

A History of the Town of Harmony, Rock County
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WILLIAM F. AKIN, farmer; P. O. Janesville; born in Cayuga Co., N. Y., in September, 1843; son of Edward and Adeline Akin, both deceased, and brother of M. J. Akin, who owns a large farm adjoining him. William F. came, when 6 weeks old, with his parents to Wisconsin. They lived on a farm in **Harmony** Township. William F. was born and raised on a farm; his parents gave him a good education. He assisted them in working the farm till he was 20 years old, and then began life for himself. At the age of 20, in 1863, he bought forty acres of unimproved land, which he improved and sold at a profit, in 1865. In 1864, William F. enlisted, in Madison, Wis., in Company H, 42d Regt. Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. They were sent to Cairo, Ill., and detailed on duty in different parts of that State; mustered out in June, 1865, he returned home and engaged in farming. Married in **Harmony**, in the fall of 1865, Miss Vina Green, who was born in March, 1845, in Ontario Co., N. Y.; have six children—Clarence, born in 1866; Julia, in 1869; George, in 1871; Edna R., in 1873; Edward, in 1875; Henrietta, in 1878. Mr. Akin and his wife went, in the fall of 1866, to Harrisonville, Cass Co., Mo., where he bought 100 acres of wild land, on which he built, lived and worked till the fall of 1867; he sold that farm, and they returned to **Harmony** Township, where he worked and managed his father's farm. In 1874, he bought eighty acres of unimproved land, on which he is now living; he built a new house and made other improvements; has forty-five acres under cultivation; he raises the usual crops of the county, Norman horses, hogs (Poland-China crossed with Berkshire); besides working his own farm, he is renting and working other farms successfully. Religion, liberal; radical Republican.

M. J. AKIN, farmer. Sec. 33; P. O. Janesville; born in Cayuga Co., N. Y., November, 1836; son of Edward and Adeline Akin. His father was born in Montgomery Co., N. Y., April, 1803. He was a farmer. Married in Cayuga Co., in 1824, Miss Adeline Morgan, who was born in Montgomery Co., N. Y., in September, 1805. They had ten children; nine are living—Lucy Ann, born in 1826, married O. L. West, farmer, at Richmond, Walworth Co.; G. S. Akin, a physician in Harrisonville, Cass Co., Mo; Lois M., married John M. Hicks, a farmer, of **Harmony** Township; Eunice F., married Ezra Cramer, a carpenter, of Fredonia, Wilson Co., Kan.; Levangah, married Augustus E. Wilcox, farming in **Harmony** Township; Adeline, married Wilson Martin, farmer, in **Harmony** Township; Wm. F., married Vina Green, born in Montgomery Co., N. Y., and farming in **Harmony** Township; Emily, unmarried. M. J. Akin was born in Cayuga Co., N. Y., in November, 1831; with his parents, came to Wisconsin in 1843; they lived for a time in Richmond, Walworth Co, in 1844, came to Rock Co.; bought a farm of 120 acres of unimproved land in **Harmony** Township. His father died, January, 1878, and his mother died, January, 1879. M. J. received a good education, and learned farming thoroughly.

When 21 years of age, he bought a farm of 120 acres of good land in La Prairie, where he lived eight years, then sold out and returned to Harmony Township, where he bought 240 acres of excellent land on Rock Prairie, where he is now living; raises 100 acres of barley, seventy of wheat, forty of corn, thirty of clover, vegetables, stock, Leicester sheep, Poland-China hogs sixty head, seven head of Clydesdale horses. Mr. Akin is a broad-gauge man; his farm is on a large plan. He uses all the latest necessary agricultural implements. He is a radical Republican and has served four consecutive years as a member of the Board of Supervisors.

FREEMAN BACON, farmer. Secs. 3 and 4; P. O. Janesville; born in January, 1806, in Barnstable Co., Mass., where he received a good common-school education; has always been a farmer. Married, in Barnstable Co., Mass., in 1826, Miss Rebecca Larkin, born in Newport, R. I., in 1804; they had eight children, four now living—Frank, Betsy, Victor and Rebecca; their mother died in Harmony Township in 1846, Mr. Bacon, with his wife, went from Massachusetts, in 1834, to Monroe Co., N. Y.; in 1844, he started for the Badger State; arrived here in Wisconsin in the fall; immediately located in what was then Janesville (now Harmony) Township, where he and his brother Owen together bought 360 acres of land; the same year, Freeman pre-empted 120 acres of land, which increased in value, and he sold it in 1850; a few years afterward, the brothers divided their property, his brother Owen taking 200 acres, and Freeman the remaining 160, which he some time afterward disposed of, and bought 240 acres where he now lives; he has improved the farm, made fences and built barns, etc.; he raises grain, vegetables and stock—Jersey and Durham cattle, sheep, Poland-China hogs (called the prettiest hogs in this section of the country). Black Hawk breed of horses, etc. He was one of the prime movers in building the schoolhouse in District No. 6, Harmony Township; he contributed the land and some money toward its completion.

