

HISTORY  
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ILLINOIS.

FROM THE EARLIEST PERIOD TO THE PRESENT TIME.

COMPLETE IN ONE VOLUME.

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## PREFACE.

SOME years ago the Publisher of this volume conceived the idea of preparing an historical work on the most marvellous of modern cities, Chicago. At an early period in the progress of that undertaking, the fact became apparent that a history of the metropolis, no matter how exhaustive it might be in itself, could not be made to include one of the most essential features of the social vitality of the city, namely, a description of the numerous suburban residence villages which form quiet retreats for thousands of busy men when the day's activities in the commercial center are done. Home life in these villages, which are, in most instances, rural only in comparison with the great city, is the delight of thousands who, if treated of only in their relations to commercial affairs, would be but partially represented.

It was also seen that a history of the city could not be made to include a record of the political, educational, religious, agricultural, and social affairs of the county of which Chicago is the capital, although each of these subjects contributes to the *sum total* of the city's importance as a political and social power.

It was, therefore, decided to extend the scope of the plan, and prepare a volume which should embrace the extramural themes, as well as an epitomized history of Chicago; thereby forming a work at once complete within itself and supplemental to the comprehensive work pertaining solely to the city.

The dimensions and character of this History permit of the detailed description of the villages and townships of the county. A large corps of competent and experienced writers was employed for many months in the labor of gathering and compiling the histories of the several townships, by the examination of records and interviews with old residents. Care has been taken to obtain all information vital to the theme of the county's development, and to reduce to permanent form the scattered fragments of knowledge that were fast disappearing.

The manufacturing interests of the county, while tributary to the city's aggregate of trade, possess a special importance, in many cases, as centers of thrifty communities. They should be described, therefore, in their relative bearing to the townships in which they exist, rather than be made to lose their individual character as parts of an industrial statistical report.

The history of the greatest live stock market in the world belongs to the town of Lake. The magnificent educational institutions which make the name of Evanston known throughout the country are a source of commendable pride. The institutions at Morgan Park are likewise the cause of special desire for treatment after this plan. The manufacturing villages in Hyde Park are among the most noted in the State; while Pullman suggests a theme demanding fullest attention.

Individual mention is also a special feature of this work, and forms a valuable portion of the History, because by this method only can the details of that enterprise and accomplishment which has made Cook County what it is, be preserved.

The early history of the region, and the narrative of original settlement, as well as the chief commercial and professional topics, compose the preliminary portions of the work, comprising a most entertaining series of distinct divisions; but the distinguishing characteristic of the History is its elaborate sketches of the townships and villages. The advantages of this method are obvious, embracing, as it does, the personal statements of early settlers, the descriptions of localities, and the official political records of the numerous divisions of the county.

The maps, views and portraits of representative men add interest and value to the work.

The acknowledgements of the Publisher are hereby made to the many hundreds of persons who have freely aided the writers in the preparation of their manuscript.

While it is beyond reason to expect absolute accuracy in such a work, every effort to secure correctness has been made, and, it is confidently hoped, a near realization of that desideratum has been attained.

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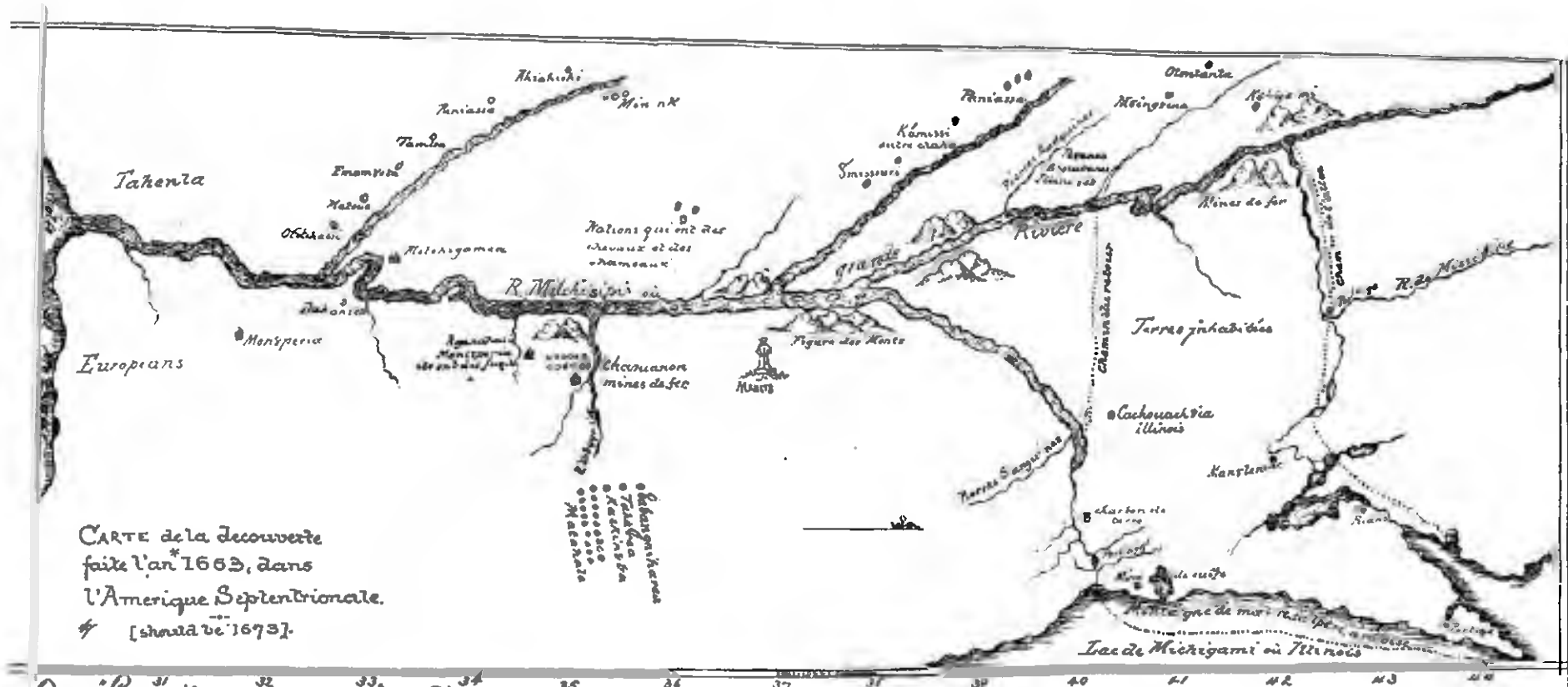
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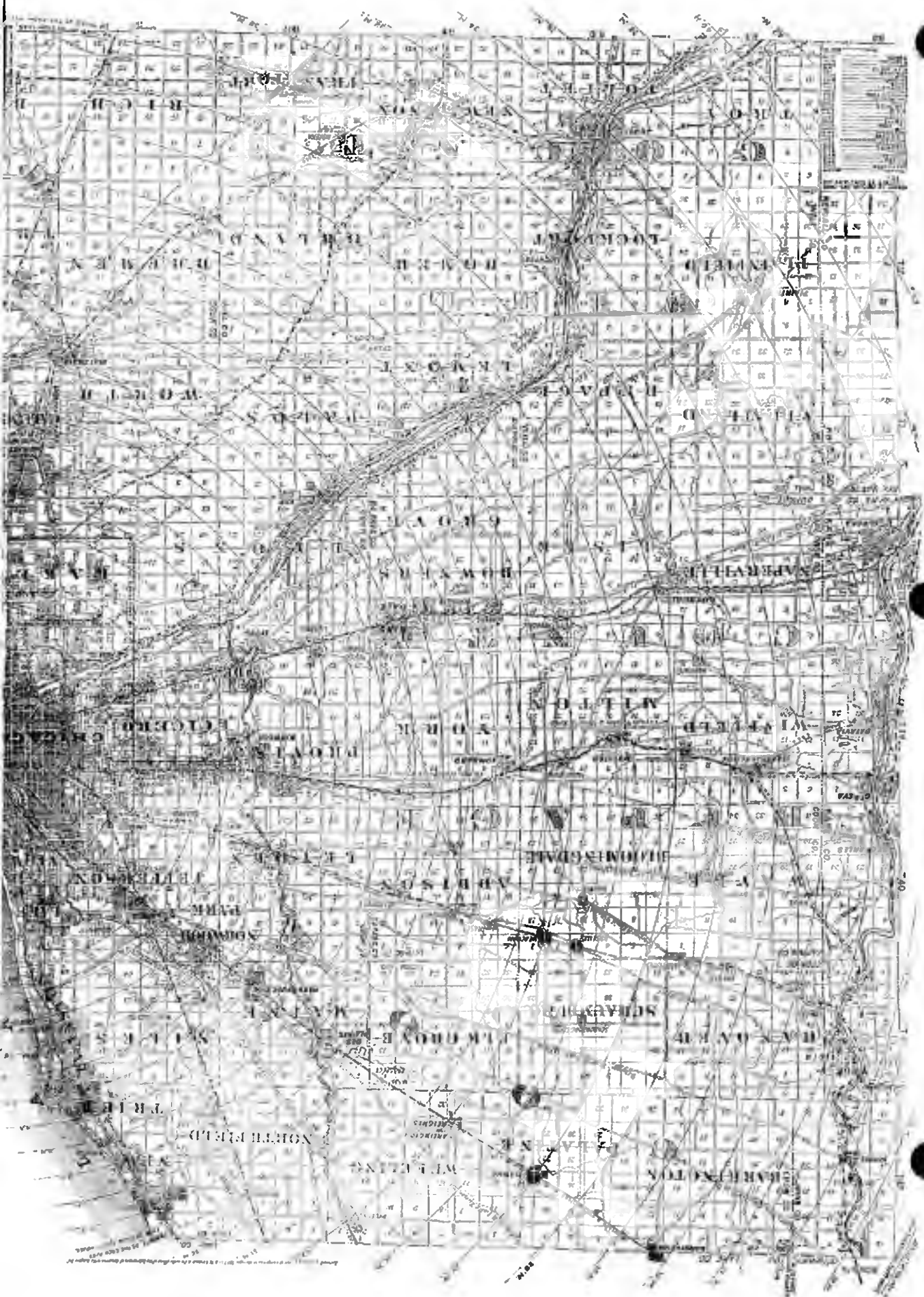


