

## ABANDONED TOWNS, VILLAGES AND POST OFFICES OF IOWA

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### JEFFERSON COUNTY<sup>1</sup>

**ABSECUM.** The name of the post office (1855-59) at the point where the railroad station of County Line is located.

**BAKER.** In the east part of Black Hawk Township. Post office, 1861-1901.

**BELLEVILLE.** A former railroad station in the northern part of Polk Township, about two miles west of Packard. Post office, 1883-96.

**BLUE POINT.** A post office near the northwest corner of Black Hawk Township, as appears on the maps of 1855, 1856 and 1857.

**BROOKVILLE.** A village in the central part of section 11, Locust Grove Township. Post office, 1850-1902.

**COALPORT.** A village in the central part of section 34, Lockridge Township, about one mile west of the present town of Lockridge.

**CREESVILLE.** The name first given the present town of Batavia. It was platted as Creesville in 1846 and the name changed to Batavia in 1853. Creesville was the name of the post office from 1851 to 1853.

**DEEDSVILLE.** The name first given the village of Merrimac (which see below). Deedsville was the name of the post office from 1849 to 1853.

**FOUR CORNERS.** At the center of section 22, Lockridge Township. Post office, 1872-1904.

**HARMONY.** In the northern part of Cedar Township. Post office, 1852-59.

**HARVEY'S MILLS.** In the northern part of section 26, Penn Township. Post office, 1868-73.

**KRUM.** The name of the post office from 1896 to 1899 at the village of Whitefield, which see below.

**LOCKRIDGE.** A town laid out in 1837 at the common corner of Cedar, Round Prairie, Lockridge and Buchanan townships. It flourished as a business place for a time. It had a post office from 1852 to 1859.

**MERRIMAC.** A village in section 36, Walnut Township, on the east side of the Skunk River. Post office, 1866-1906.

**MONROE.** Laid out as a town in 1840, and thought to have been near the center of Des Moines Township, but it got no farther than a town on paper.

**MOUNT STERLING.** A plat was filed in 1837 for a village with this name at the terminus of a territorial road running from Burlington to

<sup>1</sup>Commencing with Jefferson County, because of the courtesy of the management of the State Historical Society of Iowa library at Iowa City, we have been able to check the dates of the abandoned post offices in the balance of this article with the list of Iowa post offices compiled under the direction of Newton D. Mereness.

Trenton, Henry County, and to a point near the northeast corner of Penn Township. Only a village on paper. (See *History of Jefferson County*, by C. J. Fulton, p. 202.)

NEW HAVEN. A platted village in the northern part of section 1, Lockridge Township, as shown in the original surveys made in 1837. That is the only evidence remaining of its existence.

PARSONVILLE. A post office from 1858 to 1863 and a railway station where Beckwith is now located.

PLEASANT GROVE. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Jefferson County from 1840 to 1845, but not found on maps of that period.

TYPEE. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* of 1846 as a post office in Jefferson County, but not found on the maps of that period.

VEGA. In the northeast corner of section 35, Round Prairie Township. Post office, 1881-89. (Formerly in Henry County.)

WALNUT. In the southwestern part of Penn Township. Post office, 1846-67.

WHITEFIELD. A village and railroad station in the eastern part of section 31, Fairfield Township. Post office, 1886-91.

WOOSTER. In the western part of section 13, Cedar Township. Post office, 1853-91.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY

AMISH. In the western part of section 22, Washington Township. Post office, 1857-1903.

BELL AIR. In the northwestern part of section 35, Sharon Township. Post office, 1857-77.

BON ACCORD. The name of the post office from 1859 to 1897 at the village of South Liberty, which see below.

CARTHAGE. In the eastern part of Scott Township. Post office, 1853-65.

CHASE. In the southwest corner of section 33, Madison Township. Post office, 1868-1902.

COPI. In section 24, Oxford Township. Post office, 1847-68.

CURTIS. In the southern part of section 22, Madison Township, on the south side of the Iowa River. Post office, 1897-1909.

DANFORTH. In section 3, Monroe Township. Post office, 1853-1901.

DODD. Listed in the 1881 *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Johnson County, but not found on maps of that period.

FRENDALE. In the western part of section 32, Hardin Township. Post office, 1895-1902.

GRAHAM. The former name of the present railroad station of Digby on the C., R. I. & P. branch between Iowa City and Elmira.

GREEN CASTLE. A village in the southwest corner of section 31 and the northwest corner of section 6, Madison Township. It was platted in 1856.

GREGG. In the eastern part of section 14, Monroe Township. Post office, 1879-99.

**HUESTON.** In the northern part of Jefferson Township, as shown on maps of 1856 and 1857.

**INDIAN VILLAGE.** In the western part of Fremont Township near the east bank of the Iowa River, as shown on maps of 1868 and 1869.

**IVES.** A post office at the railroad station of Elmira from 1892 to 1903.

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

**MAHERN.** In the northern part of Monroe Township. Post office, 1861-65.

**MONROE.** A town laid out in 1839 in the southeastern part of Monroe Township near the line between sections 25 and 26. It never materialized.

**MORFORDSVILLE.** A village in the southwestern part of section 24, Pleasant Valley Township, platted in 1855. Post office, 1856-57; 1876-94.

**NAPOLEON.** In section 22, Lucas Township, about two miles south of the business section of Iowa City and east of the Iowa River. It was laid out in 1837 and in 1838 legally became the county seat, but failed to become so actually, and never became a town only on paper.

**NEMORA.** The name of the post office from 1865 to 1869 at the present town of Oxford.

**NEW CASTLE.** In the northwestern part of Madison Township on the south side of the Iowa River, as shown on maps of 1881 to 1887.

**NEWPORT CENTER.** Near the east line of Newport Township. Post office, 1853-80.

**PALESTINE.** In section 18, Fremont Township. Post office, 1855-73.

**SEPANAMO.** In the western part of section 12, Fremont Township, on the east side of the Iowa River opposite the mouth of the English River. Laid out in 1837, it was the first town platted in the county, but it never materialized.

**SEVENTY EIGHT.** In section 27, Liberty Township, on the west bank of the Iowa River. Post office, 1853-75.

**SEVENTY SEVEN.** The name of the post office at River Junction from 1849 to 1859.

**SHOO FLY.** In the northeast part of section 32, Fremont Township. Post office, 1871-1901.

**SOUTH LIBERTY.** A village laid out in 1857 in the western part of section 17, Liberty Township. Its post office was Bon Accord, which see above.