ANDREW BARLASS was born in 1822, near Loch Leven, Scotland; the rudiments of his education were imparted to him by a nephew of Robert Burns; he resolved to seek his fortune in the New World at an early age; he landed in New York City in 1842, coming to Wisconsin in October of that year, and setting on the Milwaukee road; he removed to the farm he now lives on, in the town of Harmony, in 1844, having purchased it of the Government; this is one of the best farms on Rock Prairie. Mr. Barlass was first married to Miss Margaret Clink, who died in 1851, leaving four children—Margaret, Mary, Ellen and David. In 1861, he married his second wife—Miss Margaret Beveredge; they have three children—Agnes May, Andrew J. and Christina. Mr. Barlass has served as Assessor and Justice of the Peace for a number of years, and has been chosen Chairman of the Town Board of Supervisors some four or five times; he was elected a member of the Assembly in 1873, and re-elected for the two succeeding years, where he served his constituents and the people of the State faithfully and with honor to himself. Mr. Barlass believes that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well; hence, when on his farm, he gives it his best attention; he acts upon the principle of "come, boys," rather than "go, boys;" the result is, the success of his farm. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and keeps himself well posted upon all questions which relate to the welfare of our State and nation; no one questions his honesty or integrity; take him all in all, he is a good representative man of the most intelligent and successful farmers of Rock County.

DAVID BARLASS, farmer, See 36; P. O. Emerald Grove; born in Fifeshire, Scotland, in May, 1830 ; he came with his mother and sister to Wisconsin in 1844; they first lived in Johnstown Township, Rock Co. David received a fair education ; he was born and raised on a farm ; he first farmed on Rock Prairie for 50 cents a day; was industrious and economical; saved his earnings and invested in land ; in 1855, he purchased a farm on Rock Prairie ; he now owns 120 acres of fine land; a good farm, one of the best in this portion of the State; he has been steady, frugal and a good manager. He married, in the fall of 1856, Miss Catharine Moore, born in 1837, in Stirlingshire, Scotland; have two children- Andrew and Helen. Republican; members of the Scotch Presbyterian Church.

J. B. CADWELL, farmer, Sec. 29; P. O. Janesville; born in Manlius Township, Onondaga Co., N. Y., in September, 1827; born and raised on a farm; received a good, common-school education; at the age of 22, he began life for himself; bought a farm of fifty acres in Pompey Township same county. Married there, in October, 1849, Miss Teresa Williams, who was born in Pompey township in 1831; the result of their happy union was four children; three are living—Evaline, Florence and Rowland. Mr. C. lived in Pompey till 1851; he sold his farm and moved into Manlius Township where he bought a farm of twenty-five acres, on which he lived and worked till 1866, at which time he sold out and moved, till the beginning of 1868, he sold out and removed his family to Wisconsin, located and bought a farm of eighty acres of improved land in **Harmony**, where he is now living and prospering; barn, granary house, cozy home, etc.; raises a variety of crops ; makes a specialty of raising tobacco, which he finds more profitable than any other crop. He is Independent in politics, and Liberal in religion.

PETER CARHARTT, farmer, see 8; P. O. Janesville; born in Albany Co., N.Y., June 19, 1812; he received a fair education; at an early age began farming; lived in Albany Co. till 1842, then moved to Rensselaer Co., N. Y., where he followed his occupation till 1842, then went to Greene Co., N. Y., where he married Miss Ellen Conley, a native of Albany Co.; they have had three children, one living—Henry, who is assisting his father at farming. Shortly after Mr. Carhartt's marriage, they removed to Onondaga Co., town of Cicero, bought a farm and worked it until 1849, then sold his farm and removed to the township of De Witt, same county; was appointed toll-gate keeper, which position he failed for fifteen years; in 1864 he resigned, and went to Onondaga Township, same county, where he was toll-gate keeper till 1865, then returned to township of De Witt, and remained for three years, till the spring of 1868, when he came to Janesville; he lived in Janesville one year; in 1869, he went to Root Township, to manage a farm on shares, which he did till the fall of 1871. In 1868, Mr. Carhartt bought a farm of seventy-two acres, well improved, on Sec. 8, **Harmony** Township; in 1871, he moved on to the farm, which he worked till 1877, then rented to Charley Moore; in 1877, Mr. Carhartt moved from his farm, and took charge of Mrs. Joseph Spaulding's farm of 480 acres, on which he is raising sixty head of cattle, eighty-seven head of hogs, eight head of horses, and a variety of crops; his son is assisting him in the management of this immense farm; they are steady, industrious men,, and are prospering nicely. Republican; liberal in religion.

ROBERT CLARK, farmer. Sees. 24, 26 and 28; P. O. Rock Prairie; born November, 1845, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, son of William and Elizabeth Clark; came to Wisconsin with

his parents in May, 1858; they bought a farm of eighty acres in **Harmony** Township, where they are now farming; Robert received part of his education in Scotland and attended school here. He assisted his parents on the farm till 1864. Married, in Johnstown, October, 1868, Miss Mary Barlass, who is a native of **Harmony** Township; they have had five children, four are living—Isabella, Jane, John and Agnes; in November, 1877, Mr. Clark purchased the farm, consisting of 2.6 acres of good land, all under cultivation excepting forty acres of timber-land. Members of the United Presbyterian Church.