CARTE de la decouverte  
 faite l'an 1669, dans  
 l'Amérique Septentrionale.  
 [shava ve 1673].

From "Recueil de voyages de M. Thavenot. Paris. 1681."  
 Chis. Hist. Soc.

THEVENOT'S MAP, 1673,

Thévenot's map (1673), as originally drawn, bore the title "Map of the New Discovery that the Jesuit Fathers made in the year 1672, and continued by Father Jacques Marquette, of the same Society, accompanied by several Frenchmen in the year 1673," etc. It was first published in 1681, by Thévenot, in his *Recueil de voyages*, in connection with Marquette's *Découvertes dans l'Amérique Septentrionale*. The names of the Illinois and other Indian villages west of the Mississippi generally correspond with those laid down on Marquette's map, but the Kaskaskia village on the Illinois River, which Marquette mentions, is not represented here. The frequent mention of mines—iron, copper, coal, etc.—with the names Lac de Michigami, Puans, Pewareca, and notably the word Blood Stones, which also appears on Joliet's map of 1674, indicate that the above was made from his descriptions, or by himself, although errors in the map seem to refute such a supposition.





the board of Tax Commissioners of that State, and Postmaster and Collector of Customs at Savannah, Ga. He was one of the publishers of the New Era, a Republican daily paper of Atlanta, Ga., and was an earnest and efficient worker in the reconstruction of that State. On resigning his collectorship he was appointed president of the United States Commission to investigate the Mexican outrages on the Texas frontier. He was subsequently identified with the railroad interests of Texas. Mr. Robb was president of the Corpus Christi & Rio Grande Railroad. He was one of the projectors and builders of the Chicago, Texas & Mexican Central. He was engaged with those interests until 1882, and is now devoting his time to his private business. He was the third Mayor of Sacramento, and assisted in organizing the first council of that city. Mr. Robb was married in early life to Miss Mary S. Morse, who lived but a few months after her marriage. In 1852 he was married to Miss Miriam Goodnow, daughter of George L. and Mary Goodnow. She died in 1856, leaving two daughters—Ella A. and Miriam G. He was married a third time, in 1857, to Mary C. Goodnow, who has borne him one son, Thomas P., Jr.

A. J. WHITCOMB, carpenter and builder, was born in Lewis County, N. Y., in 1832, son of Moses and Lucy Whitcomb. He came to Cook County in 1845 with his parents, who located in Chicago seven years, thence moving to Niles, where his father died in 1872, at the age of eighty-four, his mother in 1873, at the age of seventy-seven. At the age of twenty-one Mr. Whitcomb engaged in boat building, and subsequently was employed in the ship yard. At the age of twenty-five he commenced as a carpenter and builder, which he has followed from that time, coming to Park Ridge in 1860. He married, in 1855, Miss Ellen D. Haskins, daughter of Aaron and Caro-

line Haskins. They have one child, Emil Whitcomb. He has been Trustee for Park Ridge Corporation for two terms, and member of the school board for a number of years.

#### OANFIELD.

This station is located on the Wisconsin Division of the Chicago & North-Western Railroad, eleven miles from Chicago. The tract of land which it was designed to build a town upon was purchased by the Illinois & Wisconsin Land Company, who, in 1853, paid for it \$21 per acre. Three hundred acres were laid out into blocks, lots and streets, but on account of the crisis of 1857 the plan was not a success, and the land was sold at from \$40 to \$50 per acre. Nothing more was done until 1873, when A. O. Badeau purchased sixty-five acres of the land at \$600 per acre, and named his interest Ridgelawn. On account of the suburb lying on the dividing ridge between the Desplaines River and the North Branch, the name was considered appropriate. At the time of Mr. Badeau's purchase it was his intention, as well as that of George H. Pierco, to build a number of houses, and thus attract residents, but nothing was done, and the village has not yet been built. The railroad station and one farmhouse, originally used as the depot, are all there is of it at this time.

## HISTORY OF WHEELING.

### (TOWNSHIP)

The town of Wheeling lies in the north part of Cook County, and is bounded on the north by Lake County, on the east by Northfield, on the south by Maine and Elk Grove, and on the west by Palatino. The highest land in the township is in the western portion, there being a gradual slope to the Desplaines River, which flows southward through the eastern tier of sections. The soil is a rich prairie loam. Originally the timber along the Desplaines River consisted of a belt about three-fourths of a mile in width, and was, perhaps, equally divided between Wheeling and Northfield.

Probably the first settler in the town was a Mr. Sweet, whose first name cannot be ascertained. He arrived in March, 1833, selected a claim on Section 13, and built a cabin, in which he lived until the following October. As this was before the ratification of the treaty with the Pottawatomie Indians, with reference to their retirement from these lands, and as they were generally opposed to their occupancy by white men, Mr. Sweet must have been on especially friendly relations with them in order to remain there, and yet his desire to remain seems not to have been excessively strong, for in October he sold his claim to George Strong for \$60. Mr. Strong, before finally deciding to buy this claim, consulted Colonel Thomas J. V. Owen, Indian Agent at Chicago, as to the propriety of moving onto it, and as to the probable results. Colonel Owen advised him not to go, as the Indians were

hostile, and as, in addition, it would be necessary for him to use the United States troops in defending the rights of the Indians in case Mr. Strong should attempt to occupy the land before the ratification of the treaty. Mr. Strong, however, having set his heart upon this claim, and knowing that the treaty would be ratified in a short time, decided to make the venture, and on Monday, September 2, took possession of his claim. At this time his nearest neighbor to the northward was Captain Wright, who was said to be the only one between him and Waukegan; and to the southward his nearest neighbor was either General Peet or Captain Talcott—probably the former, who moved onto the claim where his son, A. W. Peet, now resides, in December of the same year. Soon after moving into the Sweet shanty, it was surrounded by about a dozen Indians, whose intention was to drive off Mr. Strong. He, however, was not to be driven off easily. Going outside, he had quite a fight with them, knocking one of them flat upon the ground. He was immediately surrounded by the others, who with uplifted tomahawks and drawn knives threatened him with instant death. His escape is attributable only to his showing no signs of fear. The treaty was soon afterward ratified, and settlers came on in considerable numbers. Timothy Titcomb almost immediately afterward settled just north of Mr. Strong, on Section 13, but soon sold out to Myron Dimmick, who staid, however, only three or four years. William B. Clay, and his two sons, John B. and D. H. Clay, settled

