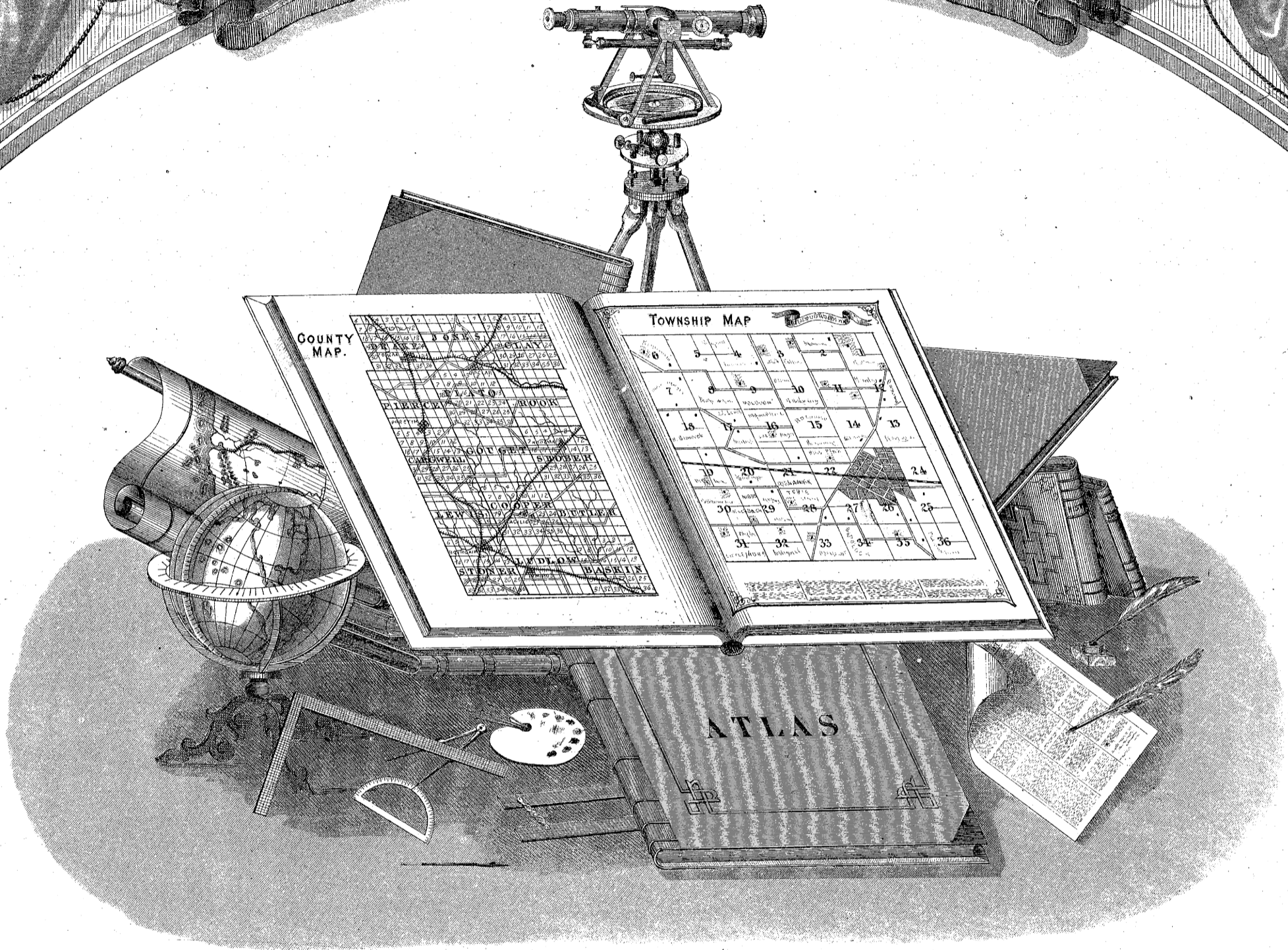


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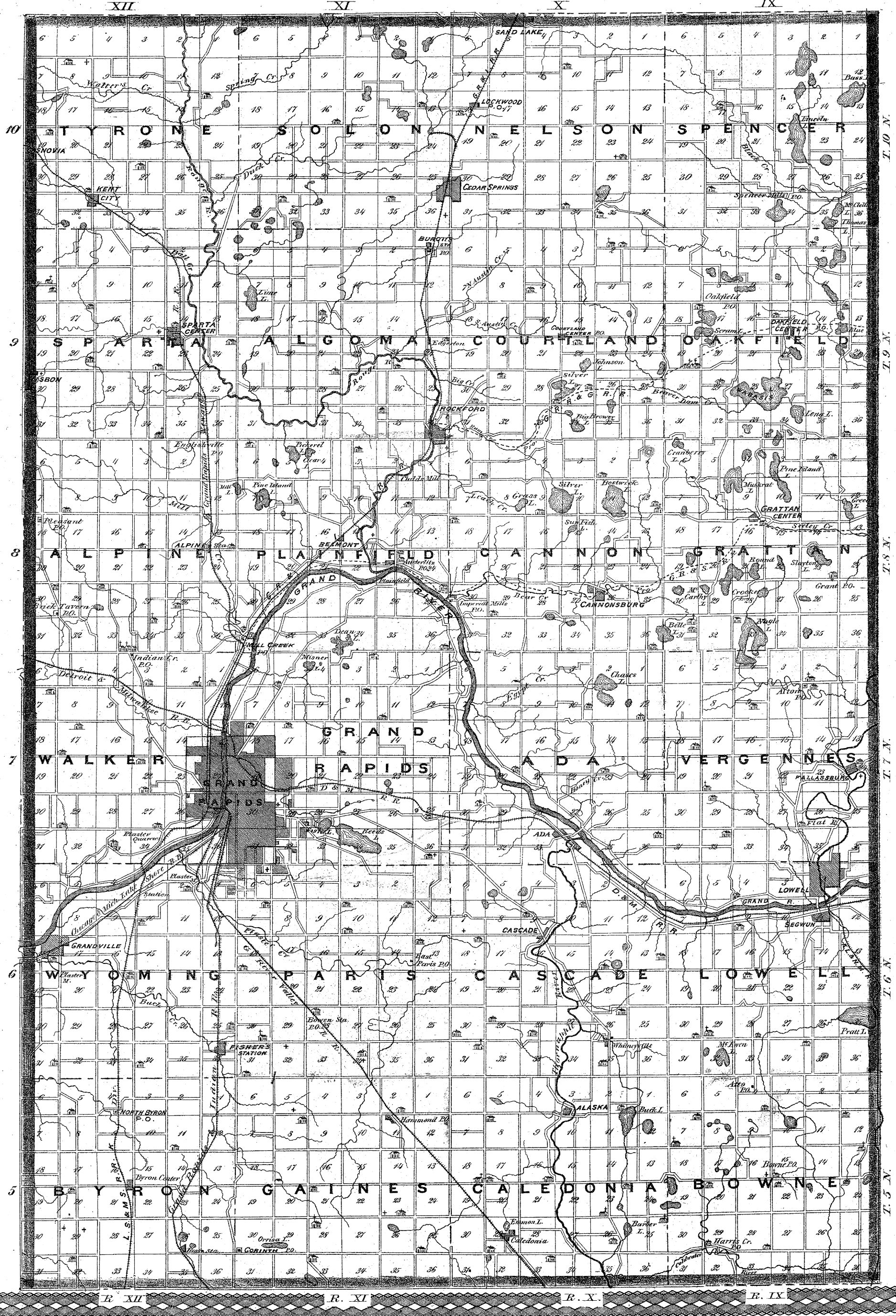
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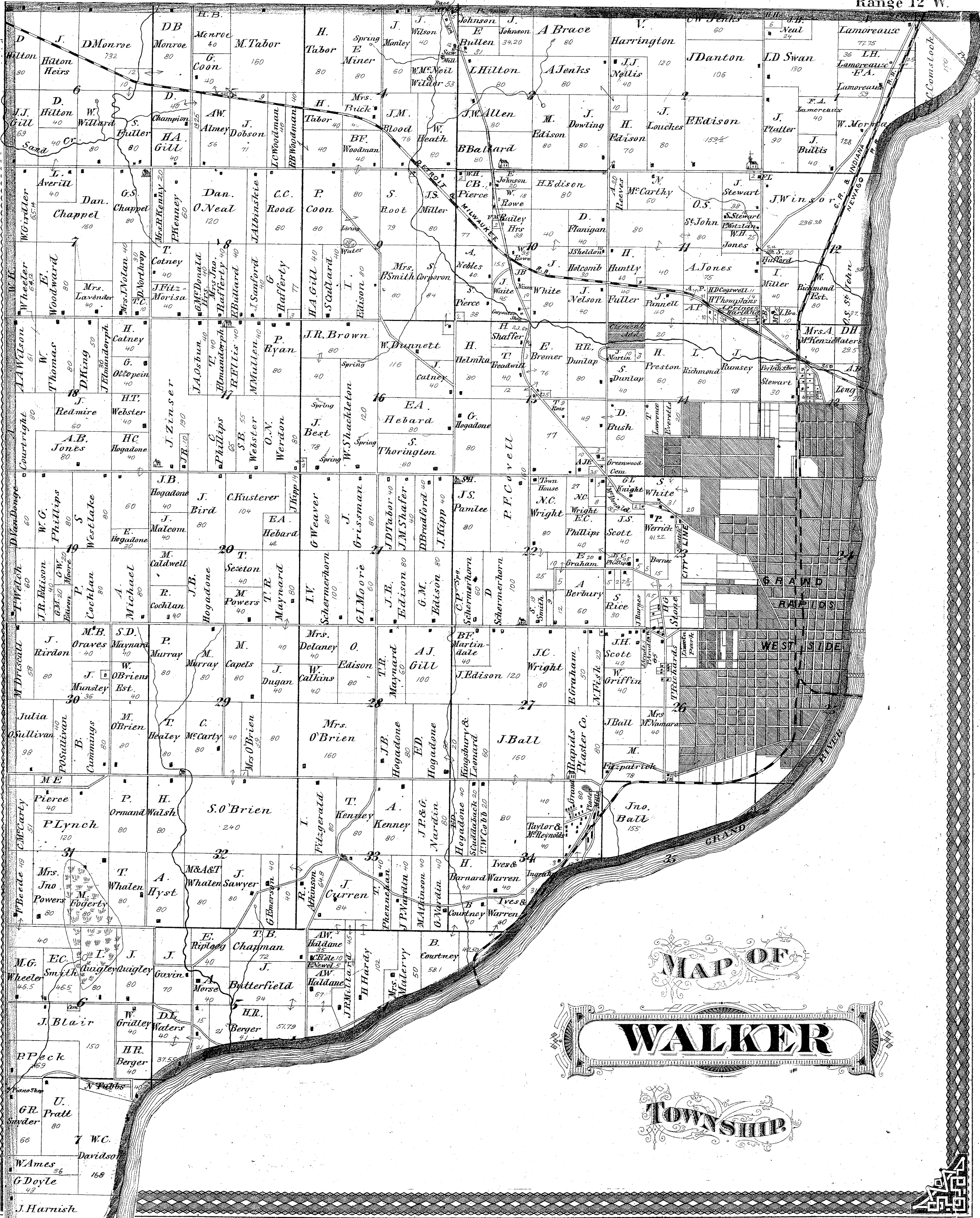


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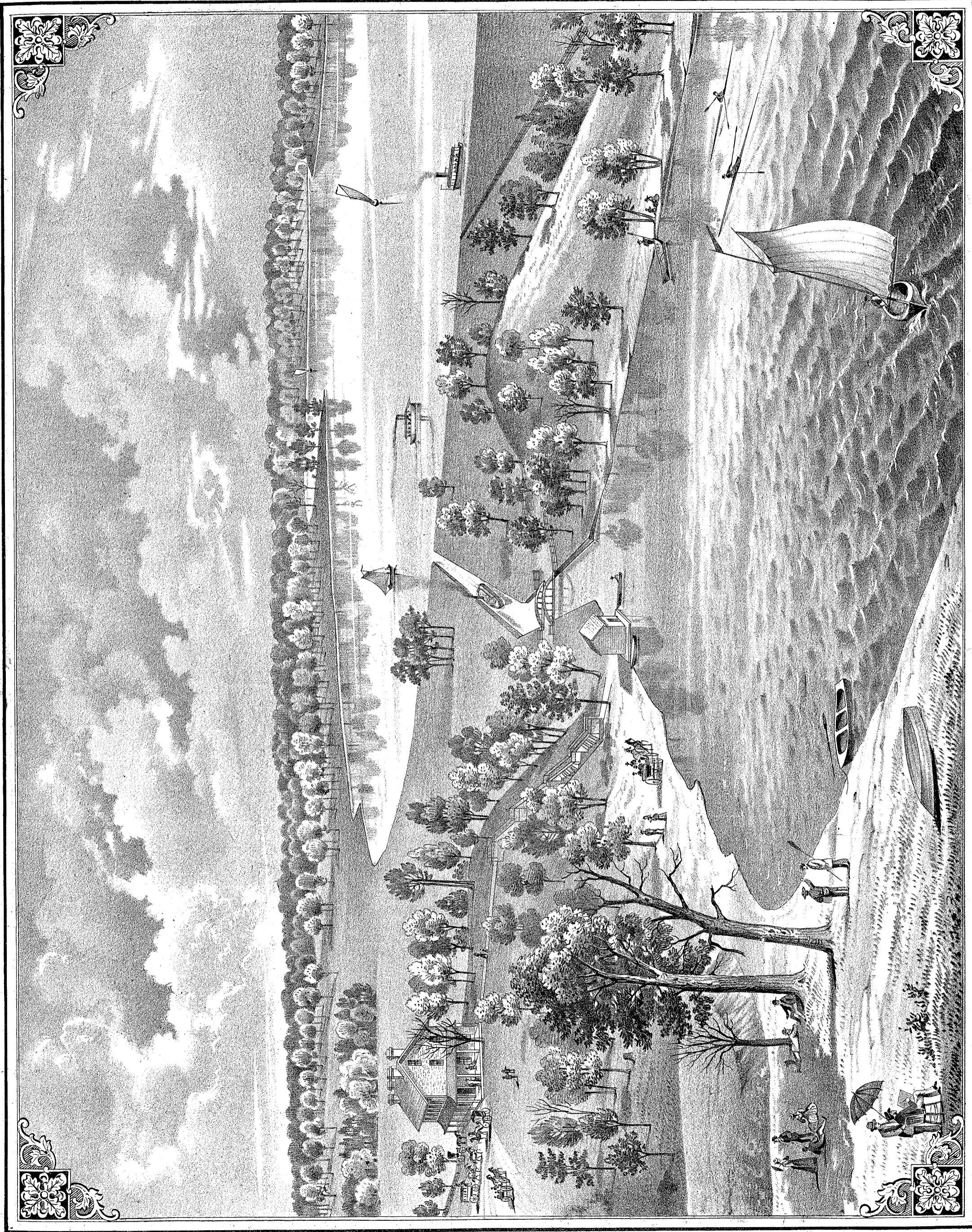
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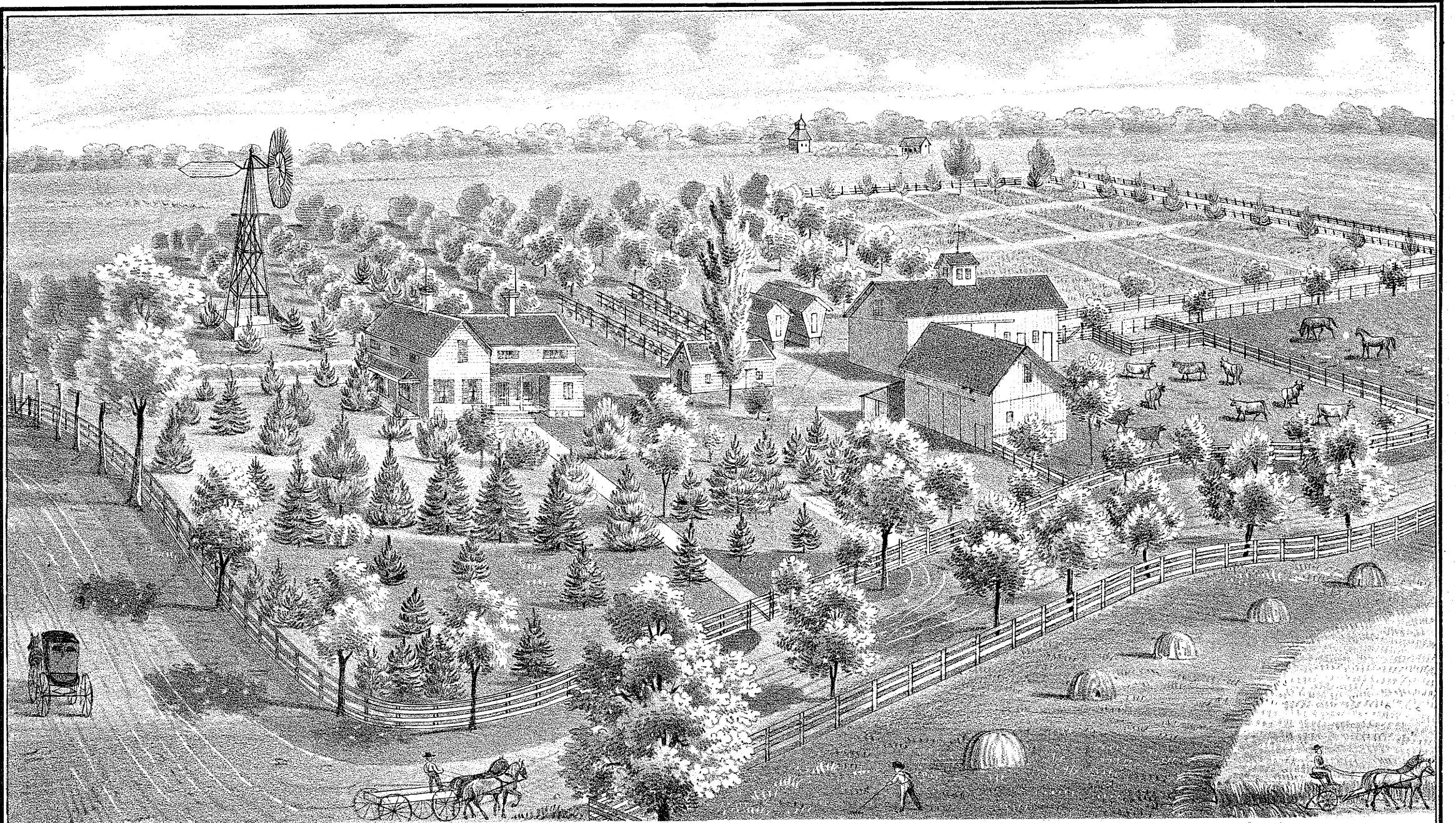
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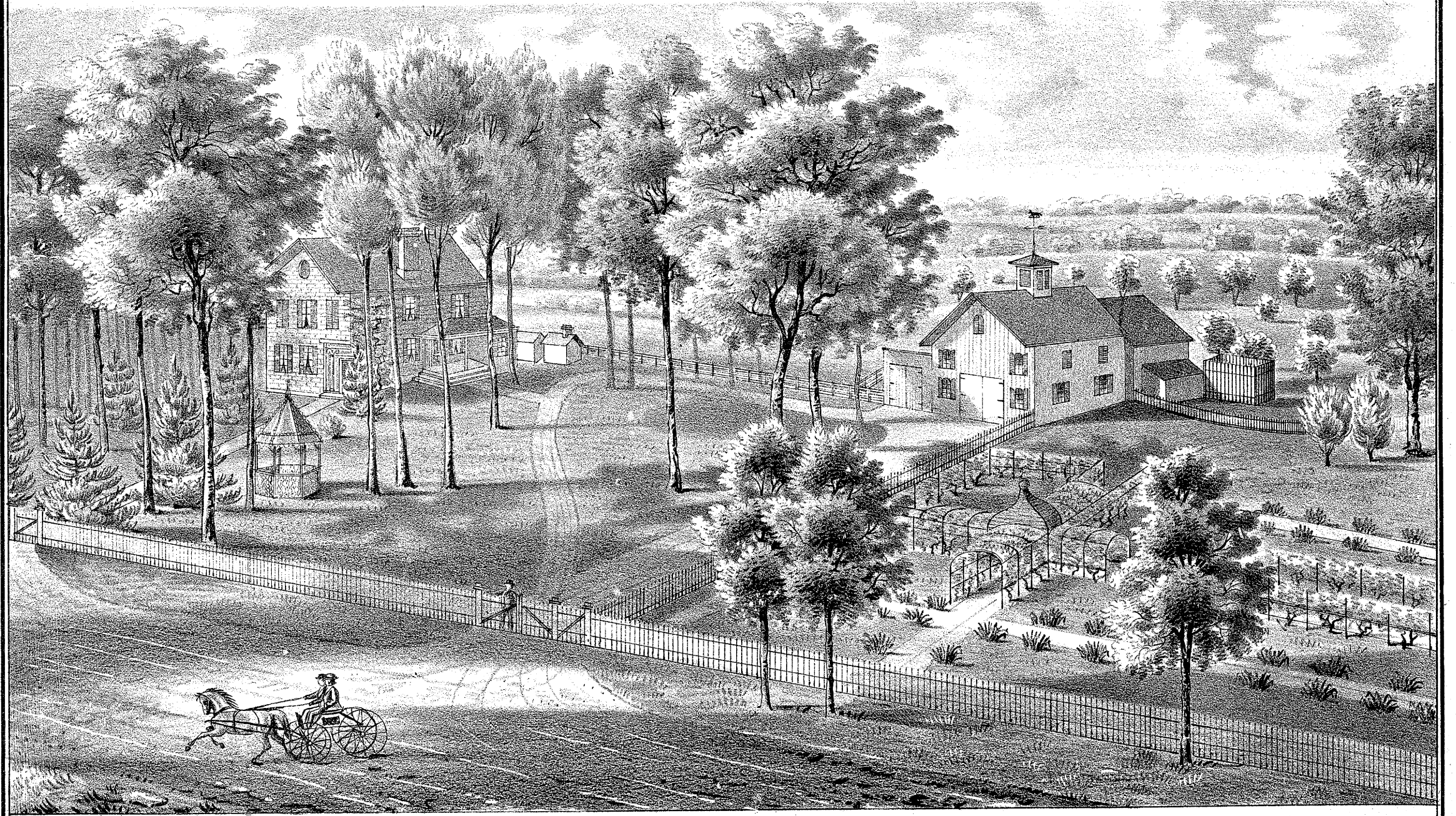
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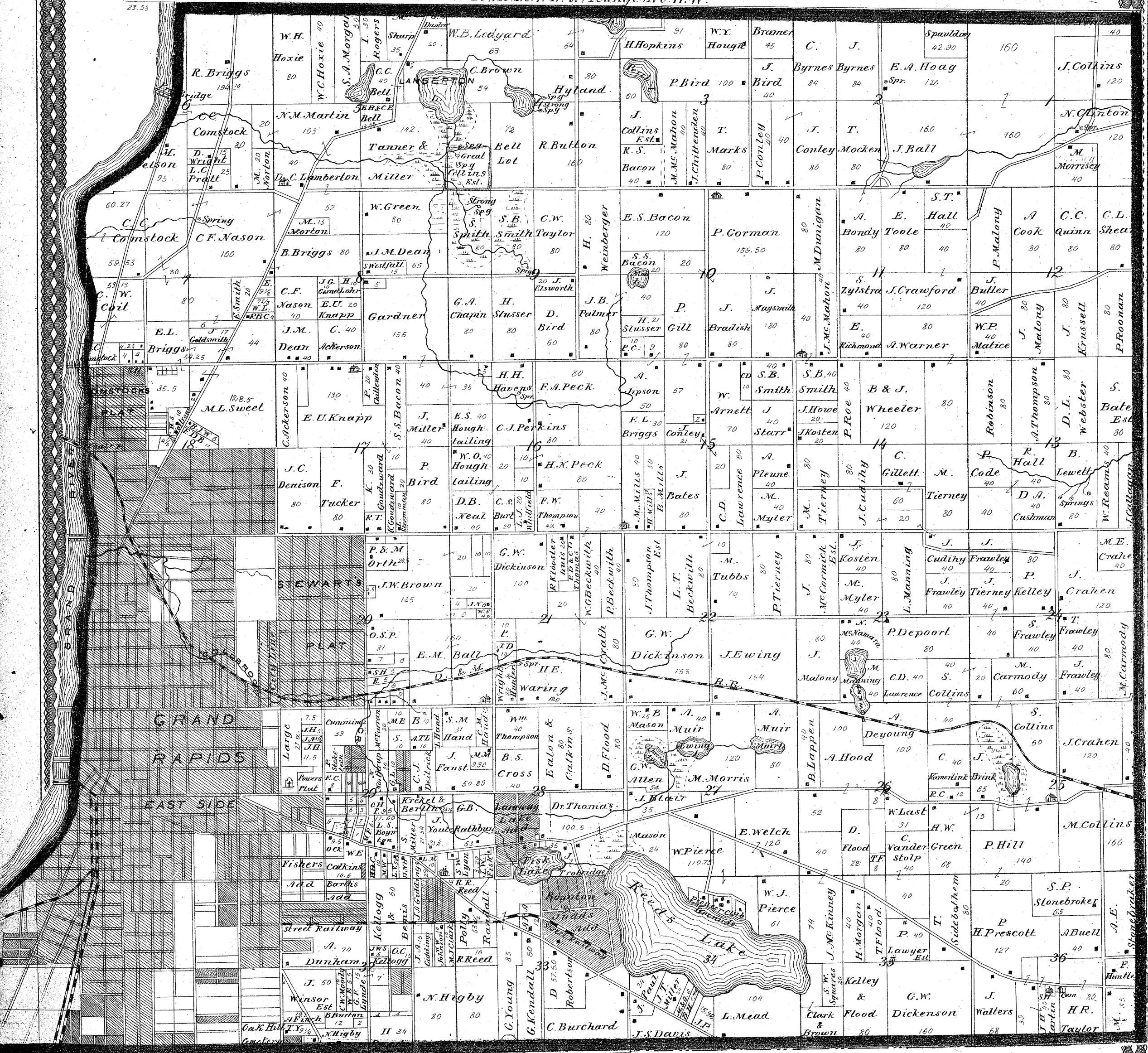


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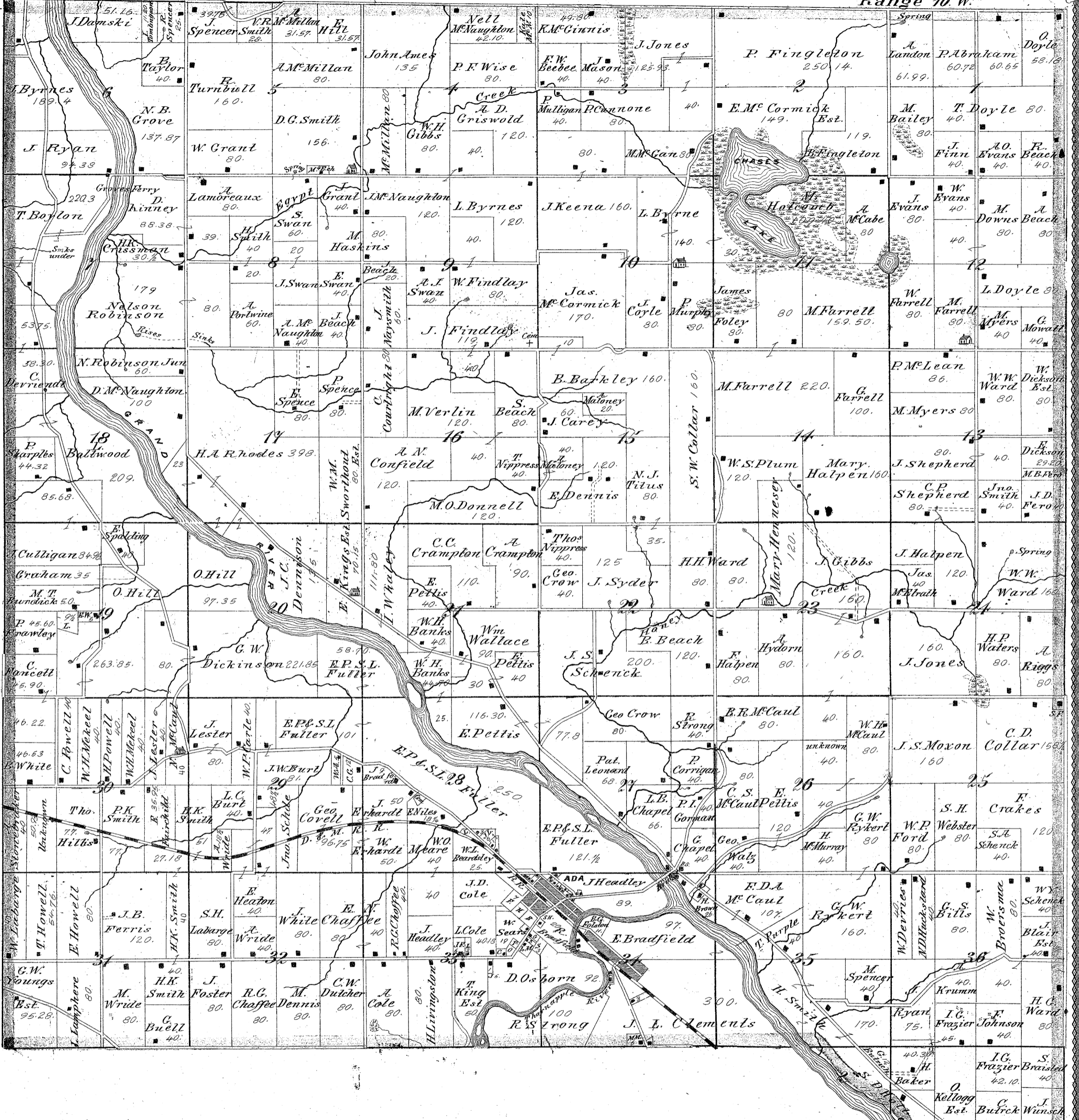
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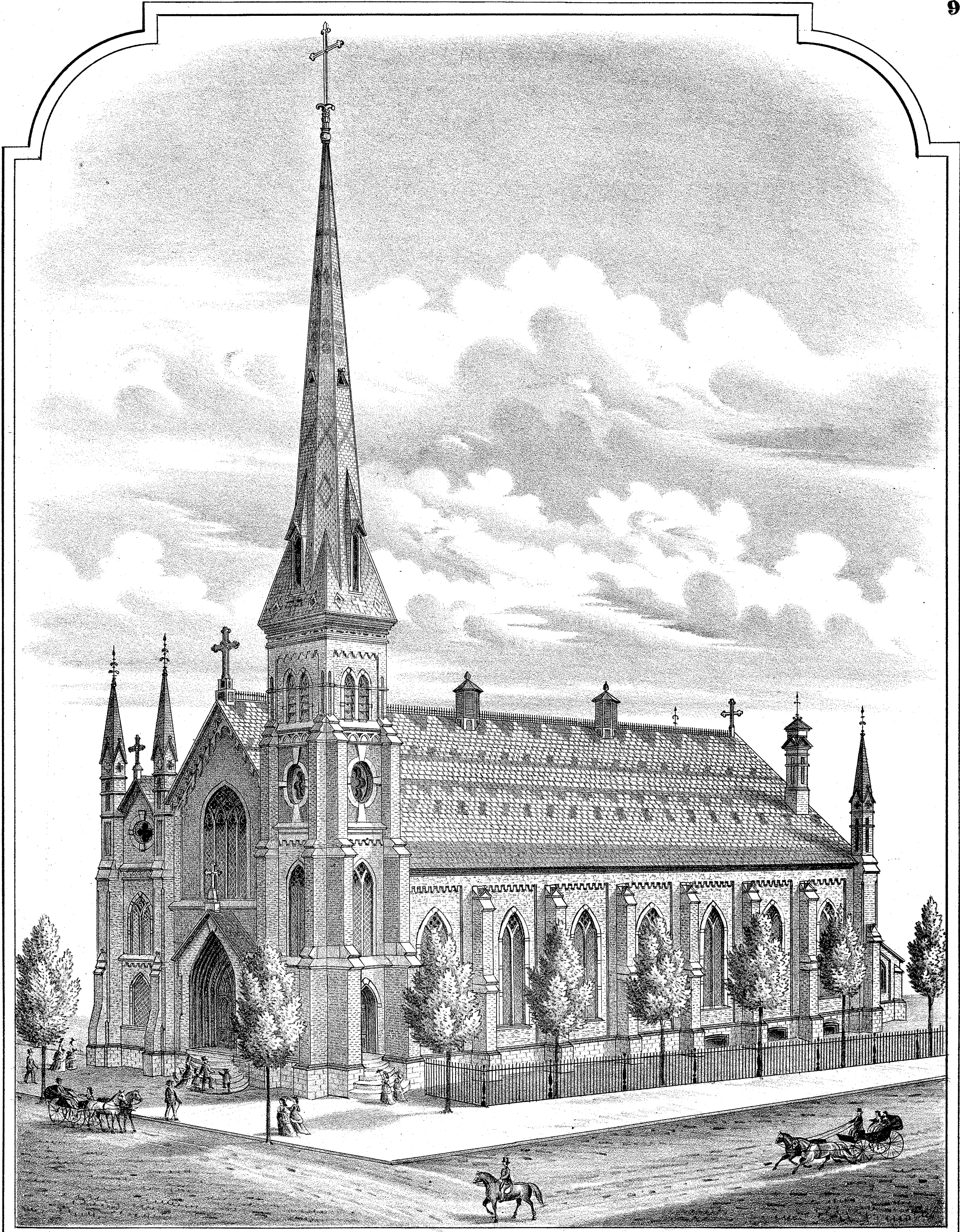
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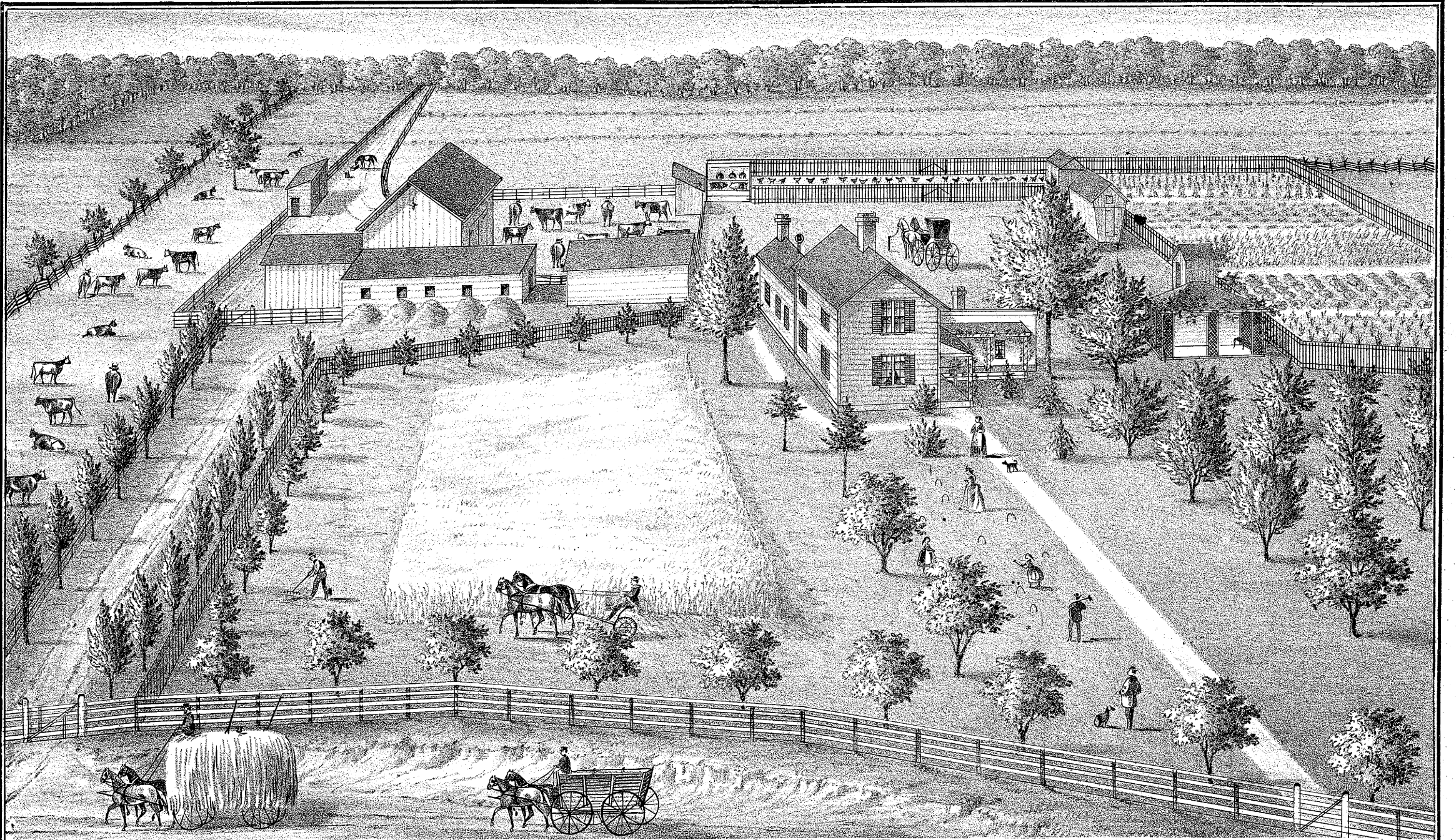
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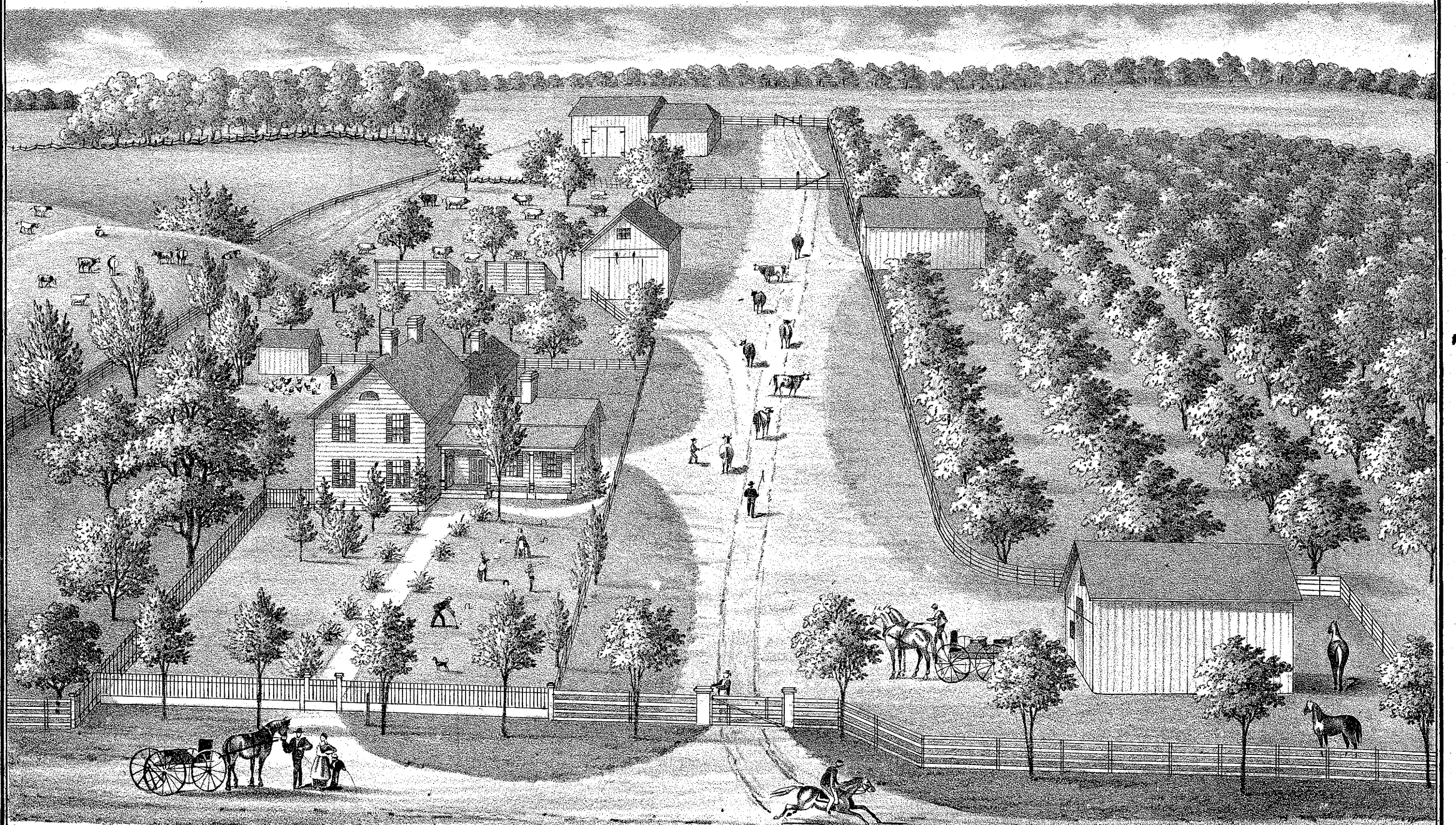
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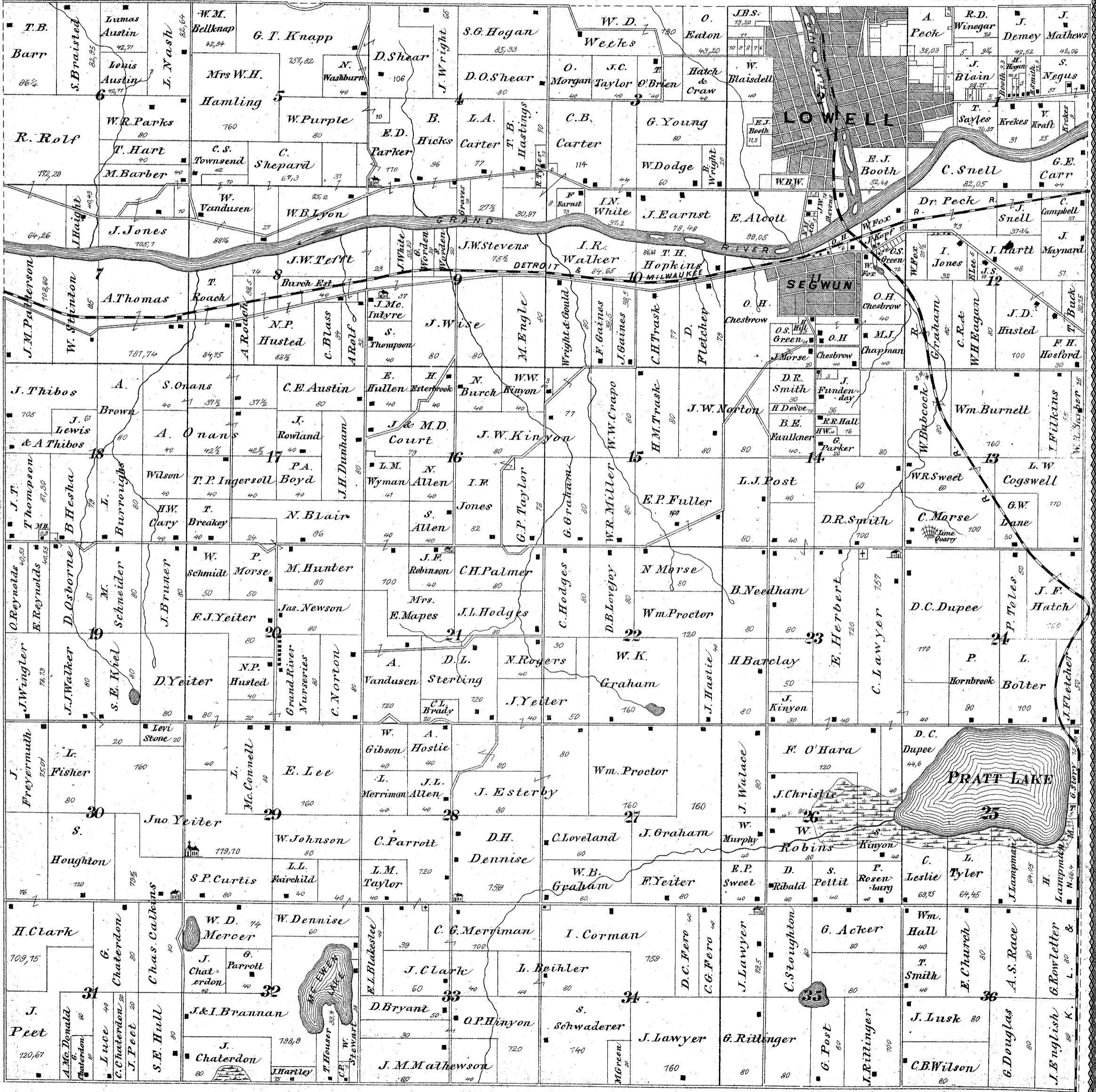


