

ABANDONED TOWNS, VILLAGES AND POST OFFICES OF IOWA

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The Historical Department for a long time has had need of a list of abandoned towns, villages and post offices of the state, with their locations. Such a list we have conceived would add to the geographical and historical information of early Iowa, and would enable us to more intelligently answer questions which have many times gone unanswered. We hope such a list published in the *ANNALS* may be of similar help to those working in the libraries of the state to which this publication goes.

Our purpose is to list only those places that have been abandoned, and thus help to keep their names and memories from oblivion. Every country post office, hamlet, village or town that has passed away was, during its existence, of importance to its surrounding country. Some of these ghost towns were important business centers in pioneer days. Some had milling interests, both grain and lumber, others were simply trading and industrial centers. Their downfall came because of different reasons—the failure of water power, the waning of navigation of our inland rivers, the coming of railroads which so often missed these towns, the coming of the automobile which made travel and transportation speedier and easier, the coming of rural mail service, and many other things included in the evolution from pioneer times and conditions to the present. The blasted hopes of many an ambitious village bring a sense of regret. Many a

Sweet Auburn, loveliest village of the plain

is now a meadow or a corn field, with no trace of its former busy life.

No busy steps the grass-grown footway tread,
For all the blooming flush of life is fled.

Scanning the names the pioneers gave these places furnishes a glimpse into the life of those times. These early settlers drew heavily on nature as suggested by their surroundings. Witness

Iveyville, Paint Rock, Beetrace, and Muddy. They played with the word "prairie" in many ways, such as Prairie Hill, Mid-Prairie and Pleasant Prairie. The word "grove" entered into endless formations such as Hickory Grove, Shady Grove, and Turkey Grove. Their belief that they had achieved their fondest hopes is sometimes indicated by such names as Eden, Paradise, and Tranquility. Domestic affections had a part in many selections, as Janetown, Eliza, Elvira, and Annieville. Romance and interest run clear through the whole list of these pioneer places. A name always had a meaning to them.

As we have said, we are attempting only to give the names and locations of these abandoned places. We have also included names of towns that have been dropped for present day names, such as Montana, now called Boone. Facts as to dates are given, when possible. The *United States Official Register* from the time Iowa became a territory, 1838, until 1885, and the *United States Postal Guide* after that date have been the principal authorities as to the dates of the post offices. Many of the several county histories yield valuable information on the subject. The large number of maps, reaching from territorial times to the present, have aided in fixing locations. In several instances kind friends of the Historical Department have aided in their respective counties. We only claim for this survey such accuracy as was made possible by the authorities at hand.

ADAIR COUNTY

ADAIR. In the southeastern part of section 4, Washington Township. Post office, 1855-73.

AVONDALE. In the northwestern part of section 13, Washington Township. Post office, 1875-81.

BEREA. In section 18, Eureka Township. Post office, 1897-1903.

CARBONDALE. In the southwestern part of section 33, Summit Township. Plat of the town filed in 1892.

GILEAD. In section 36, Washington Township. Post office, 1900.

GROVELAND. In section 28, Grove Township. Post office, 1870-85.

HOLIDAY'S. In section 27, Jefferson Township. Post office, 1855-97.

JACKSON. In section 5, Jackson Township. Post office, 1869-85.

LEATH CITY. In sections 20 and 21, Union Township. Plat filed in 1902.

LEMONT. In the southwestern part of section 31, Grove Township, as shown on maps of 1875-80. It never got farther than a town on paper.

- LINWOOD.** In section 3, Summit Township, as shown on maps of 1905.
- MCKINLEY.** Listed in *U. S. Postal Guide* of 1900 as a post office in Adair County, but not found on maps of that period.
- MANCHESTER.** In section 3, Harrison Township. Plat filed in 1855.
- NANTO.** In section 16, Grand River Township. Post office, 1900-03.
- PRUSSIA.** In section 14, Prussia Township. Post office, 1900-03.
- PRUSSIA CENTER.** In section 27, Prussia Township, as shown on maps of 1881.
- SUMMERSET.** The original name of the present town of Fontanelle. Platted in 1855 and name changed to Fontanelle in 1857.
- VINO.** In section 24, Richland Township. Post office, 1873-75.
- WAHTAWAY.** In section 13, Grove Township. Post office, 1851-54. Name changed to Holaday's (which see above) and location changed.

ADAMS COUNTY

- BRISCOE.** In northern part of section 3, Lincoln Township. Post office, 1881-1903.
- BROOKVILLE.** The former name of the present town of Brooks.
- CANAAN.** In section 7, Jasper Township. Post office, 1857-60. Name changed to Simpson in 1860.
- CARSON.** A platted village in section 12, Douglas Township, as shown on maps of 1875.
- EAST NODAWAY.** In section 21, Nodaway Township. Post office, 1869-1875, then name changed to Rochelle. Soon thereafter changed to Nodaway.
- EUREKA.** In section 33, Washington Township. Post office, 1881-1900.
- HAYES.** In section 15, Lincoln Township. Post office, 1881-1903.
- HOYT.** In section 27, Douglas Township. Post office, 1889-1900.
- ICARIA.** In section 31, Prescott Township. A village two miles east of the present city of Corning. Post office, 1855-57.
- IVEYVILLE.** In section 31, Jasper Township. Post office, 1885-1903.
- MERCER.** In section 16, Mercer Township. Post office, 1893-1900.
- MT. WASHINGTON.** In section 25, Washington Township. Post office, 1863-67.
- QUEEN CITY.** A village in sections 25, Quincy Township, and 30, Prescott Township, about two miles northeast of the present city of Corning. Post office, 1859-69.
- QUINCY.** In the northwestern part of section 17, Quincy Township. A prosperous village and the first county seat. Post office, 1855-1900.
- ROCHELLE.** Formerly called East Nodaway. Post office, 1876. Name changed to Nodaway.
- SHINN.** In section 12, Douglas Township. Post office, 1885.
- SIMPSON.** Formerly Canaan (see above). Post office, 1861-69. The present town of Brooks.
- STRAND.** In section 32, Lincoln Township. Post office, 1889-1903.

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY

ALLAMAKEE. South of the mouth of Paint Creek, section 10, Fairview Township. Platted as a town in 1858, but soon abandoned. Post office, 1859-1877.

ALTON. In section 1, French Creek Township, near where French Creek flows into the Upper Iowa River. Village platted in 1858, only a few lots sold, and no town built.

BUCKLAND. In southern part of section 16, Linton Township. Town laid out in 1858. Plat vacated in 1881. Post office, 1878-92.

BUNKER HILL. In southern part of section 24, Linton Township. In 1860 that section was set over into Fairview Township. Post office, 1853-55, when the name was changed to Ion.

CAPOLI. Two miles southeast of Lansing on the Mississippi. Post office, 1853-67.

CARVERS. Shown in northwestern part of Union City Township on maps of 1855-57.

CENTER VALLEY. In southern part of Waterloo Township. Post office, 1857.

CHANTRY. In the northeastern part of section 12, Lafayette Township. Platted in 1857. Was an embryo town site on the Mississippi.

CLEAR CREEK. In section 34, Union City Township. Post office, 1857-79.

CLEVELAND. On east side of section 1, Post Township. Platted in 1856. Post office, 1857-63.

COLUMBUS. At a landing on the Mississippi at the mouth of Village Creek, two miles below Lansing. Often called Capoli, which see above. Columbus was the first county seat of Allamakee County, from 1851 to its removal to Waukon in 1853. Platted in 1852.

CONNOR. In southeastern part of section 7, Union Prairie Township. Post office, 1893-1903.

DALBY. In section 35, Center Township. Post office, 1869-85.

EGAN. In section 2, Linton Township. Post office, 1900-1903.

ELDERGROVE. In section 8, Taylor Township. Post office, 1897-03.

FANDON. In the north-central part of Jefferson Township. Post office, 1863-65.

FOREST MILLS (formerly called Werhan's Mill). In section 5, Franklin Township. Post office, 1881-1900.

FRENCH CREEK. In section 2, French Creek Township. Post office, 1855-1903.

GRANTVILLE. In the eastern part of Ludlow Township. Post office, 1860.

HANOVER. In section 31, Hanover Township. Post office, 1875-85.

HARDIN. In the extreme southwest corner of Franklin Township and partly in Clayton County, on the military road from McGregor to Fort Atkinson. A town of importance. Began to be settled in 1848 and was platted in 1854. Post office, 1851-65.

HOWARD CENTER. In section 18, Lafayette Township. Platted in 1854, adjoining Milton on the north.

JOHNSONSPORT. At the point of an important landing on the Mississippi. A town was laid out on the river front of the north half of section 15, Fairview Township, in 1856.

LARK. In Taylor Township. Post office, 1881-89.