on Section 12, S. M. Salisbury on Section 2, James Mackey and his brother on Section 24, Christopher and Daniel Stanger on Section 13, and Christian Stryker on Section 12. These, among others, came in 1834, the last in December. Peter Gebhardt came in January, 1835, remained about six years, and sold out to Henry Miller. Israel Martin also came about this time, but after a short residence moved to Pulaski. Joseph Filkins, who had made his claim in 1834, built his cabin and moved his family into it in 1835. Matthew Chivol came in February, 1835, during which year eighteen log houses at least were raised. In March, 1836, William H. Dunton moved into the town and has ever since been a continuous resident. In 1837 Ephraim and Charles Morrison settled on Section 11 or 12; Russell Wheeler and Charles Daniels opened a store where the village of Wheeling is located, which they kept four or five years, and sold to Joel L. McDuffy. In 1838 a Mr. Shepard, or Shepherd, started a blacksmith shop, and Asher G. Skinner arrived and settled on Section 12. Daniel Martin came in 1839. By this time there were about two hundred inhabitants in the town. After the ratification of the Indian treaty the principal cause of excitement for the first few years white men occupied this territory was claim-jumping, and if no one was killed for this crime, it was probably because the rightful possessors were so thoroughly united and organized as to be fully conscious of their strength and fully assured of success in the defense of their rights, as claim-jumpers usually had to fight single-handed. A committee consisting of seven citizens, belonging to Wheeling, was appointed to decide on questions of rightful ownership in all cases of claim-jumping. This was the Inferior Court. Besides this, a Superior Court, or Court of Appeal, was appointed, consisting of three citizens, S. M. Salisbury, George Strong, and Joseph Filkins, before which any case might be carried if the decision of the Inferior Court caused dissatisfaction, but the decision of the Superior Court was final. The most serious difficulty the settlers of Wheeling were connected with was the ejecting of a claim-jumper from a claim just north of the present boundary of their town in Lake County, in which case the claimant was assisted by two female members of his family feigning sickness. A physician, summoned for the purpose, examined the "sick" women and pronounced them in perfect health, and on the strength of his report the women were carried out of doors on their beds by the Wheeling vigilantes, and the house pulled down. This was about the last of the difficulties of this kind.

In 1837 a survey of the lands in this town was made, and as it was known that the boundaries of the various claims already taken could not correspond with the section lines that would be run, the settlers, by mutual consent, selected S. M. Salisbury to purchase all the land they had claimed, with the understanding that he should re-deed each one's individual claim to him, as nearly as practicable, being at the same time governed by the section lines as run by the survey. This plan was carried out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

From the time elections became necessary to 1850, when the town was organized, the territory embraced within its limits, together with a part of Maine and Northfield, was known as Wheeling Precinct. The place of voting was at Wilcox's tavern, situated on the Milwaukee road near where it crosses the Des-plaines River. After the organization of the town elections were held at the village of Wheeling.

This town was organized, as were the others in the county, April 2, 1850. The meeting was held "at the house lately kept by James Parker in the town of Wheeling." William H. Dunton was chosen Moderator, Egbert Van Vlack, Clerk, and George Fullagar, Assistant Clerk. The election resulted in the choice of the following officers, each receiving the vote appended to his name: Supervisor, S. M. Salisbury, 106; Clerk, Lewis Peet, 96; Assessor, Ira Millard, 100; Collector, D. B. Briggs, 100; Commissioners of Highways, Ira Snow, 100, W. H. Dunton, 171, Andrew Luco, 99; Constables, D. B. Briggs, 122, S. D. W. Miller, 98. A pound was provided for, to be as near the center of the town as practicable, and Myron Thornton was appointed Pound-master. Three hundred dollars was voted to be raised for the support of the poor, for building a pound and for the incidental expenses of the township, but no tax has ever been levied for the support of the poor in Wheeling, nor was a pound provided at that time. Three hundred dollars was raised for road and bridge purposes. Fences were required to be built four feet high. The total number of votes cast at this election was 191, as certified to by Lewis Peet, Town Clerk, indicating a population of about 750. The Commissioners of Highways met April 19, and divided the town into six road districts. Their second action was to vacate a road running north and south from the Rand road to the Dundee road, between Sections 7 and 8, and 17 and 18. This action was taken May 4, on the petition of ten citizens, dated April 19. The board of appointment, consisting of S. M. Salisbury, Supervisor, Lewis Peet, Clerk, William Scoville, Justice of the Peace, and Joel F. Hawks, Justice of the Peace, met May 4 at the house of George Strong, and appointed Lysander Miller Overseer of Highways for District No. 1; Richard Adams for No. 2; Ira Snow for No. 3; George Strong for No. 4; Stephen Lamb for No. 5, and James Dunton for No. 6. On the 13th of March, 1851, the Commissioners divided the town into nine districts each two miles square. The first highway fund, received by the Commissioners of Highways previously to March 25, 1851, was \$260. At that time it was reported that in five of the road districts there had been performed five hundred and ninety-seven days' work, and in one other district one hundred and one. The elections subsequent to that of 1850 have resulted in filling the offices as follows:

*Supervisors.*—Joseph Filkins, 1851; John Filkins, 1852; Joseph Filkins, 1853; William Scoville, 1854-55; Jesse Matteson, 1856-57; George Strong, 1858 to 1865; William H. Dunton, 1866-67; Frederick Tesch, 1868 to 1870; David Peter, 1871; Frederick Tesch, 1873 to 1875; C. Giles, 1876 to 1883, inclusive.

*Clerks.*—John Filkins, 1851; E. K. Beach, 1852 to 1856; Charles Vogt, 1857 to 1859; F. A. Ruzain, 1860; William H. Dunton, 1861 to 1865; J. H. Follows, 1866; Ira Millard, 1867; William H. Dunton, 1868 to 1871; Albert G. Kennicott, 1873; A. P. Towksbury, 1874 to 1876; August Waarick, 1877; E. M. Thomas, 1878 to 1880; Fred R. Pfeifer, 1881 to 1883, inclusive.

*Assessors.*—Ira Millard, 1851; E. Berry, 1852; William Scoville, 1853; F. R. Hamilton, 1854; William R. Dunton, 1855; George Fullagar, 1856; Chauncey Fuller, 1857; Jacob Scowalt, 1858; F. R. Hamilton, 1859-60; Ira Millard, 1861; C. Hegwain, 1862; George Schneider, 1863-64; George Strong, Jr., 1865; George Schneider, 1866 to 1883, inclusive.

*Collectors.*—D. B. Briggs, 1851; Ira Snow, 1852 to 1854; D. F. Wood, 1855; Robert Hopp, 1856; J. T. Webster, 1857; Henry McKnab, 1858; Jacob Fritsch, 1859 to 1861; Hiram Snow, 1862; Samuel W. Peese, 1863; O. Vogt, 1864; George Schneider, 1865; John Peter, 1866; George Strong, 1867; Charles Taage, 1868-69; Otto Nolte, 1870; Jacob Fritsch, 1871; David Peter, 1873-74; August Waarick, 1875-76; Otto Nolte, 1877-78; Conrad Miller, 1879; Henry Weinrich, 1880-81; Charles W. Lorenzen, 1882-83.

*Commissioners of Highways.*—Ira Snow, George Strong and David Fellows, the latter appointed 1851; Peter Schenck, David Fellows and A. W. Peet, 1852 to 1854; David Fellows, George Fullagar and E. A. Allen, 1855; David Fellows, George Fullagar and John Bromley, 1856; David Fellows, John Bromley and Christian Hegwein, 1857; David Fellows, Christian Hegwein and William Kirkhoff, 1858; A. W. Peet, Alonzo Hawks and Hiram Perry, the latter appointed 1859; A. W. Peet, A. Hawks and M. D. Dean, 1860; Frederick Tesch for one year, L. Arnold for two years, and Phillip Wolf for three years, 1861; E. A. Allen, 1862; Alonzo Hawks, 1863; Henry Russell, 1864; Hiram Snow, 1865; Jacob Schmah, 1866; Jacob Hunsinger, 1867; Luther Whiting, 1868; Ludwig Volberding, 1869; Jacob Hunsinger, 1870; August Waarick, 1871; Harry Engelking, 1873; Phillip Harth, 1875; Henry Engelking, 1876; Phillip Harth, 1877; Peter Byer, 1878; Henry Engelking, 1879; Phillip Harth, 1880; Peter Byer, 1881; Henry Meyer, 1882; Henry Krest, 1883.

*Justices of the Peace.*—William Scoville and I. N. Schafer, 1854; John Rothschild, 1857; John Rothschild and William Scoville, 1858; J. W. Walton and A. W. Peet, 1862; J. W. Walton and Daniel T. Wood, 1866; John D. Beach, 1868; John D. Beach and William Wallace, 1870; Jacob Fritsch and W. H. Dunton, 1873-77-81.

