

some water in a kettle and some coarse corn meal into the water and hung the kettle over the fire and then sat down to visit until the mush was cooked. Our old friend says it was the first time he ever saw mush made by putting the meal in cold water, but that it tasted very good with sweetened water.

Mr. Wilson states that the first preacher he remembers in the Maquoketa valley was Simeon Clark; other early day preachers were Rev. William Jenkins, Rev. Roberts and Rev. Weed, of whom Amasa Nims and his good wife thought so well that they named a son for him. Rev. William Jenkins settled in Perry township in 1839 and preached occasionally in the sod-covered log cabin, usually coming on horseback with a sheep skin for a saddle. Reverend William Salter preached here from 1843 to 1846, and has a very distinct recollection of the old sod-covered log house in which he first preached in the Maquoketa valley.

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### HALF BREED LANDS.

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The farming lands in the Half Breed Tract, between the Mississippi and Des Moines Rivers, Wisconsin Territory, are now offered for sale, at the office of the Des Moines Land Company, at Montrose, (formerly Fort Des Moines) head of the Des Moines Rapids of the Mississippi River. The terms of payment are one-fourth cash at the time of sale, and the balance, half in two, and half in three years, with interest at six per cent per annum. There will be a public sale of Lots in the towns of Keokuk and Montrose, commencing at Keokuk, on Wednesday, September 6th, and closing at Montrose.

Persons with families, wishing to purchase lands and settle on the Half Breed tract, can be accommodated with rooms, or dwelling houses, and stabling for horses and cattle, at Montrose, without charge of rent, for a reasonable time, to erect buildings on such lands as they may purchase.

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Office of the Des Moines Land Company.  
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