BROOKLYN.

Of at least five of the sixteen townships in Green County, the first settlers were by birth the children of Ohio. The first of the Buckeyes in Brooklyn was J. W. Haseltine, who, though he did not begin to make a home there until 1845, bought, in December, 1839, the land on which he is living now. At Mr. Haseltine's solicitation, another Buckeye, W. W. McLaughlin, the first settler in Brooklyn, went to the township in the autumn of 1842, taking with him a flock of sheep and thirty-four head of cattle. He completed his first cabin and moved into it the first day of November, just five days before "the hard winter" began. His house was on the line of travel from the southern part of the county to the pineries, whither a large part of the produce of the county was hauled; and, though Mrs. McLaughlin was the only woman the family saw for three months, men stopped at the house several times every week, and whatever supplies the family needed were obtained from them. The stock was not so easily provided for. Mr. McLaughlin hauled straw fifteen miles, but, in
spite of all he could do, all the sheep and most of the
cattle died before spring.

Among the next settlers were Chas. Sutherland, A.
D. Kirkpatrick, Henry Montgomery (whose death the
next year is thought to have been the first in the town-
ship), and his sons Tracy and Cyrus A., who all came
in 1844. Prominent among the settlers of 1845 were
Jas. F. Eggleston, Stephen H. Ludlow, Jeremiah An-
derson and his son Amos, Wm. R. Smith, sen., Wm.
R. Smith, jun., Leroy Hudson, John Sawin, Monroe
Carpenter, and Martin Flood. Most of these settlers
were in the northern and eastern parts of the town.
They went to mill and to market in Dane and Rock
Counties much oftener than in Green, and when they
were sick their hopes centered in Dr. Fox in Dane
County. Many of them lived on Jug Prairie, a fertile
prairie in Rock County and the eastern half of Brook-
lyn, which derives its name from a remark of one of the
first settlers who went one day to Rock County to
trade. So many of his neighbors had sent by him for
vinegar and molasses that by the time he reached his
destination he had nearly a dozen jugs in his wagon.
To a joke of the bystanders, as he drove up to the store,
he replied, oh, yes, I come from jug prairie; and in spite of
the effort of the good people on the prairie to change
the name to temperance, the name jug has stuck ever
since.

While the prairie in the eastern part was filling up,
another settlement was growing in the south-east cor-
ner of the town, where in 1843, Major Downer (so
generally called Major that his Christian name is forgotten) built a saw mill on Sugar river. One or two log houses were built there about the same time. In November, '44, Chester Witter removed from Monticello to Downer's saw mill, as the place was called, and a few months later he and John S. Litchfield, of Exeter, built the first grist mill in Brooklyn. At the raising Mr. Geo. Durgin climbed to the ridge pole, and made a speech, in the course of which he gave the place the name of Winnesheek—a name rendered familiar to the earliest settlers of the county by an Indian village where Freeport is now, and by a Winnebago chief. Nearly ten years later, Connecticut people with more love of home than good taste changed the name to Milford. This name not proving satisfactory, but two or three years passed before the village was dubbed Attica. Before 1845 — Dustin had a distillery and D. D. & W. W. Day had a store in Attica. At the present time the principle points of interest in Attica are Joseph Bartlett's saw and grist mills, J. Crampton's carding machine, a cheese factory, owned by a company, the stores of C. D. W. Leonard and Wm. Young, and a hotel. The southern part of Attica was originally included in the township of Albany, but was transferred to Brooklyn in answer to petitions from the village, the first of which was presented to the County Commissioners in November, 1851.

Across the town, diagonally from Attica, on land entered by Chas. Sutherland, is Brooklyn, the youngest village in the county. The necessity for this village
began with the building of the Madison division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway in 1864, and the first house was built that year by H. Capwell. Beginning in the corner of the county, on the east side of the railroad, the village was afterwards extended on the west side by Alonzo Melvin, whose farm, lying in the three counties of Dane, Rock, and Green, bounds it on the south and west. The village has also spread over into Dane. The leading business interests of the village are represented by E. G. Andrews and Son, produce merchants, whose elevator is the largest between Madison and Beloit; Melvin, Blair & Co., manufacturers of 140,000 pounds of American cheese per annum; Johnson & Gliddin, proprietors of a feed and planing mill and cheese box factory; L. J. Wilder, B. S. Axtell, Marvin Bros., merchants; Lovejoy and Richards, lumber dealers, and D. H. Glidden, proprietor of the hotel. One of the largest granges in the county is that which has a store in the village of Brooklyn. It numbers about a hundred members, and its weekly meetings, which are varied by debates, essays, and dramatic representations, are largely attended. Its members carry home books from their circulating library, and feel repaid for their long rides by the recreation, the general information, and the ability to conduct public meetings gained at the regular gatherings of the association.

Town meetings in Brooklyn are held sometimes in Attica, sometimes in the village of Brooklyn. The first meeting was held at the house of Nelson J. Patterson, April 7, 1849. The number of votes cast was
eighty-two. J. W. Haseltine acted as clerk of the meeting and made the first returns to the county. The county clerk hesitated about receiving the returns because the clerk elected for the year had not brought them, but finally took them because they were "in better shape than those from half the towns." At a town meeting held at Attica, April 7, 1874, it was found that twenty-three men were present who had voted at the first meeting twenty-five years before. By order of the meeting the clerk recorded their names as follows:

Davis Fenton.
Jonathan Smith.
*William Kirkpatrick.
Franklin Patterson.
N. J. Patterson.
Alonzo Purington.
*Powell Shell.
David Heathman.
John Pace, Sen.
D. N. Shaw.
Ezra Doolittle.

Cyrus A. Montgomery.
O. P. Stowell.
*W. W. McLaughlin.
J. F. Eggleston.
*Sylvester Gray.
Joel Smith.
J. W. Haseltine.
Jeremiah Anderson.
Wm. R. Smith, Jun.
Chas. S. Gray.

LARGEST FARMERS IN BROOKLYN IN 1876.

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*Messrs. Shell, S. Gray, Kirkpatrick, and McLaughlin have since died.
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Joel Smith, 220 A. H. Waldo, 240
Stephen Swan, 280 John Weaver, 260
W. M. Tallman, 320 W. W. Young, 220
David Watkins' estate, 240

TOWN OFFICERS OF BROOKLYN FROM 1849 TO ’77 INCLUSIVE.

CHAIRMEN.
A. D. Kirkpatrick. W. W. McLaughlin, 6 yrs.
Chester Witter, 2 years. J. A. Sawin.
Martin Flood. Henry R. Allen, 3 years.
W. W. McLaughlin. W. W. McLaughlin, 3 yrs.
A. D. Kirkpatrick. James Root.
W. W. McLaughlin. F. R. Melvin.
Levi Crawford.

CLERKS.
O. P. Stowell, 3 years. E. J. Andrew.
Edmund Hill, 2 years. Edwin Netherwood, 3 yrs.
W. B. Patterson. M. F. Ross.
James McCoy, 2 years. M. F. Ross, 3 years.
Tracy Montgomery. B. S. Axtell.
Jas. McCoy, 9 years.