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(Continued from the October Number.)

DAVIS COUNTY

ADAMSVILLE. A post office in Marion Township in 1851. Discontinued in May of that year and Nottingham post office, located in the same township beginning the same year with the same postmaster (Benjamin Adams), it seems only a change of names of the post office. Nottingham post office continued until 1859, and was probably moved from house to house, finally being at or near where the Black Hawk post office was later, which see below.

ALBANY. A village on the line between section 6, Marion Township, and section 1, Union Township, Appanoose County, the village being part in each county. The post office was first in Appanoose County from 1857 to 1861, and then in Davis County from 1861 to 1901. See also Soap Creek below.

AJAX. A post office in the early 1880's located in a store in the south section 13 of Grove Township, the extreme southeast corner of the township.

BLACK HAWK. A post office from 1895 to 1901 in the southern side of section 29, Marion Township.

BROWN'S MILLS. A post office in section 10, Soap Creek Township, from 1869 to 1871.

CABBON HILL. The name of the post office at the railway station of Carbon in 1879.

CHEQUEST. A post office in Lick Creek Township from 1851 to 1871. It seems to have moved from farm house to farm house for several years and then located at the hamlet of Dunnville, sometimes called Noseville, but platted in 1851 as Pleasant View, on the north side of section 32, Lick Creek Township. There was another Chequest at a later date, which see below.

CHEQUEST. The name of the post office from 1885 to 1905 at the hamlet in section 4, Union Township, previously known as Gandytown, also Noblesville, and later Halltown. The post office had just previously been called Hall, which see below. There was another Chequest at an earlier date, which see above.

DEL NORRE. Platted as a village in 1851 in the extreme southwest of Grove Township, in the south section 18. Post office, 1851-53.

DOVER. See Stringtown below.

DUNNVILLE. See Pleasant View below.

FOX. The name of the post office in 1842 or 1843 at what later became Stringtown, which see below. Later there was another post office named Fox, which see below.
Fox. A post office in Fox River Township from 1859 to 1863 located a short distance east of the present post office of Bunch, perhaps in section 9. For an earlier post office named Fox, see above.

Gandytown. See Chequest above.

Hall. The name of the post office at Chequest for a brief period around 1885.

Harbor. A post office from 1857 to 1863 in section 35, Soap Creek Township, about one mile northwest of the present village of Belknap.

Harpersville. See Stringtown below.

Lewiston. A post office for a period around 1845 at the cross roads about two miles north of Bloomfield on the Belknap road, on the southeast corner of the intersection in section 13, township 69 north, range 14 west.

Lunsford. A post office from 1901 to 1908 at a coal mine in the south section 14, Wyaconda Township, near the Missouri line.

Martinsburg. Platted as a town in 1856 where the present village of Mark now stands. It was later replatted as Martinsville.

Martinsville. See Martinsburg above.

Mount Calvary. A post office from 1853 to 1863 near the southeast quarter of section 19, Fox River Township.

Noblesville. See Chequest above.

Noseville. See Chequest above.

Nottingham. A post office in Marion Township from 1851 to 1859. See Adamsville above.

Oak Spring. A post office in the eastern part of Marion Township from 1851 to 1899. It probably moved from farm house to farm house, but at least part of the time was in section 23.

Pleasant View. Platted as a village in 1851 in the northern part of section 32, Lick Creek Township. See Chequest above.

Rankin City. A village platted near the present town of Floris in 1871, but failed to develop.

Rater. The name of the post office at the railway station of Carbon in 1895 and for a brief time before and after that date.

Richmond. A proposed village in section 16, Perry Township, about four miles northeast of Bloomfield. It was platted in 1848.

Roscoe. Platted in 1849 as a town in section 5, Roscoe Township, but never became more than a hamlet.

Salt Creek. A post office in Salt Creek Township, perhaps first located in section 10, and later in Paul Shepherd's store in section 17, about three and one-half miles east of Floris. It ran from 1851 to 1863, and its discontinuance was likely because of Shepherd's disloyalty during the Civil War.

Soap Creek. A post office in Marion Township from 1851 to 1857. It seems to have been the predecessor of Albany post office, as it ceased to exist when Albany began and is shown on the maps to have been close by.

Soap Creek Mills. A hamlet of some size and importance in a very
early day in the northwest corner of section 3, Salt Creek Township, on Soap Creek.

Springville. A village in section 34, Wyaconda Township, about one and one-fourth miles north of Savannah. It was platted in 1859 and was prosperous for a few years.

Stilesville. Former name of the present village of Stiles.

Stringtown. A village about one mile south of the village of Troy. The post office at this place was called Fox from 1842 to 1853. It was platted as Dover in 1848, but was called Harpersville sometimes and later Stringtown, and had a post office by the latter name from 1853 to 1867.

Taylor. A post office from 1851 to 1865 in section 31, Union Township, about three miles northwest of Pulaski.

Tippo. The name of the post office in 1849 where later the present village of Savannah was built.

Uncle Abe. A post office in 1863 in section 24, Fox River Township, about one mile east and two and one-half north of West Grove.

Waneta. A post office from 1897 to 1935 at the A. R. Lightfoot store in the southwest quarter of section 5, Roscue Township.

Weeping Willow. A post office in West Grove Township from 1853 to 1855. It seems to have been about two miles west and one-fourth mile south of the present village of West Grove, and the predecessor of the present post office of West Grove.

White Elm. A post office in Salt Creek Township from 1893 to 1905. During most of its existence it was at a store run by John M. Carroll slightly east of the center of the west side of section 25.

Woolleyville. A hamlet in the southwestern part of section 1, Fox River Township, about three miles west of Drakesville.

DECATUR COUNTY

Beacswell. In southern part of Woodland Township. Post office, 1893-1903.


Cora. In northwestern part of Fayette Township, as shown on maps of 1887.

Eldorado. In eastern part of Hamilton Township, as shown on maps of 1885.

Elk. In the northeastern part of Bloomington Township. Post office, 1863-1900.

Fierce. In southeastern part of Long Creek Township. Post office, 1885-98.

Florence. The pioneer name of the present town of Van Wert, settled in 1853 when it was named Florence, but was soon changed to Prairie City, then to Prairieville, and finally to Van Wert.

Franklin. A village in the southeast corner of section 2, Center Township. Post office, 1854-75.

Green Valley. In the southeast corner of section 12, Richland Township. Post office, 1871-89.

Highbrier. In the southern part of Eden Township, as shown on maps of 1887.

Hungarian Settlement. A village in the northeastern part of New Buda Township. See maps of 1855-57.

Independence. The first name given the present city of Leon, in 1853. The name was soon changed to South Independence, and to Leon in 1855.

Little River. In the southern part of Eden Township. Post office, 1875-85.

Long Creek. In the southern part of Long Creek Township. Post office, 1871-75.

Milford. In section 28, Richland Township. Laid out in 1854, but abandoned in a few years in favor of Westerville.

Morgan. In the central part of Morgan Township. Post office, 1900.

New Buda. A village of about 100 population in 1868, in section 14, New Buda Township. Post office, 1851-75.


Paris. In central part of High Point Township, as shown on maps of 1856.

Patriot. In the northwest corner of section 17, Franklin Township. Post office, 1871-81.

Pleasant Plain. The name first given to the present town of Pleasanton. It was laid out in 1854 as Pleasant Plain and the name changed to Pleasanton in about 1869.

Prairie City. A former name of Van Wert. See Florence above.

Prairieville. A former name of Van Wert. See Florence above.

Sedgewick. In central part of Fayette Township. Post office, 1867-75.


Spring Valley. In the eastern part of Hamilton Township. Post office, 1867-1900.


Turkey Run. In the northeastern part of Center Township, as shown on maps of 1857.

Delaware County

Abbyville. Listed in the U. S. Postal Guide of 1889 as a post office in Delaware County, but not found on maps of that period.

Acresville. In the northeast quarter of section 19, Delaware Township, about two miles north of the business section of the present city of Manchester. It was laid out as a town in 1854, but the name was soon changed to Delaware Center, which see below.
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ALMIRA. Listed in the U. S. Postal Guide as a post office in Delaware County from 1889 to 1893, but not found on maps of that period.