ISAAH P. COOKE, farmer, Sec. 13; P. O. Janesville; born in Onondaga County, N. Y., 1831; son of Chester Cooke, who was born in 1798 and started the second power woolen mill in America, at Northampton, Mass.; father and son came to Wisconsin in 1855; I. P. Cooke lived three years in town of La Prairie; removed to his present location in 1859. He married Miss Eliza L. Harding in 1861; they have one son—William M., born in 1863. Isaiah and his brothers, Edward C, Dwight, Henry Clay and Geo. A., are radical Republicans; Mr. C. is a Universalist.

WILLIAM L. DENNING-, farmer, Sec. 10; P. O. Janesville; born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, July 4, 1841; son of Alexander and Margaret L. Denning. His father was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, November, 1805. Born and raised on a farm, he received a very good education, taking into consideration the privations of his country. At the age of 18, he enlisted in Wexford, in the English Service, in which he served fourteen years and nine months. Married, in County of Waterford, in June, 1840, Miss Margaret Lee, who was born in the county of Kilkenny, in August, 1807. Their happy union was blessed with one child, named William, whose date of birth is above given. William came with his parents from Ireland direct to Boston, Mass., in 1845, where his father was employed by a furniture company for two years. In 1847, his father and family left Boston in-route to Concord, N. H. His father acted as Superintendent of a stone quarry for two years, till the spring of 1849, at which time he removed his family four miles out into the country; he still remained in the employ of the same firm, with whom he had contracted to furnish railroad ties. In November, 1850, he and his family came to Wisconsin, located in the city of Janesville, where he lived and worked till the spring of 1851, at which time he removed out into **Harmony** Township, where he worked different farms till 1854; then he bought twenty acres of land on Section 10, and moved on to the place. At divers' times, afterward, he made additional purchases, consisting of seventy acres, till he owned altogether ninety acres of fine land. By his industry, he accumulated a handsome property, on which he made all the improvements—granary, stable, house, etc., after an industrious and successful career, he died March 13, 1864. His wife still survives him, and is receiving kind care from her only son, William L., who is sole heir to the farm and property, which he is working successfully^ Raises a variety of crops, high grade of Durham cattle, thoroughbred Durham bull, Poland-China and Berkshire hogs, Cotswold sheep, Norman breed of horses, etc. William L. married, Jan. 13, 1866, Miss Mary Lyons, who was born in the county of Mead, Ireland, in 1841. They had five children, four are living—Joseph A., Mary Catherine, John, Margaret E.

EZRA DILLENBECK, farmer, Sec. 18; P. O. Janesville; born in Montgomery Co., N. Y. March 28, 1835; the only son of Henry H. and Catherine Dillenbeck. He came with his

parents, in 1854, to Rock Co., Wis.; they located, and bought a farm of 265 acres of good land in **Harmony** Town-ship, which they improved. His father led an honorable and upright life, and was industrious; he died in **Harmony** in August, 1864. His mother still survives him, and is living with her son Ezra. Ezra succeeded his father at farming, in 1865; he and his brother sold off 134 acres of land to S. M. Havens, who is now living on the farm. Ezra Dillenbeck married in the town of Center, Rock Co., in March, 1858, Miss Jane E. Pritchard, who was born in New York. Has had five children, four are living—Emma, Henry, Albert and Mary. A few years ago, he sold off twenty acres of land, on which was built a house and barns, etc. Mr. Dillenbeck has now remaining 114 acres of fine land, all under cultivation; raises a variety of crops. In the spring of 1876, he was elected Assessor of **Harmony** Township; re-elected in 1877 and 1878—three consecutive years; Republican.

WILLIAM FANING-, farmer, Sees. 9 and 18; P. O. Janesville; born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, in November, 1825; came to New York in 1851, by way of Quebec and Montreal; located in Washington Co., N. Y., and engaged at farming; worked for a time on the Whitehall & Hudson River Railroad. Married, in Whitehall, Nov. 19, 1856, Miss Ellen Keefe, who was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland. They have had eight children; seven are living—Patrick, William, John, Michael, Edward, James and Hannah. Mr. Fanning came from New York, with his wife, to McHenry Co., III.; lived there and farmed for two years. He came, in 1858, to Wisconsin, and located in Janesville Township, where he remained until 1869; then he came to **Harmony** Township and bought the farm of fifty acres on which he now lives. The farm was unimproved. Mr. Fanning and his boys have improved it, cleared the timber, built fences, barns, etc. Every acre of the farm is under cultivation. They raise the usual crops. Mr. Fanning is a Democrat. He and his family are members of the Janesville Catholic Church. Mr. Fanning's son William assists his father in working the farm. He owns and operates a threshing machine.