**TANKTOWN.** The early name of the railroad station at the present town of Oxford.

**UNITY.** In the northeast corner of section 16, Union Township. Post office, 1871-1900.

**WILLIAMSTOWN.** Another name by which was known the hamlet of Frank Pierce. Williamstown was platted as a village in 1854.

**WINDHAM.** A village in the central part of section 34, Hardin Township. It was laid out in 1854. One store still remains. Post office, 1854-1902.

## JONES COUNTY

**ARGAND.** A post office from 1880 to 1899 in section 4, Castle Grove Township.

**BIG WOODS.** Listed in the *U. S. Official Register of 1847* as a post office in Jones County, and mentioned in the *History of Jones County*, by R. M. Corbit, but not found on maps of that period. Thought to have been in Castle Grove Township.

**BLOOMFIELD.** Shown on maps of the early 1840's as a town laid out in the western part of Jones County on the north bank of the Wapsipinicon River.

**BLUE CUT.** The name first given the present village and railroad station of Amber. The post office was Blue Cut from 1873 to 1878.

**BOWEN'S PRAIRIE.** A village in the southwestern part of section 6, Richland Township. Platted in 1853. Post office, 1849-1902.

**CASS CENTER.** A post office from 1862 to 1865 in section 22, Cass Township.

**CASTLE GROVE.** A post office from 1851 to 1903, although not continuous, in Castle Grove Township. In its early period it was in the central part of the township, and later in the southern part of section 3.

**CLAYFORD.** A post office, 1861 to 1902, in the eastern part of section 7, Clay Township.

**CLAY MILL.** A village in the southern part of section 10, Clay Township. Post office, 1863-1902.

**CONDIT.** A post office in 1880 to 1882 in section 21, Cass Township.

**DARTMOUTH.** The name first given to a town laid out in 1840 on a location which is now a portion of the present city of Anamosa. The plat was never recorded.

**DOWNERSVILLE.** A village in the western part of section 14, Castle Grove Township. Post office, 1870-72.

**DUANE.** A post office, 1855-61, in section 3, Cass Township.

**EDINBURG.** A town laid out in 1840 in the northern part of section 36, Wayne Township. It was the first county seat of Jones County, 1840 to 1847. It never developed much. It had a post office from 1840 to 1847, and the office was revived in 1856, being located a little to the north in section 25, and ran until 1873.

**ELKFORD.** The original survey of Rome Township was made by Deputy Surveyor W. Barrows from January 13 to February 3, 1838, and he reported finding the town of Elkford "laid out on the northeast and southeast quarter of section 11 and the northwest and southwest quarter of section 12," but that it had no improvements. That was about one mile northwest of the present town of Olin.

**FARM CREEK.** Another name applied to the village of Clay Mill, which see above.

**FAIRVIEW.** A village laid out in 1841 near the center of section 20, Fairview Township, about four miles southwest of Anamosa. Post office, 1843-1904. A few dwelling houses still remain.

**FULLER'S MILLS.** In the northeast part of Scotch Grove Township, on the Maquoketa River. Post office, 1859-69.

**GARFIELD.** The name of the post office at the town of Oxford Junction from 1880 to 1884.

**GROVE CREEK.** A post office from 1850 to 1880 on the north line of section 4, Castle Grove Township.

**HALE CITY.** The name by which the present village of Hale is shown on the maps of the early 1880's.

**HALE VILLAGE.** The name of the post office at the present village of Hale from 1872 to 1883.

**HIGHLAND GROVE.** A post office in section 36, Fairview Township, from 1852 to 1875.

**ISABELL.** A village at the intersection of sections 13, 14, 23 and 24, Jackson Township. Post office, 1857-67.

**JOHNSON.** A village at the intersection of sections 23, 24, 25 and 26, Scotch Grove Township. A busy village in its day. Post office, 1853-80.

**JOHNSONTOWN.** The name most often given the village of Johnson, which see above.

**JONESVILLE.** The name of the post office for a few months in 1840 at what afterward became Edinburg.

**LEXINGTON.** The original name of the southwestern portion of the present city of Anamosa, later called Dublin.

**MADISON.** A village in sections 20 and 21, Madison Township, laid out in 1856. Post office, 1855-73.

**MARSHFIELD.** The name first given to the post office at the town of Wyoming, which was in 1854. It was changed to Wyoming in 1855.

**MINERAL CREEK.** A place in section 34, Scotch Grove Township, according to maps of 1868.

**NEWPORT.** A town platted in 1846, in the northern part of section 33, Jackson Township, just north of the Wapsipinicon River. It was selected as the county seat in 1847, but never so used.

**NORWICH.** In section 32, Fairview Township, as shown on maps of 1856.

**PAMATHO.** A post office established in 1840, located about one mile west of the village of Fairview, but a few months later removed to Fairview, but retained its name until 1843 when it was changed to Fairview.

**PIERCE.** A post office from 1853 to 1857 in section 22, Wyoming Township.

**RICHLAND.** A town platted in 1856 in the southwest quarter of section 5, Richland Township. A kind of suburb of Bowen's Prairie.

**ROME.** The original name of the present town of Olin. Rome was platted in 1842 and the name changed to Olin in about 1868.

**SPENCERVILLE.** In section 3, Wyoming Township, as shown on maps of 1881.

**STRAWBERRY HILL.** Formerly an independent village adjacent to Anamosa on the east, but a part of that city since 1901.

**TEMPLE HILL.** A hamlet in the northern part of section 27, Washington Township. It had a post office in 1857 to 1860, when it was discontinued but was revived again and ran from 1884 to 1901.

**VIROQUA.** The name of the present town of Morley from 1873 to 1886, the post office also having the same name.

**WALNUT FORK.** A village that was slightly to the east of the present town of Olin and was platted in 1854. The post office was named Walnut Fork and ran from 1841 to 1872.

**ZURICH.** A post office from 1860 to 1866 in section 4, Richland Township.

#### KEOKUK COUNTY

**AURORA.** A hamlet on the west line of section 3 and the east line of section 4, Adams Township, about midway as to north and south of that line. Post office, 1859-84.

**BADEN.** A town laid out in 1856 in the southeast corner of section 36, German Township. Post office, 1862-72.

**BAXTER.** A coal mining town in the south central part of section 4, Washington Township, during the 1880's.

**CHANDLER.** A post office from 1858 to 1880 near the northeast corner of section 23, Liberty Township.

**COAL CREEK.** A town at the intersection of sections 29, 30, 31 and 32, Prairie Township, laid out in 1866. It was prosperous until about 1880. The post office was first located on the north line of section 24 in 1863 but about 1866 was removed to the newly established village and ran until 1903. A few scattered dwellings, two churches and a school house remain.

