

Black Hawk

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The post office of Mount Sterling, Van Buren County, Iowa, was established under the name of Union Corners on November 11, 1847, with the appointment of George W. Wood, postmaster. His successor was James W. Kirk appointed June 21, 1852, who served until the name of the office was changed to Mount Sterling, February 22, 1854, with the reappointment of James W. Kirk, postmaster. His successors were: Hafford E. Bradford, March 17, 1855; James A. Alcorn, August 21, 1858; Hafford E. Bradford, April 25, 1861; Aaron H. Thatcher, February 20, 1882; Charles J. Sample, March 1, 1887; Miss Lora V. Gabbert, April 6, 1889; Mrs. Lora V. Buckle, November 17, 1890; Curtis Blackledge, May 1, 1891; John Harness, August 4, 1893; Philarmon Reynolds, September 10, 1897; Charles Verback, December 22, 1898; Theron L. Parish, September 27, 1907; Alvah L. Roberts, September 19, 1914; and Isabel Gwinnup, June 5, 1919, who was still serving in 1929.

MOUNT STERLING. The name of the school district Number 4 of Vernon Township. The district comprises south sections 6, 7, and west halves of 5 and 8, with the village of Mount Sterling, after which the district was named.

BLACK HAWK

A work has just been issued from the Cincinnati press by Mr. Benamin Drake entitled *Life and Adventures of Black Hawk*, with *sketches of Keokuk*. Yes, kind reader, another life of Black Hawk! Of a truth the bookmakers are bent on making the most of the "Great Deposed" as he may not inappropriately be termed, for like Woolsey, he has fallen from power, and is now "so low that none will do him reverence." * * * We here in Iowa happen to know something of the old chief—this was the country for which he fought, and here he now resides—we see him in our city every few weeks; and we know that more than half of the statements embodied in all the works that have been published are erroneous—fiction instead of fact. The *Missouri Republican*, however, speaks well of Mr. D.'s work.—*Iowa Territorial Gazette and Burlington Advertiser*, Burlington, Iowa Territory, August 25, 1838. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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