*Constables.*—Ira Snow and D. B. Briggs, 1851; Daniel Fritsch, 1852; Ira Snow and D. F. Wood, 1855; John Belden, 1856; S. S. Dewey and E. K. Beach, 1862; Charles Wetzell, appointed 1863, elected 1864; E. K. Beach and Hiram S. Rich, 1865; John Peter, Jr., and E. K. Beach, 1866; E. K. Beach and James C. Peter, 1870-73-74; Byron D. Thurber, 1876; E. K. Beach and Luther Whiting, 1877; Henry Weinrich and George Hurst, 1881; J. P. Hanson, 1882.

*Overseers of the Poor.*—Garret Lasher, 1851; Peter Filbert, 1852 to 1854; D. F. Wood, 1855; Reuben Bromley, 1856; Hiram Forry, 1857; Elias Wood, 1859; G. N. Olmsted, 1862.

*Trustees of Schools.*—A. G. Skinner, 1869; John Peter, 1870; Joel Burlingame, 1871; Daniel K. Draper, 1873; John Peter and Hiram Snow, 1874; Conrad Miller, 1875; Louis Fischer, 1876; Luther Whiting, 1877; Conrad Miller, 1878; Louis Fischer, 1879; Luther Whiting, 1880; David Arnold, 1881; Louis Fischer, 1882; T. W. Whiting, 1883.

*The Schools of Wheeling.*—There are no records connected with the schools of this township of an earlier date than April 6, 1857. At that time there were ten districts. W. H. Dunton, A. W. Peet and E. K. Beach were the school trustees, and William Scoville was treasurer of the school fund. W. H. Dunton became treasurer of this fund in 1862 and has held the office ever since. In 1857 the school fund was \$3,800. At the present time it is \$3,890.02. There appears to have been no census of the school children taken in early days, but the census of 1883 shows the following numbers in the respective districts: District No. 1,

187; No. 3, 144; No. 5, 87; No. 6, 67; No. 7, 84; No. 8, 237; No. 10, 567; total number, 1,313. The population of the township of Wheeling in 1880 was 2,296. In 1883 it was probably about 2,500.

## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS.

Arlington Heights is situated on the Wisconsin Division of the Chicago & North-Western Railway, twenty-two and two-fifths miles from Chicago. It is located on the old farm of W. H. Dunton, and until about 1874 was named Dunton after him. The first plat appears to have been made November 3, 1854, under the direction of the Commissioners of Highways for the town of Wheeling. Three highways ran parallel with each other north and south through this subdivision, five chains apart, and the first five chains east of the northwest corner of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 29, and each running south forty chains. These three streets were named Prairie, Dunton and Vail streets, and were each four rods wide. There was also a highway, commencing thirty rods south from the northwest corner of said quarter section, and running east twenty chains. Underhill's addition was surveyed by Edmund Birby, County Surveyor, May 19, 1859, and was acknowledged May 25. It is south of the railroad and is a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 30. Miner's addition, consisting of twenty acres, was surveyed by R. F. Clough, May 27, 1859, and was acknowledged October 10, 1859. It is the north half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 30. Atkins' addition lies west of Vail Street, and north of the railroad. It is bounded on the north by Euclid Avenue, and west by Elm Street. Various other additions have been made, until at present the town plat contains about two hundred and forty acres. The original subdivision was, as has been said, a part of W. H. Dunton's farm. His house, built in 1845, was the first built within the limits of the place. He was living there at the time of the first survey. The second building erected here was a store by Dr. F. T. Miner, in 1854, the same year in which the depot was built, and in 1855 W. G. Wing became the second merchant in the place. The second residence was erected by James McGrath. The first blacksmith shop was opened early in 1855 by a Mr. Pogo, and the second later in the same year by John Fleming. The First Presbyterian Church society was organized September 28, 1855, and in 1856 the first hotel was started by J. V. Downs & Co. The first hardware store was started this year by John H. Gale, and the second by Johnson & Peter, in 1863. A tin shop was started in 1860 by William De Long; in 1861, a cheese factory by Enoch Williams, who afterward sold it to Heinrich Bros., who still own it and continue the manufacture of cheese. In 1865 a grist mill was established by James Shirra. In the meantime the erection of residences went on gradually. There has been nothing phenomenal in the growth of Arlington Heights. In 1874, in order to give, if possible, a fresh impetus to its development, a number of its citizens conceived the idea of changing its name from plain "Dunton" to the more high-sounding one of "Arlington Heights." The name of the post-office was changed, as was also that of the railroad station, but the results were neither so immediate nor so immense

passed through the woods and succored him. It was twenty-seven weeks before he was on his feet, and during the time he suffered greatly. Mr. McCune is at present engaged in farming and dairying, and owns forty head of stock. He has been Overseer of Highways and school director.

D. McNAB, farmer, P. O. Arlington Heights, was born in Wheeling Township in 1852, son of Jesse and Rebecca McNab, who came to Cook County in 1847 and located on a farm in Wheeling Township. Here they resided until 1880, when they removed to Iowa. Mr. McNab was for some years engaged in teaming, subsequently in farming, which pursuit he now follows. In 1876 he was married to Miss Helen, daughter of Laban and Eliza Skinner. They have three children—Clara, Minnie and Gracie. Mr. McNab has been Constable of Wheeling Township for two years.

WILLIAM F. MEYER, proprietor of the Union Hotel, was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1859, son of Henry and Elizabeth Meyer. He came to America with his parents in 1874, locating in Arlington Heights. In 1877 he went to Chicago and engaged as salesman for William Matthei. In 1881 he entered the employ of Laparle & Elich as traveling agent. He was with them until the spring of 1883, when he came to Arlington Heights and purchased the furniture and fixtures of the Union Hotel and became its proprietor. He has the largest and best hotel in the place. The building is 40x70 feet, with a hall attached 40x50 feet, with stage 25x40 feet. It has an accommodation for twenty guests. He was married in 1882 to Miss Mary Sievert, daughter of Fred. and Catharine Sievert. He is a member of the Arlington Heights Mannerchor and is secretary of that society.

IRA MILLARD, farmer, was born in Kent, Litchfield Co., Conn., in 1810, son of Ira and Lydia Millard. His parents moved to Dutchess Co., N. Y., and subsequently to Washington County, where his mother died in 1825 and his father in 1829. He came to Cook County in 1836 and located in what is now the town of Northfield, where he remained six years, engaged in farming. In 1842 he sold his farm and located on a farm in Wheeling, Section 28, Township 42, Range 11, which he still owns, containing 214 acres. He also owns a fine residence in Arlington Heights, on Miner Street, to which he moved in 1877, and now rents his farm. He was married in 1841 to Miss Eloisa Peet. They have had four children; three are now living—Bell P. Kimball, Lewis P. and Carrie L. Mrs. Millard died in 1854. He was married in 1855 to Miss Electa Smalley. They have had five children, two are now living—Willis K. and Roscoe N. Mrs. Millard dying in 1869, he was married in 1871 to Mrs. Caroline Paddock, daughter of Smith and Anna Weed. He is a liberalist in his religious views. He has held various town offices.

RUSH B. MINER, retired farmer, was born in Washington County, Vt., in 1822, son of Dr. Frederick T. and Miranda Miner. He came to Cook County with his parents in 1833, they locating at Elk Grove. His father built the first house in that town. His farm was in Section 16, Township 41, Range 11. He resided there for thirty years, when he removed to Arlington Heights, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1861, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a physician, but on coming to Illinois he intended to give up the practice, but was compelled to resume it, as there was no physician aside from himself in that part of the country. The subject of this sketch on attaining his majority, for two years carried the mail from Chicago to Janesville, Wis., making the trip once a week, after which he engaged in farming. His farm was in Elk Grove Township, Sections 7 and 8, Township 41, Range 11, and contained 163 acres. He resided on his farm until 1881, when he removed to Arlington Heights, and now rents his farm. Mr. Miner was married in 1850 to Miss Loraine S. Gay, daughter of Mace and Sarah Gay. They have had four children, two of whom are now living—Francella S. Griffin and Addie M. Hess. He is a member of the Congregational Church. He has been Constable for four years, and has served as Justice of the Peace for the same length of time.

