1877. The village of Pillsbury was killed on account of the fact that Swanville left Pillsbury two miles from a R.R. station.

GHOST TOWNS

TODD CO.

WHITEVILLE (early settlement)

Esta b: 1865-6

about five miles west of Long Prairie

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

TRAVERSE CO.

LAKE TRAVERSE

Township: Folsom

P.O. estab: 1867

Extinct: after 1870 name changed to Brown's Valley

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

TRAVERSE CO.

MAUDADA

Location: on the shore of Lake Traverse close south  
of the mouth of the Mustinka river

Platted: 1881

designated to be county seat in first county election  
Nov. 8, 1881, but business of the new county had been  
earlier transacted at Brown's Valley, from which its  
offices were not removed until in 1886

This proposed village, though manifesting much vigor,  
in its first year, had only a brief existence.

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS to be checked up for info.

SPOONER

RAINY LAKE CITY

WATAB

FRANCONIA

SWAN CITY ~~NEX~~ NICOLLET CO.

WASHINGTON " "

UNION CITY " " Period 1852-56

McQUESTIONS " " boom towns

WAKESKA " " no trace today

LAKE CITY RICE CO.

CROW WING CROW WING CO.

ROLLINSTON

HIGH FOREST OLMSTED CO.

WASIOJA

DODGE CO.

ST. ALBANS

ST. LAWRENCE

ST. MARY

ACOMA

ITASCA

ANOKA CO.

LOUISVILLE

CARVER CO.

GHOST TOWNS

LILLIAN

"The Northfield Recorder says a lady in Lillian last week was presented with four boys at one birth. They lived but forty-eight hours, all dying the same day, and were buried in one grave." (Mpls Tribune, Mar. 20, 1869, p4, col. 1) (Note - There is a Lake Lillian township in Kandiyohi county)

SPRING LAKE, Dakota Co. - a railway village (1930)

SPRING LAKE - Scott Co.

SPRING LAKE - Isanti Co.

SPRING LAKE - Itasca Co. (a railway village (1930)

GHOST TOWN

TRANCONIA

"Ed. White, of TRANCONIA, is engaged in the manufacture of patent binders for our wheat fields. Mr. White is the man who built for the Houghton Brothers, the Mollie Mohler, which used to run betwixt Carver and St. Paul. It may be this patent will be a great help to the State and to the West." (Mpls Daily Tribune, June 2, 1869 - p3, col. 3)

## GHOST TOWNS

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At Smithtown bay of Lake Minnetonka, a village of 68 blocks was platted in October, 1854. The original owners were Nekemiah Smith, William H. Smith, and Samuel H. Stearns. There were proposed sites for a steam sawmill and grist mill. Records show that none of the lots ever were conveyed as such from the original owners to other parties -- thus another dream village joins that of the ghost towns of Hennepin and Carver counties. (Mpls Journal, Nov. 1938)

## GHOST TOWNS

## BEAVER DAM

. . .at Beaver Dam, seven miles from Minneiska, Foster & Co., are erecting a saw and grist mill, tavern, cabinet shop, etc. . . . (Daily Minnesotian, April 26, 1856, p 3, col. 2)

## GHOST TOWNS

## CHIPPEWAY

"The St. Peter Tribune says, we learn from Mr. Eldred, of Chippeway, (sic) that the upper Minnesota country has been visited by very heavy snow storms this season. In many places the drifts are ten and twelve feet high, and we learn that Mr. E. was compelled to work hard all one day in curring his way through a single drift. A number of teams are now on their way to St. Peter after supplies, the stock on hand being about exhausted."  
(Mpls Tribune, Dec. 19, 1868, p2, col. 1)

GHOST TOWNS

(OLD) CROW WING

"Thriving towns have sprung up everywhere. . . and others ~~like~~ like St. Nicholas in Freeborn county and old CROW WING to perish, with not a single remaining building to show their location." (St. Paul Pioneer Press, Dec. 31, 1933, Diamond Jubilee Edition, p66)

## GHOST TOWNS

## DUNKIRK

"Still They Come. -- The Wednesday morning packet landed at our levee another delegation of immigrants for the Norwegian settlement, who packed four heavy teams with their goods and passed back to the interior. Dunkirk will soon become about the most flourishing settlement in the State. More are yet to arrive." (item taken from Red Wing Republican and reprinted in St. Paul Daily Minnesotian, Aug. 20, 1858 - p2 col. 5)

## GHOST TOWNS

## EAGLE CITY

"EAGLE CITY ---Lots in this valuable town are now ready for sale, at prices which cannot fail to be profitable, either for investment or permanent location.

"The proprietors of the above have expended both time and money in exploring the whole country in the immediate line of St. Paul & Lake Superior Road, and for beauty of location, pure water, and rich soil, are well satisfied it cannot be surpassed by any other portion of the Territory. ...Evidence now exists of several large sugar camps, which have until very recently been worked; natural grasses abound in every direction, and Tamarac sufficient for farming purposes that will supply the demand for years to come. In addition to the natural advantages for agricultural purposes, it must be admitted that a town about

16 miles from St. Paul, must inevitably spring up as a  
necessary adjunct to the proposed railroad. . . ."

(Daily Minnesotian - July 20, 1854, p2, col. 5)

## GHOST TOWNS

## FULTON CITY

"Opening of the Dement House, Fulton City. --- A ball upon the opening of this magnificent Hotel, is to be given on the 12th instant. (June 12, 1856) It has no superior in arrangement anywhere, and was erected by ~~z~~ Charles Dement, Esq., at a cost of \$150,000."

(Daily Minnesotian, June 11, 1856 - p3, col. 2)

GHOST TOWNS -

GREENLEAF (&SMITH LAKE)

"Daily mail to GREENLEAF. - We are informed that a daily line of stages, carrying a daily mail, has been established between SMITH LAKE, on the St. Paul & Pacific railroad, and GREENLEAF, so that now the trip can be made from Minneapolis to GREENLEAF in one day." (Mpls Tribune, June 13, 1869; p4, col. 1)

GHOST T OWNS

HORICON

HORICON - Mentioned in Daily Minnesotan, Dec. 30, 1-  
1854, p2, col. 1

GHOST TOWN

LEAF VALLEY

"HOMESTEAD ENTRIES: - (From St. Cloud Journal).

"The Alexandria Post publishes the following letter, dated March 30th:

Phillip Rich, Esq., LEAF VALLEY, Minn.

Sir: Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., I have to reply that the homestead law requires actual residence upon, as well as cultivation of, the tract embraced in a homestead entry. Nor is there any discrimination or relaxation of the requirements in favor of single men; and absence therefrom or failure to maintain bona fide residence upon the land for a period exceeding six months at any one time, works a forfeiture of all claims thereto.

Very respectfully,

J.S. Wilson, Comm'r." (over)

(from Mpls Tribune, May 15, 1869 - p2, col. 1)

GHOST TOWNS

MEDINA~~A~~

MEDINA - Mpls Tribune, July 9, 1867

## GHOST TOWNS

## MINNEISKIN

From the Winona Republican -- "The Eastern Connection is the scene of busy operations. At the levee in this city a large force of carpenters, is at work getting out the timbers for the works on the Island, and the steamer Turtle is carrying the stringers and other materials ~~SEX~~ across for the builders to place in position. The weather continues very favorable for the operations. On the River Road the laborers are busy --- commencing the road bed; and a few months will see the important and thriving market of 'Minneiskin' in railroad communications with Winona." (Mpls Tribune, May 21, 1870, p2, col. 3)

THIS MAY BE PRESENT DAY --MINNEISKA

## GHOST TOWNS

## MINNETONKA CITY

"New Mill at MINNETONKA CITY. - Thos. H. Perkins & Sons, of this city, are building, and will have completed and ready for business in the course of five or six weeks, a large three story flouring mill at Minnetonka City. The mill will have three run of stone and a capacity for manufacturing 200 barrels of flour per day. It is provided with improved machinery and all other modern conveniences." (Mpls Tribune - July 14, 1869 -p4, col. 2)

GHOST TOWNS

OTTER LAKE

OTTER LAKE - Daily Minnesotan (?), Feb. 7, 1885,  
(p2, col. 1) -

GHOST TOWNS

ORLANDO

"Monticello items from the Times of the 7th. --

"We understand that Mr. Chandler, of this place has received the contract for grading on the Northern Minnesota Railroad, opposite this place. His contract extends over the six miles of road from Orlando to Big Lake, and is the last contract let. He will commence work on the 10th inst." (St. Paul Daily Minnesoitan, august 14, 1858 -p2, col. 5)

GHOST TOWNS

ORINO

(maybe Orono, Lake Minnetonka)

HUTCHINSON FAMILY CONCERTS - "We are authorized to announce that the Hutchinson Family, tribe of Asa, will sing tonight at ORINO: Saturday, March 20th at Anoka: Monday, the 22d, at Monticello; Tuesday, the 23rd, at St. Cloud; Wednesday, the 24th at Minneapolis; Thursday, the 25th at St. Anthony; and Friday, the 26th, at St. Paul." (Mpls Tribune - Mar. 19, 1869, p4, col. 1)

GHOST TOWN

POMME DE TERRE

"Potatoes are selling at 75c a bushel at Pomme de Terre, some 35 miles above Alexandria." (Mpls Tribune, Oct. 21, 1868 - p4, col. 5)

GHOST TOWNS - SMITH LAKE(& GREENLEAF)

"Daily mail to GREENLEAF. - We are informed that a daily line of stages, carrying a daily mail, has been established between SMITH LAKE, on the St. Paul & Pacific railroad, and GREENLEAF, so that now the trip can be made from Minneapolis to GREENLEAF in one day." (Mpls Tribune, June 13, 1869, p4, col. 1)

GHOST TOWN

W A T A H

WATAH - Mpls Tribune, June 12, 1867 discusses gold  
mining here.

## GHOST TOWNS

## WATAH

GOLD - "It is said that Maj. Newson is working gold mines up in the neighborhood of Watah. The prospect is reported to be ~~flattering~~ flattering for a considerable quantity of the root of all evil to be unearthed by the gallant major." (Mpls Tribune, June 12, 1867 - p2, col. 3)

## GHOST TOWNS

## WATERTOWN

"...At Beaver Dam, seven miles from Minneiska, Foster & Co., are erecting a saw and grist mill, tavern, cabinet shop, etc. Whitewater Falls, nine miles distant, shows considerable thrift. A grst(sic) mill with four run of stone is under contract, also a tavern and store.

