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HISTORY
—OF—
LIVINGSTON CO.,
MICHIGAN.

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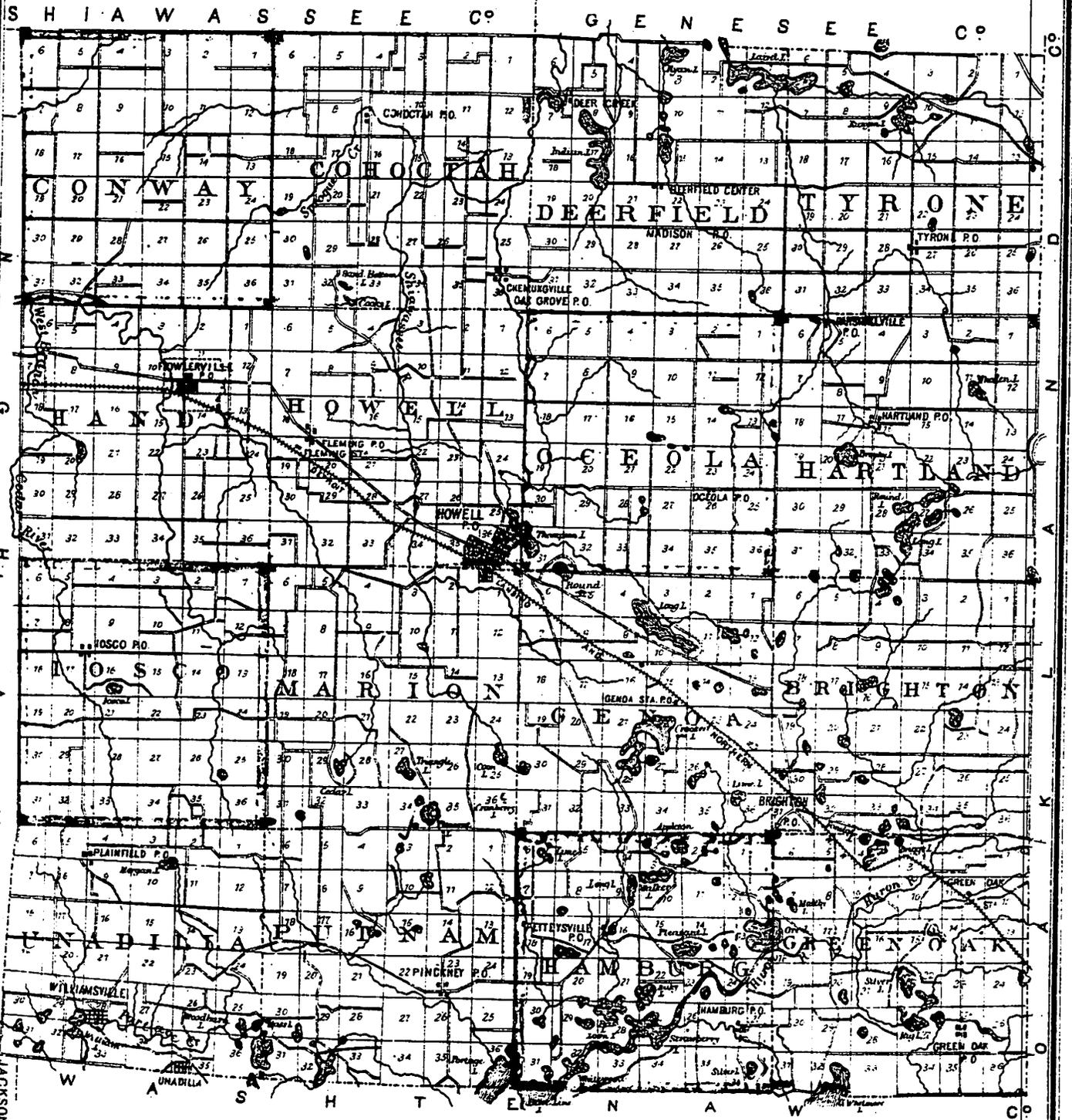
OF

ITS PROMINENT MEN AND PIONEERS.

PHILADELPHIA:
EVERTS & ABBOTT.