ALMORAL. In section 11, Oneida Township. Laid out as a village in 1867, secured a post office the same year and kept its existence many years.

AMARILL. In Honey Creek Township. Post office, 1857-58.

BAILEY'S FORD. In central part of Milo Township. Post office, 1855-59.

BARRYVILLE. In southeastern part of Prairie Township. Post office, 1857-97.

Bay. In southern part of Delhi Township. Post office, 1862-63.

BROADWAY. In southeastern part of Hazel Green Township. Post office, 1900.

BURRENTOÍí. The original name of the present city of Manchester, and the one which it carried from when the town was laid out in 1854 until 1857.

CAMPTON. In section 19, Richland Township. Post office, 1857-1900.

COFFIN'S GROVE. In the central part of Coffin's Grove Township. Post office, 1849-61.

COLD WATER. In the southern part of Honey Creek Township. Post office, 1854-63. Formerly called Orrin Glen.

COLONY. In section 4, Colony Township. Laid out in 1851, and joined Colesburg on the south. Post office, 1846-65.

DELAWARE CENTER. Post office, 1855. Formerly Acersville, which see above. Delaware Center was also the name applied on some maps of 1875 to 1880 to the present town of Delaware.

EADS GROVE. In Honey Creek Township. Post office, 1849-50.

FORESTVILLE. In the northern part of section 22, Richland Township. Laid out in 1854 and a busy village for many years. Post office, 1851-1900.

GOLDEN PRAIRIE. In section 5, Hazel Green Township. Post office, 1870-81.

GREEN HILL. In Delhi Township. Post office, 1854-57.

GROVE CREEK. In section 33, Union Township. Post office, 1854. Soon after removed into Jones County.

HARTWICK. A village in the northwestern part of section 30, Delhi Township. Laid out in 1858. Post office, 1853-61.


LODO MELLO. A post office in the northeastern part of Honey Creek Township, as shown on maps of 1856.

MANGOLDVILLE. In Hazel Green Township. Post office, 1864-66.

MILLHEIM. In section 3, Delaware Township. A village laid out in 1858.

Milo. In the central part of Milo Township. Post office, 1868-72.

MOUNT HOPE. In the southeastern part of Richland Township. Post office, 1851-71.
NOTTINGHAM. The original name of the present town of Earlville.

OAKLAND. A post office in the eastern part of Colony Township, as shown on maps of 1856.

Orrin Glen. A post office in Honey Creek Township from 1851 to 1854, when the name was changed to Cold Water, which see above.

Orrinden. A post office in the southern part of Elk Township, as shown on maps of 1855.

PLUM CREEK. In the western part of North Fork Township. Post office, 1857-59.

Plum Spring. In Elk Township. Post office, 1854, but name changed to Greeley in 1863.

POULTNEY. In southeastern part of Elk Township. Post office, 1851-60.


Sand Creek. In the eastern part of Prairie Township. Post office, 1862-64.


Spring Branch. In the northeastern part of Milo Township. Post office, 1854-56.

Tower Hill. In section 15, Adams Township. Post office, 1866-89.

Uniontown. In eastern part of Union Township. Post office, 1853-89.


Yankee Settlement. The original name of the present town of Edgewood, a part of which is in Clayton County. The post office is listed as Yankee Settlement from 1848 to 1871.


**DES MOINES COUNTY**

Albright's. In the southern part of Benton Township. Post office, 1849-55.

Amityville. In the southwestern part of Huron Township. Post office, 1871-79.

Bluffdale. The original name of the post office (1847-53) at the present village of Kingston.

Burkhardt's Point. The first post office established in Franklin Township, in 1836.

Centerville. In eastern part of Danville Township, as shown on maps of 1857.

Cora. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* of 1847 as a post office in Des Moines County, but not found on maps of that period.
ABANDONED TOWNS OF IOWA

DANVILLE CENTER. A small village in the geographical center of Danville Township, about one mile south of the present town of Danville.

DODGEVILLE. In the southeastern part of section 15, Franklin Township. Laid out in 1837. Post office, 1843-1900. It still has a store and a few buildings.

FAN. In Flint River Township. Post office, 1890-1900.

FLINT HILLS. The pioneer name of the present city of Burlington.

FOX LANDING. Listed in the U. S. Postal Guide of 1893 as a post office in Des Moines County, but not found on maps of that period.

FRANKLIN MILLS. In the southeastern part of Franklin Township. Post office, 1859-97.

HARTFORD. In central part of Danville Township. Post office, 1841-51.

HAWKEYE. In western part of Huron Township. Post office, 1845-63.

HURON. In the east section 16 of Huron Township, located on Huron Chute of the Mississippi River. It was started in 1847, grew and had good prospects, but was obliterated by a flood in 1851.

JACKSONVILLE. A post office in the vicinity of Yellow Springs from 1839 to 1841.

KLINE. In the southeastern part of Franklin Township. Post office, 1893-1900.

Kossuth. In the eastern section 30 of Yellow Springs Township, about a mile and a half east of the present town of Mediapolis. Previously called Yellow Springs, which see below.

LA VEGA. In the central part of Washington Township. Post office, 1859-75.

LIMESTONE. Listed in U. S. Official Register as a post office in Des Moines County from 1854 to 1860, but not found on maps of that period.

LINTON. The early name of the present railroad station of Garland. Linton was a post office from 1847 to 1903.

NAVARRE. A post office in the neighborhood of Dodgeville from 1849 to 1851.

NORTHFIELD. A village in the northeastern part of Yellow Springs Township, laid out in 1866, and a post office from 1855 to 1900.

PARRISH. In the southern part of Danville Township. Post office, 1849-97.

PLEASANT GROVE. A village in section 11, Pleasant Grove Township. Post office, 1851-1903. It still has a store and a few buildings.

SAND RIDGE. A post office in the southern part of Union Township from 1849 to 1851 when it was changed to Green Bay post office in Lee County.

SOUTH FLINT. In the southern part of Pleasant Grove Township. Post office, 1854-89.

VANDYKE. In the northwestern part of Union Township. Post office, 1859-69.

YELLOW SPRINGS. The early name given the town of Kossuth, which see above.
DICKINSON COUNTY

AUSTIN. A post office from 1872 to 1882, located south of Silver Lake, and later near the east shore. On the coming of the railroad in 1882 the post office was removed to Lake Park and the name changed to that of the town.

HAGERTY. In the northern part of Westport Township. Post office, 1893-1903.

LAKEVILLE. A hamlet, business center and post office in the southwestern part of Lakeville Township. The hamlet was in existence from about 1870 to 1890.

MILFORD. A town in the north central part of section 18, Milford Township. Post office established in 1869. On the coming of the nearby railroad in 1882 the town of North Milford (the name later changed to Milford) was established three-fourths of a mile to the northwest, which caused abandonment of the original town.

MINNIE. Name of the post office from 1885 to 1893 at the present town of Orleans.

WALLACE. In the southern part of Westport Township. Post office, 1900-1903.

DUBUQUE COUNTY

ALLISON. The name of the post office from 1865 to 1877 at the village of Luxemburg.

ALMA. In the north central part of Taylor Township. Post office, 1855-57.

ASPINWALL. In section 11, Jefferson Township. Post office, 1855-61.

BALLY CLAUGH GROVE. Pioneer name of the present hamlet of Bally Claugh in section 15, Table Mound Township. The post office was established in 1843.


CALEDONIA. In section 9, Vernon Township, as shown on maps of 1857.

CENTRE TOWN. In the northern part of Vernon Township. Post office, 1849-53.

CHANNINGSVILLE. In the southwestern part of Center Township. Post office, 1851-59.

COTTAGE HILL. A village in the northern part of section 25, Concord Township. Post office, 1854-1903.

DACOTAH. The pioneer name of the present village of Centrailia.

DERRINANE. In south central part of Vernon Township. Post office, 1859-69.

DONELAN. In central part of Prairie Creek Township. Post office, 1871-73.

DUKE. In the northeast corner of section 24, Washington Township. Post office, 1873-85.
EVERGREEN. In the southeastern part of section 17, Iowa Township. Post office, 1854-1900. Its previous name was Tivola, which see.