LAFAYETTE. In the northern part of section 2, Lafayette Township, on the Mississippi River about a mile above Chantry. It had a boat landing, sawmill and stores.

LUDLOW. In section 10, Ludlow Township. Post office, 1869-75.

LYBRAND. In section 15, Post Township. The village was platted in 1851, and was prosperous for a time. Post office, 1853-67.

LYNDALE. In the northwestern part of section 23, Center Township. Post office, 1900-1903.

MAKEE. In section 18, Makee Township. Post office, 1853-67.

MANCHESTER. Sometimes called Manchester Mills. In section 6, Franklin Township. The town was close to the Post Township line and to its sister town of Cleveland. The two towns made a milling center on the Yellow River. Platted in 1859.

MARINER'S HOPE. In the northern part of Iowa Township. Post office, 1861-63.

MILTON. In section 18, Lafayette Township. Laid out in 1854. This was a milling center on Village Creek, with Howard Center adjoining on the north and the village of Village Creek adjoining on the east.

MYRON. In section 3, Post Township. Village platted in 1873. Post office, 1869-93.

NEW GALENA. In section 1, Hanover Township, on the Upper Iowa River. Platted in 1857, but never recorded. At that time thought to have rich lead ore deposits. Post office, 1859-63.

MEZEKA. In section 34, Fairview Township. On the Mississippi just south of the mouth of the Yellow River. Laid out in 1856. Post office, 1859-63.

NORTH CAPOLI. On the Mississippi about a mile northwest of Columbus and just south of Lansing, and now within the corporate limits of that town. Platted in 1858.

PAINT CREEK VALLEY. Post office, 1855. Name changed to Waterville.

PAINT ROCK. In the southern part of Taylor Township. Post office, 1853-57.

REED'S RIDGE. In section 26, Hanover Township. Post office, 1873-75.

SMITHFIELD. In the northwestern part of section 24, Franklin Township, on the Yellow River. Platted in 1854 and both sawmills and gristmills flourished there for some years.

STELLA. In section 26, Ludlow Township. Post office, 1897.

TOM CORWIN. The name of the post office at Johnsonsport in 1851.

UNION PRAIRIE. In the northwestern part of section 26, Union Prairie Township. Post office, 1851-69.

VILLAGE CREEK. In section 18, Lafayette Township (see Milton). Post office, 1859-1903. One store still remains.

VOLNEY. In section 13, Franklin Township, on Yellow River about a mile below Smithfield. Was devoted to milling business. Laid out in 1856. Post office, 1853-1903.

VOSS. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* from 1889 to 1903 as a post office in Allamakee County, but the name is not found on maps of that period.

WATSON. In southwestern part of Linton Township. Post office, 1875-81.

WEBSTER. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* of 1851 as a post office in Allamakee County, but not found on maps of that period.

WEXFORD. In the southeast corner of the east section 6, Taylor Township. Post office, 1851-61.

WIDOW POST. In section 29, Post Township. Shown on maps of 1855-56.

WILSON'S FORD. In the southwestern part of Taylor Township. Post office, 1857-63.

APPANOOSE COUNTY

ALBANY. On east line of section 1, Union Township. A prosperous village in the sixties. Had a post office from 1857 to 1860 when it was transferred to the portion of the village on the east side of the road, which placed it in Davis County.

BETRACE. Near center of section 32, Washington Township. Post office, 1859-85.

BELLAIR. In the northern part of the southwest section of Bellair Township, section 18, Township 68 north, range 18 west. It was platted in 1854. The building of the railroad town of Numa about a mile to the south in 1871 transferred the business to that place.

CALDWELL CITY. In the eastern part of section 32, Caldwell Township. A post office was established in 1857 and the town was laid out in 1873. In 1879 the name of the town and post office was changed to Exline.

CALHOUN. A post office listed in *U. S. Official Register*, 1855-57, but not found on maps of that period.

CAMDEN. A post office listed in *U. S. Postal Guide* of 1881, but not found on maps of that period.

CHALDEA. The pioneer name of Centerville. Platted in 1846. The post office was Chaldea from 1846 to 1847 when the name of the post office and town was changed to Centerville.

CRETE. A post office in Johns Township, 1880-83, as listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide*, but not found on maps of that period.

DARBYVILLE. An embryo village in section 1, Walnut Township. Post office, 1894-1910.

DAYTON. Shown on maps of 1862 in northern part of Douglas Township.

DENNIS. A post office in western part of Douglas Township, 1863-90.
DIFF. Post office listed in *U. S. Postal Guide*, 1887-1910. Now known as Sedan.

ELIZABETHTOWN. In the southeastern part of section 15 and the northeastern part of section 22, township 68 north, range 16 west. Platted in 1867, but soon thereafter was incorporated into and became a part of the town of Moulton.

FORBUSH. A coal mining town about four miles north of Centerville. Post office, 1894-1903.

GRIFFINSVILLE. An embryo village in southern part of section 23, Independence Township. Postoffice, 1869-1900.

HIBBSVILLE. Near the northeast corner of Franklin Township. It was laid out in 1852 and prospered as a village until the coming of nearby railroads. Post office, 1854-1900.

HILLTOWN. In the southern part of section 16, Wells Township, one-half mile from the state line. A former hamlet dependent on milling and coal mining. Known on the records as Pleasant View, with a post office named Wells Mills.

ICONIUM. At the center of section 5, Chariton Township. Platted in 1854 and a prosperous village until railroads came nearby. Post office, 1853-1903.

JOHNS POST OFFICE. Shown on maps 1856 in western part of the county.

JOHNSTON POST OFFICE. In southwestern part of Johns Township. Post office, 1859-63.

KEMIGALA. In Wells Township. Post office, 1903.

KIRKWOOD. In central part of Sharon Township. Post office, 1873-1900.

LANEVILLE. In southeastern part of section 29, Bellair Township. A coal mining town.

LEBANON. In section 5, Lincoln Township, as shown on maps of 1857.

LEETOWN. A coal mining town near Brazil.

LEONA. Near the central part of section 2, Wells Township. Platted in 1858, but never built up.

LIVINGSTONE. In central part of Franklin Township. Post office, 1858-1900.

MARDENSVILLE. Post office listed in *U. S. Postal Guide* of 1894, but not found on maps of that period.

MEMPHIS. In central part of Johns Township. Post office, 1857-67.

MILLARD POST OFFICE. Shown on Henn-Williams map of 1855 in east part of Caldwell Township.

MILLEDGEVILLE. Near center of section 10, Independence Township. The village was founded in 1857 and prospered until the coming of nearby railroads. Post office, 1857-1900.

MOUNT GILEAD POST OFFICE. Shown on maps from 1857 to 1862. In central part of Independence Township.

NEW HOPE. In the east part of section 28, Caldwell Township. A town was laid out in 1857, but never materialized.

NEW PLAINS POST OFFICE. Shown on maps of 1856 in central part of Washington Township.

NILES POST OFFICE. Listed in *U. S. Postal Guide* of 1851, but not found on maps of that period.

ORLEANS. In southeastern corner of section 35, Washington Township. The village was laid out in 1851 and flourished until about 1870. Post office, 1860-87.

ORVILLE. A mining town in Walnut Township established in 1892 with a post office named Clarkdale.

PEARL CITY. A hamlet with a coal mine in section 22, Pleasant Township. Post office, 1894-1903.

PLEASANT VIEW. Same as Hilltown.

PLEASANTVILLE. Another name for Pleasant View. See Parker's map, 1856.

RAY. The name of the post office at Maine, section 18, Taylor Township. Post office, 1892-1903.

RIISING SUN. In southeast part of Udell Township as shown on maps of 1868.

SHARON. In the northeast part of section 33, Sharon Township. This village was laid out in 1856 and was on the west side of the Chariton River, and not in the same location as the later station of the same name on the east side of the river. The post office was from 1851 to 1859.

SHARPSTON. A post office listed in *U. S. Postal Guide* of 1892, but not located on the maps of that period.

SHAWVILLE. A coal mining town of Pleasant Township.

STREOPYVILLE. A coal mining town of Pleasant Township.

TRANQUILITY. In southeastern part of section 16, Johns Township. Post office, 1871-79.

WALNUT CITY. In the northwestern part of Walnut Township. Never more than a hamlet and neighborhood center. Post office, 1867-97.

WALSH. Post office listed in *U. S. Postal Guide*, 1890-97.

WELLAND. In southeast corner of Franklin Township. Post office, 1859-63.

WELLS MILLS. The post office, 1851-71, at Hillstown, which see.

AUDUBON COUNTY

AUDUBON CENTER. In northeastern part of section 2, Hamlin Township. Post office, 1867. Later the word "Center" was dropped, the post office continuing as Audubon until 1871.