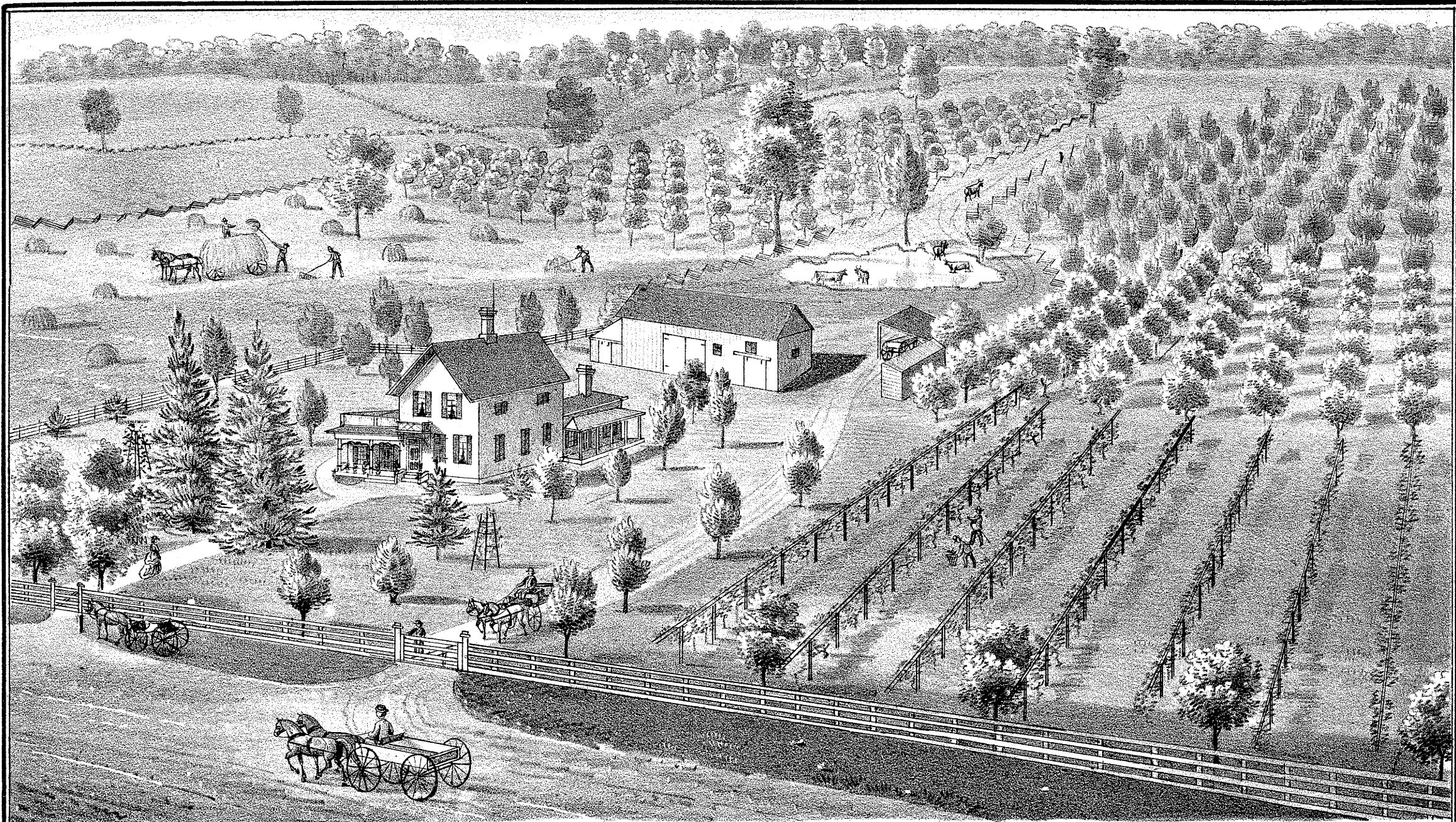
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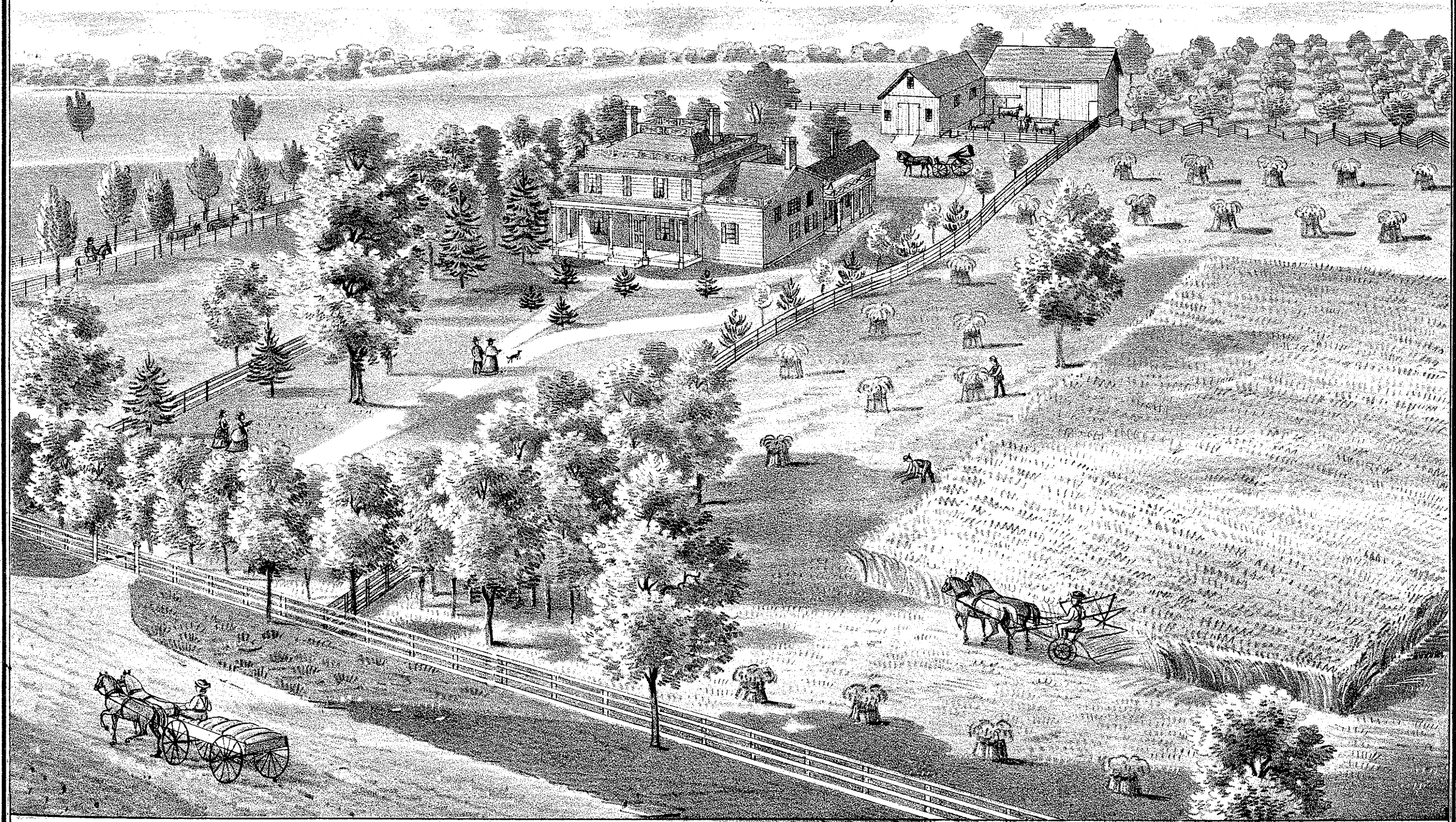
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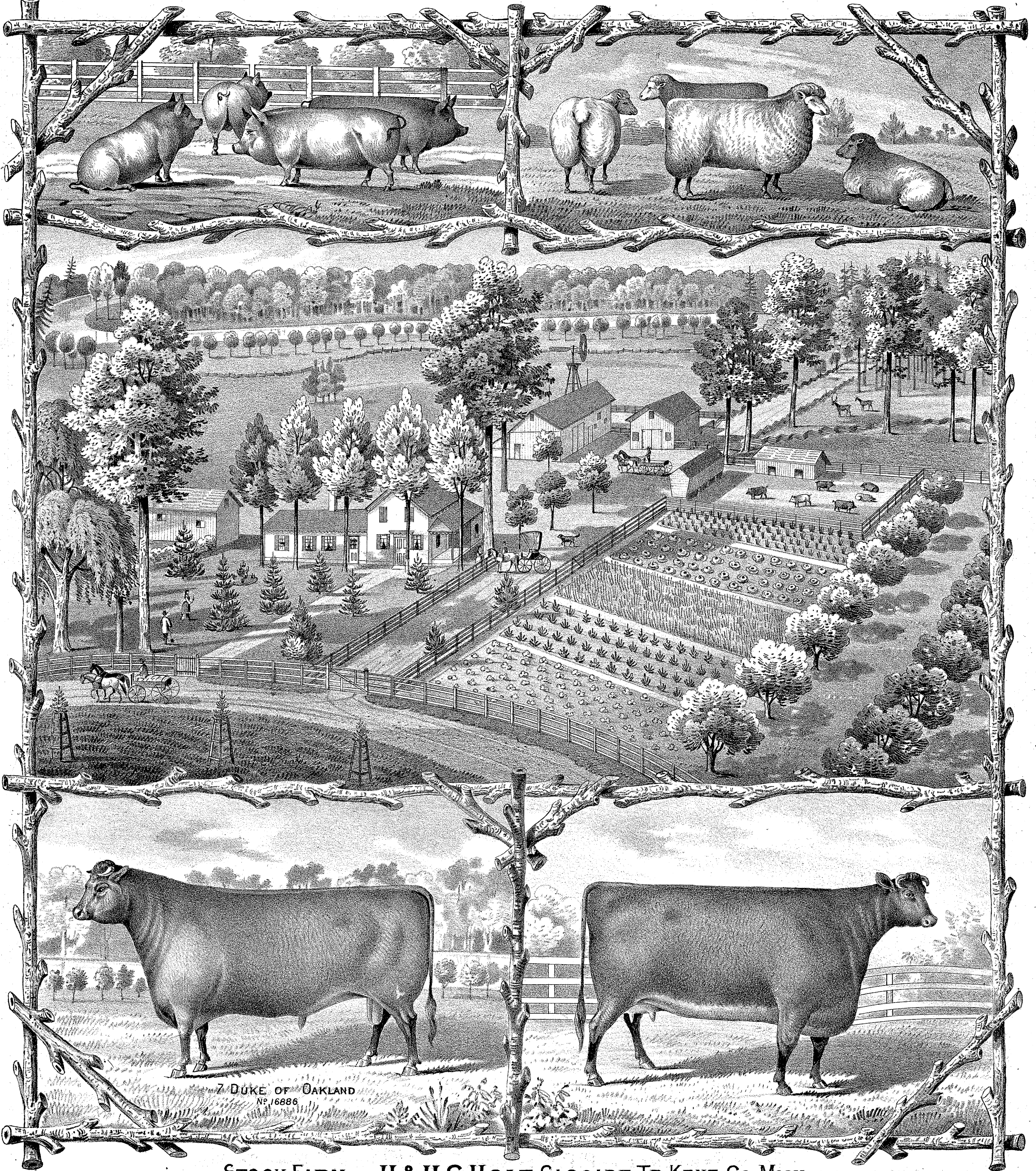




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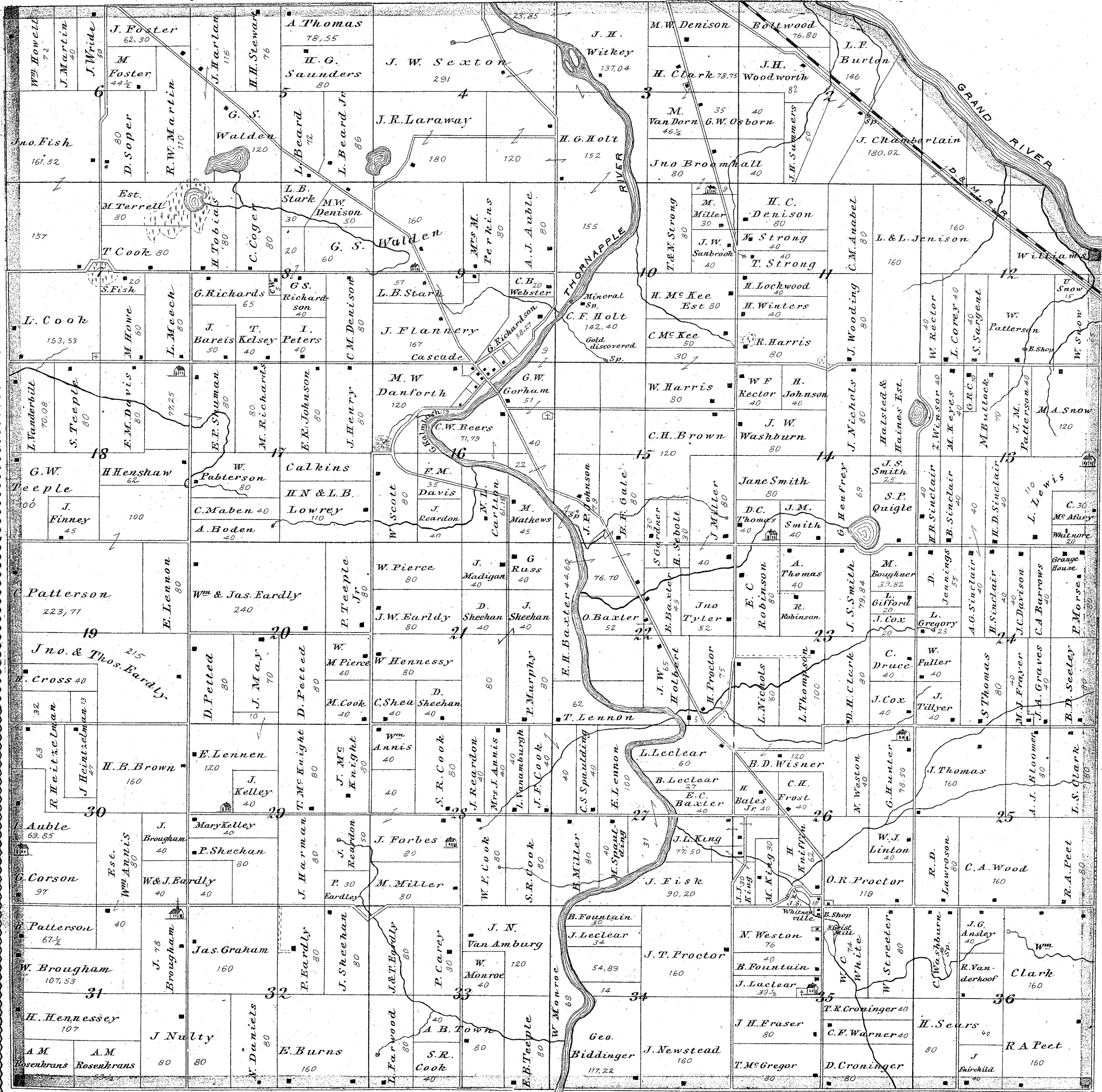


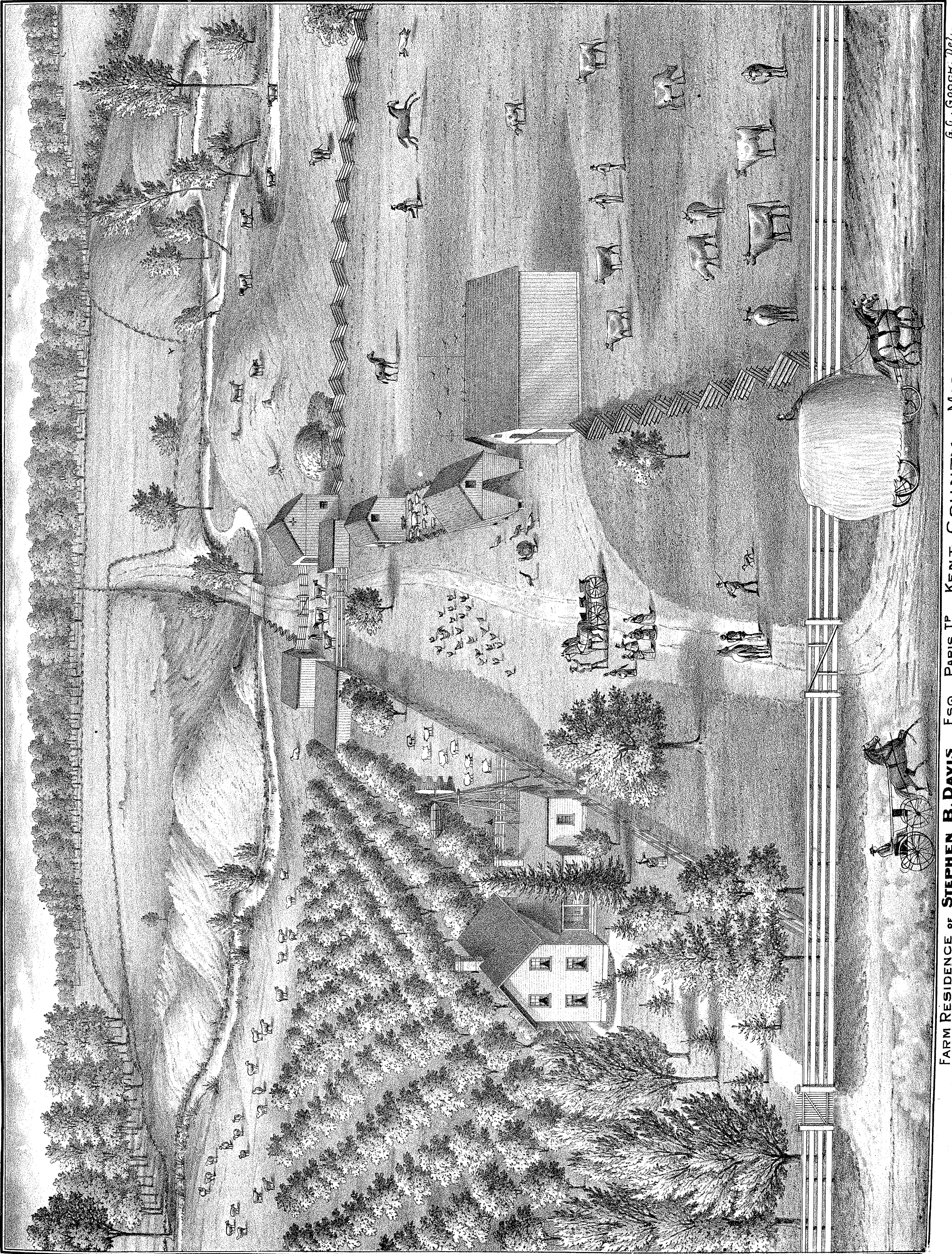
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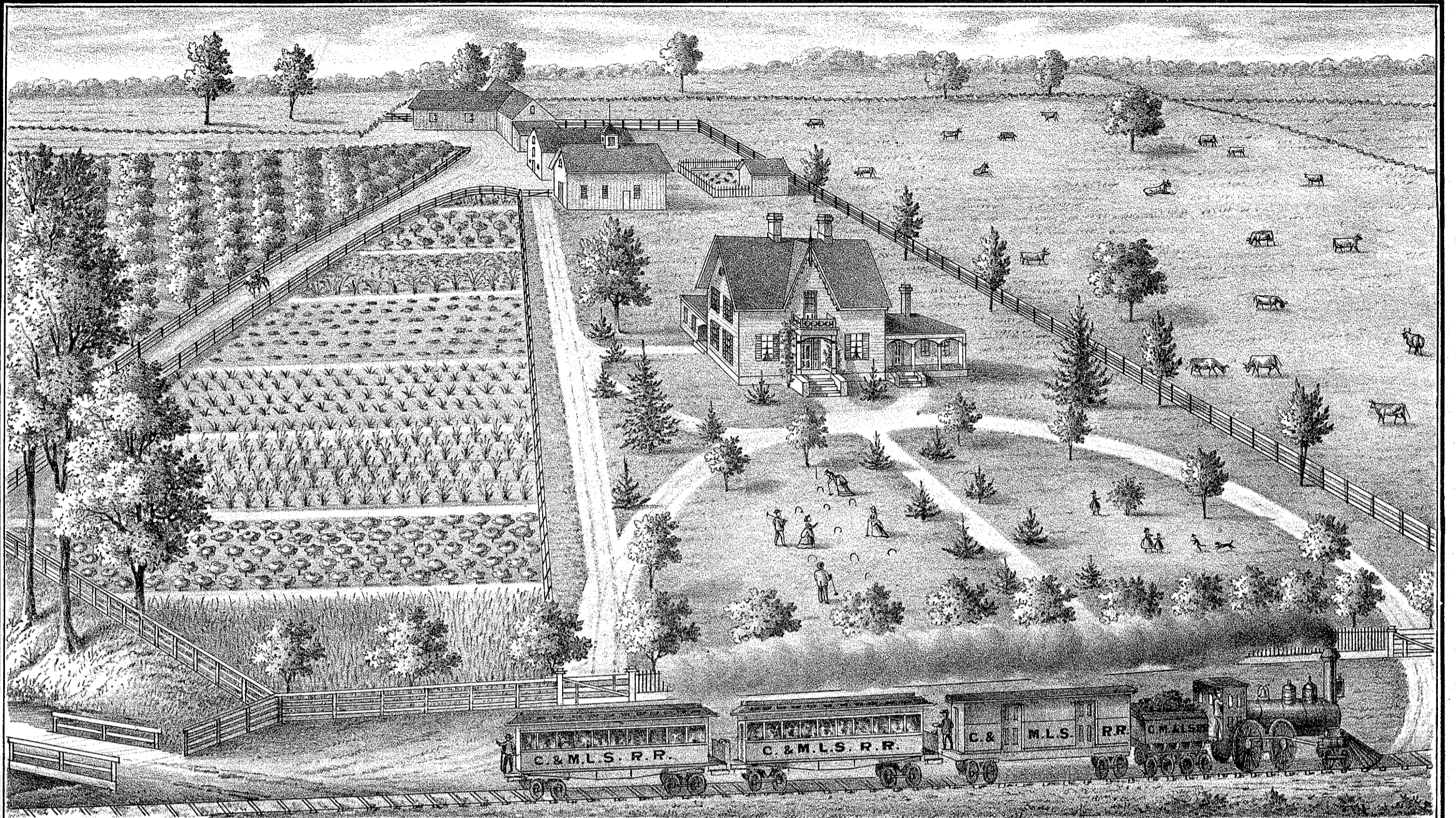
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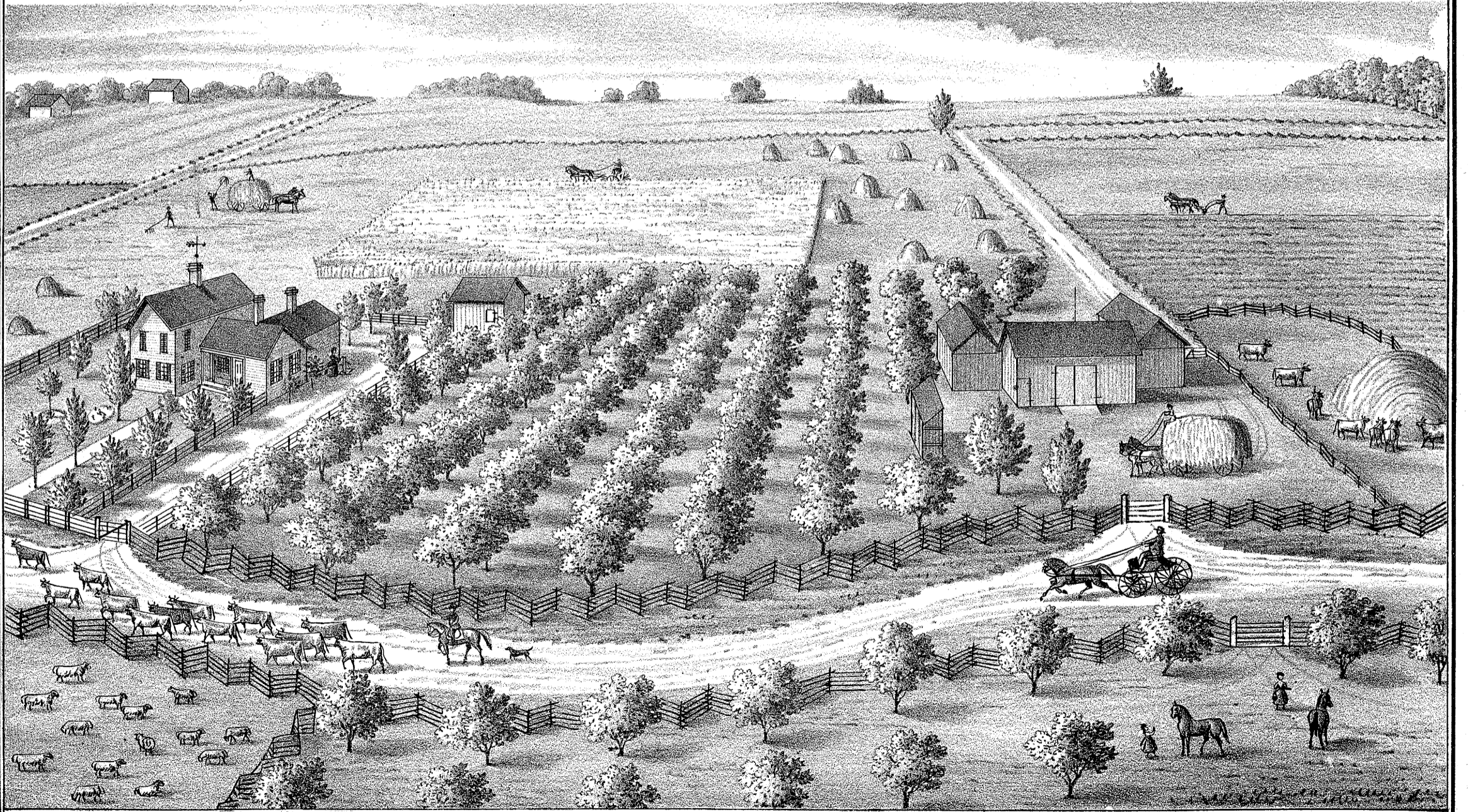


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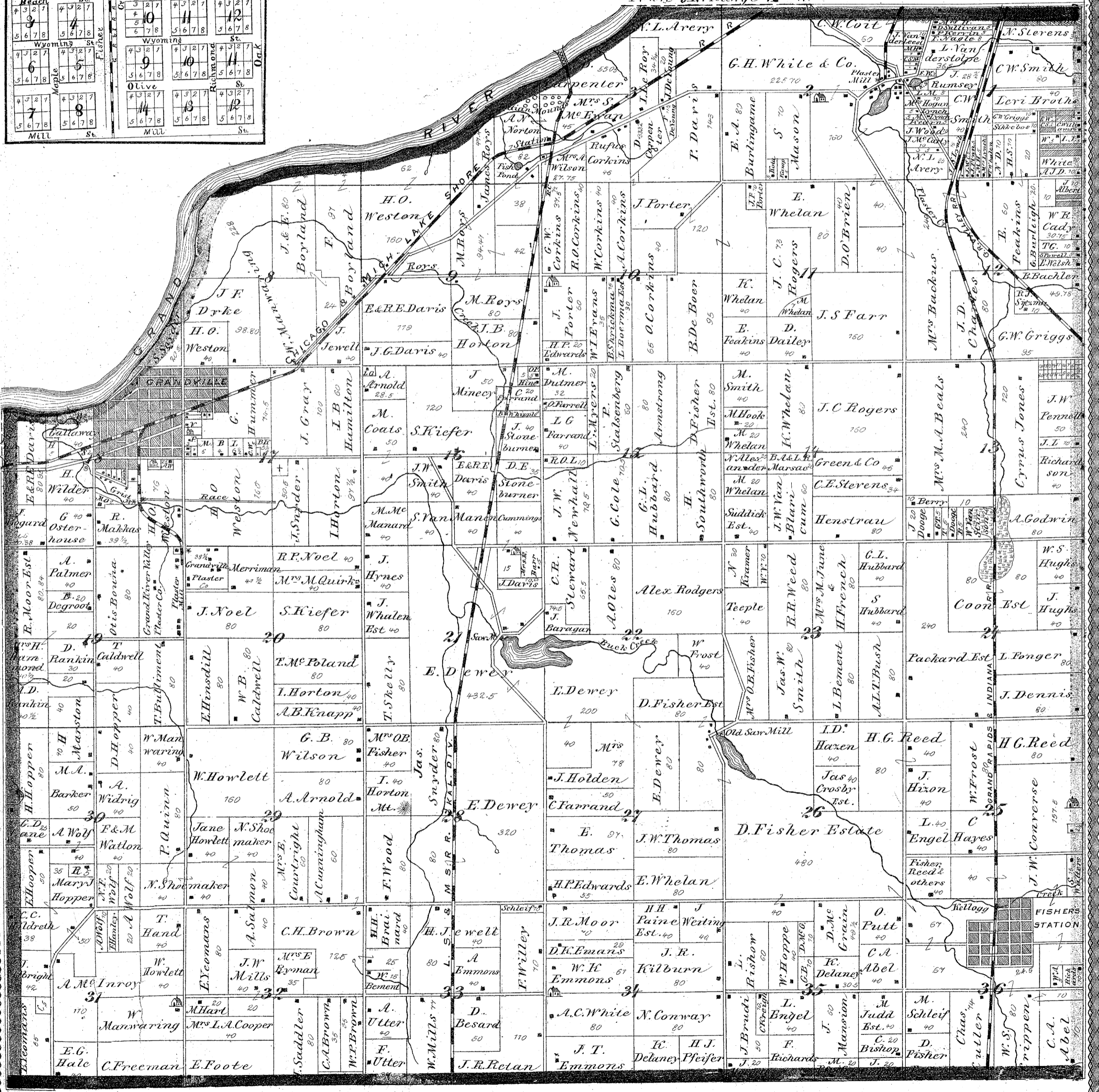
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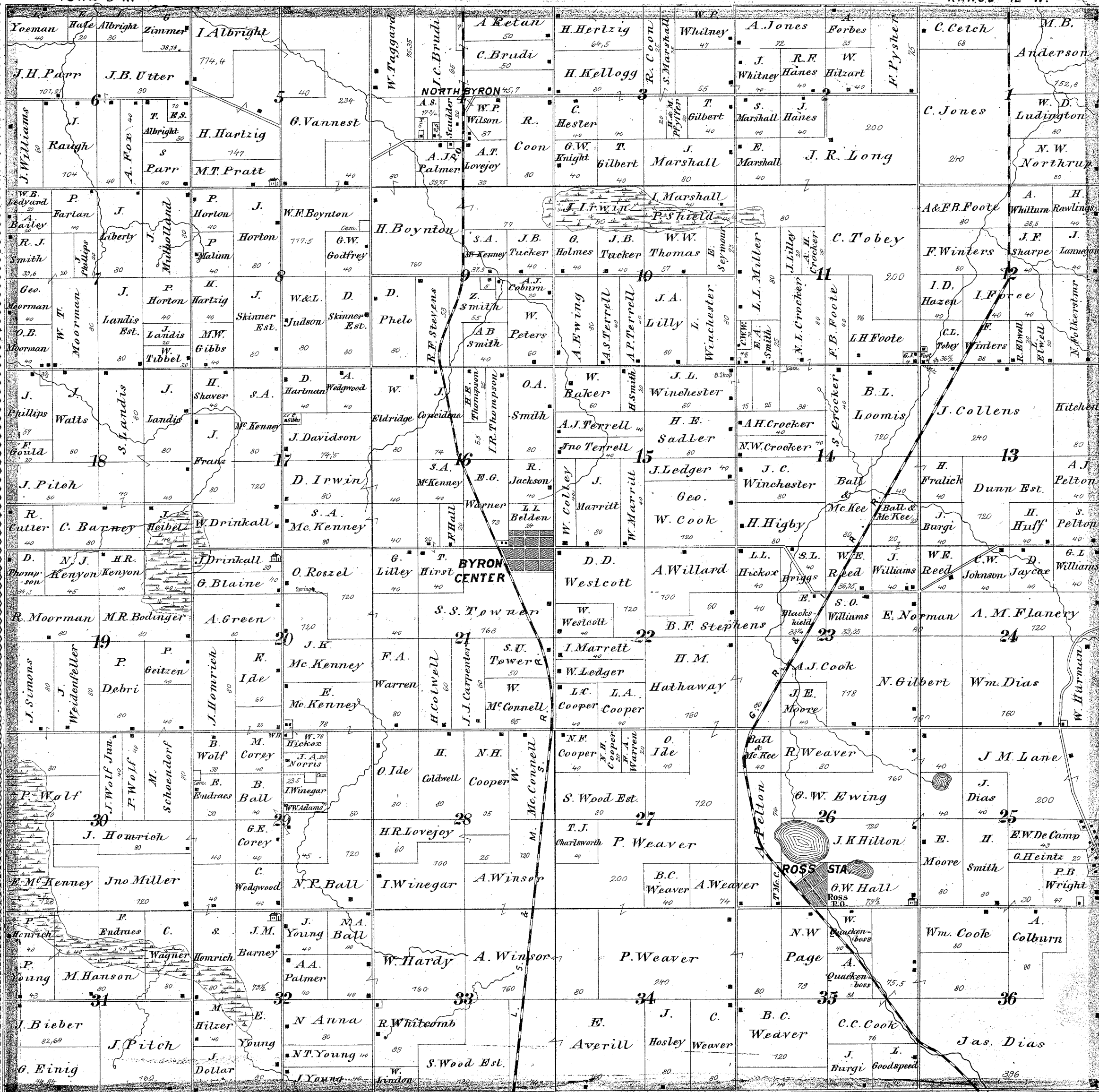
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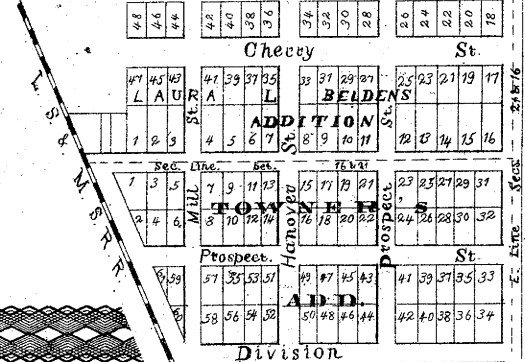
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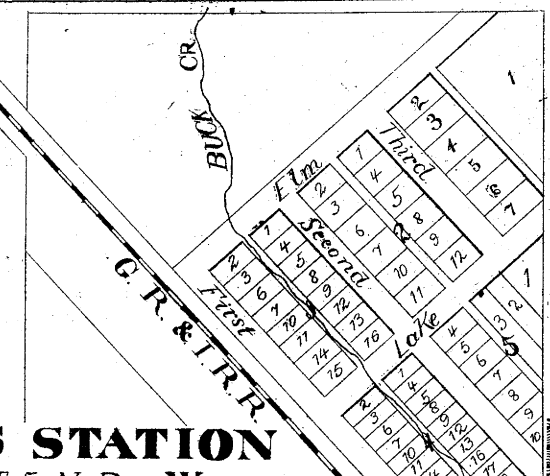
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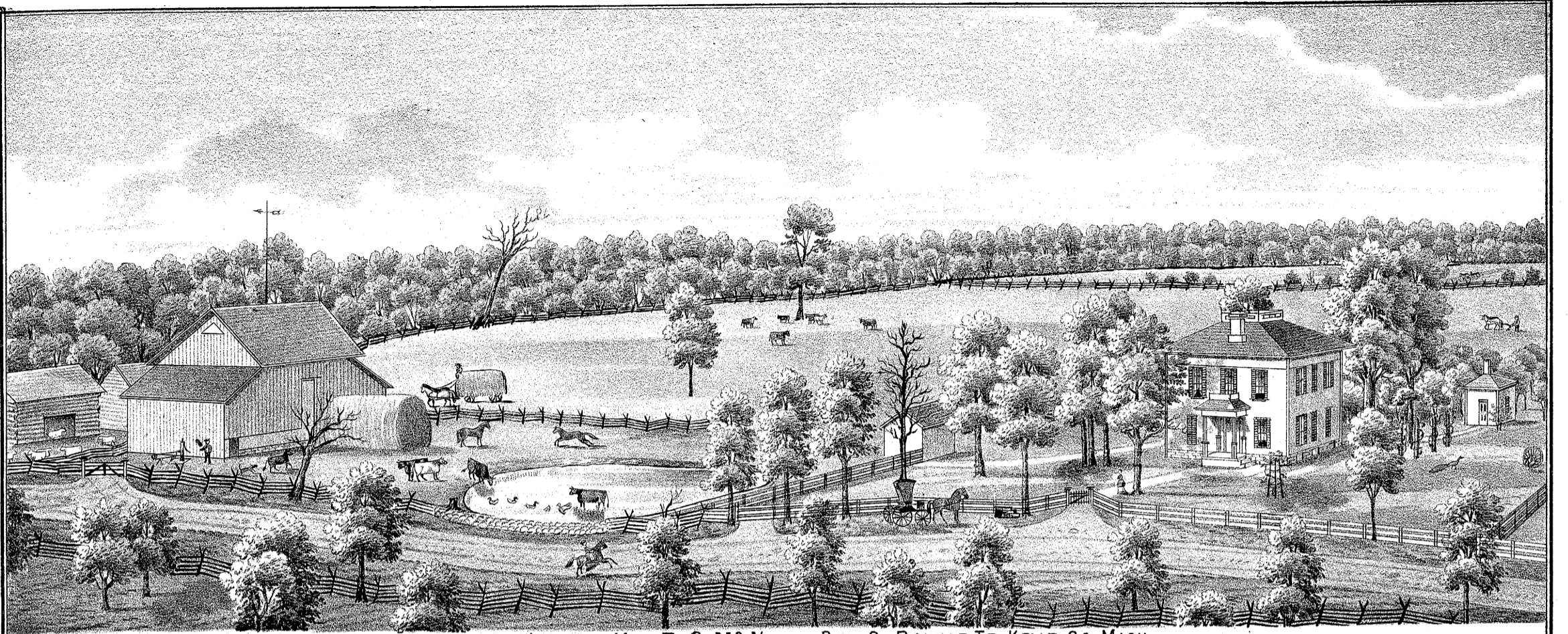


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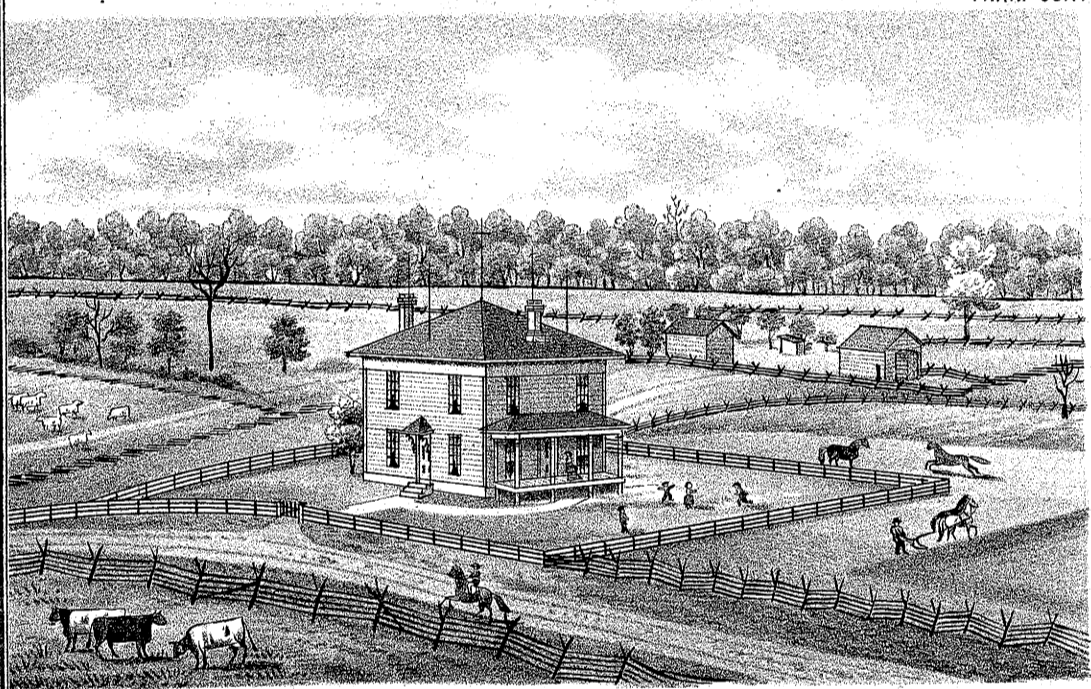
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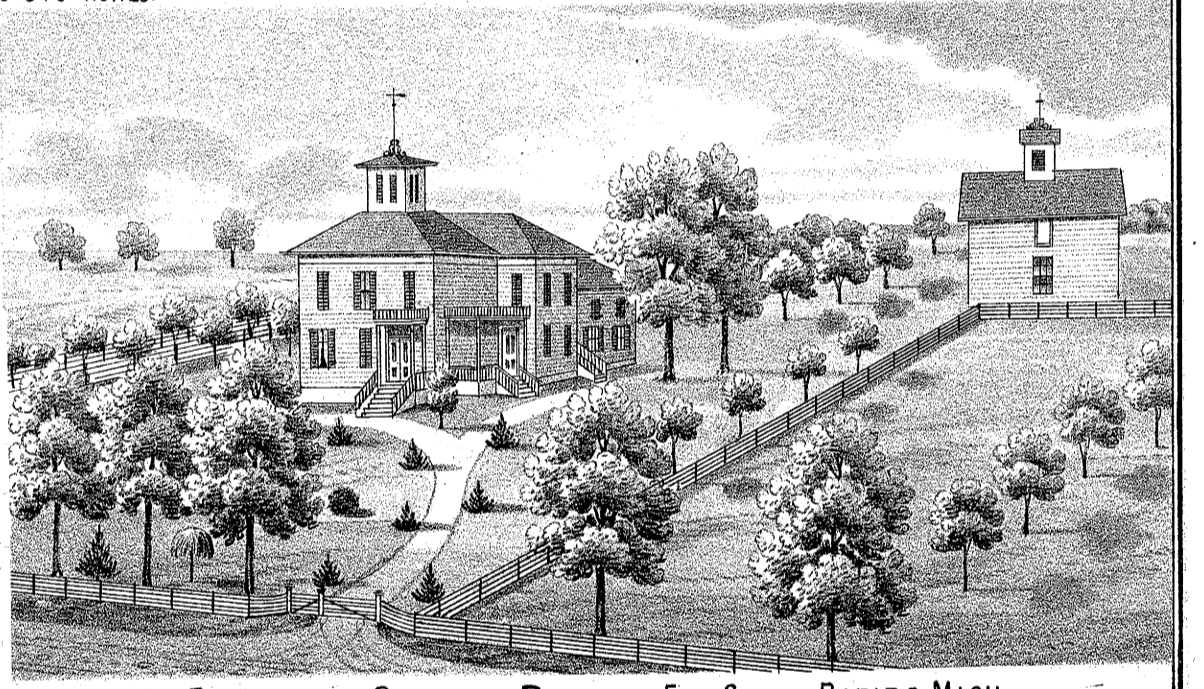
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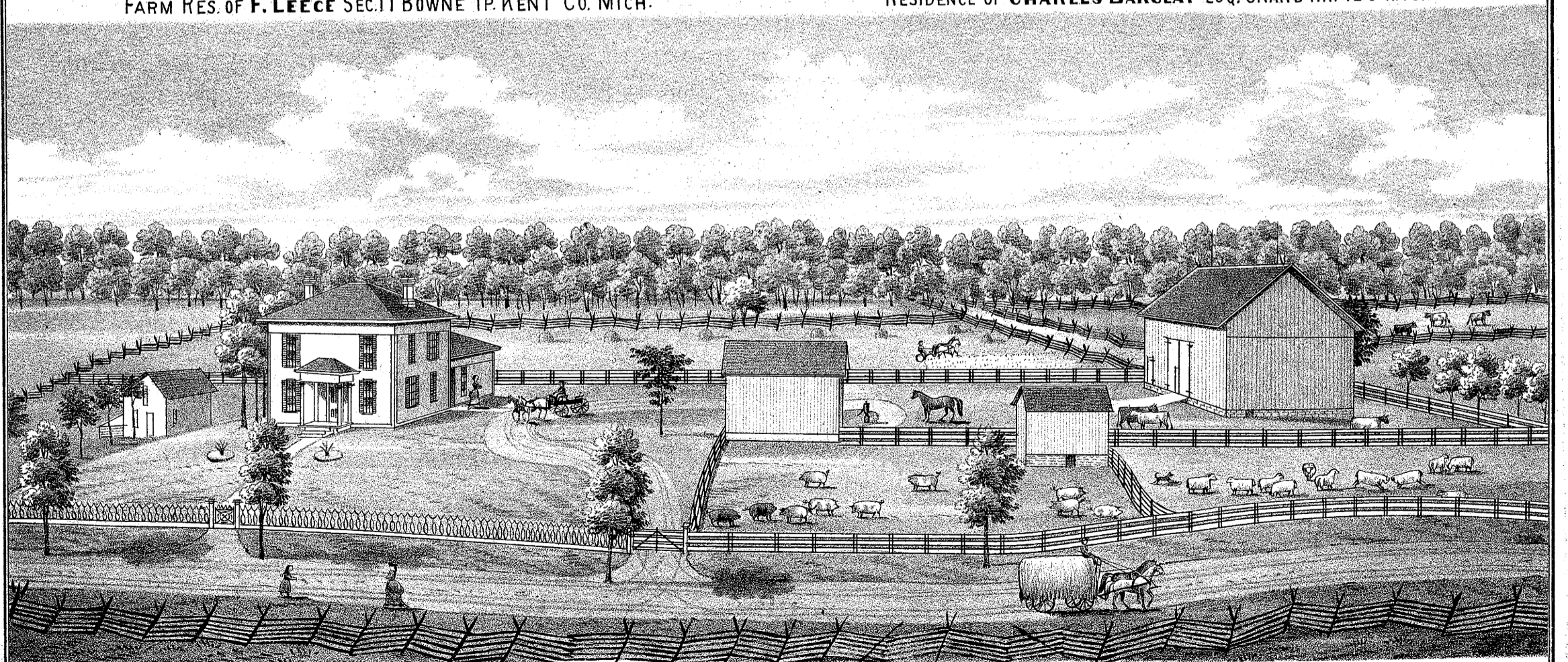
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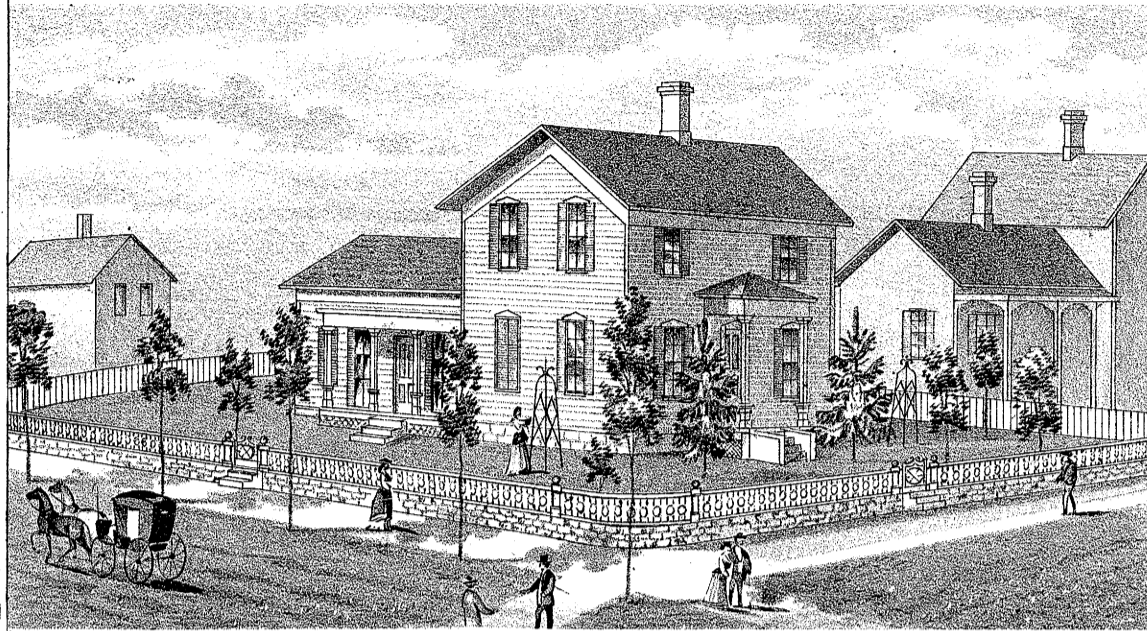
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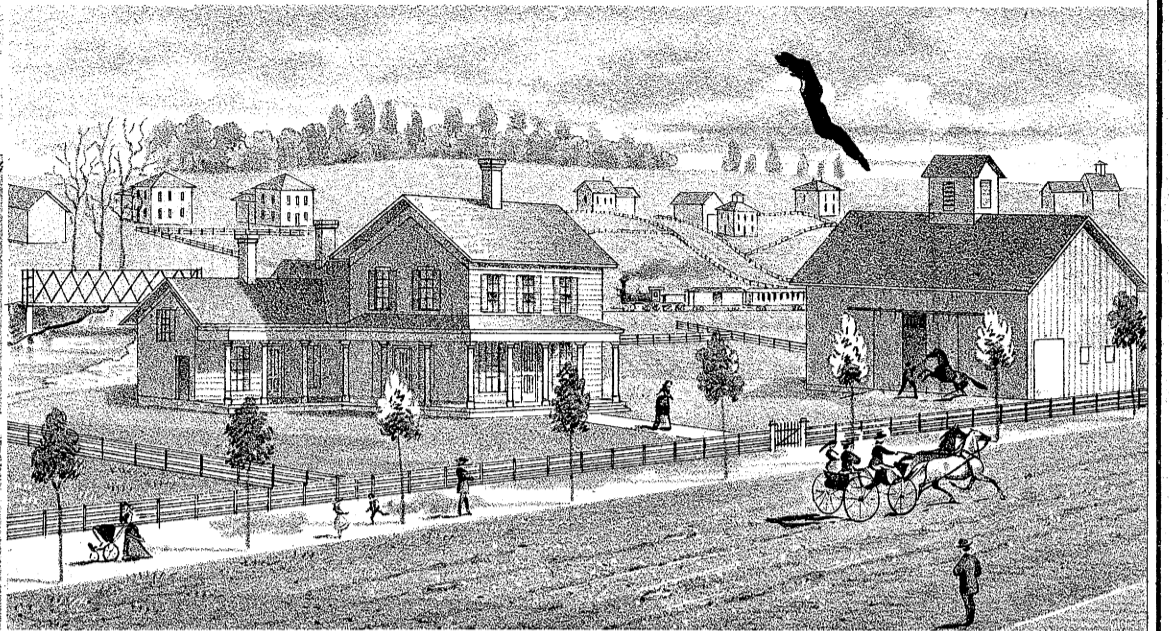
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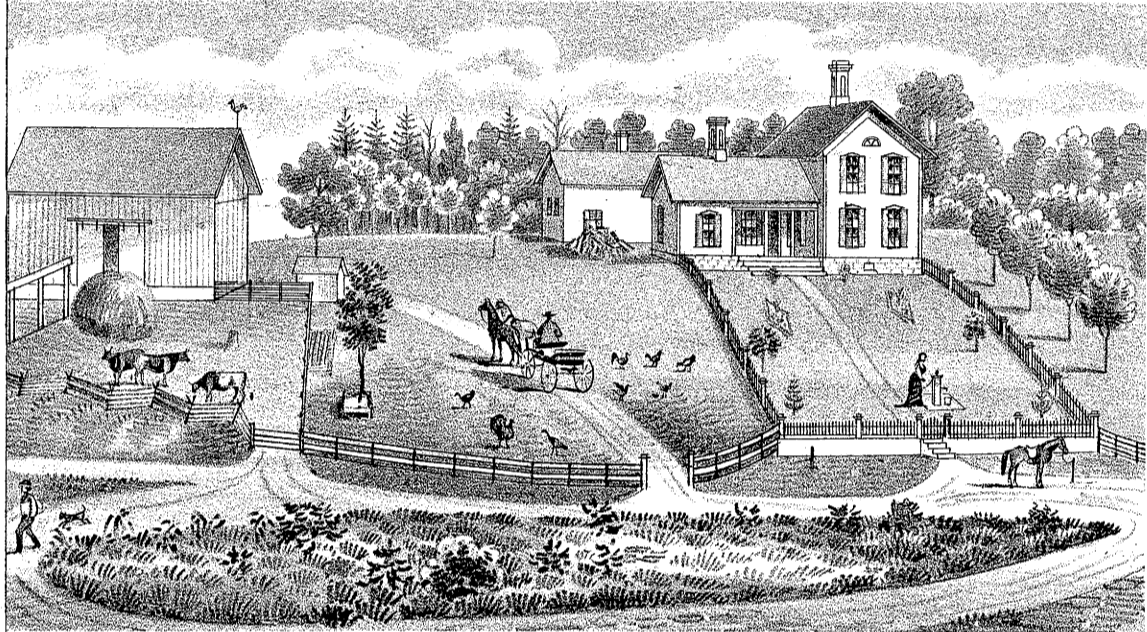
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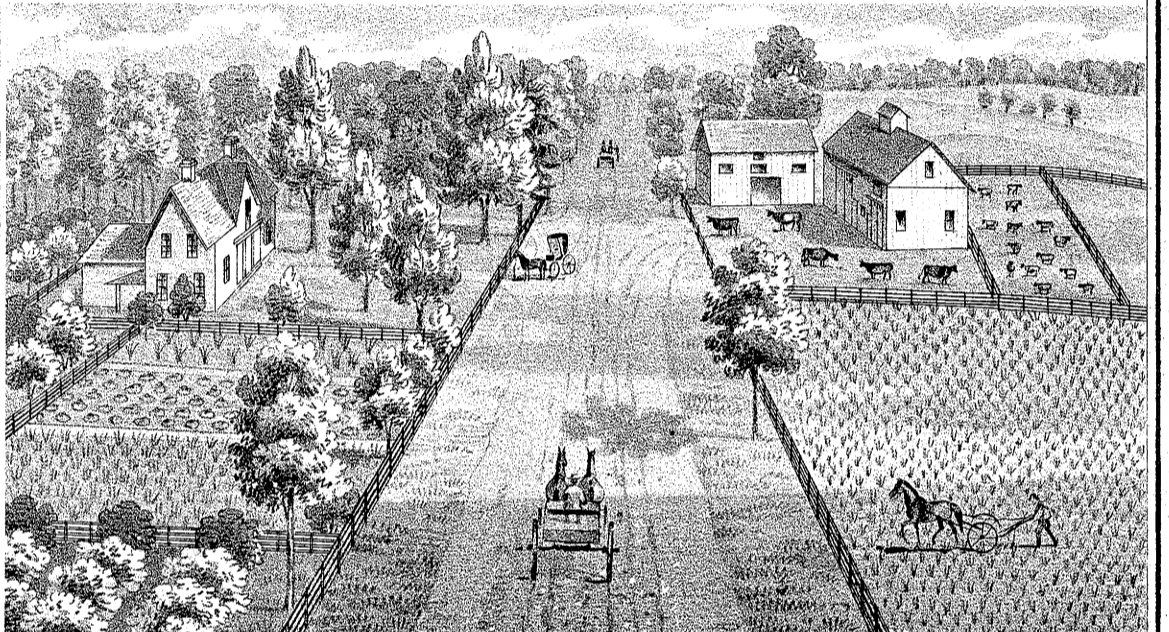
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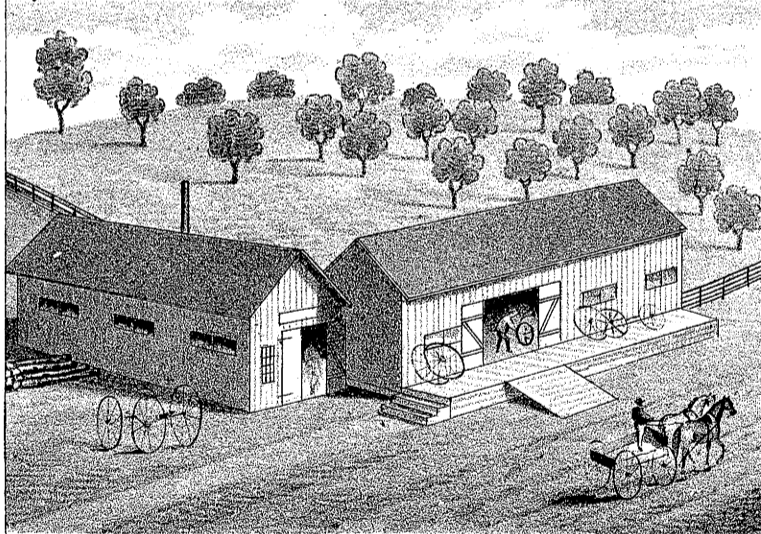
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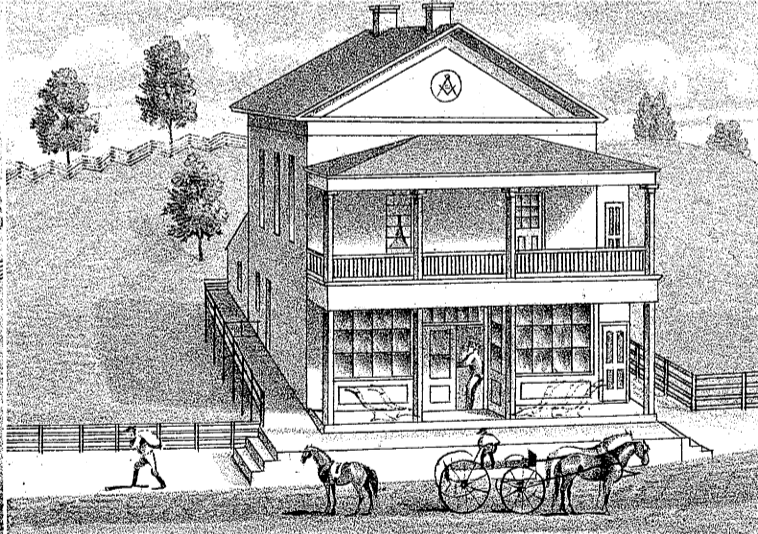
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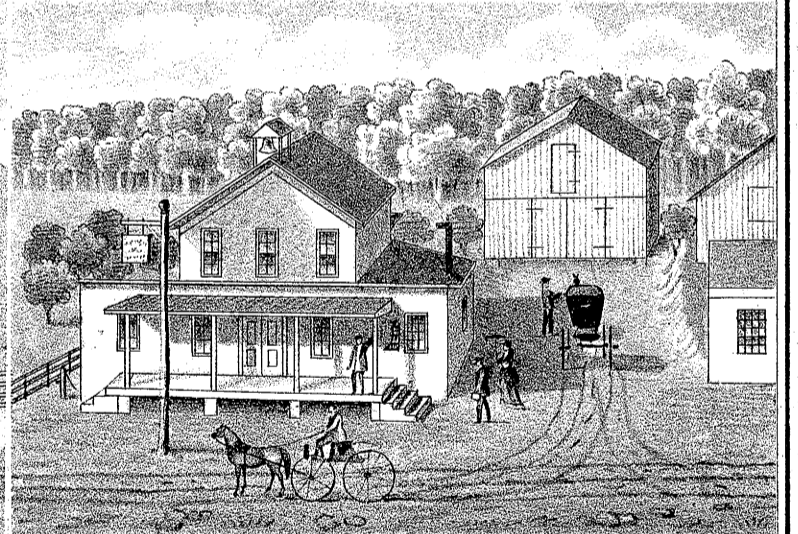
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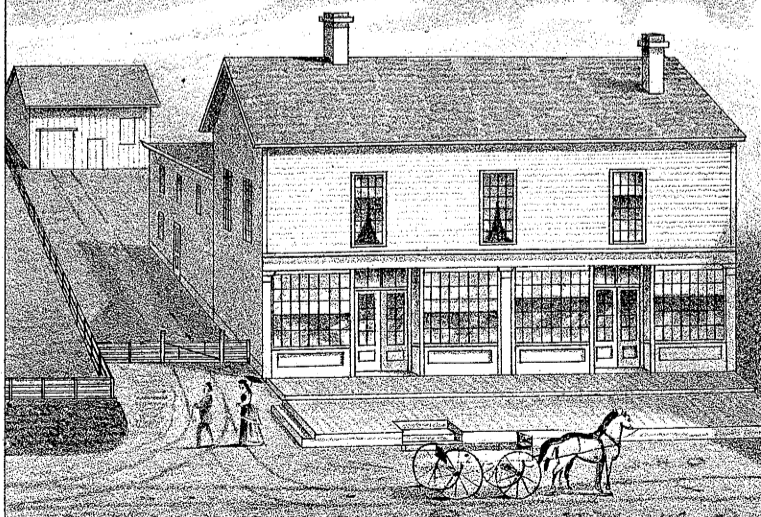
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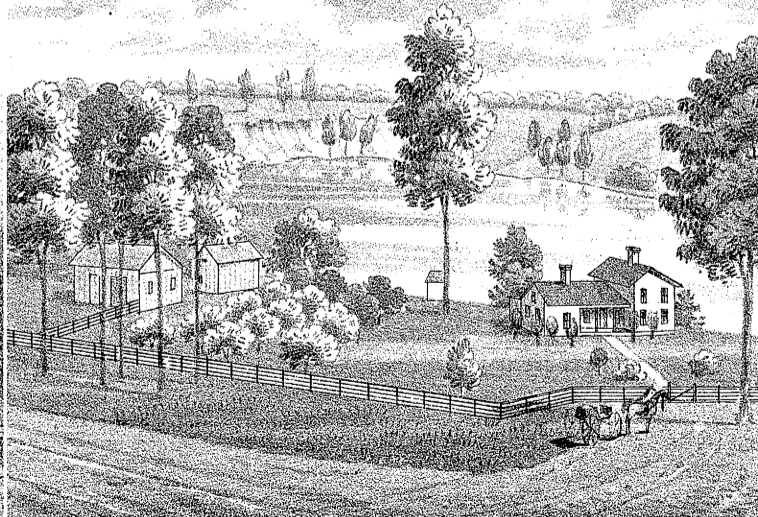
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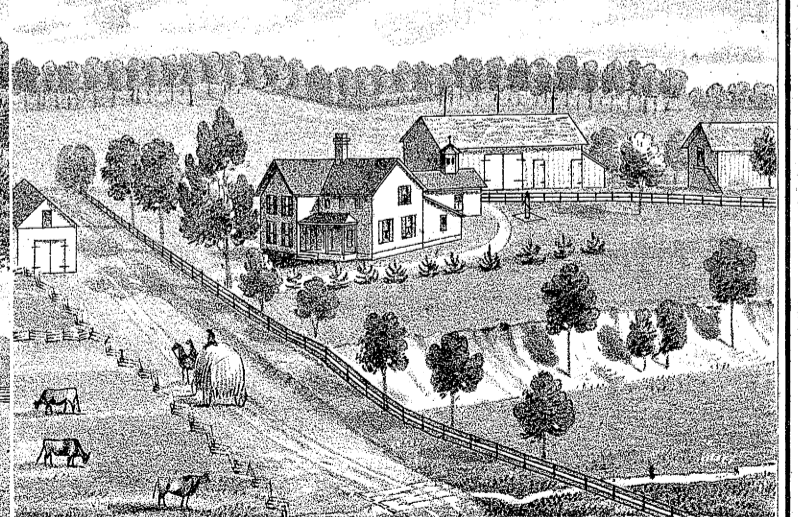
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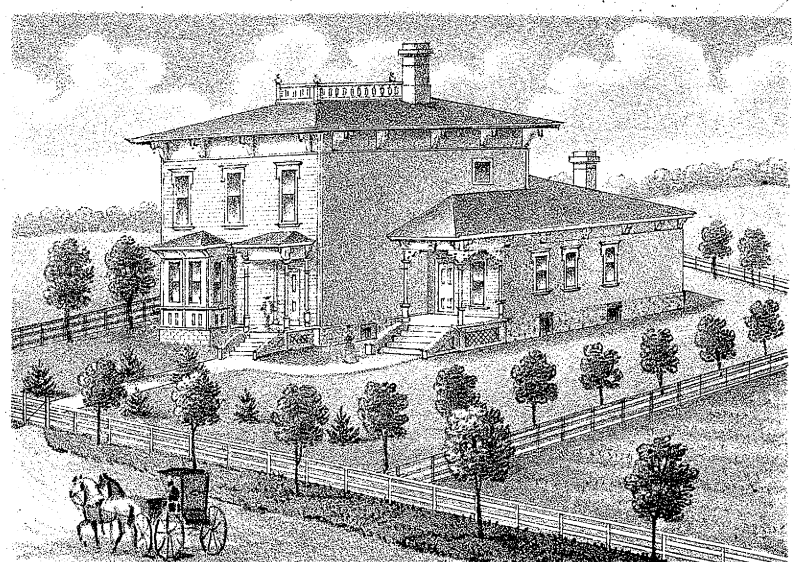
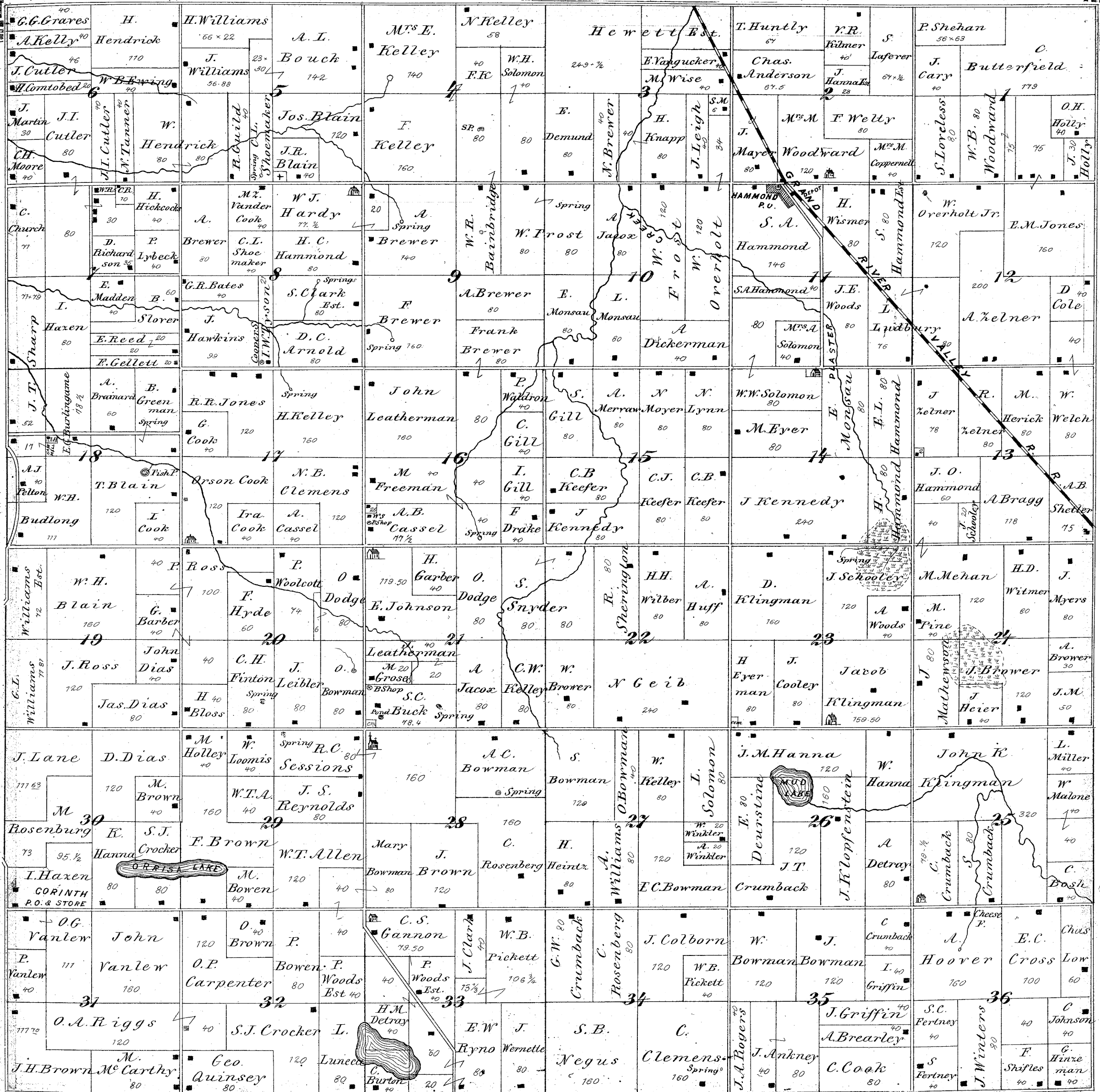