FACTORYVILLE. In eastern part of section 12, Table Mound Township, and western part of section 7, Mosalem Township, as shown on maps of 1863 to 1880.

FALLS. The pioneer name given to the present town of Cascade, as shown on maps of 1856.

GEORGETOWN. The pioneer name of the present hamlet of Holy Cross.

GLASSNEVIN. In section 14, Liberty Township. Post office, 1855-59.

HAZEL. In section 7, White Water Township. Post office, 1885.

HUMPHREY. The common name in earlier times of the present village and railroad station of Fillmore. The post office of the village was Fillmore from the start, 1851, until its discontinuance in 1903.

HIGGINSPORT. In the southeastern part of Washington Township. A post office existed there for a time in the 1830's, according to Goodspeed's History of Dubuque County, page 489.

HOGANSVILLE. The pioneer name of the post office (1847-55) at the location where later grew up the present town of Epworth.

JEFFERSON. In the southwestern part of Jefferson Township. Post office, 1857-67.

KING. In the southern part of Section 21, Mosalem Township. Post office, 1851-1900.

LORE. In section 14, Center Township. Post office, 1885-97.

MARSFIELD. A village in the northern part of section 3, Dubuque Township, as shown on maps of 1875-80.

MCCANTS. In Vernon Township. Post office, 1881-85.

MILLER'S POST OFFICE. In the southwestern part of Table Mound Township, as shown on maps of 1856-57.

MILLERAY. In the southern part of section 11, Prairie Creek Township. Post office, 1855-1900.

MOSALEM. In the northeastern part of Mosalem Township near the bank of the Mississippi River. Post office, 1851-63.

NEW VINE. The name of the post office at the present village of New Vienna from 1849 to 1855.

OAKLAND. Listed in the U. S. Official Register as a post office in Dubuque County from 1853 to 1859, but not found on the maps.

OGDEN. In the central part of Prairie Creek Township. Post office, 1861-69.

PERU. In section 35, Peru Township, about five miles north of the present city of Dubuque and near where now is located the railroad station of Edmore. The town of Peru was founded in 1833, even before what is now Iowa was attached to Michigan Territory. It was of importance in its day, was a rival of Dubuque, and a post office until 1843.

PIN OAK. Name of the post office at the present village of Holy Cross from 1845 to 1897.

PLUM CREEK. In Concord Township, platted in 1856. Never developed much.
PRAIRIE CREEK. In the central part of Prairie Creek Township. Post office, 1877-85.

SAINT JOSEPH'S PRAIRIE. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* of 1851 as a post office in Dubuque County, but not shown on maps.

SHEFFIELD. In the western part of Cascade Township. Post office, 1869-71.

SQUIRES MILLS. A hamlet in Iowa Township founded in 1855.

TARA. In the northeastern part of White Water Township. Post office, 1861-65.

TIVOLA. In section 17, Iowa Township. Post office, 1849-53. Name changed to Evergreen, which see.

VIOLA. In the northeastern part of New Wine Township, as shown on maps of 1857.

WAUBESOPINECOCX. Listed in *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Dubuque County from 1838 to 1841, but not found on maps. It is also listed in *Galland's Iowa Emigrant*, page 30.

WELD'S LANDING. In the northeast corner of Peru Township. Post office, 1851-59.

EMMET COUNTY

ARMSTRONG GROVE. In section 26, Armstrong Township. Post office, 1869-92. In the coming of the railroad and the establishment of the present town of Armstrong the post office was removed to that place.

BUENA. In the northwestern part of Jack Creek Township. Post office, 1897-1903.

BUTLER HILL. In the western part of High Lake Township. Post office, 1861.

EMMET. Name of the post office (1861-81) at Emmet Grove.

EMMET GROVE. A hamlet in section 22, Emmet Township. Settlement began there in 1856.


HOPRIO. A hamlet in the southern part of Jack Creek Township. Post office, 1885-1914.

IOWA LAKE. In section 13, Iowa Lake Township. Post office, 1873-97.

ISLAND GROVE. In the eastern part of Jack Creek Township. Post office, 1873.

LAKESIDE. In the northeastern part of Emmet Township. Post office, 1881-93.

NEW BERGEN. In section 6, High Lake Township. Post office, 1873-81.

RALEIGH. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* as a post office in Emmet County from 1900 to 1919, but not found on maps.

RINGSTED. Established in 1885 as a country post office about two miles east of the present town of Ringsted, but on the coming of the railroad the office was removed to the new town.

SWAN LAKE. In section 25, Center Township, immediately north of the western part of Swan Lake. Town platted in 1879. Was the county seat from 1880 to 1882, and a post office from 1881 to 1900.
ABANDONED TOWNS OF IOWA

FAYETTE COUNTY

ALBANY. A village in the western part of section 14, Westfield Township, on the Volga River. It was started in 1854 and was largely devoted to the milling business.

BETHEL. In section 4, Bethel Township. Post office, 1859-77.

BRUSH CREEK. The name of the present town of Arlington from the time it was laid out in 1856 until about 1890, when it was changed to its present name. The name of the post office followed the name of the town.

CORN HILL. In the northeastern part of Smithfield Township. Post office, 1855-61.

DOUGLASS. Name of the post office at Auburn, from 1851 to 1910.

DOVER MILLS. In the eastern part of Dover Township. Post office, 1889-93.

EDEN. A hamlet in the southwestern part of section 24, Eden Township. Post office, 1851-90.

GAMBLE GROVE. In the southwestern part of Windsor Township. Post office, 1851-52.

ILLYRIA. In section 4, Illyria Township. Post office, 1851-1900.

JEFFERSON. The name of the post office at Otsego (which see below) in 1857 for a short time, after which the name of the post office followed the name of the town.

LEO. In the northern part of Illyria Township. Post office, 1855-69.

LIGHTVILLE. The pioneer name of the present village of Lima. When it was platted in 1850 the name was changed to Volga City, but soon changed to Lima.

LOUISVILLE. In the northern part of Bethel Township. Post office, 1851.

LUTRA. The original name of the western or newer part of the present town of Elgin. Lutra was laid out in 1871 on the building of the railroad near the older portion of Elgin.

MASELYON. A village in the western part of section 26, Auburn Township, adjoining West Auburn on the west.

MILL. In the northeast corner of section 21, Fremont Township. Post office, 1859-85.

MILL GROVE. In the northern part of Putnam Township. Post office, 1855-59.

NORWAY. A short distance northeast of the town of Clermont, as shown on maps of 1868-69.

ORAN. A post office in the southeastern part of section 23, Oran Township, as shown on maps of 1875, also in Census Report of 1880.

ORION. In Westfield Township. Post office, 1856.

OTSEGO. A village in the northwest corner of section 34, Jefferson Township, laid out in 1856. Post office, 1857-73.

PENN. In the northwestern part of Oran Township. Post office, 1863.
PuTNAM. In southwestern part of Putnam Township. Post office, 1863-85.

RICHFIELD. In the northwestern part of Bethel Township. Post office, 1857-97.

SCOTT. Near the center of Scott Township. Post office, 1897-1903.

SCOTT CENTER. In the western part of Scott Township. Post office, 1865-75.

SEATON. In section 29, Smithfield Township. Post office, 1867-77.


TURNERSVILLE. In the eastern part of Banks Township, as shown on maps of 1862.

VOLGA CITY. A former name of the present village of Lima. (See Lightville above.)

WEST ALBANY. The name of the post office from 1873 to 1881 at the village of Albany (which see above).

WEST AUBURN. A village in the central part of section 26, Auburn Township, adjoining Auburn on the northwest. The villages of Auburn, West Auburn, and Massilon constituted a group of milling villages on the Little Turkey River.

WESTFIELD. The pioneer name of the western and older portion of the present town of Fayette. Westfield was laid out in 1851, and Fayette four years later.

WILSON'S GROVE. In the western part of Banks Township. Post office, 1861-73.

WINDSOR. In section 5, Windsor Township. Post office, 1855-89.