AUDUBON CITY. In section 1, Hamlin Township. Platted in 1856. It attained to one store, a residence and a schoolhouse, and then failed.

AUDUBON HEIGHTS. In the southeastern part of Greeley Township. Post office, 1879.

BALLARD POST OFFICE. In southeast part of Oakfield Township, as shown on Parker's map, 1856.

CIVIL POINT. In section 23, Audubon Township. Post office, 1879-81.

CONKLING. In section 23, Greeley Township. Post office, 1881-93.

DAYTON. In southwestern part of section 15, Exira Township. Platted in 1855, it became the first county seat, and remained such until 1861, when Exira won the prize. It contained only two buildings.

FISCUS. In section 12, Douglas Township. Post office, 1889-1903.

GROVE. In southeastern part of Exira Township. Post office, 1873-85.

HAMLIN. In sections 1 and 2, Hamlin Township. Laid out in 1872. It was beautifully located, had a hotel, several stores, residences, etc., was defeated for the county seat in 1873 and soon declined.

HAMLIN GROVE. In southeastern part of Exira Township. Post office, 1855-71.

HORACE. In section 17, Greeley Township. Post office, 1879-93.

IRWIN. In southern part of section 1, Leroy Township. Post office, 1871-75.

JOBES. In section 1, Audubon Township. Post office, 1877-1903.

LARLAND. In eastern part of Melville Township. Post office, 1893-1900.

LEROYVILLE, sometimes called Le Roy Post Office. In northwestern part of section 24, Leroy Township. Post office, 1871-75.

LOUISVILLE. In section 17, Exira Township. Platted in 1866 and for a few years was the busiest village in the county. Declined about 1874. Post office, 1873-75.

MELVILLE. In central part of Melville Township. Post office, 1878-89.

OAKFIELD. In southwest part of section 20, Exira Township. It was platted about 1855, soon had mills, stores and was a thriving town until 1868 when it began to decline. Post office, 1859-75.

POPLAR. In section 6, Sharon Township. Post office, 1893-1903.

THOMPSON. In central part of Cameron Township. Post office, 1893-97.

VIOLA CENTER. In section 21, Viola Township. Post office, 1881-1900.

BENTON COUNTY

BENTON. Former name of the present town of Garrison.

BENTON CENTER. Near the southeast corner of Big Grove Township. Post office, 1869.

BENTON CITY. In the southwestern part of section 20, Benton Township, just south of the Cedar River. The plat was filed in 1856. The B. C. R. & N., built in 1869, missed it, after which it declined. Post office, 1854-59.

BERKELEY. In Florence Township, about one mile east of the present town of Norway, as shown on maps of 1863.

BEULAH (Late Potato Hill). In northwestern part of Canton Township. Post office, 1857.

BROOKLYN. On both sides of the line between Benton and Black Hawk counties. Surveyed in 1856 and plat filed in 1857. Not shown on maps. Seems not to have materialized.

BUCKEYE. In Iowa Township, about three miles east of Belle Plaine. Post office, 1862-67.

BURKE. In section 11, Harrison Township. Post office, 1853-89.

DAGGETT. In southwestern part of Jackson Township, as shown on maps of 1863. Post office, 1860.

EDEN. A hamlet in southwest corner of section 1, Eden Township, as shown on maps of 1875.

FLORENCE. In section 20, Florence Township. Post office, 1863-75. Name changed to Norway.

FREMONT. In 1849 the county seat was removed to a location which is now in the northern part of the present city of Vinton. A town was laid out there and named Fremont. This name was changed to Vinton in 1853.

GENEVA. A hamlet in western part of section 3, Big Grove Township, as shown on maps of 1862-75.

GILLESPIE. In Eldorado Township. Post office, 1889-93.

GENERAL. In northern part of Big Grove Township. Post office, 1858-64.

GRAND GULF. In the southeast quarter of section 17, Taylor Township. Surveyed in 1854. Now included in the northwestern part of the city of Vinton.

GUINNVILLE. In the southeastern part of the northeast quarter of section 30, Iowa Township. Platted in 1856. Post office, 1856-61. On the laying out of Belle Plaine in 1860 this village declined.

HOOSIER POINT. In the northeast quarter of section 34, Polk Township. Later called Marysville, which see below.

IRVING. In the northwest quarter of section 6, Iowa Township. Established about 1860. A part of this busy village was over the county line to the west, in Tama County. The original village has disappeared. See ANNALS OF IOWA, Vol. XV, pp. 536-41.

LINWOOD. In southwestern part of Florence Township. Post office, 1856-63.

LONDON. In southern part of Fremont Township. Post office, 1861-64. Name changed to Robin.

MANATHEKA. In sections 26 and 35, Polk Township. It was platted in 1857, was adjoining Marysville on the east and was considered an addition to that town.

MARYSVILLE. In the northeast quarter of section 34, Polk Township (See Hoosier Point). Marysville was platted in 1847, the first town laid out in the county. Post office, 1848 to 1857, when the name of the post office and town was changed to Urbana.

NORTHPORT. The original county seat, selected and named in 1846. Plat was not filed until 1848 when the name was changed to Vinton. Now included in the eastern part of the present city of Vinton.

PAUL. In southwest corner of section 6, Homer Township. Post office, 1857-65.

PICKAWAY. In southwestern part of Union Township. Post office, 1857-65.

POTATO HILL. In northwestern part of Canton Township. Post office, 1851-52. Name changed to Beulah, which see above.

PRAIRIE CREEK POST OFFICE. In southwestern part of Iowa Township, just north of the Iowa River, as shown on maps of 1855-57, but it appears in southeastern part of the township on G. W. and C. B. Colton's map of 1868.

ROBIN. In southern part of section 26, Fremont Township. Post office, 1865-81.

ROGERVILLE. In southeastern part of Homer Township. Post office, 1893-97.

SPENCER GROVE. Given by *History of Benton County*, Western Historical Co., 1878, as one of the post offices of the county in 1867, but not found on maps of that period.

SUMMERS. In northwestern part of Fremont Township. Post office, 1873.

TAYLOR'S GROVE. In southeastern part of St. Clair Township. Post office, 1854-63.

TERRY. In Big Grove Township. Post office, 1885.

UNITY. In northeastern part of Eden Township. Post office, 1858-69.

WILLIAMS. In the southwestern part of Eldorado Township. Post office, 1858-65.

WILMINGTON. In the south section 4 of Benton Township. Surveyed in 1855 and plat recorded in 1858. Town seems not to have materialized.

WOODS. In central part of Monroe Township. Post office, 1857-63.

BLACK HAWK COUNTY

BARCLAY. In northern part of section 13, Barclay Township. Laid out in 1854 and became prosperous, but dwindled when the Illinois Central built three miles to the south. Post office, 1855-89.

BLAKEVILLE. In the northeast corner of section 26, Bennington Township. Post office, 1856-97.

BLESSING. In section 35, Lincoln Township. Post office, 1897-1900.

BROOKLYN. On the Black Hawk-Benton county line in Spring Creek Township. Surveyed in 1860, but not built up.

CALVIN. In northwestern part of section 22, Orange Township. Post office, 1897.

CANFIELD. In section 21, Barclay Township. Post office, 1889-93.

CEDAR CITY. In south half of section 6, Township 89, range 13, northeast of the Cedar River. It was platted in 1856 and was a town of some importance, having a population of about 200, but on the coming of the railroad to Cedar Falls it gave way to that city.

CEDAR VALLEY. In section 33, Cedar Township, about three miles below Washburn. Post office, 1856-81.

CRAIN CREEK. In northeastern part of section 4, Bennington Township. Post office, 1893-1903.

EDWARDS. In eastern part of section 33, Bennington Township. Post office, 1893-1900.

ELIZA. In the south section 15 of Cedar Township, near where Mud Creek empties into the Cedar River. Post office, 1852-56.

ELK RUN. In section 5, township 88, range 12, near the Cedar River, some three miles southwest from the present town of Raymond. Post office, 1853-56.

EMERT. The original name of the present town of Dewar. Platted in 1880.

ENERGY. In southeastern part of Fox Township. Post office, 1861-63.

ENTERPRISE. On the west line of section 16, Spring Creek Township. Post office, 1853-81.

FILKIN'S GROVE. Given by *History of Black Hawk County*, Western Historical Co., 1878, as one of the post offices of the county, in operation from June to September, 1858, but not located on maps of that period.

FLORENCE CITY. In section 35, Spring Creek Township, on the Cedar River. Laid out in 1855, but plat not recorded. Town never built up.

FRENCHTOWN. A name applied to the present town of Gilbertsville in its beginning in 1856.

GREENVILLE. An ephemeral town in Spring Creek Township.

GRESHAM. On north line of section 12, Bennington Township. Post office, 1885-89.

JUBILEE. In southwestern part of section 26, Fox Township. Post office, 1881-1910.

