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PREFACE

This history was projected in the summer of 1908 by C. Chamberlain Tracey, a Lake County man, and of the third generation of his family in the county. His mother was a daughter of William W. Chamberlain, who came to the county in 1853. C. C. Tracey's plan for this history was a co-operative work, by specialists, and in the main it has been carried out. When he presented his plan to the writer of this preface it appeared to him an admirable one, and appealed to him so strongly that he consented to write the narrative for Shields township, for which he had been collecting data for twenty years. This history of Shields was, at the first, to be his sole contribution to the work, but he offered to add two chapters—one on Roads and one on Railways—the result of special studies pursued for some years. Forty or more other contributors were engaged for as many chapters.

None of the material to be so furnished was to be paid for, and the promoter of the enterprise was to take all the financial responsibility for the undertaking, and to enjoy all the financial profits, if any there should be. This was a reasonable arrangement in view of the fact, that, departing from the usual practice in the making of county histories, no biographical mention or portraits were to be sold for either cash or subscriptions. One of the most experienced publishers of county histories, publishing in Chicago, characterized the plan of the Lake County man as high minded but financially foolish, and insisted that such a book could be financed only by the sale of portraits. However, the plan has been adhered to. On such terms and for such a history, such students of local history and local phenomena as Frank R. Grover, Jesse Lowe Smith, Ellsworth J. Hill and Henry Kelso Coale were secured to prepare the chapters that appear in their names. Charles C. Partridge loaned his admirable account of the county in the Civil War-originally published in 1877; Robert M. Ingalls and Captain A. V. Smith, both participants in the War with Spain, contributed chapters; Judge V. V. Barnes and Theodore Forby, both builders of Zion City, told of that remarkable experiment. Carl E. Sayler told of the City of North Chicago-also as a builder; Edward P. DeWolf gave the account of the harbor of Waukegan, for which he has expended so much energy; Lieut. Col. W. H. Whigham furnished the narrative for the State Camp, over which he presided; Benjamin H. Miller gave the account of the founding of the Naval Station which his official chief called into being; and Captain Edward Bradley, Dr. W. H. Watterson, and A. F. Sheldon-all founders-gave sketches of their successful projects; Charles G. Watrous, leading postmaster in the county, furnished an extended sketch of the post offices. John O'Keefe wrote the story of the Railroad Men's Home, and Jay Brewster that of the Masonic Order.

So far so good, and these special features of the history were successfully handled. But the standard portions of a normal history were not so fortunate. Out of the sixteen townships of the county, Shields alone received extended treatment; Libertyville and Waukegan, the two most important towns in the county from a historical point of view, received none at all. Moreover, when the book was apparently ready for the press, the present writer discovered that there was to be in it no general history of the county as a whole-in other words that there was to be an edifice made exclusively of porches but no insides. At his urgent solicitation the publication was delayed, and in six months of hard work, in the odd moments of a busy life, the two hundred and fifty pages were prepared. Discovering, moreover, that the admirable sketches of Lake Forest Presbyterian Church, Highland Park Episcopal Church, and the Church of the Holy Family of North Chicago, prepared by present or former pastors, together with that of Highland Park Presbyterian Church, by Mr. Goodrich, were the sole chronicles of church history, the present writer prepared the two chapters on the Catholic and Protestant Churches of the county. To these he added, in revised form, previously prepared articles on the rural schools, Lake Forest University, and John Alexander Dowie. He has prepared the biographies for Shields and Deerfield townships, and many of those for Waukegan, and he has revised all others that appear.

These details of preparation have been entered into in order that the almost fortuitous way in which the responsibility for the book has been thrust upon the editor may be presented as some apology for its serious defects of form and contents—of which the present writer is painfully aware. Given the choice of killing the book for the sake of symmetry, or going on to publication despite its imperfections, for the sake of the good material embedded in it, there seemed but one thing to do, and it was done. For the defects in proof reading, for which *corrigenda* are furnished on page XI, a partial condonation must be found in the fact that this work was carried on during a vacation ramble through a dozen places of temporary sojourn, in entire separation from original sources or even original copy. The determination to make the book carry itself financially, without the revenues from personal vanity that a sale of photographic reproduction would bring, has made it necessary to omit all illustrations, even those alluded to at page 292.

