

The monument was projected as early as 1865, John G. Ragan, a prominent citizen, then residing in the township of Fremont, being the president of the first association formed for the purpose of raising funds. He was disappointed in the tardy response made to his appeals, but never abandoned the plan, and on his death bed exacted promises from some of his friends that they would take up the work. Under a special act of the Legislature, passed before the adoption of the new constitution in 1871, the county had been authorized to appropriate \$2,000 for the erection of a monument at any time within twenty years. In 1891 the Board of Supervisors made the appropriation. This was added to by contributions from school children and private individuals and by entertainments given under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps, until nearly \$6,000 was raised. The monument is of Barre granite and was erected by F. Bairstow, of Waukegan. The panels were made by Miss Edith Freeman, of Chicago, and, together with the statue, which surmounts the monument, were cast by the American Bronze Foundry Company.

A beautiful monument erected to the memory of the soldiers of Warren township was unveiled and dedicated Sunday, May 7, 1902. The shaft stands in Warren cemetery and was erected at a cost of about \$800, the contributions of public spirited citizens and the proceeds of entertainments given under the auspices of the Ladies' Cemetery Association. Charles Whitney and D. L. Jones, of Waukegan, both former residents of the township, delivered addresses.

CHAPTER XI.

Odds and Ends of Local History—Some Changes That Have Come—Traditions and Recollections of Old Timers—Persons of Prominence—Early Attorneys—Some Representative Men—Some "First Things" and Early Happenings.

In an early day the energies of the settler were necessarily turned largely in the direction of fencing. Rails were the sole material for many years. With infinite labor these were split with ax and maul and wedge. A common price for splitting rails was one cent each. Later,

board fences were the rule. After a time barb wire took the place of boards and of late the woven wire fence is much in vogue. The rail fences cost immense labor and consumed vast forests. Not infrequently great piles of rails were destroyed by fire running through the woods, miles of fencing being annually consumed by prairie fires. The principal fuel of the people for thirty years after the settlement of the county was wood. The steamboats landing at Waukegan consumed thousands of cords annually. Until about 1873 the locomotive furnaces were fed with wood. The early houses and stables were of logs, and wood was the fuel of almost every household until 1865 or later. Because of this the magnificent forests found by the pioneers were rapidly depleted. Kindly Nature has sought to restore the wasting groves, but the droughts of recent years have made still farther inroads upon the growing timber and a marked change as regards the wooded appearance of large portions of the county is the result.

The early settlers set out peach trees quite as freely as they did apple trees, and in the early 'Fifties vast quantities of peaches were grown in the county, some of the farmers selling hundreds of bushels. The market was glutted for a year or two and thousands of bushels annually went to waste. A winter of unusual severity destroyed the trees, and this industry has not been successfully resumed, although in recent years those who have peach trees have peaches. Apple orchards, once productive and profitable, have fallen victims of natural pests or of neglect and largely disappeared. Small fruits are abundant in many neighborhoods, and experts claim that with the same care given to the trees that prevails in other sections of the country apples, peaches, pears and plums might be as abundant here as anywhere, all this region being properly in the fruit belt.

Threshing in an early day was with flails or by the treading out process, horses or cattle being driven around and around over the barn floor or on a piece of ground cleared for the purpose. Then came the open cylinder, which threshed the grain but did not separate it from the chaff. Next came the improved separator, with its tread mill, or its four-sweep, eight-horse power; then the ten or twelve horse power machine. These have been supplanted by the

Representatives in the General Assembly.—
Senate: 1834-6, James M. Strode, Cook County; 1836-8, Peter Pruyne, Cook County; 1838-40, Ebenezer Peck, and James H. Woodworth, vice Peck, resigned, Cook County; 1840-4, John Pearson, Cook County; 1842-4, Samuel Hoard, Cook County; 1844-54, Norman B. Judd, Cook County; 1854-8, George Gage, McHenry County; 1858-62, Henry W. Blodgett, Lake County; 1862-6, Cornelius Lansing, McHenry County; 1866-72, Allen C. Fuller, Boone County, and John Early, Winnebago County; 1872-76, Clark W. Upton, Lake County; 1876-80, Merritt L. Joslyn, McHenry County; 1880-84, George Kirk, Lake County; 1884-8, Ira R. Curtiss, McHenry County; 1888-92, Charles E. Fuller, Boone County; 1892-6, Reuben W. Coon, Lake County; 1896-1900, Flavel K. Granger, McHenry County; 1900-4, Dufay A. Fuller, Boone County.

