

ABANDONED TOWNS, VILLAGES AND POST OFFICES OF IOWA

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MARION COUNTY

AMERICAN CITY. Laid out as a town in 1848 in Summit Township a short distance northwest of the present village of Otley, but never developed.

AMSTERDAM. Laid out in 1848 on the location now occupied by the present Wabash Railway station of Howell. Amsterdam had big plans for a short time.

BARKERSVILLE. The original name of the present village of Attica. Barkersville was the name of the post office from 1849 to 1853.

BENNINGTON. Platted as a town in 1848 on the north side of the Des Moines River about one and one-half miles west of the present railroad station of Percy.

BETHEL CITY. A post office in the southern part of Clay Township about two miles west of the present town of Tracy. The name was Bethel City from 1875 to 1883, and was Bethel until it was discontinued in 1884.

CALOMA. A hamlet in the southeast corner of section 19, Franklin Township. Post office, 1858-1907.

CLOUD. A hamlet in section 35, Dallas Township. Post office, 1888-1906.

COOPER SPRINGS. A post office from 1872 to 1875 in the southwestern part of Indiana Township.

DELPHI. Platted in an early day in the northern part of Swan Township near the Des Moines River, directly south of the present village of Percy. It was never built up.

DIXONVILLE. Laid out in 1856 two miles north of the present town of Hamilton. It never had more than a store building and was soon abandoned.

DIVIDE. A post office for a few months in 1851 a short distance southeast of the center of Summit Township, as shown on maps of that period.

DURHAM'S. A post office from 1848 to 1850 in the north section 32 of Clay Township on the Des Moines River.

ELM GROVE. A post office (1846-53) in the eastern part of Liberty Township. The first post office in the county.

ELY. The name of the post office of the present village of Marysville from 1853 to 1869.

ENGLISH SETTLEMENT. A post office (1850-78) in the northern part of section 18, Clay Township.

EVERIST. A coal mining village in section 17, Liberty Township. Post office, 1905-14.

FAIRMOUNT. A post office from 1874 to 1875 in section 25, township 75, range 20, about three miles south of Knoxville.

FLAGLER. Laid out in 1877 in the southwest quarter of the east section 2, Knoxville Township. It was a coal mining town. Post office, 1876-1914.

GOSPORT. Laid out in 1853 as New Town, but name changed a few years later to Gosport. It was in the center of Washington Township, and for some years was a busy village. Post office, 1854-1905.

HAMAKER'S. A post office in the southern part of section 2, Liberty Township, as appears on maps of 1868 and 1869.

HARRISONVILLE. Laid out in 1854 in the southeast quarter of the north section 32, Clay Township, about one mile north of the present village of Durham, but never built up.

IOLA. A hamlet in the southeastern part of the north section 31, Clay Township. Post office, 1854-81.

INDIANA. In the eastern part of Indiana Township, two miles south of the present village of Attica, as shown on maps of 1900.

LAKE PRAIRIE. A post office (1845-47) in the southern part of Lake Prairie Township, in the vicinity of the village of Amsterdam of the same date.

LEERDAM. Laid out as a town in 1858 in the northeast quarter of the north section 23, Lake Prairie Township, on the south side of South Skunk River, four miles north of Pella. Never built up.

LUCAS GROVE. A hamlet in the northwestern part of section 21, Union Township, about three miles north of the present railroad station of Donley. Post office, 1874-82.

MENNON. A post office (1856-67) at or near the present town of Swan.

MERRILL. The name of the present village of Durham when it was first laid out in 1875.

MORGAN VALLEY. A hamlet in the northwestern part of section 9, Perry Township, on the south side of the Des Moines River. Post office, 1891-1903.

NEWARK. A post office (1857-68) occupying two or more locations in the northern part of Summit Township, part of the time being about two miles northwest of the present village of Otley.

NEW CASTLE. Some maps show it as Newark Castle, about two miles southeast of Otley, as shown on maps from 1856 to 1869.

NEW CHICAGO. A hamlet established in 1867 in the northwestern part of section 17, Dallas Township.

NEW TOWN. The name first given the town of Gosport, which see above.

OAK. A post office (1871-75) in the northeast corner of section 18, Red Rock Township.

OHIO. The name first given the present village of Dallas.

ORADELL. A hamlet in steamboating days on what is now the "Old Bed" of the Des Moines River, in section 31, Union Township.

PARAN CITY. A post office (1848-52) in the northwestern part of Union Township, at or near the location of Oradell, which see above.

PERRYVILLE. A town laid out in 1848 in the northern part of section 9, Perry Township, on the north side of the Des Moines River a short distance east of where the village of Morgan Valley was located later. It had but a brief existence.

PINCHEY. Local name of the hamlet of Oradell, which see above.

POPLAR GROVE. Lister as a post office in Marion County from 1856 to 1857, but not located on the maps.

RED CEDAR MILLS. A post office from 1853 to 1856 in the central part of Liberty Township.

REEDVILLE. Laid out as a town in 1855 in section 8, Red Rock Township, near Prairie Creek. Never grew much and soon vacated.

ROUSSEAU. Laid out in 1850 in the western part of section 9, Polk Township, on the south side of the Des Moines River. Prosperous for a few years. Post office, 1873-1903.

STAR. A post office (1867-1902) in the southwestern part of section 14, Franklin Township.

WESTON. Platted as a town in 1856 in the northern part of section 35, Pleasant Grove Township, but never built up.

WHEELING. Laid out in 1851 in the northern part of section 5, Pleasant Grove Township, two and one-half miles north of Pleasantville. Post office, 1852-84.

MARSHALL COUNTY

BROMLEY. A former hamlet and Iowa Central Railway station in section 1, Minerva Township. Post office, 1882-1904.

CEDAR CROSSROADS. A post office from 1866 to 1868 in section 3, Washington Township.

EDENVILLE. The former name of the present town of Rhodes. Edenville was laid out as a town in 1866 and the post office was in that name from 1860 to 1883.

FREDONIA. A hamlet in the southwest corner of section 26, Marion Township, five miles east of Marshalltown. Post office, 1853-67.

GALVIN. A post office from 1882 to 1902 in the southeast corner of section 3, Marietta Township.

GREEN MOUNTAIN. Platted as a village in 1855 in the northwest corner of section 16, Marion Township. On the coming of the Great Western Railroad in 1883 the village was removed about one mile north to its present location.

GOWANDO. A post office in 1860 and 1861 in the southeastern part of Marion Township.

GREEN CASTLE. A village laid out in 1857 in section 8, Green Castle Township, about one mile southeast of the present town of Ferguson.

HARTLAND. A post office from 1890 to 1900 three miles south of Marietta.

ILLINOIS GROVE. A post office (1857-81) in section 8, Liberty Township.

JEROMEVILLE. Laid out in 1857 in section 25, township 84, range 18, but now included in the northeastern portion of the city of Marshalltown.

LAFAYETTE. The former name of the present town of Albion. Lafayette was platted in 1852 and name changed to Albion in 1858. The post office was Albion from the start.

LIBERTY. Laid out in 1857 in section 27, Liberty Township. Post office, 1857-64.

MALTA. A hamlet and station on the Iowa Central Railway in section 25, State Center Township. Post office, 1883-94.

MARIETTA. Platted in 1851 in the eastern part of section 13, township 84, range 19, and the western part of section 18, township 84, range 18. It was made the county seat the same year and continued to be until January 1, 1860, when it lost to Marshall. Post office, 1852-1900. A railroad siding is about all that remains.

MARSHALL. The original name of the present city of Marshalltown from the time it was platted in 1853 to 1863.

MAULSBY. A place shown on maps of 1900 first in the northern part of Taylor Township and later in the southern part of Liscomb Township.

MINERVA. A post office in section 2, Minerva Township, from 1858 to 1882. The present railroad station of Minerva was established later at a point some four miles east.

MORMON HILL. A post office from 1850 to 1859 in the northeastern part of Bangor Township.

NORRIS. A post office (1865-69) in the northeastern part of Bangor Township.