KNOX. The name of the post office at Gilbertsville for a short time in 1855.

LESTER. In southwestern part of section 16, Lester Township. Post office, 1856-85.

LOUISE. In southwestern part of section 19, Big Creek Township. Post office, 1893-1900.

MILLER'S CREEK. In southwest corner of section 26, Eagle Township. Post office, 1870-75.

MULLARKY'S GROVE. The original name of the present town of Raymond. Post office, 1858-61.

NANTVILLE. In eastern part of section 3, Mount Vernon Township. Post office, 1851-75.

OTTAWA. Located northwest and adjacent to the present La Porte City. Plat filed in 1854. It was finally absorbed by La Porte City, although the latter's plat was not filed until 1855.

STURGES FALLS. The name applied from 1845 to 1849 to the settlement that later became Cedar Falls.

STURGES RAPIDS. In northeastern part of Lester Township on the Wapsipinicon River, as shown on maps of 1862-68.

WARREN. In section 16, Spring Creek Township. The plat was filed in 1855, but the town never appeared.

BOONE COUNTY

BELLE POINT. In the north central part of Douglas Township. Post office, 1850-57.

BOONE STATION. First name of the post office at Montana. Post office, 1866-67.

BOONSBORO. The county seat of Boone County. It was located in the northwest quarter of section 29, township 84, range 26, in 1851 and the town laid out. It was a post office from 1853 to 1901. It was included in and became a part of the incorporated city of Boone in 1892.

BOONEVILLE. In northern part of section 33, Des Moines Township, just south of the corporate limits of the present city of Boone. A post office was established there in 1850, but on the county seat being established at Boonsboro it was removed to the latter place.

BRIDGEPORT. Shown on Parker's map of 1856 in the northwest corner of Grant Township.

CARSON'S POINT. In section 9, Pilot Mound Township. Post office, 1859-63.

CASSADAY'S CORNERS. In northern part of section 4, Pilot Mound Township. Post office, 1865-81.

CENTERVILLE. In the southeast corner of section 12, Yell Township, on the west bank of the Des Moines River. Laid out in 1855. It was prosperous, but only for a few years.

COALTOWN. The original name of the town of Angus.

COAL VALLEY. In section 2, Marcy Township, about a mile northwest of Moingona. Laid out in 1867. A coal mining town.

DAILY CITY. In section 4, Yell Township. Laid out in 1855, but proved to be a town only on paper.

ELK RAPIDS. In northern part of section 34, Douglas Township, on the east bank of the Des Moines River. A place of importance, having a post office in 1850, and 150 inhabitants in 1855, but soon after that it declined. For a few years afterward Elk Rapids was designated on the west side of the river, as there was a small settlement there.

FISHER'S POINT. Shown as another name for Mineral Ridge on maps of 1868 and 1869.

GARDEN. On south line of section 4, Garden Township. Post office, 1875-81.

GARDEN GROVE. Same location as Garden. Post office, 1873-75.

GRIFFIN. In the western part of section 8, Harrison Township. Post office, 1897-1900.

HARMON'S SWITCH. The present town of Jordan was called by this name for a while.

HORNBUCKLES POINT. On west bank of Des Moines River about three miles above Elk Point. Shown on maps from 1862 to 1868.

HULL. On the east line of section 19, Colfax Township, some two miles northeast of the present town of Luther. Post office, 1873-75.

INCLINE. In section 23, Yell Township, on the Des Moines River. A coal mining village. Post office, 1893-1900.

JEHU. This post office is listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* for 1885 as being in the county, but is not shown on maps.

LOGANSPORT. In section 14, Yell Township, on Des Moines River. Shown on maps of 1905.

MACKEY. A hamlet in the northwest corner of section 22, Harrison Township. Post office, 1878-1903.

MACKEY'S GROVE. Same as above. Post office, 1871-78.

MARCY. In section 13, Marcy Township, about three miles southwest of Moingona. Post office, 1863-67.

MIDWAY. The name given at first to the present town of Jordan.

MINERAL RIDGE. The name of the post office (1854-1903) at the village of Ridgeport, which see below.

MONTANA. The first name of the present city of Boone. It was laid out in 1865 and the name was changed to Boone in 1871.

PADUCAH. In section 34, Union Township, as shown on maps of 1868-69.

PARKERSBURG. In the northwest quarter of section 2, Worth Township. Laid out in 1852. It never developed much beyond a country hotel.

PRAIRIE HILL. In southwest corner of section 12, Peoples Township. Post office, 1859-85.

QUINCY. In section 14, Marcy Township. Laid out in 1854. It never developed into a real village.

RAPIDS. In Douglas Township on the Des Moines River about three miles northwest of Swede Point. Post office, 1851-61.

RENNER. This post office is listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* from 1897 to 1900 as being in the county, but is not shown on maps.

RIDGEPORT. In eastern part of section 18, Dodge Township. Laid out in 1854, and was a village of some importance for many years. Its post office, Mineral Ridge, see above.

RIVERSIDE. In section 12, Yell Township, near the west bank of the Des Moines River. Post office, 1857-69.

SMITH'S POINT. In section 4, Yell Township, as shown on maps of 1863-69.

SWEDE POINT. In northeast corner of section 36, Douglas Township. Platted in 1851. Post office, 1857-80. The name of the town was changed to Madrid in 1855.

UNIONVILLE. In Union Township. Laid out in 1858, but never materialized, nor even got on the maps.

WORTH. In Worth Township, first in section 23, and later in three other locations in that part of the township without changing the name. It ran from 1863 to 1869.

YOUGH. In section 21, Yell Township. Post office, 1861-69.

ZENORSVILLE. In eastern part of section 12, Jackson Township. A coal mining town of 400 people at one time. Post office, 1881-1900.

BREMER COUNTY

ARTESIAN. In southeast corner of Warren or northwest corner of Maxfield Township. Post office, 1893-1903.

BRECKENRIDGE. The name of the post office at Jefferson City. It was established in 1857, and in 1863 its name was changed to Denver.

BREMER. In section 9, Dayton Township. Post office, 1858-61.

BREMER CENTER. Platted in 1857. A small business place existed for a few years. The post office was named Leroy, which see below.

BUCK CREEK. A post office that had at least two locations in Dayton Township, section 25, and later section 15. Its existence was from 1863 to 1903.

DAYTON. In section 9, and later in section 6, Dayton Township. Post office, 1861-70.

DICKEY. In section 8, Douglas Township. Post office, 1885-93.

EAGLE. Located first on line between sections 3 and 10, and later in section 22, Franklin Township. Post office, 1865-69.

GROVE HILL. In section 15, Franklin Township. Post office, 1859-1903.

HORTON. In sections 26 and 27, Polk Township. Platted in 1856. Quite prosperous until after the nearby railroad was built. Post office, 1857-1903.

JACKSON POINT. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* of 1855 as a post office, but not found on maps of that period.

JEFFERSON CITY. Pioneer name of the present town of Denver. Laid out in 1855. The post office at that place was named Breckenridge, which see above.

KEY. In section 19, Franklin Township. Post office, 1877-97.

KLINGER. In the northeast corner of section 35, Maxfield Township. Postoffice, 1889-1903.

KNITTED. In section 10, Fremont Township, on Rand, McNally & Co.'s map of 1887, and in section 9, Maxfield Township, on Iowa Publishing Co.'s map of 1905. Post office, 1889-1903.

LEROY. In section 13, Leroy Township. The post office for the village of Bremer Center, which see above. Post office, 1861-75.

MARTINSBURG. The pioneer name of the village of Tripoli, which see below.

MAXFIELD. In the northeast corner of section 19, Maxfield Township. Post office, 1865-1900.

MENTOR. In section 1, Leroy Township. Post office, 1863-1900.

MINKLER. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* as a post office from 1889 to 1903, but not shown on the maps of those dates.

NEUTRAL. In the southeastern part of Jefferson Township. The first post office in the county, and ran from 1849 to 1877.

PHILLIPSTON. In section 25, Douglas Township. Post office, 1880-81.

POLK. First on the east side of the Cedar River, and later on the west side in Polk Township. Post office, 1854-61,

PONY. In Douglas Township. Post office, 1885.

ROXIE. In section 30, Douglas Township. Post office, 1893.

SIGEL. In section 27, Douglas Township. Post office, 1889-97.

SPRING LAKE. In section 17, Lafayette Township. Post office, 1857-73.

SUMNER. In section 11, Sumner Township. A post office was on that location from about 1860 to 1870, when the present town of Sumner was established two miles to the south and the post office removed to it.

SYRACUSE. In section 18, Polk Township. Post office, 1863-67.

TRIPOLI. The village was laid out in 1856 in the east part of section 33, Frederica Township. It prospered until 1880 when it was removed almost bodily one mile south to its present location on the C. G. W. Railroad.