WATERTOWN, twelve miles distant, is also a promising point. At each of the above named places there are excellent water powers. Some forty families have moved on to the Greenwood prairies since the boats began to run. -- Winona Argus." (Daily Minnesotian, April 26, 1856, p 3, col. 2)

## GHOST TOWN

## MOUNT PLEASANT

"The Lake City Leader says, Mr. P.H. Rahilly, of Mount Pleasant, carries on the farming business on a large and consequently economical scale. He has 400 acres of land, 250 of which are under the plow. During the past year he raised 4,500 bushels of wheat from 185 acres, most of which he still has on hand. He raised also 1,000 bushels of oats. A farm of this size can be conducted with less expense of machinery and horses not swallowing an entire crop." (Mpls Tribune, Dec. 6, 1868, P 1, col. 2)

GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

All (23) of these towns were investigated by Edward Blomfield, Dec. 1937,

Explanation of references. M & C refers to Mitchell and Curtis, History of Wabasha County, used. Hill & Co. publishers, 1884; U.S.P.G. to United States Postal Guide; U.S.O.R. to U.S. Official Register; L.M. to Legislative Manual; Gaz. to Minnesota Stage Gazateer; M.H.S. Coll. to Minnesota Historical Society Collections.

None of the 23 towns listed in this survey is in the 1910, 20 or 30 census, nor do they appear in the Minnesota Year Book or recent Gazateers. Most of these villages in Wabasha County disappeared

*note - over*

in the 80's; some were P.O. stations only.  
Wabasha county was established when Minnesota  
was a territory in 1849; the first white man was  
Cratte 1838; before that halfbreeds 1834.

This material so completely laywired  
as to be virtually useless x  
G. V. M.

GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

BREMEN (or Bremen Corners, 1915 map.)

Township: Zumbro (1874 map) Oakwood (1896 map)

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 13 W.

Date Estab: 1870 about

" platted: 1871 "

" organ: 1872 "

" extinct: 1920 (OK in Gaz. 1878 to 1914) (out 1914)

" P.O. estab: 1873 (U.S.P.G. 1873 to 1889)

" P.O. remov: 1889

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Maps of Wab. Co. OK 1874 as P. O. and 1896,  
not on 1913 or 1915 maps; not in M.H.S.C. vol 17

U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz.

1878 to date; Hist. Wab. Co. M & C. 1870, Hill 1884

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

R marks: Bremen is given on 1874 Hist. Atlas in  
Oakwood twsp.

GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

BEAR VALLEY (changed to Chester 1858 by state law ◊)

Township: Chester

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 14 W.; S. 24

Date estab: 1855

" platted 1857

" organ: 1858

" extinct: 1858 (Gaz. OK 1865 to 1918)

" estab P.O. 1859 (U.S.P.G. 1859 to 1905) (L.M.  
1889 to 1905)

" P.O. remov: 1905 as Bear Valley

Reason for settle: farming

Ref: U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to date;

Gaz. 1865 to 1918; OK on maps of Wabasha co.

for 1874,1896,1913 and 1915. Hist of Wab. Co. M & C  
p.80(1870) Hist. of Wab. Co. Hill &Co. (1884)  
M.H.S.C.vol. 17.

Photographs: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: Bear Valley was named from the incident,  
that settlers of Mazeppa chased a huge bear thru  
the valley but bruin escaped. Later in 1858 name  
changed to Chester but P. D. kept its original  
name until 1905.

GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

ALBANY

Township: West Albany

Location: T. 110 N; R. 12 W.; S. 28.

Date estab: 1858

" platted: 1859 (M & C. Hist. Wab. Co. p. 147)

" organ: 1860

" extinct: 1890 (Gaz. 1865-87, not there)

" P.O. estab: None (not given U.S.O.R. 1865 to 1883)

" P.Ø. remov: none

Reason settled: Farming

Ref: not on any Wabasha Co. Atlases 1874, 1896, 1913 and 1916; Hist. of Wab. Co. M&C 1870 p. 147 and Hill & Co. (1884); M.H.S. Coll vol. 17; U.S.P.R. 1885 to date; L.M. 1889 to date and M.S. Gaz.

1865 to date.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none.

Remarks: see M & C Hist. of W<sub>a</sub>b. Co. p. 147, says:  
"In 1861 the blacksmith shop and hotel were burned"  
Later hotel rebuilt. Town had two grist mills.  
I can find no record of P. O. M&C. does not give  
P1 O p. 147.

## GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

GREENVILLE / then Centerville, then Plainview

Township: Plainview

Location: T. 108, N.; R. 11, W.; S. 8 and 17

Estab: 1856(M.&amp;.C. Hist. Wab. Co. 1870)

Platted: 1857

Organ: 1858

Extinct: 1858(not in Minn. Stage Gaz.)

P.O. estab: 1859(USPG 1859 to 1863)(Not in L.M.)

P.O. remov: 1863

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Hist. Wab. Co. M&amp; C 1870 and Hill 1884; USPG

1855 to date; L.M.1889 to date; M.S.Gaz. 1865

to date. ; MHSC vol. 17; not on Wab. Co. maps

1874, 1896, 1913, 1915. Probably Greenville 1856

to 1858; Centerville 1859; then changed to

Plainview latter part of 1859

Photos: none

Munic records found: none

Remarks: Note that U.S.P.G. says P.O. existed 1859-63 but M.&C. Hist. Wab. Co. says: "Green-ville out in 1858, then Centerville came in as rival village 1859, Sect. 17 and 8 and had new P.O' Village grew and prospered but as there was another town in Winona called Centerville, therefor name was changed to Plainview. "

## GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

## INDEPENDENCE

Township: Location: Estab: Platted: Organ: unknown

Extinct: not known (not in Gaz. 1865 to date)

P.O.estab: 1859 (USPG 1859 to 1863)(not in L.M.)

P.O.remov: 1863 - 1862?

Reason settled: not known

Ref: not on any maps of Wabasha Co. 1874,1896,1913

1915; not in Gaz's apparently only in U.S.P.G. for  
1858-9,1860-1 and discontinued in 1863. Possibly  
only a farm or store used P.O. ;not able to find

township; not in MHSC vol. 17; or L.M. O. M.&amp;C

Photos: none

Munic records found: none

1862?

Remarks see above ref. No doubt P. O. station only

## GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

## JACKSONVILLE

Township: Gillford(or Guilford, 1874 map.)

Location: T. 110,N.; R. 14,W.; S. 11.

Estab: 1855 about

Platted: 1856 "

Organ: 1857 "

Extinct: 1885(Not in ~~USPG~~ Gazateers 1865 to date)

P.O.estab: 1859(USPG 1859 to 1871)(not in L.M.)

P.O.remov: 1871("no returns",1867 U.S.OR.p.491)

Reason settled: probably farming

Ref: Not on 1874 Hist. map of Wab. Co. but OK  
on 1896,1913 and 1915 maps.; USPG 1855 to date ;  
examined: also L.M 1889 to date and M.S. Gaz.  
1865 to date. Not in M.&.C. Hist of Wab. Co.

and Hill 1884; or in MHSC vol 17.

Photos: none

Munic records found: none

Remarks: It is difficult to understand why Jacksonville appears on the above three maps of Wab. Co. and is not mentioned in any of the Minn. State Gazateers. Only mention USPG 1858, 59, 60, 61, 63, 65, 67 and 71. Possibly P.O. station only.

GHOST TOWNS

?, WABASHA CO. ?

OLD ABE

Township: Location: Estab: Platted: Organ: Extinct:  
not known 1864?

P.O.estab: 1865 (Not in USPG 1855 to 1863)

(USPG 1865 to 1869) out 1871

P.O.remov: 1871(1869-70Gaz. as P.O. p.295. Not  
1868 in Gaz. 1878 to 1887)

Reason settled: not known

Ref: U.S.O.R.(Blue Book) 1855 to date; L.M. 1889  
to date; Gaz. 1865 to date; Maps Wab. Co. 1874,  
1896, 1914, 1915. Hist. Wab. Co. by M.&C. (1870)  
and Hill & Co. (1884) MHSC vol 17.

Photos: none

Munic records found: none

Remarks: This village is not in USPG 1855 to 1863  
and appears one in Gaz. 1869-70 as P. O. p. 295.  
Probably P.O.station

*Houston*  
WABASHA CO.

GHOST TOWNS

BROWNSVILLE (later Houston Co.)

Township: not known, unless in Houston Co.

Location-estab-platted-organ- not known

Date extinct: OK if Houston co. thriving town

Date P.O. estab: 1855 in Wabasha Co. list of towns  
in U.S.P.G.

Date P.O.remov: 1865

Reason settled: commercial

Ref: apparently Brownsville, now listed in Houston  
Co. was part of Wabasha Co. as land situated between

Goodhue and Fillmore Co. was all territory of  
Wabasha Co. (1854) hence in U.S.<sup>3</sup>P.G. 1855 to

1865 Brownsville is listed under Wabasha Co.

and ~~xxxxxx~~ persists in guide until 1865. Not in  
Gaz. or L.M. except as listed in Houston Co. (Hist  
Wab. Co. Hill & Co. 1884)

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

remarks: see above ref.

GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

COOK'S VALLEY

Township: Greenfield

Location: T. 110 N.; R. 10 W.; S. 30

Date estab: 1857? — 5-18-58

" platted: 1858

" organ: 1859

" extinct: 1920 (Gaz. 1865 to 1910)

" P.O. estab: 1859 (U.S.P.G. 1859 to 1895) (L.M. 1889 to 1895)

" P.O. remov: 1895 — 4-15-93

Reason settled: farming

Ref: OK on Hist. Atlas but not on ~~maps~~ Wab. Co.

1896, 1913, 1915; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to

date; Gaz. 1865 to date; Hist. W<sup>a</sup>b. Co. M.&C. 1870  
& Hill 1884; MHSC vol. 17.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: This village is indicated on the 1874  
Hist. Atlas of Wab. Co. as P. O. and located in  
southwestern corner.

GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

FOREST MOUND

Township: Elgin

Location: T. 108 N.; R. 12 W.

Date estab: 1857

" platted: 1858

" organ: 1859 (Gaz. 1865 to 1880)

" extinct: 1885

" P O. estab: 1859 (U.S.P.G. 1859 to 1875)

(1861 M & C Hist Wab. Co. p. 85)

" P.O. remov: 1875

Reason settled: farming

Ref: not on any maps of Wab. Co. for 1874, ~~1869~~  
1896, 1913, 1915; Gaz. 1865 to date; L.M. 1889  
to date.

U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; Hist. W<sub>a</sub>b. Co. M & C. 1870  
Hill 1884; M.H.S.C. vol.17.

Photos: none

Munic records found: none

Remarks: according to M.&C. 1870 Forest Mound was  
in the northern part of Elgin township. "Another  
P.O. was established in northern part of the town  
in 1861-the name was Forest Mound" (M.&C. p.85)

GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

GOPHER PRAIRIE

Township: Pepin

Location: T.111, N.; R. 10, W.