REEDSVILLE. A post office (1855-60) in the eastern part of Marion Township.

ROCKTON. A hamlet in section 21, Marion Township. Post office, 1888-1900.

STANFORD. A post office (1869-82) in section 4, Bangor Township.

TIMBER CREEK. A country post office (1850-82) shown on the earlier maps in the central part, then the southern part of Timber Creek Township, and later in the northeast corner of Jefferson Township.

VIENNA. A post office (1856-83) in the southwestern part of section 10, Vienna Township.

MITCHELL COUNTY

BURR OAK. A name applied to the village of Leo in the later years of its existence. See Leo below.

CARDIFF. A post office (1855-1904) at the village of Leo, which see below.

CORA. The first name (1855-56) of the present city of Osage. The name of the post office was Cora from 1854 to 1857.

DIXIE. A post office from 1894 to 1900 in section 29, Rock Township.

DORAN. A post office (1857-1904) in section 34, Jenkins Township.

DRAMEN. A post office from 1877 to 1880 in the southern part of the west section 1, or the northern part of the west section 12, Cedar Township.

DUREA. A post office from 1856 to 1858 in section 21, Wayne Township. The name was then changed to Wentworth, which see below.

FULLER. A post office (1892-1904) in section 25, Mitchell Township.

JENKINS CENTER. A hamlet in the geographical center of Jenkins Township. Its post office was North Bend.

LEO. A village laid out in 1856 in the northeastern part of section 9 and the northwestern part of section 10, Burr Oak Township. The name of the post office was Cardiff.

LINCOLN CENTER. A post office from 1866 to 1867 in the central part of Lincoln Township.

NELSON. A post office (1856-68) in section 15, Douglas Township.

NEWBURG. A village laid out in 1855 in the southwestern part of section 14, Newburg Township, on the west side of the Cedar River and about one mile northwest of the present town of St. Ansgar. A busy town in its day. Post office, 1857-72.

NORTH BEND. A post office (1857-62) at Jenkins Center, which see above.

OLD OTRANTO. See Otranto below.

ORRVILLE. The name of the post office from 1855 to 1857 at the town of Otranto, which see below.

OTRANTO. A town laid out in 1856 in the northeastern part of section 7 and northwestern part of section 8, Otranto Township, on the west bank of Cedar River, and some three miles northwest of the present Otranto Station. A prosperous town for some years. Post office, 1857-99. Called Old Otranto in its later years.

ROCK CREEK. A post office in 1868 to 1900 in the central part of Rock Township.

STILLWATER. A post office (1871-99) in the east section 8, Lincoln Township.

WAPSIE. A post office from 1883 to 1887 in the central part of Wayne Township.

WENTWORTH. A post office (1858-93) in section 36, Wayne Township. It was the successor of Dureau, which see above.

MILLS COUNTY

BENTON. A post office from 1863 to 1881 on the north line of the west section 25, Anderson Township.

BETHLEHEM. The name first given to the village of East Platts-mouth, which see below.

BOXELDER. A post office (1890-1901) in the northwestern part of Anderson Township.

CERRO GORDO. A post office (1853-63) on the Missouri River in Saint Mary Township a short distance below the mouth of Mosquito Creek.

COONVILLE. The pioneer name of the present city of Glenwood, from its beginning in 1848 until 1853.

EAST PLATTSMOUTH. A village on the banks of the Missouri River, in section 26, Plattville Township, opposite Plattsmouth, Nebraska. The first name given this place was Bethlehem, in 1846. The river is said to have washed away that town site. A little farther back from the river was built Sharpsburg, which was later called Junction City, and finally East Plattsmouth.

EGYPT. A pioneer village near the southwest corner of Mills County, about two miles from the Fremont County line.

FAYETTE. The name of a post office (1856-60) located a short distance southeast of the present railroad station of Balfour. The name was changed to Mount Olive.

HENTON. The former name of the present railroad station and village of Folsom.

HENTONVILLE. The name of the post office (1879-86) at Henton, which see above.

HILLSDALE. A former railroad station and village four miles east and two miles south of Glenwood. It still contains a few houses.

INDIAN CREEK. A post office from 1854 to 1859 in the eastern part of Indian Creek Township, a short distance northeast of the present village of Emerson.

INGRAHAM. A post office in Mills County from 1854 to 1859, but location not found.

JEWELL. A post office from 1874 to 1877 six miles east and one mile north of Glenwood.

JUNCTION CITY. The name of the post office from 1870 to 1872 and of the village which later became East Plattsmouth, which see above.

LAWRENCE. The name by which the present railroad station of White Cloud was known for some time in the 1880's.

LEWIS CITY. A former name of the present village of Mineola, as appears on maps of 1881.

LOUDEN. A village for a few years in the period before the Civil War one-half mile north of where later stood the village of Hillsdale, which see above.

MILTON STATION. The early name by which the present town of Malvern was known.

MOUNT OLIVE. A post office from 1860 to 1867 a short distance southeast of the present railroad station of Balfour.

PACIFIC CITY. A post office from 1857 to 1903 and a town about two miles north of the present railroad station of Pacific Junction. It still contains a few houses.

PLATTVILLE. A town shown on maps from 1854 to the late 1860's a short distance south of East Portsmouth, which see above.

POTTER. The former name of the present village of Henderson.

RUSHVILLE. A village of brief existence in the late 1840's on Keg

Creek and the Missouri River bottom, likely in the western part of Lyons Township.

SAIN'T MARY'S. A town, the site of which is washed away, near the southwest corner of Saint Mary Township, as shown on maps of the 1850's.

SHARPSBURG. The name of the village and the post office from 1860 to 1868 which later was East Plattsmouth, which see above.

TRADER'S POINT. A hamlet and ferry on the Missouri River near the northwest corner of Saint Mary Township, and near the Pottawattamie County line, the site of which is washed away. (See Pottawattamie County list.) In the 1870's there was for a few years a railroad station by the same name near the north edge of Saint Mary Township.

TURNER. A post office from 1874 to 1879 in the central part of Deer Creek Township.

WAHAGHBONSY. A hamlet and post office (1852-72) in section 18, Rawles Township, on Wahbonsie Creek. Later for a few years there was a railroad station by the name of Wahbonsie in the southern part of section 33, Lyons Township, near the Fremont County line.

WALNUT GROVE. A post office in Mills County from 1854 to 1857, but location not found.

WARD. The name by which the present town of Silver City was known for a time in the 1870's.

WHITE CLOUD. A village and post office (1856-90) in the northwest-ern part of section 2, White Cloud Township, about one mile northwest of the present railroad station of that name.

MONONA COUNTY

ALBATON. A hamlet in section 9, Fairview Township. Post office, 1877-1901.

ARCOLA. A post office in section 28, Kenebec Township. Post office, 1864-87.

ASHTON. A vilage in sections 28 and 29, Ashton Township. Estab-lished in 1854 and laid out in 1855. It was made the county seat in 1854, but lost to Onawa in 1858. Post office, 1855-58.

BADGER LAKE. A hamlet on the west side of the lake of the same name, Lossing (which see below) being the name of the post office.

BELVIDERE. A village in section 14, Belvidere Township. Laid out in 1857 and active for a few years. It contested unsuccessfully for the county seat in 1861. Post office, 1857-87.

BLOOMFIELD. The name given the village of Ashton (which see above) when it was first established, but which it retained but a short time.

BLUFF POINT. Former name of the present town of Turin.

BOTTOM. A post office from 1866 to 1868 in Sherman Township.

CASTANA. A hamlet, now spoken of as Old Castana, existing from 1865 to about 1885, located about one mile west of the present town of Castana.

HALL CREEK. A post office from 1872 to 1874 in section 29, Spring Valley Township.

HLAWATHA. A post office from 1882 to 1885, and from 1892 to 1894 in Jordan Township.

LOSSING. The name of the post office at the hamlet of Badger Lake (see above) from 1884 to 1931.

MAPLETON. A village now spoken of as Old Mapleton, laid out in 1857, one mile west of the present town of Mapleton.

