

WASHINGTON.

About the time the capitol at Madison was begun in 1837, Josiah Pierce of New York landed at Milwaukee, where he was almost immediately engaged to go to Madison and board the workmen. His was the second family in Madison. In the following November, he removed to a cabin which he had built during the summer in what is now the town of Washington, Green County. The cabin, whose dimensions were sixteen by eighteen feet, was on the line of nearly all the travel from the eastern part of the state to Galena, and there was hardly ever a night that some one did not stop there. Sometimes the guest was Gov. Dodge attended by his colored servant, who rode at a respectful distance behind the Governor, and carried his excellency's pistol.

This was the time of the "wild cat" currency. Apparently everybody could issue money and as much as he chose, and those who did not issue it had no trouble in getting it, though it was often not worth the getting. Mr. Albert H. Pierce, then seventeen years of age, could easily earn \$30 a month at farm labor, but it took \$50 dollars to buy him an ordinary coat. A man who

was hauling flour from Galena to the garrison at Fort Winnebago once broke down near Mr. Pierce's, and finding he could not go on with the whole load, kindly sold Mr. Pierce two barrels at thirteen dollars a barrel.

Mr. Noah Phelps, who helped survey Green County before the Black Hawk war, returning at the conclusion of his work to his home in New York state, wished to bring his family to Wisconsin in 1837. He was nearly ready to start in May, when the banks suspended specie payment. As all his money was in bank notes, and as government land could be bought only with coin, he was obliged to wait. When specie payment was resumed the next May he was still ready to come, and in June, '38, he made the second home in the town of Washington. By 1842-'43, when the next settlers came to Washington, there were so many people in the county that residence in it was no longer presumptive proof of acquaintance with all its inhabitants. The settlers in the different parts of Washington seem to have had very little to do with each other, and it is now impossible for any of them to give a chronological list of the first comers. Samuel Holloway, of Illinois, went to Washington in '45, before which time — Wise, — Vance, Franklin Pierce, J. S. Fessenden, Elias Wright, of Ohio, and — Kirkpatrick, of Pennsylvania, had made their claims. Elijah Roby, of Ohio, went in '46, and C. J. Simmons went in '47. Among the next settlers were Samuel O. Allison, of Illinois; Hiram Bain, of New York; James Richards, of Indiana; John Perine, Barney Becker, Wm. Tucker, James Crouch,

— Webster, Jas. Parks, — Sires, James Lang, Solomon Willis, John Frost, — Hendrickson, and James Hilton. In '46 and a few succeeding years, a great many Swiss went to Washington from the colony at New Glarus, and at the close of the Mexican war the soldiers' land warrants gave a new impetus to the settlement of the town.

Washington is watered by Skinner creek and by several branches of Sugar river. It is more abundantly supplied with timber than New Glarus, to which town it is similar in having a good soil, a broken surface, and a Swiss population largely engaged in the rearing of stock and the manufacture of cheese. It is unlike New Glarus in having once thrown the whole county into a commotion. The exciting cause was an ignorant boy who went to Madison and told that his employer in Washington had murdered a man. The story was the more shocking from being told of one who was as little likely as any man in the town to be suspected of crime, and until the boy had confessed that the whole story was false and had been sent to the reform school there was little else thought of in the county. This was the second time that the grave of a living man was sought for in Green County, where evidence of murder will probably be necessary hereafter to make men take up the cry of murderer.

Washington is mainly distinguished for her cheese. Since a part of this book has been in type it has been stated on the authority of the manufacturers that 1,000,000 pounds of American, 775,000 pounds of Lim-

burger, and 225,000 pounds of Swiss cheese were made in Green County in 1876, and sold at an average price of twelve cents per pound for Swiss cheese, and ten cents per pound for other kinds. No estimate has been made as to how much of this valuable product Washington might claim, but no other town except New Glarus has made so much. Following is a list of Washington's factories in '76. Several new ones have been started the present year:

CHEESE FACTORIES.