ALFRED HOSKINS, farmer. Sees. 29 and 31; P. O. Janesville; born in Scipio Town-ship, Cayuga Co., N. Y., February, 1807; born and raised on a farm. He received an extra good common school education. At the age of 21 he began life for himself; worked at farming in summer-time and teaching in the winter; taught school seven winters and one summer term. He was a very successful school teacher. Married in Scipio Township, January, 1834, I hoebe Ann Tompkins, who was born April, 1814. They had ten children; six are living—Lucinda, unmarried; Elizabeth, married Dr. Wm. C. Butler, who is living and practicing medicine in the city of Janesville; Joshua, was born in 1849, married Miss Carrie Vanvalen, who was born in Cortland Co., N. Y., and has one child, Frederick ; Robert W., is engaged in raising sheep in McCulloch Co., Texas ; he is a member of a firm owning and herding 4,000 head of sheep; Mary, unmarried, teaching school in the city of Janesville; Anna, unmarried, is a graduate of Janesville High School. In 1834 Mr. Hoskins and his wife moved to Hopewell Township, Ontario Co., N. Y., where he farmed it until the spring of 1836, at which time he removed to Mt. Morris Township, Livingston Co., N. Y., where he farmed it successfully and lived until the fall of 1841, then removed to Avon Township, same county, where he farmed and flourished until 1846. In October of that year, he and family came to Wisconsin, by the way of the Lakes, to the city of Racine; then to Janesville. In 1844,

he first came to Wisconsin, Racine, Rock Co., prospecting, looking for a location; returned to his home in New York State; came again to Rock Co. in the spring of 1845, at which time he bought 550 acres of land, 480 of which is in Sec. 16, La Prairie Township, and seventy in **Harmony** Township. In 1846, he removed his family to Wisconsin, and located and lived on his farm in La Prairie, on which he made aU necessary and some handsome improvements. A few years afterward he sold off 120 acres, and has remaining 360 acres. At divers times, he has made additional purchases, consisting of 130 acres, till he now owns 200 acres in **Harmony**. This farm is most handsomely improved, barn, granary, dwelling-house, etc. His son Joshua is working this farm. Mr. Hoskins owns 520 acres, in two farms. In 1867, Mr. Hoskins retired, and moved to the city of Janesville, where he bought a large, comfortable brick house on Bluff Street, where he is now residing in retirement. He has led a very active, industrious life, and by his industry and shrewd management his efforts are crowned with good success. Mr. H. has always voted the Republican ticket, and has at various times been honored with the following offices: In 1853 and 1854, he was elected and served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of La. Prairie Township; in the fall of 1854, he was elected Sheriff of Rock Co., being the first Sheriff" ever elected on the Republican ticket in Rock Co., and served one term satisfactorily; member of the Board of County Supervisors three terms, and he gave the best of satisfaction.

WILLIAM HUGHES, farmer, Sec. 5; P. O. Janesville; born in County Meath, Ireland, Sept. 22, 1833; lived on a farm; attended school until 16 years old, then engaged at farming till 1832; came to New York City, August 26, 1852; remained there only a short time. Married there, the same year, Miss Mary Ward, who was born in Ireland; they have had ten children, nine are living—Delia, William, James, Robert P., Mary A., Thomas, Edward, John H., Sarah A. In 1852, Mr. Hughes and his wife bought a farm in Clinton Co., N. Y., where he farmed till 1867; came to Wisconsin, with his family, in March, 1867, and bought a farm of 102-} acres of good land from one of the Stockman's. Mr., Hughes has eighty acres under cultivation, raises a variety of crops, common breeds of cattle and horses and Poland-China hogs. Members of the Janesville Roman Catholic Church; Democrat. His son, William, is renting and working, on the shares, one of Mr. Paul's farms, on Sec. 31, Milton Township^ of 220 acres; William is energetic and succeeding well; he is raising 25 acres of barley, 30 of corn, 25 of oats^ 35 of hay, vegetables, etc.

THOMAS JAMISON, farmer, Sees. 35 and 36; P. O. Janesville; born in Aberdeen→ shire, Scotland, in July, 1812; attended school there until 24 years of age; in 1837, he came to New York, located in Caledonia, Livingston Co., where he followed farming; he returned to Aberdeen→ shire, Scotland, in 1842, when he married Miss Margaret Monat, who was born there in March, 1822; had twelve children, ten are living—James, Margaret, Thomas, Mary, Malcolm, Jennie, David, Peter, William and Robina. In 1842, he returned with his bride from Scotland; they located in Livingston Co., N. Y.; remained until 1845, then came to Wisconsin and bought a farm of forty acres of Government land; Mr. Jamison by industry has accumulated a valuable property, well improved; he owns three farms—262 acres in Sees. 26 and 35 and 130 acres in other sections. Members of the Johnstown Presbyterian Church.

THOMAS KAHOE, farmer, Sec. 8; P. O. Janesville; born in County Meath, Ireland, in February, 1829; came to Janesville, where he was employed by Timothy Jackman in a flouring-mill; in September, 1854, he went to Fond du Lac, Wis., where he engaged in a lucrative employment; remained a few years; went to Nashville, Tenn., for a short time; came to Woodstock, 111., where he was engaged. till 1860; then returned to Rock Co., and engaged at farming in **Harmony** Township, where he has since lived. Married, in Janesville, in August, 1861, Miss Anna Dunnigan, who was born in County Meath, Ireland; they have had seven children; six are living—Katie A., Bartholomew, Lawrence, Nicholas, James and Thomas. Mr. Kahoe owns fifty acres of land, on which they live. Members of the Janesville Catholic Church.