ONAWA CITY. The name originally applied to the present town of Onawa. Onawa City was the name of the post office from 1858 to 1883.

PREPARATION. A pioneer village in section 7, Spring Valley Township, about three miles north of the present village and railroad station of Preparation. The old village had a post office from 1854 for a few years.

RANSOM. A place in section 19, Spring River Township, on the west side of Soldier River, as appears on maps of the early 1880's.

SAINT CLAIR. A post office in section 4, Soldier Township, from 1861 to 1884.

SAINT GEORGE. Laid out as a village in Maple Township in 1857. It only amounted to a hamlet, and that for a short time.

SPRING VALLEY. The name of the post office at Moorhead for a few years in the early 1880's as shown on maps of that period.

TIEVILLE. A post office from 1876 to 1878 on the bank of the Missouri River in the southwestern part of Lincoln Township, seven miles west and one mile south of Onawa.

UTE. A post office from 1876 to 1887 in section 22, Saint Clair Township, about three miles northwest of the present town of Ute.

WEST FORK. A post office (1862-73) in the eastern part of Lake Township.

MONROE COUNTY

BLUFF CREEK. A post office in the northern part of Bluff Creek Township from 1859 to 1863, and again from 1886 to 1907.

BREMEN. The former name of the present town of Lovilia. Its post office was Bremen from 1855 to 1857.

BRIDGEPORT. A village near the center of section 1, Pleasant Township, about one mile southwest of the present town of Eddyville, Wapello County, as shown on maps from 1868 to 1881.

BUXTON. A coal mining town in section 4, Bluff Creek Township. At one time, about 1910, it had somewhere near 6,000 inhabitants, 5,500 being Negroes. The town was never incorporated.

CEDAR MINES. A coal mining town about three miles west of Albia. A busy place for a few years. Post office, 1872-98.

CHISHOLM. A coal mining town in the southern part of Pleasant Township. Post office, 1883-1909.

CLARK'S POINT. Another name for Clarksville, which see below.

CLARKSVILLE. An embryo town three miles west and one and one-half north of the present city of Albia. Competed with Princeton (now Albia) for the county seat in 1845. Clarksville had the first post office in the county, 1846 to 1847.

COMLTON. A hamlet in the central part of section 24, Cedar Township. Post office, 1861-99.

CUBA. The name of the post office from 1854 to 1867 at Fairview, which see below.

EAST MELROSE. The early name of the present town of Melrose. The post office was East Melrose from 1863 to 1878.

ELBERT. A hamlet in the southeastern part of Guilford Township, as shown on maps of 1885 and later.

ELDORADO. Laid out in an early day as a village in section 2, Cedar Township. It only attained to a mere hamlet.

FAIRVIEW. Laid out as a village in 1856. Its post office was Cuba, which see above. The name of the town was later changed to Cuba.

FRAKER. A coal mining town in the central part of Bluff Creek Township. Its post office was Fraker from 1907 to 1915.

GEORGETOWN. A village in section 22, Guilford Township. Post office, 1852-1908.

GRAY'S CREEK. A post office in the southwestern part of Pleasant Township from 1851 to 1859.

HALFWAY PRAIRIE. A post office in the western part of Pleasant Township from 1849 to 1875.

HENN. Listed as a post office in Monroe County from July 16, 1856, to October 6, 1856, but its location not found.

HICKORY GROVE. The name of the post office from 1876 to 1883 at what is now the village and railroad station of Hickory.

HILTON. A coal mining town in the northeastern part of Monroe Township. Post office, 1880-1907.

HOLIDAYSBURG. An embryo village in Urbana Township in pioneer times.

HUMMACONNA. A post office (1874-99) in the central part of section 22, Urbana Township.

HYNES. A coal mining town three miles southeast of the present village of Avery. Post office, 1899-1916.

LA GRANGE. A post office in the southwestern part of Wayne Township from 1851 to 1882. Site was changed to Lucas County in 1855.

LAHART. A coal mining town in the southern part of Union Township, shown on maps about 1910.

LINDVILLE. Listed as a post office in Monroe County in 1850, but location not found.

MANTUA. A post office in the central part of Mantua Township from 1852 to 1854.

MIAMI. A coal mining town about 1910 southwest and near Buxton, which see above.

MINERTOWN. A village laid out in 1890 one-half mile west of the present village of Foster, but was never developed beyond a house or two.

OSPREY. A town laid out in 1858 in the southwestern part of Jackson Township. Post office, 1855-71.

PLEASANT CORNERS. A village at the corner of sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, Pleasant Township, about one mile north of the present village of Fredric. A prosperous place along in the 1870's.

PRINCETON. The name of the present city of Albia for a brief time. It was laid out and was made the county seat as Princeton in 1845.

SELECTION. A coal mining town and railroad station about five miles south of Albia. Post office, 1881-1903.

SMITHSFIELD. A pioneer town mentioned in Hickenloper's *History of Monroe County*, but the location not given.

THOMPSONVILLE. A post office in the northeastern part of Cedar Township from 1863 to 1869.

URBANA CITY. A village, prosperous for some years, in the southwestern part of Urbana Township. Post office, 1868-75.

WARD. A coal mining town about two miles southeast of the present town of Hiteman, as shown on maps of about 1900.

WELLER. A post office in section 21, Cedar Township, from 1856 to 1907.

WHITE. A coal mining town in the northeastern part of Bluff Creek Township, as shown on maps from 1873 to 1885.

WHITEBURG. A coal mining town in the northwestern part of Bluff Creek Township. Post office, 1914-19.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

ARLINGTON. Laid out in 1857 in the southeastern part of section 29, Washington Township, but never built up.

BIDDICK. A post office from 1893 to 1902 in the southern part of Pilot Grove Township.

CARR'S POINT. A post office from 1865 to 1870 in section 4, West Township, on Walnut Creek.

CLIMAX. A hamlet and post office from 1874 to 1901 in the northern part of section 30, West Township, on Walnut Creek. A store and church still there.

COE'S GROVE. Listed as a post office in Montgomery County from 1858 to 1859, and again from 1868 to 1869, but location not found.

FLORA. Platted as a town in 1859 near the head of Red Oak Creek (evidently two or three miles northeast of Red Oak), but never developed.

FRANKFORT. A town in the southwestern part of section 17, Frankfort Township. It was made the county seat in 1854 and continued to be until 1865, during which time it was prosperous. Post office, 1856-78.

HOLMSTAD. The name by which the present town of Stanton was first known when it was established in 1870, but which it retained but a short time.

MILFORD. The former name of the present town of Grant for many years. Milford was platted in 1858. Grant was the name of the post office, and finally the town's name was changed to agree with that of the post office.

ORO. A post office from 1856 to 1858 two miles north of the present city of Red Oak.

RED OAK JUNCTION. The pioneer name of the present city of Red Oak from when it was laid out in 1858 to 1871. Red Oak Junction was also the name of the post office from 1859 to 1869.

ROSS GROVE. A post office in section 25, Jackson Township, from 1855 to 1863.

ROSSVILLE. Laid out as a town in 1855 in section 12, Jackson Township, but never built up.

SHERMAN CENTER. A place shown on maps of 1878 a short way northwest from the center of Sherman Township.

TENVILLE. A post office from 1899 to 1901 in the southern part of Washington Township.

THE FORKS. The pioneer name applied to Villisca, because of its being near the forks of the Middle and West Nodaway rivers.

WALLACE. A post office (1875-78) in the southern part of Douglas Township.

WILSON. A post office (1870-79) in the northwestern part of Pilot Grove Township.

MUSCATINE COUNTY

BLOOMINGTON. A former name of the present city of Muscatine. It was platted in 1836 as Newburg, but within a year the name was changed to Bloomington, which it remained until 1849 when it became Muscatine. Bloomington was the name of the post office from 1839 to 1849.

CEDAR TOWN. Laid out as a town in the southeast quarter of section 34 and the southwest quarter of 35, Goshen Township, on the west bank of the Cedar River, as found at the time of the original survey in 1837.

CENTER GROVE. A post office in the 1850's in the eastern part of Wilton Township.