Names of Manufacturers.	Kinds of Cheese.	Names of Manufacturers.	Kinds of Cheese.
D. & H. Freitag,	Swiss & Limb.	J. Zimmerman,	Swiss.
G. Witwer,	Swiss.	John Gange,	American.
Jacob Karlen,	Limburger.	John Boss,	Limburger.
N. Gerber,	Limburger.	M. L. Barney,	American.
G. Behler,	Limburger.	E. W. Cheesbro,	American.
R. Karlen,	Swiss.	Miller, Frautschy & Co.,	Limburger.
C. Theiler,	Limburger.		
	M. Zumbrunnen,		Swiss and Limburger.

LARGEST FARMERS IN WASHINGTON IN 1876.

Names.	No. of Acres.	Names.	No. of Acres.
James Barney	- 265	John Gempler,	- 160
Anton Baumgartner,	260	Geo. Gill,	- 240
John Baumgartner,	- 160	Andrew Harper,	- 360
Caspar Becker, Sen.,	401	Fridolin Hefty,	- 203
Caspar Becker, Jun.,	- 171	Thos. Hefty,	- 401
David Benkert	- 165	Gustavus Hilton,	- 177
J. G. Biddlingmeier,	- 200	Benedict Isely,	- 160
Adam Bloomer,	- 387	Christopher Isely,	- 240
John Bloomer,	- 180	Rudolph Karlen,	- 302
Fridolin Blum,	- 263	Richard Keegan,	- 384
Jacob Buergy,	- 172	Thos. Leman,	- 200
L. Burtis,	- 310	Wm. Leman,	- 180
E. W. Cheesbro,	- 200	Wm. Maguire,	- 280
John Dick,	- 168	Melchoir Marty,	- 257
Fridolin Elmer,	- 200	Benedict Miller,	- 260
J. S. Fessenden,	- 160	James Murphy,	- 160
Wm. Fleury,	- 320	Patrick Purcell,	- 400
Jacob Frautschy,	- 200	E. Roby,	- 160
John Frautschy,	- 160	Melchoir Schlittler,	180
Dietrich Freitag,	- 253	Christopher Schuler,	- 167
John Gange,	- 280	Michael Shay,	- 160

Names.	No. of Acres.	Names.	No. of Acres.
C. J. Simmons,	- 560	M. Wittenwyler, -	160
John Teehan, -	160	Gottlieb Wittwer, -	323
Christ. Theiler, -	200	Jacob Zimmerman,	198
Jeremiah Thurlow,	166	Bernhard Zweifel, -	164
Dietland Tomm, -	200	Fridolin Zweifel, -	210
Joseph Voegly, -	302	Fridolin Zwickey, -	163
Peter Wagner, -	211	Gottlieb Zumbrunnen,	192
Jacob Weissmiller,	280	Jacob Zumbrunnen, -	298
Christ. Wessenberg, -	240	Martin Zumbrunnen,	620

LARGEST STOCK GROWERS.

E. W. Cheesbro.
C. J. Simmons.

M. J. & O. Zumbrunnen.

The first town meeting in Washington was held at the house of James Lang.

OFFICERS FROM 1849 TO 1877 INCLUSIVE.

CHAIRMEN.

ELIJAH ROBY,
ALBERT H. PIERCE.
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ALBERT H. PIERCE.
ELIJAH ROBY, 4 years.
ALBERT H. PIERCE.
ELIJAH ROBY.
ARGALUS LOVELAND.
A. H. PIERCE,
L. SELTZER, 2 years.
SAMUEL SHOOK.

FRANKLIN PIERCE, 3 years.
L. SELTZER, 2 years.
FRANKLIN PIERCE,
L. SELTZER.
S. T. CLAYTON.
BENEDICT MILLER.
S. T. CLAYTON.
SAMUEL SHOOK, (resigned,
Adam Bloomer, appointed).
FRIDOLIN BLUM, 3 years.

CLERKS.

WM. TUCKER, four years.
M. J. HANCOCK, two years, re-
signed, Addison Macomber
appointed.
ARGALUS LOVELAND, two years.
J. M. WHITE.
L. SELTZER, three years.
F. BLOOM, Jr., four years, re-
signed, M. L. Barney, ap-
pointed.

JACOB HEFTY, four years, re-
signed, J. Frautschy ap-
pointed.
JACOB FRAUTSCHY, two yrs.
L. SELTZER, two years, re-
signed, S. T. Clayton ap-
pointed.
BENEDICT MILLER, five
years.