DAVID McLay, farmer. Sec. 31; P. O. Emerald Grove; born in Sterlingshire, Scotland, in 1810; came to America in 1843; located on the farm he now owns of 240 acres. In 1849, married Miss Margaret More, of Johnstown. He served as Supervisor of Johnstown many years; raises Durham grades and Clyde horses; he owns Clydesdale stallion, Sir William Wallace, sired by England's Glory; grandsire Old England's Glory; Sir William's dam is a full-blooded Clyde mare, sired by Active; grand- sire. Old Active; he stands I62 hands high and weighs nearly 2,000 pounds.

THOMAS MACKIN, farmer, Sees. 20 and 17; P. O. Janesville ; born in the city of Syracuse, Onondaga Co., N. Y., February, 1838; when 4 years of age he came with his parents to a farm in the same county, where he attended a good common school, learned farming thoroughly; in the fall of 1863, he came to the city of Janesville, Wis., where he worked at railroading for a few months, then returned to his home, New York State; he entered in the late civil war in Syracuse, N. Y., in Company A, 122d New York Volunteer Infantry ; was in all the battles his regiment participated in; mustered out at Washington, D. C, Aug. 31, 1865 ; he then returned to his home in New York State, where he lived and prospered till June, 1866, at which time he came again to Janesville, Wis., where he located ; engaged in keeping a liquor store. Married in Janesville, New Year's Day, 1867, Miss Mary Welch, who was born in Kerry County, Ireland, 1843, they have had seven children, all are living—William, born March 31, 1868; Lucy, born Dec. 11, 1869; Mary, born Dec. 2, 1871; Thomas, born Sept. 28, 1873; James, born Dee 22, 1874; Catharine, born Jan. 20, 1877; Alice, born Aug. 28, 1878. In March, 1873, Mr. Mackin sold out his liquor business and moved out to **Harmony** Township, where he bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, improved, barn, house, etc. Raises a variety of crops and stock of various kinds; he also owns a brick house in the city of Janesville; he is succeeding nicely at farming; Democratic in politics; he and family are devoted members of the Janesville Catholic Church.

THOMAS MENZIES, JR., farmer, Sees. 4 and 5; P. O. Milton Junction; born in Scotland in 1826; received a good education; he was raised on a farm; at an early age, after leaving school, he commenced to assist his father on the farm. Thomas married in Scotland, in 1853, Miss Isabella McIntosh, who was born in Perthshire, Scotland, in 1829 ; have five children—Thomas, Isabella, John, William and Grace ; Mr. Menzies came with his family direct from Scotland to Wisconsin; located and engaged at farming in **Harmony**, where he worked a few years then went to Johnstown Township, where he managed a farm till 1869, when he returned to **Harmony** Township and bought a farm

of W. Austin ; the farm on which his family now live, of one hundred and sixty acres, one hundred under cultivation; he raises the usual crops, also cattle, horses, etc. Thomas Menzies, Jr., has entire charge and is working the farm success[^] fully; married in Janesville, June 22, 1877, Miss Adelia Barker; has one child—Minnie; Thomas is Independent in politics; liberal in religion.

BARNEY MILLEN, farmer. Sec. 12; P. O. East Milton; born in County Cavan, Ireland, in January, 1801; lived on a farm ; he was deprived of a liberal education, but he is a man of ability and strictly straightforward and honorable in all of his dealings; he married in County Cavan, Ireland, in April 1843, Miss Bridget Masterson, born in the same county in 1819 ; they had six children, five living: John, born in Ireland, January, 1844; Michael, born in Ireland, September, 1845 ; Margaret, born in Ire→ land 1848 ; Owen, born in Wisconsin, 1856 ; Eliza, born in Wisconsin, ^; Mr. Millen came to America in 1851, located in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, lived there from Thanksgiving Day till June, 1851, when he came with his family to Wisconsin, located at Rock Co., **Harmony** Township and engaged at farming; he worked farm, on shares for a few years with good success; in 1860, he bought forty acres of land, on which he is living; in 1864, he purchased eighty more acres adjoining, ten of which is timber; he now owns altogether one hundred and twenty acres of land which he has improved; raises a variety of crops; takes an interest in tobacco raising, which is said to be the most profitable crop in this part of the State; he raises cows, horses, Poland-China and Berkshire hogs, Leicestershire sheep etc.; he has on his place an excellent wind-mill, commodious barns, etc.; Democrat; members of the Janesville Catholic Church.