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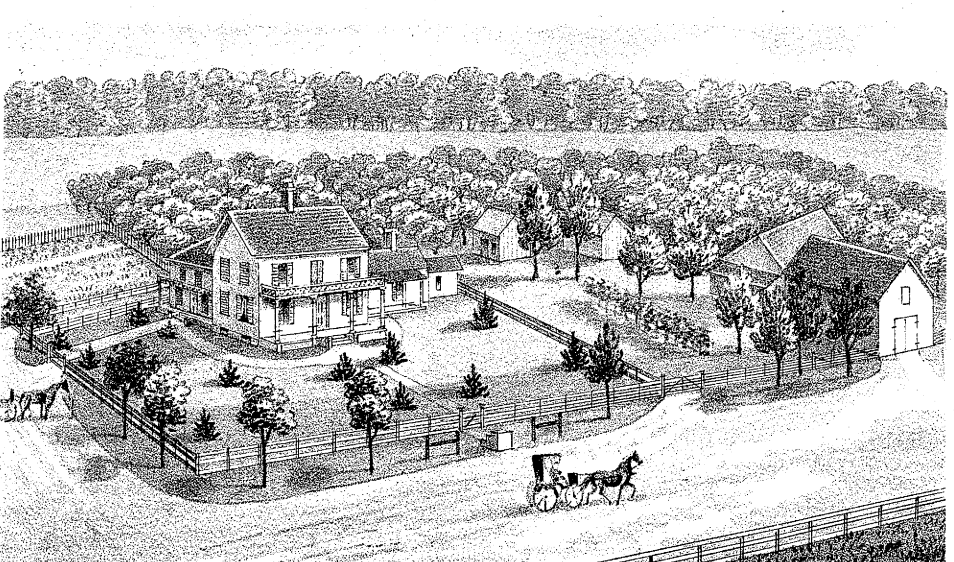
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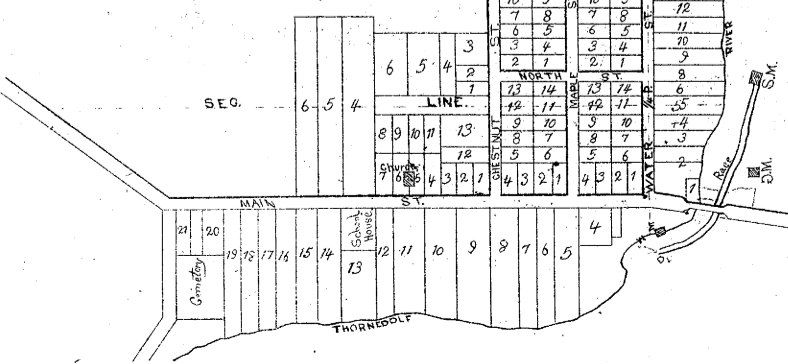
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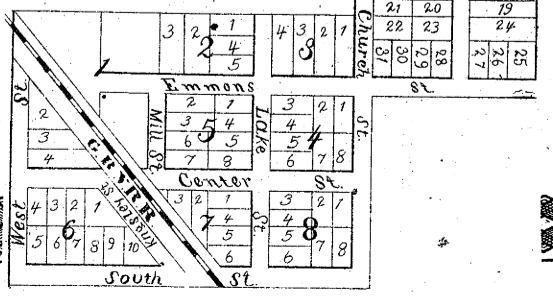
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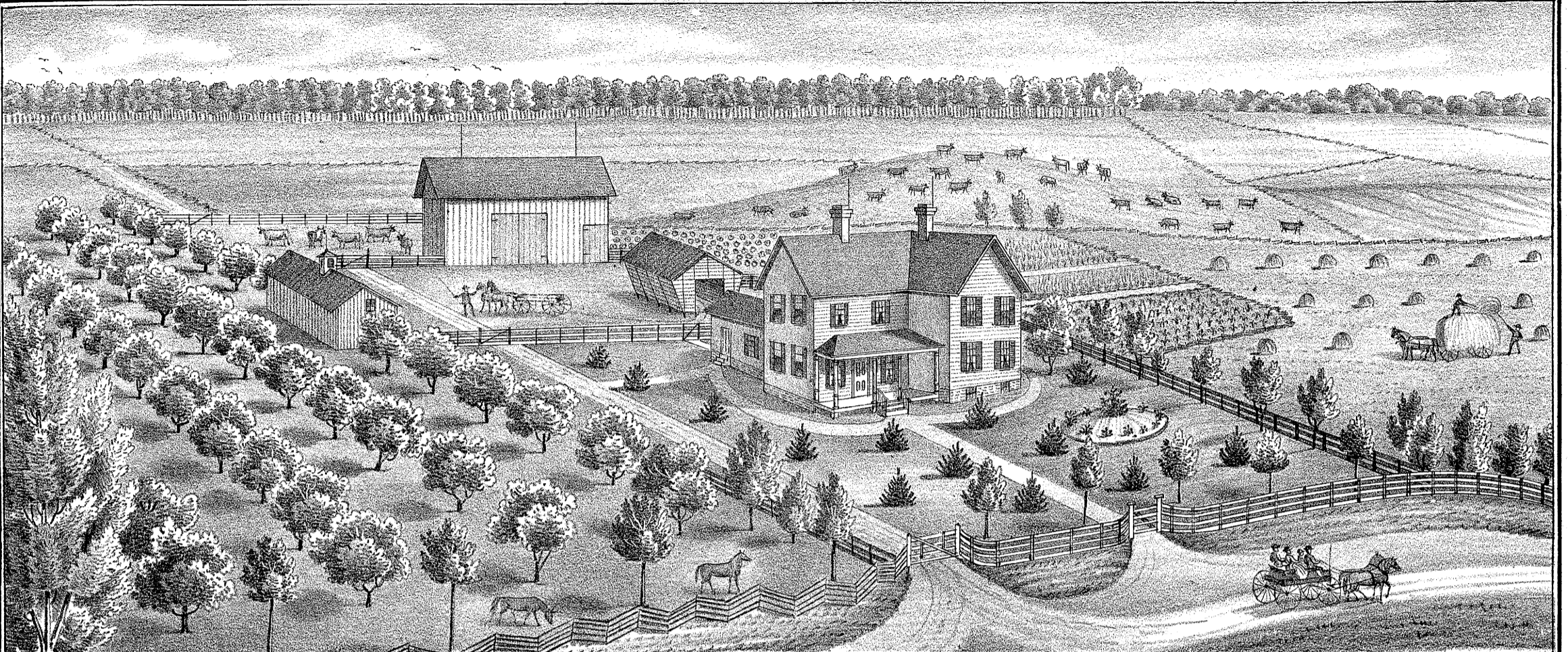


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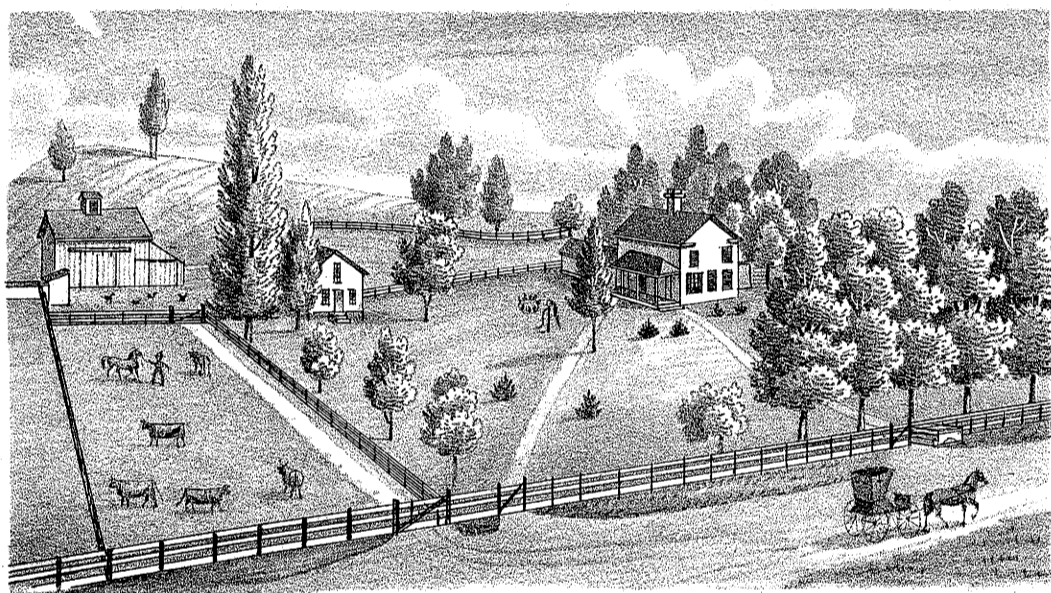


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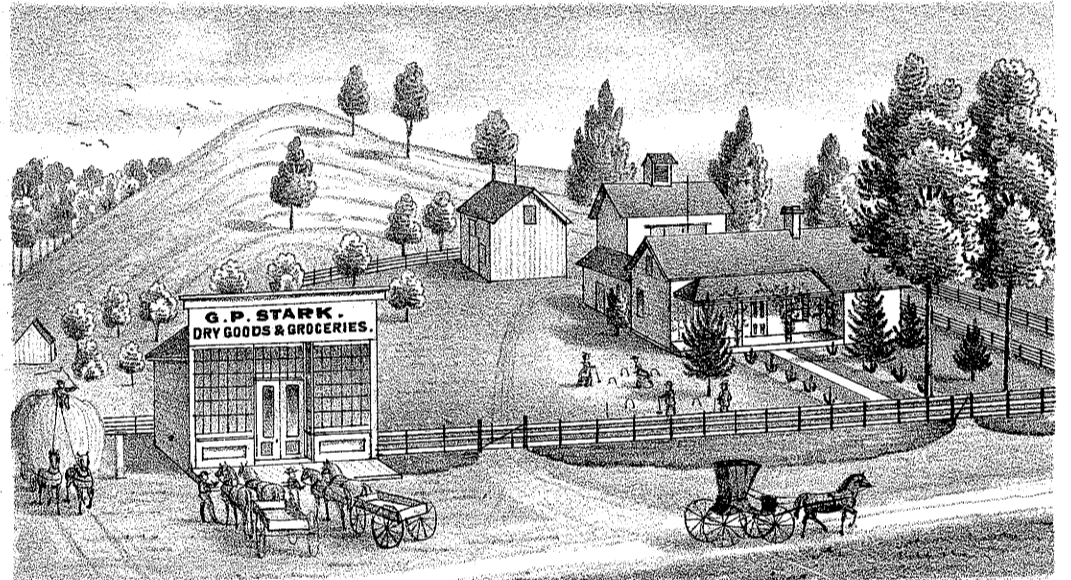




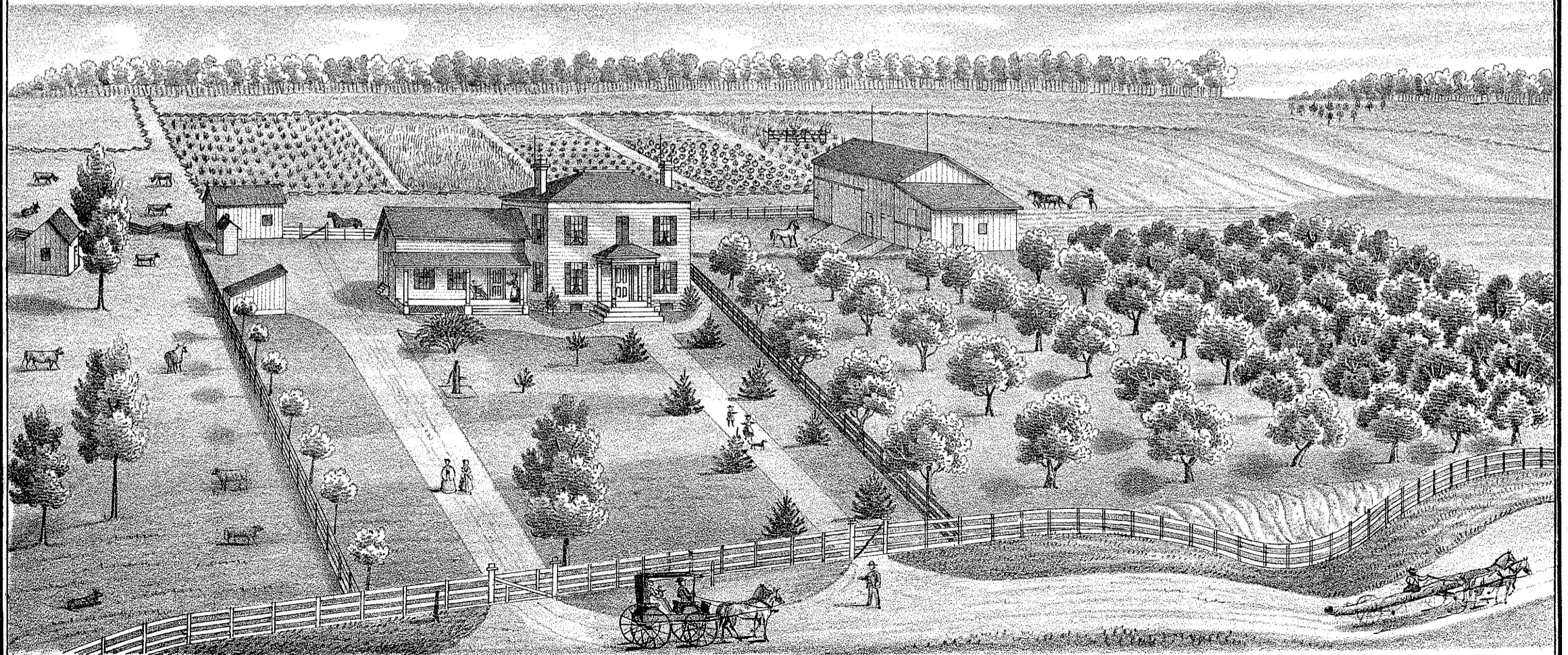
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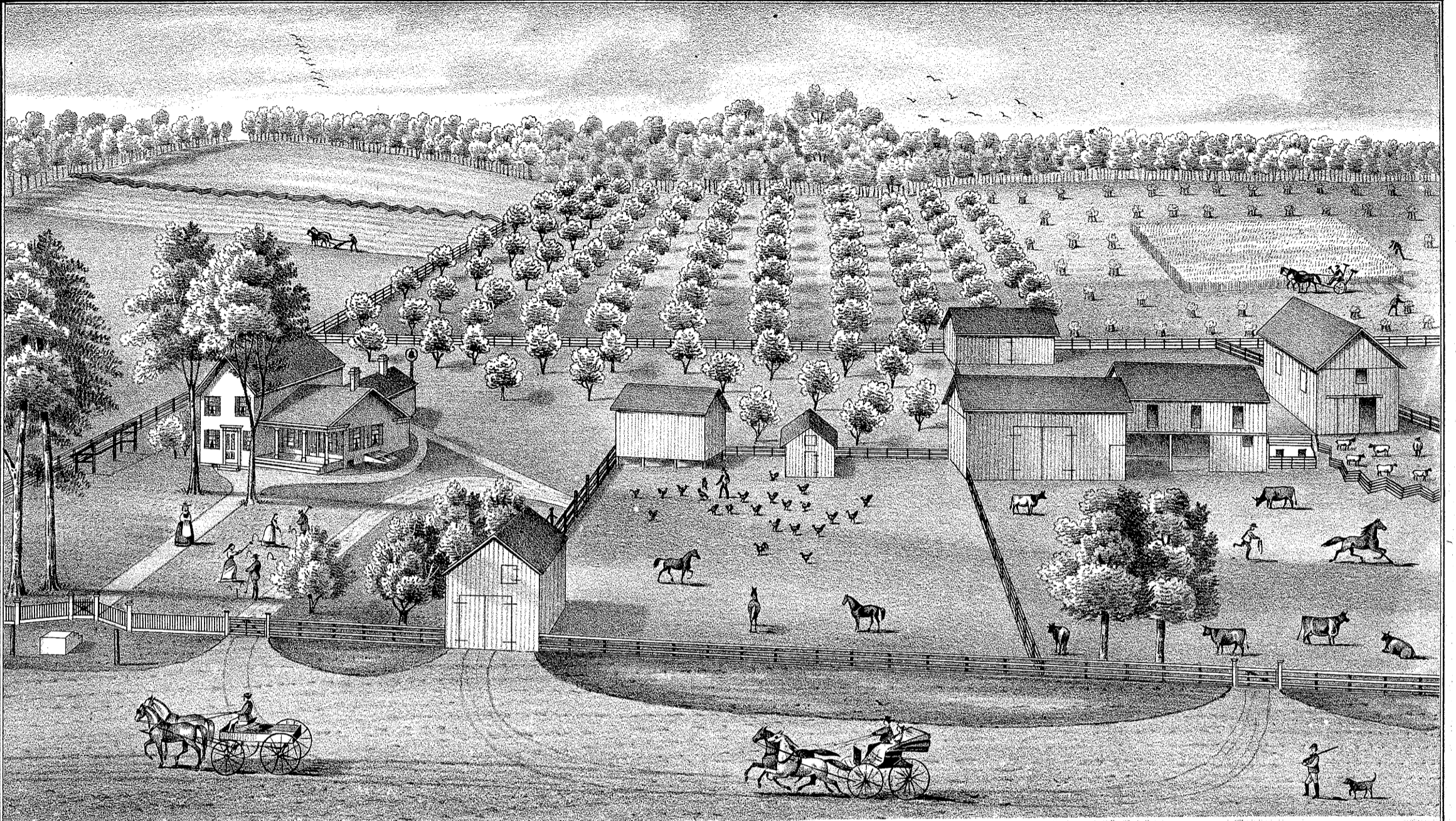
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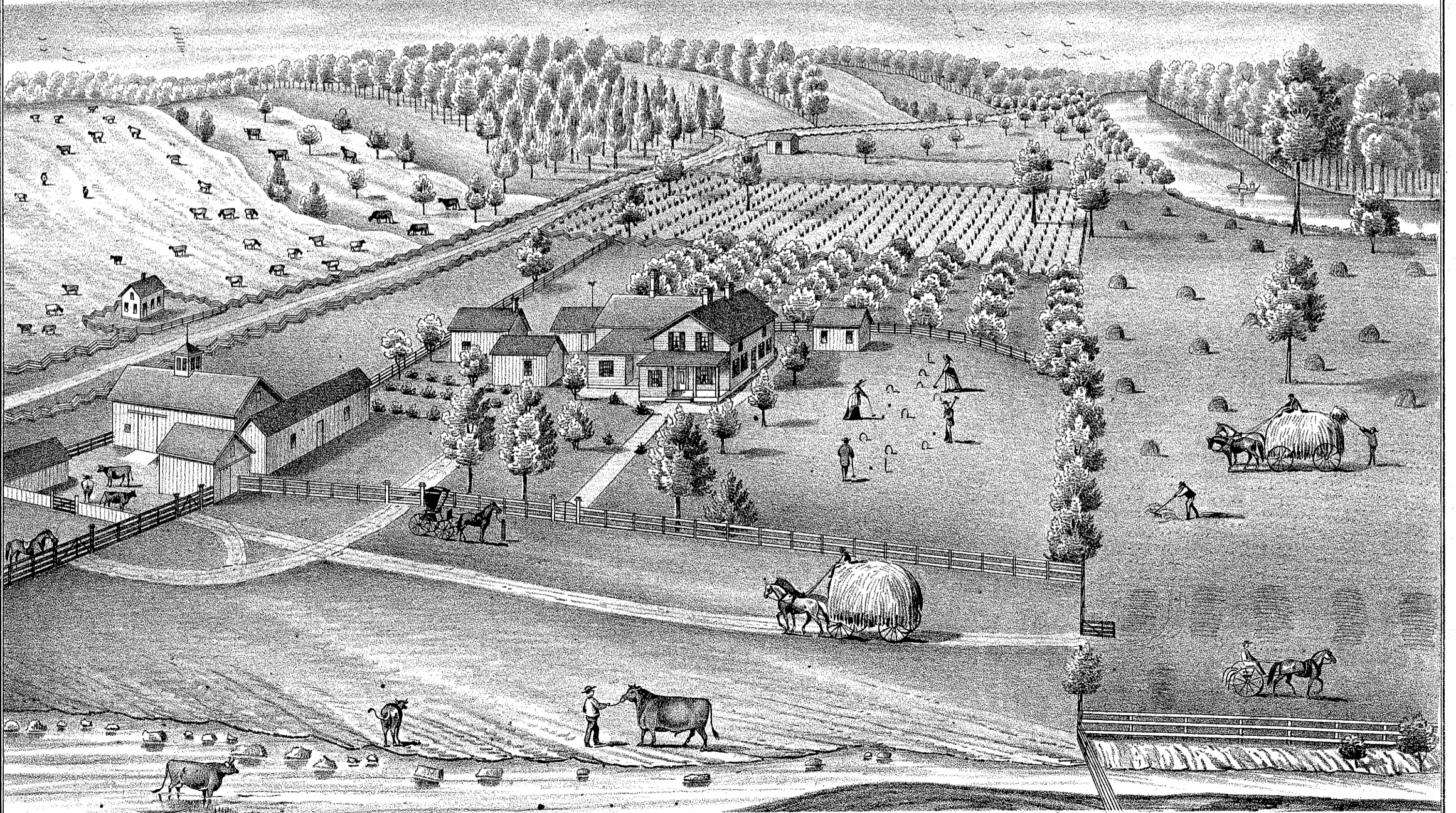
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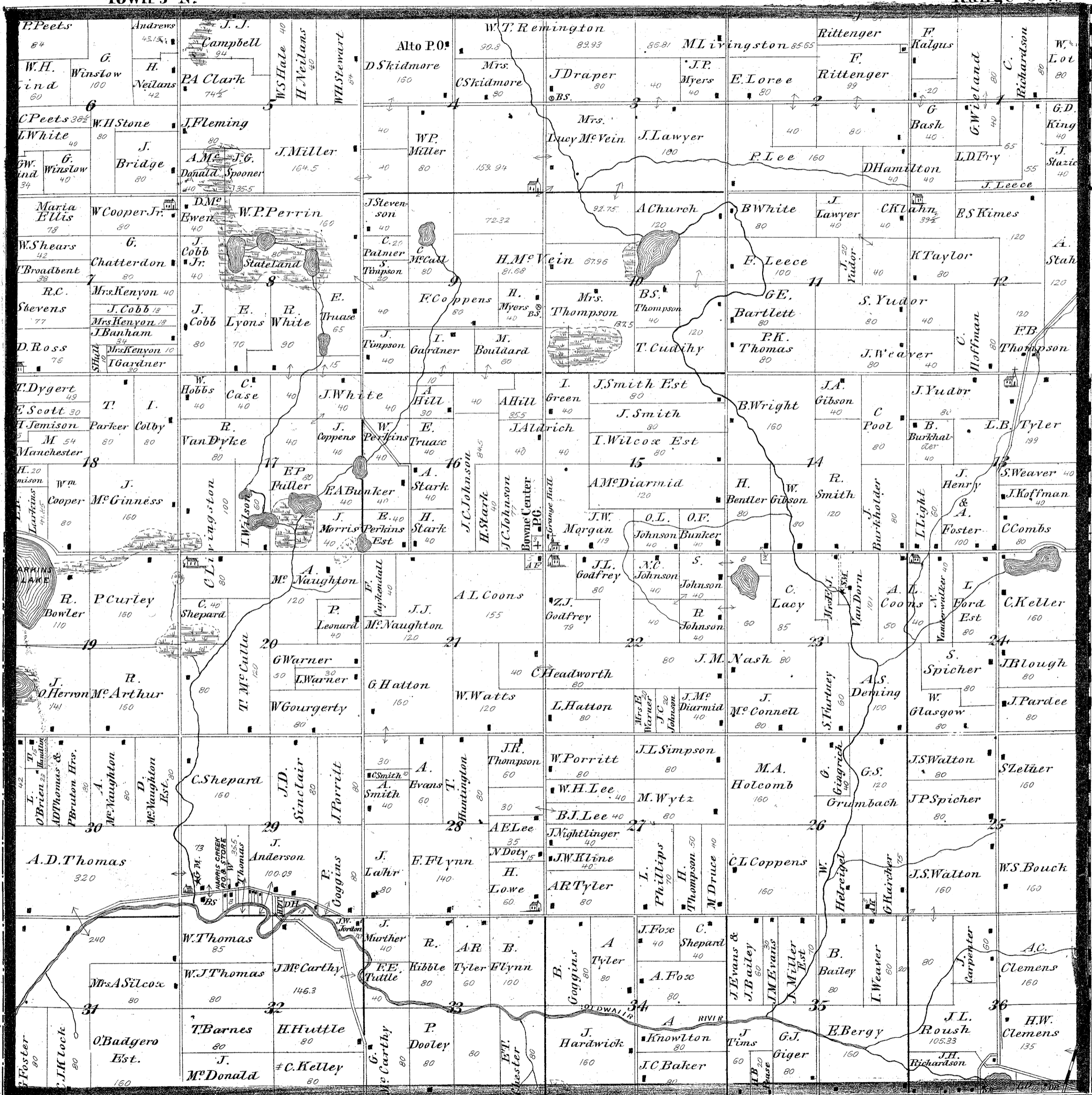


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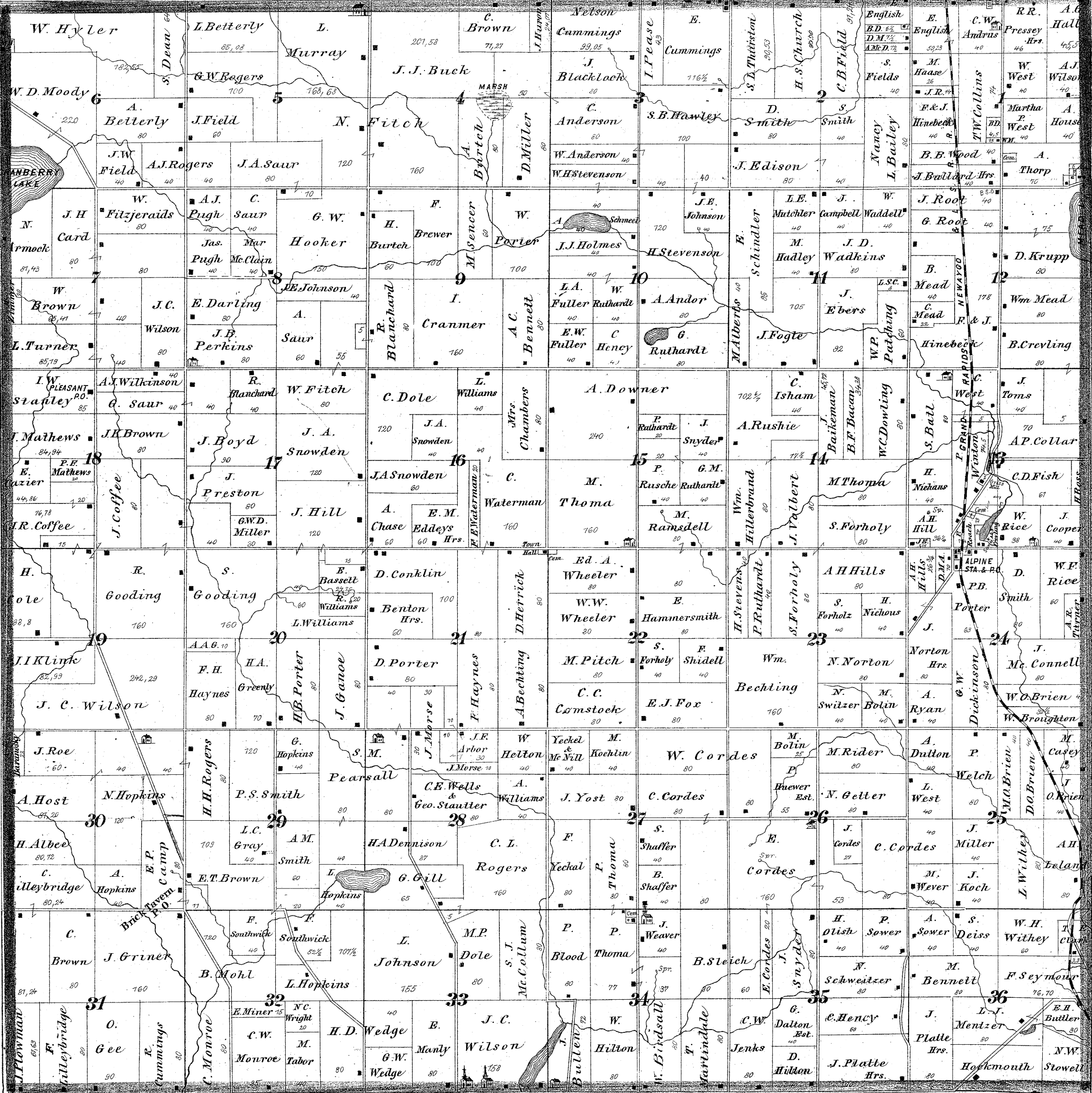
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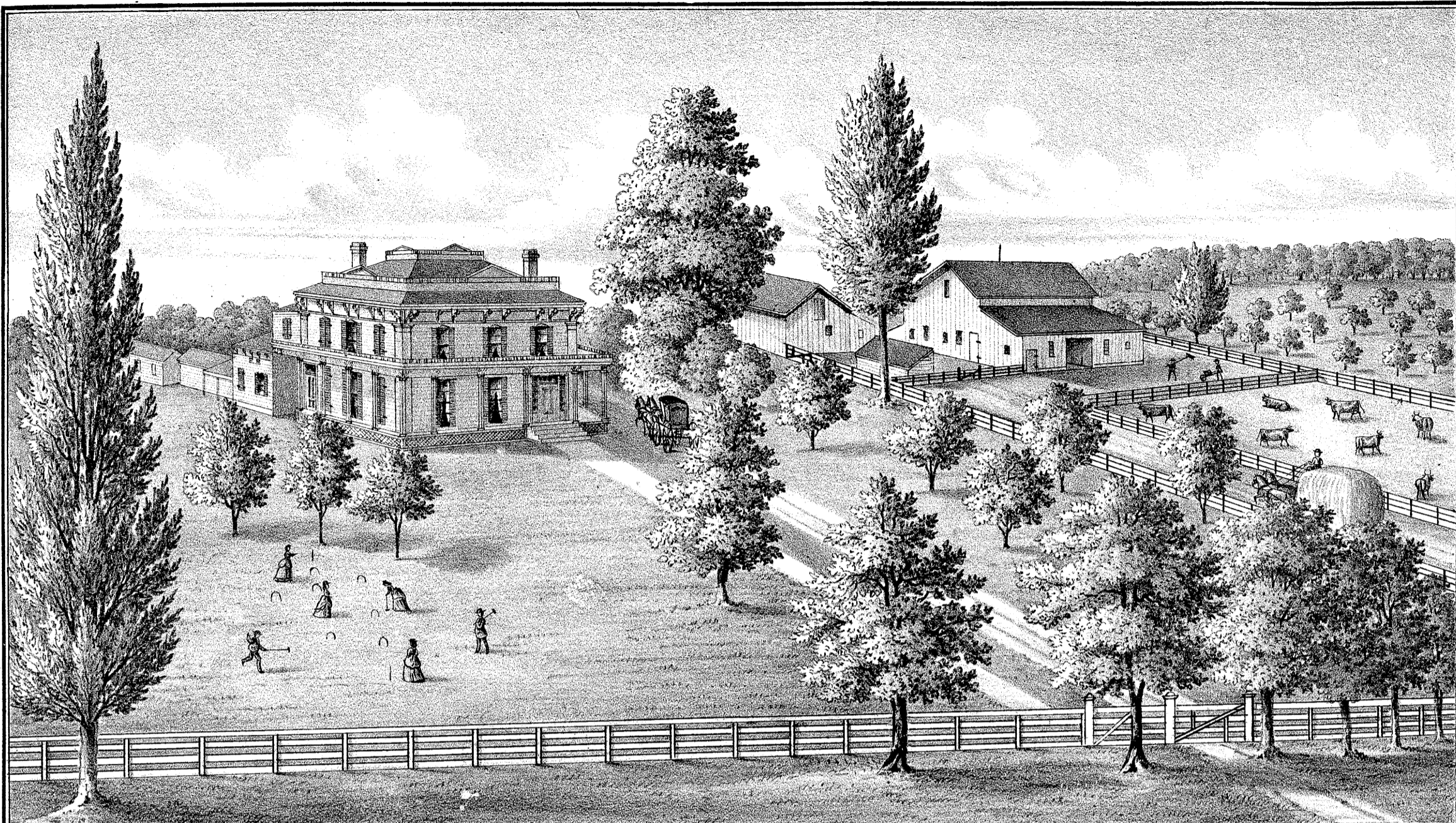