**CORY.** The name of the post office (1887-95) at the village of Janetown, which see below.

**CRESSWELL.** A post office from 1869 to 1900 on the north line of section 8, Liberty Township.

**DIVIDE.** A post office from 1864 to 1866 in section 22, Warren Township.

**ELIZABETHTOWN.** Laid out as a town in 1845 in section 15, Steady Run Township, but was short-lived.

**EDOM.** This is called Eden on most maps. It was a post office from 1863 to 1866, in the northeast corner of section 30, Liberty Township.

**FREEDOM.** Listed as a post office in Keokuk County from 1849 to 1852, but the location not found.

**FRENCHTOWN.** Another name often given the town of Baxter, which see above.

**GARIBALDI.** A town laid out in 1858 in the northeastern part of the south section 15, German Township. Post office, 1861-81.

**HUSTONS.** In section 10, Lafayette Township, as shown on maps of 1857.

**IOKA.** A town along the line between sections 28 and 33, Jackson Township, laid out in 1856. Post office, 1858-1902.

**JANETOWN.** A town in the southeastern part of section 33, Prairie

Township, laid out in about 1885. Largely populated by coal miners' families.

KEENSBURG. Laid out as a town in section 4, Van Buren Township, in pioneer times, but never developed.

LAFAYETTE. The name first given, but only for a short time, to the town of Lancaster, which see below.

LANCASTER. A town in the northeast portion of the east section 30, Lancaster Township, about six miles southeast of Sigourney. It was laid out in 1846 and in 1847 it became the county seat, retaining it until 1856, during which time it became a town of importance. It now has only a country store and a few scattered residences. Its post office ran from 1849 to 1904.

MANHATTAN. A post office from 1866 to 1900, in the southeastern part of the east section 3, Lancaster Township, on the north side of South Skunk River.

MILAN. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* as a post office in Keokuk County from 1897 to 1902, but not found on maps of that period.

MUSCATINE. A thriving coal mining town in the 1880's on both sides of the northern part of the line between sections 4 and 5, Washington Township.

NASSAU. The name first given to the present town of Gibson from its founding in 1880 until the name was changed in 1904. Post office, 1882-1903.

NEWTON. Another name for Western City, which see below.

OLEAN. A post office from 1854 to 1858, near the center of Jackson Township.

ORVILLE. The name by which was known that portion of What Cheer in the northwest part of section 10, Washington Township, during the coal mining period of the city.

PECK'S. A post office from 1860 to 1863, in section 25, Prairie Township.

PETERSBURG. A town laid out in 1865 and later included in the southeastern portion of the present town of What Cheer.

PLEASANT GROVE. Listed as a post office in Keokuk County from 1849 to 1850, but the location not found.

PLEASANT HILL. In the northeastern part of section 6, Richland Township, as shown on maps of 1868 and 1869.

ROSETTA. A village in section 4, Washington Township, populated principally by coal miners from 1885 to 1890.

SHOWMAN. A post office from 1886 to 1896, in section 12, Benton Township.

SLAGLE. A post office from 1875 to 1886, in the northern part of Benton Township.

SPRINGFIELD. A town in the southwest corner of section 28, and the northwest corner of section 33, Washington Township. It was laid out in 1845 and was an active town until the 1870's. Its post office was from 1846 to 1893.

**STEADY RUN.** A post office from 1850 to 1857, in the northwest corner of section 13, Steady Run Township.

**TALLEYRAND.** A town at the intersections of sections 13, 14, 23 and 24, Clear Creek Township. Laid out in 1857 and a busy town for many years. Its post office, 1858-1927.

**VULCAN.** A village in the north edge of section 4, Washington Township. It was a coal mining village existing only a few years around 1890.

**WALDEN.** A post office from 1873 to 1888, near the center of section 18, Jackson Township.

**WEST LONDON.** Laid out as a town in 1847, in section 18, Benton Township, but never developed.

**WHITE PIGEON.** Laid out as a town in 1855 in the south part of section 6, midway as to east and west, and the north part of section 7, English River Township. Never more than a hamlet. Post office, 1858-1902.

**WARNER'S MILL.** A post office in 1854 to 1855 in the southern part of section 30, Clear Creek Township.

**WAUGH'S POINT.** In section 30, Steady Run Township, as shown on maps of 1855 and 1856.

**WESTERN CITY.** The original government survey of Richland Township was made in 1843 and the notes say, "A place on west half of section 17 called Western City was laid off for a town, but contains only two or three houses." It was about four miles northwest of Richland. It was planned to make it the county seat.

**WIMER'S MILLS.** A post office from 1854 to 1862, in section 3, Jackson Township, on the South Skunk River.

#### KOSSUTH COUNTY

**ASHUELOT.** Laid out as a town in 1857, in the northern part of section 15, Portland Township, but proved to be a town on paper only.

**BUFFALO FORK.** A post office from 1863 to 1899, located first in section 20, Plum Township, and later in Portland Township, section 10, and later in section 13.

**CRESCO.** A post office in section 27, Cresco Township, from 1856 to 1862.

**DARIEN.** A post office from 1870 to 1874 in section 26, Fenton Township.

**EAGLE LAKE.** A post office (1893-97) in section 28, Eagle Township.

**FINE.** Listed as a post office in Kossuth County from 1883 to 1886, but the location not found.

**FENTON.** Shown on the maps from 1878 to 1887 as a post office in the southeastern part of Fenton Township. (The present town of Fenton which is in section 18 was not established until 1899.)

**GREENWOOD CENTER.** A post office in the southern part of section 21, Greenwood Township, from 1870 to 1881.

**HALE.** See Saint Joseph below.

**HATCH.** A post office in the southwestern part of section 32, Lott Creek Township, from 1871 to 1875.



**HOBART.** The former name of the present village and railroad station of Hobarton. Hobart was the name of the post office from 1892 to 1903.

**IRVINGTON.** The original town of this name was located about a half mile north of the present village and railroad station of Irvington. It was platted in 1856 and was a rival of Algona, but declined shortly after the Civil War.

**JOHNSON SETTLEMENT.** Listed as a post office in Kossuth County in 1856, but the location not found.

**KOSSUTH CENTER.** A post office from 1858 to 1877 in the southwest corner of section 4, Plum Township.

**NOBLA.** A post office in 1874 and 1875 on the east line of Burt Township, and midway as to north and south.

**RAHM.** The name of the post office at the present village of St. Benedict from 1888 to 1894.

**RAMSEY.** A village in the northern part of section 13, Ramsey Township. Post office, 1877-89.

**REYNOLDS.** The name first given (1893) to the present town of Swea City.

**SWEA.** A post office in section 3, Swea Township, from 1872 to 1893. In 1890 a town called Swea was laid out in the northwestern part of section 10, or about three miles northeast of the present town of Swea City.