Estab: 1860

Platted: 1862

Organ: 1863(Gaz. 1865 to 1880 )

Extinct: 1885

P.O. estab: 1861 (USPG 1861 to 1873)(not in L.M.)

P.O. remov: 1873

Reason settled: farming

R<sup>E</sup>f: M.&C. 1870, Hill 1884; Maps Wab. Co. 1874, 1896

1913 1915, not given; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date ; not in

L.M.; Gaz. 1865 to date; MHSC. vol 17.

PHOTOS: none

MUNIC. records found: none

Remarks: According to Minn. State Gaz. for 1878-9  
Gopher Prairie was five miles<sup>+</sup> west of Wabasha.  
It is indicated as P.O. in Gaz. 1865.

## GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

## GLASGOW

Township: Glasgow

Location: T.110 N.;R. 11 W.; S. 18

Estab: 1860

Platted: 1861

Organ: 1863

Extinct: 1920(Gaz 1865 to 80 )(Out 1880 to 1885)  
(in Gaz. again 1885 to 1910,not as P.O.)

P.O.estab: 1863(USPG. 1863 to 1880)(not in L.M.)

P.O.remov: 1880(P.O.estab; 1867,M&amp;C p.90)

Reason settled: farming

R<sup>e</sup>f: on 1874 Hist. map of Wab.Co. not on maps of  
1896,1913,1915; USPE 1855 to date; L.M.1889 to date

GAZ. 1865 to date; M & C.1870; Hill 1884; MHSC vol 17

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: History of Wabasha Co. M. & C. 1870,  
p. 90, states: "That P.O. of Glasgow was established  
1867", however. U.S.P.G. should be better auth-  
ority, 1863. Also indicated as P. 6 in 1865  
Gaz. p. 295.

GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

HYDE PARK

Township: Guilford(1874 Hist. map) or Gillford

Location: T. 110,N.; R. 13,W.

Estab: 1857

Platted: 1858

Organ: 1859

Extinct: 1895(Gaz.1878 to 1881 P.O. dis.)(1881 -90  
out)

P.O.estab: 1859(USPG. 1859 to 1881)(not in L.M.)

P.O.remov: 1881

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Maps of Wab. Co. 1874 Hist. map. only.;

M.S.Gaz. 1865 to date; USPG. 1855 to date;

L.M.1889 to date; M.&C.1870 & Hill 1884; MHSC  
vol 17.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none except twshp. p.104 M&C

Remarks: Hist. of Wab. Co. M.&.C. states -that this village was in Hyde Park township; 1874 map gives it in Guilford, in southern central part(p. 104)

## GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO

## LINCOLN

Township: Gillford (or Guilford, Hist. map.1874)

Location: T. 110,N.; R. 14, W.

Estab: 1859 about

Platted: 1860 "

Organ: 1861 "

Extinct: 1885(Gaz. 1865 to 1880)(out 1880)

P.O.estab: 1863 (USPG1863 to1877)(Not in L.M.)

P.O.remov: 1877(P.O.estab: 1859 M.&C. Hist. Wab. cco  
p.87)(Gaz. 1865 as P.O. )

Reason settled: farming

Ref: OK on Hist. map of Wab. Co.1874 only, not on  
1896,1913, 1915 maps. US Gaz. 1865 to date; USPG  
1855 to date;L.M. 1889 to date;Hist. Wab. Co.

M.&.C. 1870 and Hill 1884; OK in MHSC vol. 17

Photos: none

Munic records found: none

Remarks: As this village appears only on the 1874 Hist. map of Wabasha Co., 1877 for removal of P.O. would be about right. It would seem 1863 (USPG) would be correct for estab. of P.O. Probably the spelling Guilford came from same town in Conn.

## GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

LYON (later called Lyon Mills)

Township: Highland

Location: T. 109,N.; R. 11,W.

**ESSAB:** 1860 about

Platted: 1862 "

Organ: 1863 "

Extinct: 1891 (Gaz. OK 1865 to 1885, then out)

P.O.estab: 1863(USPG 1863 to 1877)(1864 M&amp;C,p.101)

P.O.remov: 1877(Gaz.OK 1865 as P.O.)

REason settled: Grist mills and farming

Ref; This village appears on Hist. map 1874 as P.O

not on maps 1896,1913,1915; USPGxl855 to date;

L.M. 1889 to date; U.S.Gaz. 1865 to date;

Minn. H.S.C. vol. 17; M & C Hist. of Wab. Co.  
and Hill 1884.

Photos: none

Munic records found: none

Remarks: In the last two Gaz examined this village  
is ~~referred~~ referred to as Lyon Mills, again some-  
times called Lyon, and Lyons. Mitchell & Curtis  
History of Wab. Co. 1870 indicates P. O. estab.  
1864; USPG 1863

GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

McCRACKEN (R.R. sta. named after W.M. McCracken,  
M. & C. p. 89 )

Township: Glasgow

Location: T. 110,N.; R. 11, W.

Estab: platted: organ: Probably never platted.

Extinct: P.O. estab: P. O. remov: no data

Reason settled: railroad center

Ref: Wab. Co. maps show name only, 1874 Hist. Map,  
not on 1896 map, OK 1915, bu not on 1913; MHSC vol  
17; USPG 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz. 1865  
to date; M.&.C. Hist. Wab. Co. & Hill

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: Hill & Co. Hist. Wab. Co. says: " Good-  
ly number of villages sprung up along the line of  
the Midland R.R. - Glasgow, McCracken, Forest Mound,  
Tracey, (later Lakey), Funk," p. 638

GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

PAUSELIM

Township: Greenfield

Platted : 1863

early village superseded by Kellogg

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

## GHOST TOWNS

## TEPEEOTAH

(Wabasha Co.)

"The Wabasha Herald says 'Ex-Gov. Ford of Ohio, whose death at Washington we recorded last week, was well known to many of our older citizens, as the FOUNDER OF TEPEEOTAH. He came out from Ohio with big prospects of building a city there; erected several buildings, among them a large hotel, steam saw mill, & c, & c., but his enterprise proved a failure---Wabasha was too near---and he returned to his home in Ohio disgusted with Minnesota. His improvements were burned by incendiaries, a few years after, and all that is now left of TEPEEOTAH is the farm of S.C. Tennis, Esq.'" (Mpls Tribune, March 17, 1868 - p2, col. 2)

GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

PAWSELIN or PAWSELINE (later Kellogg)

Township: Greenfield

Location: T. 110,N.;R. 10,W.

Estab: 1862

Platted: 1863(M&C p.96)(Hill &Co. p.884)

Organ: 1864

Extinct: 1880(Gaz. 1865 to 1880)(Gaz. gives B.O.1865)

P.O.estab: 1862(USPG 1862 to 1871)(OK M.&.C. 1862  
as P.O. p. 96)

P.O.remov: 1871

Reason settled: farming and railroad

Ref: Not on Wab. Co. ~~xxxx~~ maps 1874,1896 or 1915

OK as Kellogg, 1913; M.&.C.Hist. of Wab. Co. and  
Hill & Co. 1884; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M.1889

to date;Gaz. 1865 to date; MSH.C.vol. 17; Not on  
Geographic map by Winchell 1882-85 but OK as Kellogg  
Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: Mitchell & Curtis Hist. of Wab. Co. p.  
96 says, "Pawselin was platted in 1863." This  
village is mentioned in M.H.S.C.vol.17; Hist. of  
Wab. Co. 1884 says: "Laid out 1863; P.O. 1862,  
but R.R. killed village, as it drew people farther  
east(p. 884) to Kellogg."

## GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

## PLEASANT PRAIRIE

Township: Zumbro

Location: T. 109, N.; R. 13, W.

Estab: not known. (Not in Gaz.)

Platted: 1856 (M.&amp;C. Hist. Wab. Co.)

Organ: not known

Extinct: 1875 about

P.O. estab: 1859 (U.S.P.G. to 1865) (out 1867) *12/2/57*P.O. remov: 1865 - *11/25/64*

Reason settled: farming

Ref: not on Hist. of Wab. Co. maps 1874, 1896, 1913  
and 1915; or in L.M. 1889 to date; or Gaz. 1865 to  
date; OK in U.S.P.G. 1859 to 1865; M.&C. Hist  
Wab. Co. & Hill & Co.; M.H.S.C. vol. 17, not  
indicated.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: Pleasant Prairie is referred to in Hill & Co. Hist. Wab. Co. (p.1268) and in M.&C. says platted 1856. Under Societies of Zumbro Twsp. p.1268, "Pleasant Prairie Grange No. 56" Village is indicated in Hist. Wab. Co. Hill & Co. In March 1861 high water divided towns of Zumbro and Hyde Park.

## GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

TEEPEEOTA or TEEPEEOTAH (Island Town)

Township: ~~Greenfield~~ Greenfield

Location: T. 110,N.; R. 10,W.

Estab: 1855

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1858

Extinct: 1860 (Not in M.S. Gaz.)

P.O.estab: 1859(USPG 1859 to 1861)(Not in L.M.)

P.O.remov: 1861

Reason settled: mercantile

Ref: not on any of the Wab. Co. maps 1874,1896,  
1913,1915; Hist. Wab. Co. by M.&C. 1870 and Hill  
& Co. 1884; M.H.S.C. vol.17; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date  
L.M. 1889 to date; M.S.Gaz. 1865 to date.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: This village on island Miss. R. delta of the Z umbro R. was four miles below Wabasha and was formerly encampment of Chief Wa-pa-shaw's band named from "teepee" house and "otah" ,many.

Plans were made for a city larger than Wabasha. Great land speculation but panic of 1857-8 sunk lots worth \$500 to \$5. & some land to \$5 per acre Place burned by outlaws in 1859. (M.&C. pp. ~~945~~ 94-5 and Hill & Co. p. 883.

GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

TEPEEOTA

Township: Greenfield

Location: on an island of the Mississippi

Estab: 1856

Extinct: 1857-59

its hopes came to naught by the financial panic of 1857.

On a March night in 1859, its deserted sawmill, three - story hotel, stores, etc., mostly then empty, were burned by incendiarism.

GHOST TOWN

WABASHA CO.

WOODLAND (9 miles east of Elgin)

Township: Plainview

Location: T. 108, N.; R. 12, W.

Estab: 1860 about

Platted: 1861 "

Organ: 1862 "

Extinct: 1885 (Gaz. 1865 to 1879) (Out 1880)

P.O. Estab: ~~1861~~ (U.S.P.G. 1861 to 1875) (not in L.M.)