—1880.—

OUTLINE MAP
OF
LIVINGSTON CO.
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- James Hay, enlisted August 27, 1861; transferred to Invalid Corps, November 15, 1863.
- Thomas Haywood, enlisted August 27, 1861; discharged for disability, September 11, 1862.
- John Hildebrant, enlisted December 24, 1863; died of disease at Alexandria, Virginia, January 5, 1865.
- Charles Hildebrant, enlisted January 28, 1864; mustered out July 5, 1865.
- George H. Hiller, enlisted August 27, 1861; killed in action at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1863.
- Milton Hitchcock, enlisted August 27, 1861; died of disease at Alexandria, Virginia, March 2, 1862.
- John T. Hodgeman, enlisted August 27, 1861; discharged for disability, February, 1863.
- Samuel Hodgeman, enlisted February 24, 1862; died of wounds, September 10, 1862.
- Warren Hunt, enlisted August 27, 1861; mustered out at end of service, August 27, 1864.
- Frank Jordan, enlisted December 19, 1863; transferred to Company C; mustered out July 5, 1865.
- John Jones, Brighton, enlisted August 27, 1861; veteran, February 22, 1864; mustered out July 5, 1865.
- Alfred Johnson, enlisted August 27, 1861; mustered out at end of service, August 27, 1864.
- William Johnson, enlisted August 27, 1861; discharged for disability, August 7, 1862.
- Henry W. Knaggs, enlisted August 27, 1861; mustered out at end of service, August 27, 1864.
- William G. Knapp, enlisted August 27, 1861; transferred to United States Signal Corps, August 14, 1863.
- Patrick McCabe, enlisted August 27, 1861; died of disease at Alexandria, Virginia, March 8, 1862.
- James McCarren, enlisted August 27, 1861; died of wounds at Alexandria, Virginia, January 6, 1863.
- Charles McNaughton, enlisted August 27, 1861; discharged for disability, December 11, 1863.
- William S. Morris, enlisted August 27, 1861; discharged for disability, September 11, 1862.
- Daniel W. Morse, enlisted August 27, 1861; died of wounds, September 10, 1862.
- Edgar Muir, enlisted August 27, 1861; veteran, December 15, 1863; sergeant; mustered out July 5, 1865.
- Aaron A. Newman, enlisted September 6, 1861; wagoner; mustered out at end of service, September 6, 1864.
- George Newton, Howell, enlisted December 22, 1863; died of disease at Baltimore, November 21, 1864.
- Boyce P. Owen, enlisted August 27, 1861; discharged for disability, December 15, 1862.
- Lewis F. Partlow, enlisted August 27, 1861; died of disease at Annapolis, Maryland, April 12, 1862.
- Albert Peckins, enlisted August 27, 1861; killed in action at Williamsburg, Virginia, May 5, 1862.
- Edward G. Pearce, enlisted August 27, 1861; veteran, December 15, 1863; corporal; mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Samuel Pennell**, enlisted September 6, 1861; discharged for disability, August 8, 1862.
- George Pentland, Brighton, enlisted November 1, 1862; absent, sick; not mustered out with company.
- George W. Pentlin, enlisted August 27, 1861; discharged for disability, September 11, 1862.
- Hiram Pentlin, enlisted August 27, 1861; veteran, December 15, 1863; killed in action at Wilderness, Virginia, May 5, 1864.
- John Pickard, enlisted August 27, 1861; discharged for disability, August 10, 1862.
- George L. Placeway, enlisted August 27, 1861; died of disease at Alexandria, Virginia, March 10, 1862.
- Merritt F. Pullen, enlisted September 6, 1861; killed in action at Williamsburg, Virginia, May 5, 1862.
- David Robinson, enlisted December 19, 1863; mustered out July 5, 1865.
- Clinton Russell, enlisted August 27, 1861; died of disease at Washington, December 4, 1861.
- George Sawyer, enlisted August 27, 1861; veteran, December 15, 1863; corporal; mustered out July 5, 1865.
- Hannibal Sawyer, enlisted August 27, 1861; veteran, December 15, 1863; killed in action at Wilderness, Virginia, May 5, 1864.
- John Sawyer, enlisted August 7, 1861; discharged May 21, 1862.
- David E. Sawyer, enlisted January 30, 1864; mustered out July 5, 1865.
- Alva W. Schofield, enlisted August 27, 1861; veteran, December 15, 1863; musician; mustered out July 5, 1865.
- Augustus R. Sewell, enlisted August 27, 1861; discharged for disability, June 20, 1862.
- William S. Sharp, Genoa; enlisted December 24, 1863; mustered out July 5, 1865.
- Conrad Siam, enlisted August 27, 1861; veteran, February 22, 1864; killed in action near Petersburg, Virginia, October 27, 1864.
- Mortimer Smith, enlisted August 27, 1861; transferred to Company C; transferred to Invalid Corps.
- Amos Smith, enlisted December 31, 1863; mustered out July 5, 1865.
- Charles A. Smith, enlisted December 17, 1863; missing in action near Southside Railroad, Virginia, October 27, 1864.
- Emerson Soule, enlisted August 27, 1861; discharged for disability, April 30, 1862.
- Nathaniel Stoddard, enlisted August 27, 1861; killed in action at Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 13, 1862.
- Samuel Sutton**, enlisted August 10, 1861; killed in action at Williamsburg, Virginia, May 5, 1862.
- Samuel C. Taylor, enlisted December 24, 1863; veteran, corporal, from Company I, 3d Infantry; mustered out July 5, 1865.
- Chauncey B. Taylor, enlisted December 24, 1863; veteran, musician, from Company I, 3d Infantry; mustered out July 5, 1865.
- Charles Thayer, Howell; enlisted September 6, 1861; killed in action at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1863.
- Levi Townsend, enlisted August 27, 1861; discharged for disability, March 23, 1863.
- Lewis C. Tupper, enlisted February 24, 1862; veteran, February 22, 1864; prisoner, April 19, 1865; mustered out July 5, 1865.
- Andrew J. Whitaker, enlisted December 24, 1863; absent, sick; not mustered out with company.
- Daniel Wilcox, enlisted August 27, 1861; discharged for disability, June 4, 1862.
- Alexander C. Wilcox, enlisted September 4, 1861; discharged for disability, December, 1862.
- George S. Winegar, enlisted August 27, 1861; veteran, December 15, 1863, corporal; died of disease, October 29, 1864.
- John B. Wood, enlisted September 6, 1861; veteran, February 22, 1864; mustered out July 5, 1865.
- Luke Wood, enlisted August 27, 1861; mustered out at end of service, August 27, 1864.
- Henry P. Wright, enlisted August 27, 1861; discharged for disability, July 23, 1862.
- Adolphus H. Winters, enlisted August 27, 1861; transferred to Invalid Corps, May 15, 1864.
- Andrew J. Yerrington**, enlisted August 27, 1861; died of wounds at Washington, January 8, 1863.
- Frederick Zeits, enlisted December 17, 1863; mustered out July 5, 1865.

Company A.

- Charles Corey, Hamburg, enlisted December 23, 1863; veteran; mustered out July 22, 1865.
- Luther H. Frink, Howell, enlisted February 18, 1862; mustered out March 2, 1865.
- Thomas G. Marr, Howell, enlisted December 19, 1863; died in Andersonville prison, July 7, 1864.
- Romaine Waldron, Occola, enlisted January 12, 1864; died of disease, March 20, 1864.

BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP.

BRIGHTON, though not the oldest, is by no means the least considerable of the townships of the county of Livingston. Like many other townships it had at first no separate organization, but composed an important part of the township of Green Oak, and it was not until April of 1838 that it was accorded a distinct existence. The first meeting was held at the residence of Daniel Lane, on section 17, William A. Clark, D.D., being chosen moderator, and the first supervisor elected was Richard Lyons; William Noble, Jr., being made township clerk, and Maynard Maltby and Philip S. Hubbell elected justices of the peace.