FULTON. The former name of the present railroad station and town of Stockton.

GENEVA. A pioneer town of pretensions laid out in 1837 near the southwest corner of Sweetland Township, on the bank of the Mississippi, about three miles northeast of Muscatine. It came near being the first county seat. Post office, 1838 to 1841.

GLEN DALE. A post office in Muscatine County from 1850 to 1851, but the location not found.

HUDSEN. A place shown on maps from 1845 to 1857 at or near the present town of Atalissa.

IOWA. A place shown on maps from 1838 to 1856 on the bank of the Mississippi and on the east side of the mouth of Pine Creek.

LACEY. A post office (1860-71) in the eastern part of Pike Township.

LUCAS. A place shown on maps of 1845 in the southeastern part of Goshen Township, on the west bank of Cedar River.

MELPINE. A post office in the northeastern part of Sweetland Township from 1847 to 1879.

MONTPELIER. A town on the bank of the Mississippi and a short way west of the mouth of Pine Creek as shown on the Judson Black Hawk Purchase map. This location is about three miles west of the present village of Montpelier.

MYRTLE. A post office (1892-99) in the northern part of Cedar Township near the Cedar River.

NEWBURG. See Bloomington above.

ORONO. A post office (1861-70) in the north central part of Orono Township.

OVERMAN'S FERRY. A post office from 1844 to 1856 in the southeastern part of section 24, Goshen Township, on the Cedar River. It was formerly called Powasheek, which see below.

PIKE. A post office (1852-71) in the central part of Pike Township, a short way south of the present town of Nichols.

PINE MILLS. A post office from 1870 to 1901, with some intermissions, in the southwestern part of Montpelier Township, on Pine Creek, about three miles northeast of Fairport, and now within the Wild Cat Den State Park.

PORT ALLEN. A former railroad station and hamlet in the southeastern part of section 31, Orono Township, in the extreme southern part of the township. Post office, 1883-88.

PORTLAND. A place shown on maps of 1857 near the central part of Cedar Township on the east bank of Cedar River.

POWASHEEK. A post office in Muscatine County from 1841 to 1844. The name was changed to Overman's Ferry (which see above) in 1844.

PRAIRIE MILLS. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Muscatine County from 1858 to 1871, but the location not found.

SALEM. The pioneer name of the present village and railroad station of Fairport. It was found platted as Salem at the time of the original survey, 1837, and is shown on maps of 1838 and 1839 as Salem.

SPRINGFIELD. Shown on maps of 1857 at or near the later post office of Myrtle, which see above.

STRAWBERRY HILL. A post office (1851-61) in the southern part of Cedar Township.

WYOMING. A town on the bank of the Mississippi River about one mile west of Salem (which see above), as shown on the Black Hawk Purchase map, and other maps as late as 1854. At the time of the original survey, 1837, Upper Wyoming and Lower Wyoming were found platted in the same locality. Post office, 1838-45.

O'BRIEN COUNTY

CYRENO. The name first given (1900) to the present village and railroad station of Plessis.

ELCHO. A post office from 1875 to 1878 at or near the northwest corner of Grant Township.

ERIE. A post office from 1874 to 1881 in the northern part of section 34, Liberty Township.

O'BRIEN. A village established in 1860 in the western part of section 36, Waterman Township. It was the county seat from 1860 to 1872. Post office, 1862-82.

PHILBY. A post office from 1898 to 1904 in section 11, Baker Township.

ROMANO. A place shown on maps of 1887 in section 18, Liberty Township.

SHABBONA. A proposed but soon abandoned railroad station in 1888 in the southwest quarter of section 21, Caledonia Township. It had a post office of the same name from 1887 to 1889.

SOUTH O'BRIEN. Platted as a village in 1872 in the northeast quarter of section 33, Liberty Township. It was soon vacated. Its post office of the same name existed from 1872 to 1874, when it was discontinued in favor of Erie, which see above.

WATERMAN. Listed as a post office in 1860 to 1862 in O'Brien County, and believed to have been in the southeastern part of Waterman Township.

WOODSTOCK. The name first given (1888) to the present village and railroad station of Gaza.

OSCEOLA COUNTY

GOPHER. A post office from 1872 to 1895 shown on the maps to have been part of the time in the northwestern part of Baker Township and part of the time in the northeastern part of Goewey Township.

HOLMAN. Former name of the present village and railroad station of Allendorf. Holman was the name of the post office from 1879 to 1884.

LEXINGTON. A village platted in the early 1890's in section 8, Harrison Township.

MAY CITY. The name of the post office (1889-1904) at the village of Lexington, which see above.

OCHYEDAN. A post office in section 34, Horton Township, as shown on maps from 1875 to 1884. This location was about two miles northwest of the present town of Ocheyedan, and before the establishment of that town.

RUNYAN. Listed as a post office in Osceola County from 1884 to 1885, but its location not found.

RUSH LAKE. A post office (1878-89) in section 32, Fairview Township.

SAINTE GILMAN. The name first given (1872) the present town of Ashton. The post office was also Saint Gilman from 1873 to 1881.

PAGE COUNTY

AMITY. The name first given to the present town of College Springs. Amity was platted in 1856.

BINNS. A post office from 1875 to 1878 in the northern part of Fremont Township.

CENTRE. A post office (1853-81) in the southern part of Buchanan Township.

CROOKS. A village platted in 1880 in the southwest quarter of section 29, Buchanan Township. It was a station on a branch of the Wabash Railway which was abandoned in 1890.

DARWIN. A post office from 1880 to 1883 in section 39, Douglas Township.

DASIE. Listed as a post office in Page County from 1887 to 1902, but the location not found.

DAVISON'S. A place in the southern part of Buchanan Township on the east side of Nodaway River, as shown on maps of 1855 to 1861.

DAYTON. Platted as a village in 1857 in the eastern part of section 1, East River Township, six miles east and one south of Clarinda.

FRANKLIN GROVE. Platted as a village in 1860 at the common corners of sections 2, 3, and 10, Pierce Township. Post office, 1864-77.

HARDER'S CORNER. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* from 1856 to 1860 as a post office in Page County, but the location not found.

LOY. A post office from 1883 to 1884 at or near the present town of Yorktown.

MEADE. A post office from 1863 to 1864 in Valley Township, a short distance northeast of the present town of Hepburn.

MORSMAN. Platted as a town in 1880 in section 17, Buchanan Township. Post office, 1881-90. It was a station on a branch of the Wabash Railway which was abandoned in 1890.

NODAWAY. A post office from 1851 to 1854 in the northwestern part of East River Township, about two miles south of the present city of Clarinda, and near the Nodaway River. It was discontinued on the establishment of the post office at Clarinda.

NODAWAY FORK. A post office from 1857 to 1861 in the northwestern part of Buchanan Township, at or near the forks of the two Nodaway rivers.

NODAWAY MILLS. A post office (1870-80) in the southeastern part of section 36, Harlan Township, on the Nodaway River.

NORTH GROVE. A post office from 1875 to 1880 in the western part of Douglas Township.

NORTH MILLS. A post office (1871-73) in the northeast corner of Nodaway Township on the east side of Nodaway River.

PAGE CITY. Platted as a town in 1858 in the central part of section 7, Harlan Township. It was about one-half mile northwest of the present village and railroad station of Page Center. Post office, 1859-82. In its beginning Page City aspired to be the county seat.

SNOW HILL. A hamlet in Lincoln Township about one mile north of the present town of Coin. Post office, 1872-79.

TARKIO. A post office (1854-82) in the northwest corner of section 14, Tarkio Township. It was one mile northwest of Tarkio City, which see below.

TARKIO CITY. Platted in 1859 in the southeastern part of section 34 and the southwestern of 35, Tarkio Township. It aspired to be the county seat, but existed only a few years.

UNION GROVE. A post office (1866-81) in section 21, Washington Township.

WALKERVILLE. A post office (1874-1900) in the southwestern part of Washington Township.

WELLSBURG. A post office (1869-75) in the southwestern part of Colfax Township.