P.O. Remov: 1875 (OK as P. O. in Gaz. 1865) 6/17/15

Reason settled: farming

Ref: not ~~xxx~~ on any Wab. Co. maps for 1874, 1896

1913, and 1915; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889

to date; Gaz. 1865 to date; M.&C. Hist of Wab.

Co. and Hill & Co. M.H.S.C. vol. 17. L. M. map

map of Minn. for 1887.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: Woodland is given in the 1878-9 M.S.  
Gaz. as nine miles east of Elgin. Otherwise there  
seems to be no reference to establishment etc.-  
probably about 1861. L.M. map for 1887 gives the  
village of Woodland as east of Elgin.

## GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

## WEST NEWTON

Township: ~~Minnieska~~ Minnieska

Location: T. 109 N.; R. 9, W.

Estab: 1853

Platted: 1853

Organ: 1854 (M.&amp;C.p.121-2 expired 1857)

Extinct: 1857 (Gaz. no mention)

P.O.Estab: 1856(USP.B.1857to 58)(M.&amp;C.1853,p.122)

P.O. Remov:1858 (not in U.S.P.R. for 1855)

Reason settled: speculation and mercantile.

R<sub>e</sub>f: Hist. Wab. Co. M.&C. 1870 and Hill & Co.1884; M.H.S.C.vol.17; on Wab. Co. maps 1896 only  
as West Newton Bay, not 1874, OK 1913 as West  
Newton, not 1915; U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; <sup>e</sup>

L.M. 1889 to date and M.S. Gaz. 1865 to date. West  
Newton is shown on map of Minn. "St. Paul Adver-  
tiser, 1855 to 1858, bound volume.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: This village was named from the wreck of  
a steamboat lying in the Miss. R. but a few yards  
from town site. She sank shortly before in shallow  
water and her name was plainly visible. Eastern  
speculators bough "city lots" and were sadly dis-  
illusioned. Village site expired 1857; water swept  
over it. M.&C. pp.121-2

GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

WEST ALBANY

Township: West Albany

Location: T. 110, N.; R. 12 W.; S. 29.

Estab: 1855

Platted: 1857 (plat not recorded. see M.&C.p.147)

Organ: 1858

Extinct: 1920 (Gaz. 1865 to 1883 out P.O.) (Gaz. to 1908)

P.O. Estab: 1859 (U.S.P.G. 1859 to 1883) (Not in L.M.)

P.O. remov: 1883

Reason settled: farming

Ref: on all Wab. Co. maps for 1874, 1896, 1913 and 1915; Hist. Wab. Co. M.&C. (1870) and Hill & Co. (1884) M.E.S.C. vol. 17. and U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1889 to date; U.S. <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>GAZ. 1865 to date.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: Hist. of Wab. Co. M.&C. (1870) p. 147  
says: " In winter 1858-9 portion of North Zumbro  
was joined to the town of West Albany but set back  
later by Legislature in 1867." Probably refers to  
township.

GHOST TOWNS

WABASHA CO.

WATOPA

Township: Watopa

Location: T. 109 N.; R.10,W.

Estab: 1855 (township)

Platted:1857

Organ: 1858

Extinct: 1885 (Gaz. OK 1865 to 1880)(as P.O.1865 Gaz.)

P.O.Estab: 1859(USPG 1859 to 1863)(not in L.M.)

P.O.remov: 1863

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Not on Wab. Co. maps 1874,1896,1913 or 1915.

U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; L.M. 1882~~9~~to date; M.S. G<sub>z</sub>

1865 to date; M.&.C. Hist. Wab. Co.and Hill &

Co. 1884; M.H.S.C. vol. 17

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: Watopa means "to paddle a canoe". Township was settled in 1855; the only reference to a town is in the M S. Gaz. of 1870, 72, 73, 78, & '79 and 1880 1881. Out 1880-1 Gaz.

GHOST TOWNS

WADENA CO,

OYE (discontinued P.O.)

Township: Lyons

Ref: MHSC VOL. **17**

GHOST TOWNS

WADENA CO.

OYLEN (discontinued P.O.)

Township: Lyons

Ref: MHSC.Vol 17

GHOST TOWNS

WASECA CO.

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JANESVILLE

In Historical Records Survey files there is a large hand drawn map of Old Janesville, sent in Nov. 12, 1938, by Agnes Sheehan. Also a 13 page history of the old town and 3 pages of old settler history, sent in at same time. Mostly rambling discourse. Most important facts have been picked out and set down on this card record. OSM

OLD JANESVILLE, according ~~to~~ to the map above, covered parts of S ections, 27, 28, 29, 30.

According to the above history, which is not dated, a hill northwest of town (presumably modern Janesville) is known as "The Old Town" which thrived

as a village for 14 years, then faded away and is now only a memory.

1854 a govt. surveyor laid out plat of a town on S . 28 for Father Valdo, a French Catholic Priest, who called it Peoplis, advertised it in Eastern papers and sold some lots. 1856 a Frenchman, Caesar De Regan, got possession of townsite, surveyed an addition to original plat, some of it laid out on the ice of Lake Elysian. He called this town S<sup>1</sup>. Caesar, later changed it to New Albany. Shortly afterward came J W. Hosmer with an old up and down "Mully" saw-mill and bought half interest in townsite. Called it Janesville from the Wisconsin town from which he came. It was also known at first as "Ike Terrill Trading Post" from old Ike Terrill's,

## OLD JANESVILLE (cont.)

a half breed Negro and Indian, trading shanty. Fall of 1857 there were 8 or 10 log huts scattered about the woods on west side of outlet. Most conspicuous bldg. was on island east of outlet where "Pach Nena" or "Fire water" was sold to the Indians. 1856 a road was cut thru from Tivoli to Mankato, 1857 road cut thru from Tivoli to Old Janesville. Township of Janesville organized 1858 with two polling places, one at Okaman and other at Old Janesville, at Caesar ~~De~~ <sup>E</sup> Reagan. A hotel was built in 1858 and run by the Merrill family for years. 1874 G. W. Allyn put a 37 ton double deck steamer on Lake Elysian and made dail trips to Elysian and Okaman for freight and passengers.

When railroad was built it killed the boat business. It is said that one of the James and Younger gang stopped in Janesville at the time of the Northfield bank robbery and had his horse shod with the shoes backwards so his tracks would look as if he were going the opposite direction. Old Town had a number of saloons, cause of usual brawls and misery. First school house was large accomodating as many as 100 pupils. Summer of 1867 probably wettest season ever experienced in Waseca Co. Remarkable lumbering operation effected which perhaps will never be duplicated. Raft of lumber was made up at Okaman, floated down the lake past the Old Town, down the outlet to Le Sueur river, down this to the Minnesota river and thence to

## OLD JANESVILLE (cont.)

Mankato.

E.R. Tuttle operated a lime kiln with an annual product of from one to two hundred barrels. His brick yard produced from 100,000 to 400,000 bricks per year.

When the railroad was surveyed and the depot located on the low ground south of where road now goes up the hill, a boom started that brought many new opportunists. Bert Hosmer wanted a good price for the grounds, but there were others at the location of the new town who were willing to donate the lands in return for having the railroad so the railroad company went back east of the new

town a mile and turned south and then back again striking the original survey just east of Smith's Mill. That day sounded the death knell of the Old Town. Some of the buildings were moved to the new site, some were burned, some were bought by farmers and moved and served as farm buildings.

Population of Janesville twsp. in 1875 was 764 and of New Janesville village, 678.

GHOST TOWNS

WASECA CO.

OKAMAN

Township: Janesville

Location: on northeast shore of Lake Elysian S. 1

Platted: May 1857

extended also north into the edge of Le Sueur Co.

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

WASECA CO.

OTISCO

Township: Otisco

Estab:

Platted: ~~May 1857~~ July 1857

in addition to this former village there is another  
Otisco, a railway village dating from the building  
of the M & St. L. rwy in 1877

Ref: MHSC vol. 17.

GHOST TOWNS

EAGLE CITY

EAGLE CITY (WASHINGTON?) Daily Minnesotan,  
Feb. 2, 1855

GHOST TOWNS

LAKELAND

(Washington Co.)

"----The Baptist Church of Lakeland is building a church edifice, octagon in form, with a steeple of the same style." (Mpls Tribune, Mar. 22, 1868 - p2, col. 4)

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GHOST TOWN

LAKELAND

*(Washington)*

"On Sunday last, the new Baptist church edifice in Lakeland, was dedicated with appropriate services. .... This is an octagon building with a beautiful tower and spire running up from the ground in front of the main building. The church cost \$25,000, and will seat 200 persons." (Mpls Tribune, June 6, 1869 - p2, col. 2)

GHOST TOWN

LAKELAND (Washington co.)

"LAKELAND - In Washington County Minnesota is one of the most beautiful village sites in the St. Croix Valley. ....It is surrounded by a country unsurpassed for agricultural purposes, and rapidly filling up with an industrious farming community. It already contains one large steam saw mill, driving two upright saws, several rotaries, lath machine, etc., a large, fine school house, blacksmith shop, harness, carpenter, and other kinds of mechanical shops....." (Daily Minnesotian, April 22, 1856 - pp2, col. 3)

GHOST TOWNS

POINT DOUGLAS<sup>S</sup> (Washington Co.)

"SAW MILL PURCHASE: -- The Stillwater Gazette thinks John Dudley, of St. Anthony, has made a good investment by purchasing the extensive and valuable saw mill property of Steven Gardner at Point Douglas. The mill and fixtures are nearly new, and cost \$38,000, but were purchased by Mr. Dudley for \$10,500. The machinery is propelled by steam. There are seventy-five gang saws, about fifteen rotary x saws, two lath machines, edgers, etc., all in complete running order. There is also included a large blacksmith shop with all the tools and outfit complete, besides 20 lots upon which the property stands, included in the purchase." Mpls Tribune, Seb. 1, 1872 - p4, col. 3)

GHOST TOWNS

WASHINGTON CO.

POINT DOUGLAS

Location: near Point Douglas at the west side of  
the mouth of Lake St. Croix

Platted: Aug. 18, 1849

GHOST TOWNS

WASHINGTON CO.

VASA

Township: Vasa

Platted: 1856

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

WILKIN CO.

McCAULEYVILLE

Township: McCauleyville

Location: on the Red river opposite to the site of  
Fort Abercrombie

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

WILKIN CO.

MANSTON

Township: Manston

former railway village

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Investigated by Edward A. Blomfield, Nov. 1937.

Explanation:

1. Not any of the villages in this survey are incorporated from 1890 to date, according to L.M. for 1905 p.539.

2. Reference maps used are: Bennett and Smith, Plat book 1867, Historical Atlas 1874, Foote & Co. Atlas 1894, Webb, & Co. Atlas 1914 and Hudson's map. 1928 Also Winchell's Geologic map 1872-82 and Rice R.R. map of Minn. 1872.