Following are the names of the original purchasers of land embraced in the present township, with dates of purchase:

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| Elijah Marsh, Nov. 1832. | William A. Clark, Jan. 1837. | Fred Ring, Aug. 1836. | Oliver Sprague, Nov. 1836. |
| Eliza Ann Tenny, June, 1835. | Charles Robinson, June, 1833. | Richard Lyons, Aug. 1836. | George Moon, April, 1837. |
| Philip S. Hubbell, Nov. 1835. | Benjamin Blain, June, 1833. | H. H. Warner, Nov. 1836. | Rastus H. Ransom, April, 1837. |
| Stephen Baker, Nov. 1835. | Aaron H. Kelly, June, 1833. | H. V. Libhart, Oct. 1832. | Samuel H. Fox, June, 1838. |
| Jacob Peters, Aug. 1836. | Charles Robinson, July, 1834. | Gardner Bird, Feb. 1833. | B. B. Kercheval, Nov. 1836. |
| N. Thurston, Aug. 1836. | Wm. S. Conely, Aug. 1835. | Aaron Beach, Oct. 1833. | John S. Winkler, Aug. 1836. |
| Fred. W. Goodenoe, Nov. 1833. | Leonard Burnham, Oct. 1835. | Smith Beade, Oct. 1833. | Joshua Sheffield, June, 1835. |
| Eliza Ann Tenny, June, 1835. | H. McCloud, May, 1836. | John Van Heuven, Nov. 1834. | Abel Palmer, June, 1835. |
| P. S. Hubbell, Nov. 1835. | Nath. Thurston, Aug. 1836. | Isaac Bisbee, April, 1835. | William Palmer, June, 1835. |
| Aurelia Goodenoe, Dec. 1835. | Benjamin Tanner, Sept. 1836. | Ibrook Tower, April, 1835. | Orange Bruce, Sept. 1835. |
| Nelson W. House, May, 1836. | Aaron H. Kelly, Nov. 1833. | Isaac Bisbee, May, 1835. | Sarah Knowles, Sept. 1835. |
| Franklin Dait, May, 1836. | Jacob Winchell, Sept. 1834. | Ibrook Tower, May, 1835. | Samuel M. Conely, Sept. 1836. |
| Jude Field, Aug. 1836. | Wm. S. Conely, Aug. 1835. | Jacob Petus, Aug. 1836. | Elias Sprague, Jan. 1836. |
| Nath. Thurston, Aug. 1836. | S. T. Williams, Aug. 1835. | Jude Field, Aug. 1836. | Simeon Carpenter, June, 1836. |
| F. W. Goodenoe, Oct. 1838. | Arnold Douglas, Sept. 1835. | Elijah Marsh, Oct. 1832. | John Powell, July, 1836. |
| Peter W. Smith, Jr., Jan. 1835. | William Winchell, Sept. 1835. | Job Cranston, Oct. 1832. | Salmon Porter, Aug. 1836. |
| Hiram Goodspeed, Mar. 1835. | Wm. A. Clark, Sept. 1836. | Ezra McComber, Oct. 1833. | William Paul, Aug. 1836. |
| Isaac Bisbee, April, 1835. | Seth Bidwell, Sept. 1835. | Job Cranston, Oct. 1833. | Benj. W. Conklin, Sept. 1834. |
| H. Goodspeed, May, 1835. | Jacob Winchell, Feb. 1836. | Gainie Fuller, July, 1835. | Robert L. Lam, Sept. 1834. |
| Reuben Moore, Sept. 1835. | Charles Spencer, March, 1836. | Mary L. Cranston, July, 1835. | Peter Wemmill, Sept. 1834. |
| R. Moore and W. N. Carpenter, May, 1835. | F. A. House, June, 1836. | Elijah Marsh, Oct. 1835. | Geo. N. Kuckle, March, 1835. |
| Gottlieb Nieman, Aug. 1835. | Samuel Waldoe, Aug. 1836. | R. Harrington, Feb. 1835. | John S. Johnson, April, 1835. |
| Jude Field, Aug. 1835. | Arnold Douglas, Aug. 1836. | Marcus Pultz, June, 1836. | Isaac S. Platt, June, 1835. |
| Isaac S. Platt, Aug. 1835. | Allen McDonald, Aug. 1836. | Auson Cranston, July, 1836. | Peter Wemmill, Aug. 1835. |
| G. M. Jackson, Feb. 1835. | Wm. N. Clark, Sept. 1836. | Henry Thurston, Aug. 1836. | Samuel D. Tutbill, Aug. 1833. |
| John Williams, April, 1835. | Elijah Clark, Feb. 1834. | R. Harrington, Feb. 1837. | Aaron Beach, Oct. 1833. |
| Fred. Ringe, June, 1835. | Cath. Thompson, March, 1834. | Andrew Wohlrabe, Feb. 1837. | Smith Beade, Oct. 1833. |
| W. Jackson, March, 1837. | Chas. W. Pease, April, 1834. | Gardner Bird, Feb. 1833. | Richard Lyons, Sept. 1834. |
| Floyd Williams, Aug. 1837. | E. Chamberlain, July, 1836. | Meizer Bird, July, 1833. | Wm. Valentine, June, 1835. |
| Jerusha Fox, June, 1838. | Isaac Van Voorhies, Aug. 1836. | Gardner Bird, Nov. 1834. | Richard Lyons, Sept. 1835. |
| Philetus Smith, June, 1833. | Thos. J. Le Count, Sept. 1836. | Hiram Johnson, Nov. 1835. | Abram J. Andrews, June, 1834. |
| Charles Robinson, June, 1833. | H. H. Warner, Nov. 1836. | L. Fuller, March, 1836. | H. C. Andrews, May, 1835. |
| Benjamin Blain, Nov. 1833. | Elijah Clark, Feb. 1834. | Wm. N. Betts, Aug. 1836. | Otis Durfee, July, 1835. |
| Seth Bidwell, Sept. 1835. | Richard Lyons, Sept. 1834. | John C. Allstadt, Aug. 1836. | Hiram Johnson, Nov. 1835. |
| Benjamin Blain, Jan. 1836. | E. D. Fisher, Sept. 1834. | H. H. Warner, Nov. 1836. | Robert L. Lam, July, 1836. |
| Harriet Winchell, Feb. 1836. | John S. Johnson, Oct. 1835. | Cath. Thompson, March, 1834. | Jacob Bindermagle, Aug. 1836. |
| V. H. Ketchum, July, 1836. | Julia A. Armes, April, 1835. | Wm. S. Conely, Nov. 1834. | Andrew Wohlrabe, Sept. 1836. |
| Fred. Ring, Aug. 1836. | Geo. W. Burch, June, 1836. | Isaac L. Platt, June, 1835. | Hiram Johnson, June, 1833. |
| | Horace Braster, June, 1836. | Cyrus Jackson, June, 1836. | George Bailey, Nov. 1833. |
| | | Wm. N. Betts, Aug. 1836. | Jacob Bindermagle, Aug. 1836. |
| | | Peter Lane, Dec. 1835. | Andrew Wohlrabe, Feb. 1837. |
| | | Nehemiah Paine, June, 1836. | Jacob Bindermagle, Feb. 1837. |
| | | Flora A. House, June, 1836. | Henry Thurston, Sept. 1836. |
| | | John M. Kenzie, Aug. 1836. | William Sterling, May, 1835. |
| | | William Tunis, Aug. 1836. | Philip I. Johnson, June, 1835. |
| | | Orman Coc, May, 1833. | Elijah Johnson, Sept. 1835. |
| | | Wm. Winchell, Sept. 1834. | John Arnold, June, 1835. |
| | | Hugh Gordon, Nov. 1834, and Feb. 1835. | Caleb Carr, Jr., Oct. 1835. |
| | | Wm. S. Conely, Sept. 1835. | W. W. T. Ward and others, April, 1836. |
| | | Wm. Winchell, Sept. 1835. | Garret Martin, May, 1836. |
| | | Wm. S. Conely, July, 1836. | John McConnell, May, 1833. |
| | | Abram Pietch, Aug. 1836. | David Durfee, July, 1834. |
| | | George Post, July, 1836. | Robert Edgar, Nov. 1834, and Aug. 1835. |
| | | E. C. Allen, May, 1835. | Henry C. Andrews, Feb. 1836. |
| | | John Cronet, Aug. 1835. | Obd. J. Norton, Feb. 1836. |
| | | Erastus Kellogg, Feb. 1836. | Joseph Flanders and Samuel S. Kitchan, July, 1836. |
| | | John Moore, July, 1836. | Robert L. Lam, July, 1836. |
| | | John Dean, Nov. 1836. | |
| | | Elias Sprague, Nov. 1836. | |

