

fingers playing to receive "that dime." He died of cholera in 1853.

The first white male child born in Davenport, was a son of Levi S. Colton, in the Autumn of 1836, who died at the Indian village, on the Iowa river, in August, 1840. The first female child was a daughter of D. C. Eldridge, still living. Alexander W. McGregor opened the first law office, in 1836. A. M. Gavit, a Methodist minister, preached the first sermon, in the house of Mr. D. C. Eldridge, corner of Front and Ripley streets. There were seven deaths this year, the first being that of Mrs. Tanneyhill. She was buried upon the brow of the bluff, where the First Baptist church now stands, on Sixth and Main streets, where a place had been selected as the burial grounds of the town. Others were buried in Mr. LeClaire's private ground, corner of 6th and LeClaire streets. This spot is now covered with improvements, (the graves all having been removed,) and is occupied by the family residence of W. Barrows, Esq. In his garden was buried Dr. Emerson, the owner of the celebrated Dred Scott, who accompanied his master to this territory, while he was in the army at Fort Armstrong; and it was upon this ground that the suit was predicated for Dred's freedom.

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EDITORIAL NOTICE.

This number begins the History of Scott county, which will be continued, in subsequent issues. It was written about three years ago, and the editor cannot be supposed to have made all the corrections of dates, and matters of allusion to years, but he has made them where most obvious. This explanation is due both to the writer, Mr. Barrows, and to the conductor of the *Annals*. To the old settlers, as well as new comers, it will afford a rich treat, and amply pay for reading, marking, and inwardly digesting, almost every page containing some striking incident. It is the only regret of the Committee of Publication, that its length must compel the insertion of the History in different numbers, instead of issuing it all at once. The type of the *Annals* has been changed to Long Primer, instead of Small Pica, thereby admitting more matter on a page. But it is utterly impossible to print more largely, until the Legislature takes the expense upon itself, or the Literary Public patronize the work, as the cheapest in the State and country.

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