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son and successor, Llewellyn A. Hendee, have in the same cordial manner thrown open the records of the County Court, and of the County Commissioners and Supervisors. Mr. Jesse L. Moss, Secretary, and Mr. W. N. C. Carlton, Librarian of the Newberry Library, gave special facilities in the use of their great collection, and Miss McIlvaine, Librarian of the Chicago Historical Society, not only gave the freedom of her alcoves, but contributed most generously from her own large knowledge of local history. To Miss Jenkins, her assistant, the writer is grateful for continued help in the locating and use of sources; equal gratitude is due Mr. Sorensen, curator of the collection of statutes in the Newberry, and his assistant, for their many trips from the alcoves with heavy burdens. Miss Bess T. Bower, deputy clerk in the county clerk's office at Waukegan can never be thanked adequately for the constant help she has given, through several years, for she is in a very large measure responsible for the success of the writer in discovery of much hidden and unnoticed material. To Mr. A. K. Bowes of the Lake County Title and Trust Company, cordial recognition is made for his generous and repeated aid in mastering the intricacies of the record office. Most grateful thanks are here recorded to the friend of a lifetime. Mr. Louis J. Gurnee — manager for many years, until his recent affliction, of the Title and Trust Company, for valuable contributions, from his own vast knowledge, as well as from his records, of material not otherwise available. Thanks are due to every county clerk in the State for information as to county organization, and especially to Mr. G. E. Still of McHenry, Mr. William Bowley of Boone, and Mr. Marcus A. Norton of Winnebago. Hon. James A. Rose, Secretary of State, has kindly contributed his "Counties of Illinois," and Mr. Samuel P. Irwin, Official Reporter of the Supreme Court, has furnished advance sheets of court decisions. Mr. Martin C. Decker, town clerk of Shields township, has thrown open his records; and Mr. James King, city clerk of Lake Forest, has done the same for his office. Mr. Robert M. Ingalls, of the Lake County Historical Society, has loaned the unique copy of the "Lake County Porcupine," and the Smith Brothers, recently of the Waukegan Gazette, most cordially gave the use of their invaluable files of sixty years. The law libraries of Mr. Horace H. Martin of Chicago, Mr. C. T. Heydecker of Waukegan, and of County Judges Jones and Persons have been made freely accessible.

The writer, in every case where original sources of information existed, has gone to them. Through the courtesy of Deputy County Clerk G. E. Still of McHenry County he went through all the records at Woodstock covering our earliest period of settlement. The County Commissioners and Supervisors Books of Lake County, in a similar way, have been run through, and the locations of early settlers have been corroborated by reference to the patents and land sales records. The marriage books of both counties, which have been kept from the organization, have been used, and the birth and death records of Lake County from their beginning, in December, 1877. Although a State law as old as Lake County imposed the keeping of birth and death records on the County authorities, no such records are found for Lake County prior to 1877. It must not be assumed that earlier books were burned in the fire that destroyed the Court House in 1875, for all the records at that time were kept in a detached building which escaped the fire. In addition, birth and death records have been copied in fifteen or sixteen of the rural burial places.

For secondary sources of information the writer cannot accord too much praise to the two sketches of Lake County published by Mr. Elijah M. Hainesone in 1852, the other in 1877-and that published by Mr. Charles A. Partridge in 1902. The notes in the present history will show how copious use has been made of those pioneer histories. Mr. Haines' "Historical and Statistical Sketches of Lake County" is the work of a pioneer who was thoroughly conversant with the early history of which he speaks. His "Past and Present of Lake County," reproduces the earlier narrative for twenty-five years, and adds a wealth of township and biographical material. Mr. Partridge's "History of Lake County," published as a part of the "Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois," is a splendid monument to his memory, and for the period it covers very little can be added to his record. The narrative, however, practically ends with the close of the Civil War. These earlier histories, then, left untouched the last forty-five years of county affairs, and made it possible to see the need of such a continuous narrative as the present one, covering seventy-five years of local history. The files of the Lake County Porcupine for the two years of its existence, and those of the Waukegan Weekly Gazette, for a period of fifty years, have been gone through week by week most diligently, and the writer feels justified for such a wearisome undertaking by the belief that few events of importance have escaped notice.

The road history has been made up from the original federal surveys in the office of the Land Department at Washington, together with the survey books of the early county surveyors. Our earlier map of Lake County is made from these federal surveys, and for the work the writer is indebted to the skillful hand of Mr. Elisha Fales. The recent map is made up from the County map made in 1861 by County Surveyor Hale, and more recent ones made by County Surveyors Lee and Anderson. The Green Bay Road has been traversed on foot from Chicago River to Kenosha. besides nearly 300 miles of county roads. The railways sketch owes much to the aid granted from the records of his office by Vice-President McCullough of the Northwestern R. R., and Mr. Robert Leitz has aided in the railway record of Northwestern conductors. Miss Florence Graves of the Municipal offices at Waukegan has made available the records for the sketch of the Electric R. R., and Commissioner Clarence W. Diver of Waukegan, has kindly gone through and checked off the list of Waukegan trustees and alderman for sixty years. In the original preparation six years ago of the chapter on Rural Schools the writer was greatly aided by the then county superintendent, Frank N. Gaggin, and Superintendent J. Arthur Simpson has helped in the revision to date. For the preparation of the sketch