#### LEE COUNTY<sup>1a</sup>

**AMBROSIA.** A post office from 1840 to 1857 in the southwestern part of Montrose Township.

**ATLEE.** The name of a railroad station in section 12, West Point Township, the name later being changed to Edwards.

**BENBOW.** A station on the old Chicago, Fort Madison & Des Moines (now the C., B. & Q.) Railroad in section 7, Washington Township.

**BIG MOUND.** A hamlet at the common corner of sections 19, 20, 29 and 30, Cedar Township. Post office, 1852-1903.

**CAMARGO.** The name of the post office of Vincennes from 1852 to 1858 at the village and railway station of Sand Prairie.

**CAMACKVILLE.** A post office in the southwestern part of section 12, Cedar Township, from 1869 to 1875 when it was changed to White Lane, but was discontinued in 1876.

**CLAY'S GROVE.** A post office from 1857 to 1863, and again from 1868 to 1892 in the southeastern part of section 29, Marion Township.

**COURTWRIGHT.** The name of the post office for a few months in 1881 at the present railroad station of Hamill.

**DOANTOWN.** Another name for Russelville, which see below.

**DOVER.** See Tuscarora below.

**EDWARDS.** See Atlee above.

<sup>1a</sup>The facts as to the abandoned towns, villages and post offices of Lee County are principally from the admirable article on "The Place Names of Lee County, Iowa," by T. J. Fitzpatrick, published in the ANNALS OF IOWA, Vol. XVII, pp. 13-58.

**FRANKLIN.** A village in the northeastern part of section 26 and southeastern part of section 23, Franklin Township. It was laid out in 1840, and was intended for the county seat. Its post office, Franklin Center, was from 1843 to 1883 when it was changed to Franklin, and ran until 1920.

**FRANKLIN CENTER.** See Franklin above.

**GREEN BAY.** A post office in the southeastern part of section 9, Green Bay Township. It ran for a few months in 1851, and again from 1854 to 1859.

**HAZEN.** A station on the old Chicago, Fort Madison & Des Moines (now the C., B. & Q.) Railroad, in section 17, Washington Township.

**JEFFERSONVILLE.** A village in the northwestern part of section 16, Jefferson Township, on the C., B. & Q. R. R. It was laid out in 1867, but failed to build up owing to its nearness to Vicle. The post office, established before the village was platted, ran from 1856 with the exception of two short intermissions, until 1876.

**JOLLYVILLE.** A village laid out in 1856 in the central part of section 7, Green Bay Township. Post office, 1859-73.

**MADISON.** Lieut. Albert M. Lea in his *Notes on Wisconsin Territory*, 1836, and also on his map, gives the name Madison to what very soon after that date became Fort Madison.

**MEROTTO.** A village and station on the old Chicago, Fort Madison & Des Moines (now the C., B. & Q.) Railroad, in section 25, Marion Township.

**MELROSE.** A station on the old Des Moines Valley Railroad in section 1, Des Moines Township. The road having been relocated the station was taken over by Connables.

**NASHVILLE.** The former name of the present village and railroad station of Galland. Nashville was laid out in 1841. It had a post office a part of the year 1843 when it was discontinued.

**OVERTON.** The former name of the present railroad station and post office of Pilot Grove.

**PRAIRIE HOUSE.** The name of the post office at the present village and railroad station of Charleston from 1843 to 1850, when it was changed to Charleston.

**RUSSELVILLE.** Laid out in 1858 as a town in the northeast corner of section 15, Cedar Township. Also called Doantown.

**SOUTH AUGUSTA.** A village on the south side of the Des Moines River opposite the town of Augusta. It was surveyed in 1842 but no permanent town developed.

**SOUTH FRANKLIN.** The former name of the present railroad station of Franklin, in the southern part of section 35, Franklin Township.

**STRUNG PRAIRIE.** A post office indicated on maps of 1854 in section 15, Des Moines Township.

**TUSCARORA.** A hamlet in the southeast corner of section 8, Franklin Township. Its post office was established in 1840, but in 1853 the name was changed to Dover.

**VAN BUREN.** The name first given to the post office established at Warren, now a railroad station in section 36, Harrison Township. This was from January to December, 1849.

**WHITE LANE.** The name of a pos office formerly called Camackville, which see above. It was located at White's Iowa Institute of Manual Labor, section 14, Cedar Township.

**YEARGERVILLE.** A former station on the old Keokuk & Northwestern Railroad in Charleston Township.

**ZARHEMLA.** The name of the plat of a projected pioneer town somewhere in Lee County. (See Acts of the Fourth Legislative Assembly, page 90.)

#### LINN COUNTY

**ALICE.** A post office from 1882 to 1902 in section 5, Spring Grove Township.

**BABCOCK.** Listed in the 1886-1894 *U. S. Postal Guide* as a post office in Linn County, but location not found.

**BANNER VALLEY.** A post office from 1856 to 1866 near where the present town of Ely is located.

**BOULDER.** A post office from 1853 to 1865 in the southwestern part of Boulder Township near Buffalo Creek.

**BRANDY BROOK.** A place in the northern part of Monroe Township, as shown on maps of 1868 and 1869.

**BROADWAY.** A post office from 1886 to 1902 in section 1, Boulder Township, the extreme northeast corner of the county.

**BROWN.** The name of the post office at what is now the present town of Springville from 1842 until the office was removed to New Lindon, which see below.

**CEDAR.** A place shown on various maps from 1855 to 1862 at or near the present village of Waubeek.

**COLUMBUS.** The name given to what later became Cedar Rapids when it was first platted in 1838, before the government survey.

**COUSINS.** Listed in 1898 to 1900 as a post office in Linn County, but location not found.

**CRAB APPLE.** A post office in 1861 to 1862 in the northeastern part of Marion Township.

**CROW CREEK.** The early name of the present village of Viola.

**DRY CREEK.** A post office (1856-72) in the eastern part of Monroe Township, some eight miles northeast of Marion.

**ELMONT.** A post office from 1890 to 1900 in section 26, Spring Grove Township.

**FLEMINGVILLE.** A hamlet in the southwestern part of section 13, Otter Creek Township. Post office, 1867-1906.

**FORD'S GROVE.** A post office from 1856 to 1859 southeast of the central part of Jackson Township.

**FRANKLIN.** A post office from 1842 to 1846 in Franklin Township. It occupied different locations in the vicinity of the present town of Mount Vernon.