PALO ALTO COUNTY

BLACK WALNUT. A post office from 1868 to 1871 and from 1879 to 1881 in the southern part of Walnut Township, near the West Fork of Des Moines River.

BLAIRGOWRIE. The name first given, and for a short time only, to the present village of Osgood.

CARY. A place in the western part of Highland Township, as shown on maps of 1878.

ELLENTON. A former railroad station near the northwest corner of Freedom Township, four miles north of Emmetsburg.

FAIRVILLE. A former hamlet and post office (1888-1906) in section 2, Fairfield Township.

FERN VALLEY. A post office (1862-82) in Fern Valley Township near where now stands the town of Rodman.

FORSYTH. A former railroad station and post office (1890-1905) in the northeast part of Independence Township on the Emmet County line.

GREAT OAK. A post office (1866-76) in the southwest corner of section 35, Emmetsburg Township, on the west side of the West Fork of Des Moines River.

IVES. The name first given by the B., C. R. & N. Railroad to the station at West Bend, but name changed before the building of the town began.

LAKE VIEW. A post office (1872-83) in the western part of section 21, Silver Lake Township.

LOST ISLAND. A post office (1871-79) near the southwest corner of section 30, Lost Island Township.

OLD TOWN. The name popularly given to the hamlet which began in 1858 on the east bank of the West Fork of Des Moines River, one and one-half miles west of the present city of Emmetsburg. It grew into a prosperous business village, but in 1874 yielded to the newly laid out railroad town of Emmetsburg.

PAOLI. Laid out in 1859 for a town in the northern part of section 6, Nevada Township, about two miles south of the present city of Emmetsburg. It was the nominal county seat from 1859 until 1875, although it never contained more buildings than an almost worthless court house and a small school house, and the county business was transacted in rented rooms, principally at Old Town. Post office, February 5, 1859, to December 27, 1859.

POPLAR GROVE. A post office (1872-73) in the western part of West Bend Township.

RUSH LAKE. A post office from 1869 to 1871 in the southern part of Booth Township.

SAGE. The original name given the railroad station at Emmetsburg by the Milwaukee road in 1874, but retained but briefly.

SHERLOCK. A post office (1877-82) in the northeastern part of Silver Lake Township.

SODA BAR. A post office (1865-76) in section 33, Nevada Township, on the West Fork of the Des Moines River.

STAKETOWN. The local name by which the prospective town of Emmetsburg was known from 1858 to shortly after the coming of the Milwaukee railway in 1874.

WEST BEND. A post office in the central part of West Bend Township some three miles southwest of the present town of West Bend and on the east side of the West Fork of Des Moines River, as shown on maps from 1863 to 1881.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

ADAVILLE. A hamlet and post office (1889-1904) in the southwestern part of Johnson Township. A store and church still remain.

BROKEN KETTLE. A post office from 1871 to 1876 in the northwestern part of Hancock Township near the mouth of Broken Kettle Creek.

BROOKDALE. Platted in about 1890 in section 31, Perry Township, as an addition to Sioux City.

CRATHORNE. A post office (1887-1905) in section 12, Johnson Township.

ELLENDALE. A post office (1894-1904) in the central part of Liberty Township.

FURRAY. A post office (1879-83) in the western part of Johnson Township.

HAPPY CORNERS. The local name in the 1880's of the hamlet now known as Neptune, in the southern part of Stanton Township.

HOLLEY. A post office (1879-85) in the eastern part of Johnson Township, formerly named Rosbach, which see below.

Joy. The name of a railroad station for a few years in the 1870's in the western part of Sioux Township.

MALTON. A post office from 1870 to 1873 in the western part of Sioux Township, near the Big Sioux River.

MAMMEN. A post office (1898-1906) in section 29, Grant Township.

MELBOURNE. Platted in 1860 in the southeast quarter of section 34, Plymouth Township, about three miles northeast of the present town of Hinton. It was the county seat from 1860 until 1872 when it lost to Le Mars. Post office, 1862-63.

MINNABROOK. A place in the eastern part of Liberty Township, as appears on maps of 1885.

NETTUNE. A post office (1880-1905) located in different farm homes in the southern part of Stanton Township, in its later time being at Happy Corners, which see above.

O'LEARY. A post office (1889-1902) in section 8, Union Township.

PLYMOUTH. A platted village in the northeast corner of Plymouth Township, on the Floyd River, and a short distance northeast of the present town of Merrill, as shown on maps from 1863 to 1873.

PLYMOUTH CENTER. The name of the post office at Plymouth, which see above, from 1869 to 1873.

PLYMOUTH CITY. Platted in 1857 in section 6, Stanton Township, with the intention of making it the county seat, but it was never developed.

PONONA. A post office (1861-76) in the north central part of Johnson Township.

PORTLANDVILLE. The name of what is now the town of Akron from the time it was platted in 1872 until 1882.

POTOSIA. A post office (1890-1904) in section 34, Liberty Township.

QUORN. A village platted in 1880 in the northwestern part of section 25, Elkhorn Township, on the south side of the West Fork of Little Sioux River. It had a post office from 1880 to 1883. It prospered until the coming of the railroad in 1883 to Kingsley, one mile to the east.

ROSBACH. A post office (1871-77) in the southern part of Johnson Township. This was later called Holley, which see above.

SAINT PAUL JUNCTION. The name given on maps of 1869 to the location where now stands the city of Le Mars.

YEOMANS. A post office (1898-1906) in the southwestern part of Perry Township.

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

BEN LOMOND. A post office (1876-78) in the central part of Garfield Township.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE. A post office from 1878 to 1882 in section 25, Garfield Township.

BUDA. A post office from 1873 to 1875 in the northern part of Lizard Township.

CEDARVILLE. The name first given to the post office at Fonda and which it carried from 1871 to 1873.

GARLOCK. A post office on the east shore of the main part of Swan Lake from 1877 to 1883.

HIGHLAND CITY. One of the names by which the town of Old Rolfe, which see below, was known in its early existence.

LEARNED. A post office (1879-82) in section 36, Grant Township.

LILLY. A post office from 1897 to 1902 in section 11, Dover Township.

LIZARD. A post office (1868-72) which occupied two or three different locations in the central and northern part of Lizard Township.

LOMBARD. Platted in 1872 as a village in section 32, Marshall Township, near the east side of Clear Lake. But little improvement was ever made there.

LUELLA. A post office (1877-81) in the southwestern part of Cummins Township.

MARVIN. The name which was given to the present town of Fonda in its beginning in 1871 and which it retained until 1874.

MILTON. One of the names by which the town of Old Rolfe, which see below, was known in its early existence.

OLD ROLFE. See Rolfe below.

PARVIN. The name given in 1882 to the town of Old Rolfe, which see above. The post office was Parvin from 1883 to 1884.

POCAHONTAS CENTER. The name first given the present town of Pocahontas. The name of the post office was Pocahontas Center from 1871 to 1882.

POWHATAN. A post office in the central part of Powhatan Township from 1878 to 1883.

ROLFE. A town near the center of section 26, Des Moines Township, four miles northeast of the present town of Rolfe, and now referred to as Old Rolfe. It was begun in 1859 and was called Highland City until in 1861 when it was platted and named Milton. In 1862 the name of Rolfe was adopted, which it bore until 1882 when the present town of Rolfe was established. At that time the old town's name was again changed to Parvin, after which it soon was abandoned. The name Old Rolfe is now generally used in speaking of it. It was the county seat from 1859 until 1876.

ROLFE JUNCTION. A name applied to the present town of Rolfe for a short time in its beginning.

RUBENS. A former station on the C. & N. W. Ry. and village laid out in 1882 in section 1, Center Township, about two miles west of the present town of Rolfe. Post office, 1883-84. This name is still used to designate a siding on the C. & N. W. Ry.

RUSK. A village on the line between sections 27 and 28, Grant Township. Post office, 1894-1904. A rural church is all that remains to mark the site.

SHIRLEY. A post office in the southeast corner of section 32, Grant Township. Post office, 1876 to 1887, and again in 1889 to 1891.