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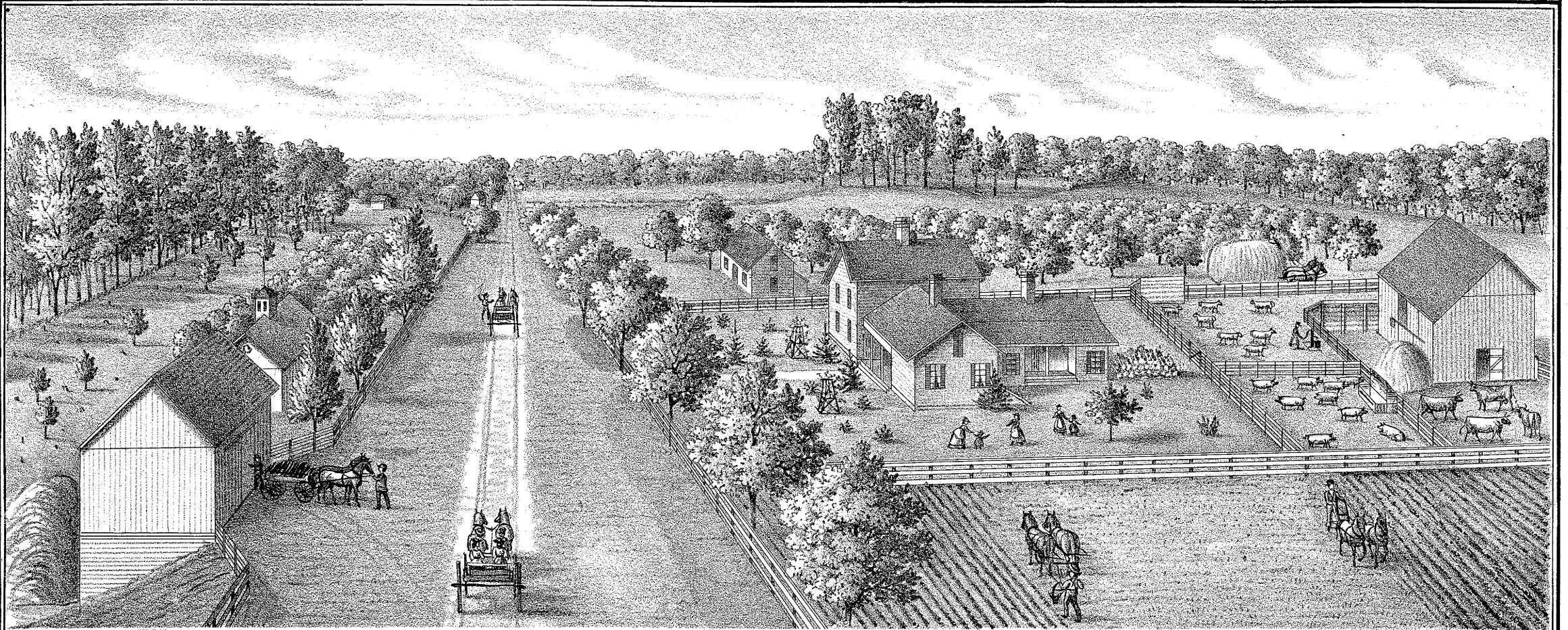




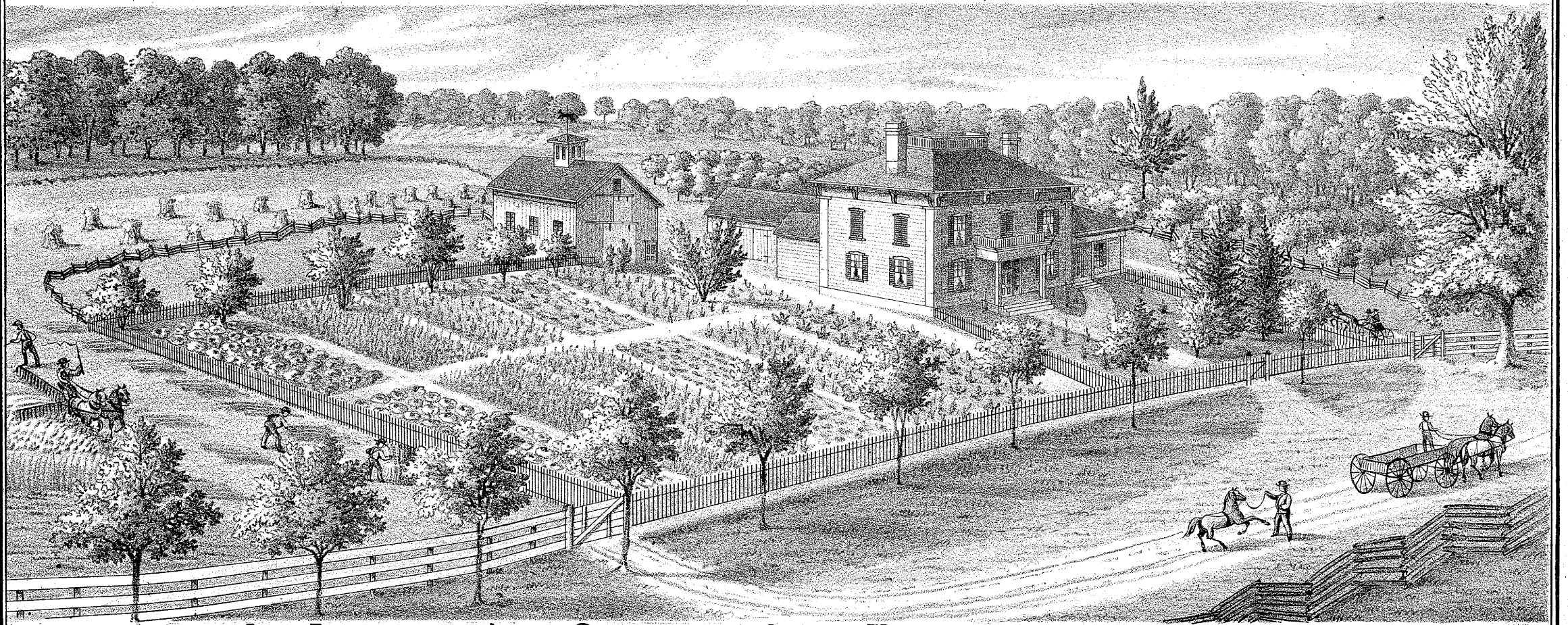
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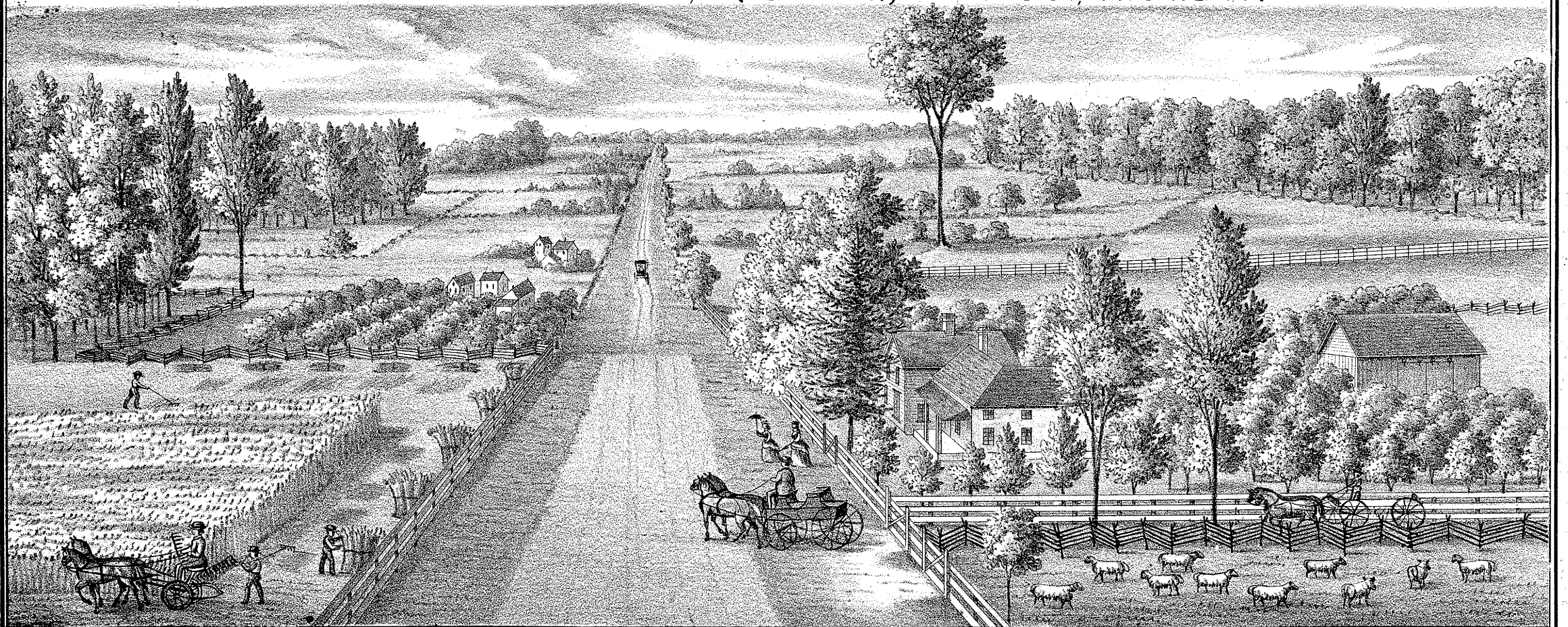
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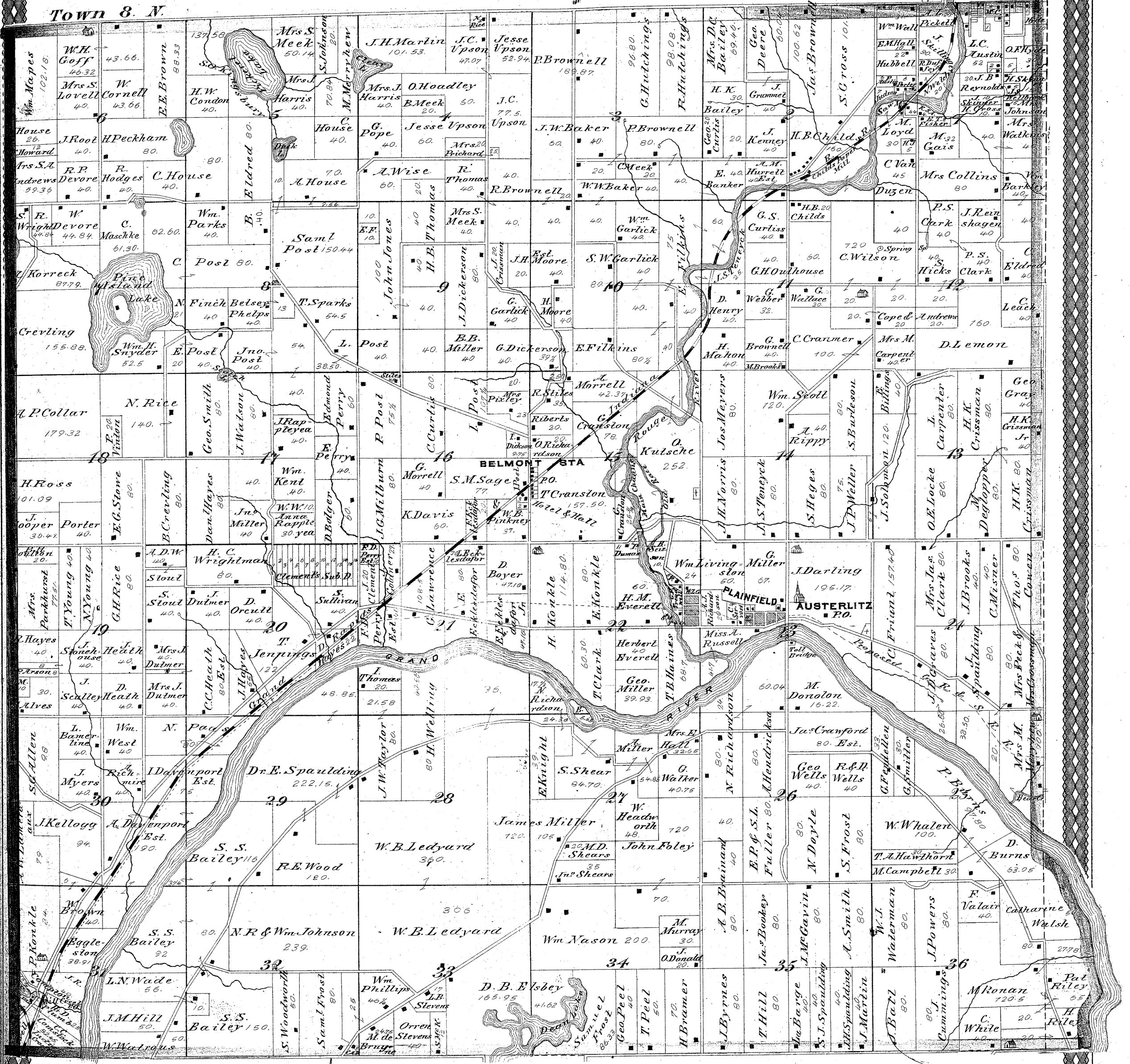


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MAP OF PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP

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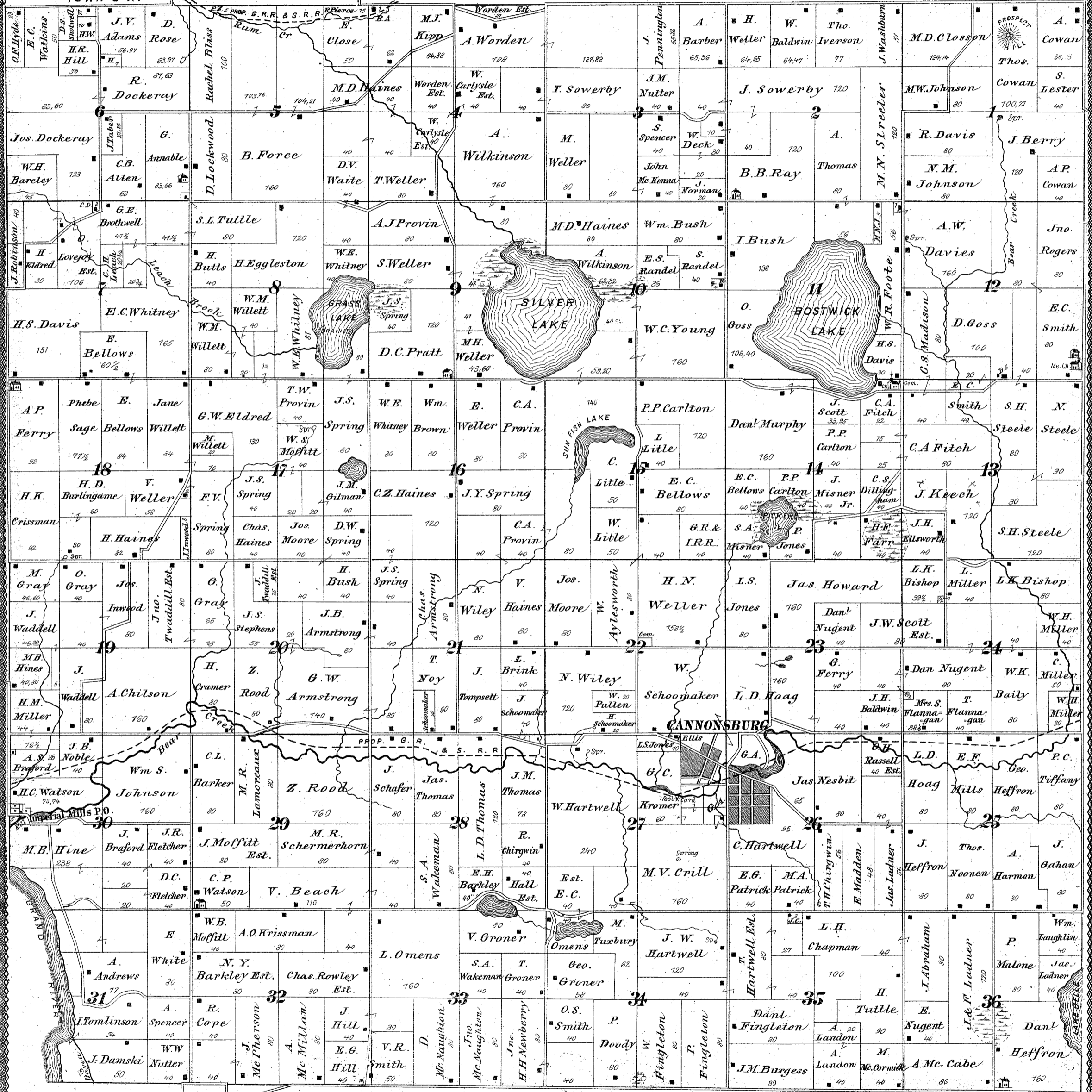
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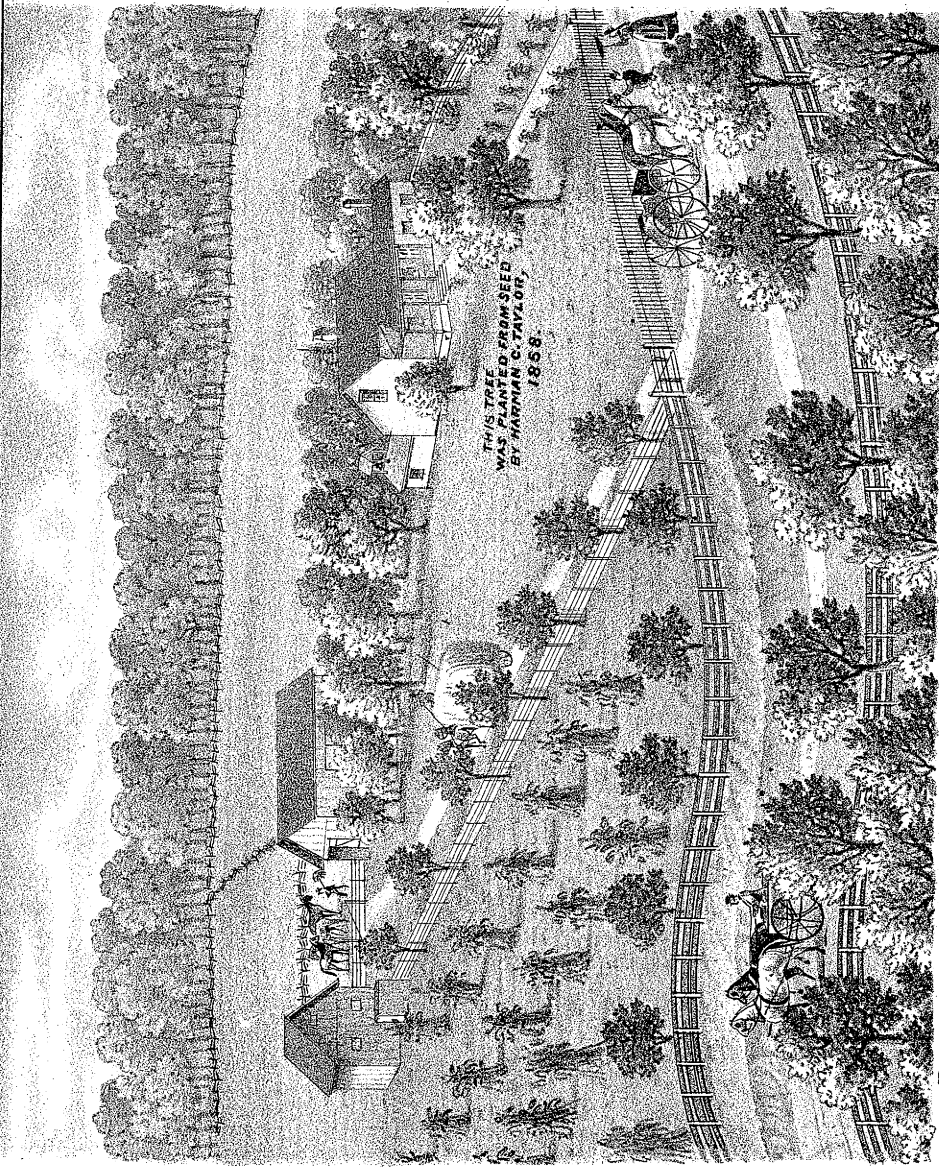


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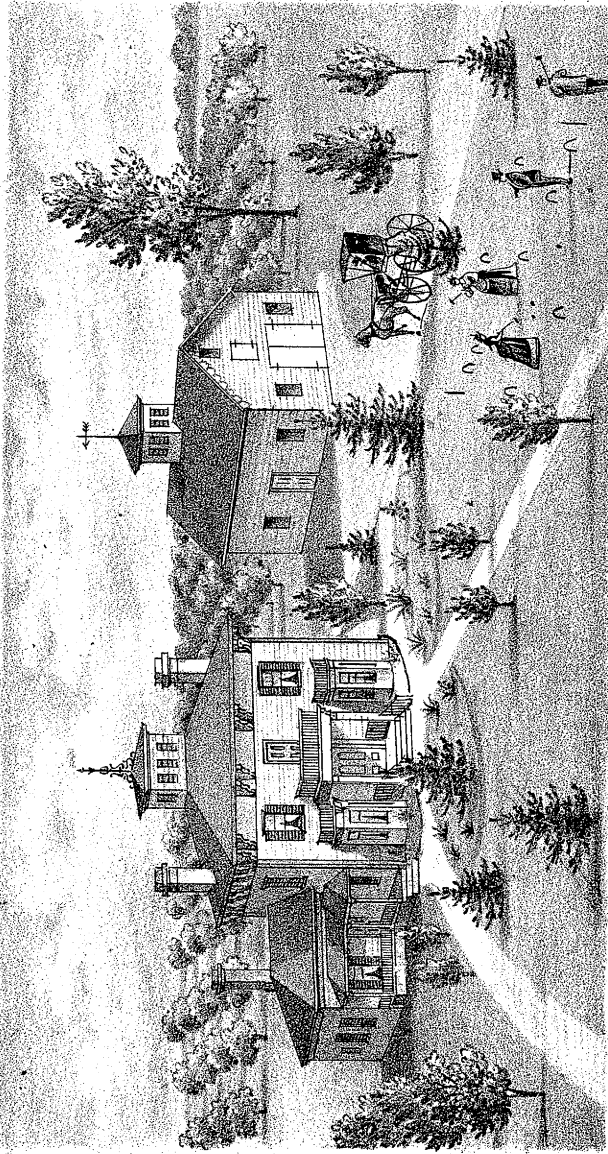
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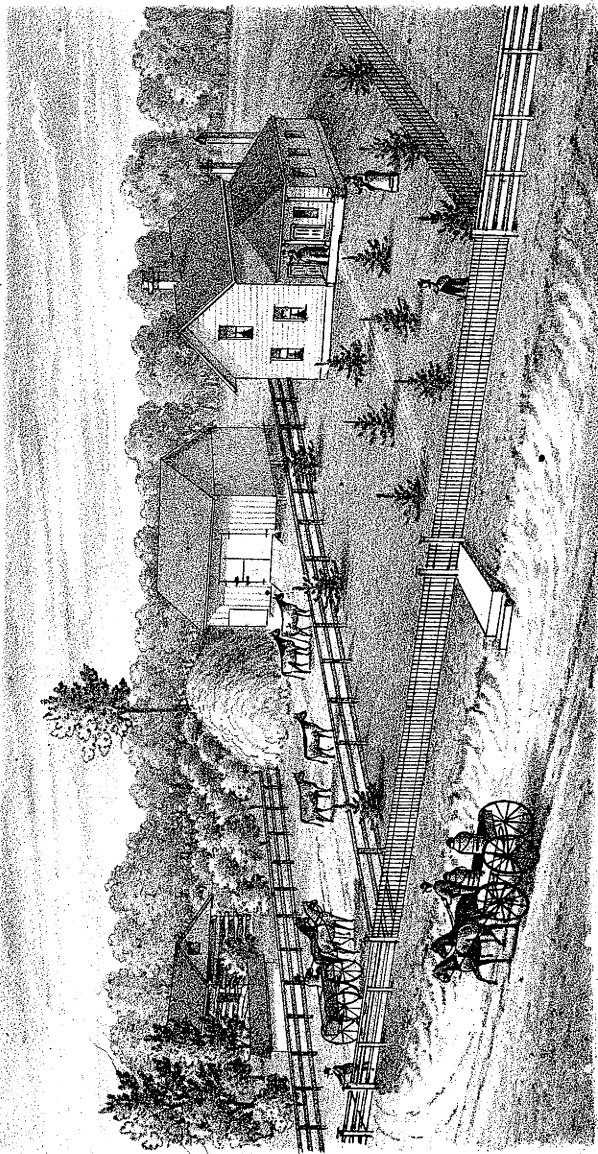




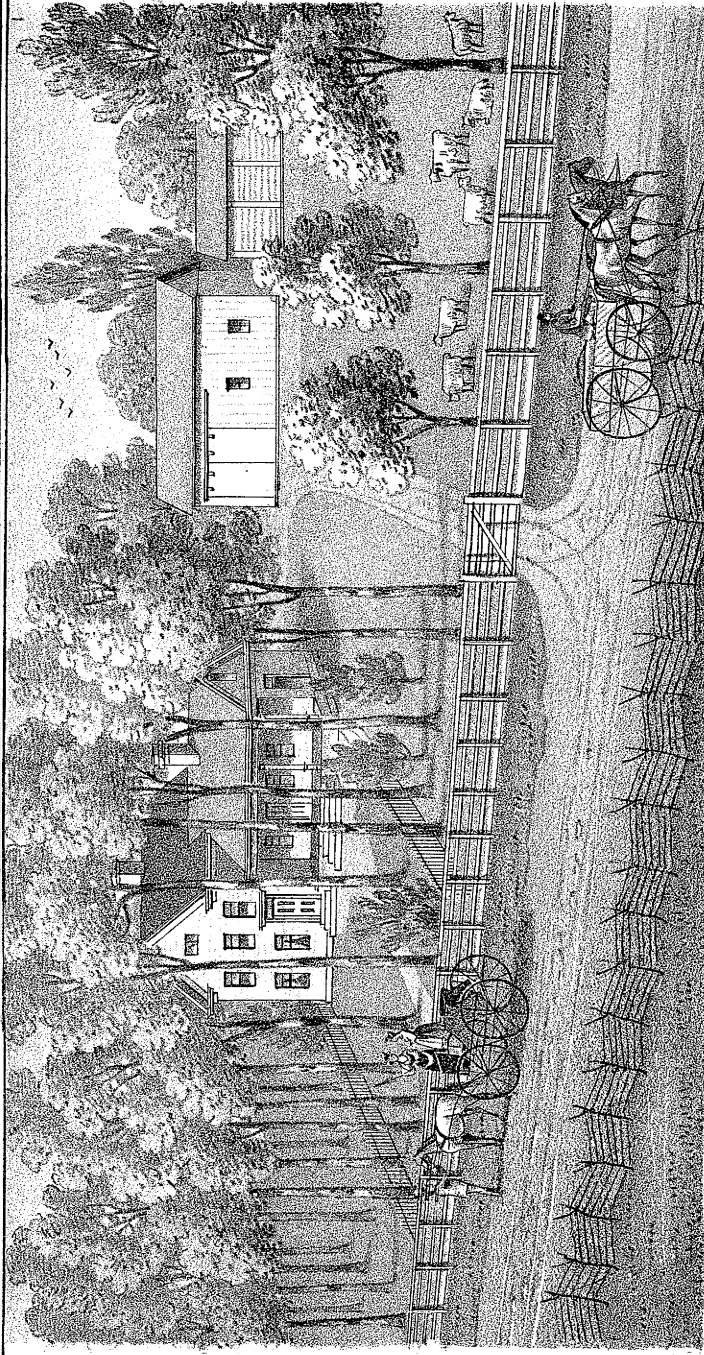
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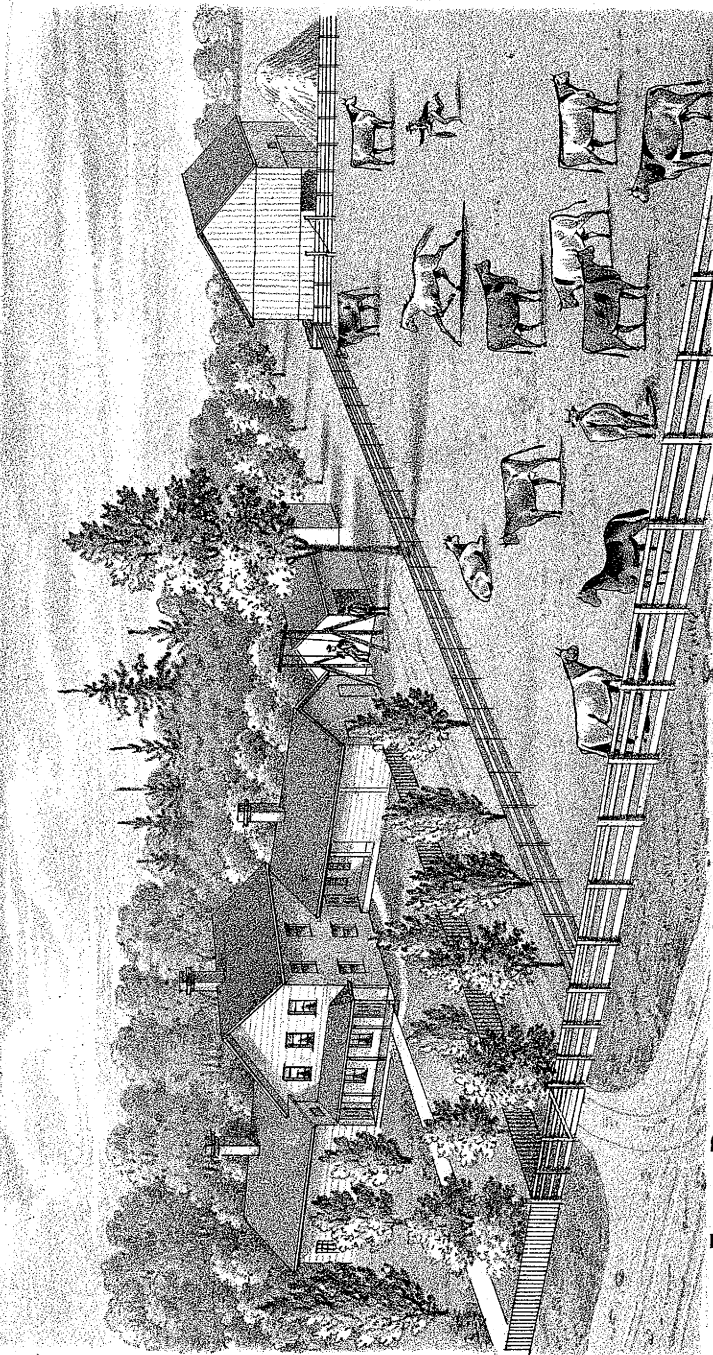
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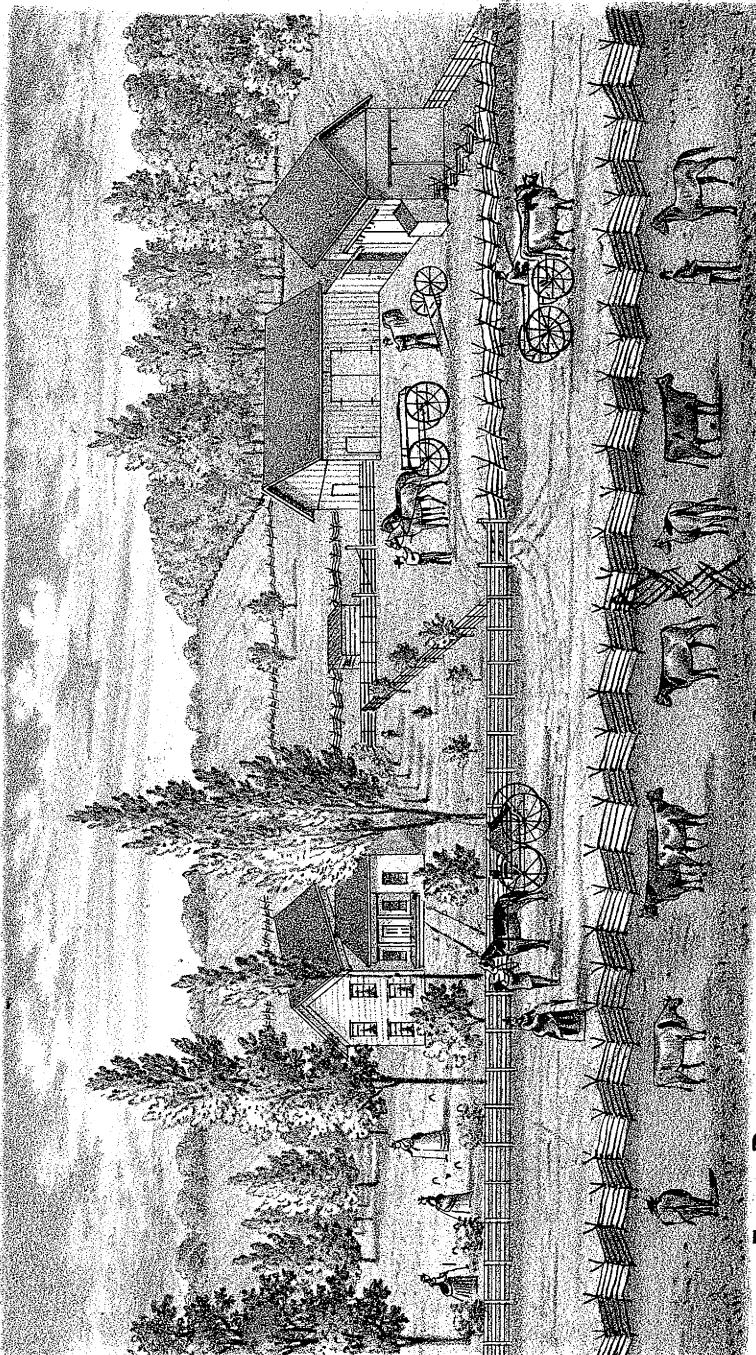
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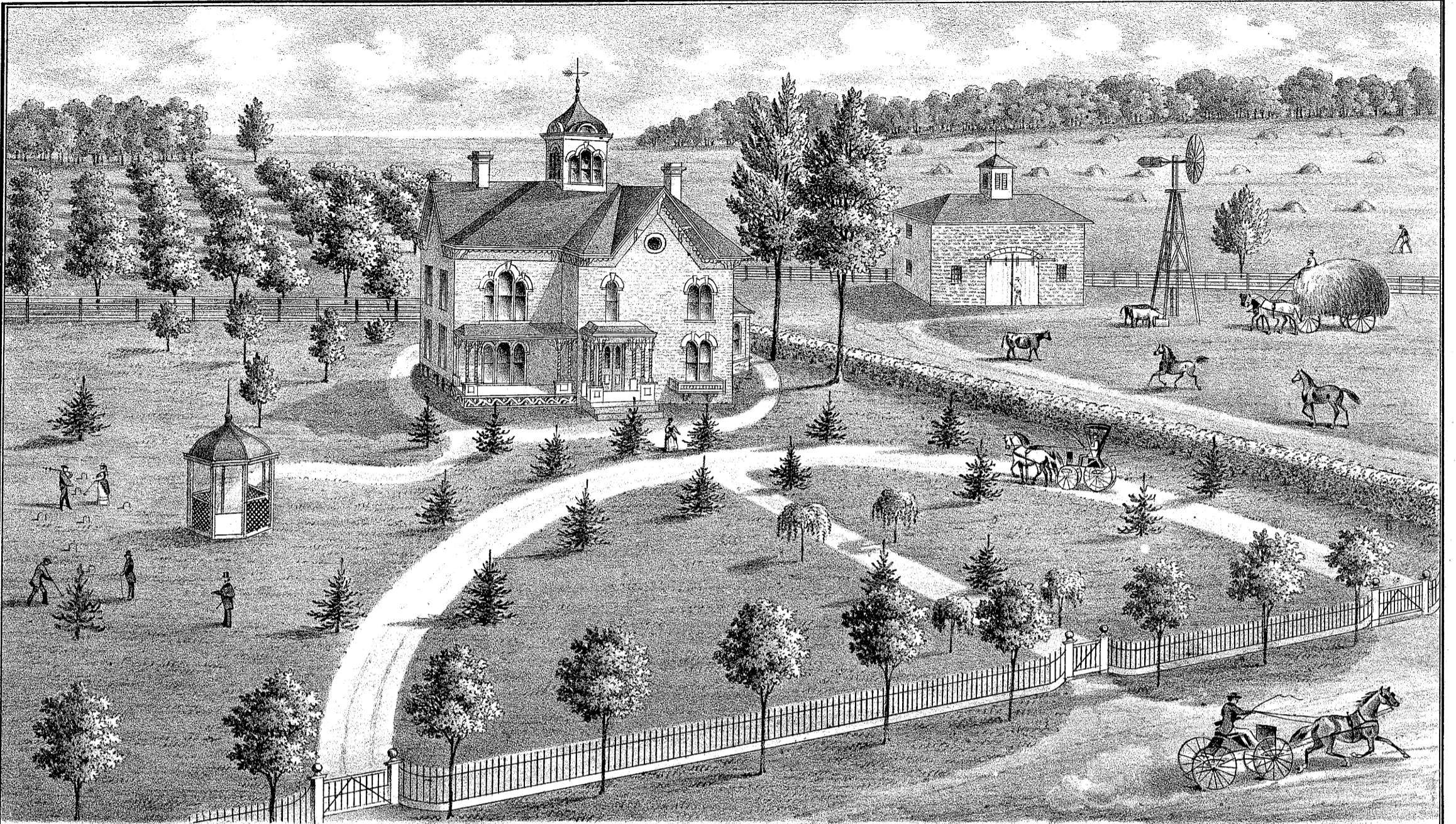
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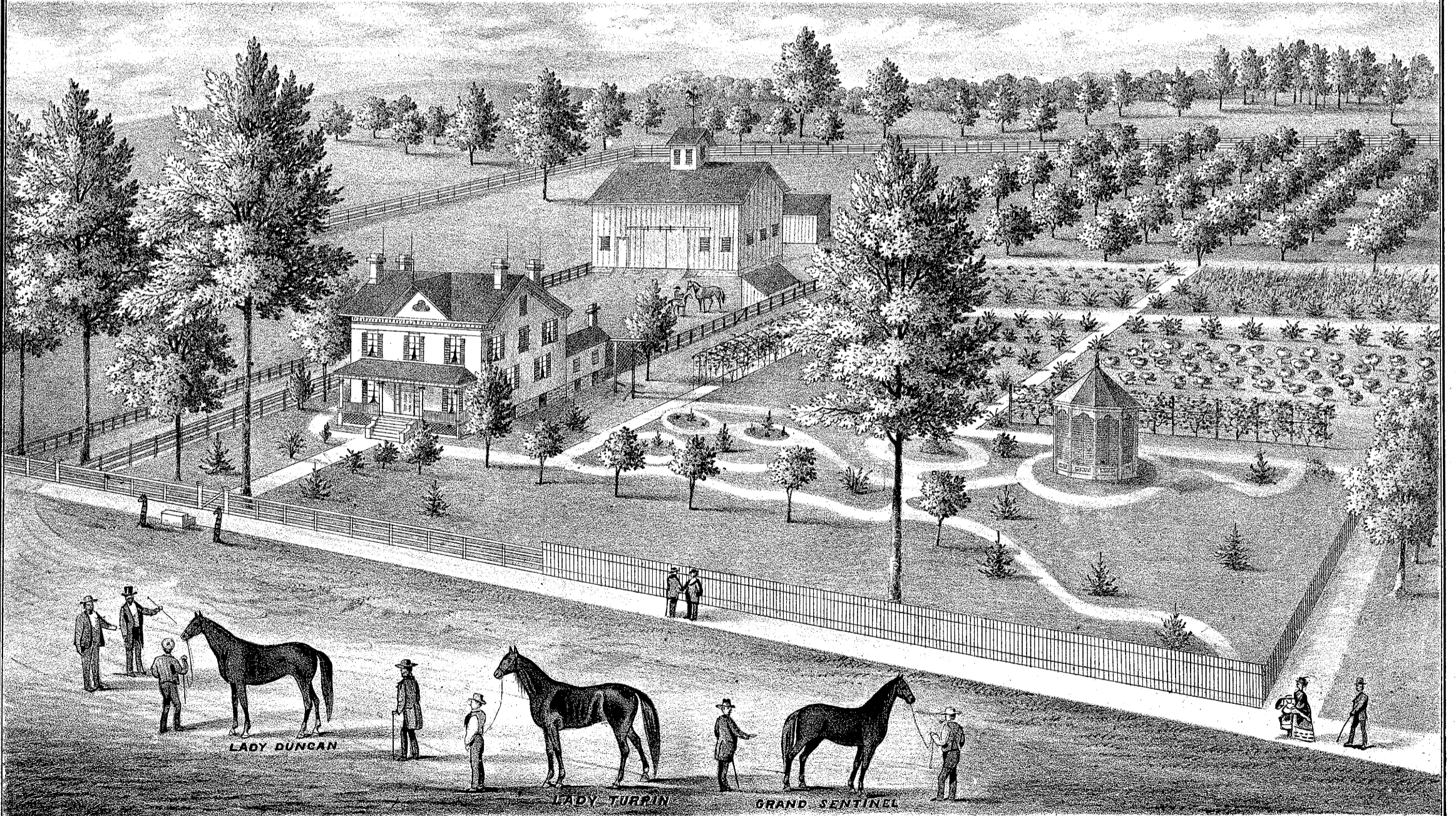
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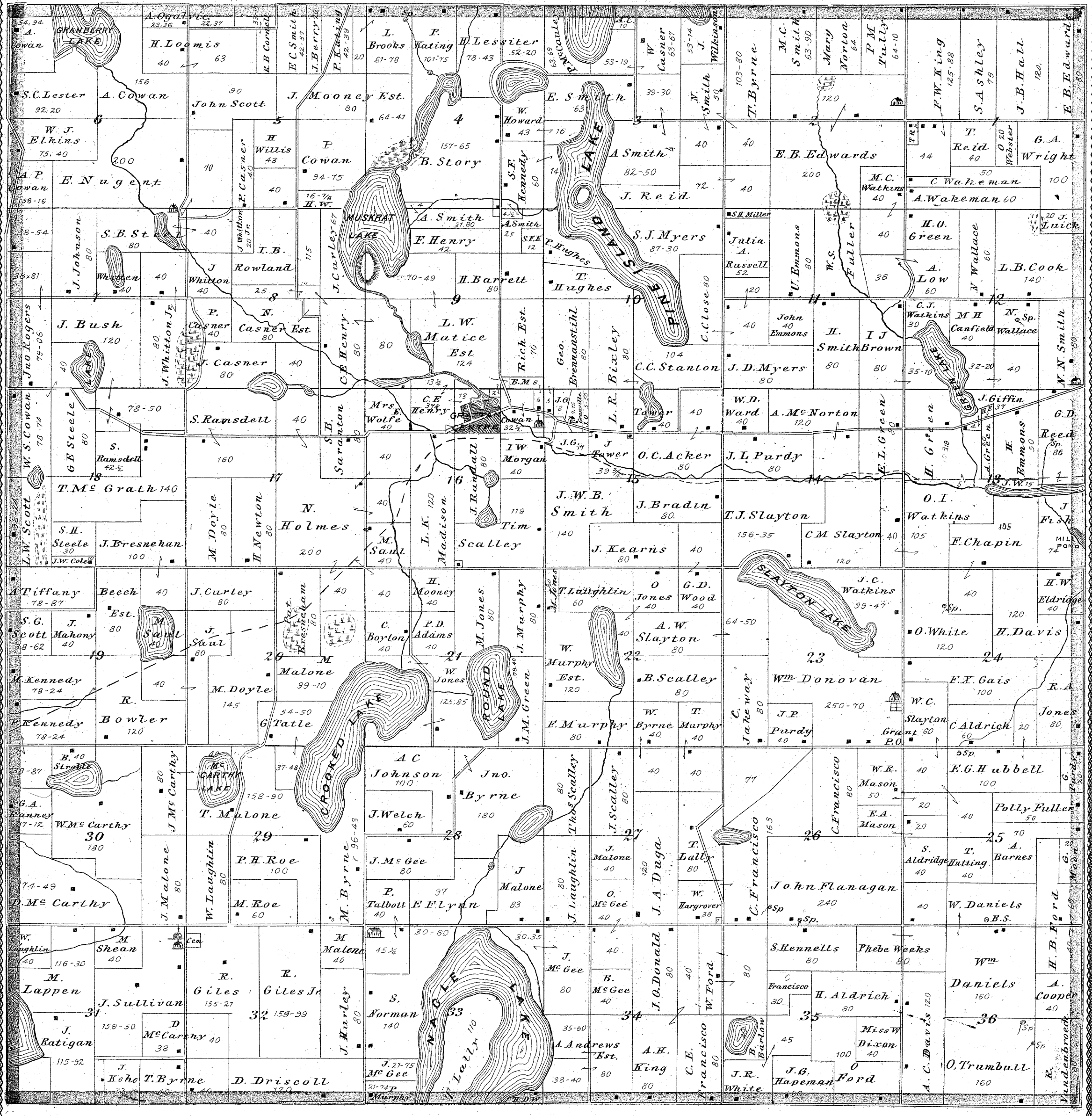
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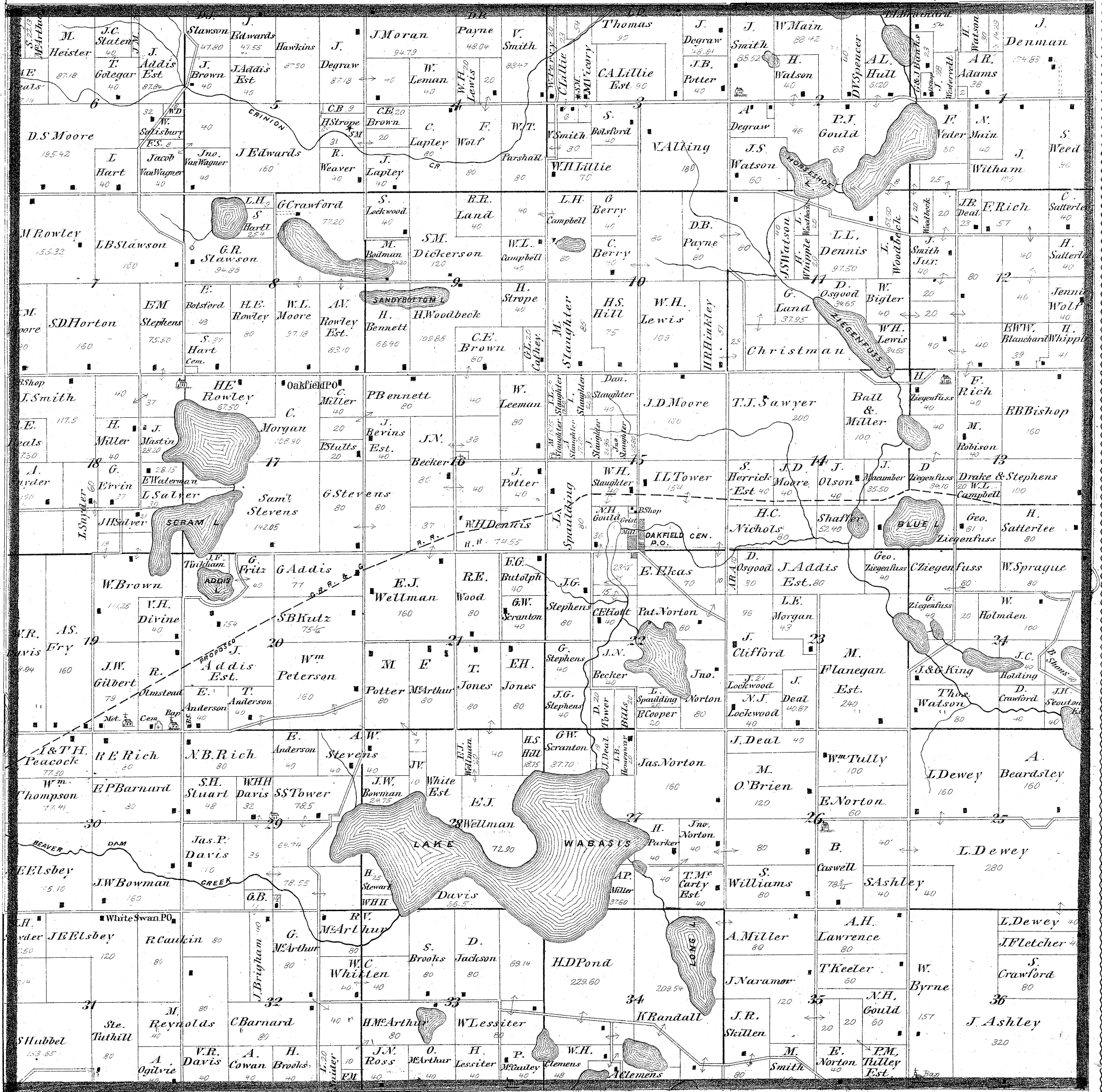
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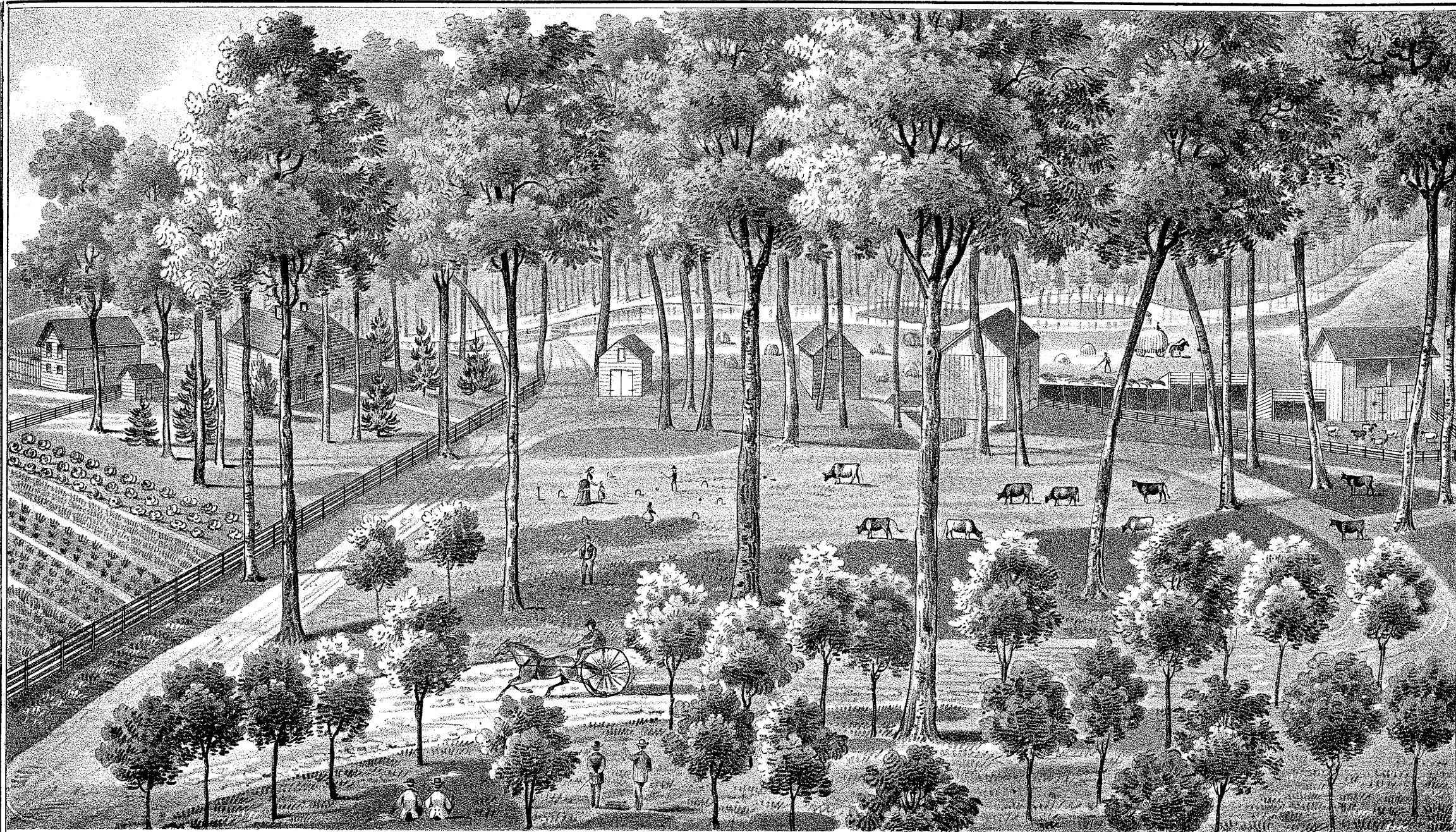