CHARLES E. MILLER, farmer, Sec. 16; P. O. Janesville ; born in Otsego Co., N. Y., Aug. 13, 1838 ; he is the son of Cornelius and Celinda Miller; his father was born in Herkimer Co., N. Y., Feb. 2, 1801; at an early age he learned the carpenter's trade ; afterward learned the flour-milling business; he put in his time till 27 years of age, when he took up thirty-seven acres of land in Hemlock Prairie, N. Y. Married, in Otsego Co., N. Y., Feb. 17, 1825, Miss Celinda Smith, who was born Jan. 10, 1801, in Otsego Co., N. Y.; they had ten children, eight are living—George, Jeremiah, Justina, Margaret, Lucilla, Charles E., Leander S., Israel, Clark; the latter is now a physician, practicing medicine. Mr. Miller, Sr., came with his family to Wisconsin, in the spring of 1842, and bought 160 acres of land in Janesville Township; he returned to New York State and remained there till 1845; he came again to Wisconsin, bringing his family with him. This time he bought 240 acres of land in **Harmony** Township; to this farm he moved his family, and went to work industriously and built barns, granary, outbuilding, house, etc. Mr. Miller, Sr., always led an energetic life, and was a successful farmer; few men in Harmony Township were as much respected. He was identified with the interest and prosperity of his town→ ship. He held, at various times, the following offices: served as Treasurer of **Harmony** Township, Justice of the Peace, he was one of the delegates to the first Free-Soil Convention, which was held at Madison. He was an ardent advocate of the temperance cause, always and ever striving to do good; he died Nov. 26, 18—; his wife died Aug. 26, 1869. Charles E., the subject of this sketch, received a good education, and learned farming thoroughly; he succeeded his father on the old homestead; he was heir to eighty acres, which he still owns and lives on and works successfully; he also has the management of forty acres; his farm is well stocked, with

a full-blooded Ayrshire bull, half Jersey and Durham grade cattle, Berkshire and Poland-China hogs, and he takes much pride in raising stock. Married, in Harmony Township, July 2, 1863, Sarah E. Glazier, who was born in Cherry Valley, Otsego Co., N. Y., in 1846; they have four children—Julia, Bertha, Guy, James St. John. Mr. Miller is Independent in politics and liberal in religion.

F. E. OSBORN, farmer, Sec. 12; P. O. Milton; born in Genesee Co., near Attica, N. Y., in March, 1827; he is a son of Chauncy and Polly Osborn; his father was born in New York in 1798; when quite young he commenced farming; in 1812, he enlisted in the Revolutionary war; served one year and a half as a drummer-boy; part of the time on picket; he was then only 14 years of age; mustered out in 1814; returned to his home and re-engaged at farming. Married in New York in 1816; his wife was born in 1798; they had twelve children; eight are living—Leonard, William, Mary, F. E., Lucinda, Julia, Hattie, Hattie; they came with their children to Wisconsin in 1843, and located at Oconomowoc, Waukesha Co.; in 1844. purchased a farm, on which they lived and worked till 1857, then removed to Harmony Township; bought a farm of 160 acres; his father was a farmer; died in 1876; his mother still survives him; their son, F. E., assisted his parents on the farm. Married in Johnstown, in January, 1852, Miss Lydia Cary, who was born in Boston, Erie Co., N. Y.; they have no children; in 1853, F. E. purchased the farm he now owns, consisting of eighty acres, well improved. Mr. Osborn is a member of the Johnstown Free Baptist Church. He enlisted in Co. E, 22d Wis. V. I., in September, 1862; he was one of the soldiers who crossed the pontoon bridge over the Ohio River at Cincinnati; by exposure in service, he was taken sick and laid up in the Lexington (Ky.) Hospital for eight weeks; in December, 1862, on account of illness, was discharged and returned to Harmony; was confined to the house for six weeks; recovered health, and re-engaged at farming. Republican.

PHILLIP RHODES, farmer, Secs. 18 and 19; P. O. Janesville; born in Yorkshire, Eng. Dec. 26, 1818; lived on a farm; he received a common school-education; at an early age he commenced farming in Yorkshire, which occupation he energetically followed until the spring of 1841, when he moved to Canada and located in Brockwell, where he lived till 1843; leaving there, he went to St. Lawrence Co. N. Y., where he engaged at farming and followed it until 1847, then came to Chicago; was proprietor till 1848 of a hotel on the Galena & Chicago Railway, sixteen miles from Chicago; in 1850, he went to Freeport, Stephenson Co., Ill., where, in partnership with his brother William H., he bought a farm of 400 acres, wild prairie land, which they improved; in 1853, Phillip sold his interest in the farm, then went on a gold expedition to Australia; stayed at Melbourne only a short time, then wandered over Australia, prospecting and mining; he returned in 1856 to Freeport, where he kept a meat market which proved profitable: sometime afterward engaged in farming in Stephenson Co., Ill. Married in Freeport, Dec. 8, 1861, Miss Mary Lowes, who was born in Lincolnshire, Eng.; they have five children—Charles L., Edgar, Carrie E. Frederick and Nellie. Mr. R. is taking much pride in giving his children a good education; he came from Freeport with his family to Rock Co., Wis., in 1874, and bought a farm of Capt. Cangel in Harmony of 105 acres; land all under cultivation; raises a variety of crops; he is trying tobacco this year; his farm is well improved. Republican.

