

territory north of the State of Missouri and between the Mississippi and the Missouri rivers to the Territory of Michigan for temporary government, and gave the inhabitants the same privileges and immunities, and subjected them to the same laws as other citizens of Michigan Territory.

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CHANGE IN THE NAME OF OUR TOWN.—We are gratified to be able this week to say to our readers that the name of this town (Bloomington) is changed. Henceforth it is to be called Muscatine. We are aware that it will take some time to familiarize every one with the new name—but we think one year will suffice to obliterate the name of Bloomington as associated with our town from the mind of almost every one. The truth is, the town should never have been called by the name of Bloomington. There is a Bloomington in seven or eight of the states, we are confident, and in how many more we know not. Our citizens have been continually perplexed and disappointed at not receiving their letters and papers from abroad at the time they ought to reach here by due course of mail, and many important letters and documents have been given up for lost—when, lo! they would arrive here—marked “Missent and forwarded.” Sometimes they would be forwarded from Bloomington, Indiana; sometimes from a town of the same name in Illinois—from the Bloomfields, the Burlingtons, the Bloomingdales, Bloomingtons, and every other town in the United States that was in “Bloom.” This great source of difficulty is now, we trust, removed. Muscatine is an Indian name—there is nothing else like it that we know of in any other state. It is euphonious, easily remembered, easily spelt, and very appropriate. It is the name of our county, and we predict that Muscatine, Iowa, will yet make a figure in the world.—*Muscatine Journal*, June 9, 1849.

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