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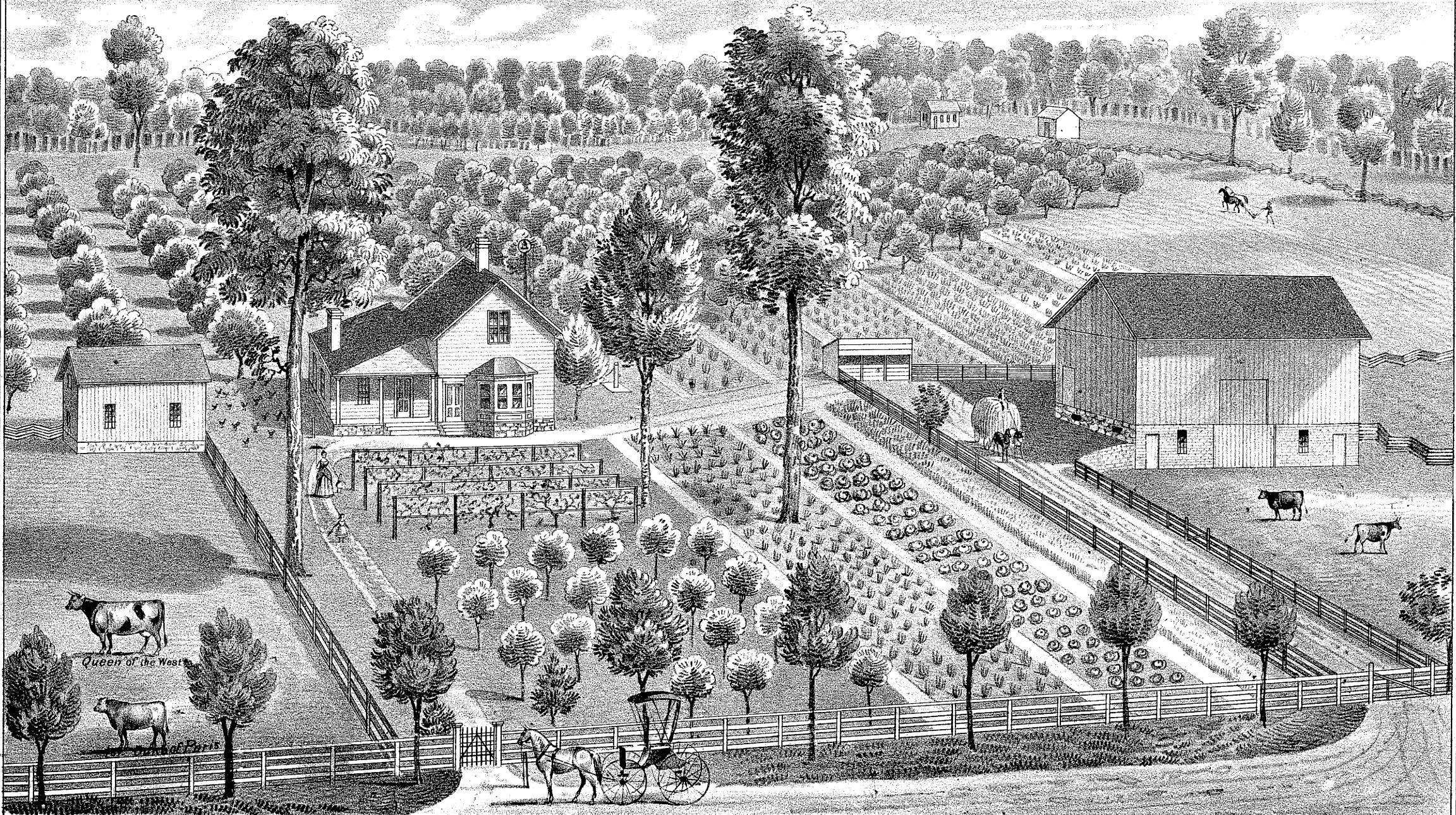
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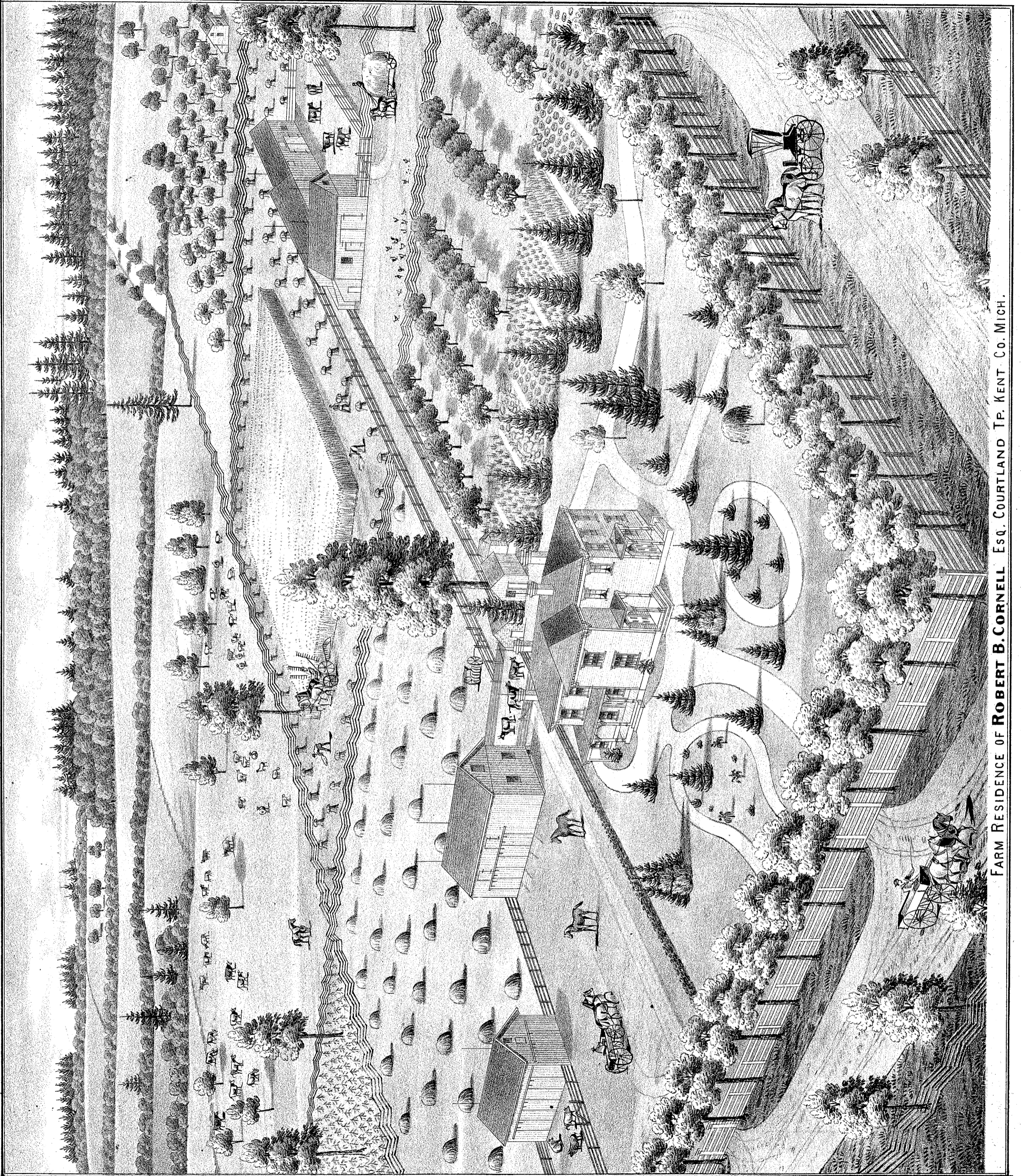




THORN RIVER PARK, THE RESIDENCE OF JOHN H. WITHEY CASCADE TP KENT CO. MICH.



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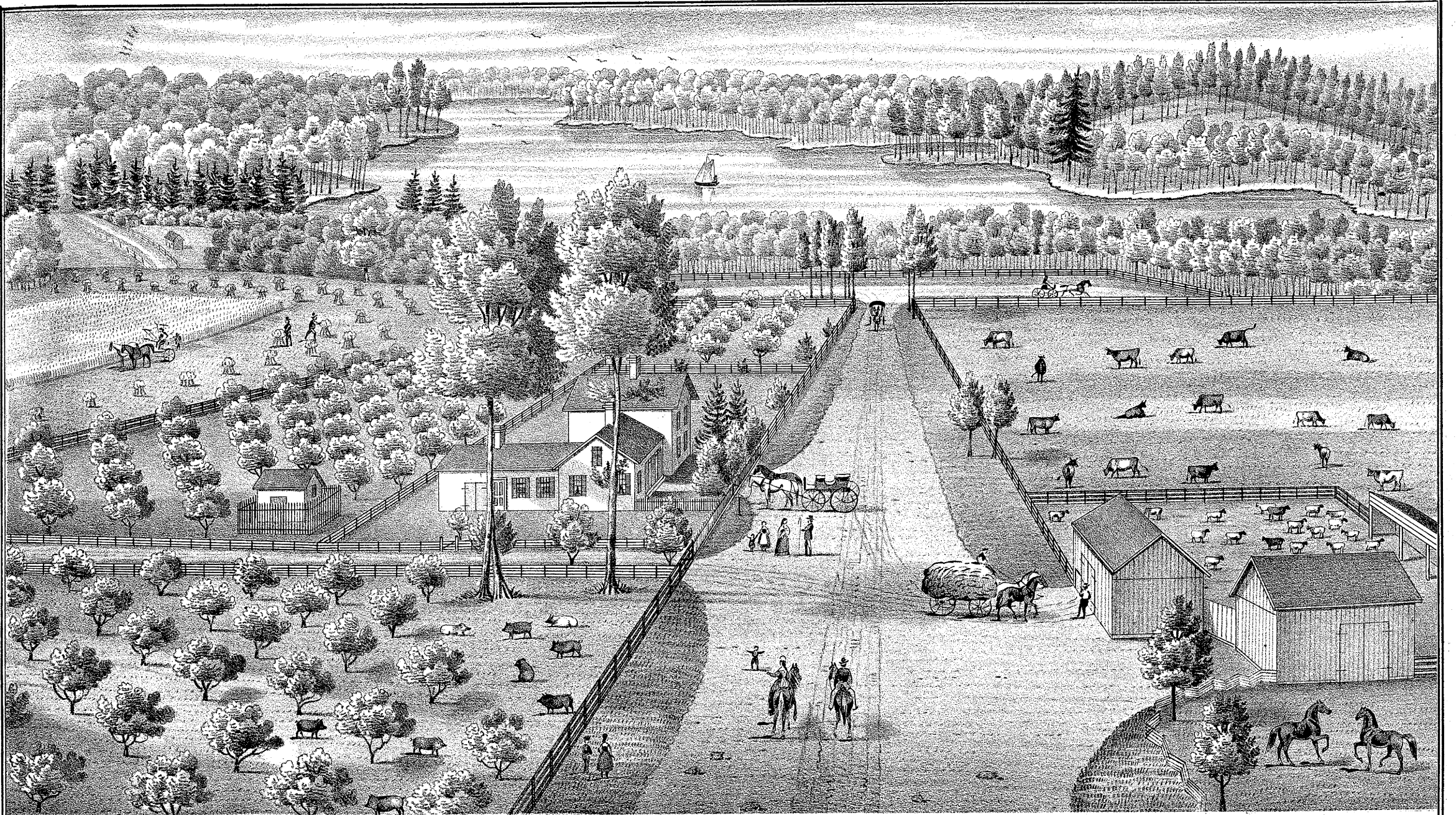
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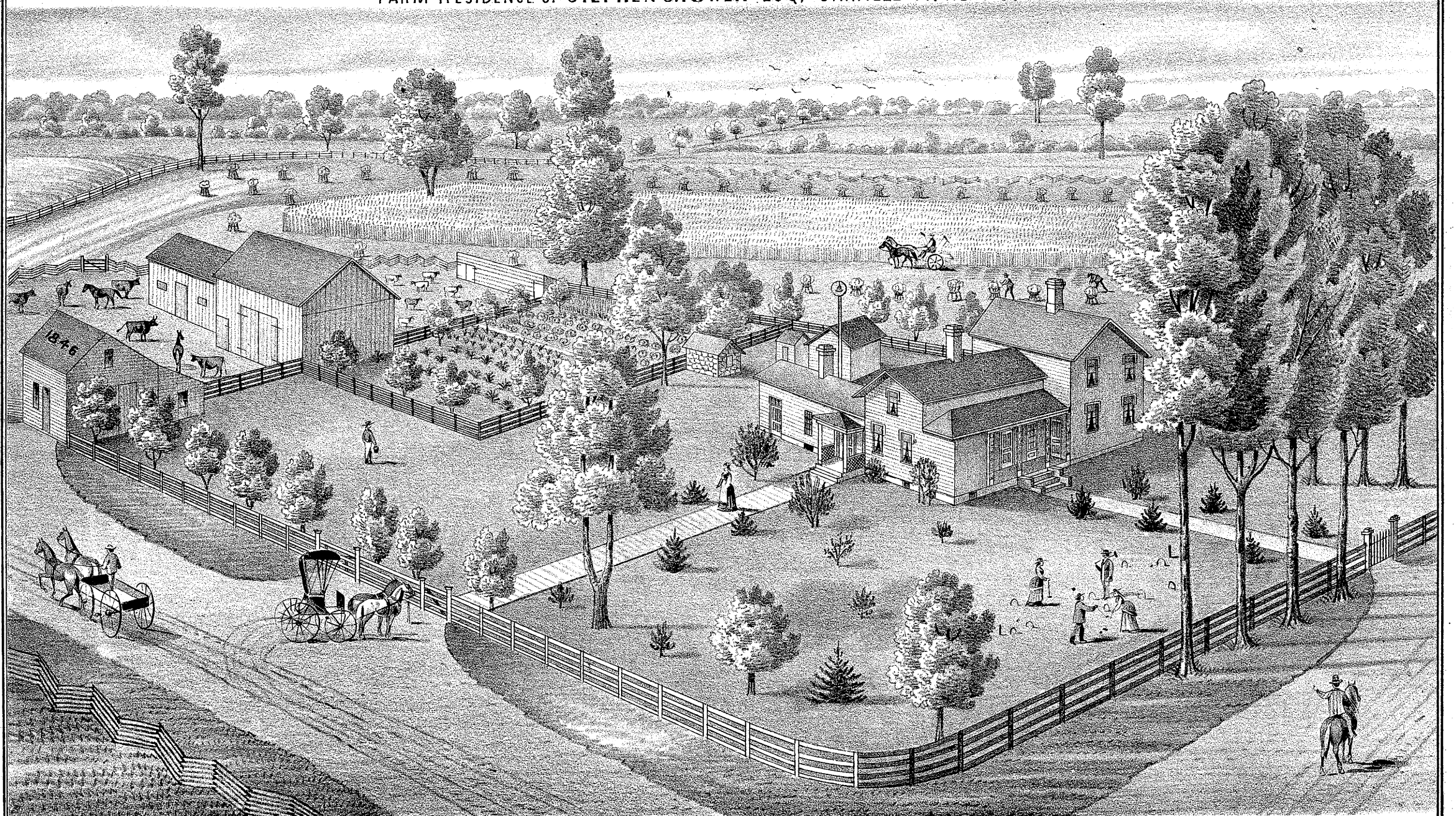
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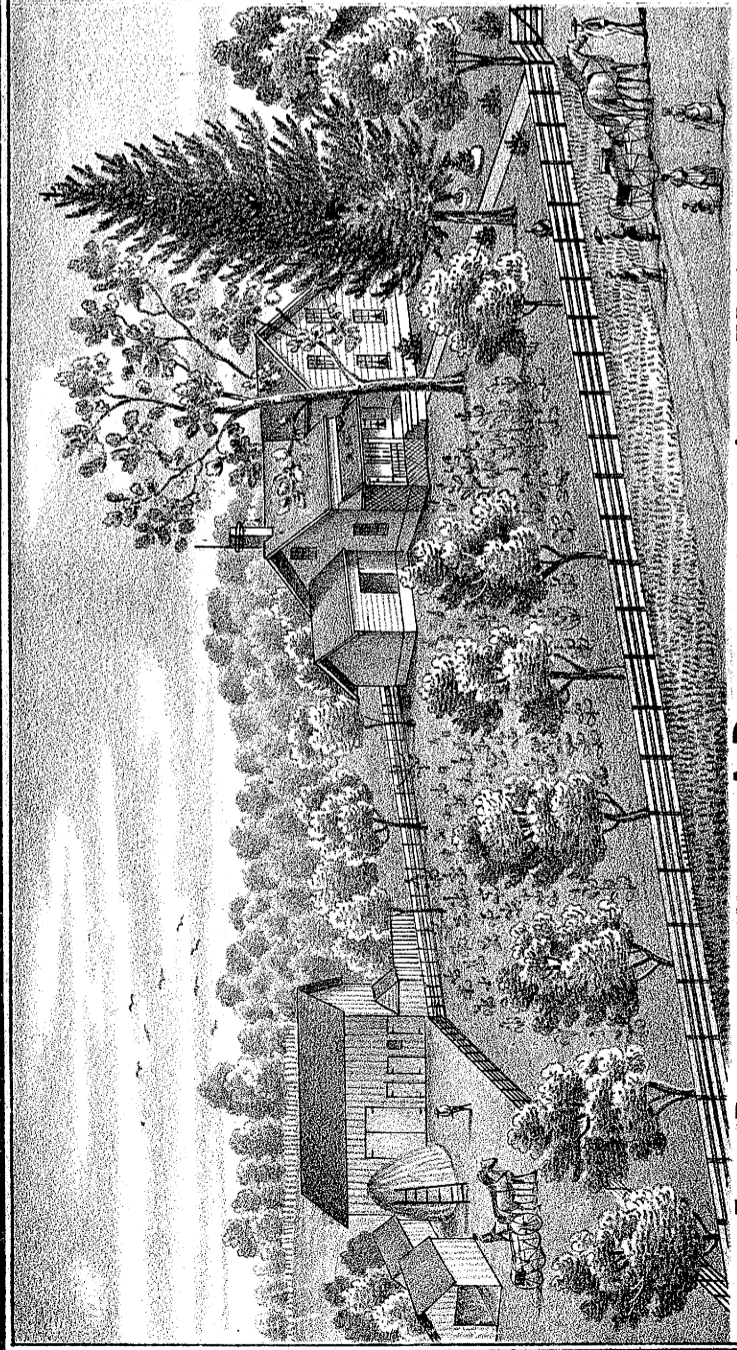




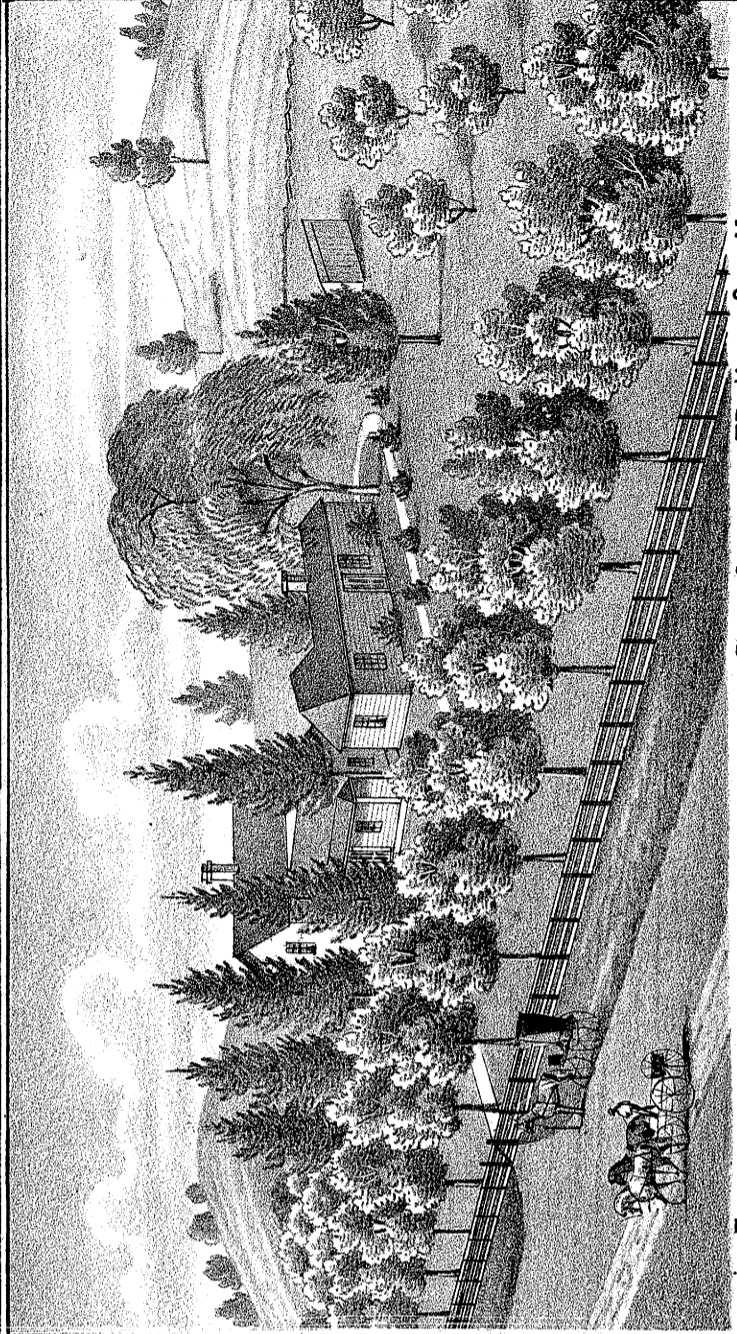
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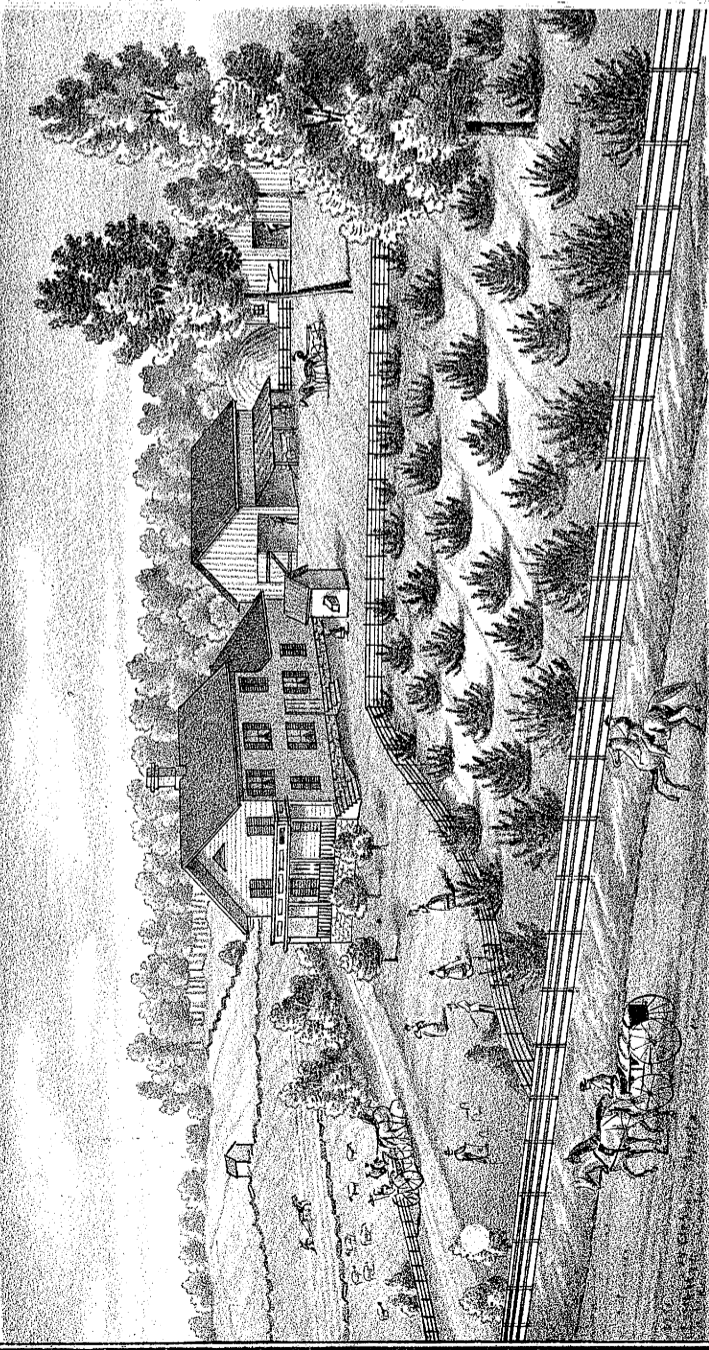
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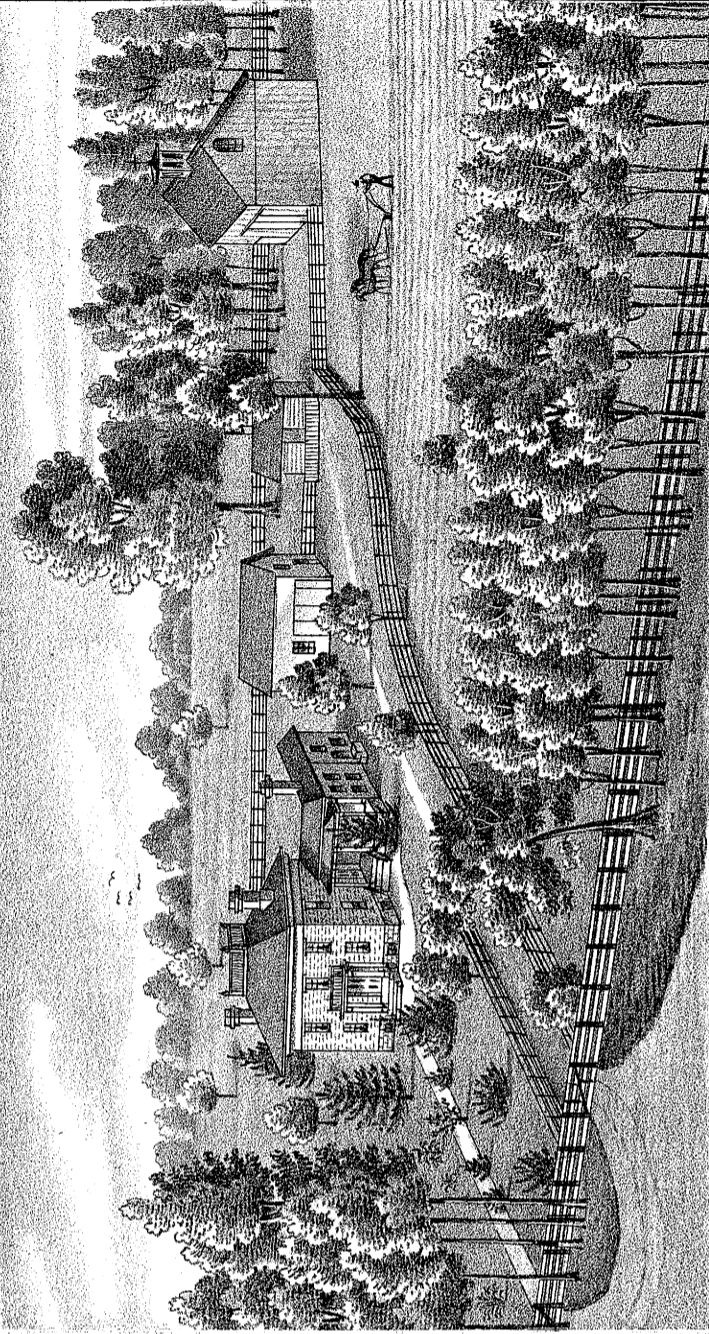
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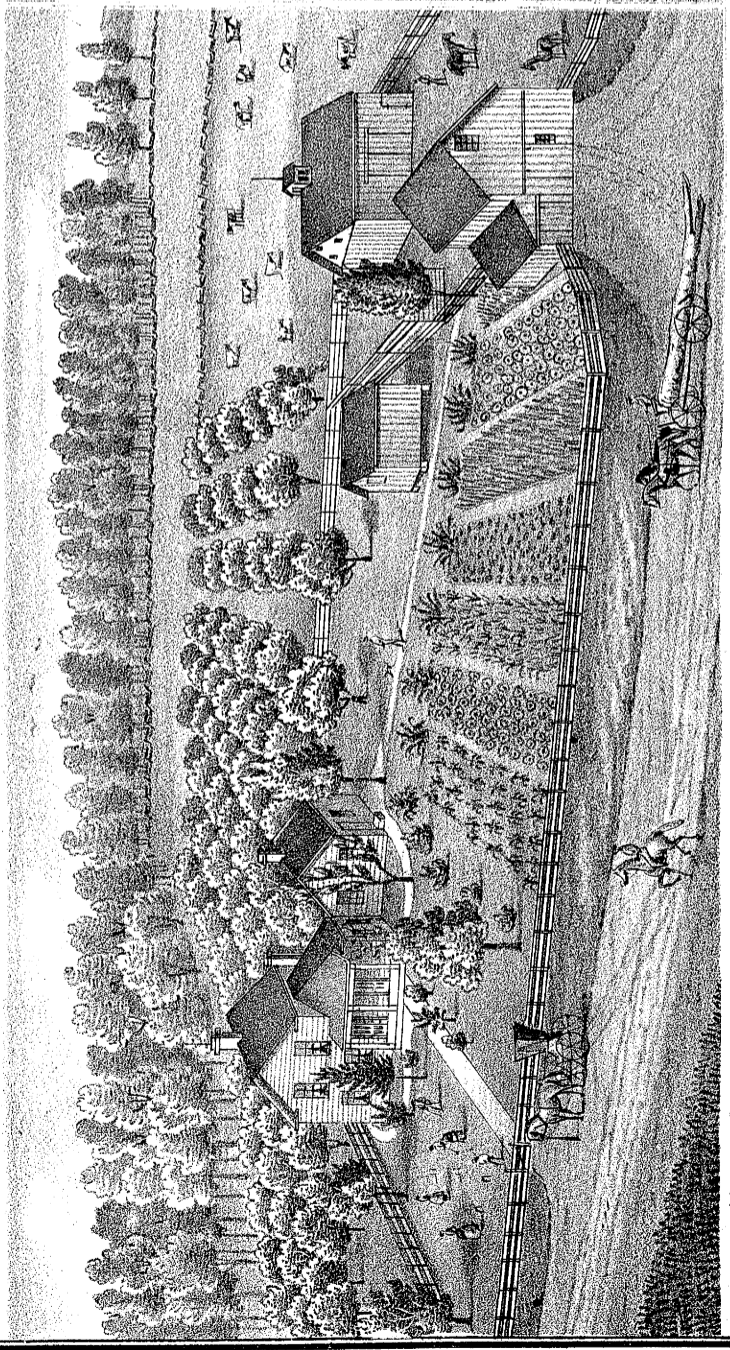
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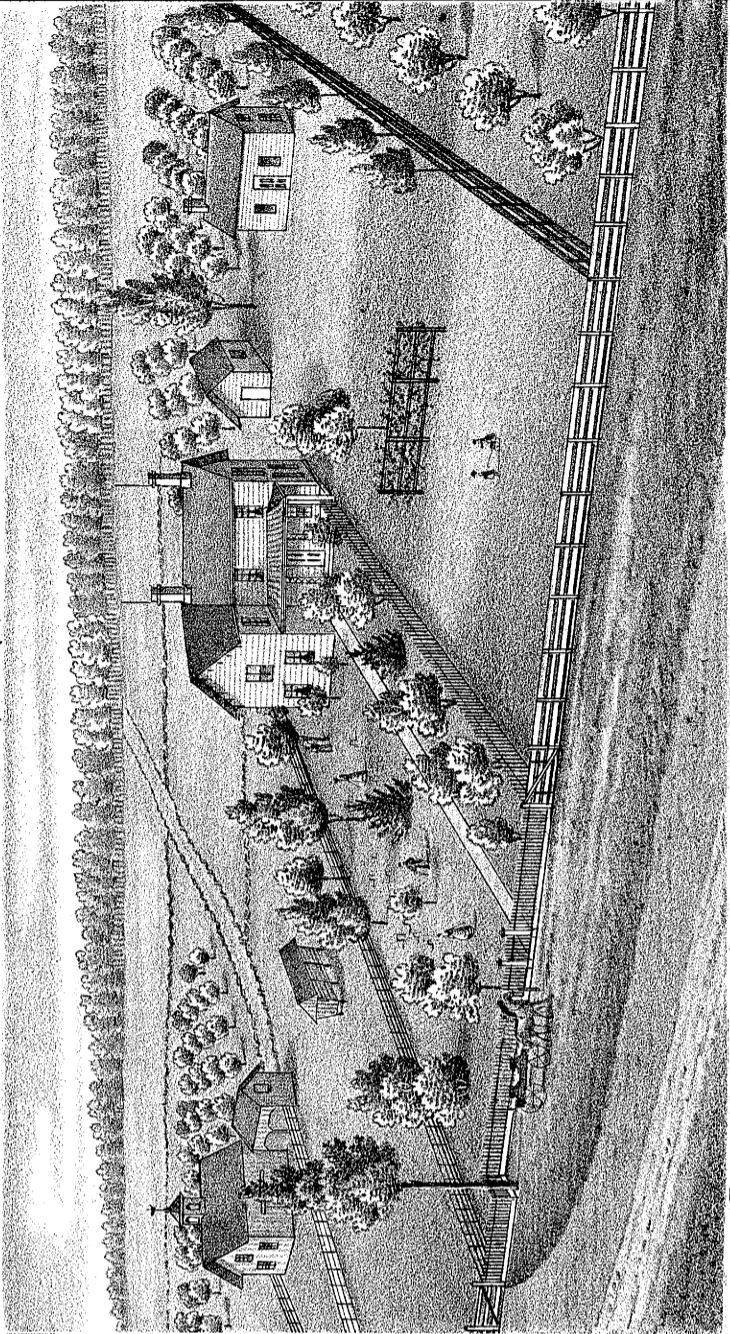
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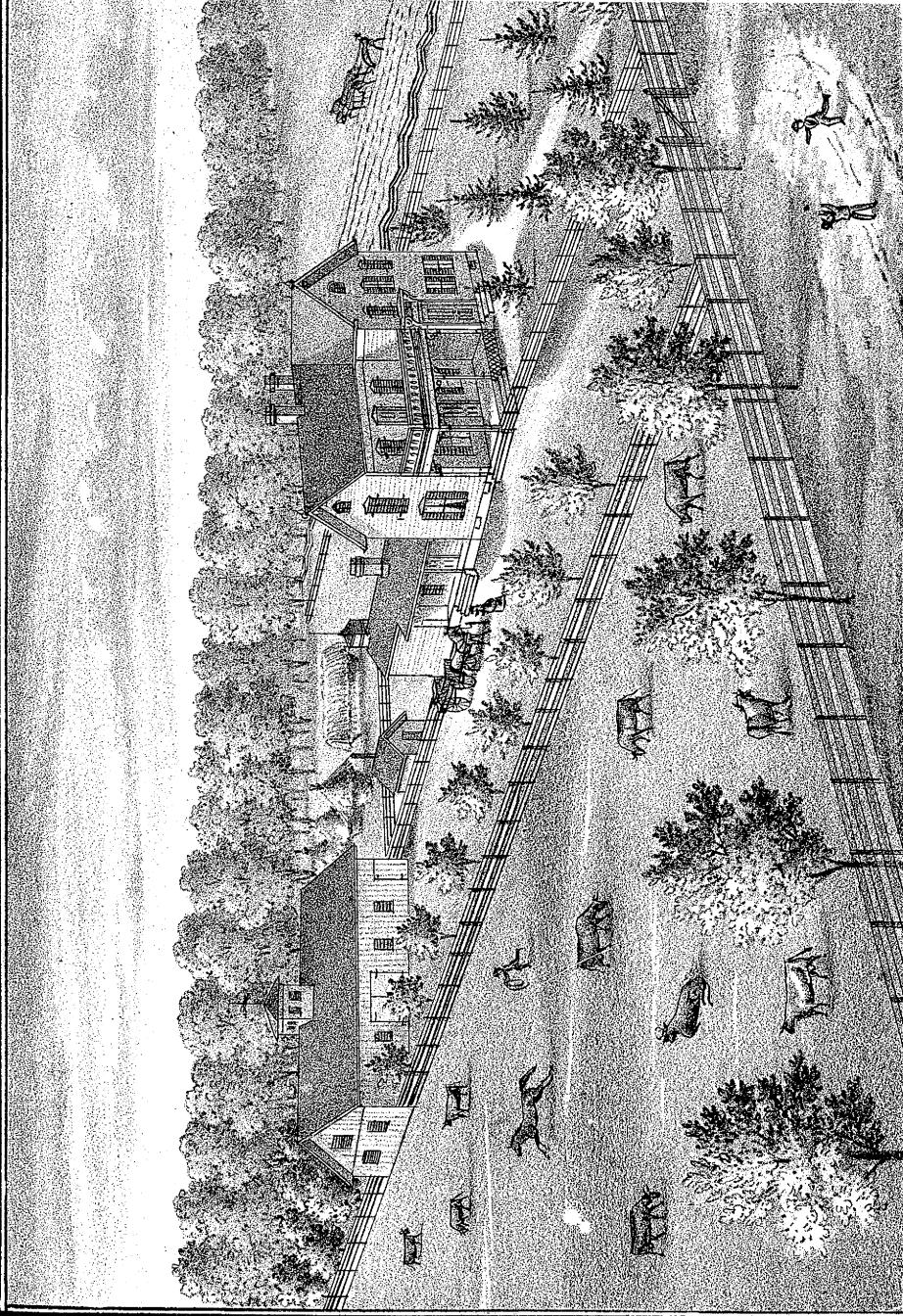
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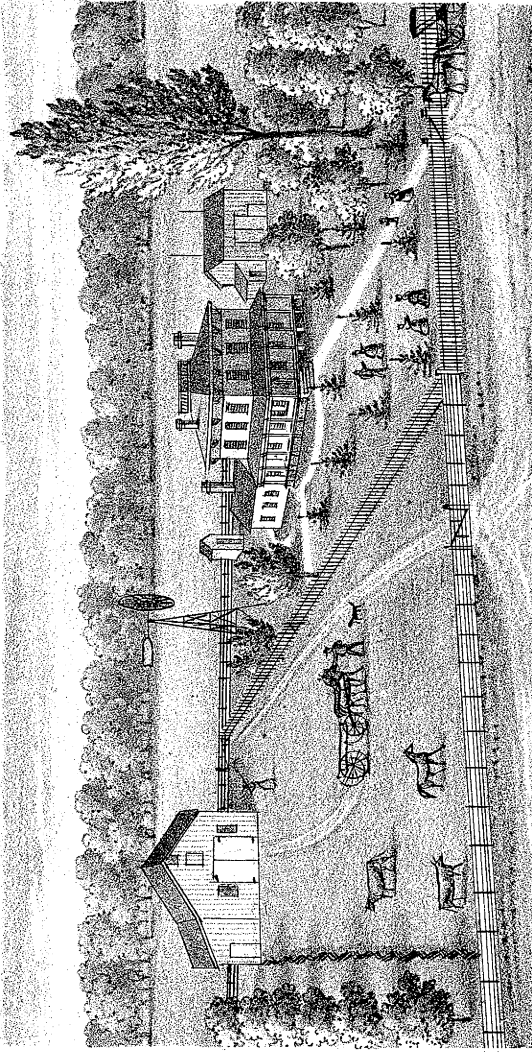
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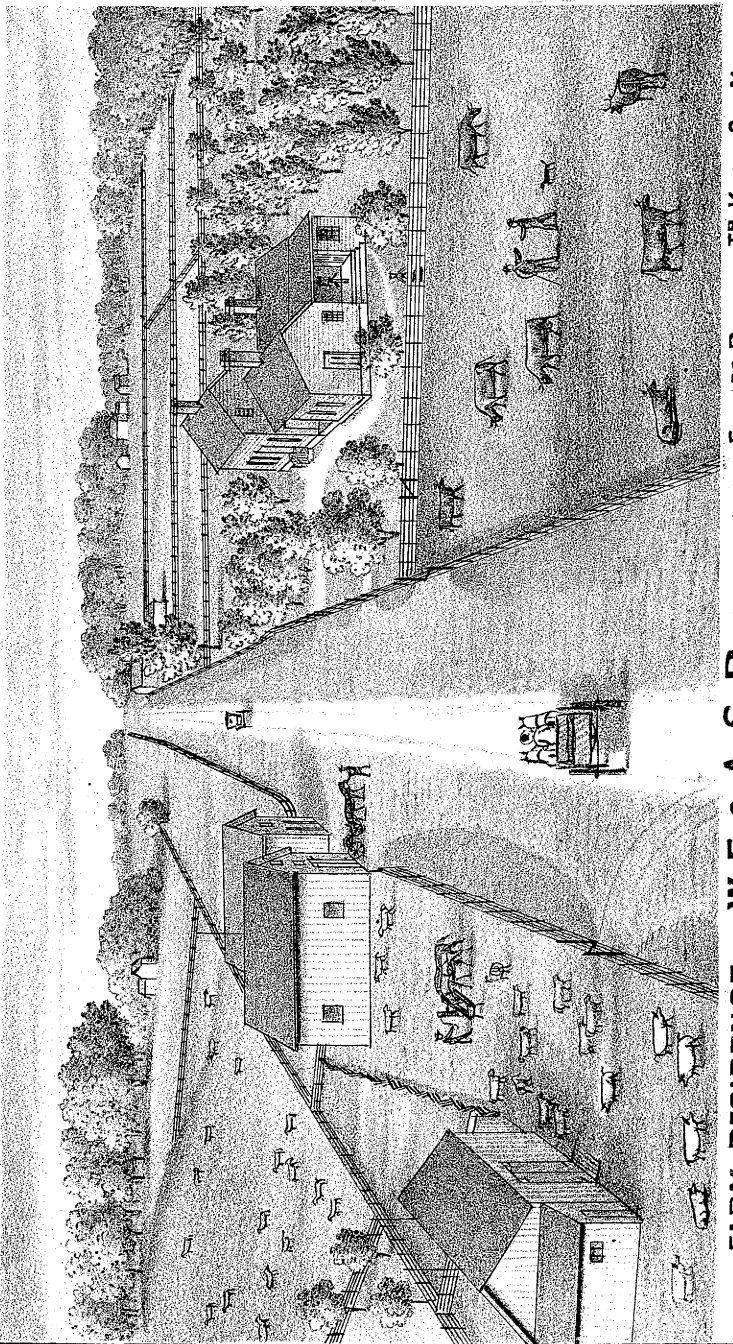
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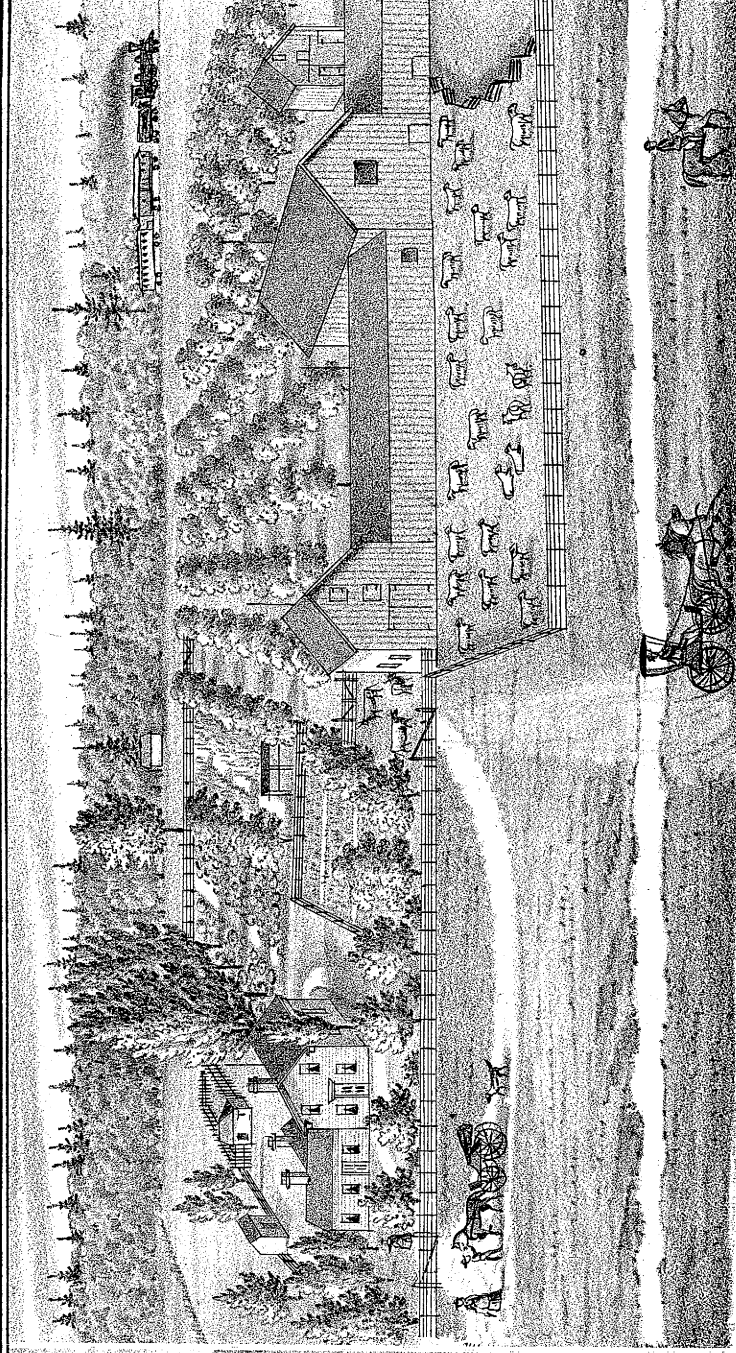
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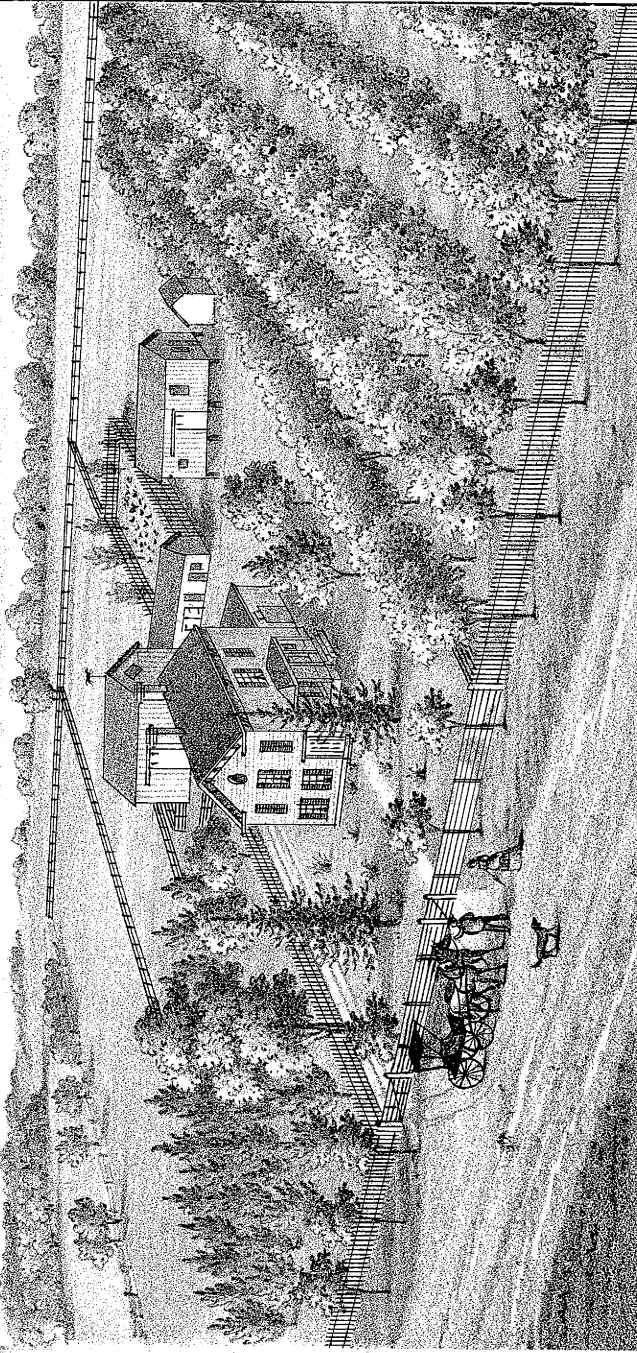
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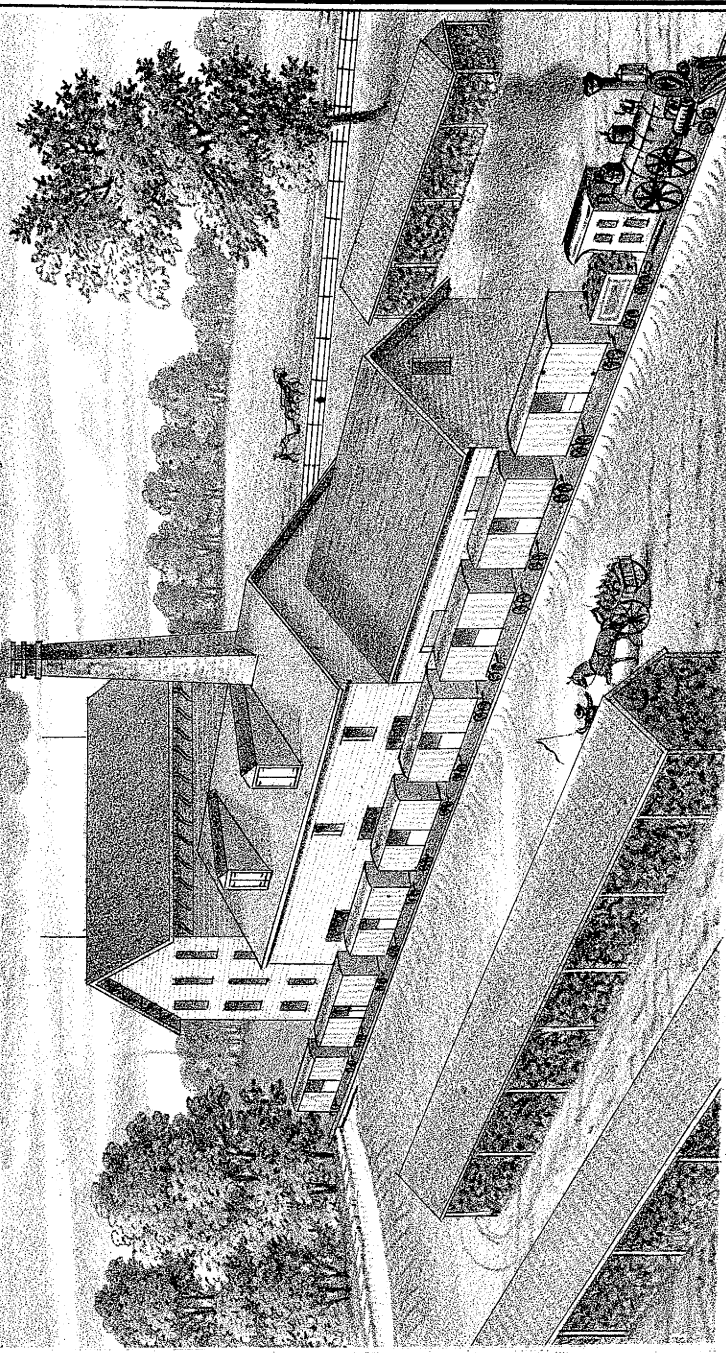
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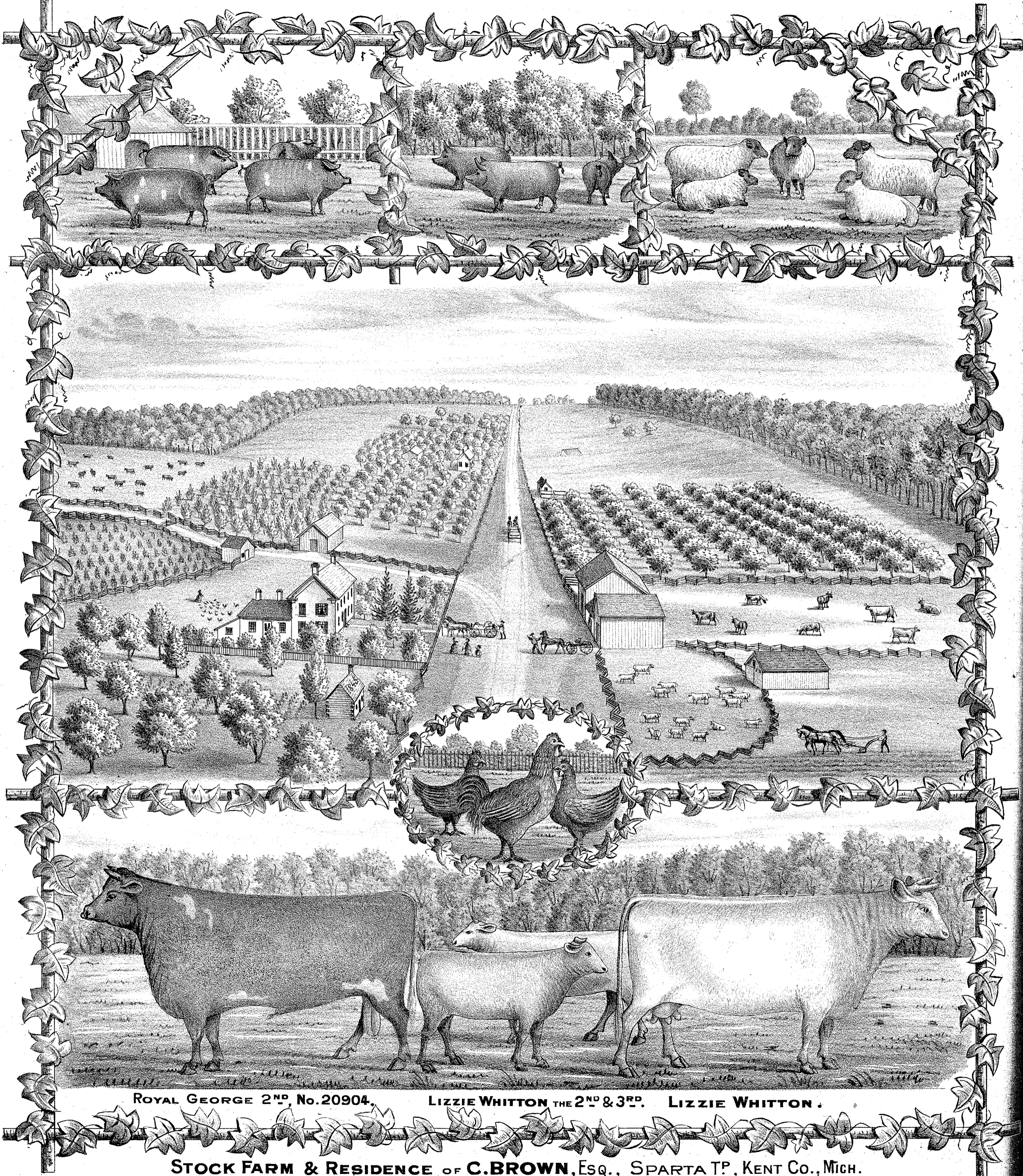
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ROYAL GEORGE 2ND, No. 20904.

