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HIRA MORLEY was born in Aurelius, Cayuga county, N. Y., April 6, 1806, where he resided until 1812, when his parents, Obadiah and Sarah Morley, moved to Harmony, Chautauqua county, where he resided until 1835. He was raised in a new country, as Chautauqua county was just being settled up when his father settled there. The old farm was on the shore of Chautauqua lake, and for twenty years he spent his spare time on or about the water. The old farm consisted of four hundred acres, which was purchased of the Holland Land company, and Mr. Morley cleared and improved nearly all of it. Obadiah Morley married Sarah Fuller, by whom he had eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, Hira being the fifth child. Obadiah Morley was a native of Connecticut, learned the trade of millwright, and went into the State of New York when a young man, and at one time owned a part of the land upon which the city of Auburn now stands, and erected for Col. Hardenburg the first mill there. He died in Harmony, Chautauqua county, of heart disease while working in his garden, in April, 1846. Mrs. Sarah Morley died on the old farm, December 12, 1871, in her ninety-fourth year. Hira Morley resided in Chautauqua county until the spring of 1835, when he came to Michigan and settled in Woodstock, this county, purchasing 160 acres of land on section 25, where he now resides. He brought his family on that fall. At that time there were only four families, Joseph Robinson, Charles M. McKenzie (who lived at the head of Devil's lake), Joseph Younglove and Richard Osborn, in his neighborhood, there being no settlers north of him nearer than Mr. Blackmar's, on the Chicago turnpike, four miles distant. Mr. Morley is the only man living who settled in his neighborhood in 1835. He had been