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About 2 mi. N., now extinct, was the first county seat of Polk County. First court met there March 7, 1840, with Hamilton Bradford, Absalom Coalman & Solomon Stansbury justices, David Ragan sheriff, pro tem., & Jas. Parks clerk. On May 4, a new court of 15 justices, with Zachariah Rose chairman & John Shamblin, sheriff, was installed, County seat moved to Benton, August 3, 1840.