LIZZIE WHITTON THE 2ND & 3RD.

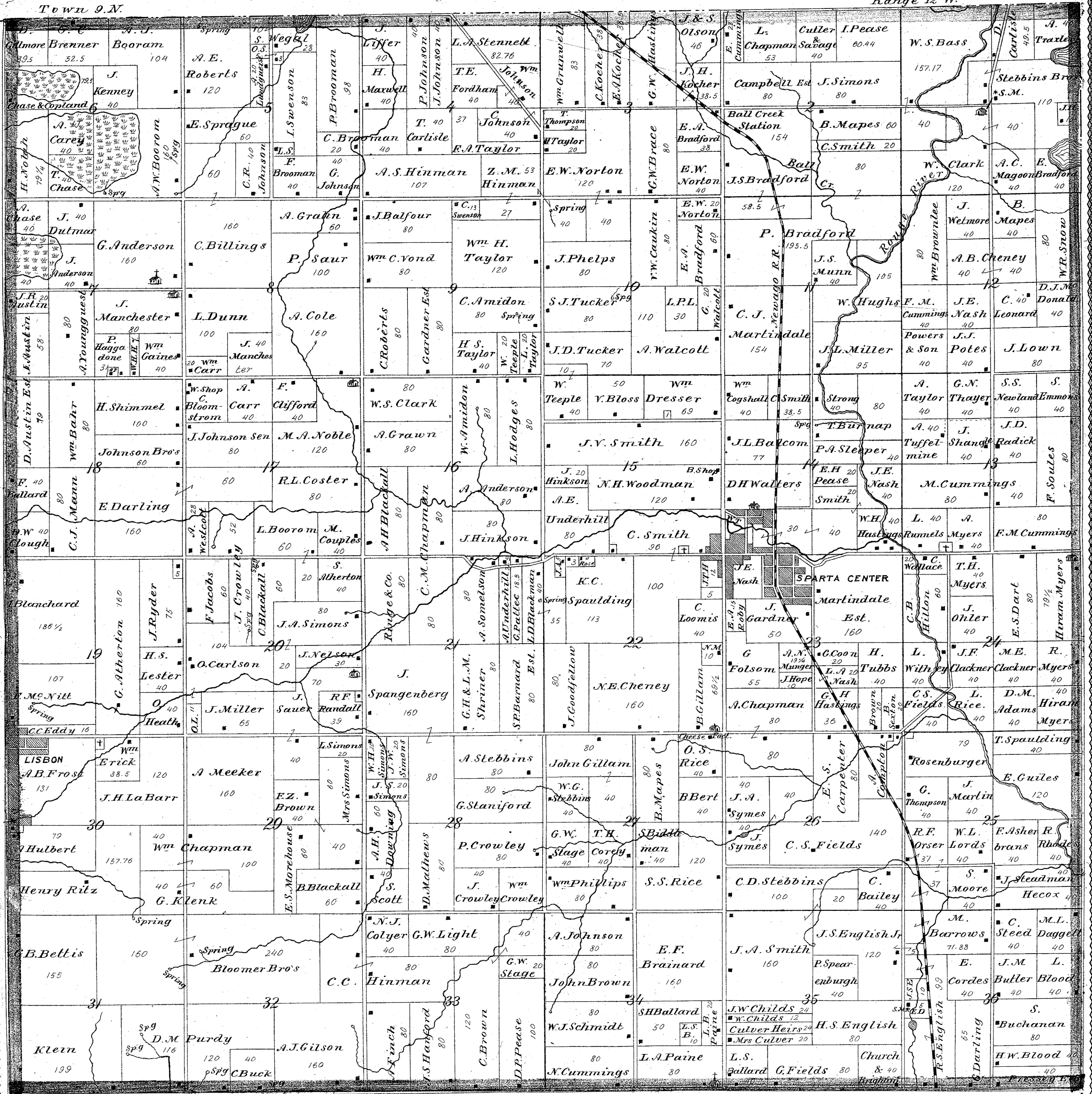
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MAP OF SPARTA TOWNSHIP

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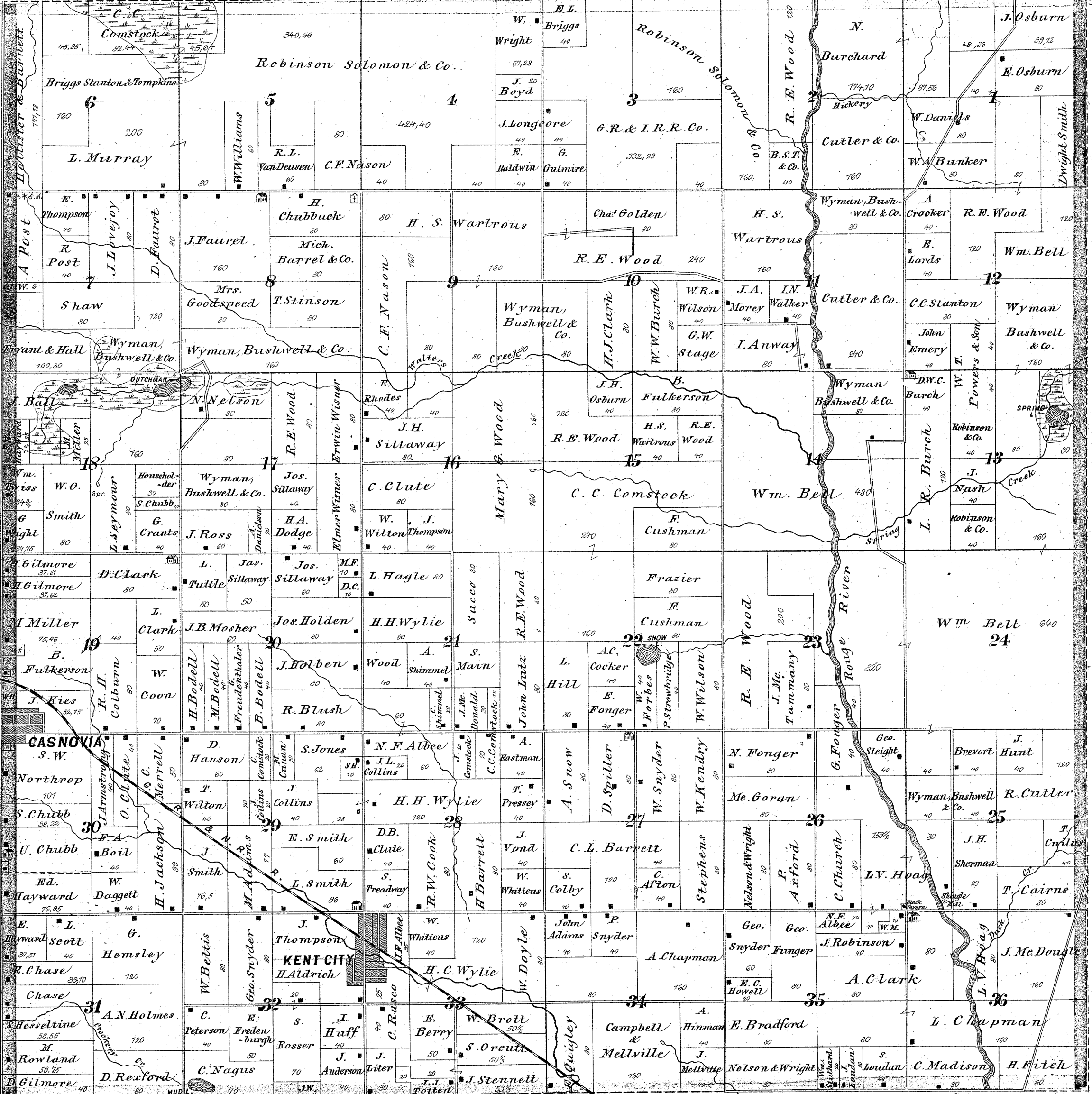
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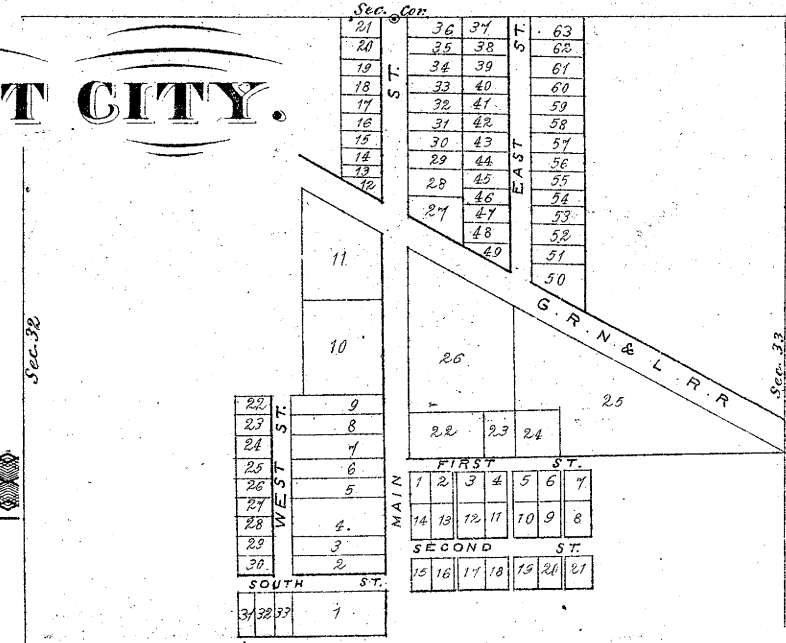
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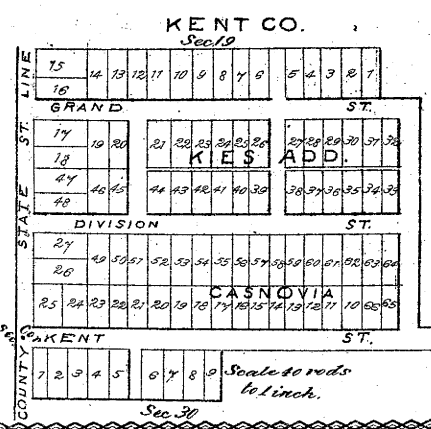
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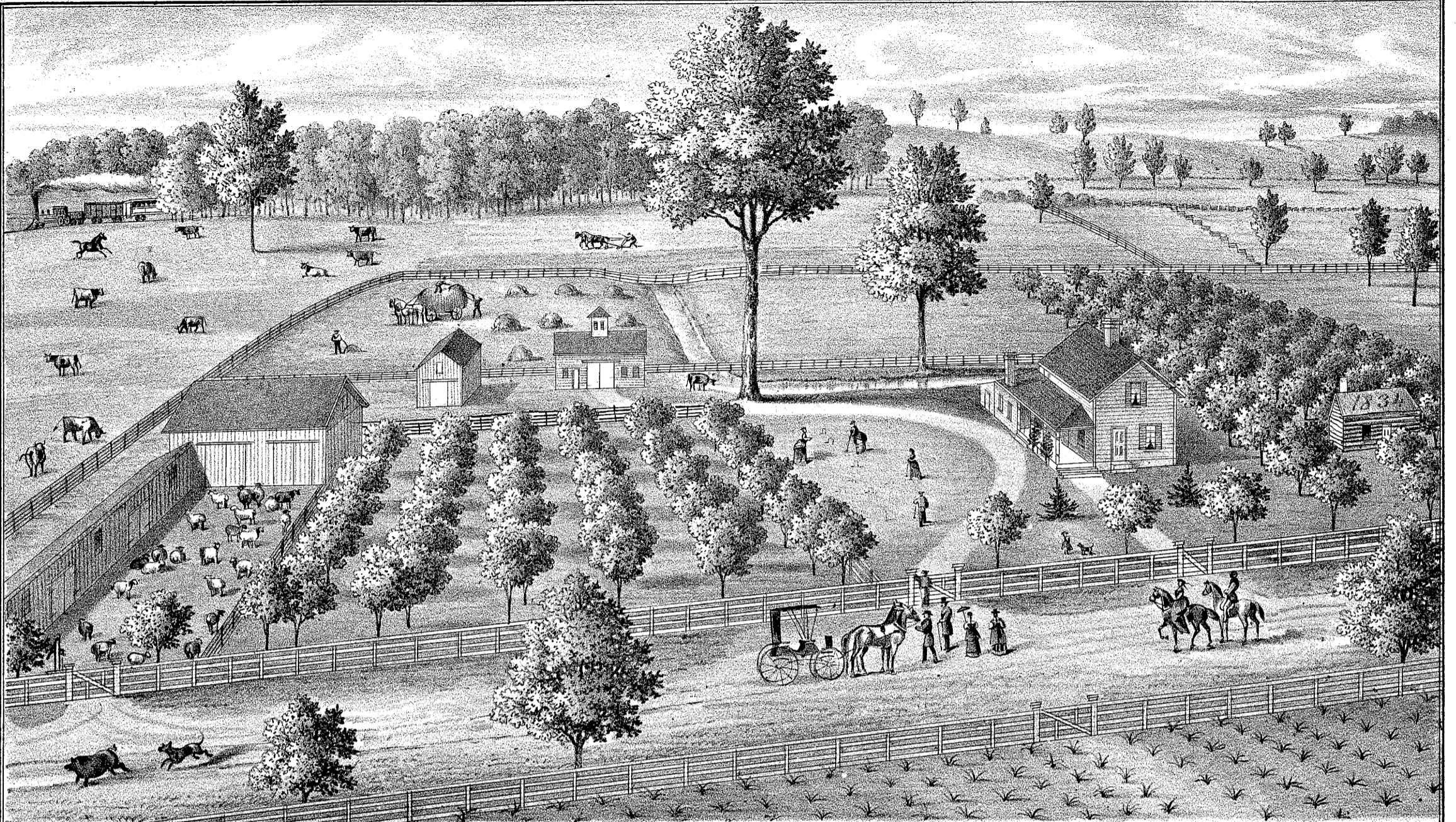
KENT CITY.



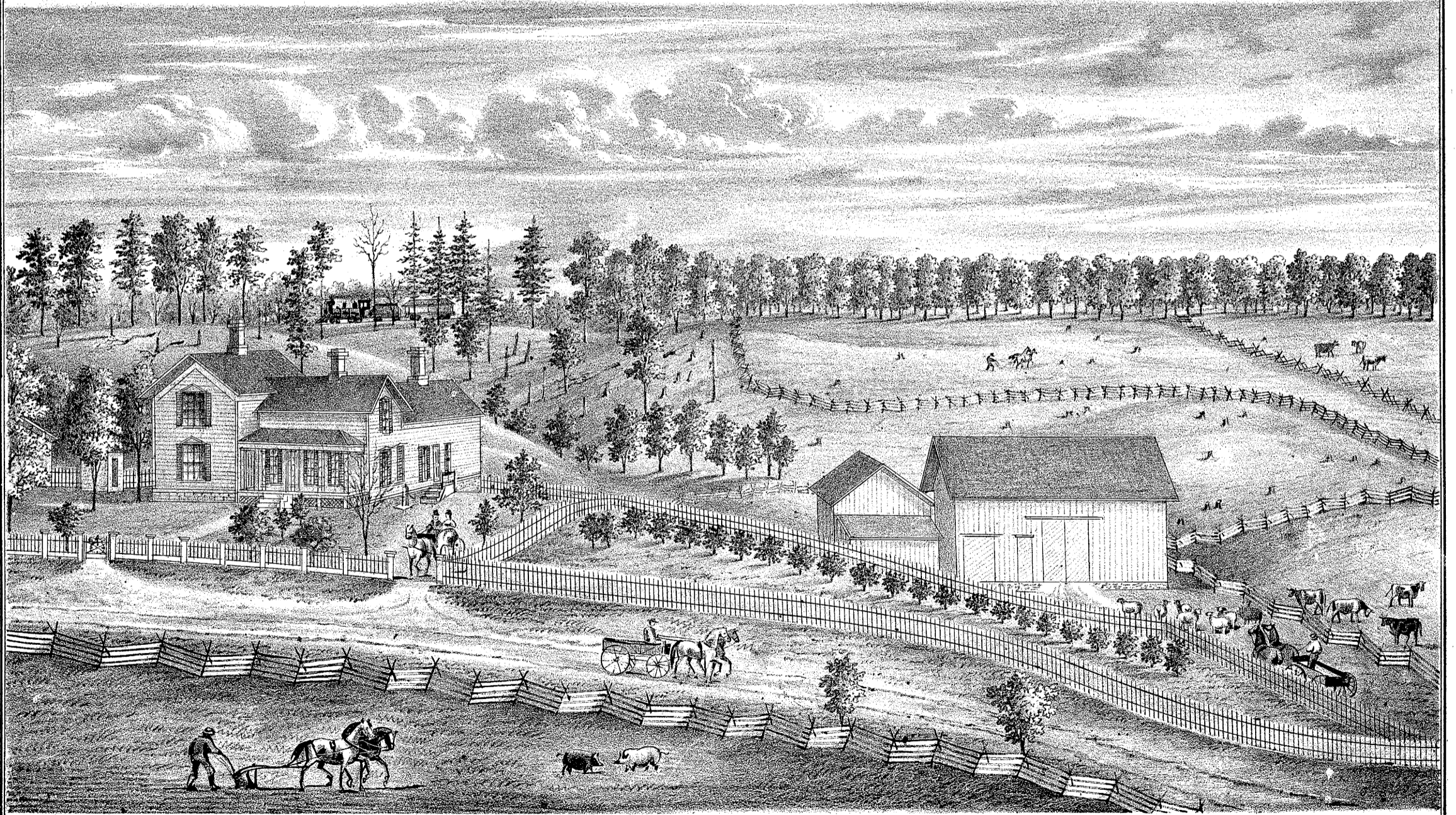
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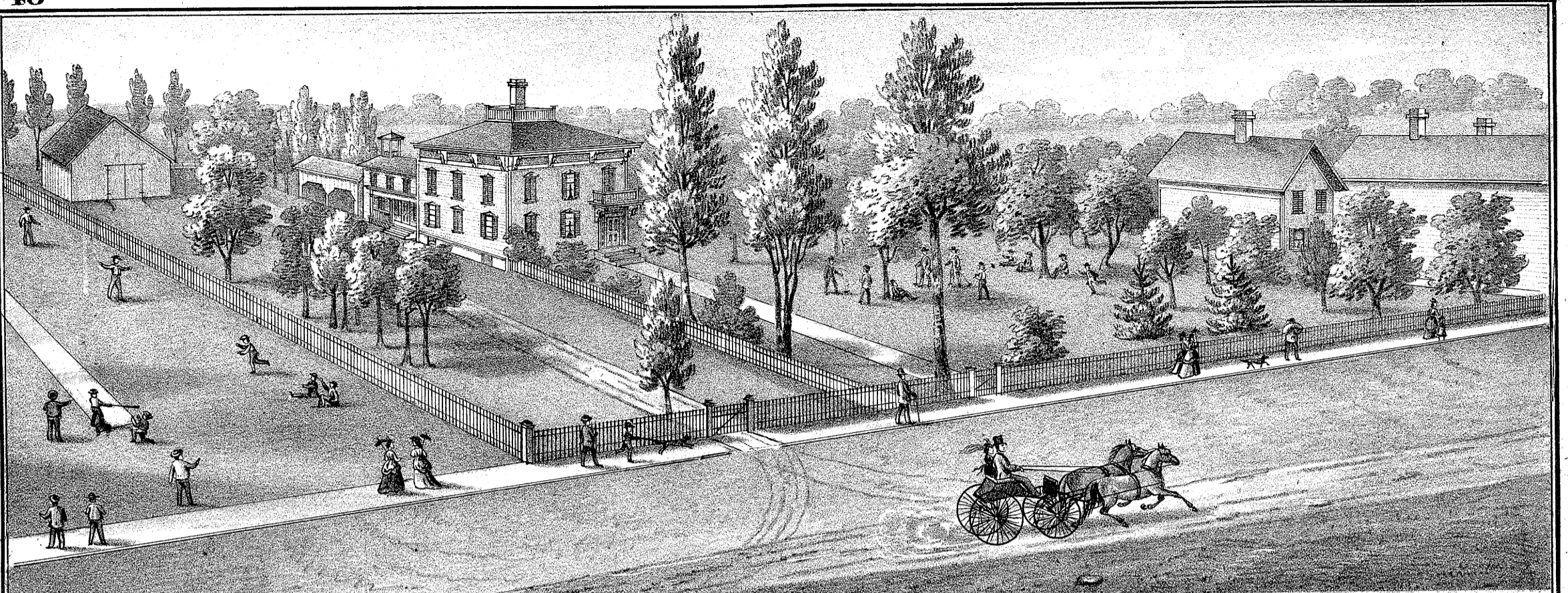
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Sec. 30



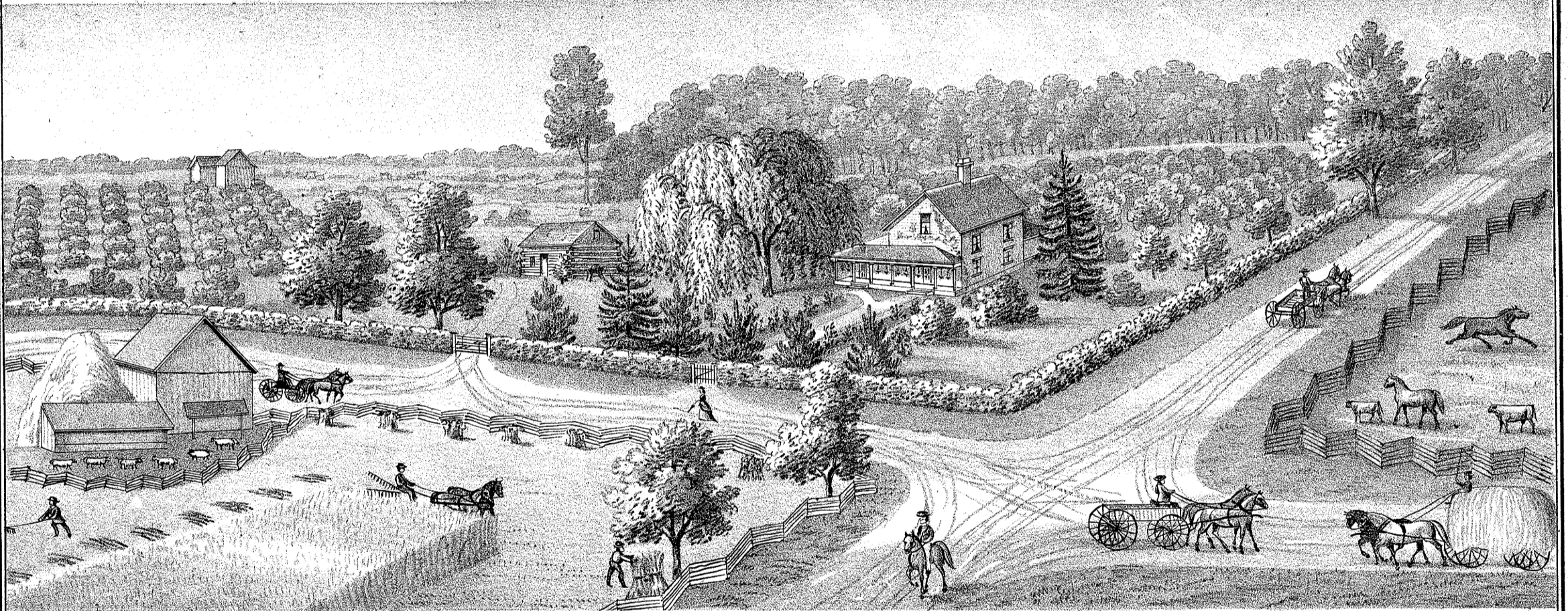
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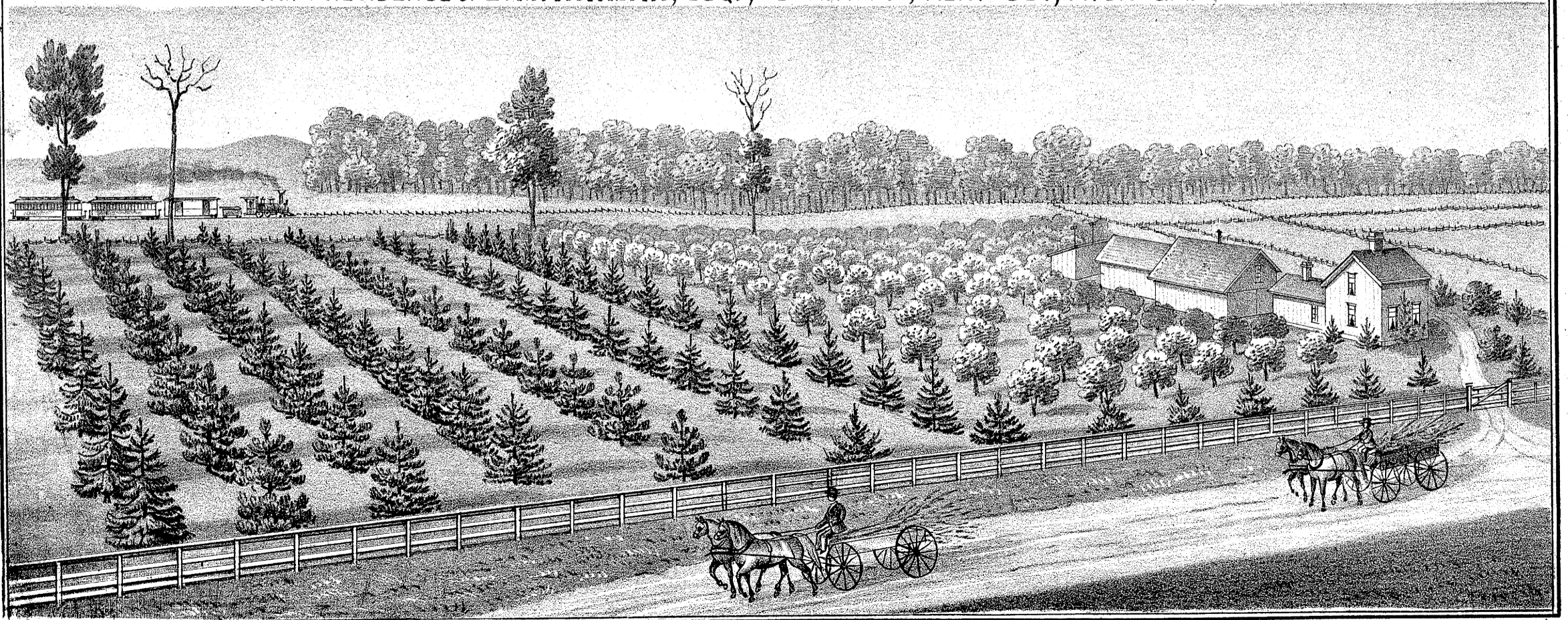
FARM RES. OF **WILLIAM TURNER** SEC. 26 ALGOMA TP. KENT CO. MICH.



FARM RESIDENCE OF JONATHAN, E. NASH, ESQ. SPARTA CENTER, KENT CO., MICH.



FARM RESIDENCE OF Z. M. HINMAN, ESQ., SPARTA TP., KENT CO., MICHIGAN.

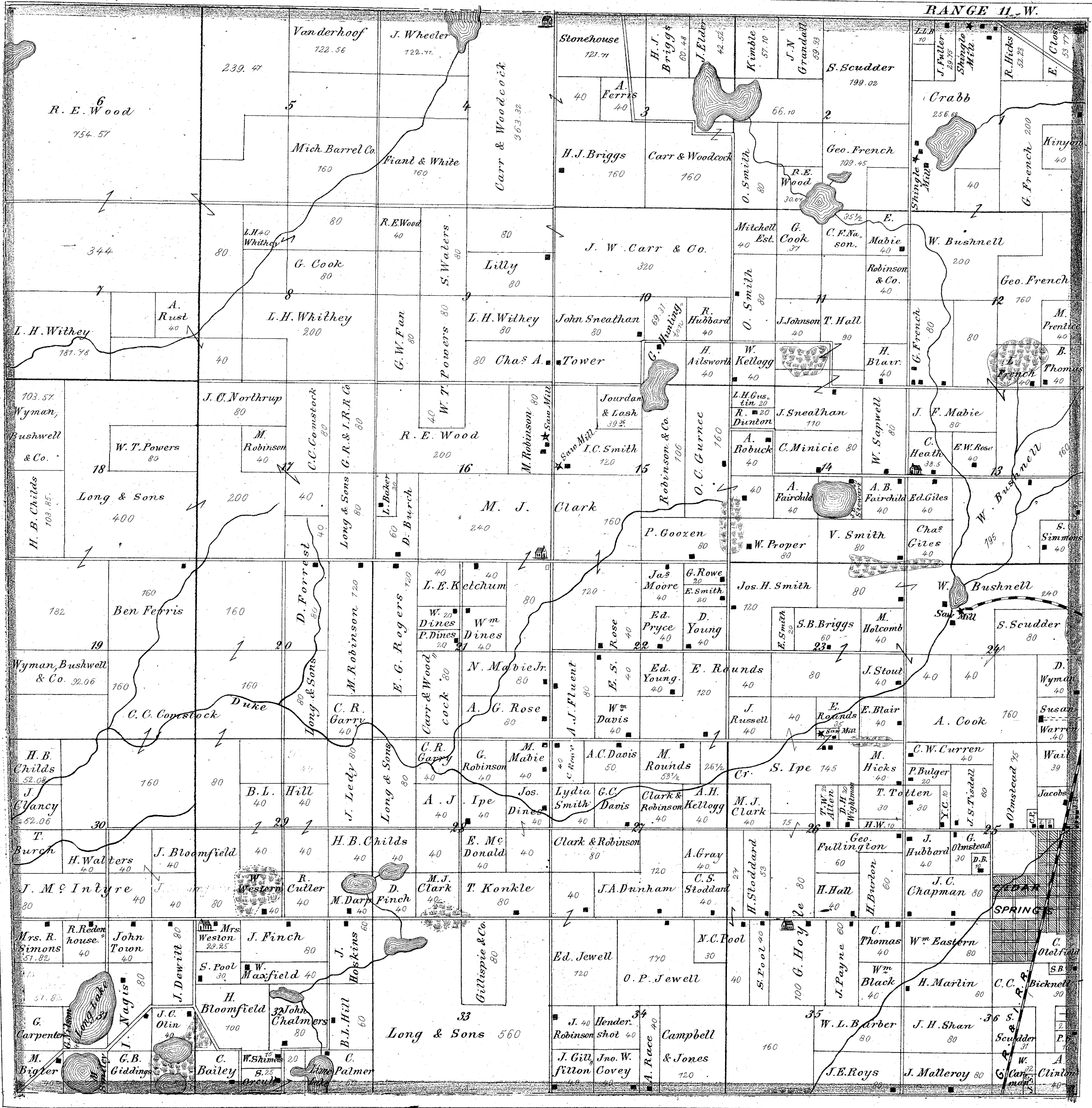


NURSERY OF E. A. ROBY, ESQ. SPARTA CENTER, KENT CO., MICH. - Fruit Trees, Evergreens, Roses & Gardenseeds.

MAP OF SOLON TOWNSHIP

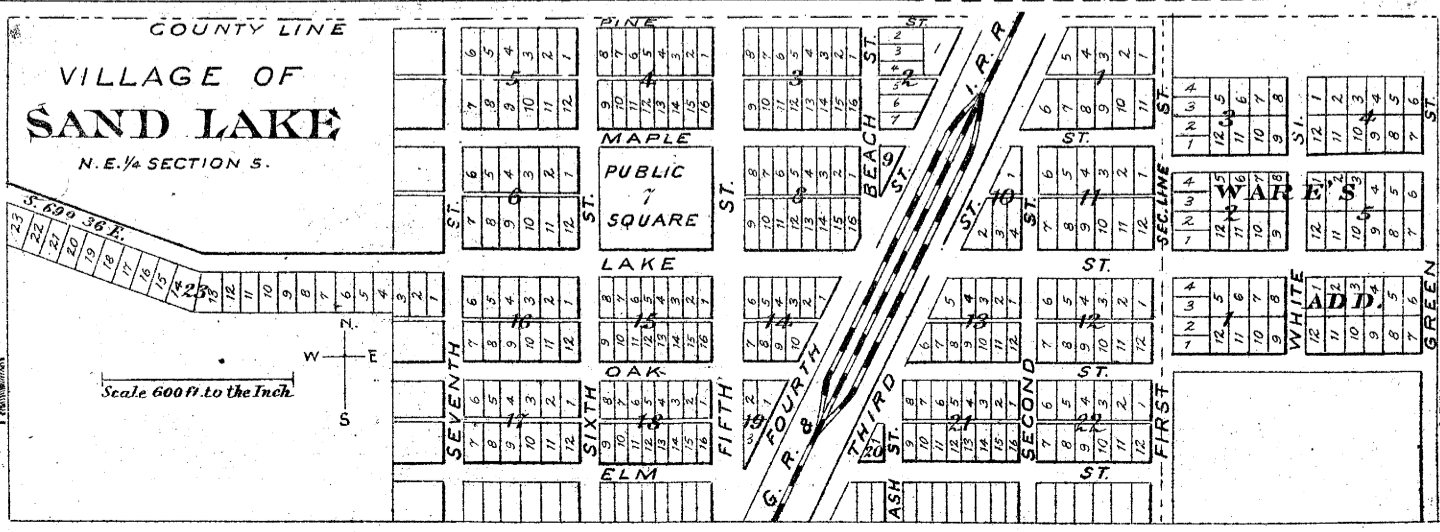
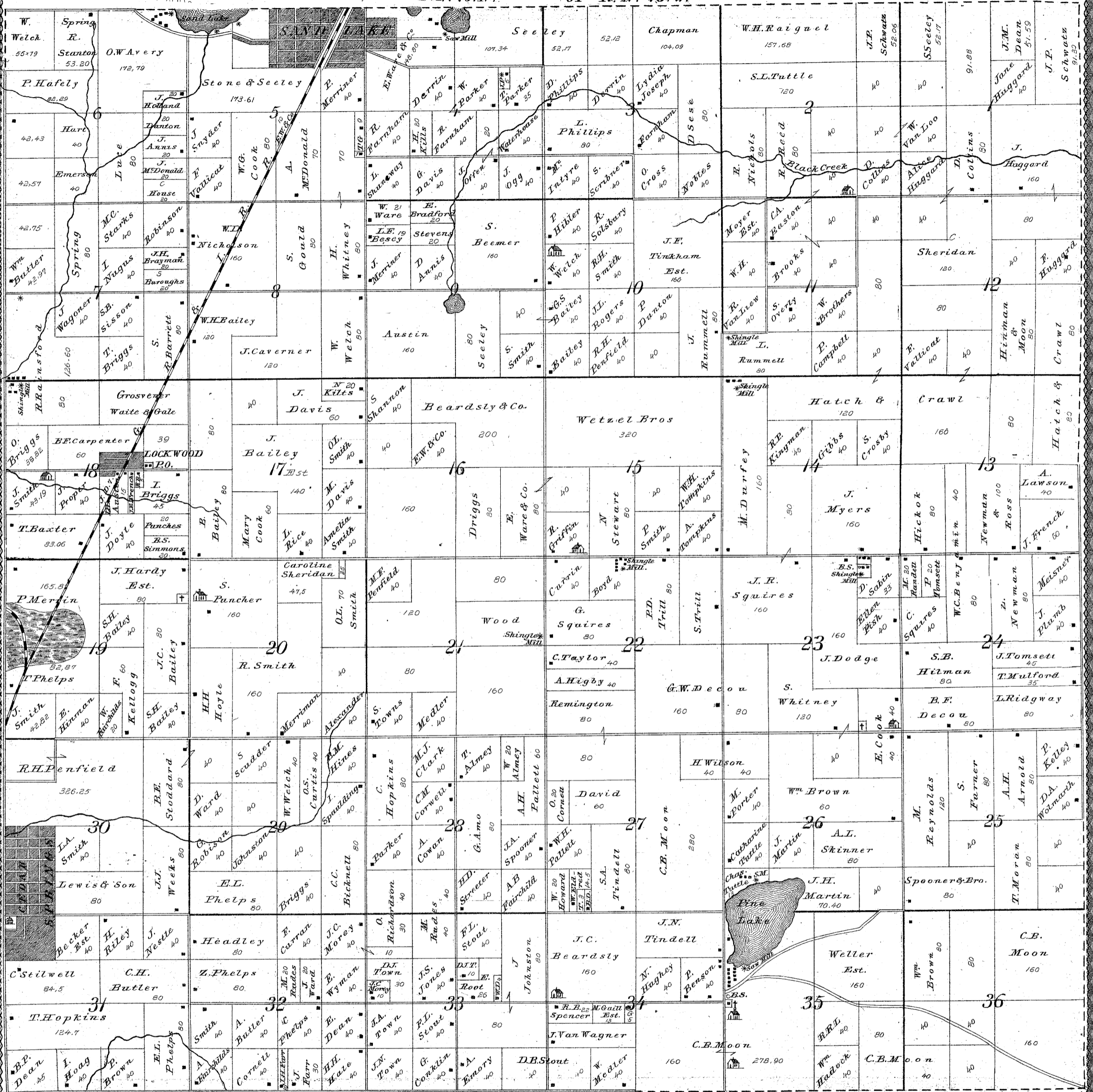
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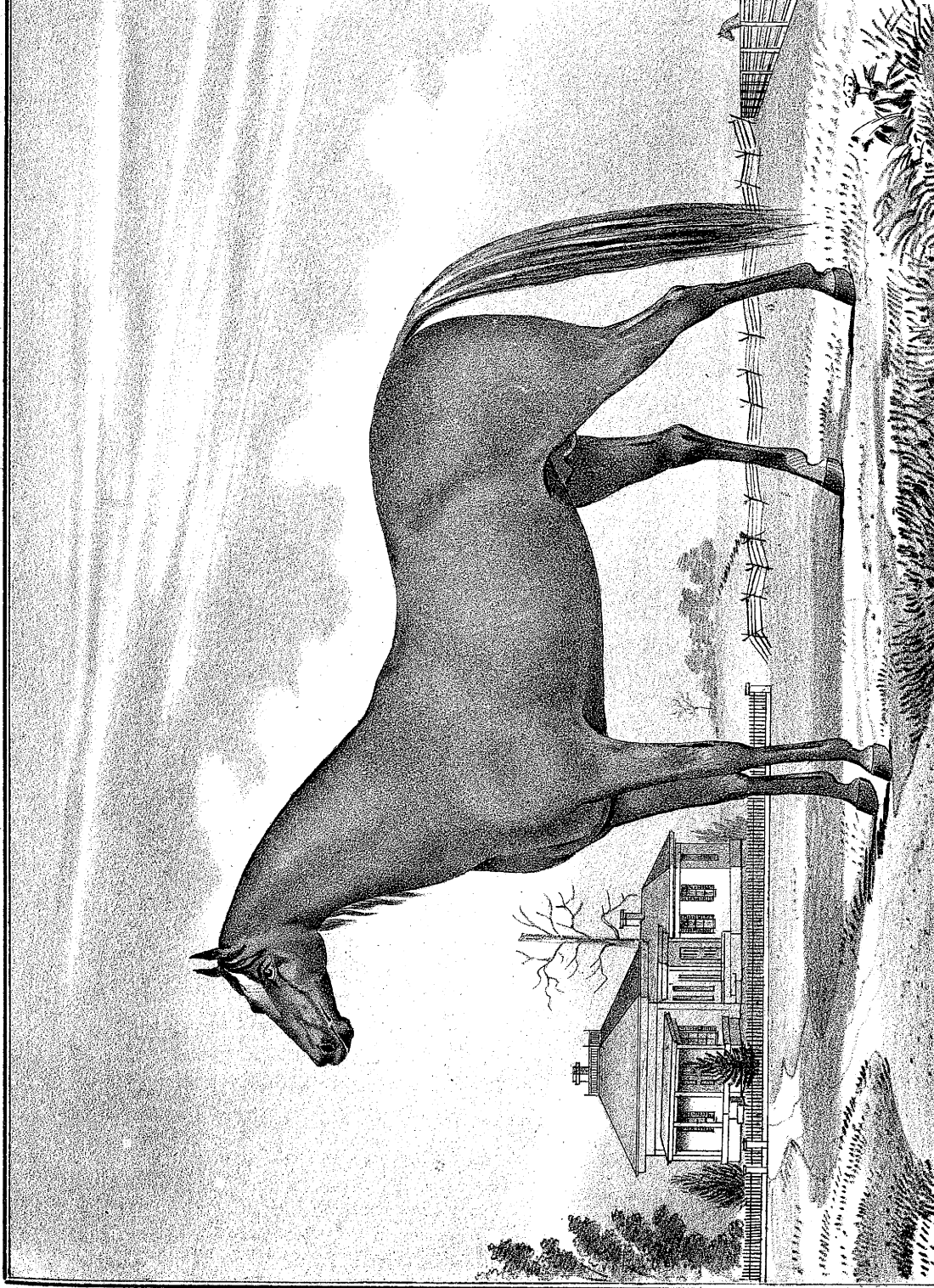
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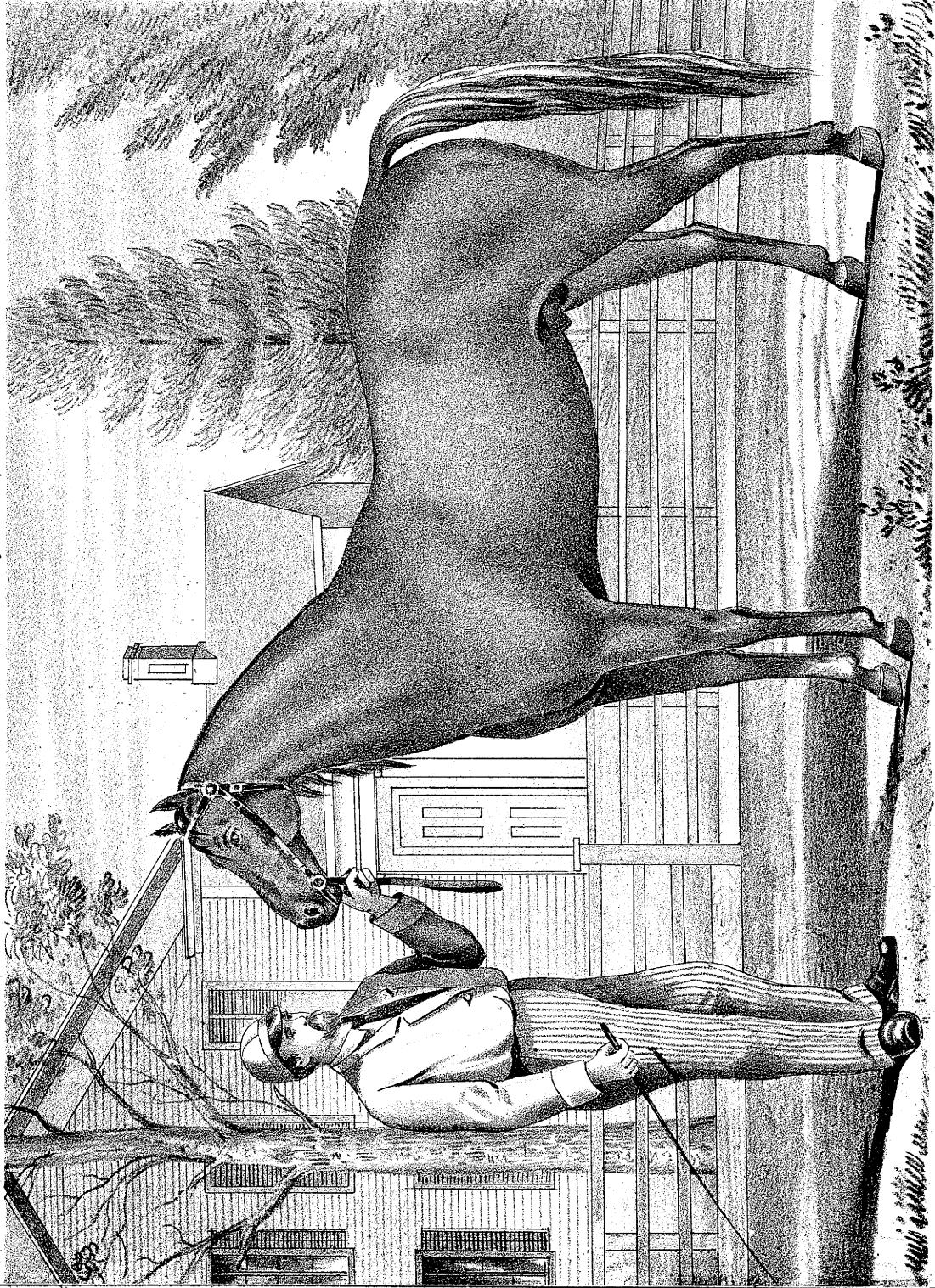
MAP OF NELSON TOWNSHIP

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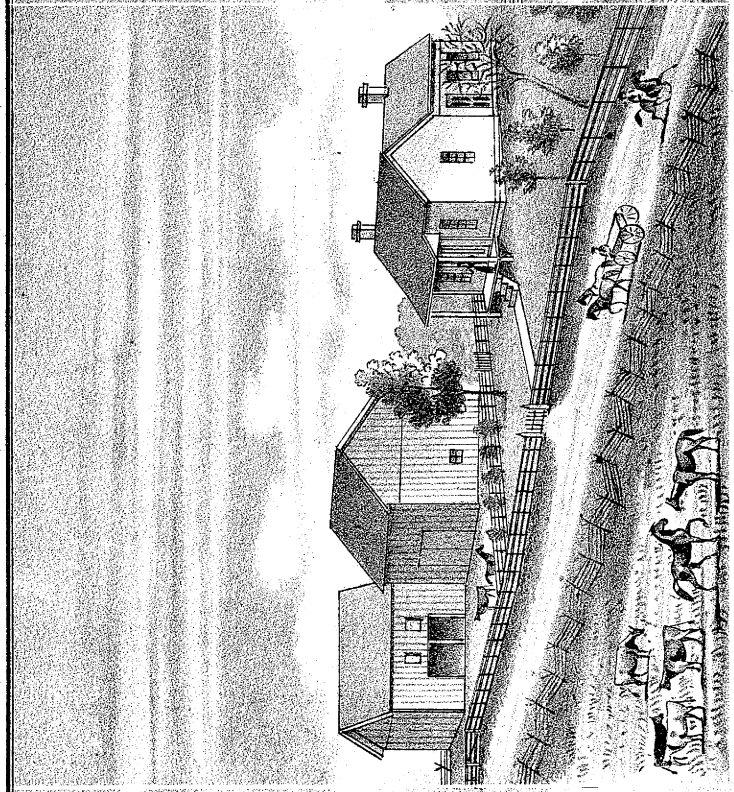
THOROUGHBRED STALLION BANGWEDLA, Only Son of the GREAT LEAMINGTON, now in use W. of N.Y. and N. of K.Y., is kept at Stables of JOHN M. MATHEWSON, LOWELL, MICH.