of John Alexander Dowie and Zion City the author spent the summer of 1903 in that city, and was continually aided by such leading men as Charles R. Barnard, Judge V. V. Barnes, Rev. Harvey D. Brasefield, Arthur Stevenson, and Arthur W. Newcomb, whilst the great leader himself proffered several prolonged interviews, as well as the files of the official paper. The history of the Catholic Churches has been made up from the official registers of each parish, and into this work the parish priests have entered most sympathetically and helpfully. Fathers Otto of Buffalo Grove, Foley of Wadsworth, Lynch of Antioch, Kinsella of Libertyville, Schildgen of Fremont, Dorney of Barrington, Gavin, Schuette and Kruszos of Waukegan, Barry of Lake Forest, and (in the absence of Father Nestraeter) Ott of Grosse Point, have given time and personal attention, as have also several pastors in McHenry County mother-churches-as Fathers Lehane of McHenry, Wolfgarten of Johnsburg, Kearney of Hartland, and D. J. Conway, of Woodstock. Miss Mary Dooley of Highland Park has generously given her special work on St. Mary's. Special thanks are due to Father Barry of Lake Forest, who has aided in innumerable ways, and whose broad and tolerant sympathy has done much toward the making of chapter forty. That splendid veteran at Waukegan, Father Gavin, whose life covers nearly the whole period recorded, has not only thrown open his library and his great collection of the "Annual Almanac and Directory," but has given hours of his personal help in the work of investigation.

The Protestant pastors, in the same way, have helped to make chapter forty-one. For the Methodist churches thanks are due to the Methodist Book Concern in Chicago for the use of the series of Annual Minutes, to the pastors, Rev. A. O. Stixrud, C. F. Mattison, H. C. Townley, John F. Arnold, W. D. Tremaine, M. A. Gable, Charles E. Lamale, and to Clerk Harry Rich of Grays Lake, and Mr. Alfred Willerton of North Prairie; for the Congregational churches to the pastors, Rev. T. M. Higginbotham, J. Scott Carr, S. C. Garrison, Andrew W. Safford and Charles H. Pillasch, and for Ivanhoe, Mr. G. S. Brainerd; for the Baptist church of Waukegan, to Rev. George M. McGinnis, for that of Wauconda, to Miss Alice Poole, for that of Highland Park, to Mrs. C. G. Hammond; for the Presbyterian church of Waukegan, Rev. S. W. Chidester, for that of Highland Park, to Mr. W. M. Goodrich, for North Chicago, Clerk H. M. Henry, for Libertyville, Clerk A. M. Casey; for the Episcopal churches, to Archdeacon Toll, Rev. Peter C. Wolcott and Rev. A. G. Richards; for the German churches, to pastors R. O. Buerger, A. M. C. Starck and John J. Silberman; for the Christian churches, to Rev. R. L. Handley and Mrs. Mary O. Persons. Mrs. Dexter A. Ferry and Mrs. H. L. Wilson have given much help on the churches of Benton, and Mrs. Charity Raught on the Volo church, and Miss Harriet McClure has kindly gone through the Presbyterian annals in the McCormick Seminary Library. Judge Donnelly has contributed the beginnings of Donnelly's Settlement.

For the sketch of Shields township the writer is largely indebted to tradition,

which he has been collecting for twenty years. At some time or other every earlier settler or one of his children has been interviewed, and has told the story as he or she knew it. This traditional material has been reinforced and certified by the use of all available records public and private. Scores of old settlers have aided this research, but a smaller number have rendered more than ordinary service. The late William Atteridge, the span of whose life was nearly commensurate with that of the county, was a constant helper and adviser, and it is a cause of personal grief that the writer cannot submit the finished result to his eye. Mr. Thomas Dwyer, who has lived in the county seventy-five years; Mr. Martin Melody, whose residence here dates from 1840; Mrs. Edwin Hart, who came in 1842; Mr. John Connell, who came in 1847; Mr. James Anderson, who came in 1851; and Mr. Patrick Farrell, who came in 1854; each of these has most patiently contributed and suggested and criticised so as to make the sketch possible. Others to whom there is much obligation are Mrs. Henry Vickerman, Mrs. James Swanton, Mrs. John Dunn, Miss Helen Ryan, Mr. Thomas Murphy, Mr. William Mehan and Mr. Thomas F. Yore. For the sketch of Lake Forest and the University the writer is much indebted to Dr. Charles H. Quinlan, David J. Lake, Rev. William C. Dikinson, D. D., and Rev. Robert W. Patterson, D. D., -all deceased-and to Rev. Edwin S. Skinner and Rev. James G. K. McClure, D. D. The latter not only furnished a printed sketch of the Lake Forest Presbyterian Church, which embodies much township history, but he turned over the collected traditions, from which he had selected.