Isaac S. Platt, Aug. 1836.
 Reuben Hickox, Sept. 1833.
 Richard Lyons, Sept. 1834.
 F. T. Le Count, Sept. 1834.
 William S. Conely, Oct. 1834.
 Richard Lyons, March, 1835.
 Moses Lyon, March, 1835.
 Isaac L. Platt, June, 1835.
 Joseph Flanders and S. S. Kitchan, June, 1835.
 Evander T. Fisher, Sept. 1834.
 Moses Lyon, Sept. 1834.
 William T. Tunis, Sept. 1834.
 William S. Conely, Oct. 1834.
 Moses Lyon, March, 1835.
 Mark Healey and B. B. Kercheval, May, 1836.
 Elijah Bancroft and Benjamin Flanders, Nov. 1835.
 Robert S. Bowne, July, 1836.
 Joseph Williams, Sept. 1836.
 Daniel Dean, March, 1837.
 Charles Ross, Aug. 1837.
 A. M. Fox, Feb. 1838.
 John G. Spencer, Sept. 1838.
 Robert Thomson, Dec. 1843.
 Grace Sitler, Sept. 1844.
 K. S. Bingham and Robert Warden.
 Andrus and Ezra Rood, Sept. 1836.
 Eli M. Fergo, Sept. 1834.
 Josiah Leonard, May, 1836.
 William Noble, June, 1836.
 John S. Mundy, Dec. 1832.
 Mary Fuller, June, 1835.
 Orlando A. Fuller, June, 1835.
 Jacob Lewry, Aug. 1835.
 John Henry, Feb. 1836.
 Edward Mundy, May, 1836.
 P. C. Bartlett, Jan. 1836.
 William Tunis, Aug. 1836.
 Lewis B. Fonda, Oct. 1832.
 Stephen Bannell, May, 1833.
 John Henry, Oct. 1835.
 George M. Cracken, Sept. 1834.
 Moses Lyon, Oct. 1835.
 Mark Healey and B. B. Kercheval, May, 1836.
 Joseph L. Briggs, Aug. 1836.
 William Wagner, Aug. 1836.
 Evert Woodruff, March and April, 1833.
 George W. Glover, May, 1833.
 Hugh Alexander, Dec. 1833.
 Smith Parks, Jr., Jan. 1834.
 Richard Toncray, May, 1835.
 Joseph L. Briggs, Oct. 1835.
 Daniel Marlatt, March, 1836.
 John Davis, April, 1836.
 Horace Toncray, July, 1836.
 Luther Parshall, May, 1833.
 Richard Toncray, May, 1833.
 John W. Peavey, May, 1838.
 James Corey, May, 1835.
 Horace Toncray, May, 1834.
 Luther Parshall, Dec. 1835.
 Joseph Watkins, Aug. 1836.
 Orlando Rogers, June, 1836.
 Isaac L. Platt, Aug. 1836.
 Thomas Curtis, Dec. 1835.
 George W. Glover, May, 1833.
 Luther Parshall, Nov. 1833.
 Joseph Wood, April, 1834.
 Thomas Curtis, June, 1834.
 John S. Beach, June, 1834.
 Joseph Wood, June, 1834.
 Emma Parshall, July, 1834.
 Gary Griswold, June, 1835.
 Thomas Curtis, Oct. 1835.

SETTLEMENTS AND SETTLERS.

It seems an established fact that Elijah Marsh was the first settler in the township of Brighton outside the village limits. He left Hadley, Mass., in 1832, and purchased from the government, on the 20th of October of that year, the southwest quarter of section 12. Later he added 40 acres on section 1. With Mr. Marsh came Job Cranston, who shared with him all the privations of his pioneer life, having entered at the same date 80 acres on the same section. These two settlers for a brief period lived alone, with no neighbors save the migratory Indians, who paid them brief visits, and furnished them venison and other game for the very scanty returns they were able to make. Soon, however, their loneliness was cheered by the presence of Gardner Bird, who reached the county in February of the following year, and entered 160 acres on sections 11 and 17. Mr. Bird devoted himself at once to clearing a tract of land whereon to erect his cabin and sow his grain. Meanwhile he enjoyed such rude hospitality as was cheerfully ac-

corded him by his neighbors. After this he returned, and in April brought his family, Mrs. Bird being the first married lady who took up her residence in the township. Meanwhile, Messrs. Marsh and Cranston had returned for a visit to their families, and Mr. and Mrs. Bird were left the sole occupants of the forest of Brighton from April until the following September.