CONRAD NIEDERT, merchant, was born in Helsen, Schaumburg, Germany, in 1828, son of Conrad and Mary. He came to America in 1848 and located in Cook County. He was employed on the railroad and canal for the first few years. Mr. Niedert married in 1850 Miss Doratha Menshine, daughter of Christian and Charlotte Menshine. They have had ten children, nine are now living—Mary, Dora, Conrad, Sophia, John, Anna, Willie, Bertha and Henry. He was engaged in farming in Wheeling for about seven years, when he sold his farm and built a store in Oak Grove, where he carried on the general merchandise business, two miles south of the old store. He owns two acres and another store 23x36 feet; also owns a blacksmith shop. He has been Collector and Constable of Elk Grove for seven years.

F. W. PAGE, farmer, was born in Grafton County, N. H., in 1813, son of John and Hannah Page. He came to Cook County in 1834 and located in Elk Grove Township, on Section 9, Township 41, Range 11, containing 1,000 acres. In the fall of 1883 he moved to Arlington Heights, where he owns a fine residence. He was married in 1836 to Miss Selinda Noyes. They have had eight children, seven are now living—John E., Sarah E., Ellen, Hannah L., Hiram A., Frederick W., Martha A. and George R. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a trustee and steward. He has been Commissioner, Justice of the Peace, and for eight years Postmaster of Elk Grove. His father, John Page, was elected United States Senator from New Hampshire to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Isaac Hill in 1836. He was elected Governor of New Hampshire in March, 1838, and re-elected in 1839.

C. A. PERRY, farmer was born in Franklin County, N. Y., in 1839, son of Hiram and Margaret Perry. He came to Cook County with his parents in 1845, located on Section 24, Township 42, Range 11, where his father resided until his death, which occurred in 1881, at the age of seventy-eight. Mr. Perry, the subject of this sketch, is unmarried, and owns the homestead, which contained 280 acres, two miles east of Arlington Heights. He is a member of the school board and has been Road Commissioner for nine years. Mrs. Perry, mother of C. A. Perry, is now living with her son on the old homestead. She is eighty years of age.

DAVID PETER, machinist, was born in Dundee, Scotland, in 1835, son of John and Margaret Peter. He came to America in 1842 with his parents. They resided a few months in Harlem, N. Y., then moved to Chicago. In 1834 his father purchased a hotel property on the Little Calumet River, in Indiana, which he kept for two years. He then moved to the town of Bloom, Cook County, on a farm, where he resided until 1852, then moving to Elk Grove, where he lived until 1862. He then moved to Arlington Heights, remaining there until his death, which occurred in 1876, at the age of sixty-eight. Mrs. Peter died in 1861, at the age of fifty-three. On attaining his majority, the subject of this sketch learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed for two years. He then went to California and spent two years in mining. On his return he was for five years engaged in farming. He then built an elevator, and for six years was engaged in the grain and lumber business; selling out, he built another elevator, and for four years was engaged in the grain, flour and coal trade, since which time he has been occupied in farming and fruit raising on his farm of twenty acres. He owns a fine residence in the village. For the last four years he has devoted what time he could spare, in connection with his other business, to machine labor in the Sigwalt sewing machine factory. He was married in 1862 to Miss S. Higgins, daughter of Asel and Lydia Higgins. They have five children—Elsie, Margaret, David, George and Gertie. He has been Collector of Wheeling two years.

ELIZA PETER was born in Franklin County, N. Y., daughter of Samuel and Mary Rich. She came to Cook County in 1853 and located in Wheeling Township. She was married in 1852 to John Lytle. They had one child, Emma Lytle. They located on a farm in Wheeling Township, and after five years they removed to Arlington Heights, and built a residence on Myrtle Avenue, where she resided until her husband's death, in 1859, at the age of thirty-two years. In 1863 she was married to John Peter. He died in 1876. She owns her residence and two lots on Myrtle Avenue. Her daughter Emma Lytle was married in 1880 to Edward Ranson, foreman of the stationery house of Claude D. Meyer, 168 Randolph Street, Chicago. Mrs. Peter is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

FRED. R. PFEIFER, dealer in grain, flour, coal and feed, was born in Lake County, Ill., in 1850, son of Jacob and Magdalena Pfeifer. His parents were natives of France. His father came to America in 1834. After a residence of eleven years in Buffalo, N. Y., he removed to Vernon, Lake County, Ill., where he was married to Miss Magdalena Sigwaldt. He remained in Lake County until 1880, when he came to Arlington Heights to reside with his son, F. R. Pfeifer. The subject of this sketch, on attaining his majority, engaged in farming and mercantile business for seven years. In 1878 he was married to Miss Adele L. Stempel, daughter of Charles Stempel, of Long Grove, Lake County. After their marriage they located in Chicago, where he was engaged in the mercantile business for one year, after which they removed to Arlington Heights, where he engaged in his present business. He owns an elevator with a capacity of 15,000 bushels, erected in 1873, and a warehouse attached for flour and feed, and a coal house for 400 tons of coal. His business has increased fifty per cent since its establishment. He is also a dealer in commercial exchange. Mr. Pfeifer was elected Town Clerk in 1880, and

has been re-elected each succeeding year. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M. fraternity.

W. A. RUSSELL, farmer, P. O. Arlington Heights, was born in Wakefield, Stafford Co., N. H., in 1820, son of Richard and Sarah Russell. He was brought up on a farm. In 1845 he commenced railroading on the Boston & Maine Railroad, in 1851 entering the employ of the Troy & Boston Railroad. In 1853 he came to Chicago, and was employed on the Wisconsin Division of the Chicago & North-Western Railroad, his run being from Chicago to Woodstock, he being the first passenger conductor on the line. He was married in 1855 to Miss Anna Barnes, daughter of Joseph and Eliza Barnes. They have had four children, three are now living—Willie B., Frank W. and Mary A. He settled on his farm in September, 1855, on Section 15, Township 41, Range 11, containing 150 acres, where he has since resided. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Russell died in 1873, and he was married in 1877 to Mrs. Olive J. Fernald, daughter of James and Sarah Lord. She has one child, Anna Fernald.

G. A. SCHMIDT, proprietor of the Schmidt Meat Market, was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1844, son of Adolph and Elizabeth Schmidt. He came to America in 1853 with his parents. After a residence in Chicago they removed to Wheeling Township, located on a farm where they resided for about fifteen years, then moved to the village of Wheeling, where his father now resides. His mother died in 1832, at the age of sixty-three years. The subject of this sketch was married in 1866 to Miss Mury Sanchez, daughter of Francis and Louisa Sanchez. They had six children; four are now living—Eddie, Adolph, Frank and Mary. He came to Dunton, now Arlington Heights, in 1868, and established his present business on Myrtle Avenue, where he has since been with the exception of about fifteen months that he spent in Iowa. He owns the market building and a residence connected. He has a very large trade, extending in the town of Palatine and Barrington, where he runs a team daily during the summer, and three times a week during the winter. His market was the first establishment in Arlington Heights that is now running. He keeps the best quality of meats in his market, and when he cannot get them at home he buys them in Chicago. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and of the Masonic fraternity, A. F. & A. M.

JOHN D. SCHOONMAKER, superintendent of the Diamond Sewing Machine Company, was born in Ohio, in 1844, son of Egbert and Caroline. On attaining his majority he learned the trade of a machinist, which he has followed from that time, with the exception of three years that he was engaged as salesman for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, at the branch office of the company at Delaware, Ohio. In 1876 he came to Cook County and located in Chicago. He was adjuster for the sewing machine for two years. He then moved to Arlington Heights and was employed by the Sigwalt Sewing Machine Company. He had a contract for putting up 20,000 machines. In 1881 he was employed by the Wilson Sewing Machine Company as superintendent of their works at Grand Crossing. He remained with them until they sold out in 1883. In September, 1883, he accepted the position of superintendent of the Diamond Sewing Machine Company. He enlisted in 1843 in Company C, 2d New York Mounted Rifles. He participated in the battles of Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and siege of Petersburg, where he was wounded by a gunshot through the right leg. He was in the hospital nine months. He was then discharged for disability in 1865. He was married in 1870 to Miss Anna Miller, daughter of John and Lucinda Miller. They have one child, Frank. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

CHARLES SIGWALT, foreman of the Diamond, was born in Alsace, Germany, in 1841, son of John and Barbara Sigwalt. He came to America in 1852 and located in Long Grove, Lake County, where he resided for six years, when he came to Wheeling Township and engaged in the hotel and butcher business. In 1862 he enlisted in Company I, 88th Illinois Infantry. He was attached to the Army of the Cumberland, and participated in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Adairsville, Lost Mountain, Culp's Farm, Kenesaw Mountain, Dallas, Peach Tree Creek, the siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, Spring Hill, Franklin, Nashville and other engagements of his command. He enlisted as a private and was promoted to Corporal, Orderly Sergeant, and Second Lieutenant. He was never absent from his company during his three years' service, and was mustered out at the close of the war in 1865. After the war he engaged in the hide and commission business in Chicago for about four years. He then entered the employ of the Howe Sewing Machine Company for two years, and was then employed by John Sigwalt as a machinist for five years. He then came with his

brother to Arlington Heights, where the latter established the factory of the Sigwalt Sewing Machine, under the firm name of John Sigwalt, Jr., & Co. After two years he formed a joint stock company, under the name of Sigwalt Sewing Machine Company, with a capital stock of \$75,000, and the company carried on the business from 1878 to 1883, during which time they manufactured 40,000 machines. In August, 1883, the corporate name was changed to the Diamond Sewing Machine Company. He was married in 1874 to Miss Elizabeth Bleimehl, daughter of Peter Bleimehl. They have two children—Lillian and John. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, A. F. & A. M., and is Master of the Palatine Lodge, No. 314.