Much co-operation has been given in various ways by one of the last survivors of the pioneers, Mr. Homer Cooke, and by two sons of pioneers, Judge D. L. Jones and Mr. John Pope. Mr. A. W. Fletcher and Mr. Curtis G. Wenban have aided through their early knowledge of routes to Chicago. Finally, Miss Katharine C. Halsey gave many hours of a well earned vacation to the making of the necessary index.

Several attempts were made to induce the Director of the Census to give to the editor the printed data concerning the thirteenth census which he furnished to the press April 20, 1911, in the hope of checking off the figures taken from the newspapers. But official red tape could not be overcome until November 8, by which time the general history was printed, and several errors were left, to be corrected on page XIX.

Some time ago Mr. Roy S. Bates, of the Provident Life and Trust Company of Philadelphia, through his intense interest in local history, assumed all financial responsibility for this work. The expense of carrying it through the press has not been small, and the editor sincerely trusts that the sale of the book will return to him at least the money he has advanced to make it possible. The editor's reward will be realized if the public consents to read the history.

EMIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT.

IN THE DESPLAINES VALLEY.

Vernon Township was on the River Road and was naturally an early place of concentration of settlement. William Easton and his sons, Robert and John, settled on Section 14 east of Half Day; John Gridley and his sons, Elisha, George and John T., on Section 17 west of Half Day; Mathias Mason, one of the first County Commissioners, John A. Mills and Jonathan Rice on Section 9 to the northwest; John S. Chambers and James M. Washburn near the village; B. F. Washburn and Roswell W. Rose on Section 13: Asahel Talcott to the south on Section 22; William Wigham with his father-in-law, on the Wright farm, where he died in 1839. Later comers were Orange Brace on the southern edge of the town and county in Section 31; John Herrick and Priscilla, his wife, on the main road just south of the north town boundary; Rufus Soules and Ursula, his wife, were on Section 26; Job W. Tripp on the same section; Jesse H. Leavenworth and Elvira, his wife, were on Section 35; Charles Darling on 7; Stephen M. Salisbury on 36; Seth Washburn in the village. In Vernon, at Half Day, the first postoffice in the county was established August 22, 1836, and Seth Washburn was postmaster. In the fall of that year Laura B. Sprague opened the first school at the same place.

The natural trend of emigration was still up the valley. To Libertyville Township came, in 1835, Tobias Wynkoop, who settled on the creek which bears his name north of the village: Elkanah Tingley was between him and the village; in the village itself were the Englishman George Vardin, who stayed only a year, but left his name to the Grove; Davis C. Steele, nephew of Richard and Ransom; Morse the village blacksmith; Henry B. Steele the famous Commissioners' Clerk of 1840-43, who had been previously our first Sheriff in 1837-40, and who took the Vardin claim and house. On Diamond Lake were Samuel Wayman and Enos Covolt, and a little later Charles Bartlett, who moved over from the river. Others who came later were Life Wilson, a ship captain, and James Hutchinson who settled near together on the road from Vardin's Grove to Mechanic's Grove. Archimedes B. Wynkoop was at Vardin's Grove for awhile before he removed to Little Fort. Lewis G. Schenck, Solomon Norton, Elisha Clarke and Hiram Clark went out beyond Wilson and Hutchinson to Section 19, and settled around the beautiful little oak forest which on account of their previous occupation was called Mechanic's Grove, and which still surrounds the buildings of the Sheldon School near Lake Eara. Norton was County Commissioner in 1837-40; Schenck was Treasurer in 1837-39 and School Commissioner in 1839-41. Three professional men came in 1837; and all made a profound impression in the county. Horace Butler and Cornelia, his wife, built a home in the western side of the village and Butler's Lake commemorates them. Dr. Jesse H. Foster was also in the village and kept a pharmacy in connection with his practice.

The Rev. Samuel Hurlbut, a Methodist clergyman, was our first spiritual overlooker, and broke the monopoly of the justices in marriage fees. Dr. William Crane settled in the village. Henry B. Steele opened a postoffice at his house in the Grove, April 16, 1837, and called it Libertyville. Vernon town had the first marriage at Captain Wright's in January, 1836. The first child, a native to the county, was born in Liberty town, June 20, 1835, at the home of Richard Steele and was named Albert B. Steele. The second, a daughter of Willard Jones, was born in Warren, June 27, 1836. The third, James P. Norton, a son of Solomon Norton, was born at Mechanic's Grove, July 9, 1836. The fourth was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Landon, born in Benton, July 27, 1836.