Mr. Marsh, as soon as he was able, employed two men to split rails with which to inclose a portion of the land he had purchased, and on his return from the East made a comfortable home for his wife and children in the shanty he had occupied. Three children were born after the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh to Michigan, the first of whom, born April 22, 1834, was among the first in the township.

Mr. Marsh might be termed a Yankee peddler, and followed this calling soon after he became a permanent settler in the township, loading his primitive cart with such marketable wares as were in demand among his patrons, and depending upon his faithful oxen to carry him from point to point. The nearest blacksmith-shop was eighteen miles away, and Ann Arbor the nearest market town. Mr. Marsh died in 1857, and his son, Richard J., now occupies a fine farm opposite his father's former home.

Mr. Bird remembers the difficulties he encountered in reaching his new home, and the absolutely unbroken condition of the country. Deer and wolves roamed the forests at pleasure, and forty of the former were seen by him on his way to his new possessions. After the land was sufficiently cleared to admit of being broken, the plow became a necessity, and he was compelled to travel to Dexter, twenty-two miles away, to have the irons sharpened and repaired when necessary. Mr. Bird, before coming to Brighton, had resided for a brief season in Webster, Washtenaw Co. On one occasion, when coming from there to Brighton, he brought with him a hog and nine pigs, driving them the distance of eighteen miles. After remaining a few days to split rails, he returned to Webster, leaving, as he supposed, his recent acquisition of stock behind, but his surprise was great to find that they had followed him and arrived almost as soon as himself, much preferring the comforts of civilization in Washtenaw County to pioneer life in the wilds of Brighton. While Mr. Bird was breaking up his land the lad he employed to drive the ox-team was confined to the house by illness, but the work was not impeded, for Mrs. Bird herself went into the field with the oxen and assisted to plow four acres. Joseph Bird, their oldest son, born in Michigan, was among the

prove his land. At that time Unadilla was an almost unbroken forest. In the vicinity of Mr. Bird's farm there were no roads or bridges, and in going to or coming from it, streams had to be forded, persons often getting mired, and enduring hardships that would appal the average young men of to-day. In 1839, Mr. Bird married, and brought his young wife to the new home. Up to this time he had either hired a family to keep house for him or had kept bachelor's hall. He commenced life without a dollar, and at the time his land was bought he had only enough to pay for a portion of it; yet the young couple never despaired of ultimate success, and toiled on. Yet they experienced in those times some of the happiest days of their lives. White neighbors were few and widely scattered, while the Indians still roamed over the country. Mr. Bird has lived to see the wild land he then bought, change into a finely-cultivated farm, now embracing over three hundred acres, mostly the work of his own hands; and the township which was then so new and wild, he has seen grow into a thickly-settled and prosperous town. In politics Mr. Bird was in an early day a Democrat, but subsequently became an Abolitionist, and later a Re-

publican. He has been a member of the church over forty years, and is now connected with the Baptist denomination. He has done much to advance the cause of religion in his township, and now lives in the hope of a better world beyond this. On the 6th day of March, 1839, he was joined in marriage to Miss Agnes Pyper, daughter of William and Agnes (Dodge) Pyper. She was born in Scotland, Sept. 12, 1816. Her parents were natives of Scotland. In 1833 they emigrated to America, and for three years lived in Connecticut. In 1836 they came to Michigan and settled on eighty acres of land in Unadilla, where they resided until their death. There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bird six children, as follows: William F., born Aug. 24, 1840; Agnes D., born April 14, 1843, deceased; Mary E., born March 26, 1845; Almira R., born Jan. 25, 1848; Chambers D., born Aug. 24, 1850; and Justin V., born July 1, 1853.

Mr. Bird has retired from active business, and leaves the management of his farm to his son. In possession of more than a competency, surrounded by his family and friends, respected and esteemed by all, he is passing his days, and looks back upon a life well spent with scarce a regret.

GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP.

THE township of Green Oak is entitled to distinguished mention among the townships of the county of Livingston not only from the period of its settlement, which, with one exception, antedates that of any other township in the county, but from the influential position it has maintained in its political and social relations. This is mainly owing to the character of its inhabitants, whose broad and fertile acres are evidence of their industry, as their attractive houses are indicative of taste and intelligence. Green Oak was one of the first three townships organized, having been erected by act of the Territorial Legislature, March 17, 1835, and included at that time townships Nos 1 and 2, north of range 6, east of the principal meridian, and embracing the territory now known as Green Oak and Brighton, the first meeting of the townships for the election of officers being held at the house of Isaac Smith.

The first settler in the township was Stephen Lee, who came from Western New York to Mich-

igan, September, 1830, and entered 80 acres on section 20. With him came his wife and children, two sons of whom, Charles S. and Solomon, occupy the paternal acres, while another son, Hannibal Lee, resides near by on the same section. Mr. Lee and his sons, on their arrival, immediately turned their attention to the erection of a log house, which was the first in the township, and then devoted themselves to breaking up and improving the land, upon which a crop of wheat was sown that afforded them the means of subsistence the following year.

In the month of June of the following year Moses Gleason entered 80 acres on section 19 with a view to settling, but soon after, the Black Hawk war cast its terrors over the neighborhood, and Mr. Gleason regarded the presence of Indians as not altogether conducive to safety or happiness. He never resided upon his land, but found a home in Washtenaw County, which was more thickly populated and less frequented by red men. Mr.

Gleason was the first clergyman who held service in the township. He was a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the first month of his arrival, June, 1831, conducted a religious service at the house of Stephen Lee, the family of Benjamin Curtis, together with Mr. Lee's household, being his only hearers.

Daniel Appleton entered at the same date with Mr. Gleason 160 acres on the same section, but, apparently influenced by a like dread of Indians, he took up his residence in Northfield. This land came subsequently into the possession of Isaac Appleton by the payment of \$50 to a young man who was a ward of his father's, and resided in his family. Asahel Hubbard finally became the purchaser of half of this tract, while the remaining 80 acres was purchased by Hannibal Lee, and now forms a portion of his estate.