FLOYD COUNTY

AURELIA. A village in the southern part of section 8, Union Township, on the southwest side of Shell Rock River and about one-half mile northwest of the present town of Marble Rock. Laid out in 1858 and vacated in 1869.

BEELAR'S GROVE. Near where the present town of Marble Rock now stands. Post office, 1857-59.

CARNEY. In section 24, Ulster Township. Post office, 1900.

DANVILLE. The original name of the present town of Rudd.

FLOOD CREEK. Listed in the U. S. Official Register as a post office in Floyd County from 1857 to 1861, but not found on maps of that period.

FLOYD CENTER. Pioneer name of the present town of Floyd.

FREEMAN. In the central part of the present city of Charles City on the southwest side of the Cedar River. Platted April 8, 1854. A post office from 1854 to 1857.

GILMANTOWN. A post office in 1855 to 1857 in the northwestern part of Floyd Township.

HACKBERRY. Listed in the U. S. Official Register as a post office in Floyd County from 1869 to 1871, but not found on maps of that period.

HOWARDVILLE. In the western part of Cedar Township, on the Little Cedar River. Post office, 1859-69.
NILES. In the central part of Niles Township. Post office, 1885-97. Ran a short time later as Nilesville.

RIPLEY. In the southeastern part of Ulster Township. Post office, 1857.

RIVERTON. In the northern part of Riverton Township. Post office, 1857-59.


ROSEVILLE. Near the southeast corner of Ulster Township. Post office, 1903.

SAINT CHARLES CITY. In the central part of the present city of Charles City on the northeast side of the Cedar River. Platted September 22, 1854. The name Saint Charles City was changed to Charles City in 1860.

SARGENT. Listed in the U. S. Postal Guide as a post office in Floyd County from 1885 to 1889, but not found on maps of that period.

SCOTT. In section 23, Scott Township. Post office, 1881.

ULSTER. A village in section 10, Ulster Township. Post office, 1859-75.

WATERTOWN. A hamlet in the northern part of Floyd Township on the Cedar River. Post office, 1859-76.

WOODBRIDGE. In the western part of Scott Township, as shown on maps of 1857.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CHAPIN. A village platted in 1858 in sections 36, Richland, and 31, Clinton townships. It was abandoned in the early 1870's on the building of the railroad two miles to the east and the laying out of the present village of Chapin.

COLDWATER. A post office from 1867 to 1875 in the northeastern part of Westfork Township. In the latter year it was removed over the line into Butler County.

CONGRESS. In the northeastern corner of section 36, Hamilton Township. Post office, 1873-75.

CREAM HILL. In section 24, Ingham Township. Post office, 1878.

ELIDE. Listed in the 1873 U. S. Official Register as a post office in Franklin County, but not found on the maps of that period.

INGHAM. In the northwestern part of section 16, West Fork Township. Post office, 1867-75.

MAYSVILLE. In section 27, Reeve Township. It was the first town platted in the county, being laid out in 1856. It was prosperous and came near getting the county seat. Post office, 1857-89.

MENZIE. In section 16, Ingham Township. Post office, 1871-76.

OAKLAND VALLEY. A village in the northeastern part of section 28, Oakland Township, near the south bank of the Iowa River. It was platted in 1857 and was prosperous for a time. Post office, 1862-97.

OTISVILLE. A hamlet in sections 30 and 31, Morgan Township, Frank-
lin County, and sections 25 and 36, Blaine Township, Wright County, near where the town of Dows now stands. When the railroad came the name was changed to Dows. The post office was Otisville from 1857 to 1880.

REEVE. In section 30, Reeve Township. Post office, 1893-1900.

SHOBE'S GROVE. In the northeastern part of Richland Township. Post office, 1863-73.

UNION RIDGE. In the northeastern part of Ingham Township. Post office, 1859-75.

WASHBURN. In the southeastern part of Ross Township. Post office, 1871.

FREMONT COUNTY

AUSTIN. In the northeastern part of Washington Township, on the west bank of the Nishnabotna River. Post office, 1853-59.

Buchanan. Listed in the U. S. Official Register as a post office in Fremont County from 1859 to 1861, but not found on the maps of that period.

Civil Bend. A settlement made in 1850 in the western part of Benton Township, near the present village of Percival, on the Missouri River bottoms.


Deer Creek. On the west line of section 15, Riverside Township. Post office, 1871-75.

Eastfort. A village on the east bank of the Missouri River, opposite Nebraska City, Nebraska. Laid out in 1870. Post office, 1867-89.


Fremont City. The same as the present town of Thurman. It began as Fremont City in 1856, and later for some years was called Plum Hollow, the post office being designated Plum Hollow from 1857 to 1885.

Gaston. The former name of the present village of Percival. Gaston was a post office from 1853 to 1869.

High Creek. In section 30, Locust Township. Post office, 1871-1900.

Knox. A country post office from 1885 to 1903, located about four miles southwest of Sidney.

Lawrence. A post office in 1871 in the extreme northeast corner of Fisher Township.

McKissick's Grove. In the southwest part of Madison Township. Post office, 1851-69.

Manti. On the line of Fisher and Walnut Townships, and about two miles west of the Page County line. Post office, 1855-73.

Nunda. Listed in the U. S. Official Register of 1885 as a post office in Fremont County, but not found on maps of that date.
Osage. In the northwestern part of Scott Township. Post office, 1851-59.

Plux Hollow. (See Fremont City above.)

Vaughn. In section 7 on the north side of Walnut Creek, Walnut Township. Post office, 1873-75.

Walnut Creek. Listed in the U. S. Official Register of 1871 as a post office in Fremont County, but not found on maps of that period.

GREENE COUNTY

CEDAR CREEK. In central part of Cedar Township. Post office, 1869-81.

Eureka. A hamlet in section 11, Jackson Township, on the North Raccoon River.


Green Castle. In the southwestern part of Washington Township near the North Raccoon River, as shown on maps of 1857 to 1862.

Greenops. Near the central part of Kendrick Township, as shown on maps of 1855 to 1857.

Greys. In central part of Cedar Township, as shown on maps of 1868 and 1869.

Hardin. A post office and the virtual county seat for a year or two before Jefferson was established in 1855, as William Phillips had become both postmaster and county judge there and held court there. It was located four miles southeast of the present site of Jefferson in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 22, Grant Township, near Hardin Creek.

Havana. In the northwestern part of Kendrick Township, near the North Raccoon River, as shown on maps of 1857 to 1862.


New Jefferson. The early name given the present city of Jefferson. New Jefferson was the name of the post office from 1859 to 1867.

Northville. First in the northern part of Kendrick Township and later in the southern part of Cedar Township. Post office, 1865-81.

Paduca. In the southeastern part of Washington Township near the North Raccoon River, as shown on maps from 1857 to 1868.

Rippey. In section 7, Washington Township, near the North Raccoon River, as shown on maps from 1857 to 1880. When the railroad was built about four miles to the east "Old Rippey" was largely removed to the present town of Rippey.

Scranton City. The name of the post office at the present town of Scranton from 1880 to 1889.

Scranton Station. The name of the post office at the present town of Scranton from 1869 to 1880.
GRUNDY COUNTY

Alice. In the southwestern part of Palermo Township. Post office, 1871-97.


Arrow. In the southern part of Beaver Township. Post office, 1881.

Bois d'Arc. In the southeastern part of Grant Township, as shown on maps from 1863 to 1887.

Conrad Grove. The name of the post office at the present town of Conrad from 1881 to 1885.


Elizabeth. In the northwest corner of section 12, Colfax Township. Post office, 1873-78.

Fern. A village in section 32, Beaver Township. Post office, 1903.


Greenwood. In the northeastern part of Clay Township. Post office, 1871.

Ivester. In the southwest corner of section 15, Melrose Township. Post office, 1893-1933.

Jerusalem. A hamlet in the southern part of section 34, Clay Township, near where the town of Beaman is now located, its post office being Wadaloup.

Kingsbury. In the central part of Grant Township. Post office, 1880-85.

Lear. In section 9, Beaver Township. Post office, 1900-03.

Lincoln. In the eastern part of Lincoln Township. Post office, 1889-1900.

Lincoln Center. In the central part of Lincoln Township. Post office, 1869-75.