WAPSIE. In the southwest corner of section 6, Franklin Township. Post office, 1893-1903.

WILSON'S GROVE. In the southern part of Sumner Township. Post office, 1863-67.

BUCHANAN COUNTY

ATLANTA. In southern part of Newton Township. Post office, 1859-73.

BUCHANAN. In southeast quarter of section 24, Buffalo Township. A village on Buffalo Creek, platted in 1857. Its post office was named Buffalo Grove.

BUFFALO GROVE. The post office (1855-85) for the village of Buchanan.

CANA. In southeastern part of Cono Township. Post office, 1861-63.

CASTLEVILLE. On north line of section 36, and later on west line of section 34, Buffalo Township. Post office, 1863-97.

CHATHAM. The post office (1851-81) for the town of Littleton, which see below.

COYTOWN. In the northeastern part of Hazleton Township. A hamlet and post office mentioned in *Williams' History of Buchanan County* as having started in 1852.

ERIN. In the northeast corner of section 12, Newton Township. Post office, 1855-63.

FRINK'S GROVE. In section 19, Jefferson Township. A post office from 1854 to 1861 when it was changed to Sunny Side, which see below.

GATESVILLE. In section 18, Liberty Township. Post office, 1889-1900.

GREELEY'S GROVE. In section 11, Hazleton Township. Post office, 1854-57.

HAMERVILLE. In section 33, Homer Township. Post office, 1897-1900.

HAZLETON. This village began in 1853 in the southwestern part of section 11, Hazleton Township, and flourished there until 1873 when the B. C. R. & N. was built one mile west of it. Soon thereafter the town was removed to the railroad.

IDLEWILD. A post office from 1889 to 1893 in the northeast corner of section 29, Westburg Township.

KIER. In section 22, Fairbank Township. Post office, 1867-1900.

LITTLETON. In sections 9 and 10, Perry Township. A busy village

on the Wapsipinicon River founded in 1856. Its post office was named Chatham from 1851 to about 1881 when it was changed to Littleton, but was finally discontinued about 1910.

MIDDLEFIELD. In the southwestern part of Middlefield Township. Post office, 1885-1900.

MONTI. In section 3, Newton Township. Post office, 1885-1900.

MUDVILLE. The local name applied, in an early day, to the village of Buchanan.

NEWTONVILLE. In section 16, Newton Township. Post office, 1871-1900.

OTTERVILLE. In northeastern part of section 19, Washington Township, on Otter Creek. Platted in 1857. Sawmills and gristmills flourished there. Post office, 1867-1900.

PINE. In the northern part of Liberty Township. Post office, 1855-59.

SHADY GROVE. In section 6, Jefferson Township. Post office, 1889-1903.

SUNNY SIDE. In eastern part of section 19, Jefferson Township. Post office, 1861-81.

VISTA. In section 26, Westburg Township. Post office, 1889-1903.

WARD'S CORNERS. In section 23, Madison Township. The pioneer name of the present town of Lamont. Post office, 1863 to 1881 when the name was changed to Lamont.

BUENA VISTA COUNTY

BLAINE. In section 26, Maple Valley Township. Post office, 1877-1900.

CROZIER. In western part of section 14, Grant Township. Post office, 1881-1900.

ELKTON. In western part of Elk Township. Post office, 1893-1900.

HIRES GROVE. In the northwest corner of Grant Township. Post office, 1875.

MAYVIEW. In northeastern part of Poland Township. Post office, 1881.

MENOTI. In section 34, Lee Township. Post office, 1871-85.

NORTHAM. Listed in *U. S. Postal Guide* of 1900 as a post office in Buena Vista County, but not found on maps.

ORSLAND. Listed in *U. S. Postal Guide* of 1900 as a post office in Buena Vista County, but not found on maps.

PEACH. In southwestern part of section 26, Grant Township. Post office, 1881-97.

PLUM. Listed in *U. S. Postal Guide* of 1897 as a post office in Buena Vista County, but not found on maps.

RACINE. In section 34, Lincoln Township. Post office, 1881-1900.

SAYRE. Listed in *U. S. Postal Guide* of 1893 as a post office in Buena Vista County, but not found on maps.

WEST SCOTT. On the west line of Scott Township. Post office, 1877-97.

BUTLER COUNTY

ALGONQUIN. In southeastern part of Washington Township. Post office, 1855-65.

BEAVER GROVE. In the southwestern part of Beaver Township. Post office, 1855-57.

BELGROVE. In the northeastern part of Bennezette Township. Post office, 1869.

BOYLAN'S GROVE. On the south line of section 14 and the north line of section 23 of Pittsford Township. The post office existed from 1859 to 1875 when it was removed to West Point, nearly two miles east and called Bristow. See West Point below.

BUTLER CENTER. In the northern part of section 18, Jefferson Township. Platted in 1856, it became a town of importance and was the county seat from 1860 to 1881. Post office, 1857-1900.

BUTLER RAPIDS. In the northern part of section 9, Beaver Township, on the West Fork of Cedar River. Platted in 1858. Had a busy but brief existence.

CLUTTERVILLE. On the south line of section 17, Madison Township. Post office, 1893-97.

COLDWATER. A post office removed from Franklin County in 1875 to section 6, Bennezette Township, where it existed until 1885.

ELEANOR. A hamlet and station formerly on the C. & N. W. Ry. in central part of Monroe Township.

ELM SPRINGS. Located a short distance south of the present town of Greene and platted in about 1855. Its post office ran from 1857 to 1869 when it was transferred to Greene.

GEORGETOWN. In the corners of West Point, Jackson, Ripley and Jefferson townships in the geographic center of the county. It was platted in 1857 and was intended to be the county seat, but never got beyond being a town on paper.

HITESVILLE. In section 19, Ripley Township. Post office, 1871-1900.

ISLAND GROVE. In section 35, Madison Township. Post office, 1858-68.

LEONI. Listed in *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Butler County from 1855 to 1861, but not found on the maps.

LOWELL. In section 28, Butler Township, on the Shell Rock River. Shown on the maps from 1881 to 1887.

MAUDVILLE. In the southeastern part of West Point Township and about one-half mile west of the present town of Allison. Post office, 1873.

MONMOUTH. In section 17, Butler Township, about one mile east of Clarksville, as shown on maps of 1869.

NEW ALBION. Located at the corners of sections 3 and 4, Albion Township, and sections 33 and 34, Jefferson Township. Platted about 1856. It had several business enterprises. Its post office was named Swanton, which see below.

NEW JERUSALEM. The name first given Butler Rapids, which see above.

PROSPER. In the northern part of section 10, Fremont Township. Post office, 1897-1900.

ROOT'S SIDING. The former name of the present village of Packard. Post office, 1889-1903.

SWANTON. The name of the post office (1857-1900) located about four miles southeast of New Albion, which see above, and later in the southeast corner of section 34, Jefferson Township, as shown on *Andreas' Atlas*, 1875.

UNION RIDGE. In the northwest corner of section 20, Pittsford Township. Post office, 1881.

WEST POINT. The early name of the present town of Bristow.

WILLOUGHBY. In the western part of section 9, Beaver Township. Laid out in 1856. Post office, 1857-85.

WILSON'S GROVE. In section 15, Bennezzette Township. Post office, 1878-80.

CALHOUN COUNTY

BROOKLYN. In sections 27 and 34, Lake Creek Township. Location selected by commissioners in 1855 for the first county seat, and the town staked off. The people by vote rejected the location, and no town was built, but the place got on the maps of that date.

BURNS. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* as a post office in Calhoun County in 1897, but not found on the maps.

CALHOUN. In section 22, Union Township. Given on maps from 1880 to 1887. Post office, 1881.

CALHOUN CENTER. In section 19, Center Township. It was a village that aspired to be the county seat and appears on the maps in 1880.

CRANDALL. Listed in *U. S. Postal Guide* as a post office in Calhoun County in 1897, but not found on maps.

EADS. Located immediately east of the present town of Lohrville. Laid out in 1882 and some improvements made, but lost in the race with Lohrville.

ELM GROVE. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* as a post office in Calhoun County in 1893 to 1897, but not found on the maps.

KISSEMEE. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* as a post office in Calhoun County in 1893 to 1897, but not found on the maps.

MOSLEY. Former name of the present town of Sherwood.

MUDDY. In section 3, Cedar Township. It grew to a small village. Post office, 1893-97. The coming of the railroads to Somers ended Muddy's career.

SCHONBERG. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* as a post office in Calhoun County in 1893 to 1897, but not found on the maps.

TWIN LAKES. In section 31, Sherman Township. Post office, 1867-89.

YATESVILLE. In section 22, Lincoln Township. Post office, 1867-69.