House: 1836-8, Albert G. Leary, James Walker and Joseph Naper, all of Cook County; 1838-40, Gholson Kercheval, Joseph Naper, Cook County, Richard Murphy, Lake County; 1840-2, Richard Murphy, Lake County, Albert G. Leary and Ebenezer Peck, Cook County; 1842-4, Richard Murphy, Lake County; 1844-6, Horace Butler, Lake County; 1846-8, George Ela, Lake County; 1848-50, Life Wilson, Lake County; 1850-2, Hurlbut Swan, Lake County; 1852-4, Henry W. Blodgett, Lake County; 1854-6, Hurlbut Swan, Lake County; 1856-8, William M. Burbank, Lake County; 1858-64, Elijah M. Haines, Lake County; 1864-8, Eugene B. Payne, Lake County; 1868-70, Ansel B. Cook, Lake County; 1870-2, William B. Dodge, Lake County, and Elijah M. Haines, Lake County; 1872-74, Flavel K. Granger, McHenry County, Elisha Gridley, Lake County, Richard Bishop, McHenry County; 1874-6, William A. James, Lake County, Elijah M. Haines, Lake County, Flavel K. Granger, McHenry County; 1876-8, William A. James, Lake County, Flavel K. Granger, McHenry County, Edward M. Dennis, Lake County; 1878-80, William A. James, Lake County, Flavel K. Granger, McHenry County, William Price, Lake County; 1880-2, James Pollock, Lake County, Orson C. Diggins, McHenry County, James Thompson, McHenry County; 1882-4, Charles E. Fuller, Boone County, Charles H. Tryon, McHenry County, Elijah M. Haines, Lake County; 1884-6, James Pollock, Lake County, Charles E. Fuller, Boone County, Elijah M. Haines, Lake County; 1886-8, Charles A. Partridge, Lake County,

Charles E. Fuller, Boone County, George Wait, Lake County; 1888-90, Charles A. Partridge, Lake County, Gardner M. Southworth, McHenry County, Elijah M. Haines, Lake County, Robert J. Beck, McHenry County; 1890-2, Charles A. Partridge, Lake County, George Reed, Boone County, John C. Donnelly, McHenry County; 1892-4, George Reed, Boone County, Robert J. Beck, McHenry County, Patrick Delaney, Lake County; 1896-8, George R. Lyon, Lake County, Dufay A. Fuller, Boone County, Jacob S. Edelstein, Boone County; 1898-1900, George R. Lyon, Lake County, Dufay A. Fuller, Boone County, John C. Donnelly, McHenry County; 1900-2, George R. Lyon, Lake County, Edward D. Shurtleff, McHenry County, Cornelius O'Conner, Boone County.

Circuit Court Judges.—1838-40, John Pearson; 1841-9, Theophilus W. Smith, Richard M. Young, Jesse B. Thomas, Hugh T. Dickey, all Associate Justices of the Supreme Court; 1850-2, Giles Spring; 1852-5, B. S. Mounts and Buckner S. Morris; 1855-63, George Manierre, Cook County; 1863-73, Erastus S. Williams, Cook County; 1873-9, Theodore D. Murphy, McHenry County; 1877-9, Hiram H. Cody, Du Page County, Clark W. Upton, Lake County; 1879-91, Clark W. Upton, Lake County, Isaac G. Wilson, Kane County, Charles Kellum, DeKalb County; 1891-7, Clark W. Upton, Lake County, Charles Kellum, DeKalb County, Henry B. Willis, Kane County; 1897-1903, John C. Garver, Winnebago County, Charles E. Fuller, Boone County, Charles H. Donnelly, McHenry County; 1902, Arthur H. Frost, Winnebago County, vice Garver, deceased.

State's Attorneys.—1838-40, Alonzo Huntington; 1840-2, Henry Brown; 1842, James M. Strode; 1843, James Curtiss; 1844, Patrick Ballingall; 1845, William A. Boardman; 1849, Alonzo Platt; 1850-6, Daniel McIlroy; 1856-62, Carlos Haven; 1862-4, Joseph Knox; 1864-72, Charles H. Reed; 1872-6, Joseph L. Williams; 1876-87, Charles Whitney; 1887-8, DeWitt L. Jones, vice Whitney, resigned; 1888-90, Charles T. Backus; 1890-1900, Christian T. Heydecker, vice Backus, deceased; 1900-4, S. Delano Talcott.