3. Abbreviations used as follows: "C.W." for Curtiss-Wedge, History of Winona; "L.M. for Legislative Manual; "U.S.P.G." for United States Postal Guide

"U.S.O.R." for United States Official Register;  
"Gaz" for Minnesota State Gazateer; "C.P.O." for  
Country Post Office.

4. Where "no record", or "don't know" appears in  
survey of villages, interpretation is that unable  
to find anything in references indicated; also  
references cited have been examined.

5. investigate Fairwater, Fremont, Grover, Hart &  
Pickwick, which appear in Gaz. (1927) the last  
published, but from other references are question-  
able as to present existence.

6. Winona county has a good many early settlements  
found mostly in the U.S.P.G. for 1857 and 1859,  
which may be merely farm houses or perhaps a store  
as no record of "establishment" is given;

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GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

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etc. is given; another factor is, that  
C.W. p. 208-9 gives a number of villages that were  
"platted" at an early date and very little more can  
be found about them.

## GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

## ALMON

Township: Warren

Location: T. 106, N.; R. 8, W.

Estab: Platted: Organ: no record

Extinct: by 1920 (Ok in Gaz. 1902 to 1914 then out)

P.O. estab: 1896 (Gaz. C.P.O 1902, then out, 1904 to 1914)

P.O. remov: 1905 (L.M. OK. 1900; USPG OK 1896 to 1900 )  
(Gaz. C.P.O. 1902) (Out Gaz. P.O. 1904)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Gaz. 1865 to date; U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; L.M.

1889 to date; C.W.; Co. maps; not on Winchells G<sup>E</sup>o.

map 1872-82; OK on Hudson's map 1928; OK Foote &amp; Co.

1894 &amp; Webb Co. 1914 but not on Hist. Atlas 1874.

or Rice's R.R. map of 1872

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: In the research work of villages in Winona Co. ran across East Almon, but as it can't be verified or any references found, it is not included.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

ARGO (7 miles from Lewiston)

Township: Fremont

Location: T. 105, N.; R. 9, W.

Estab: Platted: Organ: no record

Extinct: by 1910

P.O. estab: 1865 (in U.S.P.G. also 1867 to 1876)

P.O. remov: 1880 (Gaz. OK 1870 and 1878 as P.O.)  
(out as P.O. 1880 to 1904)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Gaz. 1865 to date; U.S.P.G. 1857 to date;

C.W. and maps—not on Winchell's Geo. map 1872-82;  
or Hudson's 1928; or Webb Atlas 1914; OK Hist. At-  
las 1874 in Fremont Twsp.

Remarks: The 1865 U S. Official Register says for Argo P.O. "no returns in compensation of balance due U.S." There is no mention of village on any map except Hist. map. 1874, that have been able to find.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

ASHTON (as P.O. 1894 Foote & Co. Atlas)

Township: Pleasant Hill

Location: T. 105, N.; R. 6, W.

Established no record (possibly 1890; P.O. estab. 1895)

Platted: Organ: no record.

Extinct: Probably about 1920

P.O. estab: 1895 (in L.M. 1895 and 1900)

(U.S.P.G. OK 1896 and 1900)

P.O. remov: 1904 (Ok Gaz. 1902, CPO; then out 1904  
to 1908)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz.

1865 to date; no ref. to Ashton in C.W.; Maps of Co ;  
not in Winchell's Geo. map 1872-82

or Hudson's 1928 or Webb's 1914(Ok Foote & Co.  
1894) or Hist. Atlas 1874.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: If P.O. was established ~~ix~~ about 1895  
town was probably settled about 1890

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

BARNESVILLE

Township: Location: Estab: Platted: Organ: no record  
probably a residence or store  
extinct: probably by 1880

P.O. estab: 1859 (U.S.P.G. only reference and date)

P.O. remov: by 1865 (out U.S.O.R. 1865)

Reason settled: probably farming

Ref: no record of Barnesville on any maps available  
including Hist. Atlas 1874; U.S.P.G. 1859 seems to  
be the only reference; none in L.M or Gaz. Not men -  
in C.W.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

This is one of those villages mentioned only once in U.S.P.G. 1859. It may mean just a farm house used for a P.O. with Barnesville as station name only.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

CAROLIA

Township: St. Charles

Location: T. 106 N.; R. 10, W. S. 34.

Estab: no record

Platted: 1856 (C.W. p. 208)

Organ: no record

Extinct: probably by 1865

P.O. estab: P.O. remov: no record.

Reason settled: probably farming

Ref: only ref. given this village is in C.W. p.

208. Not on Foote&Co. Atlas 1894 or on Winchell's 72-82  
or Webb, 1914, or Hist. Atlas 1874. No mention of

village is made in U.S.P.G. or L.M. or Gaz.

Not on Winona Co. Plat Book 1867.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: Only record of this town is in C.W. p.  
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GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

CATLIN (possibly later became village of Richmond )

Township: Location: no record

(possibly Richmond twsp. see Hist. Coll. vol.17,p.583)

Estab: 1854

Platted: July 11, 1854 (C.W. p.207)

Organ: no record

Extinct: no doubt Ghost Town, out by 1865

P.O.Estab: 1855(In U.S.O.R. 1855 and 57)

P.O.remov: by 1860 (not mentioned after 1857 USBG)

Reason settled: probably speculation.

Ref: Only ref. given to this village is in C.W.

p.207 and name of Geo. Catlin, Minn. H.C. vol.

17 p. 583 Not mentioned in U.S.P.G. or L.M. or

Gaz. or on maps of Foote & Co. Atlas for 1894 or on Winchell's map of Winona 1872-82, or Webb 1914 or Winona Co. 1867 or Hist. map 1874.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: This village site consisted of seven blocks  
The above U.S.O.R. 1857 was probably confiscated  
from Jeff Davis private library(see book cover)

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

CENTERVILLE (name changed to Witoka in 1855, see  
Bunnell, Hist. of Winona p. 462)

Township: Wilson

Location: T. 106 N.; R. 7, W.; S. 35.

Estab: 1852 (first settlers)

Platted: 1855

Organ: 1856

Extinct: 1855 (changed to Witoka) later

P.O. estab: P.O. remov: no record

Note: Apparently Witoka was the PO for Centerville

See Bennett Smith map of Win. Co. for 1867, Wilson  
twsp. This explains remarks below. )

Ref: This village not recorded in U.S.P.G. or L.M.  
or Gaz. However, it is shown on Webb Atlas map

of Winona for 1914; also on Winchell's geo. map  
1872-82, also Hudson's 1928, M.H.S.C. vol. 17  
p.582, "Centerville is a hamlet in the S.E. part  
of Wilson Twsp." OK Foote & Co. map 1894 and Hist.  
Atlas 1874. and 1867 Atlas.

Photos: none

Munic records: none

Remarks: Apparently this village never had a PO.  
There should be more references as the village is  
on nearly every map examined.

## GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

## CHATTANOOGA

Township: St. Charles

Location: T. 106,N.; R. 10,W . ; S. ~~12~~ 19

Estab: 1858 (twsp)

Platted: Sept. 1863. ◊ C.W. p. 209 only reference)

Organ: no record

Extinct: by 1875, probably

P.O. estab: P.O remov: no record

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Only reference given to this village is in  
C.W. p. 209; Not mentioned on Foote Atlas 1894 or  
on Winchell's Geo. map 1872-82. No mention is made  
of this village in U.S.P.G. L.M. or Gaz. or Hist.  
Atlas 1874 or Atlas 1867.

Photos: none

Munic records: none

Remarks: probably ghost town.

## GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

CLYDE (as Clyde P.O. Foote &amp; Co. Atlas 1894)

Township: Saratogo (Fremont twsp. as P.O. Hist. Atlas  
1874)

Location: T. 105,N.; R. 10,W.; S. 18,19

Estab: 1854

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1855

Extinct: by 1920

P.O. estab: 1876 (L.M. OK 1889 to 1900, out 1905)

(U.S.P.G. 1876 to 1900, out 1905)

P.O. remov: 1905 (Gaz. OK P.O. 1878 to 1902; out  
1904 to 1914 as P.O. only)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; L.M. 1889 and Gaz.

1865 to 1927; Maps. OK Hudson's 1928, Webb 1914,  
C.W. not mentioned; not on Winchell's Geo. map  
1872-82, in Fremont twsp. OK. Hist. map. 1874;  
not on Win. Co. map 1867.

Photos: none

Munic records: none

Remarks: This village on Minn. Hist. map 1874 is gi  
given in Fremont twsp. as P.O.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

CROSS ROADS

Township: Location: no record

Estab: 1865 (only date in Gaz. 1865 and U.S.P.G.)

Platted: Organ: Extinct: no record

P.O. estab: 1865 (Gaz. OK 1865 U.S.P.G.)

P.O. remov: 1865 (U.S.O.R. says "no returns-discontinued")

Reason settled: farming

Ref: The only record for this village is in the 1865 Gaz. Not mentioned in U.S.P.G.; L.M.; or on any maps that can be found. However, it is given in the U.S. O R. for 1865

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: The name of this village is given in  
U.S. O.R. for 1865, "discontinued, no returns,  
compensation, bal. due U.S."

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

DIXSON

Township: St. Charles

Location: T. 106,N.; R. 10,W.; S. 2

Estab: no record

Platted: 1857 (C.W. p. 209)

Organ: no record

Extinct: probably early in the sixties

P.O.estab: P.O. remov: no record

Reason settled: probably for speculation

Rêf: This village is mentioned in C.W. p. 209

only. Not in U.S.P.G. or L.M. or Gaz. Not shown

on any maps of 1872,82, 1914,1928, 1867 1874

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: This village was platted by J.W. Barrett,  
May 6, 1857 for the proprietor Perry Dickson. Directly  
east of St. Charles.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

EAGLE BLUFF

Township: Dresbach

Location: T. 105, N.; R. 4 W.

Estab: no record

Platted: Nov. 1897 ( C.W. p. 209)

Organ: no record

Extinct: probably by 1890

P.O. estab: Feb. 22, 1855 (U.S.O R. 1855, U.S. O.G.  
1859, Blue Book 1857-8)

P.O. remov: 1880 (in Gaz. 1878 only)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: This village according to the 1878-79 Gaz.  
was in the S.E. part of co. 5 miles S.E. of  
Dakota. No maps, however, show the name of this

village. It must have been in Dresbach twsp.  
U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date; L.M.  
1889 to date; Not shown on Winchell's map 1872-82  
or Hist. Atlas 1874 or other maps of co. includ-  
ing 1867 map. ~~xxxx1855xx~~

Photos: none

~~xxxx~~ Munic. records: none

Remarks: Eagle Bluff and Catlin two towns in  
1855 U.S.O.R.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

ENTERPRISE

Township: Utica (under "early Events" p. 588 C.W.  
note P.O. established ~~at~~ homes only)

Location: T. 106, N. ; R. 9 W.