SWAN LAKE. The name for a short time of the post office later called Garlock, which see above, when it was established in 1877.

POLK COUNTY

ANDREWS. A town laid out in 1857 in the eastern part of section 9, Jefferson Township, about one mile west of the Des Moines River. The name of its post office was Lincoln (1861-86) and the town in later years went by that name. It was also sometimes called Dogtown. A store still remains.

APPLE GROVE. A post office (1849-68) in the southeastern part of Beaver Township, some three miles south of Mitchellville.

AVON. The original town of Avon was laid out in 1855 in the southeast quarter of section 29, Allen Township, about one mile northwest of the present Avon Station. It was a flourishing town in the 1860's. Post office, 1857 to 1871, with two short intermissions.

AYER'S GROVE. Listed as a post office in Polk County from 1880 to 1882, but the location not found.

BLOOMINGTON. A post office (1856-64) near the southwest corner of Elkhart Township.

BROOKLIN. Platted as a town in January, 1846, and "situated on the north bank of the Des Moines River * * * and 112 chains east from the mouth of the Raccoon River at Fort Des Moines."⁴ It contended against Fort Des Moines for the county seat in 1846.

CAMP. A post office in section 10 from 1882 to 1887 in Camp Township.

CARBONDALE. A former coal mining town in the western part of Four Mile Township along Four Mile Creek. Carbondale was the name of its post office from 1899 to 1901.

CHESTERFIELD. A village that became a part of the town of Gilbert, which see below. Chesterfield had a post office by the same name from 1883 to 1903.

CIRCLEVILLE. A place in section 34, Allen Township, some two miles southeast of the old town of Avon, as shown on maps from 1855 to 1868.

COMMERCE MILLS. The name of the post office at the present village of Commerce from 1870 to 1881.

COPE. A post office (1880-85) in Franklin Township.

CORYDON. A village in the southern part of section 12, Madison Township, one and one-half miles south of Polk City, on the Des Moines River, as appears on maps from 1868 to 1880.

CORY'S GROVE. A place near the southeast corner of Elkhart Township as appears on maps from 1855 to 1868.

DELAWARE. A post office (1854-55) in the eastern part of Delaware Township.

DOGTOWN. See Andrews.

DUDLEY. A town of some importance in the 1850's near the southeast corner of Allen Township and on the Des Moines River just south of the mouth of North River. It had a post office named Dudley from 1850 to 1852.

ELKHART. The original town of Elkhart was laid out in 1853 in section 2, Douglas Township, about two miles southeast of the present town of Elkhart. Its post office was of the same name, but on the decline of the town the post office was removed one mile north to Ottawa, which see below, and later to the present town of Elkhart.

ENTERPRISE. A former coal mining town in the center of Douglas Township. Post office, 1903-19.

FORT DES MOINES. The name of the present city of Des Moines from the time it was occupied by the dragoons in 1843 until the name was changed to Des Moines in 1857. The military evacuated it in 1846 and it at once became a village and was made the county seat the same year. Its post office was Raccoon River at first, which see below, but was Fort Des Moines from December 31, 1846, to July 30, 1857.

⁴From the original plat of Brooklin on file in the office of the county recorder of Mahaska County.

FREEL. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Polk County from 1850 to 1859, but the location not found.

GILBERT. A town incorporated in 1882, occupying all of section 12, Township 78, Range 24, north of the Des Moines River, now included in the southeastern part of the city of Des Moines.

GREENWOOD. A hamlet and post office in the southeast corner of section 32, Douglas Township, as shown on maps of 1861 to 1886.

GREENWOOD PARK. A town incorporated in 1881 occupying the south half of section 6, all of 7 and all of 18 north of the Raccoon River, all in township 78, range 24, but now included in the southwestern part of the city of Des Moines.

HANOVER. Listed in *Index Plat Directory to Towns, etc., in Polk County*, by George A. McVicker, 1884, as an obsolete town in Polk County, but its location not found.

HARVEY'S POINT. A post office (1850-52) in Clay Township.

HATTON. Listed as a post office in Polk County from 1882 to 1891, but its location not found.

HOPKINS GROVE. A post office (1850-56) in the central part of Madison Township.

HUNTSVILLE. A town in very early times in sections 36, Jefferson Township, about one and one-half miles west of the Des Moines River, as stated in *McVicker's Index Plat Directory to Towns, etc., in Polk County*, 1884.

JERICO. A place in the southeastern part of Beaver Township, slightly west of Apple Grove post office, which see above, as shown on maps from 1855 to 1868.

KEEN. The name of the post office (1898-1905) at the old village of Saylorville.

KELSEY. A village and station on the C., M. & St. P. R. R. in section 31, Jefferson Township, about two miles north of Granger.

KIRKWOOD. A post office (1858-64) in the eastern part of Webster Township, between Beaver Creek and the Des Moines River, and a mile or two northwest from their junction.

LAFAYETTE. A town in sections 3 and 10, Camp Township, on the north bank of the Des Moines River. A town of importance in 1849 and 1850.

LINCOLN. See Andrews above.

LORING. A village and station on the former Newton & Northern Railroad in the north part of Washington Township. There is still a store there. Post office, 1905-10.

LOVINGTON. Laid out in 1854 in the southeastern part of section 18, Webster Township, near the mouth of Beaver Creek. It had great expectations, but was short-lived.

McDEVITT'S GROVE. A post office (1879-84) a short distance north of the present town of Urbandale.

MIDWAY. A post office (1855-57) in the central part of Camp Township about three miles northeast of Adelphi.

MITCHELL. A town in the southern part of Beaver Township, as shown on maps of 1856 and 1857, and referred to in *McVicker's Index Plat Directory to Towns*, etc., in Polk County, 1884, as an obsolete town.

MONTACUTE. The name of the post office at Polk City from 1849 to 1852.

MOUNT AUBURN. Listed in the *Index Plat Directory to Towns*, etc., in Polk County, by George A. McVicker, 1884, as an obsolete town in Polk County, but location not found.

NOBLETON. Name of a former station on the Keokuk branch of the Rock Island Railway about two miles south of Mitchellville. Post office, 1872-78.

NORTH DES MOINES. A town incorporated in 1880, occupying the southeast quarter of section 33, and the south half of 34, township 79, range 24, now all being in the north central part of the city of Des Moines. Post office, 1888-89.

OAKWOOD. A hamlet and station on the Rock Island Railway near the northwest corner of Four Mile Township, about two miles west of Rising Sun. Post office, 1885-91.

OLDFIELD. A post office (1880-1900) on the east side of section 25, Washington Township.

OTTAWA. A village laid out in 1856 at the corners of sections 26, 34, and 35, Elkhart Township, about one and one-half miles east of the present town of Elkhart. The name of Ottawa's post office was Elkhart, which see above.

PALMER. A post office (1871-85) in the southeastern part of section 21, Lincoln Township.

PELTON. The former name of the present village and railway station of Crocker.

PEORIA CITY. Laid out in 1856 in the northwest corner of section 1, Washington Township. A prosperous town for many years. Post office, 1856-83.

PETERSBURG. A hamlet in the northeastern part of Douglas Township some two miles southeast of the town of Ottawa, which see above, and existing for a time in the 1850's or 1860's.

RACCOON FORKS. A name applied in pioneer times to the location that became the city of Des Moines.

RACCOON RIVER. The name of the post office from March 2, 1846, to December 31, 1846, at Fort Des Moines, which see above.

REDHEAD. A station on the Chicago & Great Western Railroad at above the point where now that railroad intersects Avenue Frederick Hubbell in the eastern part of the city of Des Moines, as shown on maps of 1887.

RIDGEDALE. A post office (1858-1902, except a few intermissions) about four miles southeast of Lincoln, which see above, near the present site of Camp Dodge.

SEVASTOPOL. A town laid out in 1862 and incorporated in 1878,

occupying the northeast quarter of section 15 and the northwest quarter of 14, township 78, range 24, south of the Raccoon and Des Moines rivers, and now included in the southern part of the city of Des Moines.