Richard Drew, Thomas Madden and Archibald Darragh came away over in the northeast corner of the township in the early forties. They were in the North Branch line of travel rather than the DesPlaines Valley and were affiliated with the settlers in Shields. So with the Bradleys in Section 26 southwest of Rondout. Miss Sprague at Half Day, had the first school, but Independence Grove had the first school house. It was built of squared logs, making what was called a block house, in the fall of 1836.⁶

The River Road as such ended at the Gurnee Ford in Warren, crossing over to the eastern height of land at York House, but the trail went on up the valley to Mill Creek and the State line. In Warren we find a growing population before the close of 1835. Willard Jones settled away out in Section 31, on the Mukwonago trail; Phineas Sherman on the River on 27, and William Sherman on 28; William McClure was on 23, and James McClure on 22: Amos Bennett, a negro, was on the River above Vardin's Grove; Ezekiel Boyland was higher up the stream in 14; George A. Drury, Leonard Gage and George Gage were near Gage's Lake. George Gage was County Surveyor in 1843-51. Others followed soon. Samuel Brooks opened a postoffice called Abingdon, November 4, 1836, west of the Saugatuck crossing of the river. Avery Esty and Moses Esty came on Section 17; William Lovejoy, famous for tavern and staging, opened his house in Section 32 on the Belvidere Road. William Ladd, who was "Squire" Ladd and County Commissioner in 1842-45, settled on Section 8; Orlin B. Smith was on Section 21: Havelia Whitney, surveyor in 1879-88, was on 20; Peter Strang and Amaziah Smith on 4; William L. Barry on Section 6; Deliah Corser at Gurnee; James Whitmore on 21; Thomas Whitmore on 29.

The last pioneers up the valley reached Newport Township. Here, in 1835, following Jacob Miller, were James Emery, west of the River on Section 27, and Lemuel Short on Section 15 near where now is Rosecrans. Others who followed were Merrill Pearsons on Section 31; James Melinda, east of the

"Haines' Past and Present, 222-225, 294, 313; Partridge, 627-630; Lake County Land Book.

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River on 14; also Alvin Ames who came in 1842; Henry Chope on 32; and Hiram C. Biddlecom on 24; Asa Winter on 34; Elijah Alvord on 33. who came in 1839; Peter Cassiday on 21; Edward and John Murray came to Section 2 in 1841; Solomon P. Brown came to Section 12 in 1843; John Delany came to Section 26 in 1842; E. F. W. Eddy came to Section 13 in 1843; Rev. William B. Dodge came in 1843 to Milburn; Asher Ferry settled in 12 on the Military Road; John B. Nichols was near the River in 11; and to the east of him, his brother, Lansing B. Nichols, who was Clerk of Commissioners Court in 1839-40; Jeremiah Shea was on 14; Charles F. Heydecker came in 1483 to Section 28. John Pope did not come until 1850.⁷

ALONG LAKE MICHIGAN.

The settlement along the Lake Shore and the Green Bay Road began higher up than was the case on the River, and the earliest settlers were more numerous in Benton and Waukegan than in Shields and Deerfield. The two northern townships lay better to the immediate occupancy of settlers. Landon and Stowell had come through the other three towns to their final decision that the fine upland prairie of Benton was "good enough." In Benton Township in 1835 were: Nelson Landon on Section 10, who was a County Commissioner in 1839-44; Jeremiah Stowell was just north of him; Hanson Minsky and Robert D. Minsky, brothers, on Section 22; Henry M. Paddock on Section 3, who was Coroner in 1842; Jeremiah Porter on the Green Bay Road on Section 18, who was Treasurer and Assessor in 1845. Others who came soon after 1835 were John R. Nichols and C. Truesdell on Section 6; Chester Butterfield on 15; Samuel P. Ransom on 16; Rev. Salmon Stebbins on 19 in 1837; Edward Putnam on 18; Oren Jerome on 9; John Carmen on 15. John Carmen died there April 25, 1881, at the age of eighty-two. Henry Wood came in 1835. His brother George came in 1836 and died at the age of sixty-seven, April 5, 1876. Mrs. Lydia Putnam died November 27, 1881, nearly eighty-eight years of age. Nelson Landon died at Waukegan, June 17, 1874, aged seventy-seven. Mrs. Landon died May 8, 1869. Nelson Landon and Jeremiah Stowell were the pioneers in Benton. They came up the Green Bay Road from Chicago on one pony, riding alternately. The first Landon house was a log cabin. The second was a framed structure brought by boat in sections to the beach a mile east and then hauled in and put together. The other Benton pioneers followed these two in along the Green Bay Road trail from the south. Later settlers came by Lake to Kenosha or Southport, after that settlement had grown into a rival of the infant Chicago, and staged in from there.