CARROLL COUNTY

BENAN. In the northeast corner of section 3, Glidden Township. Post office, 1893-1900.

BROWNING. In section 12, Sheridan Township. Post office, 1871-89.

CARROLL CITY. The name applied to the present city of Carroll from the time of its establishment in 1867 to about 1875.

CARROLLTON. In the southeast part of section 36, Pleasant Valley Township, and the northeast part of section 1, Newton Township. It was the first county seat of Carroll County from the county's establishment in 1856 until 1867, and was a town of importance in those days. Post office, 1859-1903.

COPLIN'S GROVE. Slightly northwest of the central part of Union Township, as shown on maps from 1863 to 1868.

DIVIDE. Slightly north of the central part of Wheatland Township, as shown on maps of 1878.

ELBA. In the northeast corner of section 16, Eden Township. Post office, 1873-81.

JASPER. In section 17, Jasper Township, on the North Coon River. The *U. S. Official Register* lists it as a post office in 1861 and it is carried on the maps from 1860 to 1881.

KETNER. In section 21, Sheridan Township. A small village. Post office, 1893-1900.

MACKS. In section 16, Pleasant Valley Township. Post office, 1869-71.

NILES' GROVE. In southeastern part of section 22, Union Township, as shown on maps of 1868.

ROSELLE. The post office (1876-1900) at the village of Hillsdale, which see above.

TIP TOP. The name first given to the present town of Arcadia.

CASS COUNTY

CASS CENTER. In the northeastern part of section 13, Bear Grove Township. Post office, 1875.

COLD SPRINGS. The name of the post office at the town of Iranistan (which see below) from 1851 to 1855.

EDNA. In the central part of Edna Township. Postoffice, 1853-69.

GALION. In section 27, Bear Grove Township. Post office, 1880-1900.

GROVE CITY. In the southwestern part of section 11, Grove Township, about three miles east of the present city of Atlantic. Platted in 1856. The coming of the railroad and the making of a station where the city of Atlantic now stands, ended Grove City's career. Post office, 1865-69. Its first post office was called Turkey Grove, which see below.

GURLEY. In section 5, Pymosa Township. Post office, 1865-69.

HEDGE'S GROVE. In section 10, Union Township. Post office, 1859.

INDIANTOWN. Slightly northeast of the center of section 9, Cass Township, and about one mile west of the present town of Lewis. Settled by the Mormons in 1846.

IRANISTAN. In the central part of section 8, Cass Township, about two miles west of the present town of Lewis. Laid out in 1853, being the first platted town of the county. Post office, 1855-57. Its post office for a while was called Cold Springs.

LURA. In the southern part of Grant Township. Post office, 1855-65.

McDILL. In the central part of Victoria Township. Post office, 1877.

NEWLON'S GROVE. In the southwest corner of Union Township. Post office, 1873-75.

PYMOSEA. In section 11, Pymosa Township. Post office, 1855-57.

RENO. In the northeast corner of section 20 and the northwest corner of section 21, Edna Township. Platted as a town in 1876. Post office, 1881-97.

TURKEY GROVE. The name first given to the post office at Grove City, from 1857 to 1863, which see above.

WAKEFIELD. In section 24, Atlantic (now Grove) Township, as shown on maps of 1862.

WAX. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* as a post office in Cass County from 1893 to 1897, but not found on maps of those years.

WHITNEYVILLE. In section 8, later in section 6, and again in section 16, Massena Township. Post office, 1861-85.

CEDAR COUNTY

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

ANTWERP. In the southeast quarter of section 9, township 80, range 3, about three miles southwest of the present city of Tipton. Laid out in 1839 and an aspirant for the county seat.

AYRESVILLE. A hamlet in the northwest corner of section 6, Farmington township.

BRICK HOUSE. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* of 1867 as a post office in Cedar County, but not found on maps of that period.

CAMERON. A village platted in 1869, but now constituting a part of the eastern portion of the town of West Branch.

CARLISLE. In section 20, Springfield Township. A village laid out about 1853. Its post office was named Rosette, which see below.

CEDAR. In the northwestern part of Massilon Township. Post office, 1855-63.

CEDAR RIVER. In the northeastern part of section 33, Cass Township, on the west side of the Cedar River. Post office from 1841 to 1849 when the name was changed to Gower's Ferry, which see below.

CEDAR VALLEY. In the northwest corner of section 19, Gower Township, near the west bank of the Cedar River. A village formerly the location of extensive stone quarries. Post office, 1893 and still running.

CRESSFORD. In section 22, Fairfield Township. Post office, 1867-69.

DENSON'S FERRY. Name first given to what is now the town of Massilon.

ELIZABETHTOWN. At a point on the Cedar River a little below where

the Cedar Valley stone quarries were later developed. Laid out in 1837 and an aspirant for the county seat.

GOWER'S FERRY. A post office formerly called Cedar River, which see above. It had the name of Gower's Ferry from 1849 to 1859 when it was removed to the east side of the river and the name changed to Cedar Bluff.

HARWELL. In section 4, Springfield Township. Post office, 1854-63.

HONEY GROVE. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Cedar County from 1855 to 1859, but not found on maps of that period, but thought to have been in Gower Township.

INLAND. In the northeastern part of Inland Township. A trading village of some importance. Post office, 1853-85.

LACTIN. In eastern part of Sugar Creek Township. Post office, 1853-57.

LIME CITY. In eastern part of section 16, Sugar Creek Township. A town created because of the lime industry. Post office, 1897-1903.

LITHGOW. In section 22, Springfield Township. Post office, 1861.

LIZARD. In the northwestern part of section 26, Springfield Township, as shown on maps of 1857.

MUNN. The early name applied to Lime City, which see above. Post office, 1885-93.

ONION GROVE. In the northern part of section 14, Dayton Township. Post office, 1857-61. From 1858 to 1861 the post office was in the present town of Clarence, which was then called Onion Grove. Previously called Union Grove, which see below.

PEDEE. In section 4, Iowa Township. A hamlet about midway between Springdale and Rochester. Post office, 1861-89.

PIONEER GROVE. In section 11, Pioneer Township. Post office, 1847-59.

PLEASANT HILL. In section 16, Sugar Creek Township. Post office, 1861-81.

RED OAK. In the northeastern part of Red Oak Township. Post office, 1857-67.

ROCK CREEK. The pioneer name of the post office at the town of Rochester from 1837 to 1854, when it took the name of the town.

ROCK POINT. The original name of the post office at the present town of Massilon. Listed as such in 1854.

ROSETTE. The name of the post office at the town of Carlisle (1855-69), which see above.

SHILOH. In the northeastern part of Red Oak Township. Post office, 1871-89.

SIDE HILL. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Cedar County in 1861-63, but not found on maps of that period.

SUGAR CREEK. Post office, 1885. Formerly called Sugar Creek Mills, which see below.

SUGAR CREEK MILLS. In the southern part of Sugar Creek Township. Post office, 1875-81.

UNION GROVE. Post office, 1854. Name changed to Onion Grove, which see above.

WALDEN. In eastern part of Red Oak Township. Post office, 1897.

WARSAW. In the southwestern part of section 34, township 81, range 3, about three miles west of the present city of Tipton. Laid out in 1837 and an aspirant for the county seat.

WOODBIDGE. In the southeastern part of section 32, Center Township. Post office, 1847-69.

YANKEE GROVE. In section 29, Pioneer Township. Post office, 1853.

YORK PRAIRIE. In section 6, Inland Township. Post office, 1863-71.

ZOAR. In section 19, Gower Township. Post office, 1865-71.

CERRO GORDO COUNTY

BATH. Near the center of Bath Township. Post office, 1867-69.

CLEAR LAKE CITY. In the southeastern part of Clear Lake Township, on the southeastern shore of Clear Lake. Post office, 1857-61.

COLDWATER. Near the southeast corner of Dougherty Township. Post office, 1889-97.

CREAMERY. In central part of Lincoln Township. Post office, 1889-1900.

GENESEO. In the northern part of Geneseo Township. Post office, 1861-69.

LIME CREEK. Listed in *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Cerro Gordo County from 1869 to 1871, but not found on maps of that period.

LINN. In the northern part of Geneseo Township. Post office, 1861.

LIVONIA. In section 18, Lake Township. This location, a short distance east of the east end of Clear Lake, was made the county seat in 1857, and a town began to grow up, but the county seat was taken away the next year.

MASONIC GROVE. The pioneer name of Mason City.

OWEN. In central portion of Owen Township. Post office, 1889-1900.

OWEN'S GROVE. Near the southwest corner of Portland Township. Post office, 1857-71.

ROCK. Near the northwest corner of Lincoln Township. Post office, 1863-89.

SHELL ROCK FALLS. Post office, 1857-71. The pioneer name of the present Rock Falls.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

BAUM. In section 33, Sheridan Township. Post office, 1897.