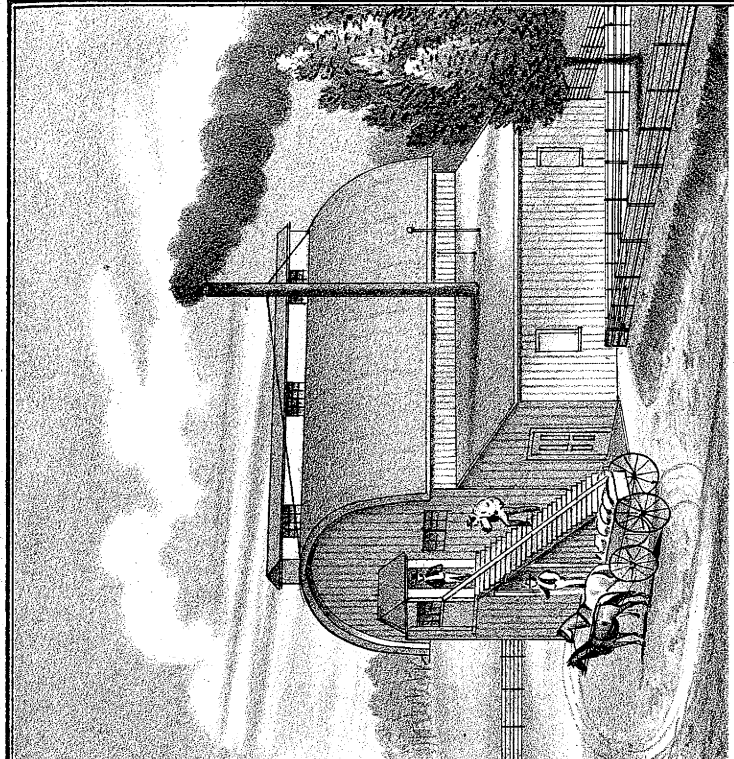
HIGHLAND GOLDDUST'S PEDIGREE.

This well bred-horse is a dark chestnut, 15 3/4 hands high, sired by L. Dorsey's Old Golddust. First dam by Highland Messenger; second dam by Tecumseh; Highland Messenger by Kentucky Hunter; he by Old Hunter; he by Imported Highlander; and he by Berdan. (See English Stud-Book, page 276.) Hunter's dam, the celebrated trotting mare, Oneida Maid, a well-bred Messenger mare.

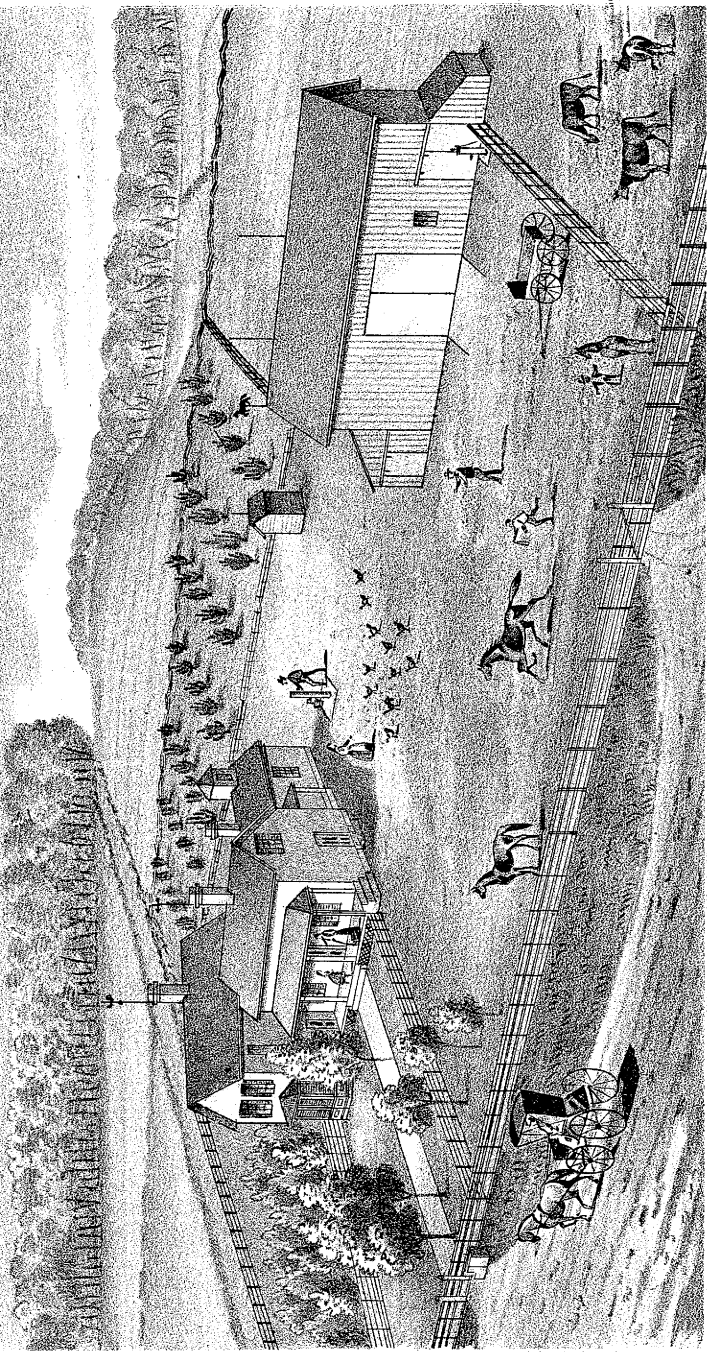
A. PECK & CO., LOWELL, MICHIGAN.



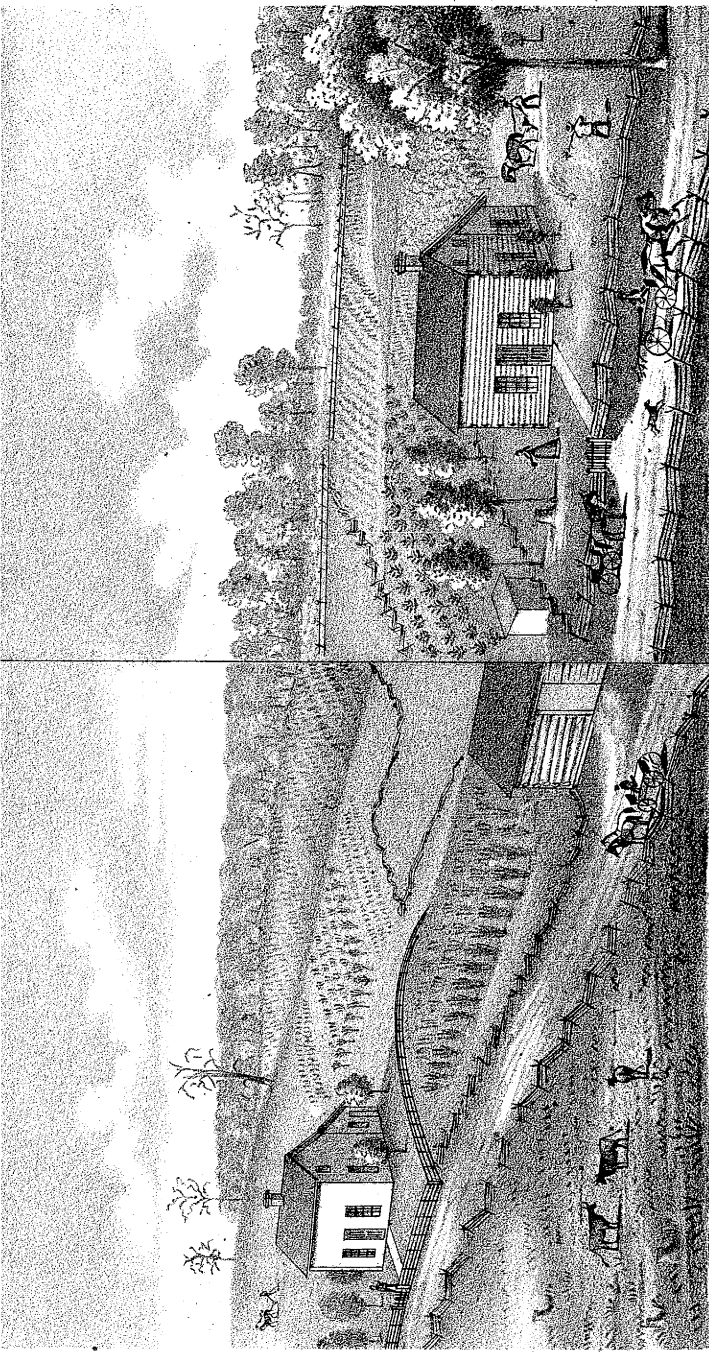
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GRANDVILLE GARDING MILL GORDON, PHILIPS & CO. PROP'S.

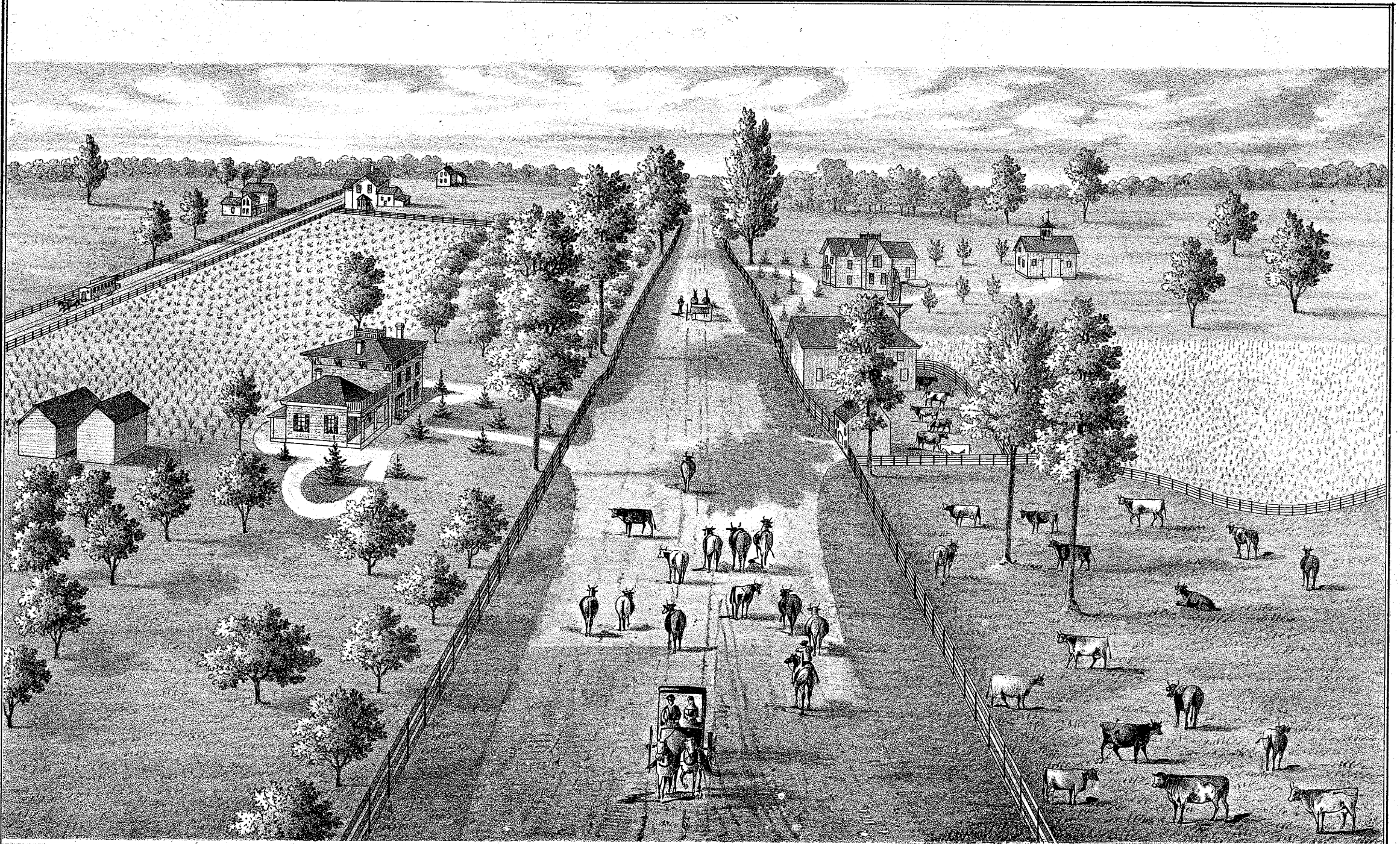


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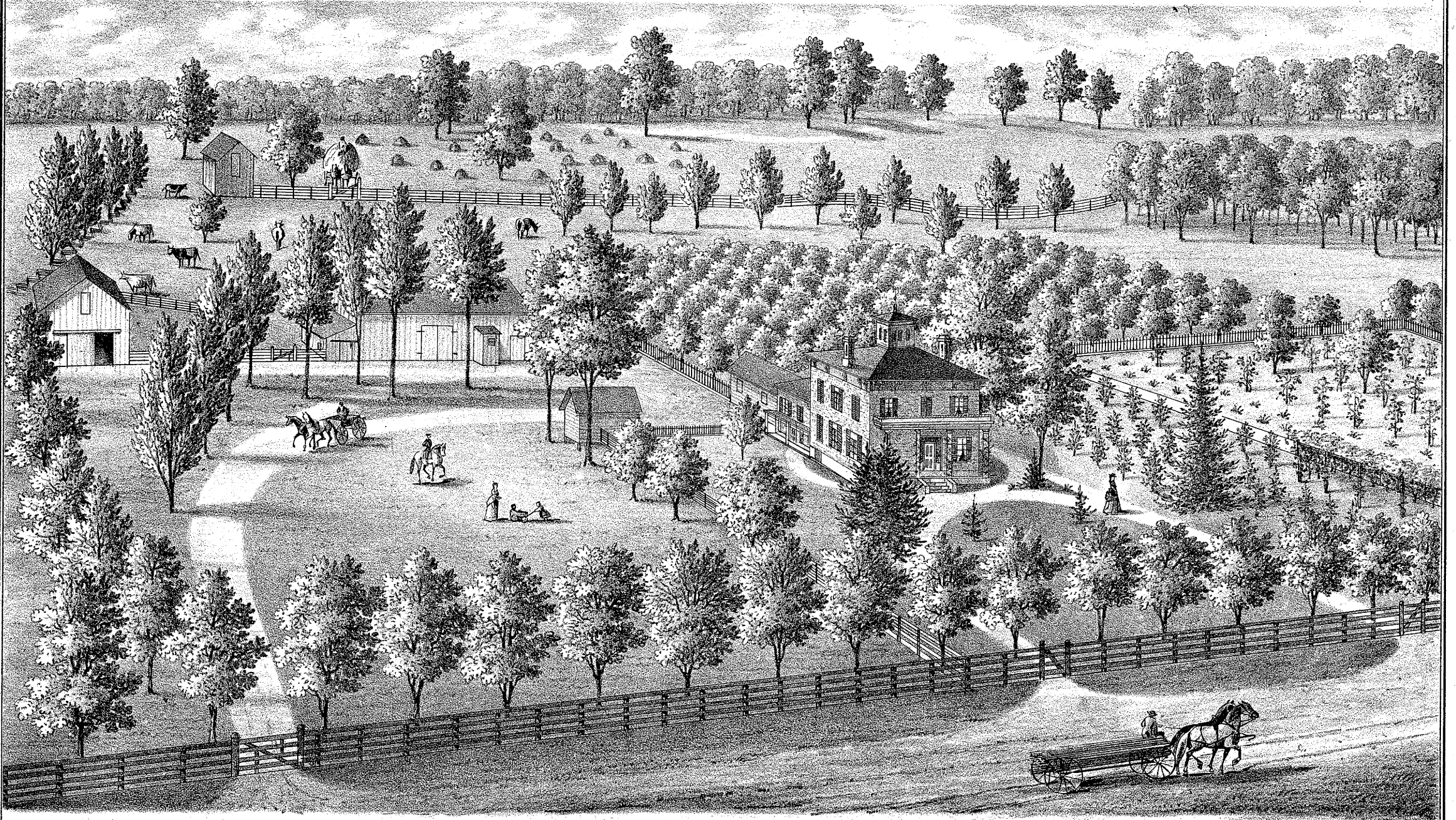


RES. OF JOHN THIBOS. LOWELL Commercial Nurseries Sec. 18 Lowell Tp. THIBOS, LEWIS & CO. PROP'S.

RES. OF JAMES LEWIS & ANDREW THIBOS



THE REED FARM GRAND RAPIDS TP. KENT CO. MICH.

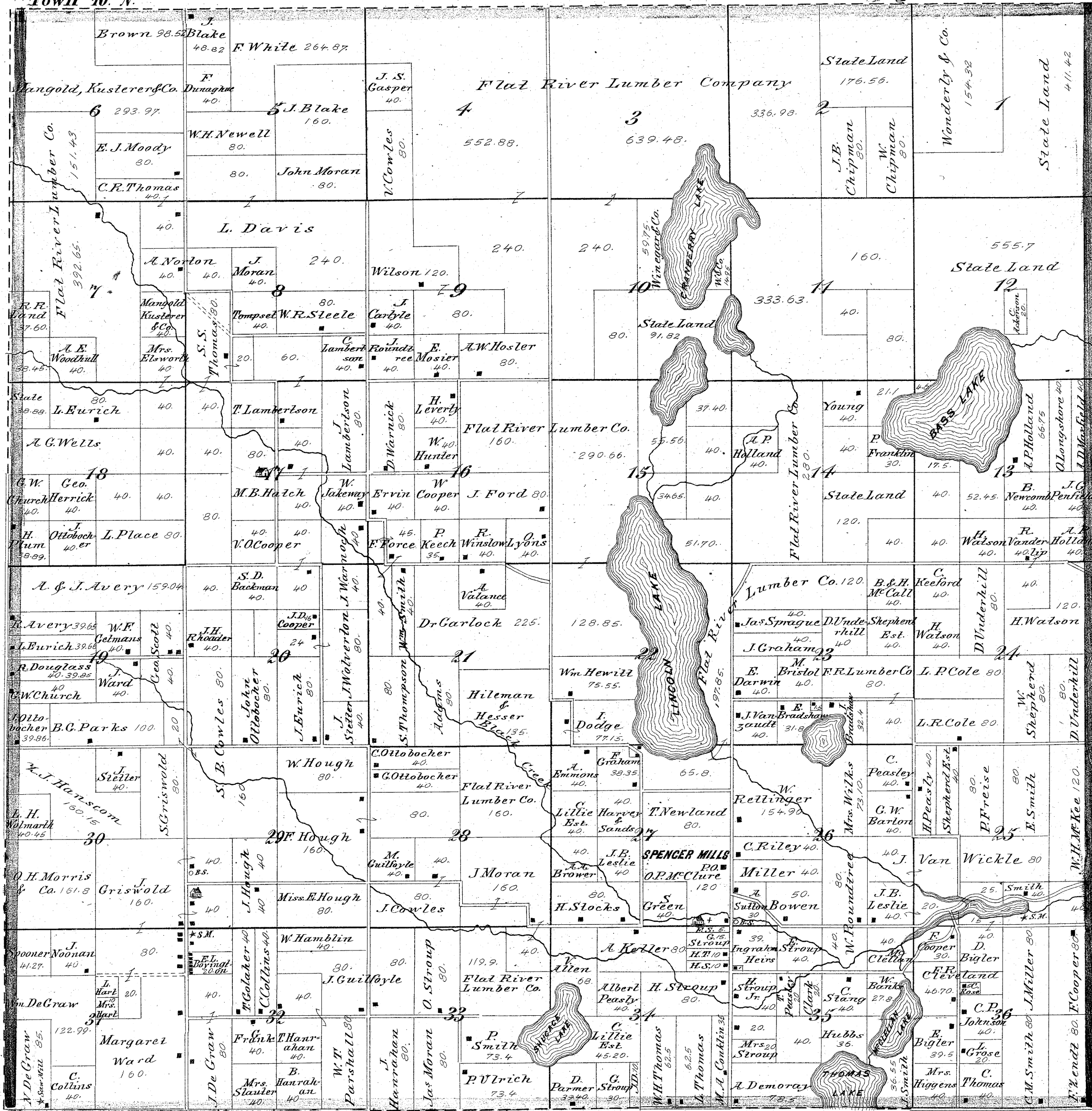


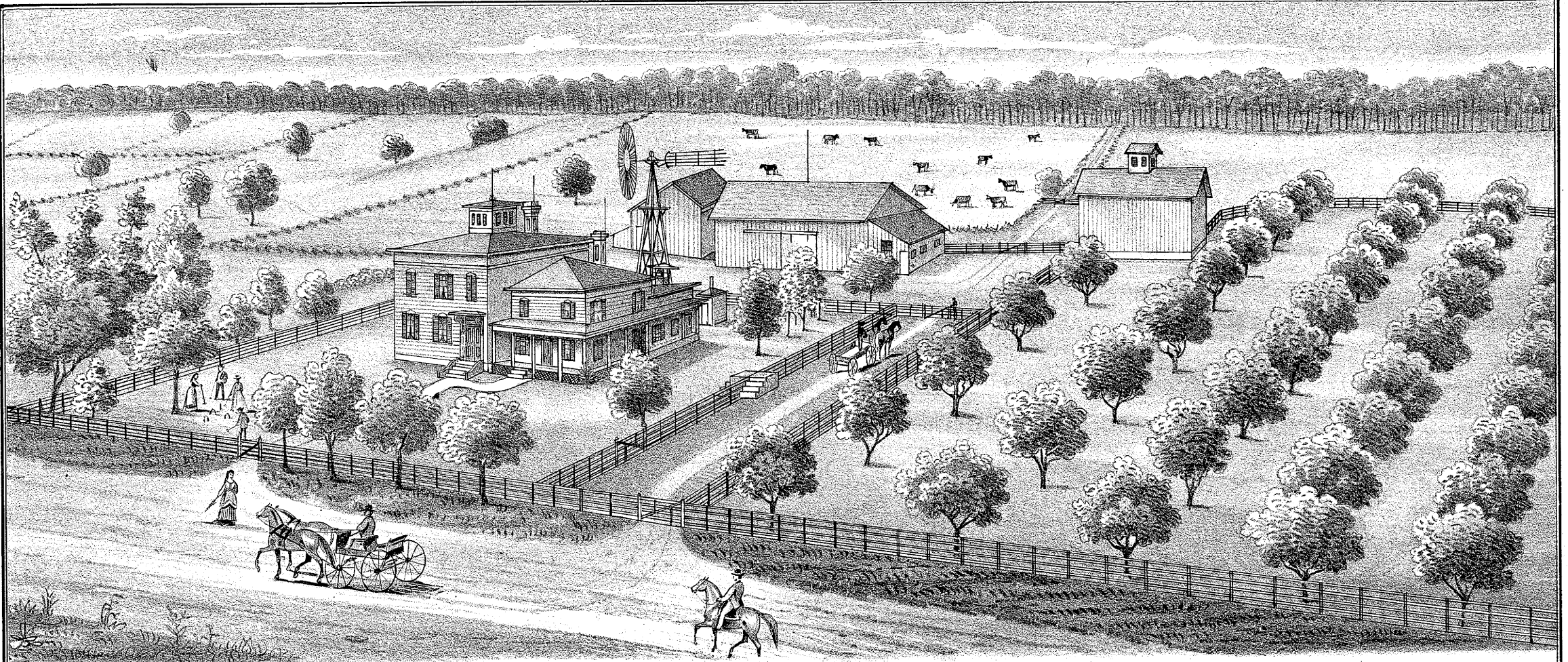
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MAP OF SPENCER TOWNSHIP

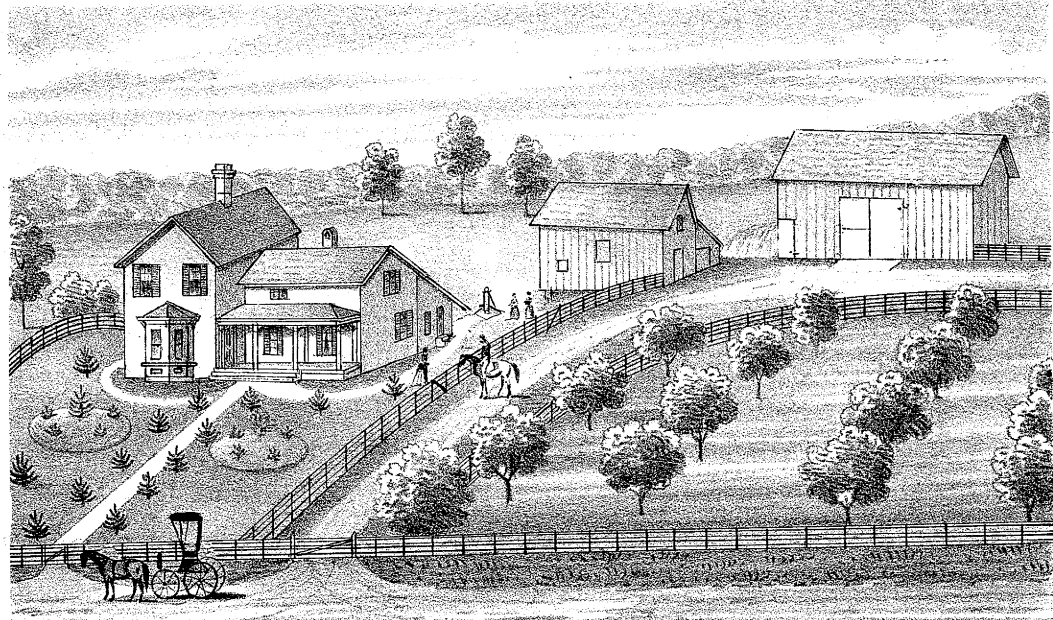
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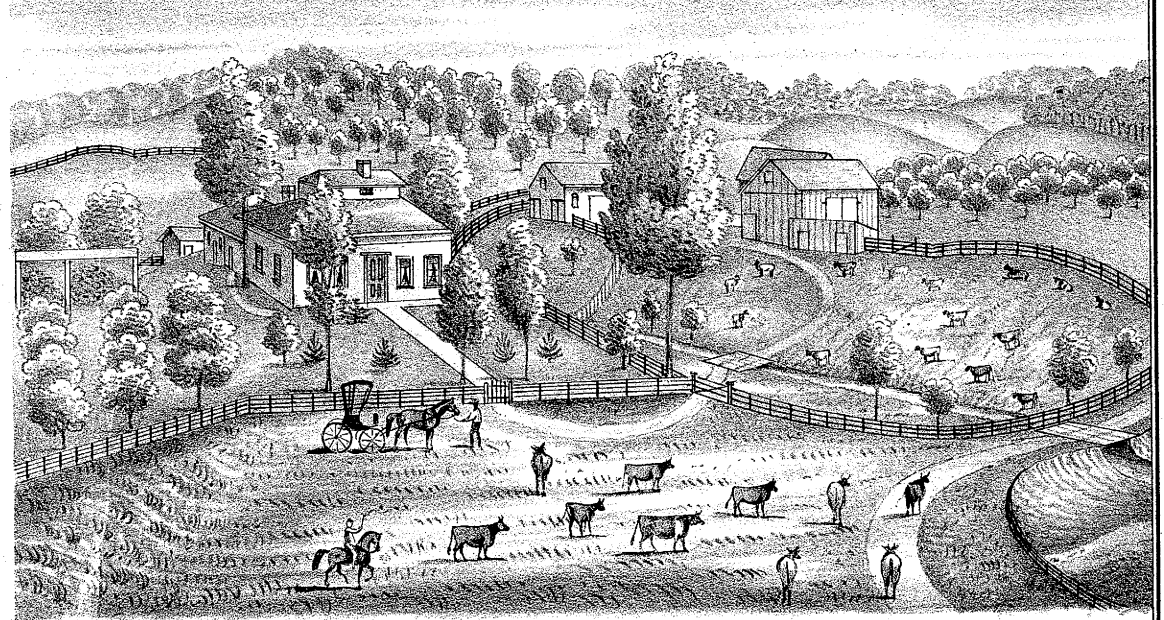




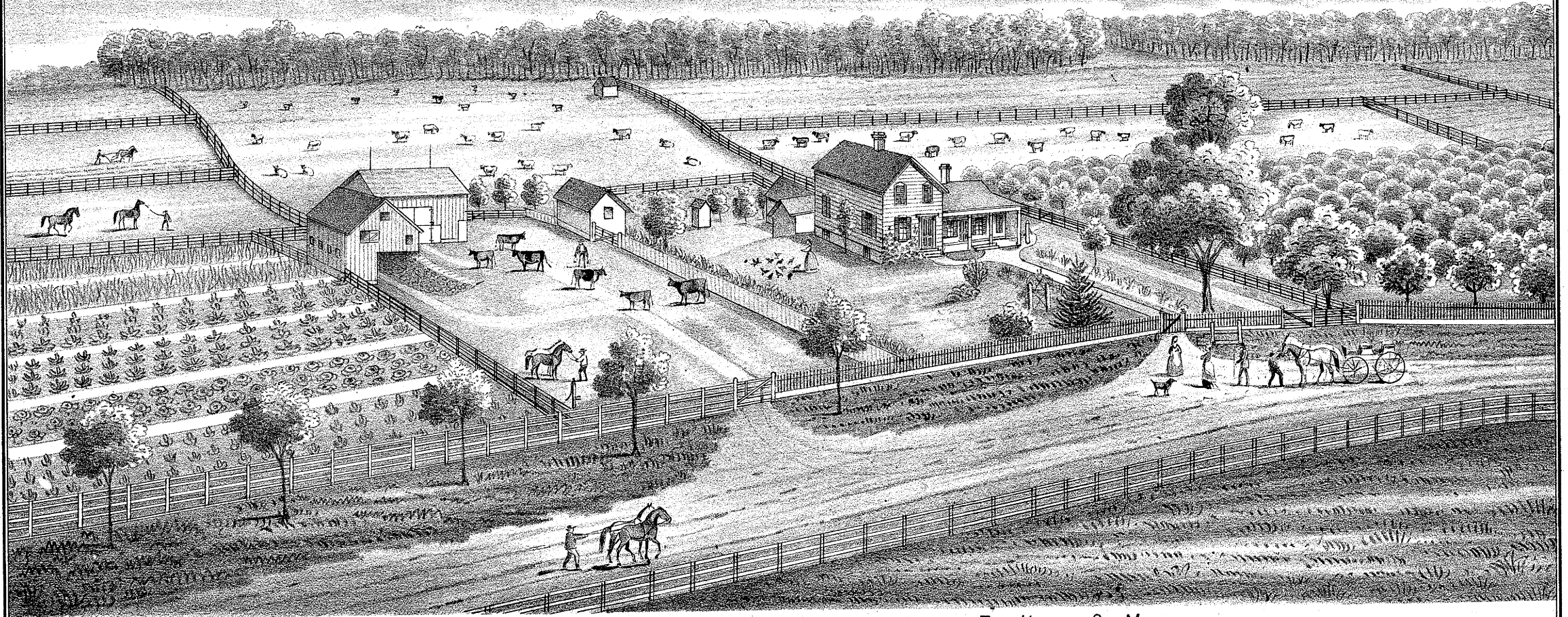
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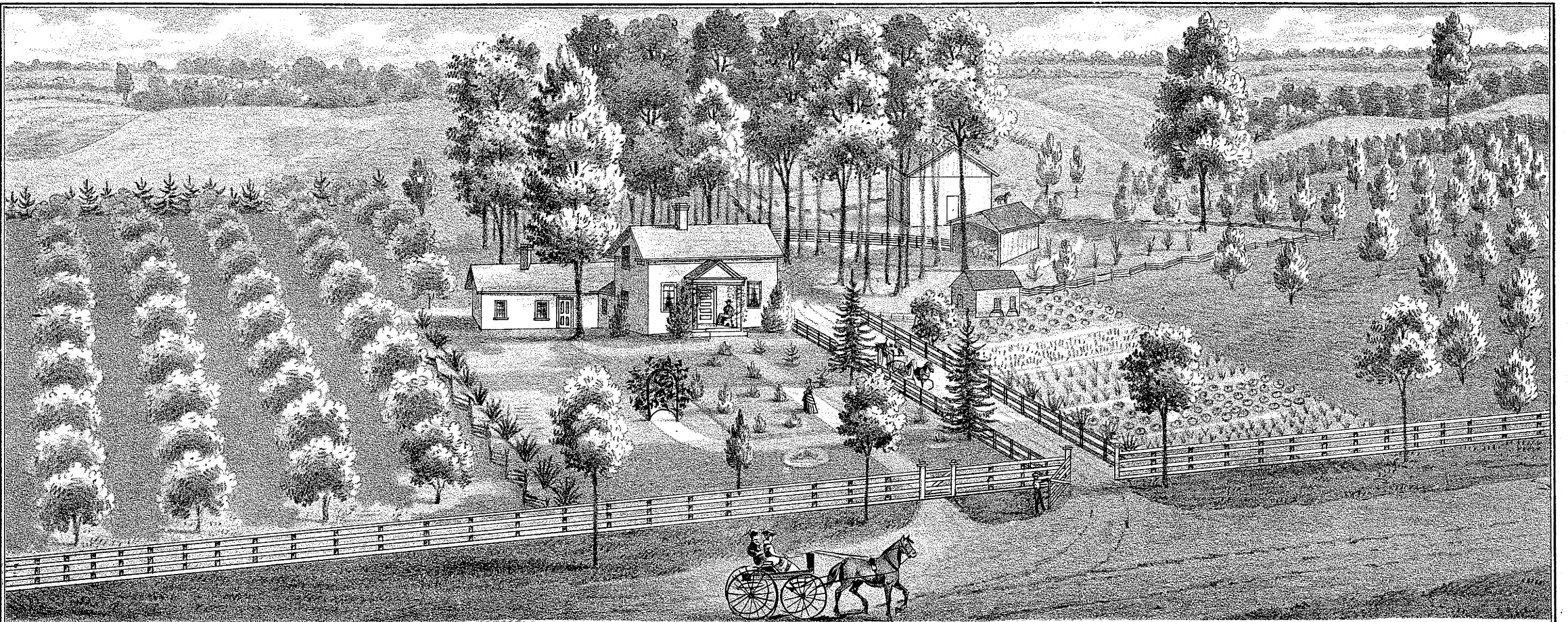
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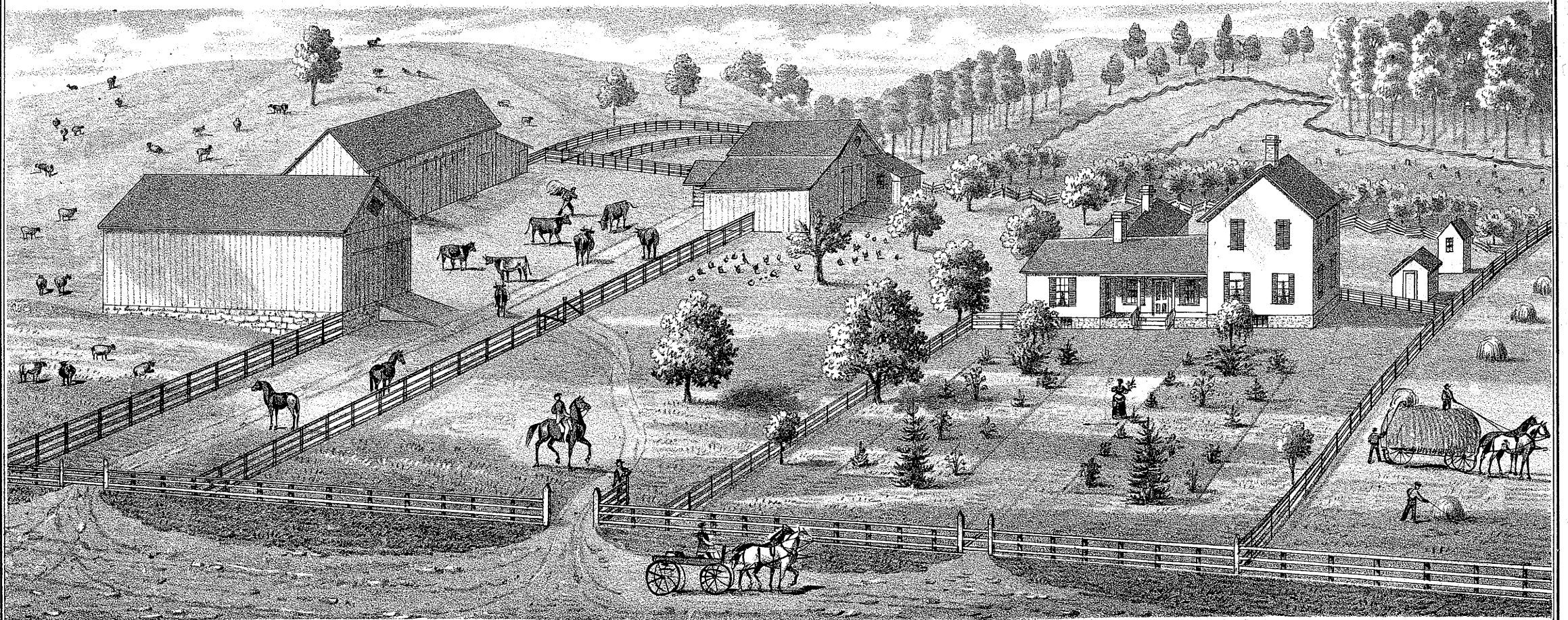
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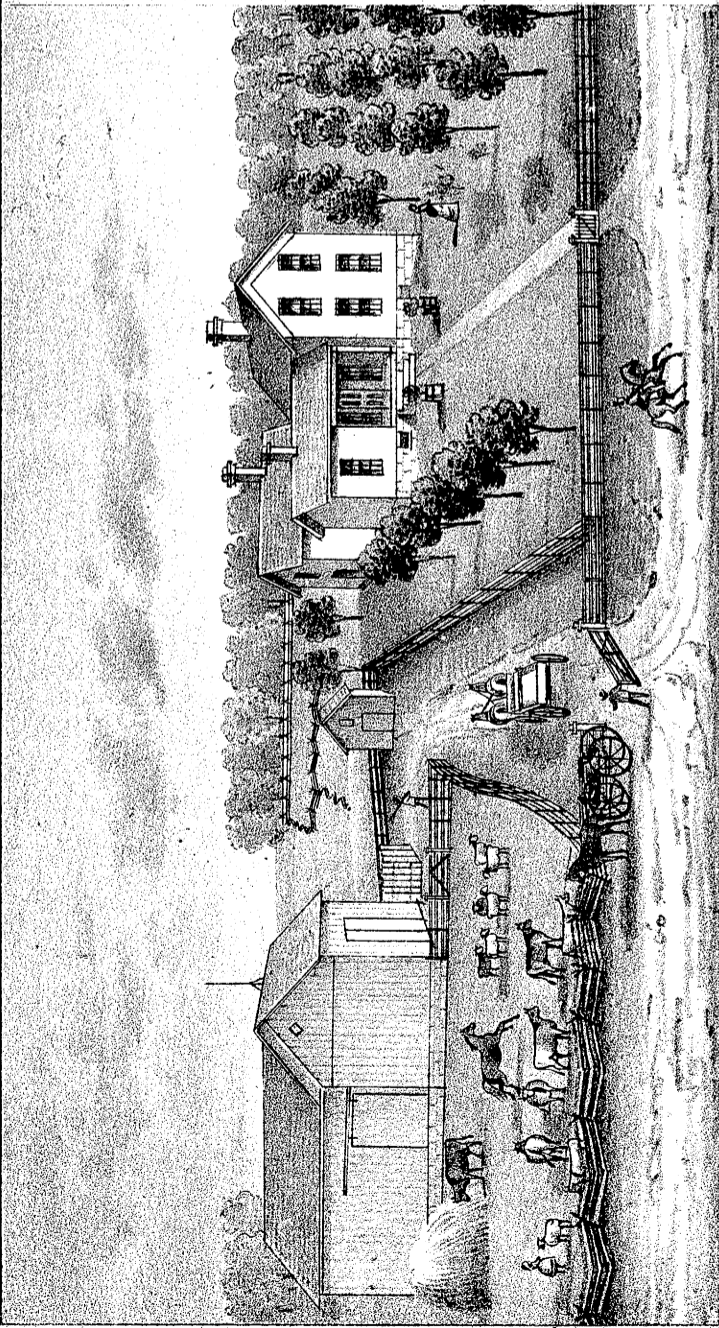
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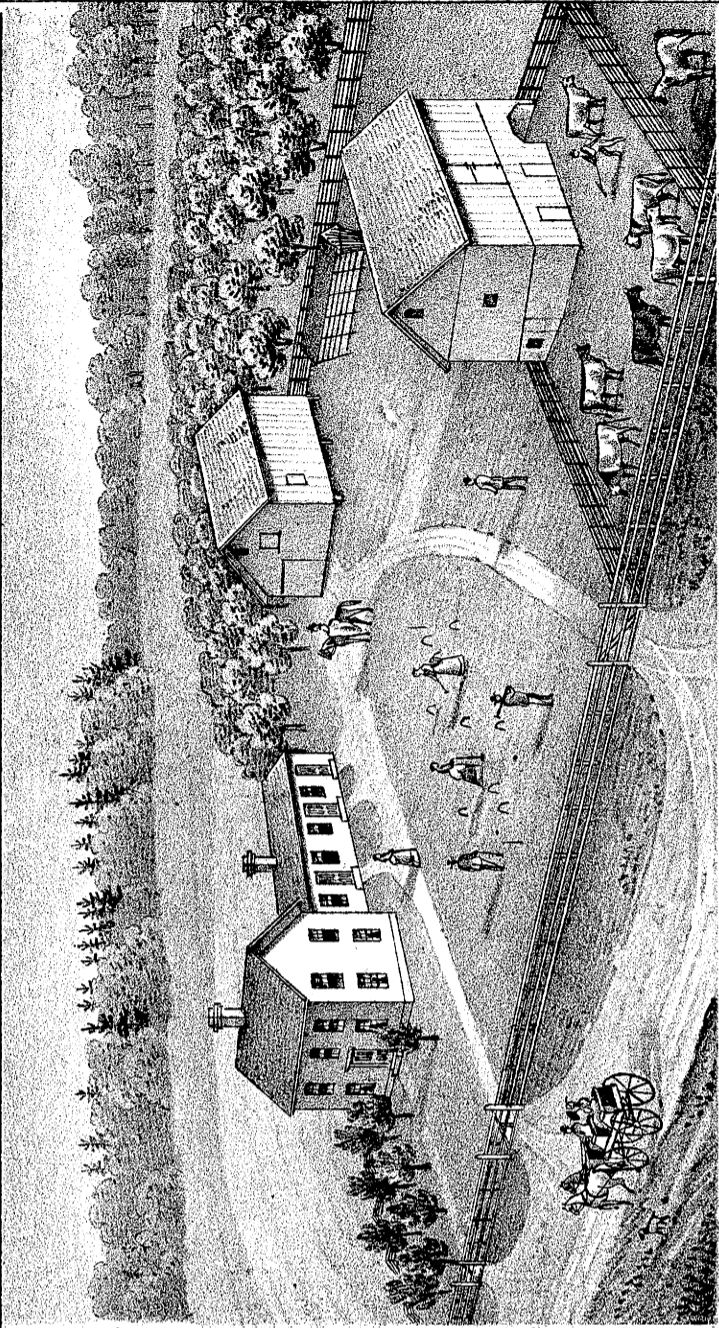
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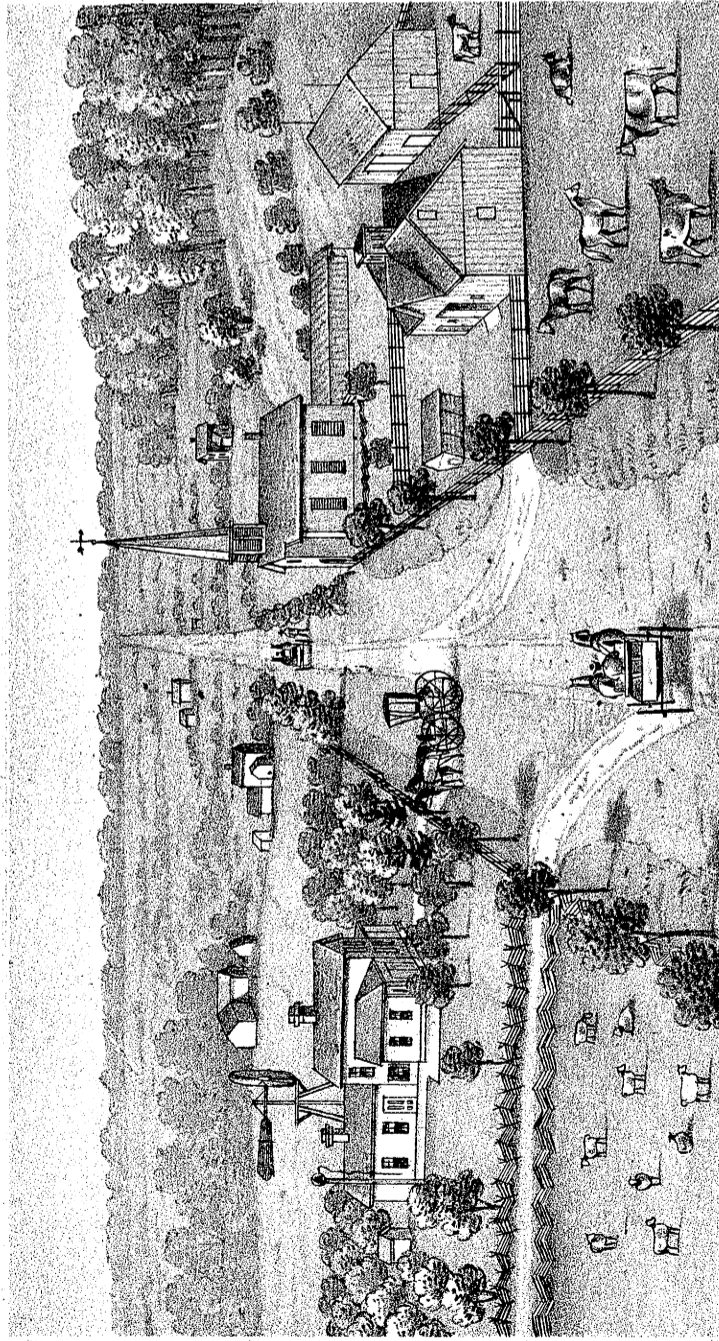
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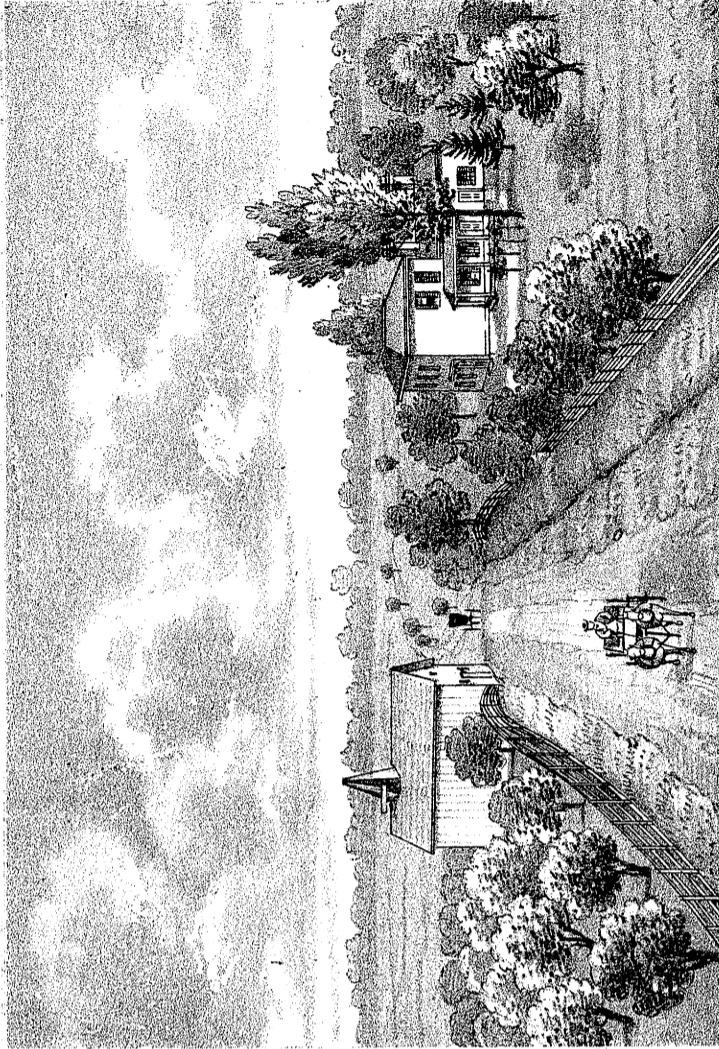
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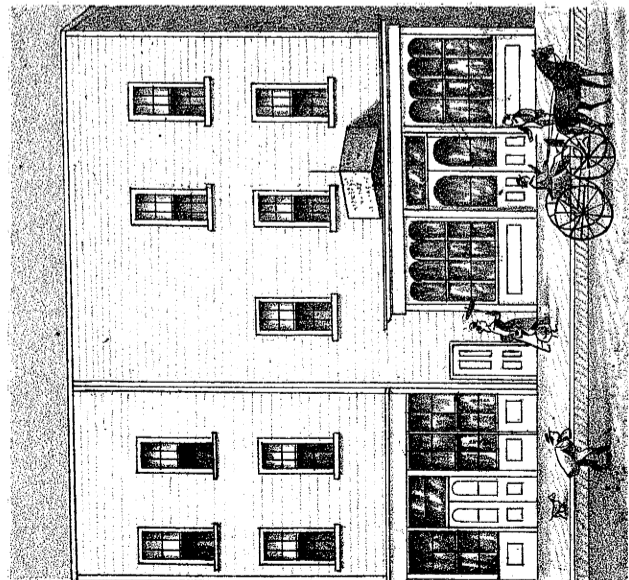
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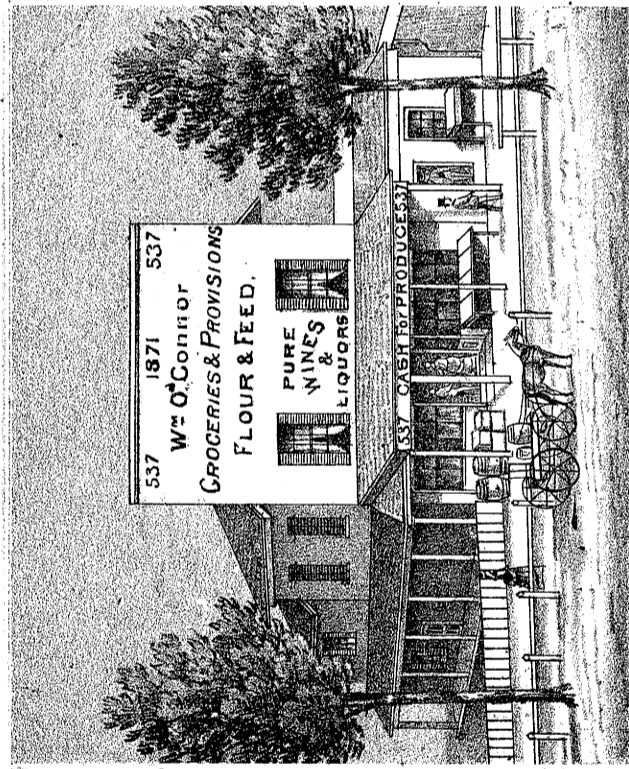
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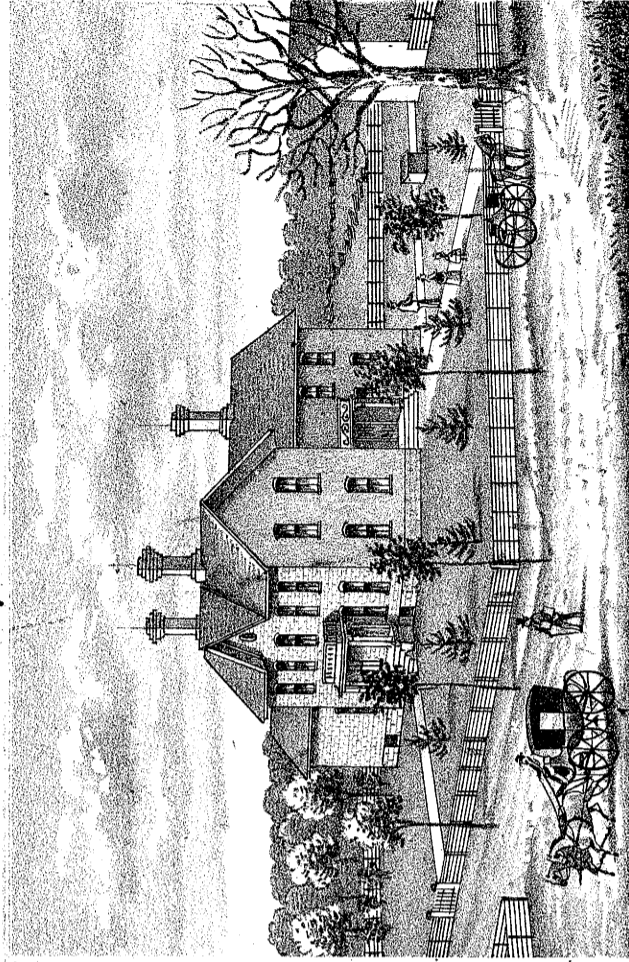
FARM RESIDENCE OF W. DUNNETT ESQ. WALKER T^R KENT CO. MICH.