LUCIUS SKINNER, farmer, was born in Waitsfield, Vt., in 1815, son of Daniel and Minerva Skinner. He came to Cook County in October, 1839, and located in Elk Grove, where he has since resided. He owns a farm in Section 16, Township 41, Range 71, containing twenty-four acres. He was married in 1839, to Miss Juliet Miner. They have had six children; one is now living, Hattie M. Luth. Mrs. Skinner died in 1866. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is also elder. He has been Town Collector for eight years, and Town Clerk for three years, Constable for three years, Township Treasurer for eighteen years, and Justice of the Peace for eight years.

MRS. M. D. SUTHERLAND was born in Belchertown, Hampshire Co., Mass., in 1817, daughter of Aaron and Rebecca Davis. She was married May 4, 1834, to Reuben M. Mellen. They came to Chicago in 1845. They had three children; one is now living—W. S. Mellen, general freight agent of the Chicago & North-Western Railroad. She was married in 1857 to William H. Austin; they had one child, deceased. Mr. Mellen died in 1864, and in the fall of the same year she was married to Walter Sutherland. After their marriage they lived on their farm for one year and a half, then moved to Arlington Heights, where they now reside. Mrs. Sutherland owns a fine residence on Vail Street, and Mr. Sutherland owns five acres in the village, which he cultivates. He was born in Dorset, Bennington Co., Vt., in 1807, son of James and Mary Sutherland. He came to Cook County in 1845 and located in Wheeling on a farm, where he resided for twenty-one years. He was married in 1830 to Miss Almira Swan, who bore him three children, two now living—Miranda Cross and Mary A. Dana. Mrs. Sutherland died in 1841, and he was married in 1842 to Miss Ruth Berry, who died in 1863, leaving three children—Walter, Jr., Adelia L. and Byron. He was married to his present consort in 1864.

CHARLES TAEGE, hardware merchant, was born in Prussia in 1828, son of John and Mary Taege. He came to Cook County in 1854 and located in Chicago, where he remained one year employed in a lumber yard. He then went, in 1856, to East Wheeling and started a tin shop, which he carried on one year, and then moved to Loomis Corners, where he was three years engaged in farming. He then moved to Long Grove, Lake County, where he remained four years. In 1863 he came to Dunton, now Arlington Heights, and established his present hardware business on the ground now occupied by the Keck Block. His business is now located on the corner of Myrtle Avenue and Willow Street, in his own brick store, 22x56 feet in size, erected in 1874. He carries a full line of hardware, stoves, tinware and farm implements. His business has increased from about \$3,500 the first year to \$20,000 the last year. He was married in 1854 to Miss Lena Cramer. They have had five children; four are now living—Willie, Getta, Emel and Charles. Mr. Taege is a member of the Lutheran Church. He has also been for six years trustee of the Church. He was Deputy Sheriff of Cook County for two years, 1881-82, and Collector of Wheeling for two years.

ELIAS M. THOMAS, insurance agent, is a native of McHenry County, Ill., born in 1847. His parents, Elias A. and Hester Ann (Snow) Thomas, were both natives of Vermont, and came to McHenry County in 1843 and settled on a farm, whence they moved to Desplaines in 1863. The father was born in 1811, and died at Desplaines, Cook County, in 1882. The mother, born in 1819, died at the same place in 1870. They were married in 1840, and had six children, four girls and two boys, of whom but two are now living—Mrs. C. E. Bennett, now residing at Desplaines, and the subject of this sketch. Mr. Thomas served during the late war in Company G, 52d Illinois Volunteer Infantry. In 1868 he married Ruth R. Henion, of Ann Arbor, Mich., born in 1849. They have three children—Clara L., Ella M. and Ruth S., aged thirteen, nine and one year respectively. Mr. Thomas came to Cook County in 1871, and established the first drug store in Arlington Heights. He has served as Town Clerk and has ever manifested an interest in its municipal affairs.

ARTHUR VON WERDER, M. D., physician and surgeon, was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1847, son of Francis and

Louisa Von Werder. He was educated in 1806, and graduated in 1809 in the University at Berlin, and spent ten years as a physician in the Prussian Army. In 1870 he came to America and located in Chicago, where he practiced for two years. In 1882 he moved to Arlington Heights, but still attends his practice in Chicago, and at his residence in Arlington Heights. He was married in March, 1880, to Miss Lena Braunling, daughter of P. Braunling, of Chicago. They have one child, Arthur. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

JOHN W. WALTON, farmer, was born in Moriah, Essex Co., N. Y., in 1815, son of Thomas and Julia Walton. He came to Cook County in May, 1833, his parents in February, 1834. They located in what is now the township of Maine, where his father lived until his death, which occurred in 1843, at the age of sixty-three. The subject of this sketch on attaining his majority engaged in farming on Section 8, Township 41, Range 12, where he resided until 1857, when he moved to Arlington Heights. He sold his farm in 1862 and purchased one in Wheeling Township, Section 30, Township 42, Range 11, containing seventy-two acres. He also owns a residence on the corner of James Street and Park Avenue. He was married in 1842 to Miss Catherine Johnson, daughter of Samuel Johnson. They have had four children, one now living, Frances A. Field. He was Assessor of the town of Maine in 1852, and Road Commissioner for a number of years; also member of the school board. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1900, and held that office for eight years.

SAMUEL WAYMAN, farmer, P. O. Arlington Heights, was born in Ely, Cambridgeshire, England, in 1815, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Wayman. Coming to this country in 1833, he landed in Quebec from whence he came to Niagara Falls on a tow-boat drawn by oxen, and from there to Lockport on cars drawn by horses. There he followed butchering for two years, then went back home, and after staying some four years returned to America, came to Albany, and engaged in gardening for three years. He came to Cook County in 1843 and bought forty acres of land in Lake County, part of which he broke and sowed with winter wheat. He sold this farm in the spring for \$17.50. He now owns 356 acres of land in Wheeling Township and 195 acres in Iowa. He was married in 1846 to Miss Emma Kinder, of Wheeling, who came from England with her folks in 1842, located in the town of Wheeling on a farm, and engaged in farming. After marriage he pre-empted forty acres, built his first house with 500 feet of lumber, and two years later built an addition of 500 feet more, and lived in this shanty fourteen years. He plowed the first ground for a garden with a spade, and dug wells for seventy-five cents per day, and had to take his pay in anything they had to give. They have eight children—Joseph L., William, Bessie, John S., Samuel G., James E., Levi B. and Frank H. The family were members of the Church of England, but are now attendants of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Wayman's parents were among the early settlers of Wheeling, and were engaged in the manufacture of cloth at Lockwood, England. Her father died in 1802, at the age of seventy-three; her mother in 1866, at the age of seventy-seven.

E. B. WHEELER, farmer, was born in Grafton County, N. H., in 1814, son of George W. and Fannie Wheeler. He came to Cook County in 1837 and located in Elk Grove, on Section 10, Township 41, Range 11, where he resided until 1862, when he sold his farm and moved to Arlington Heights. He owns a fine residence and forty acres in the village. His residence is on Euclid Avenue. He was married in 1840 to Miss Emily Clough, daughter of Jonathan and Nancy Clough, natives of New Hampshire. They have had eleven children; five are now living—Elbert B., John T., George W., Irving E. and Osmon C. Alba H. was killed in the late war, enlisting in Company F, 8th Illinois Volunteer Infantry; he fell at Brandy Station, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he being steward of the Church. He is a staunch temperance man and one of the organizers of the first Good Templars Lodge in Wheeling.