Palermo. In the northwestern part of Palermo Township. Post office, 1873-75.

Taylor Hill. In the northwestern part of Fairfield Township. Post office, 1857-63.

Wadaloup. The name of the post office (1867-75) at the hamlet of Jerusalem, which see above, near the present town of Beaman.

GUTHRIE COUNTY

Advance. In the northwest corner of section 22, Richland Township. Post office, 1871-82.

Allen. In the southeastern part of Jackson Township. Post office, 1853-55.

Alvenville. A hamlet platted in 1882 in section 3, Highland Township. It has since become a part of the present town of Bayard.


Dalmanutha. In the central part of section 5, Thompson Township. It was laid out in 1855 and became a business place of importance on a main stage line. Post office, 1863-75.


Erastus. In the eastern part of section 26, Orange Township. Post office, 1885-1903.

Fairview. The name by which the village of Morrisburg (which see below) was known for the first year or two of its existence.

Gopher Station. See Wilmington below.

Graceville. In the northwestern part of Baker Township, as shown on maps of 1887.

Guthrie. The name of the post office at Menlo for the first few months of its existence.

Harbor Station. In the southeastern part of Jackson Township on the overland stage route in the late 1850's and early 1860's.

Harrison. In the southwestern part of Union Township, as appears on maps of 1878.

Leaville. A post office in the southern part of Valley Township, established in 1879 but discontinued when the village of Montieth was started.

Macksville. A post office from 1862 to 1868 about two miles east of the present town of Stuart.

Maida. In the western part of Seeley Township. Post office, 1863-65.

Moffett's Grove. In the northern part of Victory Township. Post office, 1858-63.


Nelson. In the southwestern part of Union Township. Post office, 1885-1903.

Pennsburg. Slightly east of where the present town of Stuart now stands, as shown on the maps of 1855 to 1857.

Ridgeway. In the southern part of section 28, Beaver Township, about one mile west of where the present town of Menlo is located.

Safeside. In the western part of section 6, Thompson Township. Post office, 1897-1904.

Sedalia. The name first given the present town of Jamaica, but on being platted later in the same year, 1882, it was named Van Nest, but shortly thereafter changed to Jamaica.

Tuttle Grove. In section 20, Orange Township. Post office, 1875-77.

Van Nest. (See Sedalia above.)

West Milton. In the southwestern part of section 10, Penn Township. A town was platted in 1855 but only a few buildings were erected. Post office, 1856-61.
In the southwest quarter of section 23, Highland Township, near the banks of the Middle Raccoon River. A town was laid out here but proved to be only a town on paper.

Wilson's. In the south section 9 of Cass Township, about two miles southeast of Panora, as shown on maps of 1857.

Wilmington. A village platted in 1857 on government lots 1, 2 and 8, section 4, Thompson Township. Because of the appearance of its sod houses it was jokingly called Gopher Station, and the name stuck. Abandoned when Dalmanutha, a mile and a half southwest, grew up.

Hamilton County

Calanan. In the northeastern part of Ellsworth Township, as shown on maps of 1880.

Homer. A town in the southwestern part of section 6, Webster Township, on the Webster County line. In 1853 it was made the county seat of the then Webster County, which embraced what is now both Webster and Hamilton counties. The town was platted in 1854 and became a post office the same year. It grew rapidly and for a short time was the most important town in that section of the state. The post office was discontinued in 1915. Still a neighborhood center.

Hook's Point. A hamlet in the northeastern part of section 6, Marion Township. Post office, 1865-75.

Kentucky Grove. Listed as a post office in Risley (now Hamilton) County in the U.S. Official Register of 1851, but not found on the maps.

Lake Center. In the central part of Clear Lake Township. Post office, 1881.

Larkin's Grove. In the northwestern part of section 24, Lyon Township. Post office, 1859-75.

Marion. In the northwestern part of Marion Township, as it appears on the maps from 1856 to 1863.

Paris. On the west line of section 18, Marion Township, as it appears on the maps from 1856 to 1868.

Poland's Grove. A post office in the northern part of section 26, Independence Township, about one mile north of the present town of Kamrar, as appears on the maps of 1875.


Plow. A post office in the southwestern part of Webster Township, as shown on the maps of 1868-69.

Red Cedar. In the northwestern part of Hamilton Township. Post office, 1878-81.

Rosendale. In the southeastern part of Clear Lake Township as appears on the maps of 1896.

Rose Grove. In the southwest corner of section 30, Rose Grove Township. Post office, 1865-81.

Saratoga. A post office in the southwestern part of section 7, Hamilton Township, as shown on maps of 1875 to 1880.
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TREMAINE. In the southern part of section 31, Independence Township. Post office, 1889-97.

TUNNEL. In the northwestern part of Hamilton Township. Post office, 1885-97.

HANCOCK COUNTY

AMSTERDAM. A village in the southwest portion of section 29, Avery Township, about one mile northeast of the present town of Goodell. It was laid out in 1858. Its post office was named Upper Grove which existed from 1857 to 1885.

BAILEY'S GROVE. A post office in section 6, Twin Lakes Township, in 1879, and later known as Bailey until 1885.

CONCORD. A village about one mile south of the business section of the present town of Garner. The county seat was located at Concord in 1865, but soon after the coming of the C., M. & St. P. Ry. and the establishment of Garner, Concord declined. It was a post office from 1867 to 1903.

CUMA. In Amsterdam Township. Post office, 1897.

ELK GROVE. Listed in the U. S. Official Register as a post office in Hancock County from 1857 to 1863, but not found on maps of that period.


ELMO. In the western part of Amsterdam Township. Post office, 1881.

HANCOCK CENTER. The local pioneer name of the village of Concord.

LACONIA. In the central part of Erin Township, as shown on maps from 1863 to 1878.

MIKESVILLE. A post office in 1897 as shown in the U. S. Postal Guide. It was in section 3, Amsterdam Township.

UPPER GROVE. (See Amsterdam.)

WEST LAKE. In Twin Lakes Township. Post office, 1897.

WARDSVILLE. In the northeast corner of Madison Township, as shown on maps of 1857.

HARDIN COUNTY

BERLIN. A busy village in its day on the line between sections 22 and 23, Jackson Township. Post office, 1863-78.

COTTAGE. In the northeastern part of section 32, Ellis Township. Post office, 1863-1900.

DELANTA. The name of the post office from 1859 to 1869 at the town of Zenia, which see below.

DUANE. A village which was included within the present town of Alden at the time of the latter's incorporation in 1879.

EAGLE CITY. A small village in the southwest corner of Etna Township, platted in 1878. Post office, 1878-85.

ELLIS. In northern part of section 9, and later in section 5, Ellis Township. Post office, 1875-1900.
FONTAINE. In Etna Township near where now stands the present town of Ackley. Post office, 1859-65.

GEORGETOWN. A village in the southern part of the west section 14, of Hardin Township, or about one and one-half miles west of the business section of the city of Iowa Falls. Platted in 1856.

HARDIN CITY. A town inside the big bend of the Iowa River in section 7, Clay Township. It was platted in 1854 and for several years was the most prosperous place in the county. Post office, 1855-81.

HAZEL GREEN. A town platted in 1855 in section 5, Clay Township, but never got beyond a town on paper.

IDAHO. A post office in section 17, Grant Township, from 1876 to 1880.

LA YURA. In the southeastern part of Etna Township near the site of the present village of Cleves. Post office, 1859-63.

LINK. Listed in the U.S. Postal Guide of 1881 as a post office in Hardin County, but not found on the maps of that period.

LITHOFOLIS. The name of the post office at the present town of Steamboat Rock from 1856 to 1869.

MIDLAND. In the southern part of Providence Township. Post office, 1871-75.

PILGRIM'S GROVE. In the northwestern part of Ellis Township, as shown on maps of 1862, and in the northeastern part of Buckeye Township, as shown on maps of 1863 to 1868.

POINT PLEASANT. In the western part of section 18, Pleasant Township, and the eastern part of section 13, Tipton Township. It was platted in 1855, and was prosperous for several years. In 1858 it came near being made the county seat.