Estab: 1854 (Gaz. 1890-91)

Platted: 1856

Organ: 1855

P.O. estab: 1865 (L.M.O.K 1889 out 1900) (to 1900;  
out 1905, U.S.P.G.)

P.O. remov: 1902 (Gaz. OK P.O. 1865 to 1890-91; out 1902

Extinct: by 1914. (Gaz. OK 1902 to 08, no P.O.  
then out)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: M.H.S.C. vol. 17, says: "Enterprise is a  
hamlet in the southeast edge of Utica" U.S.P.G.

1857 to date; L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz. 1865 to 1927;  
C.W. Hudson Map. OK 1928, Winchell's Geo. map 1872-82;  
Webb Co. Atlas 1914; Foote & Co. 1867; Hist. Map 1874

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: After 1908 this village is not mentioned  
in Gaz!s. Has no record of incorporation since  
1900.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

FAIRWATER (earliest record, L.M. 1889)

(in C.W. has mill & school only)

Township: Elba

Location: T. 107, N.; R. 10. W.

Estab: no record (see C.W. p. 542)

Platted: no record

Organ: probably about 1886

Extinct: 1927 Gaz. (see footnote)

P.O. estab: (L.M. 1889) (in U.S.P.G. 1900 to 1905)  
(L.M. out 1909)

P.O. remov: 1909 (Gaz. 1890 to 1904) (not in 1909  
U.S.P.G.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: this village not mentioned in M.H.S.C. vol.17

OK Foote Atlas 1894 as P.O. and Webb Atlas 1914 but not Hist. Map. 1867 or 1874; hence should be investigated; Village OK in L.M. in U.S P.G. and Gaz. to 1927, last edit. as indicated above.

Photos: none

~~Munic~~ Munic. records: none

Remarks: The above vilage, 9 miles N. W. of Altura and 3 miles west of Alba, is not given on Hudson's map of 1928. However, it is given in the 1927 Gaz. not on Winchell's Geo. Map 1872-82; OK Webb atlas 1914.

## GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

FARMERVILLE (probably farm house and P.O.)

Township: Location: Estab: Platted: Organ: Extinct:  
not known -no record

P.O. estab: 1857 (and 1859 only in U.S.P.G.)

P.O. remov: by 1865

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Examined U.S.P.G.; L.M.; Gaz.; Winchell Geo. map;  
C.W.; Hudson's 1928; Webb 1914 and various other  
sources. Only place mentioned in U.S.P.G. for  
1857 and 1859. Not on hist. maps 1867 or 1874.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: This village is given in the U.S.P.G.

for 1857 and 1859 only. There seems to be no other references.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

FRANK HILL

Township: Warren

Location: T. 106, N.; R. 8 W.

Estab: 1858 (probably same as County)

Platted: 1859 probably

Organ: 1860 "

Extinct: by 1910

P.O. Estab: 1859 (in U.S.P.G. 1859 to 1876)  
(C.W. p. 585)

P.O. remov: by 1896 (Gaz. 1865 to 1890) (Ok 1889 L.M.)

Reason for settle: farming

Ref: Not mentioned in M.H.S.C. vol. 17; further  
investigation indicated village OK in Gaz. 1865

and runs to 1904 as discontinued P.O. then out;  
OK 1889 L.M. as P.O. and U.S.P.G. starts 1859 and  
goes thru to 1876. Can find no record of estab. or  
organ. but if P.O. estab. 1859, probably village  
1858. OK on Hist. map 1874 as P.O. but not on Webb  
1914 or Foote 1894.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: Mentioned as discontinued P.O. in Gaz. for  
1904 (not in 1914 Gaz.) Hist. of Winona & Olmsted  
Co's p. 590 says: "Warren twsp. has no village  
settlements whatever." pub. 1883.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

FREMONT (needs further investigation)

(First P.O. est. 1857 on Sec. 2 at a village known as Neoca(long since abandoned) hist. Win. & Olm. co. p. 609.)

Township: Fremont

Location: T. 105, N.; R. 4, W.; S. 28.

Estab: 1854 (see C.W. p. 555 for village)

Platted: Oct. 1856 (C.W. p. 208)

Organ: 1855

Extinct: (in 1927 Gaz.) (not in 1914 Gaz. or L.M.  
or U.S.P.G.)

P.O. Estab: 1896 (in U.S.P.G. 1876 to 1905)

P.O. remov: 1909 (Gaz. Ok 1878 to 1904 as P.O.  
as village thru to 1927)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; L.M. 1889 to date;

Gaz. 1865 to 1927(last) ; C.W. ; maps: not shown  
on Winchell's Geo. 1872-82 but OK Hudson's 1928  
and Webb's 1914, Foote Atlas as P.O. but not Hist.  
map 1874 or 1867.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none, no early officers

Remarks: Fremont is mentioned in ~~1927~~ 1927 Gaz.  
with reference to Utica. It gives only a creamery  
in village.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

GRAY EAGLE

Township: Warren

Location: T. 106 N.; R. 8 W.

Estab: no record. probably 1858

PLATTED: Organ: Extinct: no record

P.O. estab: 1859(U.S.P.G. this date only)

P.O. remov: (not mentioned in Gaz. or Leg. M. )

Reason settled: not known

Ref: Examination made of U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; L.M

1889 to date; GAz. 1865 to 1927; C.W. ;Maps, none

of which 1872-82, 1914,1928, 1867 or 1874 show

the name of this village.

Photos: none

Munic. records : none

Remarks: Probably a ghost town, short-lived and not organ. Frank Hill P.O. estab; about 1859 (see C.W. p. 585)

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

GROVER (see foot note)

Township: Fremont

Location: T. 105 N. ; R. 9.W. S.29.

Estab: 1880 probably

Platted: Organ: no record.

Extinct: In Gaz. 1927. (no business firms mentioned)

P.O. estab: 1886 (OK L. M. 1889. U.S.P.G. 1886  
to 1900; out 1905)

P.O. remov: 1905 (Gaz. OK 1890 to 1927 as village)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Winchell Geo. map. 1872-82 not indicated; OK

Hudson's & Webb's 1928 and 1914 and Foote 1894;

W. C. ; U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; L.M. 1889 to date;

Gaz. 1865 to 1927(last) Not on Hist. 1874 or 1867  
maps.

Photos: none

~~Munic.~~ Munic. records: none

Remarks: The village of Grover in Gaz. 1927 refers to Utica as P O. etc. but no reference is made to any business firm in Grover.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

HART needs more investigation

Township: Hart

Location: T. 105,N.; R. 8,W.; S.23. (Hist. map. 1874)

Estab: 1860 (Gaz. settled in 1860)

Platted:1862 (C.W.p.538, no dates)

Organ: 1861

Extinct:Discontinued P. O. in 1927 Gaz. (last)

P.O.estab: 1876(OK 1889 L.M.) (C.W. p. 538)

( U.S.P.G. 1876 to 1905)

P.O.remov: 1909 (Gaz. OK. 1870 to 1904)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: C.W.; U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; L.M. 1889 to date;

Gaz. 1865 to date; maps-not on Winchell's geo. 1872-

82; Ok Hudson's 1928 and Foote 1894, also Hist.

1874 but not on Webb. 1914.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: The village of Hart is OK in Gaz. for 1927(last) and refers to Rushford as P.O. etc. However only creamery and store mentioned.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

JEFFERSON (name as P.O.U.S.P.G. 1870 p. 301)

Township: Utica

Location: T. 106, N.; R. 9 W.

Estab: no record, probably about 1860

Platted: organ: no record

Extinct: by 1890

P.O. estab: 1870 (U.S.P.G. only date 1870)

P.O. remov: 1876 (in Gaz. 1878 only date not P.O.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Other than the reference above unable to trace further this village. Other ref: C.W.; L.M. 1865 to date; Maps. On none of these maps appears the name of the village.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: Only one date is given in U.S.P.G. 1857 to date and Gaz. 1865 to date. Gaz. 1878-9 says: " In the central western part of Winona co. "

"We learn from Mr. J.L. Stryker, who has just returned from a trip through the southern part of Minnesota and northern Iowa, that there is no cessation, day or night, to the steady stream of immigration into our southern and south-eastern counties. Mr. S. saw as many as sixty teams a day pushing on from the Iowa line into that fertile portion of our territory lying along Root River, and from the new town of MINNEOWAH on the Mississippi, through to Chatfield. It is really incredible to see the number of claims that have been taken up, and are already under improvement. This gentleman also informs us that as regards good soil, plenty of timber and abundance of water, he has seen no portion of Minnesota that surpasses that section lying between the Root and Mississippi rivers..."

(over)

(Daily Minnesotian - July 17, 1854 - p2, col. 2)

Note - This town might be what is now HOMER in Winona county, as Minneowah Bluff is in Homer.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

MINNOWOH

Township: Homer

Location: T. 106, N.; R. 6 W.

Estab: 1852 (C.W. p.205)

Platted: 1853 (new village platted 1855, then it became a summer colony. C.W. p. 547)

Organ: 1852

Extinct: 1860

P.O.estab: P.O. remov: no record

Reason settled: town site, later summer colony

Ref: in all the references examined, U.S.P.G;

L.M.;Gaz.;Maps; except C.W. there is no mention of this village. It had no P.O. and probably

became extinct early, about 1860.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none (no organization)

Remarks: Rival town of Montezuma (Winona) for  
some time. (C.W. p. 205)

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

NEOCA (long since abandoned, see Hist. Win. &  
Olm. Co. publ 1883, p. 609 )

Township: Fremont (see plat Bennett & Smith 1867)

Location: T. 105, N.; R. 9 W.

Estab: 1856 (first store built )

Platted: no record, 1858 probably

Organ: no record

Extinct: by 1880 (not in L.M. 1889 to date)

P.O.estab: 1859 (U.S.P.G. only as P.O.)

P.O.remov: 1865 (Gaz. 1878 only as village, not in  
1890)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: C.W.; U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; L.M. 1889 to  
date; Gaz. 1865 to date; Winchell's map of Co.

1872-82; Hist. map. 1874; Hudson's 1928; Webb  
1914; Foote 1894, not on these maps. Neoca<sup>e</sup>is  
indicated on Plat map 1867 Bennett & Smith as  
located in northern part of Fremont co.