BLAIR CITY. About one mile northeast of the business section of the present city of Cherokee. Platted in 1869 in expectation of the Illinois Central depot being located there.

CHEROKEE. The old town of Cherokee in sections 22 and 23, Cherokee Township, about two miles northeast of the business section of the

present city of Cherokee. Platted in 1857. The post office was established in 1861 and a block house for protection against the Indians was erected in 1862.

CHEROKEE CENTER. In east part of section 28, Cherokee Township, in the western part of what is now the city of Cherokee. Platted in 1856. It became a town on paper only.

COULSON. In the center of Diamond Township. Post office, 1893-97.

DE LEON. In section 10, Silver Township. Post office, 1885.

EAST HAMPTON. In southern part of Silver Township. Post office, 1871.

HAZARD. The former name of the present town of Meriden. Post office, 1869-75.

MAPLE. In the northern part of Afton Township, as shown on maps of 1878.

NEW CHEROKEE. The original name of the present city of Cherokee. Platted in 1870.

PILOT ROCK. In section 16, Pilot Township, but soon removed to section 33. Platted in 1859. Post office, 1867-85.

WENDELL. In central part of Willow Township, as shown on maps of 1887.

CHICKASAW COUNTY

BEAVER CITY. A post office, 1859-61, first located on section 4, Dayton Township, three miles west of the northwest corner of the present city of New Hampton.

BRADFORD. In the south part of section 9 and the north part of section 16, Bradford Township, two miles northeast of the present town of Nashua. It was the first county seat of Chickasaw County, holding it from 1854 to 1857. The home of the Little Brown Church. Post office, 1853-94.

BOYD. A prosperous village with railroad station and post office, in southern part of New Hampton Township, started in the early 1880's and abandoned about 1920.

CHICKASAW. In section 21, Chickasaw Township. Platted in 1854 and an important town for several years. Post office, 1855-1903.

CHICKASAW CENTER. The original name of the present city of New Hampton.

CHICKASAW STATION. The original name of the present town of Ionia.

DALE. In the northern part of Utica Township. Post office, 1863.

DAYTON CENTER. In Dayton Township. Post office, 1863.

DEERFIELD. In section 4, Deerfield Township. Post office, 1857-1903.

DRESDEN. In section 1, Richland Township. Post office, 1900-03.

FOREST CITY. A village in the eastern part of Richland Township. It was for a time in 1858 the county seat of the county. Its existence was brief.

GREENWOOD. In the northwestern part of Bradford Township, as shown on maps of 1868 and 1869.

INDIANTOWN. In the northern part of Richland Township, as shown on maps from 1856 to 1862.

JACKSONVILLE. A village of importance in section 24, Jacksonville Township. Post office, 1857-85.

JERICO. In the southwest corner of section 24, Jacksonville Township. Post office, 1889-1903.

LITTLE TURKEY. In section 23, Utica Township. Post office, 1867-1903.

MAPLEVILLE. Somewhat northeast of the center of Stapleton Township. Post office, 1857-59.

MANSEN. In section 10, Jacksonville Township. Post office, 1897-1903.

REPUBLIC. In the northeast corner of section 20, Richland Township. Post office, 1889-1910.

SAUDE. In section 20, Utica Township. Post office, 1881-1914.

STAPLETON. In the southeastern part of Stapleton Township. Post office, 1857-81.

WAUDENA. In the northern part of New Hampton Township, as shown on maps of 1857 to 1862.

WILLIAMSTOWN. A village in the northeast corner of section 13, Richland Township. Post office, 1859-1903.

ZELLO. In the central part of Utica Township. Post office, 1863.

CLARKE COUNTY

BALAKA. Listed in the *Iowa State Gazetteer* of 1865 as a post office in Clarke County, but not found on maps of that period.

BARTLETTVILLE. In section 19, Franklin Township. Post office, 1853-59.

FOLGER. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* as a post office in Clarke County from 1893 to 1897, but not found on maps of that period.

FREEHOLD. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* of 1855 as a post office in Clarke County, but not found on maps of that period.

GLENN'S. In the southeastern part of Franklin Township. Post office, 1851-65.

GREEN BAY. A village on the south line of section 30 and the north line of section 31, Green Bay Township. Post office, 1863-93.

HICKORY GROVE. In the northern part of Liberty Township, as shown on maps from 1855 to 1862.

HICKORY POINT. In the northwestern part of Liberty Township, as shown on maps from 1855 to 1856.

JACK CREEK. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* of 1893 as a post office in Clarke County, but not found on maps of that period.

JACKSONVILLE. A village in the southeast corner of section 24, Liberty Township, as shown on maps of 1875.

LA HARPE. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Clarke County in 1877 and 1878, but not found on maps of that period.

LAPORTE. In section 2, Madison Township. Post office, 1855-69.

MIDDLEPORT. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* of 1889 as a post office in Clarke County, but not found on maps of that period.

MILFORD. In the northwestern part of Troy Township. Post office, 1855-69.

NORRIS. In the northwestern part of Troy Township, as shown on maps of 1855.

NORTONVILLE. A village in the southwestern part of section 13, Fremont Township. Post office, 1871-75.

OAKLAND. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* of 1869 as a post office in Clarke County, but not found on maps of that period.

OTTAWA. In the eastern part of Jackson Township. Post office, 1855-73.

PRAIRIE GROVE. A village on the east line of section 5, Washington Township. Post office, 1853-97.

RILEY. Shown at different periods, first in the northwestern part of Knox Township, in the eastern part of Doyle Township, and later in the southeastern part of Troy Township. Post office, 1859-69.

SHELBY'S. Near the southwest corner of Green Bay Township. Post office, 1857-67.

SMYRNA. In the northwestern part of section 20, Franklin Township. Post office, 1865-1900.

WHITE BREAST. Near the western border of Green Bay Township. Post office, 1851-57.

CLAY COUNTY

ANNIEVILLE. In the southeastern part of section 12, Lincoln Township. Post office, 1871-1900.

BRIDGEWATER. In the southeastern part of Lake Township, as shown on maps from 1873 to 1887.

CLARK. The first name given to the present town of Everly. Platted as Clark in 1884 and listed as Clark in the *U. S. Postal Guide* from 1885 to 1897.

CROMWELL CENTER. Slightly west of the central part of Summit Township. Post office, 1875-1900.

DOUGLAS CENTER. In section 24, Douglas Township. Post office, 1871-75.

FREEMAN. In the northeast corner of section 13, Sioux Township. Post office, 1871-75.

HERDLAND. In section 14, Herdland Township. Post office, 1881-97.

INGLEVILLE. In the northern part of Clay Township. Post office, 1875.

PLATT. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* as a post office in Clay County from 1893 to 1897, but not found on maps of that period.

PROSPECT. In the northwestern part of Meadow Township, as shown on maps from 1873 to 1885.

SUMMIT. In section 24, Summit Township. Post office, 1875.

- TRIMELLO. In section 6, Clay Township. Post office, 1875-1900.
- WILLOW CREEK. In section 36, Clay Township. Post office, 1871-1900.
- YANKEE. In the north central part of Peterson Township. Post office, 1881-1900.

CLAYTON COUNTY

- ANDERSON. In the southern part of Melville Township. Post office, 1863-65.
- BISMARCK. A town in section 6, Farmersburg Township. Platted in 1875. Post office, 1873-1900.
- BROOKVILLE. In the northeast corner of Mendon Township, as appears on maps from 1855 to 1862.
- CASS. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Clayton County from 1857 to 1859, but not found on maps of that period.
- CERES. A hamlet in the southern part of Garnavillo Township. Post office, 1863-93.
- COMMUNIA. In the northwest corner of section 18, Volga Township. Post office, 1855-1900. Still has a store and public hall.
- COUNCIL HILL. In the northeast corner of section 11, Giard Township. Post office, 1855-85.
- COX CREEK. In the western part of Cox Creek Township. Post office, 1857-75.
- ENFIELD. The name given the railway station at Strawberry Point when the road was built in 1872, but soon changed to the name of the town on order of the Railroad Commission.
- FARMERSBURG. (See National.)
- FRANKFORD. Immediately below the junction of the Turkey and Mississippi rivers, as shown by maps of 1854.
- FRANKLIN. The original name of the present town of Strawberry Point.
- FRENCHTOWN. A hamlet in Clayton Township on the Mississippi River near where stands the present town of Clayton. It was a landing and shipping point at the beginning of the settlement of that region.
- GEM. In section 2, Marion Township. Post office, 1859-85.
- GIARD. A town in the northwestern part of section 35, Giard Township. Platted in 1871. The post office was established in 1854. The coming of the nearby railroad created another village to the north now called by the same name. A few residences remain in the old town.
- GRAND MEADOW. The former name of the present railroad station and village of Ridley.
- HARDIN. In the northwest corner of section 6, Monona Township. Partly in Allamakee County, which see.
- HENDERSON PRAIRIE. In the northwestern part of Grand Meadow Township. Post office, 1865-69.
- HIGH GROVE. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Clayton County from 1855 to 1860, but not found on maps of that period.
- HIGHLAND. A small hamlet near the western part of Highland Township. Post office, 1855-1900.