COUNTY OFFICIALS.

County Commissioners.—(While part of McHenry County) 1837-9, Matthias Mason; 1837, Charles H. Bartlett; 1837-40, Solomon Norton; 1837-8, Samuel Sherman, vice Bartlett, resigned;

Coroners.—1837-9, Michael C. Maguire; 1839-40, Starr Titus; 1840-2, Joseph Wood; 1842-4, Henry M. Paddock; 1844-6, Gilbert Granger; 1846-8, Henry W. Dorsett; 1848-50, Moses Evans; 1850-2, Justus Bangs; 1852-4, William C. Barker; 1854-6, Charles Haynes; 1856-8, Francis H. Porter; 1858-60, James W. Ayers; 1860-2, Moses Evans; 1862-4, Josiah L. Burritt; 1864-6, Horace S. Trumbull; 1866-8, Moses Evans; 1868-70, George Ferguson; 1870-7, Moses Evans; 1877-80, George H. Barney, vice Evans, resigned; 1880-2, Moses Evans; 1882-4, Fremont C. Knight; 1884-8, Fayette Thompson; 1888-1900, Fremont C. Knight; 1900-4, John L. Taylor.

County Surveyors.—1837-9, Charles E. Moore; 1839-43, John A. Mills; 1843-51, George Gage; 1851-7, George Hale; 1857-8, Orange G. Risley; 1858-65, George Hale; 1865-79, Havelia Whitney; 1879-88, William A. Curtis; 1888-92, Charles P. Westerfield; 1892-6, John H. S. Lee; 1896-1904, James Anderson, Jr.

POST OFFICES AND POSTMASTERS.

Abingdon.—(Late McHenry County) Samuel Brooks, Nov. 4, 1836; Thomas McClure, June 7, 1843; John M. Rees, Feb. 6, 1850; Charles M. Luce, May 20, 1851; name changed to "Hartford" May 21, 1852.

Angola.—Amaziah Smith, Feb. 23, 1847; discontinued Dec. 17, 1849; re-established Mar. 6, 1850; Amaziah Smith, Mar. 6, 1850; William W. Peck, July 9, 1857; Charles Woodward, May 15, 1862; name changed to "Sand Lake" May 4, 1863.

Antioch.—Leroy D. Gage, Dec. 9, 1845; Gideon W. Henderson, Dec. 12, 1850; Nathaniel French, Mar. 31, 1852; Delos S. Cook, June 7, 1852; William H. Ring, Feb. 23, 1853; John M. Clark, Nov. 4, 1854; John H. Elliott, Jan. 20, 1858; William H. Ring, Mar. 12, 1861; Miles Shepard, Mar. 4, 1862; William H. Ring, June 13, 1866; Rockwell D. Emmons, Jan. 7, 1876; Thomas C. Richardson, Nov. 2, 1885; Levi J. Simons, Aug. 2, 1889; Joseph C. James, Oct. 14, 1893; Daniel A. Williams, Dec. 10, 1897.

Aptakisic.—George M. Weidner, July 29, 1889.

Buffalo Grove.—Joseph Weidemann, Sept. 4, 1874; John G. Weidner, May 10, 1875.

Carp.—Elizabeth M. Smith, April 18, 1882; Christian Fiddler, Mar. 23, 1883; discontinued Mar. 17, 1884.

Channel.—Charles H. Smith, June 23, 1894.

Cornelia.—Thomas F. Slocum, Mar. 30, 1843; Peter Mills, Oct. 17, 1845; name changed to Wauconda June 27, 1849.

Darlington.—Nelson M. Darling, Jan. 8, 1841; discontinued May 28, 1842.

Deans Corners.—Edwin D. Dean, Aug. 10, 1861; William B. D. Gray, Oct. 2, 1873; Arthur A. Payne, Jan. 7, 1876; name changed to Ivanhoe May 22, 1876.

Deerfield.—Caleb Caldwell, May 4, 1850; Lewis Beecher, Feb. 14, 1854; Eliab Gifford, Oct. 28, 1854; Hobart J. Millen, June 8, 1859; Madison O. Caldwell, Aug. 27, 1861; Lyman Wilmot, Mar. 26, 1864; Nelson C. Hall, Aug. 31, 1866; Mrs. J. Jane McCartney, May 29, 1867; Christian Antes, Jan. 15, 1869; Walter H. Millen, Aug. 17, 1886; Hobart J. Millen, Mar. 29, 1889; Jacob C. Antes, December 8, 1890; Mathias Horenberger, Oct. 29, 1894; James H. Fritsch, Dec. 9, 1898.