"Haines' Past and Present, 222-225, 316; Partridge, 627-630; Land Book.

The first permanent claims of government lands were made in Antioch township in 1836, in December, by Darius B. Gage, Thomas Q. Gage, and Thomas Warner. The first house was built in April, 1837, by the Gages, on the present site of Antioch Village, where the Mukwonago trail crosses the Sequoit Creek. Thomas Warner built near Loon Lake in the June following. These men had come from Cook County up the Des Plaines River trail and Mill Creek to Loon Lake to make their claim cabin. Returning by the Mukwonago Indian trail they very nearly perished through uncertainty as to the route, which made almost directly from the site of Antioch by way of Willard Jones', in the southwest corner of Warren to Half Day. They were fortunate to stumble upon the only refuge in all that wilderness, the hospitable home of Willard Jones.

The Gages and Warner were from New York. So was Henry Rector, who came in 1837 to Section 30. William Fagher, on Section 31, and Robert Stalker. who came the same year, were from the Isle of Man. Eleazer F. Ingalls came from New Hampshire with his son, Eleazer S. Ingalls, and his brotherin-law, Loami Pearson, and Charles O. McClellan. Others who came early were: Harrison P. Nelson on 4; H. Nichols, F. F. Munson, Parnell Munson, Leland Cook on 8; Hiram Buttrick on 20; J. R. Pollock and James Pollock on 24; Miles Shepard to Section 18; Thomas McClellan, Oren Parker on 27; George Rae. John B. Rice, in Antioch Village, came in 1837. On the Sequoit Creek, Hiram Buttrick built a saw mill in 1839. The village of Antioch was begun in 1840 at this spot, and had enough people in 1840 for a most successful Fourth of July celebration. "A good band of martial music was in attendance to give life and spirit to the occasion: Freeman Bridge acted as Marshal of the Day, and acquitted himself nobly. The Declaration of Independence was read by Hiram Buttrick, and an excellent oration was delivered by Harrison P. Nelson." The first stock of goods was opened at this place by Daniel Head in 1843. The first tavern was kept by D. B. Gage, and the first blacksmith shop by E. F. Ingalls. The Ingalls family settled on Section 8, W. F. Shepard on 9, Hiram Buttrick on Loon Lake. Ira Simmons came in 1840.10

Judge E. S. Ingalls wrote from Menominee, Michigan, June 3, 1876, to the Secretary of the Old Settlers' Association of Lake County, as follows:

"I came to the present Lake County with my father, Eleazer F. Ingalls, my uncle, Loami Pearson, and Charles McClellan in the spring of 1838. We entered the State at a small village called Thornton, and, passing through Joliet and Naperville, struck the Fox River at St. Charles, and traveled up its west side to English Prairie, in McHenry County. There we made a halt and built a

"Haines' Sketches, 68-70, 72, 87; Past and Present, 241, 318; Land Book.

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN.

By JUDGE PERRY PERSONS.

The settlement of Warren dates back to the year 1835.

The selection of a name was made at a public meeting of citizens called for the purpose, and duly given it by the commissioners. It was through the loyal activity of two former citizens of the town of Warren, in the state of New York (so named in honor of General Joseph Warren, of Revolutionary fame) that the town received its name.

Its citizens were sturdy, industrious people and at the beginning of its township organization was second only in point of wealth in the county.

The first schoolhouse was built three years after its organization, James Vose being the first teacher.

The first town meeting (held in April 1850) Nathaniel Vose was chosen Moderator and Benjamin Schauber clerk. The following persons were elected town officers:

Supervisor-Havelia Whitney.

Town Clerk-Benjamin Schauber.

Assessor-Nathaniel Vose, Jr.

Overseer of Poor-George A. Drury.

Collector-Levi Stafford.

Commissioners of Highways-Marcus S. Marsh, Alfred D. Whitmore and A. M. Persons.

Justice of Peace-Philip Blanchard and Havelia Whitney.

Among the early settlers may be mentioned: Thomas McClure, Proctor Putnam, Frederick Hoffman, Amos Bennett, Samuel Brooks, L. W. Craig, Ezekiel Boyland and the two Gages, Leonard and George, George A. Drury, Avery and Moses Esty, William Lovejoy, Abram Marsh, William Ladd, the three Smiths, Orange, Orlan B. and Amaziah, Willard Jones and David Gilmore.