**HOLLENBACK.** A post office in Linn County in 1848 as evidenced by correspondence quoted in *History of Linn County*, by L. A. Brewer and B. L. Wick, Vol. I, pp. 82-3. Believed to have been at the present location of the town of Palo.

**HOOSIER GROVE.** A post office from 1849 to 1857 at or near where the present town of Ely is located.

**HOOSIER MILLS.** The name by which the village of Troy Mills was first known.

**IVANHOE.** Laid out as a town in 1838, and found and noted by the government surveyors in 1841 on the line between sections 29 and 30, Franklin Township, on the north bank of the Cedar River. It was on the old Dubuque and Iowa City road and had a post office from 1845 to 1849.

**KINGSTON.** The former name of what is now that portion of the city of Cedar Rapids west of the Cedar River.

**KINGSTON CITY.** The name of the post office at Kingston, which see above, from 1858 to 1866.

**LAFAYETTE.** A post office in section 28, Otter Creek Township, from 1846 to 1902.

**LINDON.** The name of the post office at New Lindon, which see below, from 1854 to 1861.

**MCGONIGLE.** The former name of the present town of Center Point.

**MAYFIELD.** A town platted in an early day on the west side of the Cedar River in section 34, Rapids Township, below the present city of Cedar Rapids.

**MONDIEU.** A post office from 1854 to 1862 in the eastern central part of Clinton Township, on the west side of the Cedar River, and about five miles northwest of Cedar Rapids.

**NECOT.** A post office from 1851 to 1867 in the southeastern part of Buffalo Township.

**NEW BUFFALO.** Platted in an early day in Buffalo Township, but never built up.

**NEW LINDON.** A town laid out in 1853 about one mile east of the present town of Springville, as a rival of Springville, and the removal of the post office from Springville to that place was secured for a few years. See Lindon above.

**NEWARK.** Platted in 1844 on the same ground as was Westport, which see below.

**NUGENT'S GROVE.** A post office and hamlet in the southern part of section 3, Jackson Township, on Buffalo Creek and near the location of the present town of Coggon. As a post office it existed as Nugent's Grove from 1856 to 1883, and as Nugent from 1883 to 1888.

**OAK GROVE.** A post office from 1850 to 1853 in the western part of Fayette Township.

**OTTER CREEK.** A post office in Otter Creek Township from 1844 to 1846.

**PADDINGTON.** Laid out in 1855 as a separate town on land south of and adjacent to Waubeek, but later included as a portion of that village.

**PINHOOK.** A name applied to Mount Vernon in an early day.

**PROSPECT HILL.** A post office from 1854 to 1872 in section 12, Linn Township.

**RURAL.** A post office from 1868 to 1878 in the northern part of Marion Township.

**SAIN'T JULIEN.** A post office from 1846 to 1858 in the southern part of Linn Township.

**SAIN'T MARY'S.** A post office from 1849 to 1859 on the old Dubuque and Iowa City road about midway between Mount Vernon and Ivanhoe.

**SHADY BROOK.** A post office in Linn County from 1863 to 1866, but location not found.

**SISLEY'S GROVE.** A post office from 1857 to 1862 in section 29, Clinton Township. In an early day a small village with place for travelers, blacksmith shop, etc. A few old houses still remain.

**SPRING GROVE.** A post office from 1851 to 1879 in the northwestern part of Spring Grove Township.

**TORAH.** Listed as a post office in Linn County from 1851 to 1853, but location not found.

**VALLEY FARM.** A post office from 1854 to 1872 in the western part of section 16, Jackson Township.

**VANDERBILT.** The name first given the present village of Fairfax when it was laid out in 1863.

**WAPSA.** A post office from 1856 to 1870 north of the central part of Maine Township, on the Wapsipinicon River.

**WESTERN.** A town laid out in 1856 in the southern part of section 34, College Township. It was the home of Western College and became quite a village.

**WESTERN COLLEGE.** The name of the post office at the town of Western, which see above, from 1858 to 1906.

**WESTPORT.** The first projected town in Linn County, staked out in 1838, three years before the government survey, on the Cedar River near the present town of Bertram.

**WEST PRAIRIE.** A post office from 1867 to 1885 in the northwestern part of section 26, Spring Grove Township.

#### LOUISA COUNTY<sup>2</sup>

**ALIMEDA.** Laid out as a town in 1859 north of and adjoining Fredonia, and later made a part of that town.

**ALTONA.** The name of the post office from 1857 to 1859 at Hillsboro, which see below.

**BIG SPRINGS.** A post office from 1863 to 1869 in the northwest corner of Oakland Township on the Iowa River.

**BLACK HAWK.** The first name of Toolsboro, which see below. Black Hawk was a post office from 1837 to 1841. The government surveyors of 1838 report in their notes of finding this village and that it had six or eight houses.

<sup>2</sup>For most of the facts on the early territorial towns of Louisa County we are indebted to Arthur Springer's *History of Louisa County*.

**BURRIS.** The name of the post office (1858-59) at Burris City, which see below.

**BURRIS CITY.** A town on the Mississippi River at the mouth of the Iowa, immediately north of the confluence. It was platted in 1855, and had a boom because of the anticipated building of the Air Line Railroad. Its population was 600 or 700, had over 5,000 lots in the plat and was doing a big business when the floor of 1858 came and destroyed it.

**CATTESE.** The name of the hamlet later called Port Allen, which see below.

**CANNONSBURG.** Laid out as a town in the northern part of section 28, Elm Grove Township, but never grew to be more than a small hamlet.

**CLIFTON.** A former railroad station and village about two miles west of the present town of Columbus Junction. It was laid out in 1858.

**CONCORD.** A post office from 1851 to 1857 near the southeast corner of Concord Township on the Iowa River.

**CUBA CITY.** A prospective town of early territorial times, thought to have been on the Iowa River and quite near its mouth.

**ELRICK.** A town in the southwestern part of section 28, and the southeastern part of 29, Elliott Township. It was laid out in 1891. Its post office was from 1883 to 1924.

**FLORENCE.** A territorial town in the west section 20 of Elliott Township on the southwest side of the Iowa River, as found there by the government surveyors in 1838. It was a place of importance, was known once as Keokuk's principal village, and was also once the home of Black Hawk. Post office, 1839-46.