JAMES P. SHIELDS, farmer. Sec. 17; P. 0. Janesville; born in the village of Lyons. Wayne Co., N. Y.; he is the son of James and Susan Shields; his father was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, 1802 ; at an early age, he learned the trade of carriage-building; in spring of 1822, came to St. John, N. B., where he was employed in the navy yard for a short time; late in the same year, he went to Boston, Mass., where he worked at his trade until August, 1823, at which time he took his departure for Albany, N. Y., where he sought and secured employment at Gould's carriage-factory, where he remained for years; he assisted in ironing-off the cars first run on the Albany & Schenectady R. R., which was the first railroad ever built in the United States. Married, about the year 1832, in Albany, N. Y., Miss Susan Simmonds, who was born near Schenectady, N. Y., in 1804; the result of their union was seven children—John, born April 25, 1834; William, Jan. 17, 1840; Charles, June 6, 1842; Robert, June 2, 1845; Almen, May 4, 1848; Fanny E., Jan. 18, 1850; James, Aug. 24, 1837. Their parents came to Wisconsin in June, 1847; located in Rock Township; bought a farm of 240 acres, on which he worked industriously, and prospered finely; his sons were industrious, and assisted him much; Mr. Shields, Sr., is still living on his farm in Rock Township; after a painful illness his wife died in April, 1868 ; his daughter, Mary E., married Henry Kayler, who is living on and managing the old homestead ; James P., the principal subject of this sketch, received a common-school education ; always was industrious; assisted his father on the farm till the spring of 1861; at that time, his father bought, in **Harmony**, 160 acres, 80 of which he gave to his son ; James appreciates this gift, and has made some handsome improvements; built barn, granary, neat, tasty frame house ; cozy home, and managing eighty acres besides ; raises a variety of crops ; he is prospering finely. Married, in Fort Wayne, Ind., October, 1863, Miss Ivanna Hopple, who was born in Allen Co., Ind., July 30, 1843; the result of their happy union has been five children; four are living—Nevada, Penola, William, Emma. Mr. Shields is liberal in religion; has always voted the Republican ticket.

WILLIAM SPAULDING-, farmer, Secs. 8, 17, and 20; P. 0. Janesville; born in Bradford Co., Penn., in August, 1807; he came with his brother, Joseph, to Wisconsin in 1836; settled in Racine Co.; remained only a short time there; came to Rock Co., and located in **Harmony** Township; in the fall of 1837, pre-empted 160 acres of wild land, which they cleared and cultivated; when land came into the market, in 1842, bought 1,040 acres of land in **Harmony**. William returned to Bradford Co., Penn., in 1839, and there, married Miss Alma H. Wright, born in Connecticut, in 1809; with his wife he returned to his farm in Wisconsin. Had five children, two now living—Owen and Harriet; their mother died in August, 1860. He married again in 1862; by this marriage has one son—Edward. Mr. Spaulding and his brother, Joseph, divided their land in 1848, Joseph taking 480 acres and William 560 acres; since then, he has made additional purchases; at one time 160 acres, at another time 180. He now owns altogether 900 acres well-improved land. Mr. Spaulding is living in the house which he built in 1849; he has never found it necessary to reshingle nor to replaster the house, and it bids fair to stand good for twenty years longer. His residence stands back 600 feet from the roadway; he has a lawn, adorned with shrubbery—one of the most picturesque places in Rock Co. He raises grain, tobacco, vegetables; Durham grade cattle; Merino, Spanish and Cotswold sheep—has about 200 head; they average an annual shear of five pounds of wool each; has twenty-five head of Poland-China hogs; thirteen head of horses—Morgan,

Black Hawk, Magna Charta. In 1878, Mr. Spaulding had 6 acres of land which yielded 301 bushels of "wheat; corn, averages forty bushels to the acre; oats, sixty bushels; rye, twenty-five bushels; buckwheat, thirty bushels. In the early days, their markets were poor; they had to draw their produce to Madison and sometimes to Fort Winnebago.

JOHN STOCKMAN, farmer. Secs. 36, **Harmony**, and 31, Milton; P. O. Janesville; born in county of Antrim, Ireland, September, 1827; son of James and Rebecca Stockman; they had six children, five are living—John, Robert, Jane, Hugh and Rebecca; they came with their parents to Philadelphia, Penn., in July, 1831; they lived there till November, 1834; then went to Northumberland, Saratoga Co., N. Y.; they worked a farm till 1843, then came, together with their parents, to Rock Co., Wis.; their father located and bought a farm in **Harmony** Township. His father farmed until his death, in March, 1873; his mother died in **Harmony** March 4, 1876. John received a fair education, and at an early age commenced farming; he owns 214 acres, well improved; has some thorough-bred Durham cattle, Durham grades, Cotswold sheep, Poland-China hogs, Morgan horses and Normans crossed. He married, in Milton, December, 1853, Miss Elizabeth Nicholson, a native of Lincolnshire, Eng. They have had ten children, nine are living—Robert H., William J., John, Rebecca A., Sophia, Martha J., Ellen E., Matilda and Mary E. In 1862, he was elected and served one term as member of the Board of Supervisors; in 1862, was elected Assessor, and re-elected every consecutive year till 1868; he was also Chairman of the Town Board for one term on the Republican ticket. He is a successful farmer and a man of considerable literary taste, and a good, enterprising citizen. During the late war, he willingly contributed \$500 toward the raising of troops; he is now Independent in politics. He and his family are devoted members of the Janesville Presbyterian Church.