POUGHKEEPSIE. In the eastern part of section 16, Alden Township. Platted in 1855 but the attempt to make a town failed.


RATITON. Listed in the U.S. Postal Guide of 1885 as a post office in Hardin County, but not found on the maps of that period.

RECORD. In the northeastern part of Jackson Township. Post office, 1889-97.

ROCKSylvANIA. The first name given in 1854, to what is now the city of Iowa Falls, but which it kept but a part of that year. In November of the same year a town was platted about one mile east of what is now the business section of Iowa Falls and it was named Rocksylvania. The post office there was called by the same name for a time in 1857.

ROCKWOOD. The name of the post office at Rocksylvania from 1855 to 1857.

SANDERSONVILLE. A village on the Iowa River one half mile southeast of the present village of Gifford. Had water power for turning out woodenware.

TIPTON GROVE. In section 22, and later in section 26, Tipton Township. Post office, 1865-80.
XENIA. A town in the southwestern part of section 28, Eldora Township, three miles south of the present city of Eldora. It was platted in 1857 and flourished for a few years. Its post office was named Delanti, which see above.

HARRISON COUNTY

ALLEN. In section 26, Allen Township. Post office, 1897-1903.

BEEKERTOWN. A hamlet in section 26, LaGrange Township. Post office, 1879-1903.

BIELEK'S GROVE. Listed as a post office in 1869, and shown on maps in the eastern part of Magnolia Township.

BUENA VISTA. The town of Whiteboro (which see below) was platted under this name, but name soon changed.

CALHOUN. A town platted in 1853 in the southern part of section 19, Calhoun Township, near the west bank of Willow River. Prosperous in the late 1860's. Post office, 1855-1900.

CINCINNATI. A village platted in 1857, in section 22, Cincinnati Township, on the banks of the Missouri River, and about one mile south of the present village of California Junction.

CROSB. A post office (1897-1903) in the northwestern part of section 8, Union Township.

ECHO. A post office (1899-1900) in section 11, Raglan Township.

ELDORADO. Platted as a village in 1857 in the north section 12 of Magnolia Township, but never built up.

FONTAINEBLEAU. A village in the northeastern part of section 18, Little Sioux Township, on the banks of the Little Sioux River. Platted in 1855. Post office, 1857.

GAME. A post office in 1897 in the northwestern part of Allen Township.

HARRIS GROVE. A post office (1863-67) first in section 14, LaGrange Township, and later moved to one or more locations in the township before it was discontinued.

HARRISON. In the central part of Harrison Township. Post office, 1867-69.

Howsier. Listed in the U. S. Official Register of 1857 as a post office in Harrison County, but not found on the maps of that period.

JEDDO CITY. A town platted in 1856, in section 12, Jefferson Township. A thriving village for a few years. Post office, 1856-67. It was revived again as Ojedo for a brief time in the early 1880's.

MARTEN'S RANCH. Listed in the U. S, Official Register from 1857 to 1867 as a post office in Harrison County, but not found on maps of that period.

MELOSE. A village platted in 1860, in section 2, Taylor Township. It was a station on the stage line between Council Bluffs and Sioux City.

MOUNT NORRIS. Shown in the northern part of Union Township on maps of 1873 to 1878.

NEEDMORE. A post office in section 17, Cass Township, during the 1880's.
NEW SAINT JOHNS. The name first applied, but only for a brief period, to the present city of Missouri Valley.

OJEDO. See Jeddo City above.

OLD SAINT JOHNS. The name applied to Saint Johns (which see below) in the later years of its existence.

OLMSTEAD. A village in section 27, Harrison Township, platted in 1857, three miles south of the present town of Dunlap. Post office, 1859.

OLYMPUS. A post office (1882-97), first in section 5, Lincoln Township, and later in section 12, Allen Township.

PARRISH CITY. A town platted in 1858 in sections 21 and 22, Cincinnati Township, adjacent to and a rival of the town of Cincinnati, which see above.

RAGLAN. A post office from 1864 to 1867 in section 25, Raglan Township.

REEDER'S MILLS. A hamlet in the northeastern part of section 34, Jefferson Township. Post office, 1858-1900.

RODE. The former name of the present Illinois Central Railroad station of Euclid. Post office, 1900-1903.

SAINT JOHNS. A town in sections 27 and 28, Saint Johns Township, on the southeast side of the Boyer River and about two miles southeast of the present city of Missouri Valley. Platted in 1857 and an important town in its day. Post office, 1858-71.

SOLDIER VALLEY. A post office (1872-81) in the northern part of section 34, Jackson Township.

UNIONBURG. A hamlet and post office (1869-89) in the southern part of section 23, Union Township.

VALLEY VIEW. A post office (1870-89) in section 2, Union Township.

WHITEBORO. A town in section 10, Jefferson Township. It was platted in 1856 as Buena Vista, but the name was soon changed to Whiteboro. Its post office ran from 1856 to 1903. It prospered until the establishment of Logan four miles to its southwest.

YAZO. The name of the post office (1859-75) at the town of Cincinnati, which see above.

HENRY COUNTY

BALTIMORE. A small hamlet and a post office in section 18, Baltimore Township, on the north side of Skunk River, as shown on maps of 1857.

BANGALL. Listed in the U. S. Postal Guide of 1889 as a post office in Henry County, but not found on maps of that period.

BERRY. In the northwestern part of Baltimore Township. Post office, 1897-1900.

BELFAST. In the southwestern part of Trenton Township, south of the Skunk River, as shown on maps of 1857.

BOYLESTON. In the northwestern part of section 25, Jackson Township, on the Skunk River, and later, three fourths of a mile south of that in the northwestern part of section 36. Post office, 1869-93.
COTTON GROVE. In the southern part of section 21 and later in the northeast corner of section 28, Canaan Township. Post office, 1861-81.

CROOKED CREEK. The name of the post office from 1843 to 1851 at what later became the village of Marshall, which see below.

EAST GROVE. A post office from 1849 to 1859 on the north side of the southeast quarter of section 33, Jackson Township. There was a Quaker meeting-house half a mile to the east which was also called East Grove.

JEFFERSON. In section 22, Jefferson Township, as shown on maps of 1854 and 1857.

LA HOYT. The name of the post office (1881-1903) at the former C., B. & Q. railroad station of Ketcham between Mount Pleasant and Rome.

LANCASTER. The name first given to the present village of Trenton when it was laid out in 1836, but which it kept only a year when it was changed to Trenton.

MCABE. Near the center of Canaan Township, as shown on maps of 1855, 1856 and 1857.

MCARVERSTOWN. The pioneer name of the present village of Lowell, prior to 1843.

MARSHALL. The name first given the present town of Wayland. It was laid out as Marshall in 1851. The name of its post office which had been Crooked Creek (see above) was Marshall from 1851 to 1875.

RURAL. Listed in the 1893 U. S. Postal Guide as a post office in Henry County, but not found on maps of that period.

SHOCKLEY. The name of the post office at the present town of Winfield from 1852 to 1853.

STRINGTOWN. See Traxler below.

TRAXLER. In the western part of section 20, Marion Township. Post office, 1893-97. Stringtown was the name of the hamlet here.

VINA. A post office (1851-97) shown in the northwestern part of Salem Township on maps of 1856 and 1857, but in the western part of Tippecanoe Township on maps of the 1890's.

WASHINGTON. The early name of the present town of Hillsboro. The name was changed about 1851.

WINONA. In the southwestern part of section 13, Wayne Township. Post office, 1871-75.

WOOLLAWN. A post office one and one-half miles south of the city of Mount Pleasant, in existence for a short time in the early 1880's.

HOWARD COUNTY

ARNOLDSVILLE. The name in 1857 of the post office at the town of Florenceville, which see below.

BUSTI. A post office in the central part of Afton Township, as shown on maps of the early 1860's, but in the later years of that decade and a few years later it is shown as a hamlet on the west line of section 31, Howard Township, about one mile north of the location of the present town of Elma.
CECELIA. In the southern part of Afton Township. Post office, 1881-85.

CRANE CREEK. In the western part of Paris Township. Post office, 1865-67.

EATONVILLE. The name of the post office from 1861 to 1869 about two miles west of the present town of Chester.