JOHN B. WHITING, farmer, was born in Windsor County, Vt., in 1824, son of John and Betsey Whiting. He came to Cook County with his parents in 1834, who located on Section 21, Township 41, Range 11, where his father resided until his death, which occurred in 1863, at the age of seventy-five years. Mr. Whiting, the subject of this sketch, lived on the old homestead until 1877, when he sold the farm and moved to Arlington Heights. He owns a fine residence and two lots on Myrtle Avenue, and a farm of 160 acres in Madison County, Iowa. He was married in 1850 to Miss Lucinda Skinner, daughter of Joel and Abigail Skinner. They had five children—Charles E., Stella M., Maria C., Elmer E. and Laura E. Mrs. Whiting died in 1870. He was married in 1881 to Mrs. A. E. Perry, daughter of Lyseum and Hannah Van Gar-

der. He has been director for the school board for about fourteen years in Elk Grove Township, and also a member of the school board in Arlington Heights.

L. W. WHITING, farmer, was born in Windsor County, Vt., in 1821, son of John and Betsey Whiting. He came to Cook County, Ill., with his parents in 1834, and located at Elk Grove on a farm, where his father resided until his death, which occurred in March, 1863, at the age of seventy-six. On attaining his majority the subject of this sketch engaged in farming in Elk Grove Township, Section 21, Township 41, Range 11, where he lived for fifteen years, when he sold his farm and purchased one in the town of Wheeling, in Section 31, Township 42, Range 11, containing 177 acres, which he still owns. He now resides in Arlington Heights and rents his farm. He was married in 1849 to Miss Laura E. Young, daughter of Hiram and Abigail Young. They have had six children; four are now living—Frank A., Wilfred B., John V. and Abbie Y. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and one of its trustees. He was Assessor of Elk Grove Township, Road Commissioner of Wheeling about eight years and member of the school board for fifteen years.

WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS, publisher of the Cook County Herald, an eight-column folio weekly paper, established in 1872, circulated in the northwestern towns of Cook County; also the Jefferson Herald, published every Saturday, and circulated in Jefferson Township. The Jefferson Herald was established in 1882.

ALEX WILSON, farmer, P. O. Arlington Heights, was born in Schenectady, N. Y., in 1826, son of Andrew and Jane Wilson. He came to Cook County in 1840 and located in Deer Grove, Palatine Township, where he remained for about ten years, when he removed to Rock River. Here he remained for two years, then moved to Wheeling Township and located on the farm where he now resides, containing 100 acres. He was married in 1856 to Miss Sarah E., daughter of Henry and Eva Fulkerson. They have three children—Eva J., Charles W. and Ella A. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Wilson has served on the school board for four years.

## VILLAGE OF WHEELING.

This village is located on the Milwaukee road, six miles north of Desplaines and four miles west of Sherman Station. In 1837 Wheeler & Daniels started a store here, and about the same time Joseph Filkins opened a hotel. Mr. Filkins also built the first house in the place. The lumber was brought from Kennicott's mill, about a mile south of Half Day. A second hotel was opened about the year 1840, by James Parker. The post-office was established in 1836, with Joseph Filkins for Postmaster. Mr. Filkins was succeeded by Charles Daniels, and he by J. L. McDuffy. John M. Schaeffer was the next Postmaster, and then Charles Vogt, Fred. Stryker and Charles Hunsinger, each in turn, the latter being the present official, appointed early in 1883. The first blacksmith here was a Mr. Shepard or Shepherd, as stated elsewhere, in 1838; the second was Asher G. Skinner, in the same year, and the third was E. K. Bench, recently deceased, in 1842 or 1843. A church, the only one in the village, was erected in 1868, by the Lutherans, at a cost of about \$1,500. It is a one-story frame, with a short steeple. This village attained its present size quite a number of years ago, and not being near a railroad is not likely to grow very materially in the near future. The chief events of importance in the recent history of the place have been the prosecution of various parties for the illegal selling of intoxicating drinks by George Strong, one of the oldest settlers of the town of Wheeling, and a strong foe of intemperance. The village now contains two general stores, three hotels, two blacksmith shops, one wagon shop, two shoe shops, one brewery, one physician, a Lutheran Church, and about 200 inhabitants.

## WHEELING BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

**LOUIS FISCHER**, wheelwright, was born in Wheeling in 1839, son of Louis and Johannah Fischer, who came to Cook County in June, 1838, and located in Wheeling Township on a farm. His father died in October, 1875, at the age of sixty-seven years. His mother is living, at the age of seventy. Mr. Fischer in early life learned the trade of wheelwright. In 1861 he enlisted in Company I, 15th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and took part at Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, and other engagements. He was wounded at the battle of Pittsburg Landing, and disabled from service about two months. In June, 1864, he was mustered out and returned to Wheeling, and bought the wheelwright shop of S. W. Rees, of whom he learned his trade. This business he has since followed. He was married in 1865 to Miss Sophia Periolet; they have had seven children, six now living—Julia, George, Reinhold, Edwin, Oscar and Irving. They are Methodist in religious faith. Mr. Fischer is a member of the Masonic fraternity, A. F. & A. M., Virtruvius Lodge, No. 81, of which he has been secretary for thirteen consecutive years. He has been trustee for the school fund for nine years, and school director for four years.

**JACOB FRITSCH**, farmer, P. O. Wheeling, was born in Germany in 1836, son of Daniel and Susan Fritsch. He came to Cook County with his parents in 1841, who located on the farm where Mr. Fritsch now resides; his father is living, at eighty-one years of age; his mother died in 1881 at the age of seventy-seven. He owns 134 acres of land, and is engaged in farming and dairying. In 1859 he was married to Miss Magdalena, daughter of Christian and Ursula Schaffer; they have three children—Daniel E., Robert G. and Anna A. They are attendants of the Presbyterian Church at Wheeling. Mr. Fritsch was Constable of Wheeling for six years, school director for twenty years, and is now Justice of the Peace and notary public. He has held these offices for twelve years, and is a director of the Northfield Mutual Insurance Company and a member of the Wilber Mercantile Collection Agency, of Chicago, and was Tax Collector of Wheeling for five years.

**CONRAD MILLER**, farmer, P. O. Wheeling, was born in Germany in 1828, son of Jacob and Catharine Miller. He came to Cook County in 1837 with his parents, who located in Wheeling Township and engaged in farming until their deaths, his father in 1857, at the age of sixty-four, and his mother in 1873, at the same age. Mr. Miller learned the trade of a shoemaker in early life and followed that business for about thirty-six years. He worked in Chicago until 1860, when he moved to Wheeling Township and located on the farm where he now resides, containing eighty-four acres, one and a half miles from Wheeling, where he has since been engaged in farming in connection with his trade. He was married in 1849 to Miss Lydia Holmes, daughter of John and Helen Holmes, natives of England, and early settlers in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have eight children—Minnie M., Isaac A., Charles S., Thomas G., Frank B., Medora A., Lillie E. and Willie C. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, A. F. & A. M., Virtruvius Lodge, No. 81, and has been Collector and trustee of the school fund for Wheeling for six years, and school director for ten years.

**M. MUFFAT**, physician and surgeon, was born in Munich, Bavaria, in 1850, son of Carl and Teresa Muffat. He was educated at the Maximilian Ludwig University, of Munich, completing his course in 1869. He was one year in the sanitary corps of the German Army. In the fall of 1869 he came to America, and after a short residence in Chicago located at Menominee, Wis., and engaged in practice. In 1871 he removed to Peshtigo, Wis., and was there during the great fire of that year that destroyed the entire village; then went to Chicago and engaged in the drug business. In 1872 he was appointed manager of the drug department of the German Aid Society, and was in charge of the German and American Dispensary; then established the drug business of M. Muffat & Co. In 1875 he took a course at the Rush Medical College, in the spring of 1876 locating in Wheeling, his practice extending to some of the neighboring towns. Mr. Muffat was married in 1878 to Miss Minnie Sigwalt. They have two children—Carrie and Maximilian. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

**A. W. PEET**, farmer, P. O. Wheeling, was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in 1812. His parents, Lewis and Isabel, came to Cook County in 1833 and passed the winter at an Indian

trading post at Riverside, then known as Laughton's Place. The next spring they settled on Mr. Peet's present farm, which contains 197 acres. His father died in 1852, aged sixty-one years; his mother, in 1840, aged fifty-one. Mr. Peet married, in 1849, Miss Abby J. Hewitt, daughter of Robert and Betsey Hewitt. They have had ten children, seven now living—Franklin, Edwina C., Robert E., William E., Louise, Edward L. and Emma M. He is a member of Virtruvius Lodge, No. 81, A. F. & A. M. He has been twenty years a member of the school board, and served four years as Justice of the Peace.