Warren is a town of churches, religious meetings being held in the school house in the north of the township before any organizations were perfected.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

J. R. BRACHER was born in London, England, January 17, 1836, and came to America in 1856. He served three and a half years in the regular army before the Civil War. He enlisted in St. Louis on January 8, 1862, in the 13th Missouri Cavalry, and was mustered out April 14, 1865. He was married in Warren Township February 12, 1878, to Miss Jessie Boyce. In 1874 he was appointed Postmaster at Gurnee, which position he has held ever since, except under President Cleveland. He was Supervisor of Warren Township in 1888-89.

LEMUEL EDWARDS was born in Warren, N. Y., August 17, 1814, and came to Avon Township in 1857. He was married, December 17, 1835, to Miss Lomida T. Marshall. He was a maker of axes and edge tools at his famous "Axe Shop" at Rollins. He was a leading member of the Methodist Church and a founder of the Lake Villa Church. He was Supervisor from 1882 to 1869, from 1870 to 1873, from 1875 to 1877, from 1878 to 1879. from 1880 to 1881 and from 1882 to 1883. He was Chairman of the Board in 1871. He was Postmaster at Rollins from 1874 to 1890. He died March 31, 1890. and Mrs. Edwards died July 10, 1900.

MOSES ESTY was one of the earliest of the pioneer settlers of Lake County, and came from Massachusetts to Illinois in 1837, accompanied by James Kennedy and John Esty. He was then 36 years of age, and had married ten years previously, Miss Julia A. Goodridge, of Dedham, Mass. The journey to Illinois was made by steamboat up the North River to Albany, thence by canal to Buffalo, thence by steamboat to Toledo; from this point the journey to what was then known as Abingdon in McHenry County, a distance of 280 miles, was made by foot, in seven days time. From here the journey was continued until what is now Warren, Lake County, whither Esty's brother, Avery, had preceded him the year previous, was reached. The settlers were poor and without stock or teams, and to remedy this condition, the day after his arrival, Esty, in company with James Kennedy, started afoot on an expedition to the south to purchase cattle. They proceeded to a point on the Illinois River whence they went by boat to Washington County, where cattle were purchased and the return journey made in the same manner, driving the stock before them. Having been away from his family longer than anticipated, the day after reaching his brother's home, he left the cattle in the latter's care, and started, again afoot, for Toledo, Ohio, there taking a boat across Lake Erie to Buffalo and thence going by canal to Albany, down the North River to a point in Connecticut; thence crossing the country to his home near Boston, he arrived just six weeks after his departure for the western country, in his journey having traveled 850 miles afoot.

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The following October he started again for Illinois, this time accompanied by his mother and a young man by the name of William Holmes, traveling the whole distance by wagon. The following winter was spent with his brother, the time being occupied in splitting rails and fencing in land. In the spring he returned to Massachusetts, making a return trip in August, this time accompanied by his wife and six children. The journey was made by wagon to Buffalo, thence by steamboat across Lake Erie to Toledo. The wagon again served them for the completion of the trip. While passing through Michigan and Northern Indiana, wagons and parties proceeding the other way were occasionally met, and not a little advice and warning were given the sturdy pioneers, the prophecy being made that the six hearty youngsters occupying the wagon with their mother would find early graves in the new country. But the prophecy was unfulfilled, inasmuch as the six all lived to pass 70 years-four being still living. The eldest, Mrs. Sarah A. Chittenden, is still a resident of the county to which she came 72 years ago, and at the age of 82, is strong and vigorous in mind and body, and has been the mother of an interesting and prosperous family, seven of whom are now living.

When a few years after Esty's settling in Lake County, government land was placed on the market, he purchased about 1,800 acres in the towns of Warren and Avon. The same year, Nathaniel Vose erected a saw mill on the land, and operated it for two years, when Mr. Esty purchased it. In 1849 a flouring mill was built by him on the same stream as the saw mill. The two were operated by him for several years, when they were turned over to his two eldest sons, and later they were sold to a brother-in-law, John Chittenden.

Mr. Esty was a man of great industry, perseverance and endurance. He occupied an enviable position among his neighbors for his integrity of character and accommodating spirit. He accumulated quite a fortune and enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew him. Especially is he remembered for his services to his neighbors in the early days when he supplied them with stock and farming implements, waiting until the land yielded, for payment. He died in Chatsworth, Livingston Co., December 11, 1869, at the age of 68 years. (Written by a son, G. E. Esty, born in 1836.)