**FOREST HILL.** A post office from 1857 to 1864 in the northeastern part of Grand View Township.

**HARRISON.** A town started in about 1837 in the south section 23, Port Louisa Township, on the east bank of the Iowa River and about a mile and a half northeast of Wapello. It was expected by its builders that it would be the county seat. It still has a few dwellings. Post office, 1840-57.

**HILLSBORO.** About three-fourths of a mile north of the business section of the present town of Columbus Junction and now embraced within the limits of that town. It was on the west bank of the Iowa River, was laid out in 1842 and was quite a shipping point. It was sometimes called Toddville. Its post office (1857-59) was Altona.

**HOPE FARM.** A hamlet a short distance east of the later village of Cairo, which see above. Post office, 1840-55.

**IOWA TOWN.** A trading point as early as 1837, found by the government surveyors in 1838 in section 28, township 73, range 2, just west of the Iowa Slough and on the south bank of the Iowa River.

**LAFAYETTE.** The name of the southern portion of Hillsboro, which see above. It was laid out in 1856, but now is included within the limits of the town of Columbus Junction.

**LONG CREEK STATION.** The former name of the present railroad station of Bard,

**LOUISA CENTER.** A post office (1863-65) on the road between Wapello and Columbus City, not far from the present railroad station of Bard.

**MID PRAIRIE.** A post office in the northwestern part of Morning Sun Township from 1863 to 1877.

**MOUNT STERLING.** A name often applied to Sterling, which see below.

**OAKLAND.** A town laid out in 1854 in the southern part of section 25 and the northern part of 36, Oakland Township. Its post office, called Port Allen, was from 1854 to 1861. See Port Allen below.

**ODESSA.** A town laid out in 1861 in the northern part of the south section 18, Port Louisa Township, on the west side of the main channel of a lake extending from the Mississippi River. It was about five miles northeast of Wapello.

**ONONWA.** The former name of the present town of Letts. The post office was also Ononwa from 1857 to 1867.

**PALO ALTO.** A post office in Elliott Township from 1848 to 1874. It was located according to the maps part of the time in section 26 and part of the time in 24, south and east of the Iowa River.

**PITTSBURG.** A prospective town in territorial times located somewhere in Louisa County, on the Iowa River, but the exact place not found.

**PORT ALLEN.** A town laid out in 1841 on high ground between the Iowa and Cedar Rivers close to their confluence. It was an important place for a little while, there being a ferry across the Cedar to Fredonia, and another across the Iowa. As the town soon declined the post office of Port Allen was kept about three-fourths of a mile up the Iowa River for a few years, and then removed without change of name to Oakland, which see above.

**PORT LOUISA.** A town in the southern part of the south section 5, Port Louisa Township, on the Mississippi River. It was laid out in 1854 and had a large shipping business for years. Post office, 1847-75.

**PORT WASHINGTON.** A town laid out in 1848 in the northeastern part of section 8, township 74, range 2, or about half a mile south of where Port Louisa was later built.

**STERLING.** A town on the Iowa River which was afterwards added to Toolsboro. It was sometimes called Mount Sterling.

**SPRING RUN.** A post office from 1852 to 1865 in the northeastern part of Elm Grove Township.

**TECUMSEH.** A prospective town in early territorial times located somewhere on the Iowa River in Louisa County, but the exact place not found.

**TODDTOWN.** Another name for Hillsboro, which see above.

**TWIN OAK.** A post office in the southwestern part of section 20, Oakland Township, from 1873 to 1881.

**VIRGINIA GROVE.** A post office (1843-71) in the northern part of Morning Sun Township.

**WALLING'S LANDING.** A pioneer hamlet at or near where Port Louisa was afterward established.

**WEST PORT LOUISA.** A town laid out in 1849 in the south part of section 6 and the north part of 7, township 74 north, range 2 west. It was about one-half mile west of Port Louisa and although the older town of the two, became of secondary importance.

**YANKEE TOWN.** A place in the western part of Columbus City Township, about five miles west and one north of Columbus City, as shown on maps 1868 and 1869.

**YELLOW BANKS.** A prospective town on the Iowa River in early territorial times, thought to have been near where Oakville now stands.

#### LUCAS COUNTY

**ARGO.** A post office in the northern part of Union Township from 1853 to 1875.

**BELINDA.** A hamlet and post office in the western part of Pleasant Township from 1858 to 1908. A few scattered residences still remain.

**BUCYRUS.** A post office from 1871 to 1880 in the southern part of English Township.

**CEDAR GROVE.** A post office from 1854 to 1868 in the central part of Cedar Township.

**CLEVELAND.** A coal mining town in the 1880's in section 18, White Breast Township, about two miles east of the town of Lucas. A few scattered houses still remain.

**EARLE.** A post office (1869-72) and railroad station in Union Township, about two miles southwest of Derby.

**FREEDOM.** A village in the southeastern part of section 25, Warren Township, on Wolf Creek, laid out in 1856. Post office, 1855-76.

**FREELAND.** A post office from 1854 to 1865, shown on the maps first in the northwestern part of Warren Township, and later in the southern part of White Breast Township.

**GREENVILLE.** A post office from 1853 to 1864 in the eastern part of Washington Township.

**GRUNWALD.** The name of the post office from 1915 to 1923 at the present town of Williamson.

**HENDERSON.** A post office from 1866 to 1872 in section 20, Warren Township.

**IRISH GROVE.** Listed in the 1852-53 *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Lucas County, but not found on maps of that period.

**LA GRANGE.** A town in the southeastern part of section 25 and the northeastern part of 36, Cedar Township. It was laid out in 1852, was on the main line of the Western Stage Company and was a prosperous town until the railroad came through a mile to the south in 1866. Post office, 1855-82. A few scattered dwellings still remain.

**LAST CHANCE.** A post office from 1865 to 1888 in the western part of Union Township.

**LINN.** A post office in the early 1850's at or near the later town of La Grange.

**MACEVILLE.** Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* of 1859-61 as a post office in Lucas County, but not found on maps of that period.



**MANSFIELD.** A hamlet or place shown on maps of 1868 and 1869 in the northern part of White Breast Township.

**MILAN.** A post office in the southern part of Benton Township from 1870 to 1881.

**OLA.** A post office from 1867 to 1902 in section 10, Cedar Township.

**OLMITZ.** A coal mining town in section 28, Pleasant Township. Post office, 1888-1905.

**POLK.** The name first given the newly established county seat of Lucas County, but soon changed to Chariton.

**TALLAHOMA.** A post office in the northern part of Jackson Township from 1853 to 1875.

**TIME.** A post office from 1859 to 1863 in the central part of Washington Township.

**TIPPERARY.** A coal mining town in Lincoln Township a few miles northeast of Chariton. It had a post office from 1916 to 1924. A few scattered houses still remain.