Diamond Lake.—Samuel A. Stockwell, April 6, 1855; William Darby, Jan. 30, 1857; Levi Lebolt, October 18, 1860; Myron Moore, April 27, 1864; Curtis G. Wenban, May 8, 1867; C. A. Bilinski, Feb. 4, 1879; Arthur Fleming, Oct. 8, 1880; Myron Moore, April 27, 1882; George Ost, July 9, 1886; Sophia Ost, July 30, 1891; George A. Ost, Dec. 9, 1896.

Dighton.—August Simes, Mar. 30, 1895; Emma Simes, Oct. 16, 1897; name changed to Ingleside Nov. 12, 1901.

Dulanty.—Richard Goodbody, June 2, 1846; discontinued Oct. 7, 1846; re-established Dec. 30, 1847; Michael C. Maguire, Dec. 30, 1847; name changed to Oak Hill Mar. 24, 1848.

Ela.—Abram Vandenwaker, Feb. 16, 1852; Daniel Potter, Mar. 29, 1852; Charles Quentin, Aug. 4, 1854; George Barbarras, Feb. 24, 1857; Charles Quentin, Oct. 9, 1858; discontinued June 3, 1875; George Quentin, Jan. 30, 1891; discontinued Mar. 22, 1894.

Emmett.—Andrew Steele, May 28, 1846; Henry C. Harrington, Nov. 1, 1853; David Jones, Sept. 28, 1854; Charles Flynn, June 4, 1858; discontinued Dec. 31, 1859; Thomas Doyle, May 13, 1870; C. J. Burns, May 6, 1874; discontinued June 22, 1875.

Everett.—Eli A. Frantz, July 14, 1892; Mrs. Anna Zerwer, April 27, 1896; Edward F. Stuenkel, Jan. 26, 1900.

Flint Creek.—(Late in McHenry County) Vincent H. Freeman, July 1, 1839; John Sears, Sept. 12, 1840; name changed to Lake Zurich Sept. 12, 1840.

Flint Creek.—(Re-established) Harvey Lambert, Oct. 7, 1847; John J. Bullock, July 24,

1849; John Jackson, Dec. 18, 1855; discontinued May 14, 1856.

Forksville.—David Lewis, March 24, 1848; Martial H. Booth, May 12, 1851; Clark Gale, June 7, 1855; David Lewis, Jan. 30, 1857; Clark Gale, Feb. 17, 1859; Benj. W. Porter, March 30, 1861; George Tower, Dec. 14, 1861; Henry Rogers, March 2, 1865, Mrs. Phebe B. Scoville, Oct. 8, 1866; Clark Gale, Nov. 26, 1866; name changed to Volo Nov. 27, 1868.

Fort Hill.—(Late in McHenry County) Joseph Wood, March 6, 1838; Levi Marble, July 29, 1840; Samuel L. Wood, March 31, 1841; Timothy B. Titcomb, Feb. 5, 1844; Levi Marble, Nov. 27, 1844; Devereaux Goodale, Oct. 2, 1849; Alfred Wood, May 1, 1850; Orin Marble, April 12, 1852; George Thomson, Feb. 23, 1853; Elijah Stanford, July 8, 1884; Caroline E. Coombs, Feb. 3, 1886.

Fort Sheridan.—Charles Unbehaun, Aug. 10, 1888; O. Laurence Oelsen, May 15, 1889; name changed to Highwood July 10, 1893.

Fort Sheridan.—(Re-established) Jennie M. De Roo, Aug. 5, 1893.

Foss.—John L. Cadmore, Feb. 1, 1900.

Fox Lake.—William H. Hall, April 9, 1850; Miles L. Galiger, July 1, 1862; Francis Knoll, Dec. 30, 1867; Alexander Tweed, Feb. 23, 1882.

Fremont Center.—Charles M. Gorham, Dec. 27, 1853; Isaac H. Smith, Feb. 21, 1854; Charles M. Gorham, Nov. 21, 1855; S. H. Smith, July 17, 1857; William Beach, Feb. 21, 1859; Ira J. Hoyt, June 23, 1862; Cornelius F. Bliss, May 7, 1866; Thaddeus M. Bliss, Sept. 28, 1873; Ira J. Hoyt, March 14, 1871; William Washburn, Aug. 8, 1872; Charles M. Gorham, March 26, 1874; Mrs. Ann Gorham, May 5, 1874; John Behm, Aug. 31, 1875; Henry Dornbush, Sept. 19, 1877; John Hertel, Jan. 13, 1879; John Deinlein, Oct. 6, 1892.