FLORENVILLE. A town in the northwest portion of section 10, Albion Township, on both sides of the Upper Iowa River. Post office, 1871-1900. Several dwellings remain, but no stores.

FORESTON. A town in the northwest portion of section 14 and the northeast of 15 of Forest City Township and on both sides of the Upper Iowa River. Post office, 1857-71.

GLEN ROY. A pioneer village on the Upper Iowa River about two miles northwest of the present town of Lime Springs. On the establishment of the railroad station of Lime Springs in 1868 its post office for a few years was called Glen Roy to distinguish it from the old town.

HOWARD. Given on maps from 1875 to the early 1880's in connection with Busti as Howard Busti Post Office, about one mile north of the location of the present town of Elma, but later given in the eastern part of Howard Township.

HOWARD CENTER. A village platted in 1856 located in the southwest corner of section 24, Howard Center Township. It was the county seat from 1857 to 1858. Post office, 1857-93.

JAMESTOWN. A post office (1857-61) in the northwestern part of Jamestown Township near the present town of Riceville, which is on the west side of the county line.

LIME SPRINGS. The original town of Lime Springs was a little over one mile north of the present town of that name, and was on both sides of the Upper Iowa River. A mill still operates there.

LOWTHER STATION. Former name of the present village of Acme.

NEW OREGON. The first established and for some years the leading town in the county. It was in the north parts of sections 2 and 3, New Oregon Township, on both sides of the Turkey River, and two miles south of where stands the present city of Cresco. Post office, 1855-75. A few residences still remain.

OSBORN. In the central part and later in the southeastern part, of Albion Township, as shown on the maps of the period of its existence, 1859 to 1867.

POON VALLEY. In section 36, Paris Township. Post office, 1869-71.

STERGIS. A post office in Paris Township in 1859.

VERNON SPRINGS. An important town in sections 33 and 34, Vernon Springs Township, on the north bank of Turkey River. It was two miles southwest of the present city of Cresco, and was the county seat from 1865 to 1867. Post office, 1861-69.
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HUMBOLDT COUNTY

Addison. In section 26, Corinth Township. Post office, 1869-1903.

Byron. In the southeastern part of Avery Township. Post office, 1871-77.

Ebene. In the southwestern part of section 9, Humboldt Township. Post office, 1859-63.

Grove. The name of the present village of Arnold previous to 1930. Grove was a post office from 1893-1900.

Lots. A post office on the east line of section 13, Delana Township, as shown on maps of 1875. It is shown on maps of 1857 as Lots Creek.

Humboldt. A post office established in 1864 in the southwestern part of section 7, Avery Township, southwest of the Des Moines River. The name was changed to Park Grove, which see below.

McKnight's Point. In the northwestern part of Wacousta Township. Post office, 1871-81. It was later listed as McKnight as late as 1885.

Nor. In the western part of Delana Township. Post office, 1875-81.

Owla. In the eastern part of Lake Township. Post office, 1900.

Park Grove. A post office from 1873 to 1875. Previously called Humboldt, which see above.

Pleasant View. In the eastern part of Avery Township, on the C. & N. W. Ry. Post office, 1881.

Randolph. In section 7, Grove Township. Post office, 1875-76.

Springvale. The pioneer name of the present city of Humboldt. Springvale was the name of the post office from 1869-71.

Summer. A town laid out in 1857 in the southeast quarter of section 12, Delana Township, but never built up.

Unique. In section 11, Weaver Township. Post office, 1875-1900.

Verbeck. Shown on maps of 1887 where the town of Thor now stands. Verbeck was a post office in 1881.

Viona. In section 34, Vernon Township. Post office, 1869-75.


Walbridge. Listed in the U. S. Official Register of 1869 as a post office in Humboldt County, but not found on the maps of that period.

IDA COUNTY

Clarendon. Listed in the U. S. Postal Guide of 1885 as a post office in Ida County, but not found on the maps of that period.

Cornelia. A post office in the 1880's in central part of Battle Township.

Dresser. Listed in the U. S. Postal Guide of 1897 as a post office in Ida County, but not found on the maps of that period.

Ida. The pioneer name of the present city of Ida Grove. The post office was Ida from 1859 to 1878.
SILVER CREEK. In section 18, Silver Creek Township. Post office, 1875.

WILLOW DALE. The pioneer name of the present town of Battle Creek. Willow Dale was the post office from 1871 to 1875.

IOWA COUNTY

ALBERTON. Laid out as a town in section 10, Dayton Township, in 1857, but never built up.

AMBROSE. A post office (1897-1900) in section 28, Dayton Township.

ARMAND. A post office (1897-1900) in section 26, Dayton Township.

BOLTONVILLE. A post office (1871-73) in the southwest corner of section 26, Iowa Township.

CARTER. A post office (1881-85) in the southwestern part of Fillmore Township, some three miles northeast of the present town of North English.

CONO. A post office (1855-63) in the eastern part of Cono Township.

DAYTON. A town laid out in section 1, Cono Township. Post office, 1857-59.

DOVER. Laid out as a town in 1857 on the south line of section 6, Honey Creek Township, but no town developed, but is shown on maps as late as 1875 as a post office.

DOWNARDS. In the western part of Sumner Township. Post office, 1855-59.

FOX. In the southwest part of Iowa Township, as shown on maps of 1887.

FOOTE. In the southeastern part of section 35, Fillmore Township, on the Keokuk County line. Post office, 1863-1900.

FREMONT. Laid out as a town in 1857 in the northern part of section 23, Fillmore Township, but never materialized.

GENOA BLUFFS. A town in the southeastern part of section 32 and southwestern of 33, Sumner Township. It was laid out in 1855 and in its early life was prosperous, at one time aspiring to be the county seat. Post office, 1859-1900. A garage is all that remains.

GREENE CENTER. In the south central part of Greene Township. Post office, 1889-1900.

HEDGE. A post office (1881-1900) in the north central part of Dayton Township.

HINKLETOWN. Name of the hamlet at the location of the post office of Foote, which see above.

IONE. In the northern part of Greene Township. Listed as a post office in U. S. Official Register in 1854 and shown on maps as late as 1869.

JONES. A post office (1857-69) in section 5, Greene Township.

LYTLE CITY. A town in the central part of section 1, Fillmore Township. It was laid out in 1857. After the establishment of Parnell on the new C., M. & St. P. Ry. in 1884, Lytle City's existence soon ended.
MORIAH. A post office (1873-76) in the southwestern part of Honey Creek Township.

MUSQUAKA. A post office (1875-93) in the northeastern part of section 29, Dayton Township.

NEVADA. The name of the present town of North English during its early existence.

PRAIRIE CREEK. A post office (1855-67) in the western part of Honey Creek Township, near the Poweshiek County line.

RIVERDALE. Near the northwest corner of Honey Creek Township. Post office, 1873-76.

SOAPTOWN. A common name applied to North English in its pioneer years.

STELOPOLIS. The name of the post office at the town of Williamsburg from 1861 to 1886, as shown in the U. S. Official Register.

WEST PILOT. In section 15, Pilot Township. Post office, 1872-89.

WEST TROY. On west line of section 19, Troy Township. Post office, 1873-81.

WILSON. The original name of the present town of Victor. The name was changed from Wilson to Victor in 1862 when the post office of Victor, which had been in existence from 1854 and located about two miles to the south, was removed to near the newly built C., R. I. & P. depot.

YORK CENTER. In the western part of section 9, York Township. Post office, 1869-1900.

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ALMA. A post office in section 28, Butler Township, in the early 1890's.

AMOY. Listed in the U. S. Official Register as a post office in Jackson County from 1847 to 1848, but not found on maps of that period.

BRIDGEPORT. A village in the eastern part of section 17, Maquoketa Township. Post office, 1891-73.

CARRILOPONT. The name first given (1837) to the present town of Sabula.

CENTREVILLE. A hamlet in the southeastern part of section 16, Prairie Springs Township, as shown on maps of 1875.

CHARLESTON. The name of the present town of Sabula from 1837 for a few years. That was the designation of the post office from 1837 to 1846.

CLARKSTOWN. The former name of the present town of Green Island.