**TROY.** A village on the C., B. & Q. Railroad in section 18, White Breast Township, about two miles east of Lucas, as appears on maps of the early 1900's.

**WARREN CENTER.** A post office in 1872 to 1874 near the center of Warren Township.

**WEST ALEXANDER.** A post office in 1864 to 1865 in section 30, Cedar Township.

**WHITE BREAST.** A post office from 1869 to 1879 in the southwest part of section 14, Liberty Township, on White Breast Creek.

**WHITE BREAST.** A coal mining town in the 1880's and 1890's in the western part of section 14, White Breast Township, a short distance west of Indianola Junction on the C., B. & Q. Railroad.

**ZERO.** A post office from 1874 to 1901 in the northeastern part of Washington Township.

#### LYON COUNTY

**ERNEST.** A post office in 1872 to 1874 in the southern part of section 6, Wheeler Township.

**GIBRALTAR.** A post office in 1869 to 1871 in the northwest corner of Sioux Township—the northwest corner of the state.

**IUKA.** The former name of the present village and railroad station of Granite.

**KROGNESS.** A hamlet and post office in section 9, Richland Township, as shown on maps of 1887.

**PARK.** Former name of the present village of Alvord.

**PENNINGTON.** A post office (1883-86) in the northern part of Richland Township.

**RIVER VIEW.** A post office from 1872 to 1886 in the northwestern part of section 2, Grant Township, about two miles southwest of the present village of Little Rock.

**SMEAD.** A post office for a few months in 1871 a short distance south of the present town of Rock Rapids.

UPLAND. A post office in section 16, Centennial Township, from 1877 to 1890.

WARREN. Former name of the present town of Inwood.

WILLDA. A post office from 1873 to 1875 in the eastern part of section 22, Grant Township.

### MADISON COUNTY<sup>3</sup>

AMAZON. The name of the post office from 1850 to 1851 at the village of Richmond, which see below.

BELL'S RIDGE. A post office from 1851 to 1854 in the northwestern part of section 1, South Township.

BLOOMINGDALE. A post office in 1857 and 1858 in section 35, Jefferson Township.

BROOKLYN. A town in the southwest quarter of section 14, Walnut Township, laid out in 1855, and prosperous in the late 1850's. Post office, 1857-60.

BUFFALO. A hamlet on the southeast side of Middle River about one and one-half miles south of Winterset. Its mill was its main enterprise. It flourished from the 1850's to the 1880's.

CHARLOTTESVILLE. A post office from 1858 to 1861 in section 24, Jackson Township.

CLANTON. A post office from 1859 to 1894 located in various farm houses in Monroe Township, in 1875 being on the north line of section 1.

Ego. Former name of the town of Truro. The post office was Ego from 1881 to 1884.

ELLSWORTH. A post office from 1861 to 1873 near the center of section 21, Crawford Township.

FAIRVIEW. Laid out in 1850 as a town in the northeast part of section 24, South Township, one-fourth mile northeast of the present town of Saint Charles, but never built up.

FOSTER. A post office from 1879 to 1882 first in Walnut and later in Scott Township.

GEAR. A post office from 1879 to 1903 located in two or more places in Monroe Township, part of the time being in section 24.

GILPIN. A post office from 1885 to 1888 in section 1, Union Township.

GRAND VIEW. Laid out as a town in 1855 in section 22, Monroe Township. It never had but two small buildings, and soon was abandoned. Two years later, or in 1857, another town named Grand View was laid out in the north part of section 27, Lee Township. It was ambitiously planned, but died before building began.

HARRISON. A post office from 1900 to 1905 near the center of Webster Township.

HEATON. A post office from 1858 to 1861 in section 33, Lee Township.

INDEPENDENCE. The name for a short time in 1849 of the post office at the location that soon became Winterset.

<sup>3</sup>We are indebted to the most excellent *History of Madison County* by Herman A. Mueller for many facts used herein.

**KASSON.** A post office from 1861 to 1905 in the southwestern part of Monroe Township.

**LAVEGA.** Laid out as a town in 1855 in the northwestern part of section 15, Grand River Township, adjacent to where the present town of Macksburg was later built. Lavega never materialized further than the platting.

**LEFEVER.** A post office from 1892 to 1894 in the southwestern part of section 31, Grand River Township.

**McBRIDE.** A post office in the southern part of Jefferson Township from 1889 to 1901.

**McPHERSON.** A post office from 1876 to 1900 in the northwestern part of Monroe Township.

**MAPLE GROVE.** A post office in the southern part of Jackson Township from 1874 to 1889, and the northern part of Webster Township from 1889 to 1903.

**MIDDLE RIVER.** The name of the post office from 1855 to 1903 at the town of Webster, which see below.

**MONTPELIER.** The name of the first post office in the county, 1848 to 1849, in section 26, Union Township, at Tileville, which see below. It was moved in 1849 to the center of the county where Winterset now is, and the name changed to Independence, which see above.

**NARROWS.** See Tileville below.

**NORTH.** A post office from 1861 to 1869 in the northern part of section 32, Madison Township, at or near the hamlet of Worthington, which see below.

**NORTH BRANCH.** A post office from 1853 to 1860 in section 26, Madison Township.

**NORTH RIVER.** A post office in the western part of section 5, Jackson Township, from 1872 to 1876.

**OHIO.** A post office from 1862 to 1889 in the eastern part of Walnut Township.

**ORD.** A post office from 1888 to 1905 in section 34, Lincoln Township.

**PERU.** Peru, now called Old Peru, was laid out in 1855 near the center of section 3, Walnut Township, about one mile northwest of the present town of Peru. It was prosperous until the coming of the nearby railroad. Post office, 1853-1903.

**PTZER.** A post office from 1889 to 1906 in the central part of Jackson Township.

**PLEASANT VIEW.** A post office from 1870 to 1876 in the eastern part of Webster Township.

**PRICE.** A post office for a brief time in 1876 in section 34, Lincoln Township.

**QUEEN'S POINT.** A post office from 1854 to 1867 in the western part of South Township.

**REED.** A post office in 1881 and 1882 in the northeastern part of section 21, Ohio Township.

**RICHMOND.** Laid out as a town in 1849 in the southern part of sec-

tion 12, Scott Township. Its only building was a store. Its post office was named Amazon, which see above.