W. L. WADE, farmer. Sec. 19; P. O. Janesville; born in Eaton Township, Madison Co., N. Y. in April, 1840; he is the son of Horace B. and Emeline Wade. His father was born in Providence, R. I., in May, 1806; granted a fair education. His life was spent at the milling business. Married Emeline Thielj Who was born in New York in July, 1819. They had ^Ye children, all are living—Elizabeth, Susan A., Alvord, Emma, William L. Some years after he married, he moved to Madison Co., N. Y., where he owned and operated a mill up to the year 1853, at which time he came with his family to Wisconsin, and located in **Harmony** Township, and worked a farm till the spring of 1870, at which time he went with his family to Vernon Co., Wis., where he is at present engaged in Arming. Their son William remained in **Harmony** Township. Married, in **Harmony**, in May, 1874, Mrs. Mary Zimmerman, a native of England; she was a widow with three children. The result of this marriage is two children. Mr. Wade is running and working a farm on Section 19, in **Harmony**. His farm is handsomely improved; good barn, stable, granary, etc.; comfortable house. Mr. Wade votes the Republican ticket.

C. V. WHIPPLE, farmer, -Sec. 9; P. O. Janesville; born in Washington Co., N. Y., in September, 1837; he received a common-school education; apprenticed himself to learn the shoemaking trade; served three years. When a journeyman, he worked in La Grange, N. Y.; part of his time at farming. Married, in June, 1858, in North Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., Miss Minerva Lamphire, who was also born in New York. They have five children—Frank, Bim, Minnie, Edward and Frederick. Mr. Whipple and his

family came to Madison, Wis., in 1862, where he was employed at manufacturing reapers and mowers for a few months ; went to Milwaukee, and worked at shoemaking till the spring of 1863, then returned to Madison, and worked at his former business till the fall of 1863, then, with his family, returned to Washington Co., N. Y., intending to remain, but, in 1864, came to Milwaukee, and Mr. Whipple was employed at shoemaking by Bradley & Metcalf, until 1873; then came to Janesville, where he work, and shipped it to the Milwaukee firm. In the fall of 1875, they went to Johnstown Township. In 1877, returned to Janesville. In the spring of 1878, his health failing, he moved out to Harmony Township, and took charge of Dr. Cargill's farm, which is handsomely improved. Mr. Whipple raises corn, oats, wheat, barley, potatoes and strawberries, the latter a good crop, also horses and Berkshire hogs; radical Green-backer.

AUGJ-USTUS E. WILCOX, farmer, Sec. 15; P. O. Janesville; born in Roscoe, Winnebago Co., 111., in 1838; son of N. W. and Olive Wilcox; came to Wisconsin in 1854 and settled on the farm he now owns of 110 acres. Married Miss Levanjah Aikin, of Harmony, in 1857; they have nine children—Morell A., Ella, Romaine E., Eva B., Clara C, Edward, Edith, Frank and William. He has served as Treasurer and Director of School District No. 3 for the past eighteen years; was elected Supervisor of town of Harmony for 1878 and 1879; is a Republican. Raises the usual stock and crops of his - section.

M. M. WILCOX, farmer. Sec. 15; P. O. Janesville; born in January, 1812, in Morgan, Orleans Co., Vt.; son of Silas and Elizabeth Wilcox; assisted his parents in farming till 1833; then went to New Haven Co., Conn, he engaged in farming till 1840. Married in New Haven Co., Conn., in February, 1836, Miss Mabel Norton, who was born in the same county in November, 1812; they have two children—Henry, born in December, 1836, and Oramel, in August, 1842. M. M. Wilcox came with his family to Wisconsin in 1845, when they located and bought 100 acres of land where he is now living on Sec. 15; he raises the usual crop of the county. On the Republican ticket, in 1854, he was elected Treasurer of Harmony Township; served one term; in 1858, was Assessor one term; in 1863, he was re-elected Treasurer for one term. His son Henry enlisted in the 13th W. V. I.; had a severe attack of illness, recovered his health, and, in October, 1864, entered Co. I, 2d W. V. L, and served till the end of the war; was honorably discharged. His other son, Oramel, enlisted in April, 1861, in Co. D, 2d W. V. I.; was taken prisoner July 22, 1861; was in Libby under Wirz' cruelty; in June, 1862, was sent to Tuscaloosa, Ala.; at Salisbury, N. C, he was wounded in the head and reported dead, but only lost his left eye; mustered out at Madison, Wis., at the end of the war.

JAMES YOUNGCLAUSE, farmer. Secs. 28 and 35; P. O. Janesville; born on one of the Shetland Isles in 1831; came to America in 1845 and settled on the farm he now owns of 200 acres. Married Miss Isabela Clark, of Harmony, in 1868; they have five children—Ellen J., John C, Margaret I., Gracie G. and James P. The family are members of the United Presbyterian Church of Johnstown. He raises grade stock, wheat, barley, oats, corn, hay, etc.