Benjamin Curtis came but a few days later than Mr. Lee, and entered, Oct. 6, 1830, 67 acres on section 20, just across the road from Mr. Lee's. He was a mechanic, and soon after his arrival built a log house and improved the land, which he resided upon until his death.

Isaac Appleton entered, Oct. 26, 1830, just twenty days after Stephen Lee's arrival, 127 acres on section 17. He was exceedingly fond of sport, and the following spring built upon the banks of the Huron River a cabin for the purpose of shooting ducks as they congregated on the shores of the river. It was so arranged that, by concealing himself within the inclosure, he was able to secure them in large numbers as they were decoyed within range. With the game which he shot and the bread which Mrs. Lee baked for him, he was able to spread an epicurean repast before the friends who visited his bachelor quarters.

One of the restless, energetic spirits of the early days of Green Oak, who also early broke the soil of Brighton, was Sherman D. Dix, who entered, May 14, 1832, 82 acres of land on section 17, and boarded with the family of Mr. Lee. Hannibal Lee aided him in breaking up 40 acres, but discovering in Brighton a wider scope for his powers, at the expiration of a year he removed thither, having sold his land, with its improvements, to Thomas Sargent. Dix was a Bostonian, and when a boy was sent to a school in the suburbs of the city. But his restive spirit would not brook the restraints of a school-room, and his active brain, always fertile in resources, readily devised some scheme whereby he might extricate himself from its confined surroundings. He took a chicken from the master's coop, cut off its head, and allowed the blood to run into a vial he had prepared. He then repaired to his room and, feigning illness,

sent for his father. On the arrival of his parent he immediately had a paroxysm of coughing, accompanied by very dangerous symptoms and apparent hemorrhage. He was immediately released from study and taken home. Fresh air and active exercise was recommended, and a farm was purchased in Michigan. The school-boy was transformed into a pioneer. The paternal Dix was a large boot- and shoe-manufacturer, and among the chattels which young Dix brought with him was a box of those necessary articles, which he disposed of to the neighbors. It was his especial delight to visit the bachelor quarters of Mr. Appleton on foraging expeditions. This gentleman before departing for the fields would prepare his frugal noonday meal, which consisted of a bowl of bread and milk, the crusts meanwhile becoming thoroughly soaked. Dix would help himself to what was to be found, and then quietly enjoy his friend's discomfiture.

Nathaniel Potter, a Quaker, entered 40 acres adjoining that of Sherman D. Dix, in May, 1832. Dix broke up 10 acres for him, and received in return a yoke of oxen. He did not build a house or take up his residence upon the farm, and finally sold the land.

J. B. Hammond entered, in May, 1831, 160 acres on section 35, and 80 acres on section 34. A year and a half later he removed from Livingston Co., N. Y., with his brother, to his Western home, and immediately erected a shanty, in which they found a comfortable abode. Their nearest neighbors at this time were Charles Place, on the southerly side in Northfield, and Stephen Lee and his sons, who were located five miles northwest. A school-house was early built in this vicinity, which stood just across the township line in Northfield.

As nearly as can be ascertained the first school-house was built in the centre of section 10, in the year 1834. The building, like all others of that early period, was constructed of logs, and the ground upon which it stood was afterwards purchased by John Yerinton. Another early school was that taught by Miss Mary Olds in a log school-house on section 3, near the Brighton township line. One hundred and twenty acres was purchased by George Gready, who came from Bristol, England, in 1832, and first settled in Oakland County. Later he removed across the road into Brighton, his nearest neighbor at the time being Thomas Dunlap, of the former county. Mr. Gready still resides upon this farm, which he has improved and greatly increased in value.

Robert Warden left Greenock, Scotland, in August of the year 1832, for the United States, and after sojourning for a brief time in Onondaga

Smith, Isaac.	Towsley, Matthew P.
Smith, Harry P.	Todd, John.
Stuart, Auburn.	Vogt, Godfrey.
Spencer, James S.	Wilson, Everett.
Thomas, Ebenezer.	Woodruff, Benjamin.
Tuthill, Thomas.	Yerington, John.
Truesdell, Jesse.	Yerington, John, Jr.
Tuttle, John L.	

The Green Oak post-office is located on section 26, where there is located a grist-mill and saw-mill owned by William W. Weatherhead, who is the postmaster.

The soil of the township of Green Oak is a mixture of clay and gravel, clay predominating in the southwest portion. There is comparatively little timbered land that can be made available, though much of the ground is covered by what may be termed a second growth. The surface is undulating, though to a less extent than is apparent in some of the adjoining townships, and is dotted with many small lakes, chief among which are Silver Lake, Island Lake, Whitmore Lake (the northern portion of which lies in Green Oak), Maltby Lake, Thomas Lake, Mud Lake, half of Fonda Lake, and Crooked Lake. The Huron River enters the northeast corner of the township, flows in a southwest direction, and leaves it from the west side at section 26. The south branch of the Huron enters the southeast corner of the township, and joins the main waters at the northwest corner of section 21.

The Detroit, Lansing and Northern Railroad enters the township at the southeast corner of section 13, runs diagonally across, and leaves it at section 5. The station is named Green Oak Station, and is located on section 11. At this point are the depot, freight-house, and a small store, and all trains stop upon signal.

The following-named persons were the original purchasers of land embraced within the township limits:

	Acres.
Joel Redway, October, 1832.....	87.02
Ruth Alexander and heirs, January, 1833.....	80
George W. Glover, May, 1833.....	242.48
Guy N. Roberts, May, 1834.....	80
J. P. Clement, May, 1834.....	80
Guy N. Roberts, May, 1835.....	40
A. G. Melvin, October, 1835.....	40
Joel Redway, October, 1832.....	88.92
John W. Peavy, May, 1833.....	88.72
James Gage, October, 1833.....	120
John S. Beach, August, 1835.....	40
William S. Russel, October, 1835.....	40
Joseph Cole, October, 1835.....	80
Elihu Russel, November, 1835.....	40
J. L. Briggs, May, 1833.....	168.75
W. S. Russel, May, 1833.....	168.95
Samuel Cole, May, 1835.....	760
Alonzo Bennett, May, 1835.....	40
Ansel Clark, July, 1835.....	40
Ansel Clark, July, 1835.....	40
Harrison Coe, May, 1836.....	40
John Dally, April, 1833.....	160
John C. Mundy, July, 1833.....	44.40
Harrison Coe, May, 1836.....	40