**GENERAL LEWIS PEET** was born in Connecticut in 1791. When quite a small boy he moved to Vermont. He served as a private soldier in the War of 1812, and participated in the battle of Plattsburg. In 1816 he moved to Ohio, settling in Cuyahoga County, where he worked at the blacksmith trade in connection with farming. He was here made a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Sheriff of the county. He moved to Illinois in October, 1833, and took up his claim in Wheeling Township in December of the same year. He held a commission as General in the Ohio Militia. He was the first Justice of the Peace of the precinct which included what is now Wheeling Township, and he was the Town Clerk of Wheeling after the organization of the town. His death occurred August 20, 1852.

**J. G. SCHNEIDER**, veterinary surgeon, was born in the province of Rhine, Prussia, in 1827, son of John N. and Eva Schneider. He was educated for a veterinary surgeon, and served five and a half years in the Prussian Army. In 1853 he came to America and located in Wheeling, Cook County, where he has since resided, engaged in the practice of his profession. He is also an insurance agent; he has the agency of the Milwaukee Mechanics' Mutual, the Addison Farmers' Mutual, of Du Page County, and the Rockford Insurance companies. He was married, in 1858, to Miss Maria Bier; they have nine children—George, Edward, Reinhold, Carl, Mary, Annie, Amelia, Emma and Alma. He is a member of the Wheeling Presbyterian Church. He has been Assessor of Wheeling for twenty years and school director for fifteen years.

**A. G. SKINNER**, farmer, P. O. Wheeling, was born in Middlesex County, N. J., in 1816, son of John and Elizabeth Skinner. He came to Cook County in 1836, and located in eastern Wheeling Township, where he engaged in blacksmithing for four years, then moved on the farm where he now resides, containing 270 acres, and has since followed farming and blacksmithing. He was married in 1838 to Miss Eliza Jane Huff, daughter of Johnson and Jennett Huff. They have had seven children, four now living—Emma F., Jennett H., Elizabeth J. and Clara E. R. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Skinner is a member of the Masonic fraternity, A. F. & A. M.

**GEORGE STRONG, JR.**, farmer, P. O. Wheeling, was born in Wheeling in 1840, son of George and Catharine Strong, and was brought up on the farm where he now resides, being the old homestead where his father settled in 1834. He was married, in 1861, to Miss Fanny E. Beach, daughter of Samuel A. and Eliza Beach; they have had five children, four of whom are living—John W., Callie A., George A. and Fanny M. Mr. Strong and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a steward and trustee of the same. Mr. Strong is a member of Virtruvius Lodge, No. 81, A. F. & A. M. He has been Assessor and Collector of the town of Wheeling, and a member of the school board for eighteen years.

**CHARLES VOGT**, merchant, was born near Hesse-Cassel, Germany, in 1835, son of William and Catharine Vogt. He came to Cook County in 1845, and helped his father on a farm in Wheeling Township, for ten years. He then engaged as salesman for J. M. Schaffer for four years; then, in company with his father, bought the business, in four years purchasing his father's interest, and from that time until 1881 he carried on the business alone. In that year he formed a partnership with Emel Sigwalt, and the business is now conducted under the firm name of Vogt & Sigwalt. They carry a full stock of general merchandise. Mr. Vogt was married, in 1857, to Miss Josephine, daughter of Napoleon and Salome Periolet; they have had three children, all deceased. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church; is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, A. F. & A. M., Virtruvius Lodge, No. 81, and has been Town Clerk and school director. He has been Postmaster and Deputy of Wheeling for twenty-four consecutive years.

Mrs. Lydia H. Sigourney, of Hartford, Conn., composed the following poem upon his death:

Science doth mourn for thee,  
Who thus at opening day,  
Didst shroud thy manly head, and pass  
From her fair halls away.

But poverty and pain  
Lament with deeper woe  
Their benefactor laid in dust,  
Where turf and wild flowers grow;

Lament his faithful care  
Their gushing tears that dried,  
And sought them in these dark abodes  
That few explored beside.

Yet better thus beloved,  
Ere faded prime, to fall,  
Affections pearl-drops on thy brow,  
And o'er thy sable pall.

The medical colleges and hygienic institutions of Chicago bear mute, though substantial, testimony to the medical prowess of her doctors, as her many hospitals, infirmaries and charitable institutions do to their benevolence and love for their species. These are as much evidences of their exerted endeavor, as the individual honor and fame that attaches to their names.

The early medical history may be accurately divided into three epochs: one, anterior to 1834, when individual, isolated effort characterized the medical fraternity; the second, from 1835 to 1844, when the various individuals commingled, established societies and medical sodalities; and the third epoch, subsequent to the establishment of Rush Medical College in 1844, when Chicago became a recognized center of medical instruction, and the alumni of this institution dispersed throughout the country, carrying the impress of their *alma mater* with them.

But two additional items remain to be mentioned in this chapter: one the names of three dentists, two representative Chicago men, Dr. Aaron Gibbs, who came here about 1845; Dr. James Kennicott, who commenced dental practice about 1848, and John C. Pride, a phenomenal dentist, who not alone extracted the offending molar or incisor, but gave instruction in vocal and piano music, thorough-bass, etc., in the year 1852. Also the name of John Webster deserves mention as the first hydropathic physician announcing himself as such in 1852; and W. Atkinson, in 1853, is the primal "confidential" physician.

**EARLY DRUGGISTS.**—The second item concerns those who provided the means, whereby the physicians were enabled to combat disease. The earliest pharmacist of Chicago was Philo Carpenter, who arrived here in July, 1832, shortly thereafter opening a variety and drug store on what is now known as Lake Street, near the eastern bank of the river; and subsequently removing to South Water Street. Early in 1833, Peter Pruyn<sup>e</sup> and Edmund Stoughton Kimberly opened the second of Chicago's drug-stores. William Hull Clarke arrived in Chicago May 23, 1835, and opened a drug store with Abram F. Clarke. Under date of November 11, 1835, this firm advertised that they have opened a new drug store at the store formerly occupied by Kimball & Porter, corner of Water and Clark streets. This firm subsequently removed to 102 Lake Street; dissolving partnership March 1, 1841; W. H. entering into copartnership with Samuel C. Clarke, his brother, and remaining with him until about 1850. About 1855, W. H. Clarke became assistant engineer of the Chicago Board of Public Works, which position he retained until

<sup>e</sup> On August 26, 1835, Mr. Peter Pruyn married Rebecca, only daughter of Silas W. Sherman.

his death in August, 1878. Frederick Thomas, in the American of June 8, 1835, advertised the proprietorship of the Chicago New Drug, Medical and Paint Store, on Water Street, two doors from the American office, near the drawbridge; and also advertised that he performed "bleeding, leeching and tooth-drawing;" thus establishing himself as Chicago's first barber-surgeon. In the American of January 16, 1836, under date of January 11, Mr. Thomas announced a copartnership with Thomas Jenkins, at a new store on Lake Street, one door west of Clark; for the sale of dry goods, groceries, paints, drugs and medicines; but the advertisement does not specify that the phlebotomical practice was maintained. On April 2, 1836, the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Thomas retiring. The names of the other early druggists are given in Fergus's directory of 1839: Edward R. Allen and Leroy M. Boyce; Leroy M. Boyce continuing the business alone at 121 Lake Street, July 10, 1840, and subsequently at 113 Lake Street; being succeeded, in 1851, by J. Sears, Jr., and E. R. Bay. Dr. E. Dewey, who advertised on July 1, 1840, as being at Apothecaries' Hall, Dearborn Street; Nelson Buchanan, and Sidney Sawyer, who were in business for a number of years subsequent to 1839.

### RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The act of incorporation for this institution was drawn by Drs. Daniel Brainard and Josiah C. Goodhue; was passed by the Legislature; and approved by the Governor on March 2, 1837. The Chicago Amer-



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ican of March 25, 1837, commenting thereupon, states that "this act may be regarded as not the least of the favors which Chicago has received at the hands of the State. Being the first institution of the kind in Illinois, or indeed west of Cincinnati and Lexington, it must soon possess advantages of location which but few medical schools enjoy. With such a situation, if it receive the fostering care of the public, cannot fail to become an ornament and an honor to our infant city. The benefits resulting from the establishment of literary and scientific institutions in a community are very great.