**TILEVILLE.** Sometimes called Narrows. A hamlet in the late 1840's where, or near where, was the post office of Montpelier, which see above. Tileville was also the name of a railroad station about four miles east of Winterset, which was near where the original hamlet of Tileville stood.

**VENUS.** A post office from 1863 to 1873 near the center of Grand River Township.

**WEBSTER.** Laid out as a town in 1855 along the central part of the north line of section 6, Webster Township. It never became much more than a hamlet. Its post office was Middle River.

**WELLS.** A post office from 1871 to 1896 in section 6, Grand River Township.

**WORTHINGTON.** Laid out as a town in 1857 in the eastern part of section 32, Madison Township. It was only a hamlet—a store and a few dwellings. Its post office was North, which see above.

#### MAHASKA COUNTY

**AGRICOLA.** A town laid out in 1854 in the southwestern part of section 3 and the southeastern part of section 4, Pleasant Grove Township. Post office, 1854-81.

**AUBURN.** A post office (1845-81) in the northwestern part of Des Moines Township on the north side of the Des Moines River, except that during the later years of its existence it was removed to the town of Rochester, which see below.

**BELL FOUNTAIN.** A village in the southern part of section 19, Scott Township, on the southwest side of the Des Moines River, not far east of the present town of Tracey, Marion County. Post office, 1848-76.

**BERNINA.** In the northeastern part of Black Oak Township. Post office, 1892-1902.

**BIG GROVE.** The name of a post office near or at the location where now stands the town of Fremont, in 1848. The post office of Big Grove was changed to Fremont in January, 1849.

**BLUFF CREEK.** A post office in the southeastern part of Jefferson Township from 1854, with a few intermissions, until 1866.

**BROCK.** A post office (1860-65) in the northwestern part of Jefferson Township.

**BUCK HORN.** A post office (1865-76) in the central part of Adams Township.

**BUCYRUS.** A place in the central part of Adams Township, as shown on maps of the 1880's.

**CARBONADO.** A coal mining village some three miles northeast of Oskaloosa. It had a post office from 1890 to 1897.

**CHANDLER.** A place in section 24, Madison Township, as shown on maps of 1868 and 1869.

**CHERRY.** A post office (1857-62) in the northern part of Cedar Township.

**COMET.** A post office in the 1860's and 1870's, first in the southwestern part of Monroe Township, and later in the southern part of Adams Township, as shown by the maps of that period.

**CONCERT.** A post office (1876-82) in the northern part of Cedar Township.

**DES MOINES CITY.** A place in section 35, Des Moines Township, on the southwest side of the Des Moines River, as appears on maps from 1856 to 1869.

**ENTERPRISE.** A former name of the present town of Beacon.

**EVELAND.** See Eveland Grove below.

**EVELAND GROVE.** A post office in the central part of Jefferson Township from 1860 to 1894. It continued a few years later as Eveland.

**EXCELSIOR.** A coal mining town with a post office from 1879 to 1900 some three miles southwest of Oskaloosa.

**FARMERSVILLE.** A post office (1866-71) in the northeastern part of section 24, Madison Township.

**FERRY.** A post office (1868-1902) in the northeastern corner of section 2, Jefferson Township, near the Des Moines River.

**FLINT.** A post office on the north line of section 30, Prairie Township, from 1856 to 1901.

**GAINFORD.** A post office (1885-96) and railway station near the north line of Cedar Township.

**GRANVILLE.** A town in the southwestern part of section 1, Richland Township. Post office, 1853-83.

**HARRISBURG.** Laid out as a town in 1843 on the same site as later appeared the town of Rochester, which see below. Harrisburg was never developed.

**HENNES.** Listed as a post office in Mahaska County from 1884 to 1887, but the location not found.

**HOPWELL.** A post office (1851-77) in the northeast corner of section 34, Monroe Township, on the west side of North Skunk River and a short distance north of the mouth of Middle Creek. Maps of 1855 and 1856 locate a place called Mount Vernon at or near this point.

**INDIANAPOLIS.** A village in the southeastern part of section 11, Monroe Township, laid out in 1845 and prosperous until the coming of near-by railroads in the 1870's. A few dwellings and a school house and church remain. Post office, 1850-1902.

**LAREDO.** A post office (1857-65) in the eastern part of Black Oak Township.

**LOST CREEK.** A coal mining town in the western part of Harrison Township. Post office, 1896-1907.

**MAHASKA.** The name of a post office at or near the present city of Oskaloosa in 1844. Mahaska post office was changed to Oskaloosa in that year.

**MAUCH CHUNK.** A post office (1872-1900) in section 17, Monroe Township.

**MIDDLETOWN.** Laid out as a town, but name later changed to Union Mills, still a village in the central part of Union Township.

**MOUNT VERNON.** See Hopewell above.

**MUCHACHINOCK.** A coal mining town about one mile east of the present railway station of Givin, or about five miles south of Oskaloosa, in existence from 1872 until the 1890's. It reached a population of 2,000 at one time. Post office, 1874-1904.

**NINE MILE.** A post office (1854-66) in the northern part of Black Oak Township.

**ONESKA.** A post office in Mahaska County from 1897 to 1904, but the location not found.

**ORNBAUM.** A post office from 1875 to 1876 at or near the later town of Rose Hill.

**OSKALOOSA JUNCTION.** The name of the post office in 1866 at or near the present town of Beacon.

**OXFORD.** A village in section 20, White Oak Township, in the 1850's. Later the post office of White Oak was established there.

**PEKAY.** A coal mining village in the western part of Harrison Township. Post office, 1892-1908.

**PHALANX.** A Fourier Association laid out this place in 1843 in the southern part of section 28, Scott Township, on the north side of the Des Moines River, about one mile west of where Rochester, which see below, was later laid out.

**POLK.** A post office near the central part of Scott Township in 1849.

**ROCHESTER.** A town laid out in 1850 in the eastern part of section 27, Scott Township. The post office of Auburn, which see above, was located there in the 1870's.

**ROSE HILL.** The post office of Rose Hill was located a mile or more west of the present town of Rose Hill from 1849 until 1860.

**SCOTT.** A post office (1849-67) in the central part of Scott Township.

**STONERIDGE.** Listed as a post office in Mahaska County from 1893 to 1894, but the location not found.

**WARRENSVILLE.** A hamlet in the southern part of Richland Township, on the South Skunk River. Post office, 1849-54.

**WHITE OAK.** A post office (1865-1907) in section 20, White Oak Township.

**WIDOW'S HOME.** The name of a post office at or near the location of the present village of Union Mills in 1850. Widow's Home post office was changed to Union Mills in that year.

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