HONEY CREEK. In the northern part of Ledomillo Township. Post office, 1857-63.

JEFFERSON. The former name of a village in section 30, Millville Township, laid out in 1852, now appearing on maps as Graham.

JACKSONVILLE. The former name of the present town of Garnavillo. It was laid out in 1844, and the name changed to Garnavillo in 1846.

KEELEROY. In the northeastern part of Clayton Township on the Mississippi River about two miles above Clayton. Platted in 1848.

LOCUST HILL. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Clayton County in 1859, but the name is not found on maps of that period.

LODOMILLO. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Clayton County from 1853 to 1855, but the name not found on maps of that period.

MCGREGOR'S LANDING. The original name of the present town of McGregor.

NEW STAND. In the eastern part of Elk Creek Township. Post office, 1853-63.

NORTH MCGREGOR. Former name, previous to 1915, of the present town of Marquette.

PANTHER CREEK. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Clayton County from 1853 to 1861, but the name is not found on maps of that period.

PECK'S FERRY. Near the north boundary of Mallory Township, on the Turkey River. Post office, 1857-59.

PRAIRIE LA PORTE. The name of a town which later became a part of the present town of Guttenburg. It was laid out in 1839 and became the first county seat of Clayton County. It was a post office from 1841 to 1843.

READ. The name of the post office at the town of Clayton Center. Its existence was from 1857 to 1900.

SAINT JOHAN. Former name of the present town of Mederville.

SIGEL. Near the northwest corner of Read Township. Post office, 1863-73.

SPRINGFIELD. A town in the southeastern part of section 4, Grand Meadow Township. Platted in 1869.

SPRINGVILLE. A village in the northeastern part of Millville Township, about one mile west of Turkey River Station as shown on maps of 1875 and 1880.

SYLVAN. In the eastern part of Cass Township. Post office, 1854-57.

UPDEGRAFF. In section 19, Mallory Township. Post office, 1881-1903.

WABASHA. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* as a post office in Clayton County from 1843 to 1845, but the name not found on maps of that period.

WAGNER. Near the northwest corner of Wagner Township. Post office, 1859-93.

WATSON. In section 5, Giard Township. Post office, 1885-1908.

WINDSOR. The former name of the present town of Farmersburg.

YANKEE SETTLEMENT. The original name of the present town of Edgewood.

CLINTON COUNTY

BLEEDORN. In the southeast corner of section 14, Grant Township. Post office, 1900-03.

BOONE SPRINGS. In section 5, Deep Creek Township. Post office, 1850-71.

BROOKFIELD. Slightly north of the central part of Bloomfield Township. Post office, 1861-73. On the coming of the railroad the name of the village and post office was changed to Delmar.

BUENA VISTA. In the eastern part of the southern section 8, Olive Township. Post office, 1849-1914.

BURGESS. Name of the post office (1855-85) at the village of Smithstown, which see.

CAMBRIDGE. In section 5, Spring Rock Township, as shown on maps of 1856.

CHERRY WOOD. In the southern part of section 6, Center Township. Post office, 1853-55.

ELK RIVER. In the eastern part of the east section 13, Elk River Township. Post office, 1843-71.

HAUNTOWN. The name of the village where was located Elk River Post Office. For years the village maintained a store, mill, distillery, etc.

LYONS. A village platted in 1837, which grew into a city, and in 1894 was included in the northern portion of the city of Clinton.

MEAD. The name of a post office from 1874 to 1875 at the present railroad station of Midland Junction.

NEW YORK. The pioneer name of the present city of Clinton. It appears as New York on maps from 1834 to 1854.

ORANGE. In the southwestern part of Orange Township. Post office, 1861-75.

QQIGLEY. Name of the post office (1885-1900) at the present village and railroad station of Petersville.

RAMESSA. In the southwestern part of De Witt Township. Post office, 1859-67.

RINGWOOD. A town located between Lyons and Clinton, platted in 1856, and now included as a part of the city of Clinton.

SANBORNTON. In the northeast corner of section 34, Liberty Township, on the banks of the Wapsipinicon River, as shown on the Black Hawk Purchase map, 1834.

SMITHSTOWN. A village in section 17, Sharon Township, before the coming of the railroad into that township. The name of its post office was Burgess, which see.

SPRING ROCK. In the southwestern part of Spring Rock Township. Post office, 1841-63.

SUFFOLK. Pioneer name of the post office of Elvira, being listed as Suffolk in 1854.

VANDENBURG. The pioneer name of the present city of De Witt, and the one which it bore only about a year, from May, 1841, until February, 1842.-

VOLLAMOVA. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* as a post office in Clinton County from 1885 to 1893, but not found on maps of that period.

WELTON. In section 3, Welton Township. A village founded in 1850, consisting of a colony of English artisans. It existed only a few years. The present Welton is over a mile south of the original one.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

BELL, OF BELLTOWN. A former station and hamlet on the C., M. & St. P. Ry. in section 34, Paradise Township.

BOYER RIVER. The pioneer name of the present town of Deloit.

COMO. In section 3, Charter Oak Township, as shown on maps from 1878 to 1887.

COON GROVE. In the northeast corner of Washington Township. Post office, 1875.

CRAWFORD. The pioneer name (1855) of the settlement later called Dowville, and which finally became the present Dow City.

HOHENZOLLERN. In section 23, Morgan Township. Post office, 1893-97.

JOHNSONVILLE. In the southwestern part of Stockholm Township. Post office, 1900-03.

KIRON. In the northwest corner of section 7, Stockholm Township. Founded about 1867. The coming of the railroad to that vicinity in 1899 caused the building of the present town of Kiron one mile west of the first Kiron, which eventually ended the life of the old village.

LYDIA. The former name of the post office at the present town of Arion.

MORGAN. In the southwestern part of Otter Creek Township. Post office, 1877-93.

OTTER CREEK. In section 31, Otter Creek Township, as shown on maps of 1881.

PARADISE. In section 5, Union Township. Post office, 1863.

DALLAS COUNTY

ALTON. A hamlet at the west edge of the site of the present city of Perry. Post office, 1859-69.

BOONE. According to the maps this post office, which existed under that name from 1853 to 1869, occupied locations in different parts of Boone Township, but finally came to the site of the present village of Booneville.

BROUGH. In section 9, Lincoln Township. Post office, 1873-97.

CHATTANOOGA. In the south central part of Adams Township. Post office, 1857-67.

CHICAGO. Near the southeast corner of Washington Township, as shown on maps of 1862-1878.

EPHESUS. In section 19, Washington Township, as shown on maps of 1887.

FAIRLAND. In section 16, Grant Township. Post office, 1881.

GALWAY. In the southeastern part of Union Township, as shown on maps of 1857.

GREENVALE. In the northern part of Linn Township. Post office, 1859-97.

HARVEY MILLS. A post office in Linn Township in 1881.

LANGFITT. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* of 1893 as a post office in Dallas County, but not found on maps of that period.

LINN. A post office in Linn Township in 1881.

McKAY. A post office from 1851 to 1855 when the name was changed to Wiscotta, which see.

NEW IRELAND. A name applied in an early day to the present town of Redfield.

NORDYKE. In the southeastern part of Boone Township. Post office, 1869-75.

OSPREY. Listed in the *U. S. Postal Guide* of 1881 as a post office in Dallas County, but not found on maps of that period.

PANTHER. In the northern part of Colfax Township. Post office, 1885 to 1903. Previous to 1885 it had run a few years as Panther Creek.

PENOACH. The name given to the site selected in 1847 for the county seat of Dallas County, a location in the eastern portion of the present town of Adel. It was a village for two years before the name was changed to Adel, and was listed as a post office in 1849 as Penoch.

PIERCE POINT. In the western part of Sugar Grove Township. Post office, 1859-69.

SNYDER. In section 26, Des Moines Township. Post office, 1859-81.

TRACEY. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* of 1869 as a post office in Dallas County. It is the present town of Van Meter.

UNCLE SAM. Listed in the *U. S. Official Register* of 1855 as a post office in Dallas County, but not found on maps of that period.

WISCOTTA. In sections 4 and 5, Union Township, about one mile south of the present town of Redfield. It was platted and was for a few years a prosperous village. Post office, 1855-61.

XENIA. A platted village on the west line of section 4, Des Moines Township, about one and one half miles east of the present town of Woodward. Post office, 1861-81.

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