	Acres.
Phoebe Burnett, July, 1836.....	44.40
Ira Jennings, December, 1836.....	80
C. W. Penny, February, 1837.....	167.17
T. B. Edmonds, February, 1837.....	40
T. B. Edmonds, March, 1837.....	40
John Soule, December, 1854.....	40
E. B. Cornish, July, 1832.....	166.36
E. B. Cornish, August, 1832.....	43.62
Wm. C. Rumsey, April, 1833.....	120
R. C. Rumsey, November, 1834.....	80
C. M. Eaton, December, 1834.....	80
Augustus Colton, May, 1835.....	40
Royal C. Rumsey, June, 1831.....	80
Harry Meech, April, 1837.....	67
John Charles, December, 1836.....	57.40
Horace Cutter, October, 1836.....	57.41
W. C. Rumsey, April, 1833.....	40
Ambrose Alexander, June, 1834.....	80
David Kingsbury, October, 1834.....	40
F. A. House, November, 1834.....	80
W. B. Hopkins, December, 1834.....	82.02
David Kingsbury, September, 1835.....	40
Stephen Curtis, June, 1836.....	40
Ira Jennings, June, 1836.....	40
Ebenezer Thomas, June, 1836.....	67
John Farasworth, July, 1836.....	67
Horace Cutter, October, 1834.....	80
Mary Fuller, June, 1835.....	80
O. A. Fuller, June, 1835.....	147.40
James Harwick, April, 1836.....	80
J. J. M. Newcomb, July, 1836.....	40
Harry Meech, April, 1837.....	107.40
Ephraim Meech, April, 1837.....	40
William Case, May, 1840.....	67.12
Samuel McCoskry, January, 1845.....	40
H. S. Thomas, June, 1847.....	67.12
Isaac Smith, Jr., December, 1832.....	40
Samuel Hubbard, June, 1833.....	40
Elion Farnsworth, November, 1833.....	80
N. O. Sargent, December, 1833.....	160
A. Alexander, December, 1833.....	80
Ira Jennings, June, 1836.....	80
H. Hawkins and V. K. Hawkins, July, 1836.....	160
Isaac Smith, December, 1832.....	40
A. Hubbard, May, 1834.....	40
Jason Clark, June, 1835.....	160
Jason Clark, November, 1835.....	40
Katharine Smith, February, 1836.....	40
Ira Jennings, June, 1836.....	40
Ira Jennings, June, 1836.....	80
Mathew Beady, July, 1836.....	80
Bridget Craighan, August, 1836.....	40
Terence Roe, October, 1836.....	80
Terence Roe, October, 1836.....	80
Patrick Roe, June, 1832.....	160
Michael Roche, August, 1832.....	80
R. C. Rumsey, November, 1834.....	40
Charles Steward, November, 1834.....	80
Richard Toncray, December, 1834.....	40
Ansel Clark, July, 1835.....	40
J. A. Van Camp, September, 1835.....	40
R. C. Rumsey, January, 1836.....	40
Patrick McNamee, August, 1836.....	40
Warren Parker, June, 1832.....	120
Thomas Hanmer, June, 1832.....	160
Alanson Glazier, June, 1832.....	80
Michael Corrigan, May, 1834.....	40
Enos Cole, November, 1835.....	40
G. C. Bedell, November, 1835.....	40
G. C. Bedell, January, 1836.....	40
Oliver Carpenter, May, 1836.....	80
Erastus Slude, July, 1836.....	40
Jay Olmsted, June, 1832.....	320
Peleg Cory, June, 1832.....	160
Joseph Loree, June, 1832.....	160
John Gates, August, 1836.....	40
Elihu Gunnison, June, 1832.....	120
Sylvester Scott, November, 1832.....	80
Nathan Seland, May, 1833.....	40
John Hagadorn, May, 1834.....	80
Asa Bly, Jr., June, 1834.....	80
Joseph Loree, October, 1835.....	40
Robert Worden, October, 1835.....	40
Kingsley S. Bingham, October, 1835.....	40
John Herrington, Jr., November, 1835.....	80
Terence Roe, November, 1833.....	80

	Acres.
John Bogle, November, 1833.....	240
Jas. McMahon, November, 1833.....	40
Dennis Burns, May, 1834.....	40
Patrick Gilligan, August, 1834.....	40
James Hanchett, September, 1836.....	40
James Coulon, September, 1847.....	40
John B. Hammond, May, 1831.....	80
A. S. Ames, May, 1833.....	80
James Hynes, September, 1833.....	80
John S. Bennett, December, 1833.....	160
Timothy McCarthy, April, 1834.....	240
John B. Hammond, May, 1831.....	160
M. Willis, June, 1831.....	80
Henry Hayward, June, 1831.....	80
Manley Smith, November, 1831.....	80
Ephraim Meech, June, 1832.....	160
John Starkweather, November, 1832.....	80
Benjamin Welch, June, 1831.....	80
John H. Carlton, June, 1832.....	80
Luzen Touzey, June, 1832.....	80
Elias Dean, August, 1832.....	40
A. S. Ames, May, 1833.....	80
Henry Meech, June, 1833.....	80
Alonzo W. Olds, July, 1833.....	40
Thomas Malone, October, 1836.....	120
Adam J. Coons, June, 1839.....	40
William Kernan, April, 1832.....	240
Ambrose Alexander, June, 1834.....	40
James Tompkins, June, 1834.....	120
Parley Gardner, June, 1836.....	40
William H. Moore, August, 1836.....	40
James Hanchett, September, 1836.....	40
Levi Knight, October, 1836.....	80
William Kernan, April, 1832.....	80
Jonathan Haight, October, 1833.....	80
Elisha W. Brockway, November, 1833.....	66.60
Caleb Sawyer, May, 1834.....	66.80
J. G. De Wolf, October, 1834.....	40
Isaac Pennoyer, March, 1835.....	40
Stephen Draper, May, 1836.....	66.80
James Burnett, June, 1836.....	106.60
George Burnett, June, 1836.....	40
Parley Gardner, June, 1836.....	40
Michael Carberry, October, 1836.....	80
Zelotes Truesdell, December, 1854.....	40