Gage's Lake.—Amos Wright, March 8, 1847; Asahel S. Kellogg, April 7, 1851; Amos Wright, July 14, 1853; discontinued Nov. 12, 1859; re-established Jan. 7, 1862; Amos Wright, Jan. 7, 1862; Henry J. Wright, March 14, 1863; John P. Wooley, July 29, 1867; Charles E. Jameson, April 2, 1873; Dewitt L. Jones, March 1, 1875; Augustus E. Wooley, July 31, 1876; William H. Rose, June 23, 1879; Augustus E. Wooley, April 16, 1883; discontinued April 19, 1887.

Gilmer.—John G. Ragan, May 15, 1844; Joel B. Thomas, June 27, 1849; Henry Morse, Jan. 30, 1857; Washington H. Morse, Feb. 9, 1859; August G. Schwerman, Dec. 10, 1896.

Grant.—George K. Stearns, March 4, 1862; discontinued July 22, 1865.

Grass Lake.—Mary Allen, Feb. 26, 1886.

Gray's Lake.—Rhoderick D. Parker, Dec. 22, 1886; Alexander Riel, April 10, 1889; John S. Murrie, July 9, 1891; Amy M. Morse, May 19, 1893; Amy M. White, Feb. 5, 1895; Amy B. Whitmore, March 8, 1898.

Gurnee Station.—John R. Bracher, June 27, 1874; name changed to Gurnee June 27, 1874; Charles H. Welch, June 6, 1894; John R. Bracher, July 23, 1897.

Hainesville.—Elijah M. Haines, Jan. 20, 1846; David S. Pierson, May 20, 1851; Parley Dickinson, Aug. 25, 1851; Orlando S. Wright, May 19, 1853; Jonathan T. Arnold, Sept. 19, 1853; Nathaniel Pitkin, Feb. 21, 1854; Daniel H. Ingalls, Dec. 26, 1855; Harvey Whitney, June 1, 1857; Orlando S. Wright, Feb. 5, 1858; William King, May 30, 1860; Mrs. Ephelinda Wheelock, July 21, 1864; Theodore C. Slusser, Aug. 10, 1875; George B. Battershall, Nov. 2, 1885; Merub Forvor, April 27, 1891; George B. Battershall, Feb. 8, 1894.

Half Day.—(Late McHenry County) Seth Washburn, Aug. 22, 1836; John Easton, April 17, 1841; N. F. Corbin, July 31, 1845; Josiah Burritt, May 8, 1849; Calvin B. Rose, July 17, 1849; Orange Brace, April 20, 1850; Moses Hubbard, Aug. 24, 1853; John Wells, Jan. 30, 1857; Ferry Hubbard, Feb. 27, 1860; John Zimmer, Aug. 9, 1864; W. Warren Doty, July 1, 1865; Alexander McLeran, July 9, 1866; Frederick J. Hertel, Nov. 9, 1868; Edward Shapter, March 30, 1869; John McClure, June 20, 1870; Jacob B. Zimmer, Feb. 13, 1872; Cicero J. Armstrong, June 3, 1874; Charles Gainer, Nov. 2, 1885; John M. Foote, Aug. 24, 1889; Myron Moore, Dec. 14, 1898.

Hartford.—Charles M. Luce, May 21, 1852; Collins Gowdy, July 20, 1852; name changed to Warrenton Oct. 13, 1853.

Hickory.—Chester Ames, Feb. 3, 1848; Henry A. Webb, April 12, 1869; David P. Matthews, May 13, 1869; Wallace H. Webb, Nov. 2, 1871; Albert Sanborn, Aug. 9, 1878; Elenora L. Webb, July 10, 1889; Jennie Pickles, Dec. 14, 1899.

Highland Park.—Lewis Beecher, Dec. 14, 1861; Henry Payne, May 23, 1862; James W. Ayers, Dec. 12, 1863; discontinued Nov. 21, 1866; re-established Dec. 10, 1866; Mrs. Julia Dooley, Dec. 10, 1866; Samuel S. Streeter, April 1, 1869; Edward P. Harris, April 13, 1875; George B. Cummings, Dec. 27, 1875; John L.