SPRINGFIELD. Listed in the *Index Plat Directory to Towns*, etc., in Polk County, by George A. McVicker, 1884, as an obsolete town in Polk County, but location not found.

TIBBITT. Listed as a post office in Polk County from 1880 to 1883, but location not found.

TOWNER. See Towner Lake below.

TOWNER LAKE. A post office (1879-83) in the southwestern part of Jefferson Township. It continued as Towner from 1883 to 1885.

TRENT. The name of the post office (1874-94) at the present C. & N. W. Ry. station of Carney, in section 36, Crocker Township.

TYNER. A small village in the central part of Elkhart Township with a post office, 1877-1902.

ULM. A former station on the C. & N. W. Ry. on the west line of section 19, Lincoln Township, as appears on maps of 1875.

UNION. A place a short distance east of where Sevastopol which see above, was later established, as appears on maps of 1855 and 1856.

UNIVERSITY PLACE. A town incorporated in 1883, located in the southwest quarter of section 33 and the east half of the southeast quarter of 32, township 79, range 24, now included in the northwestern part of the city of Des Moines. Post office, 1886-89.

WAHKONSA. The name popularly given to the present town of Polk City at the time of its establishment in 1850. An Indian village by that name preceded the white settlement at that place.

WALNUT CREEK. Listed in 1857 as a post office in Polk County, but the location not found.

WEST LIBERTY. A place about two miles south of Fort Des Moines, which see above, as shown on maps of 1855 to 1868.

YOUNGSTOWN. A coal mining village in the east part of Lee Township near Four Mile Creek. It still has a store. Post office, 1891-99.

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY

AMERICUS. A place on the Missouri River a little below the mouth of the Boyer River, as shown on maps of the early 1860's, and on maps a few years later, in the northwestern part of Hazel Dell Township on Pigeon Creek.

ARMOUR. A post office (1863-1907) in the southeastern part of Hardin Township.

BIG GROVE. The early name of the hamlet that later became the town of Oakland. Big Grove was the name of the post office from 1856 to 1881.

BLAIR. A post office in the early 1860's in the southeastern part of Washington Township on Silver Creek.

BOOMER GROVE. A post office from 1863 to 1864 in the central part of Boomer Township.

BOTNA. The name of the present town of Avoca in the beginning, 1868 to 1869.

BOYER. Listed as a post office in Pottawattamie County in 1855, and believed to have been in Crescent Township.

BRISTOL. A place shown on maps of the late 1850's about two miles north of Big Grove, which see above, on the east side of West Nishnabotna River, near what was later Parma, which see below.

BULLOCK GROVE. A settlement on the north half of the northeast quarter of the east section 25 and the south half of the southeast quarter of the east section 24, Lewis Township, found there when the original survey was made in 1852.

CARTERSVILLE. A village of about 200 people found by the surveyors who ran the original lines in 1851. It was about three miles east of Kaneshville, which see below, and just east of Mosquito Creek, and was shown on maps as late as 1869.

CLAYTON. The name of the present town of Macedonia for a brief time of its first existence, as shown on maps of 1887.

COLD SPRING. A post office for a time in the 1850's in the eastern part of Wright Township.

COUNCIL BLUFFS. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* as a post office from 1851 to 1852 when the office was changed to Trader's Point, which see below. This was before the name of Council Bluffs was given the present city of that name.

COUNCIL POINT. A place shown on maps from 1855 to 1868 near the shore of Lake Manawa (southwest quarter of section 15, township 74, range 44), some three miles south of the business section of Council Bluffs.

CRESCENT CITY. About one mile east of the present railroad station and village of Crescent. It was very prosperous in 1857 and was a rival of Council Bluffs, but only for a short time.

DESERET. Listed as a post office in Pottawattamie County from 1854 to 1855, but the location not found.

DOWNSVILLE. A hamlet in the northeastern part of section 31, Norwalk Township, on Mosquito Creek. Post office, 1873-90.

ELLISDALE. A post office from 1856 to 1857 about two miles south of where later stood Crescent City.

EMINENCE. A village laid out in 1875 in the southern part of section 28, Grove Township. See Wheeler's Grove and Wheeler, below.

FRENCH. Listed as a post office in Pottawattamie County from 1896 to 1900, but the location not found.

HARRISON. A post office (1879-84) near the southwest corner of Boomer Township.

IOLA. Laid out as a town in 1856 in the southwest corner of Valley Township and northwest corner of Center Township, but never built up.

KANE. The name of the post office at Kaneshville, which see below, from 1848 to 1852, when it was changed to Council Bluffs.

KANESVILLE. The name from 1848 to 1853 of the present city of Council Bluffs. Also see Miller's Hollow below.

KEG CREEK. Listed as a post office in Pottawattamie County from 1874 to 1899, with some omissions, but its location not found.

KEMLING. A post office (1894-1901) in the southeastern part of Grove Township.

KEOWN. A post office (1896-1902) in the western part of York Township on Keg Creek.

LIMA. The former name of the present railroad station of Chautauqua some three miles east of Council Bluffs, as shown on maps of 1881.

LIVING SPRING. A village in the southwestern part of Silver Creek Township. Post office, 1875-1908, except some suspensions.

LOSH'S MILLS. A hamlet on the West Nishnabotna River near the present town of Carson. Post office, 1871-75 and from 1878 to 1880.

MACEDONIA. The original hamlet of Macedonia was on the banks of the West Nishnabotna River, about three-quarters of a mile west of the present town of that name. It existed from about 1851 to 1880.

MILLER'S HOLLOW. The name of the hamlet which a little later became Kanesville, which see above.

MORTON. Listed as a post office in Pottawattamie County from 1889 to 1898, but the location not found.

NANSON. Listed as a post office in Pottawattamie County from 1888 to 1895, but the location not found.

NEBRASKA. Listed as a post office in Pottawattamie County from 1849 to 1850, but the location not found. The office was changed in 1850 to Council Bluffs, which see above.

NEW TOWN. Laid out in about 1856 in the southeast quarter of section 21, Knox Township, just east of and adjacent to Wooster, which see below. Post office, 1856-65. A prosperous place in its day.

NISHNA. A hamlet on the West Nishnabotna River near New Town, which see above. Post office, 1866-69.

PACIFIC. The name the old settlers called Avoca for a short time when it was established in 1868.

PARMA. A hamlet formerly called Bristol, which see above. Parma was also the name of the post office from 1873 to 1882. See Wooster below.

PIGEON. A post office (1889-1902) in the central part of Boomer Township.

POTTAWATTAMIE. A place in the eastern part of Norwalk Township on Keg Creek, as shown on maps of 1868.

PRAIRIE FLOWER. Listed in 1854 as a post office in Pottawattamie County, but the location not found.

REELS. A post office (1884-1904) in section 6, Hazel Dell Township.

SCOTTWOOD. A post office from 1880 to 1886 in Garner Township.

SILVER CREEK. A post office (1852-56) in the central part of Silver Creek Township.

SNAPP. A post office (1881-85) in Hardin Township.

TAYLOR STATION. A post office (1874-83) in the central part of Washington Township. It ran as Taylor from 1883-1907.

TRADERS POINT. In the 1850's it is said to have been in the northwest quarter of section 35, township 74, range 44, on the bank of the Missouri River, about half a mile north of the Mills County line, but maps after 1870 show it then as being a short distance south of the county line. See Mills County list. It is listed as a post office in Pottawattamie County in 1852.

UNION. A place one mile east of Cartersville, which see above, as appears on maps of 1868 and later.

WALNUT CREEK STATION. A post office (1870-75) at or near where now is the town of Walnut.

WALNUT GROVE. A place near the northwest corner of Hazel Dell Township, as shown on maps of 1856 to 1862.

WAVELAND. A post office (1870-81) on the south line of section 26, Waveland Township.

WHEELER. See Wheeler's Grove below.

WHEELER'S GROVE. A post office at the village of Eminence, which see above, from 1866 to 1883 when the name of the post office was changed to Wheeler, and continued to 1901. The village also took the name of Wheeler about the same time as did the post office.