The following is a list of township officers elected in Green Oak since its organization :

- 1835.—Isaac Smith, Supervisor; George W. Glover, Township Clerk; Alonzo W. Olds, John McConnell, George W. Glover, Assessors; Ephraim Meach, Collector; Frederick Smith, George W. Glover, Directors of the Poor; Gardner Bird, A. W. Olds, Evert Woodruff, Highway Commissioners; Melzer Bird, Isaac Smith, Sherman Dix, School Commissioners; James A. Sterling, William C. Rumsey, Warren Parker, School Inspectors.
- 1836.—Kinsley S. Bingham, Supervisor; William C. Rumsey, Township Clerk; John W. Peavy, John Hooper, John Andrews, Elisha W. Brockway, Justices of the Peace; Frederick W. Goodenoe, Thomas Tuthill, Horace Tenney, Assessors; John Henry, Richard Toneray, Directors of the Poor; Joseph Lorn, Collector.
- 1837.—Elisha Brockway, Supervisor; Robert Warden, Jr., Township Clerk; Job Cranston, Augustus Cotton, Thomas Tuthill, Assessors; Kinsley S. Bingham, Robert Warden, Jr., Warren Parker, School Inspectors; Orlando Rodgers, Collector.
- 1838.—Robert Warden, Jr., Supervisor; James Hanchett, Township Clerk; John Hooper, Jonathan Burnett, Augustus Cotton, Assessors; Chandler Carter, Warren Parker, Isaac Smith, Justices of the Peace; Solomon S. Saunders, Collector.
- 1839.—Robert Warden, Jr., Supervisor; James Hanchett, Township Clerk; John Farnsworth, Treasurer; Joseph Lorn, John Farnsworth, James McMahon, Assessors; James Coe, Collector; K. S. Bingham, Robert Warden, Jr., James Hanchett, School Inspectors; John Hooper, Justice of the Peace.

- 1840.—John Hooper, Supervisor; John L. Tuttle, Township Clerk; John Verinton, Treasurer; James McMahon, Assessor; John Hooper, Justice of the Peace; James Coe, Collector; John L. Tuttle, Robert Warden, Jr., School Inspectors.
- 1841.—William W. Dean, Supervisor; John L. Tuttle, Township Clerk; John Hooper, Orlando Rodgers, Assessors; Enoch H. Marble, Treasurer; John Verinton, Jr., Collector; Kinsley S. Bingham, Robert Warden, School Inspectors; Robert Warden, Jr., Justice of the Peace.
- 1842.—John Hooper, Supervisor; John L. Tuttle, Township Clerk; Isaac Pennoyer, Justice of the Peace; John Verinton, Jr., John Farnsworth, Assessors; A. Hubbard, K. S. Bingham, Robert Warden, School Inspectors.
- 1843.—Robert Warden, Supervisor; John L. Tuttle, Township Clerk; A. Hubbard, Treasurer; Alonzo W. Olds, Justice of the Peace; Lorenzo Chubb, Robert Warden, Jr., Ira Jennings, Assessors; A. W. Olds, Robert Warden, Jr., School Inspectors.
- 1844.—Ira Jennings, Supervisor; John L. Tuttle, Township Clerk; A. Hubbard, Treasurer; James S. Spencer, A. S. Butterfield, Justices of the Peace; Robert Warden, Warren Parker, School Inspectors.
- 1845.—Ira Jennings, Supervisor; Gilbert Bedell, Township Clerk; Robert Warden, John L. Tuttle, Justices of the Peace; Abijah Angell, Treasurer; Samuel L. Whiting, School Inspector.
- 1846.—Ira Jennings, Supervisor; William C. Bedell, Township Clerk; Royal C. Runsey, Justice of the Peace; Roger Hedican, Treasurer; Moses Green, Warren Parker, School Inspectors.
- 1847.—Ira Jennings, Supervisor; Abel S. Butterfield, Township Clerk; Alonzo W. Olds, Justice of the Peace; Roger Hedican, Treasurer; Jonathan Burnett, School Inspector.
- 1848.—Alonzo W. Olds, Supervisor; Abel F. Butterfield, Township Clerk; John L. Tuttle, John Hooper, Justices of the Peace; Hannibal Lee, Treasurer; Almon Maltby, Moses B. Green, School Inspectors.
- 1849.—Ira Jennings, Supervisor; Asahel Hubbard, Township Clerk; Robert Warden, Jr., John Hooper, Justices of the Peace; Hannibal Lee, Treasurer; Jonathan Burnett, School Inspector.
- 1850.—John Hooper, Supervisor; A. F. Butterfield, Township Clerk; S. M. Winans, Treasurer; Everett Wilson, Justice of the Peace; Robert Warden, Jr., School Commissioner; Jonathan Burnett, School Inspector.
- 1851.—Ira Jennings, Supervisor; A. F. Butterfield, Township Clerk; S. M. Winan., Treasurer; Warren Barker, Isaac Smith, Justices of the Peace; Jonathan Burnett, School Inspector.
- 1852.—Robert Warden, Supervisor; Niel O'Heara, Township Clerk; John Hooper, Treasurer; A. F. Butterfield, Jesse Truesdell, Justices of the Peace; Zelotes Truesdell, School Inspector.
- 1853.—Ira Jennings, Supervisor; George W. Cropsey, Township Clerk; James Hammill, Treasurer; F. L. Clements, Charles Hoilister, School Inspectors; John Hooper, Justice of the Peace.
- 1854.—Ira Jennings, Supervisor; A. S. Warner, Township Clerk; James Hammill, Treasurer; Ferris L. Clements, Robert Warden, R. C. Rumsey, Justices of the Peace.
- 1855.—Robert Warden, Supervisor; A. S. Hoilister, Township Clerk; Peter P. Galatian, Treasurer; Charles Hokster, School Inspector; A. W. Olds, Isaac H. Smith, Justices of the Peace.
- 1856.—Robert Warden, Supervisor; Byron A. Lumbaré, Township Clerk; Peter P. Galatian, Treasurer; A. Nelson Clark, School Inspector; John L. Tuttle, Almon Maltby, Jesse Truesdell, Justices of the Peace.
- 1857.—Robert Warden, Supervisor; Byron A. Lumbaré, Town-