CORN. The name of the post office from 1853 to 1860 at the village of Millrock, which see below.

COLOMA. A town laid out in 1856, now included in the southwestern portion of the present town of Monmouth.

COPPER CREEK. In the southern part of Van Buren Township. Post office, 1851-53.

COTTONVILLE. An old village in sections 22 and 27, Richland Township. Post office, 1851-1900.
Crabb's Mills. In the northeastern part of section 14, Brandon Township, on the North Fork of the Maquoketa River. The post office ran from 1873 to 1875, after which until 1889 it was designated as Crabb. The hamlet was known as Crabbtown and existed some time before the establishment of the post office.


Duke. A post office in the northwest corner of section 19, Prairie Springs Township, as appears on maps of 1875.

Farmer's Creek. In the northeastern part of Farmer's Creek Township. Post office, 1853-71.

Fremont. A town platted in 1859, now included in the east portion of the present town of Baldwin.

Garry Owen. In the southern part of section 3, Butler Township. Post office, 1847-1900.


Higginsport. In the western part of Van Buren Township. Post office, 1853-89.

Hugo. In section 7, Butler Township. Post office, 1900.


Isabel. Listed in the U. S. Official Register as a post office in Jackson County from 1859 to 1867, but not found on the maps of that period.

Lowell. A town platted in the 1840's one mile north of the business section of the present city of Maquoketa. Its existence was brief.

Millrock. A village, platted in 1854, in the northwestern part of section 27, Monmouth Township, about one mile south of the present town of Baldwin. Post office, 1861-71.


New Castle. A post office in section 28, Farmers Creek Township, in 1851.

North Maquoketa. A town of brief existence about 1840 north of the present city of Maquoketa and on the North Fork of the Maquoketa River.

Otter Creek. A village in the southwestern part of section 24, Otter Creek Township. Post office, 1853-1900.

Ozark. A village in the western part of section 5, Brandon Township, on the North Fork of Maquoketa River. Post office, 1855-97.

Prairie Springs. Listed in the U. S. Official Register as a post office in Jackson County from 1845 to 1847, but, not found on maps of that period.

Rolley. In the southwestern part of Fairfield Township. Post office, 1854-63.

Silibeh. A post office from 1841 to 1843 near where stands the present town of Andrew.

Smith's Ferry. Listed in the U. S. Official Register of 1851 as a post office in Jackson County, but not found on maps of that period.
SPRUCE MILLS. Near the southeast corner of Tete Des Morts Township. Post office, 1853-63.

STERLING. An old village at the corners of sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, Iowa Township. Post office, 1853-97.

SULLIVAN. In the northwestern part of Prairie Springs Township. Post office, 1851-61.

SUMMER HILL. In the southeastern part of Fairfield Township. Post office, 1855-65.

TETE DES MORTS. The name of the post office from 1841 to 1851 at the present village of Saint Donatus.

UNION CENTER. In the southwestern part of Fairfield Township. Post office, 1855-97.


WAGONERSBURG. Listed in the U. S. Official Register of 1861 as a post office in Jackson County, and thought to have been where Emeline is now located, section 22, Brandon Township.

WATERFORD. In the central part of South Fork Township, south of the Maquoketa River. Post office, 1855-67.

WICKLiffe. A post office from 1843 to 1873 near where now stands the town of Green Island.

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ADAMSONVILLE. In the western part of Buena Vista Township. Post office, 1877-78.

BAXTER. The post office of Baxter was in existence from as early as 1873 and was located about one mile southwest of the present town of Baxter. On the establishment of the latter in 1883 the post office was removed to the new town.

BUSH. Listed in the U. S. Official Register of 1859 as a post office in Jasper County, and thought to have been in the vicinity of the present railroad station of Metz.

CARR. The post office from 1851 to 1855 at what later became Vandalia, which see below.


DAIRY GROVE. In the east section 24 of Elk Creek Township. Post office, 1867.

DAWSON. In section 15, Independence Township, as shown on maps of 1868 and 1869. It was succeeded by Independence Center, which see below.

DIXIE. The former name of Turner, which see below.

DRAPER. A former mining camp in the east section 34 of Fairview Township, about four miles east of Monroe. Post office, 1881-87.
ELK CREEK. In the north central part of Elk Creek Township. Post office, 1853.

ELLIOTT. The name of the present town of Prairie City for the first year or two of its existence. It was platted as Elliott in 1856.

FARMERSVILLE. Platted in 1876 on ground east of and adjacent to the location of the present hamlet and railway station of Metz. It had a post office for a brief time, but was changed to Metz in 1878.

GODDARD. A station on the former Newton & Northwestern Railroad in the northeast corner of section 29, Sherman Township.

GREENCASTLE. A town in the northern part of section 14, Poweshiek Township, platted in 1855, and prosperous in its day. Post office, 1857-1900. A few houses still there.

HORN. In section 23, Malaka Township. Post office, 1869-89.

INDEPENDENCE CENTER. A post office in 1871 near the center of Independence Township, the successor of Dawson (see above) and the predecessor of Baxter, which see above.

JASPER CITY. The name first given to what is now the town of Kellogg. It was platted in 1865 and the name changed to Kellogg in 1873.

KIMBALL. The name of the post office at Jasper City (which see above) from 1866 to 1869, when the name was changed to Kellogg.

MONROE CITY. Located about midway between the towns of Monroe and Prairie City, partly in Des Moines and partly in Fairview Townships, and is now penetrated by the Des Moines Valley branch of the C., R. I. & P. Ry. It was platted in 1847, the intention being to make it the capital of the state.

MORRISTOWN. Listed in the 1855 U. S. Official Register as a post office in Jasper County, and thought to have been in the vicinity of the later station of Oswalt, which see below, but not found on the maps of that period.

NEWTON CITY. The original name of the present city of Newton. It was platted in 1846 and the name changed to Newton in 1847.

NORTH SKUNK RIVER. A post office in section 4, Richland Township (1855-59), near the stream of the same name.

Oswalt. A station on the former Colfax & Northern Railroad, in section 33, Poweshiek Township. Post office, 1889-93.

Palmyra. In the northern part of Independence Township, as found on maps of 1856 to 1862.

PARKERSBURG. In the north central part of Mound Prairie Township and near the south side of South Skunk River. Post office, 1851-59.

PLEASANT VIEW. In section 35, Kellogg Township. Post office, 1859-63.

PRAIRIEVILLE. In section 32, Washington Township. Post office, 1900-1903.

Quincy. A name given to what later became the town of Vandalia, which see below.

RUSHVILLE. A village platted in 1857 in the northeast corner of section 9, Kellogg Township.

Sugar Creek. In the southeastern part of Richland Township. Post office, 1862-71.

Tool's Point. The name first given to the present town of Monroe. It was platted in 1850 as Tool's Point, and the post office received the same name, but the change was made to Monroe a year or two later.

Turner. A former station on the C., R. I. & P. Railway in Rock Creek Township.

Vandalia. A village in the southwest portion of section 20, Des Moines Township. It was laid out in 1853 and was prosperous in the 1860's. Post office, 1857-1903.

Vowells. The name by which Farmersville (which see above) was first shown on the maps.

Warren Grove. Listed in the U. S. Official Register as a post office in Jasper County from 1869 to 1871, but not found on the maps of that period.

Williamsville. Listed in the 1869 U. S. Official Register as a post office in Jasper County, and thought to have been in the neighborhood of Woodville, which see below.

Woodville. A station on the Des Moines Valley Railroad in the western part of Washington Township, as shown on maps from 1868 to 1878.

Wittemburg. In the eastern part of section 3, Newton Township, about four miles north of the city of Newton. It was platted in 1856, and the Wittemburg Manual Labor College was established there. A Congregational church still remains.

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STEAMBOAT LEAVES DES MOINES

The Des Moines City [steamboat] went down yesterday loaded with a considerable drove of hogs. The grunters manifested a characteristic disposition to be stubborn, but after being surrounded and pushed up by several squads, battalions and regiments of folks, they were finally induced to go aboard, and take a voyage for their health.—Daily State Register, Des Moines, Iowa, May 2, 1862. (In the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)