ELVIN J. GRIFFIN was born in the township of Warren, near Gage's Lake, May 17, 1864, the son of William H. and Phoebe A. Smith-Griffin. After attending the local schools, he engaged in farming. He was married, April 12, 1886, to Mrs. Eliza J. Estey of Iowa. He was elected Sheriff in 1898 for four years; was appointed Deputy in 1902 and again elected Sheriff in 1906. His record has been a good one.

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WILLARD JONES was born in Franklin County, N. Y., September 16, 1799, and moved with his parents to Saratoga County and still later to Chautauqua County. He came to Chicago in 1833. The Chicago American of October 3, 1835, announced: "Married October 1, at Blue Island, by Rev. Mr. Hinton, Mr. Willard Jones of Chicago and Miss Mercia Della Farnsworth of Blue Island." Mr. Jones came that year to the farm in the southwest corner of Warren Township, where he lived until his death, May 4, 1872. He was a Justice of the Peace in the early days of the settlement and his cabin on the "Mukwonago Trail" was on the very frontier.

PROCTOR PUTNAM was born July 8, 1814, and died April 2, 1892. He was married August 27, 1842, to Miss Rosilla Sargent, who was born February 3, 1823, and died May 30, 1895. They came from New Hampshire to Lake County in September, 1842, locating on a farm of 240 acres near Gurnee, which was their place of residence the remainder of their lives. Mr. Putnam held the position of school director through many years, his great interest in education being shown in many ways, particularly in raising the grade of the schools of which he was a director by the employment of only first-class teachers, and also in being instrumental in extending the length of the school year in his district from eight to ten months.

HAVELIA WHITNEY was born in Brutus, New York, November 16, 1815, and located in Lake County in 1844. He was married to Miss Harriet McNitt of New York, March 30, 1837. He was Supervisor of his Township in 1850-51, and County Surveyor in 1865, which office he held for fourteen years. Mr. Whitney was the father of three children: Marion, Emma and Charles Whitney, the latter the well-known Attorney of Waukegan. He died February 12, 1879.

DEWITT L. JONES was born in the town of Warren, Lake County, September 25, 1842, on the farm entered from the government by his father, Willard Jones, in 1835. His father built the log house where the Judge was born, partly on the Indian trail running from Chicago to Wisconsin, through Independence Grove (now Libertyville), and Indians passing by were displeased that they had to leave the trail to pass. He was educated in the public schools at Gage's Lake, but attended one term at Palmer's Academy in Chicago. He taught penmanship in Lake and other counties for a number of years and district school for some years. He enlisted in Company D, 146th Ill. Infantry in 1864 and served till after the close of the war. He is a member of Waukegan Post No. 374, G. A. R. Judge Jones served three years as Lieutenant in Co. A, 3rd Regiment Illinois National Guards. He commenced the study of law in 1876 and was later admitted to the bar. He was City Attorney for eight years and in 1894 was elected County Judge of Lake County, and retired at the close of 1910, after an honorable and faithful service of sixteen years. His second son, Ben L., died in the Spanish-American war in 1898.

FRANK HAMPTON JUST was born in Rockford, Illinois, September 2, 1871. He was married to Miss Mary E. Davis of Libertyville in 1898. Mr. Just is the Publisher of the Lake County Independent of Libertyville, Illinois, and the Waukegan Daily Sun of Waukegan. Fraternally he is an Elk and politically a Republican.

DAVID KELLOGG, M.D., was born in Farmington, Mass., in 1791. He was graduated from Harvard University. He was married to Miss Sarah Price in Thomaston, Maine, 1823. Their children were: Fred H., Sarah B., Elisa P., Charles, David, George P., Gardner, Edward N. and Ellen H. He came to Waukegan in 1846, where he died in 1869, after a long and useful career.

GEORGE KIRK was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., February 9, 1824, and came to Illinois in 1843 and to Waukegan in 1847. As a member of the firm of Kirk & Marsh he engaged in the foundry business, and in 1859 began to carry of a lumbering and packing business in 1859 in the firm of Mills & Kirk. In on a lumbering of Kirk & Son was formed, and continued in business until his 1889 the firm of Kirk & Son was formed, and continued in business until his death in November, 1900. He was married May 23, 1851, to Miss Jane Adams. He was Supervisor for Waukegan in 1877 and 1879, and from 1880 to 1884 was in the State Senate.

FREMONT C. KNIGHT, M.D., was born in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., October 17, 1856. He was educated in local schools and Geneseo State Normal School, and was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Buffalo in February, 1880. He came to Libertyville the same year. He was married April 10, 1880, to Miss Fannie M. Bard. Dr. Knight was Coroner from 1882 to 1884, and from 1888 to 1900. His home is now in Waukegan.

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