Photos: none

Munic records: none

Remarks: the U.S.P.G. has this village in its  
1859 edition and as the county was settled early,  
1858 is probable date.

## GHOST TOWNS

## WINONA

## NEVILL

Township: Warren

Location: T. 106, N.; R. 8 W.

Estab: no record (probably about 1860)

Platted: no record

Organ: 1858 (twsp)

Extinct: by 1890

P.O. estab: 1870 (U.S.P.G. only date)

P.O. remov: 1876 (in Gaz. 1878 only and not as P.O.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: The above references seem to be the only two available. Not in L.M. 1889 to date or C.W. or any maps examined. Probably established about 1860 and became extinct sometime after 1878(gaz.)

probably by 1890.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: the twsp. of Warren was organ. in 1858.

## GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

(in 1857 in Houston Co.)

NEW BOSTON (later changed to Lewiston, Utica T.)

Township: Utica (Inc. Utica Twsp.)

Location: T. 107, N.; R. 7. W.; ( Inc. 1875 )

Estab: 1858 (as New Boston, U.S.P.G. P.O. 1870, p.301)

Platted: 1856 Organ: 1857

Extinct: 1873 as New Boston; then Lewiston

P.O. estab: 1857 (U.S.P.G. also OK 1859 and 1870)

P.O. remov: 1873 ( OK in Gaz. 1865 to 1873 )

Reason settled: farm community and railroad town

Ref: U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date;

L.M. 1889 to date; C.W.; Winchell's map 1872-82;

other maps ; ~~M.H.S.C.~~<sup>2</sup> M.H.S.C. vol. 17 etc.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: absorbed by ~~Lewiston~~Lewiston  
Remarks: M.H.S.C. vol. 17 says: Village inc. in  
1875, "was named in 1873 for S. J. Lewis, an early  
settler." (p.582) New Boston in 1857 in Houston  
Co.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

NEWPORT

Township: Rollingstone

Location: T. 108, N.; R. 8 W.

Estab: 1858

Platted: 1854 (C.W. p. 208)

Organ: 1857

Extinct: by 1865 (probably)

P.O. estab: P.O. remov: no record

Rreason settled: no record

Ref: The only reference concerning this village is in C.W. "Village platted in 1854," which usually places establishment about 1858 (same as twsp) and organization following year 1857. No record

can be found of this village in U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; L.M. 1889(first P.O.) to date; or Gaz. Not in Foote co. atlas 1894 or any co. maps.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: Not inc. since 1890.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

NORTH WARREN (P.O. only see Hist. Win & Olm. co. p590

Township: Warren

Location: T. 106, N; R. 8. W. S. 19

Estab: no record (probably 1858, same as twsp.)

Platted: Organ: no record

Extinct: by 1890

P.O. estab: 1862 (C.W. p. 585) 1865 (U.S. P.G. 1865  
and 1870) (not in U.S.P.G. 1876) (no record L.M.  
as before 1889)

P.O. remov: 1876 (Gaz. OK 1865 and 1870 P.O.)

(OK 1878 not as P.O.)

Reason settled: Farm community

Ref: U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; L.M. 1889 to date:

Gaz. 1865 to date; C.W. p.585 who thinks P.O.

estab: in 1862, while Gaz. places P.O. 1865.  
Maps, no designation. P.O. abandoned soon after  
estab: (see C.W. p. 585)  
Photos: none  
Munic. records: none  
Remarks: Village named for Warren Wilson a  
prominent early settler~~x~~ and founded probably  
after village of Warren.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

OAK RIDGE (see remarks)

Township: Mt. Vernon

Location: T. 108, N.; R. 9 W.

Estab: 1858 (twsp) (first claims filed 1855 C.W.p553

Platted: Organ: no record

Extinct: by 1920

P.O.estab: 1870(L.M. 1889 to 1905)

(U.S.P.G. 1870 to 1905;Gaz. 1865 to 1902

P.O. remov: 1905(U.S.P.G. and L.M.)

(Gaz. P.O. out 1904 to 1914)

Reason settled: Farm community

Ref: M.H.S.C vol. 17; C.W. U.S.P.G. 1857 to date;

L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz. 1865 and maps including

Winchell's Geo. 1872-82. OK Webb 1914 and Hist.

Atlas 1874 and Foote 1894.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: Apparently this village at one time was quite active, as it persists in Minn. Gaz. from 1865 to 1914, P.O. out 1904. M.H.S.C. says "Hamlet in S. part of Mt. Vernon twsp. "

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

PICKWICK

Township: Homer

Location: T. 106 N. R. 6, W. S. 13.

Estab: 1857(Gaz. 1902)(First settler 1853)(Gaz. 1856)

Platted: 1857;1879,replatted. ( C.W. p. 209)

Organ: 1858

Extinct: in 1927 Gaz.

P.O. estab. 1858 (C.W. p.548)(OK 1889 to 1911 L.M.)  
(OK 1865 to 1905 U.S.P.G.)

P.O. remov. by 1912. (Gaz. P.O. 1865 to 1908 then out  
but village OK to 1927(last)

Reason settled: farming and mills

Ref: Minn. census reports and U.S.P.G. 1857 to

date; L.M. 1889 to date; Gaz. 1865 to date; C.W.  
Winchell's map.geo. 1872-82; Foote 1894; Webb 1914  
Hudson's 1928 OK, as well as Co. map. 1874 & 1867  
atlas.

Photos: none

Munic records: none

Remarks: named from "Pickwick Papers" published  
serially by Charles Dickens in 1836 -37.

## GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

## PUTNAM

Township: Location: Estab: Platted: Organ: no record  
Extinct: probably by 1875

P.O.estab: 1857 (U.S.P.G. and 1859 only)

P.O.remov: 1870 (OK in Gaz. 1865 as P.O. then out)

Reason settled: probably farming

Ref: C.W. ; U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; L.M. 1889 to  
date; Gaz. 1865 to date; Not on any Co. maps of 1867  
74,94,1914 and 1928. Not in Minn. Year Book  
1937 or Inc. village since 1900.

Photos: none

Munic. records found: none

Remarks: Inasmuch as this village had a P.O. in  
1857 and is in Gaz. for 1865, village, if any,

must have been established about 1856.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

RICHLAND

Township: St. Charles

Location: T. 106, N.; R. 10, W.

Estab: No record

Platted: 1854 (C.W.p.208)

Organ: Extinct: P.O.estab:P.O.remov: Settled: no  
record

Ref: There is no record given of this village in  
any of the following: U.S.P.G.; L.M.; Gaz.: Maps:  
Winchell's 1872-82; Minn. Hist. 1873; Bennett &  
Smith 1867; Foote 1894; Webb 1914 or Hudson 1928 .  
only in C.W. p. 208.

Photos: none

Munic records: none

Remarks: The only record found is in C.W. p.208  
where it says: " it was platted in 1854"

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

ROME

Township: Dresbach

Location: T. 105,N.; R. 4,W.; S.33 & 34

Etab: no record

Platted: Jan. 1856 (C.W. p.208)

Organ: no record

Extinct: by 1890 or before

P.O. estab: no record (not in U.S.P.G. or L.M.)

P.O. remov: no record(in Gaz. 1878-79 only)

Reason settled: prob<sub>a</sub>bly farming

Ref: Gaz. 1865 to date; L.M. 1889 to date; U.S.P.G.  
1857 to date; C.W. and maps 1874,1867,1894,1914  
and 1928 not shown. Not in M.H.S.C. vol. 17 or

Bunnell.

Photos: none

Munic records: none

Remarks: Find no trace of this village other than  
the reference in Gaz. for 1878-9

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

SHERWOOD

Township: Location: Estab: Platted: Organ: no record

Extinct: 1870 (not listed 1870 Gaz.)

P.O.estab: 1865(only dates 1865 and 1867 in USPG)

P.O.remov: 1870(not listed in U.S.P.G)

Reason settled: no record

Ref: U.S.P.G. 1855 to date; Gaz. 1865 to 1927;

L.M. 1889 to date; C.W. & Bunnell; not listed on  
any maps for 1874, 1867, 1894, 1914 and 1928.

Photos: none

Munic records: none

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

SILO (see remarks)

Township: (possibly Utica)

Location: no record

Estab: Platted: Organ: no record

Extinct: no record, probably by 1920

P.O.Estab: 1900(U.S.P.G. only date) (out U.S.P.G  
'65) (Out 1909 L.M.)

P.O.remov: 1905(Gaz. OK as village 1904 to 1914)

Reason settled: probably farming

Ref: U.S.P.G. 1857 to date: L.M.1889 to date; Gaz.

1865 to date; no record of this village in C.W.

or Bunnel; or on any maps of 1867,1874,1894,

1914 or 1928. Discontinued P.O. see L.M.1905 p

622.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: There should be some more references to this village as it existed (known) from 1900 to 1914 but unable to find them.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO

TROUT (discontinued P.O., See L.M. 1905, p.622)

Township: Mt. Vernon

Location: T. 108 N.; R. 9 W.; S. 17

Estab: no record (twsp. 1858)

Platted: no record (not in C.W.)

Organ: no record

Extinct: no record (probably by 1920)

P.O. estab: 1902 (as Country P.O. gaz. 1902)

P.O. remov: 1904 (out as P.O. Gaz. 1904 and 1908  
but OK as village)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: This village is not in Gaz. 1914 to 1927 or  
1865 to 1891; not in U.S.P.G. or L.M. hence  
doubtful as P.O.; village is shown on Hudson's

1928 map; but not one Webb's Atlas 1914 or Foote  
1894 or Hist. Atlas 1874 or Bennett & Smith 1867.

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: This village apparently existed or it  
would not be in the Gaz. 1902 to 1908 but can  
find no other references.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

TWIN GROVE

Township: Saratoga

Location: T. 105 N.; R. 10 W.

Estab: 1856 probably

Platted: 1857 (probably year P.O. estab)

Organ: 1858

Extinct: by 1890 probably

P.O. estab: 1857 (U.S.P.G. OK 1857 to 1867)

P.O. remov: 1870 (In Gaz. 1865 to 1870 as P.O.)

Reason settled: farming (then 1878 as village)

Ref: U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; L.M. 1889 to date;

Gaz. 1865 to date; not in C.W. or Bunnell; not on  
any maps for 1867, 1874, 1894, 1914 and 1928.

Not in M.H.S.C. vol 17

Photos: none

Munic. records: none

Remarks: This village according to references  
existed from 1857 to 1878 both as P.O and village  
then out.

## GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

WABASHA CITY or Wabasha Prairie, called Montezuma,  
now Winona.

P.O. estab. 1852 Winona & Olmsted Hist. p. 525

Township: Winona

Location: T. 107 N; R. 7 W.