WHIPPLE. A post office (1876-86) in the central part of Wright Township.

WILLOW. A hamlet and post office (1860-66) in the central part of Rockford Township on the Boyer River.

WOOSTER. Laid out in 1855 in the southwestern part of section 21, Knox Township. A little later New Town, which see above, was laid out adjacent and to the east of Wooster. Later Parma, which see above, occupied a location at or near where Wooster had stood.

POWESHIEK COUNTY

BEAR CREEK. A post office (1849-65) near the east edge of Bear Creek Township on the south side of Bear Creek, about one mile north-east of the present town of Brooklyn.

BLUE POINT. A post office (1860-72) in the northern part of section 26, Washington Township.

BROWNSVILLE. A village in the southwestern part of section 35, Jackson Township, five miles south and one and one-half west of Montezuma, and just north of the Mahaska County line. The name of its post office (1864-95) was Sherman.

CHESTER CENTER. A post office (1877-1903) in the southern part of section 10, Chester Township. There is still a store there.

CLEARFIELD. A post office from 1869 to 1872 in the northern part of Madison Township.

DEEP RIVER. See Dresden below.

DE ETTA. Name of the present post office of Tilton from 1884 to 1887.

DRESDEN. A town laid out in 1856 near the northwest corner of section 10, Deep River Township, about one mile east of the present

town of Deep River. The name of the post office was Deep River. The coming of the branch of the Northwestern Railway in 1884 caused the removal of Dresden to the new town of Deep River.

FOREST HOME. A village in the northeastern part of section 29, and the southeastern part of section 20, Union Township. Post office, 1858-1902. There is still a store there.

GREENVILLE. A town laid out in 1849. It was a rival of the original town of Brooklyn and adjacent to it on the west. Both went into the discard when the Rock Island railway came through.

HUMBUG TOWN. See Ottawa City below.

JACOBS. A switch for some years on the Montezuma branch of the Iowa Central railway in section 12, Washington Township. It had a post office from 1896 for several years and a store until about 1928.

LATTIMER'S GROVE. A stage station and settlement made in 1848 near the southwest corner of Grinnell township and about four miles southwest of the present city of Grinnell. The name was changed to Westfield about 1855. The place had a post office a few years.

MANAT. A post office for a short time in 1884 at or near the location of the present railway station of Carnforth.

MILL GROVE. A village in the northern part of section 35, Sugar Creek Township, on the north bank of North Skunk River, and one-half mile southwest of the present railroad station of Moore. Post office, 1856-72.

NORTH SKUNK. The name of the station on the Iowa Central Railroad in 1887 at the location of the present station of Moore, as shown on maps of that period.

OTTAWA CITY. Platted as a town in 1859 on the west half of section 1 and the north half of the northwest quarter of section 12, Sheridan Township and exploited, but never built up. Referred to as Humbug Town.

SHERIDAN. See Sheridan Center below.

SHERIDAN CENTER. A post office (1877-83) in the northern part of section 9, Sheridan Township. It continued as Sheridan until 1902. There is still a store there.

SHERMAN. See Brownsville.

SONORA. A post office (1879-1901) in section 1, Chester Township.

STILLWELL. A former name of the present railroad station of Moore, and of the post office at that place from 1892 to 1914.

SUGAR GROVE. The name of a post office (1849-62) in the southwestern part of Grinnell Township, about three miles southwest of the present city of Grinnell. It is shown on maps as late as 1869.

TILTON. The post office of Tilton was some two and one-half miles west of the present railway station and village of Tilton from about 1871 to 1884.

TYRO. A post office (1862-73) in the eastern part of section 32, Washington Township.

VERONA. A post office (1870-85) in section 26, Lincoln Township, on the stage line from Victor to Dresden.

WESTFIELD. A place on the west line of section 30, Grinnell Township,

on the Jasper County line, as shown on maps of 1881 and 1887. Also, see Lattimer's Grove above.

WESTERN. Listed as a post office in Poweshiek County from 1851 to 1853, but the location not found.

RINGGOLD COUNTY

BLACKMORE. A post office (1880-95) in section 8, Monroe Township.

BLOOMINGTON. A post office from 1875 to 1880 and again from 1888 to 1890 in the northeastern part of section 10, Riley Township.

BORNEO. See Delphi below.

BOZARIS. A post office (1873-75) in the eastern part of section 19, Benton Township.

CALEDONIA. A small village laid out in 1855 in the western part of section 11, Lot's Creek Township. Post office, 1856-1908. It still has a store, church and school.

CLIPPER. A post office (1874-88) in the western part of section 29, Middle Fork Township. Post office, 1875-85.

CROSS. A post office from 1856 to 1879, except two brief intermissions, in the northeastern part of Athens Township at or near the location of the present town of Kellerton.

DELPHI. A place shown on maps of the early 1880's in section 22, Benton Township, at or near the location of the present railroad town of Maloy. Delphi was also called Borneo.

ESTELLA. A post office (1861-71) in the eastern part of Benton Township.

EUGENE. A village in the northeastern part of section 13, Jefferson Township. Post office, 1858-87. A thriving place until the advent of railroads.

FLUSHING. A post office (1871-74) in the central part of Jefferson Township.

GOSHEN. A village in the northeastern part of Grant Township, and for a while a station on the Humeston branch of the C., B. & Q. Railroad. Diagonal grew up about a mile east of Goshen, causing Goshen's decline. Post office, 1872-89.

INGARTS. See Ingart's Grove below.

INGART'S GROVE. A post office (1860-83) in the southwestern part of section 3, Middle Fork Township. It continued as Ingarts until 1894.

KEW. A former station and hamlet on the Humeston branch of the C., B. & Q. Railroad about four miles east of Diagonal. It had a post office from 1882 to 1889.

KNOWLTON. A town and railroad station about one and one-half miles northeast of the present town of Diagonal. Post office 1888-1919. It still has a store and school.

LEE. A post office (1898-1908) in section 20, Riley Township.

LESAN. A former railroad station on the C., B. & Q. Railroad about five miles east of Mount Ayr. Post office, 1884-99. There is still a school, church and cemetery, and the place goes by the name of Lesanville.

MARENA. A post office (1872-85) in the western part of section 22, Lincoln Township.

MARSHALL. A hamlet in the northern part of section 5, Rice Township, on the east side of the West Fork of Grand River, about five miles west of Mount Ayr, as shown on maps from 1875 to 1880. Sometimes called Marshalltown.

MARSHALLTOWN. See Marshall above.

MORTIMER. A post office (1883-1901) in section 7, Jefferson Township.

NEW CHICAGO. Name of a hamlet near Cross, which (see above) had a store, blacksmith shop, two doctors, etc.

NEW PORT. A hamlet in the northwestern part of section 11, Middle Fork Township, as shown on maps from 1875 to 1880.

POLEN. A post office (1891-1901) in section 3, Lincoln Township.

POYNEER. The name of the post office from 1891 to 1894, at the present village of Watterson in Lot's Creek Township.

PRAIRIE VIEW. The name of the post office (1857-65) at the location of the later post office of Blackmore, which see above.

QUINN'S GROVE. A post office from 1871 to 1872 in the eastern part of Jefferson Township.

REDDING. Redding was a post office some four miles north of the present town of Redding from 1855 until the establishment of the town.

RINGGOLD. See Ringgold City below.

RINGGOLD CITY. Laid out as a town in 1855 in the northern part of section 28, Lot's Creek Township. It was never more than a hamlet. Its post office was Ringgold and was from 1860 to 1908. This place still has a store and church, and is a community center.

SILVER STREET. A post office (1858-63) in the northwestern part of Union Township.

THOMAS. The name of the post office from 1884 to 1891 at the present village of Watterson in Lot's Creek Township.

UNION HILL. A post office (1861-82) in the southern part of section 15, Union Township.

WANAMAKER. A post office (1891-1902) in the northeast corner of section 31, Athens Township.

WIRT. The former name of the present town of Ellston. Wirt was the name of the post office from 1882 to 1895.

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