Estab: 1854

Platted: June 19, 1852 (as Montezuma) (1853 as Waba-  
sha C.) (see C.W. p. 204)

Organ: 1853 (changed to Winona by H. D. Huff)

Extinct: 1853 (as Montezuma & Wabasha P. or City)

P.O. estab: 1852 or 1853 (C.W. p. 966)

P.O. remov: 1853 (as Montezuma)

Reason settled: commerce

Ref: C.W.; M.H.S.C. vol. 17; not in U.S.P.G. or L.M

or Gaz. as Montezuma. Apparently not shown on any of the Co. maps available. Not on Winchell's Geo. map 1872-1882 or 1867 or 1874.

Photos: early pictures

Munic records: none or merged with Winona

Remarks: Montezuma village named for the Aztec war chief of Mexico during the Spanish conquest.

## GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

WARREN (P.O. only, see Hist. Winona &amp; Olm. p.590)

Township: Warren

Location: T. 106,N; R. 8,W. S.20

Estab: ~~1855~~ 1856 probably

Platted: 1857 " (P.O. estab. 1857)

Organ: 1858 (twsp)

Extinct: by 1890

P.O. estab: (1857 U.S.P.G. 1857 to 1867) (1862CW p.585)

P.O. remov: 1870 (Gaz. P.O. ok 1865) (1878 not P.O.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: C.W.; U.S.P.G. 1857 to date; L.M. 1889 to date;

Gaz. 1865 to date: Maps -not on 1914 Webb Atlas

or Hist. Atlas 1874, or Hudson's 1918, or Bennett  
& Smith 1867 or Foote & Co. 1894.

Photos: none

Records: none

Remarks: named for Warren Wilson, a prominent early settler. P.O. abandoned soon after establishment.  
(See C.W. p.585)

## GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

WAYLAND (Later Wilson)

Township: Wilson

Location: T. 106 N; R. 7 W.

Estab: 1856 (twsp)

Platted: Probably (1857, same as P.O.)

Organ: " 1858

Extinct: By 1890, probably

P.O.estab: 1857 (U.S.P.G. also 1859)

P.O.remov: 1870 (Gaz. P.O.ok 1865)(1878 not P.O.)

Reason settled: farm community

Ref: Hist. Win. & Olm. p.589; not in C.W.; OK in  
U.S.P.G. for 1857 and 1859 only and Gaz. as P.O.  
1865 but P.O. discontinued 1878; not in L.M.;  
not on any maps including those of 1867, 74, 94,

1914 and 1928.

Photos: none

Records found: none

Remarks: Wayland was later called Wilson P.O.  
See Hist. Win. & OIm. p.589. Renamed as Way-  
land P.O. 1870.

## GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

## WHITEWATER FALLS

Township: Whitewater

Location: T. 108 N.; R. 10 W.; S. 26 and 27

Estab: 1856

Platted: 1857 (C.W.p. 209) (laid out 1856. Hist.  
Win. & Olm. p.603 )

Organ: 1858

Extinct: by 1920 (possibly as not in Gaz. 1914)

P.O. estab: Nov. 3, 1856 (U.S.O.R. 1857-58, 59 to 1896)

P.O. remov: 1899 (U.S.O.R.) (ok 1889 and 1895 L.M.)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: not in census records since 1900; OK C.W.

and same by Bennett; OK as village Gaz. from 1865  
to 1910, as P.O. 1865 to 1890; Ok in U.S.O.R.

1857 to 1896; Win. & Olm. p.603; OK on Hudson's map  
1928; OK Winchell's Geo. map 1872; OK hist. map 1874;  
OK Bennett & Smith 1867; OK Foote & Co. 1894; OK  
Webb & Co. 1914.

Remarks: In the story of Winona Co. by Bennett  
(an old settler) he says, p.441-"Village so called  
from rapids in the river, laid out in 1856, but  
gradually fell into decay." Same p.601 Hist. Win.  
& Olm. Co. 1883. Note: See U.S. O R. for 1897 gives  
Whitewater P.O. p. 177 as OK in 1897, and OK  
1896 U.S.P.G.

GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

WISCAY (in 1857 in Houston Co. see U.S.O.R. 1857  
1858 as Minn. Territory)

Township: Wiscay

Location: T. 105 N.; R. 7 W.; S. 36

Estab: 1855 ( first settler S. 12 )

Platted: 1857 (C.W.p.550, as village with a mill  
and school)

Organ: 1858 (Twsp. organ)

Extinct: by 1920

P.O. estab: 1857-58(U.S.O.R.)(1857, Sect. 36, Ben-  
nett Hist. p. 462)

P.O. remov: 1905(L.M.1905,p.622)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: Gaz. from 1865 to 1914;(P.O. 1865 to 1902)  
U.S.O.R. and Guide 1857 to 1876; OK L.M. 1889  
out 1905; OK mentioned in C.W. p.550; OK by  
Bennett; not on 1928 Hudson's map; or 1914  
Webb & Co. Atlas, but ~~OK~~ Hist. Atlas 1874 &  
Foote & Co. for 1894.

Photos: none

Records: none

Remarks: Bennett says: The first P O. was es-  
~~tablished~~ tablished in 1857 on Section 36." This  
is verified by U.S. O.R. for 1857-58 p. 400.

## GHOST TOWNS

WINONA CO.

## WORTH

Township: ~~xxx~~ Saratoga (Hist. Atlas 1874)

Location: T. 105 N.; R. 10 W.

Estab: 1856 probably

Platted: Probably 1857 same year as P.O.

Organ: 1858

Extinct: by 1910

P.O. estab: 1857 (U.S.P.G., also 1859 to 1870)

P.O. remov: 1880 (Gaz. P.O ok 1865 to 1878) (village  
ok to 1904) (Not in L.M. 1889 to date)

Reason settled: farming

Ref: U.S. Blue Book 1857-58 and U.S.P.G. 1857 to  
1870; not in L.M. to and in 1889, as no P.O.'s given  
before this date; Gaz. OK as village to 1904;

no mention in C.W. or Bennett; or Win. & Olm. Cos;  
or on maps of Hudson's 1908, of Webbs 1914, or  
Foote's 1894 but OK Hist. map 1874 and Bennett  
& Smith 1867.

Photos: none

Records: none

Remarks: This village starts in 1857(P.O) and  
continues thru to 1904 (Gaz.)

GHOST TOWNS

WRIGHT CO.

FRANKFORT

Township: Frankfort

Platted: Jan. 1857

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

MOORE'S PRAIRIE

(Wright)

"Arrival Of Immigrants. - Two car loads of Scandinavian immigrants arrived in this city on the eastern train, a night or two ago. The most of them are destined for MOORE'S PRAIRIE, on the line of the St. Paul & Pacific railroad. They have taken temporary shelter in the depot and in the barn in the rear of the Railroad saloon." (Mpls Tribune, July 2, 1869 - p4, col. 5)~ Apparently Mooers Prairie - now Cokato township in Wright county, etc. See Upham, MHC vol. 17, p587. Josiah P. Mooers was first postmaster of postoffice, named like the township, Mooers Prairie.

GHOST TOWNS

WRIGHT CO.

MORITZIOUS

Township: Monticello

Estab: 1854 (laid out)

Inc. : by act of State Legislature, approved Aug. 13, '58

Extinct: April 27, 1861, when it became part of  
Monticello

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

## GHOST TOWN

## OTSEGO

"The Monticello Statesman says: 'A man in Otsego turned a horse and a couple of cows into an oat stubble field, and in a short time thereafter found all three of them dead. The grass in the stubble field was literally covered were poisoned by eating them.'" (Mpls Tribune, Sept. 20, 1868 - p 1, Col. 3)

Upham in MHC V17 - Otsego township, first settled in October, 1852, organized in 1858 (as part of Wright Co.) and its village on the Mississippi, were named for a lake, a township, and a county in New York. Gannett notes this name as an Indian word meaning "welcome water," or "place where meetings are held."  
Apparently W R I G H T COUNTY

GHOST TOWNS

SMITH LAKE

(Wright Co.)

"Pacific Road - Shipments of iron for the extension of the St. Paul and Pacific road beyond Smith Lake, commenced yesterday. The tracklayers will commence at once, and will lay the track beyond that point as fast as possible. The passenger trains of the company are now running daily to Smith Lake, and freight trains will probably commence running there today."  
(Mpls Tribune, June 3, 1969, p4, col. 1)

GHOST TOWNS

YELLOW MEDICINE CO.

HAZELWOOD (early mission station)

Township: Minnesota Falls

Location: S. 15

Estab: about 1854

Extinct: " 1862

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

YELLOW MEDICINE CO.

MINNESOTA FALLS

Township: Minnesota Falls

Platted: 1871

Extinct: 1882

flourished during a few years

buildings were partly burned and the others removed  
before the end of 1882

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

YELLOW MEDICINE CO.

NORMANIA

Township: Normania (settled 1867-8)

Location: T. 114 N.; R. 41 W.

Estab: 1906 (attempted)

Platted:

Organ:

Extinct:

P.O.estab:

P.O.remov:

Reason settled: farming community

Ref: Inv. by C.M. Küll, 1937. No further investigation or references necessary as the establishment of the village in 1906 by C.O. Hanson was never consummated.

Photos:

Records:

at present on this location there is only a store  
and two filling stations.

GHOST TOWNS

YELLOW MEDICINE CO.

SILLIARDS

Township: Sanders (settled 1886)

Location: T. 114 N.; R. 40 W.

Estab: 1870

Platted: 1871

Organ: 1872

Extinct: 1887

P.O.estab: 1872

P.O.remov: 1887

Reason settled: farming

Ref: inv. by C.M. Kull, 1937. Above history complete  
no further references necessary.

Photos: none

Records:

This village settled by Norwegians. Name  
~~H~~ Silliards was dropped and Hanley Falls ~~was~~  
substituted because M&St. L. R.R. passed thru  
this point.

GHOST TOWNS

YELLOW MEDICINE CO.

SORLIEN MILLS

Township: Minnesota Falls

Location: on the Yellow Medicine river in the  
southeast part of twsp.

P.O. estab: July 1878

P.O. remov: July 1896

had grist mill and P.O. mill erected 1872

Ref: MHSC vol. 17

GHOST TOWNS

YELLOW MEDICINE CO.

STAVANGER

Township: Normania

Location: T. 114 N.; R. 41 W.; S. 26

Estab; 1870

Platted: 1871

Organ: 1872

Extinct:

P.O.estab: 1870

P.O.remov: 1903

Reason settled: farming

Ref: inv. by C.M. Kull, 1937, except "date extinct"

Gaz. 1865 to--

Photos:

Records:

"never reached in size, name or status of a village."