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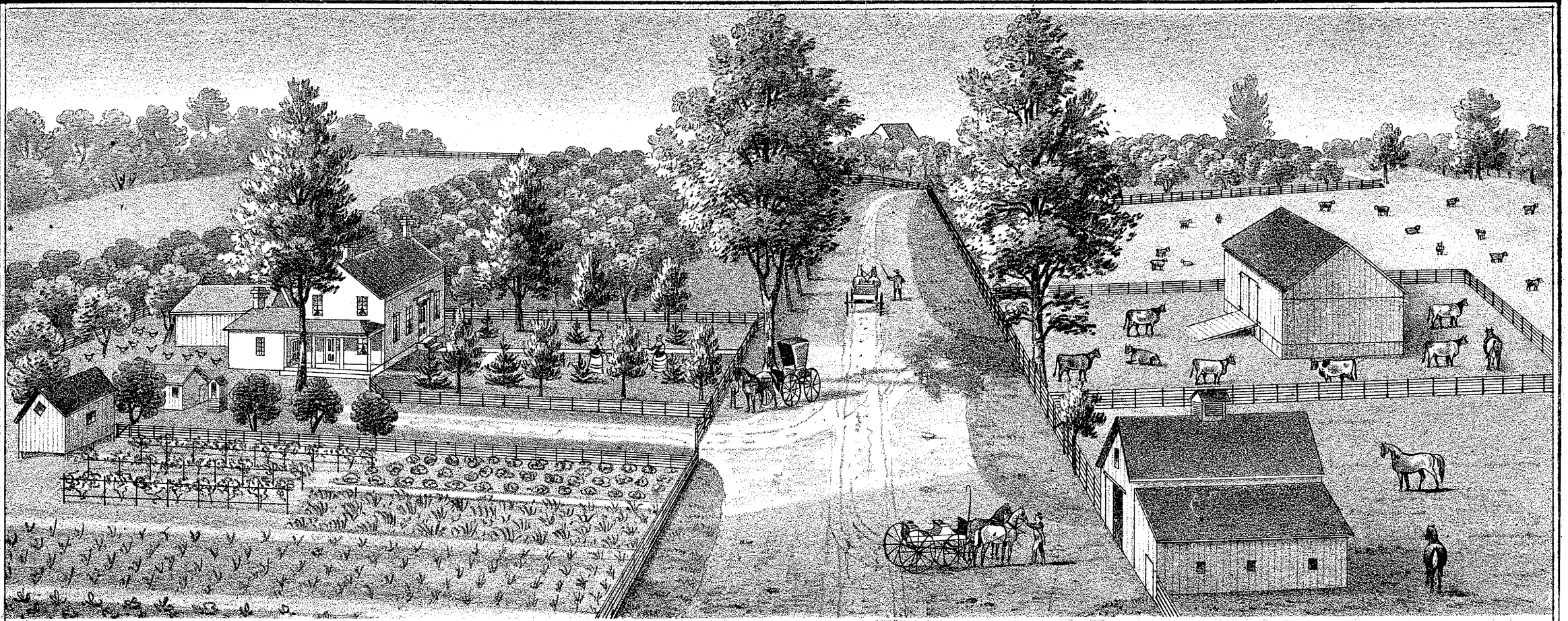


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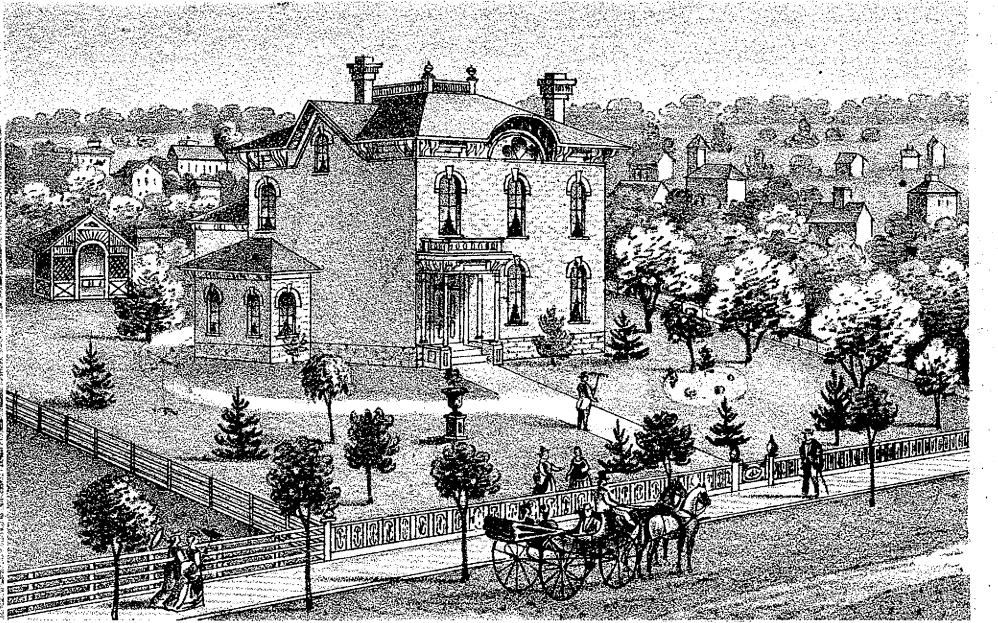
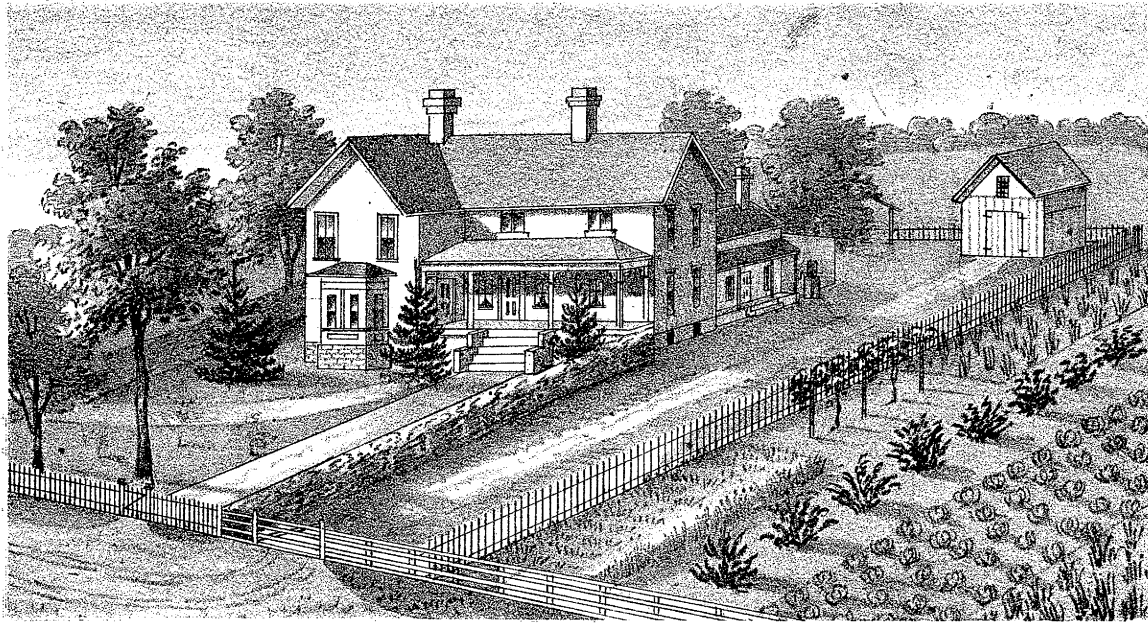
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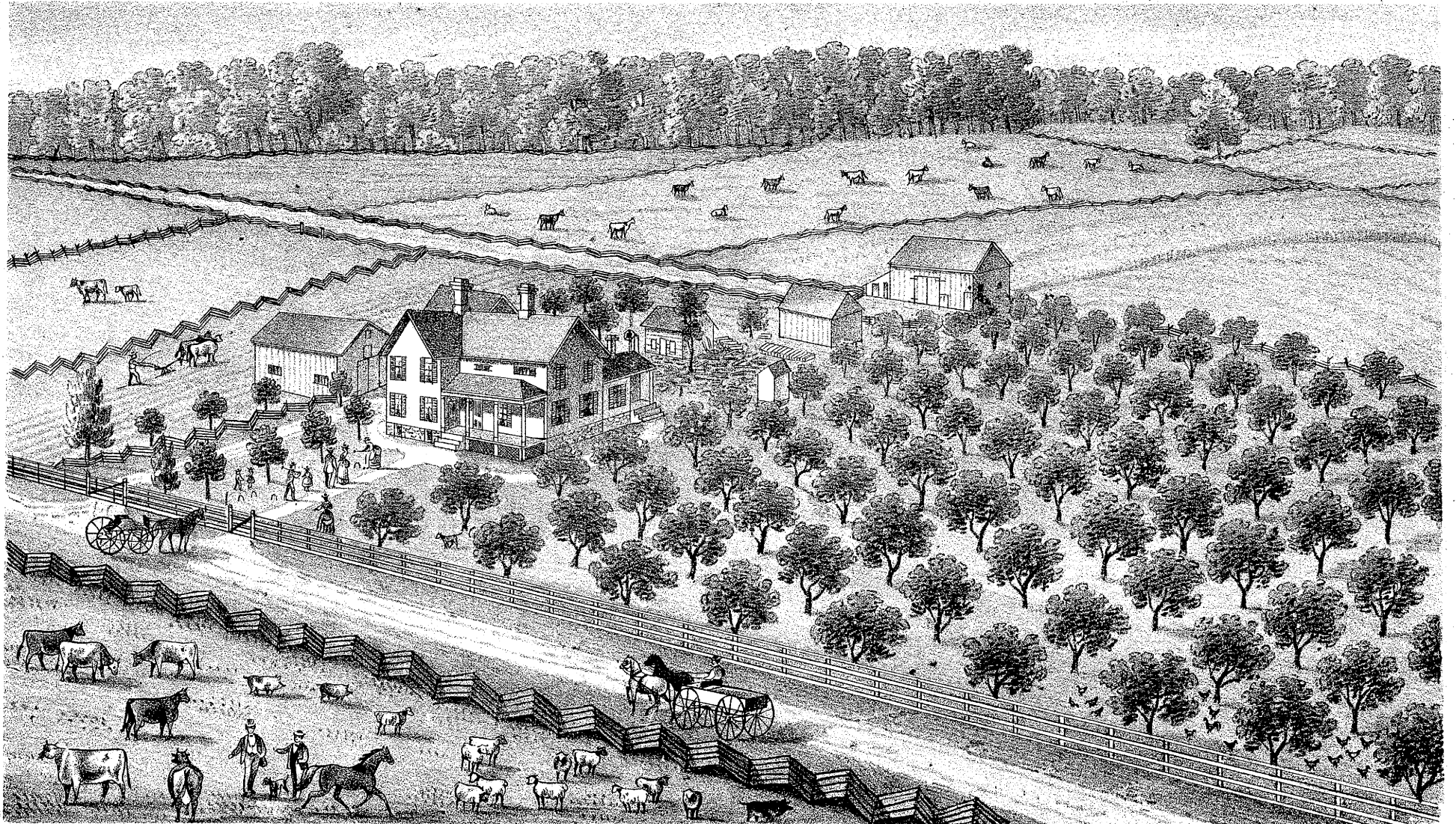
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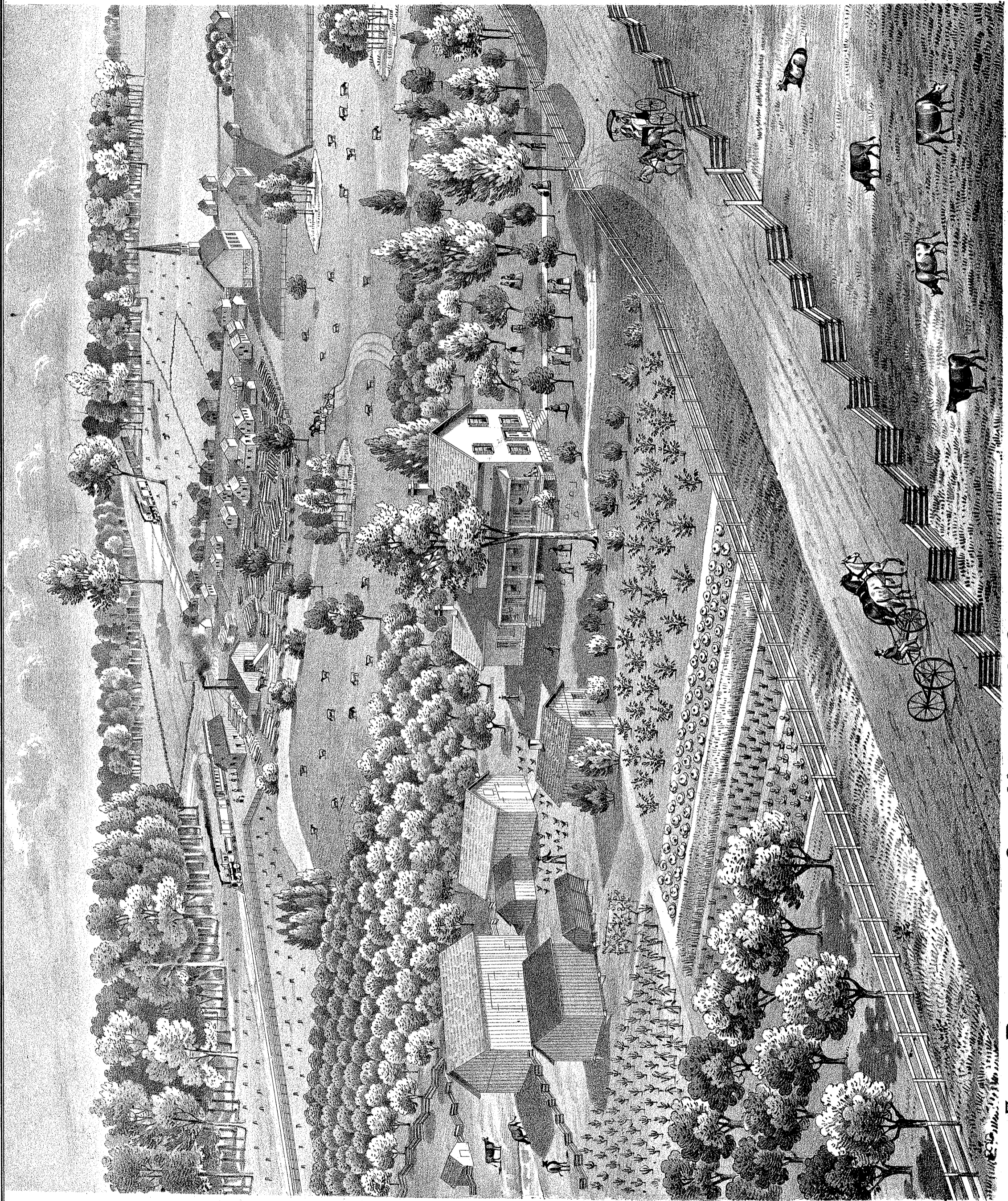
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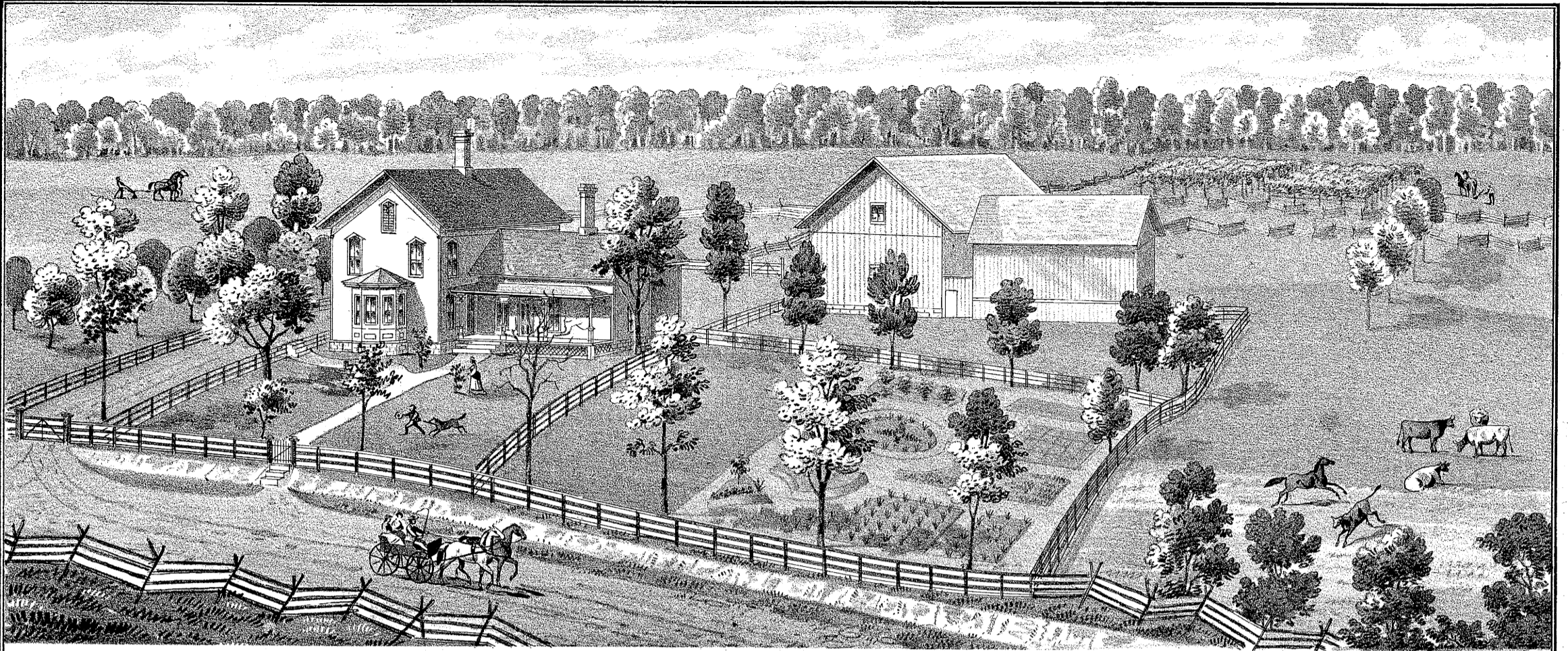
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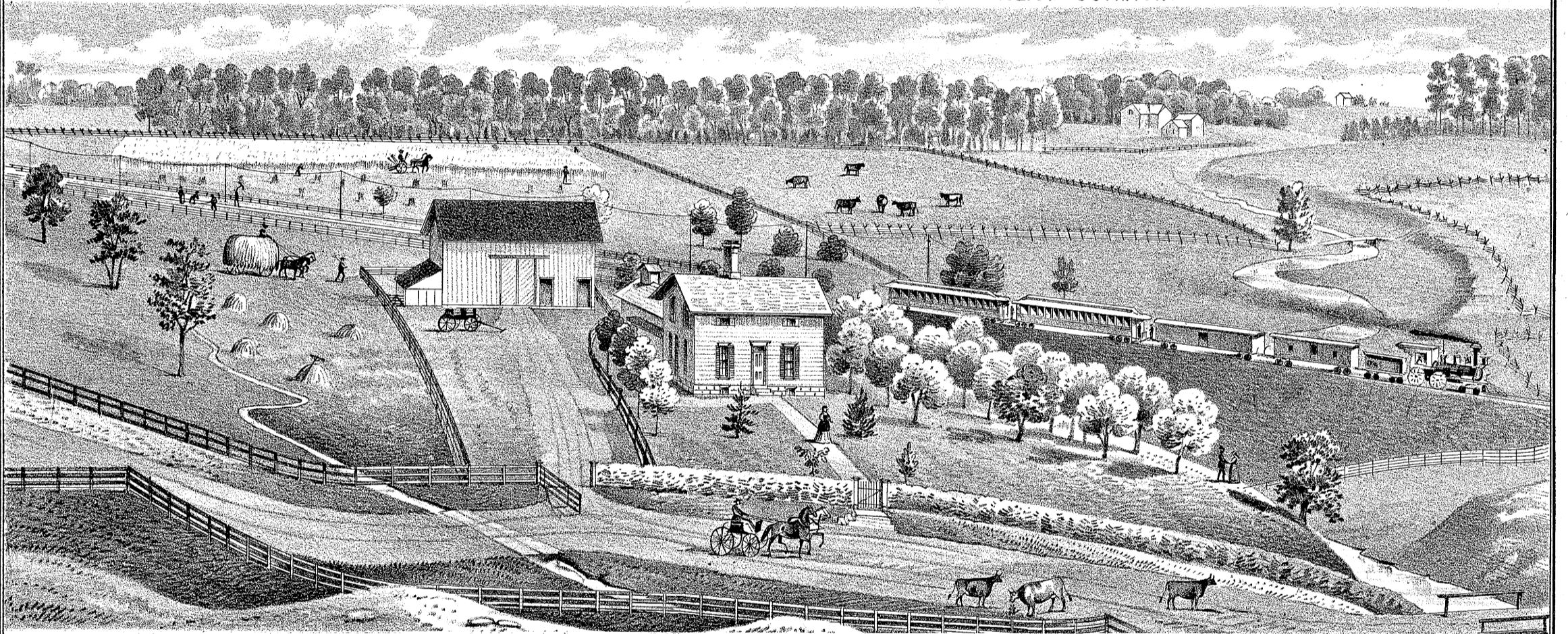
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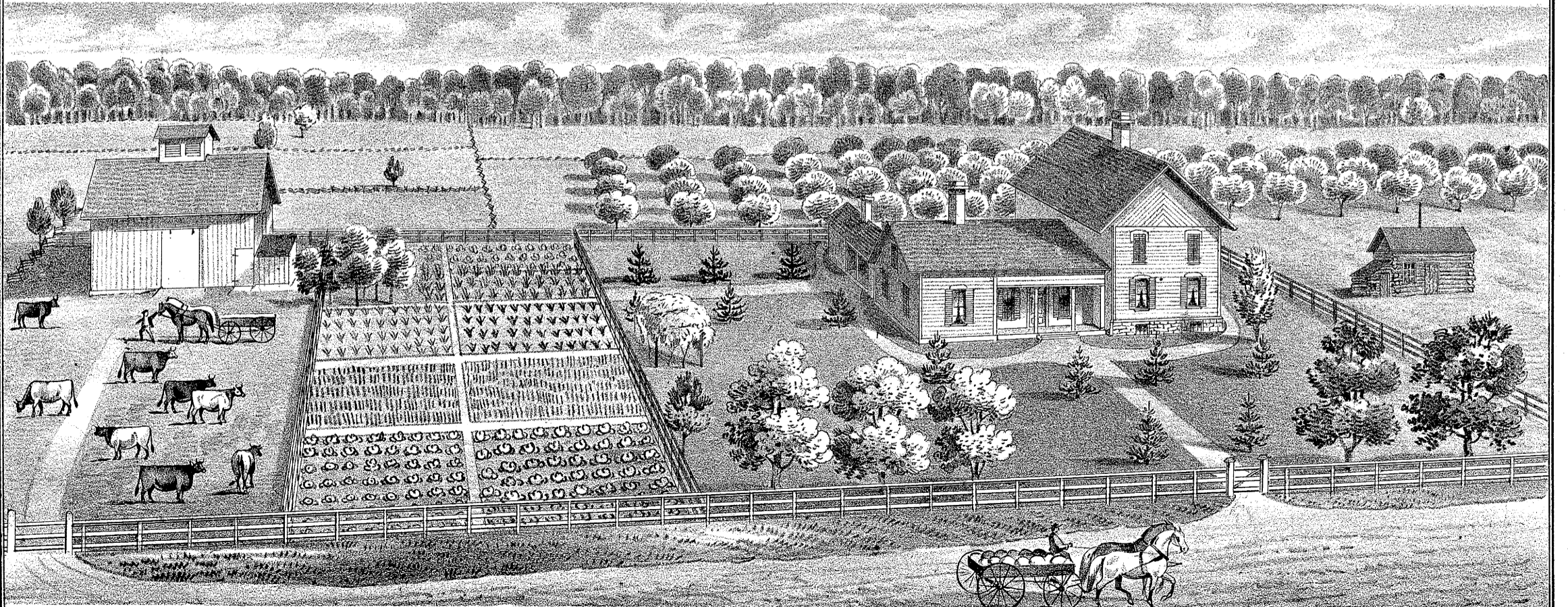
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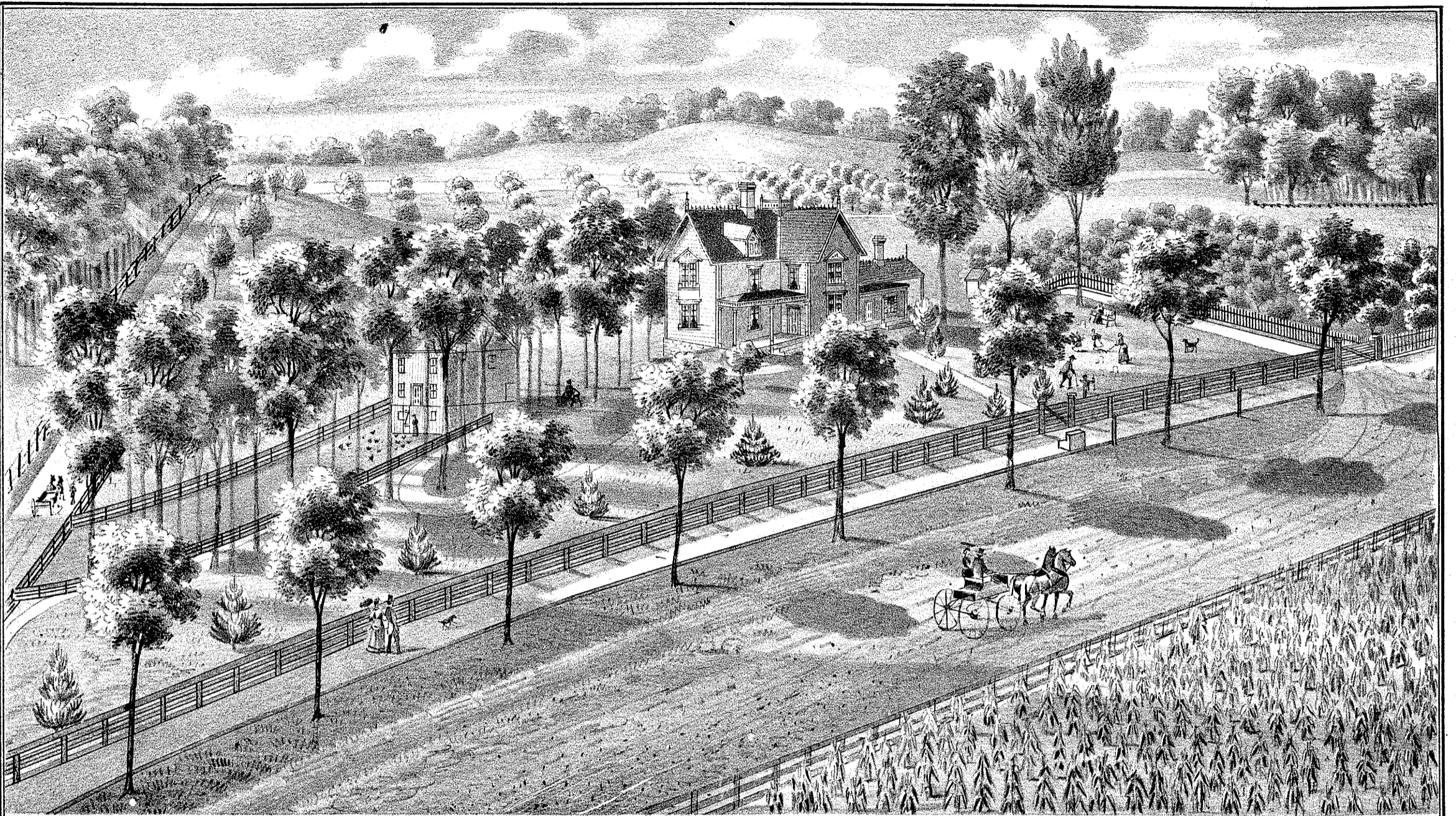
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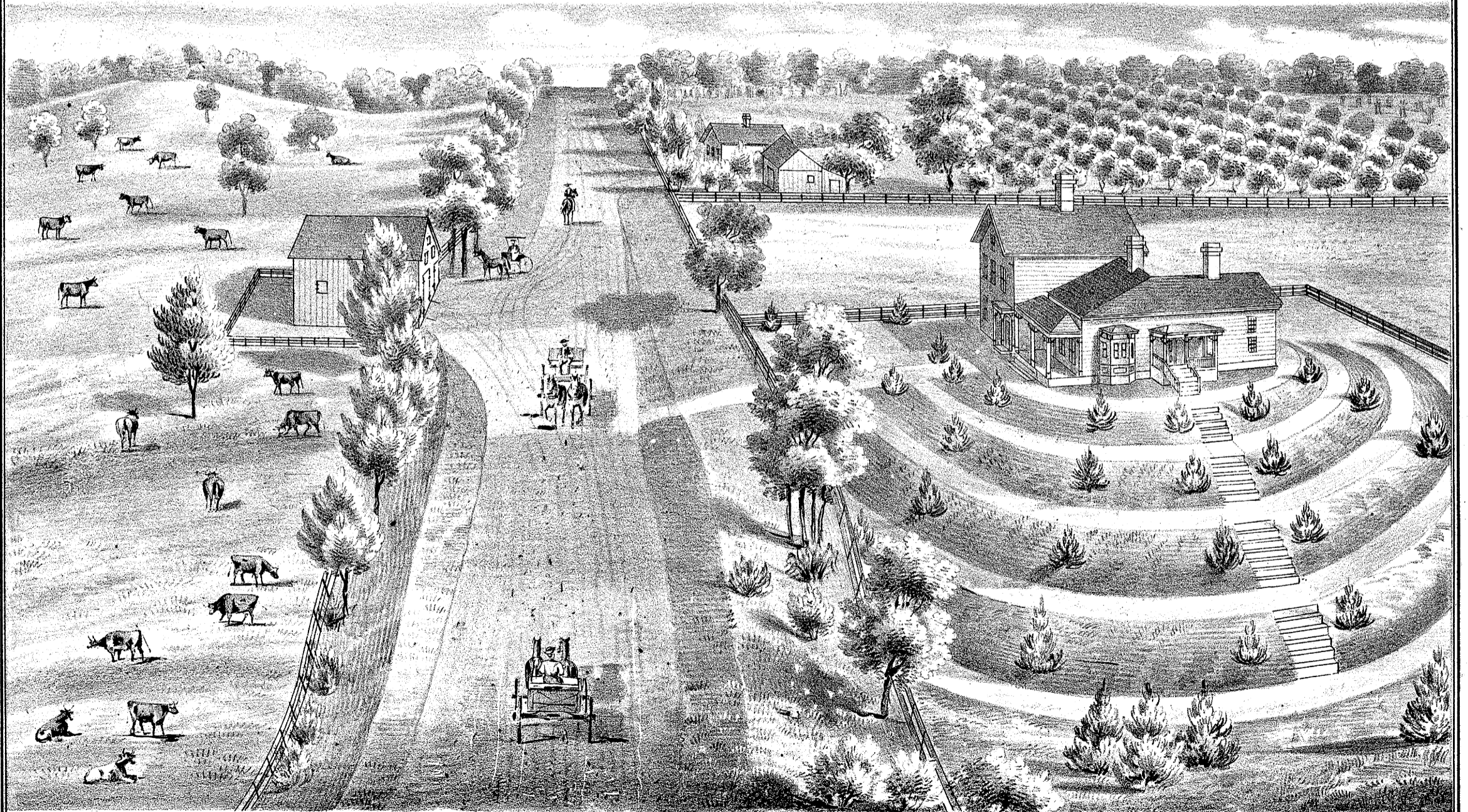
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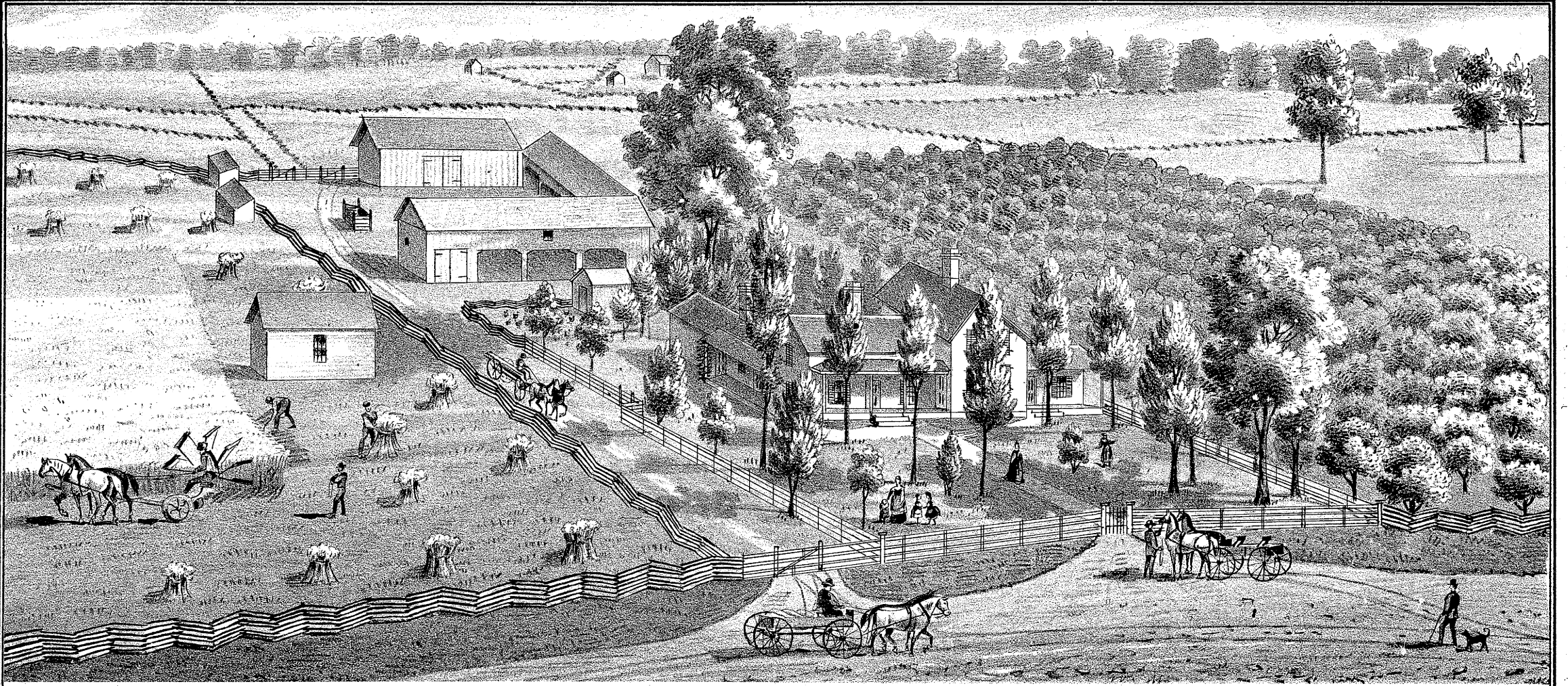
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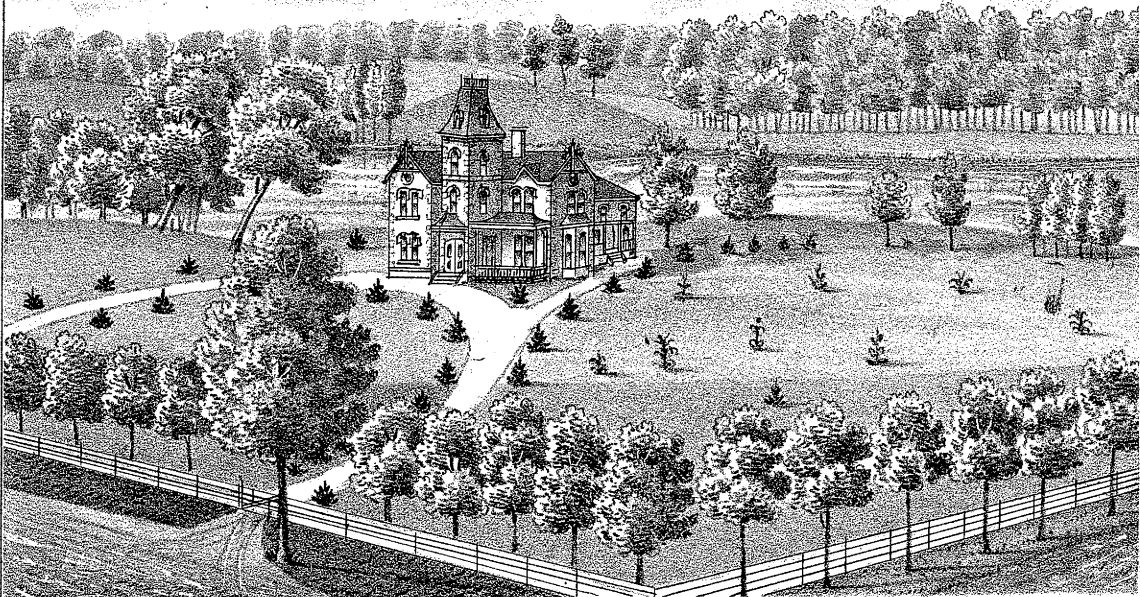


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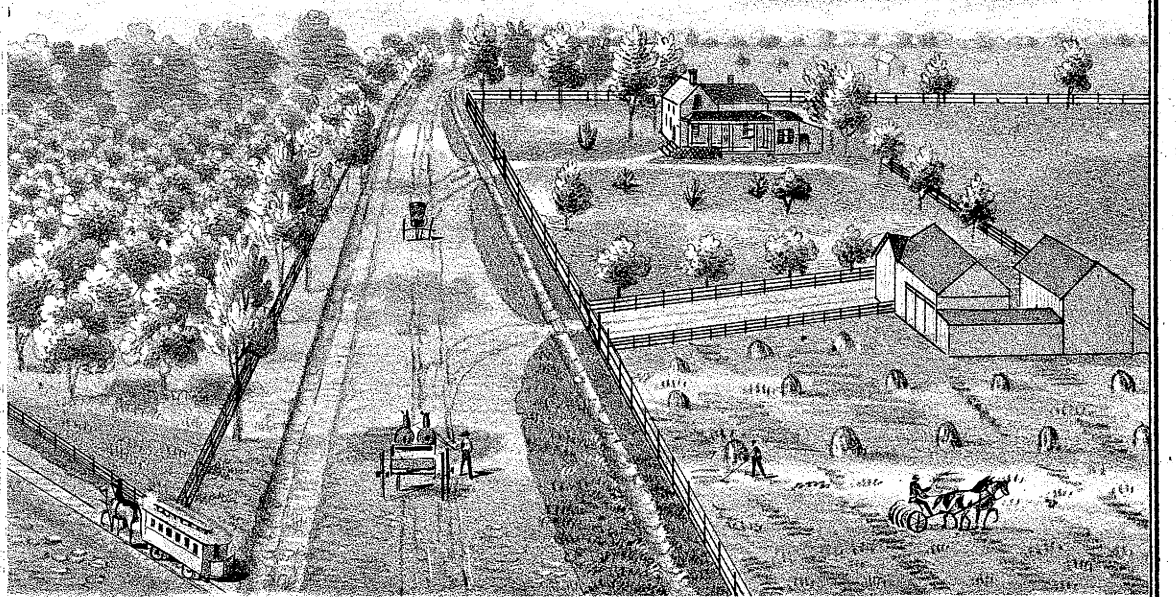




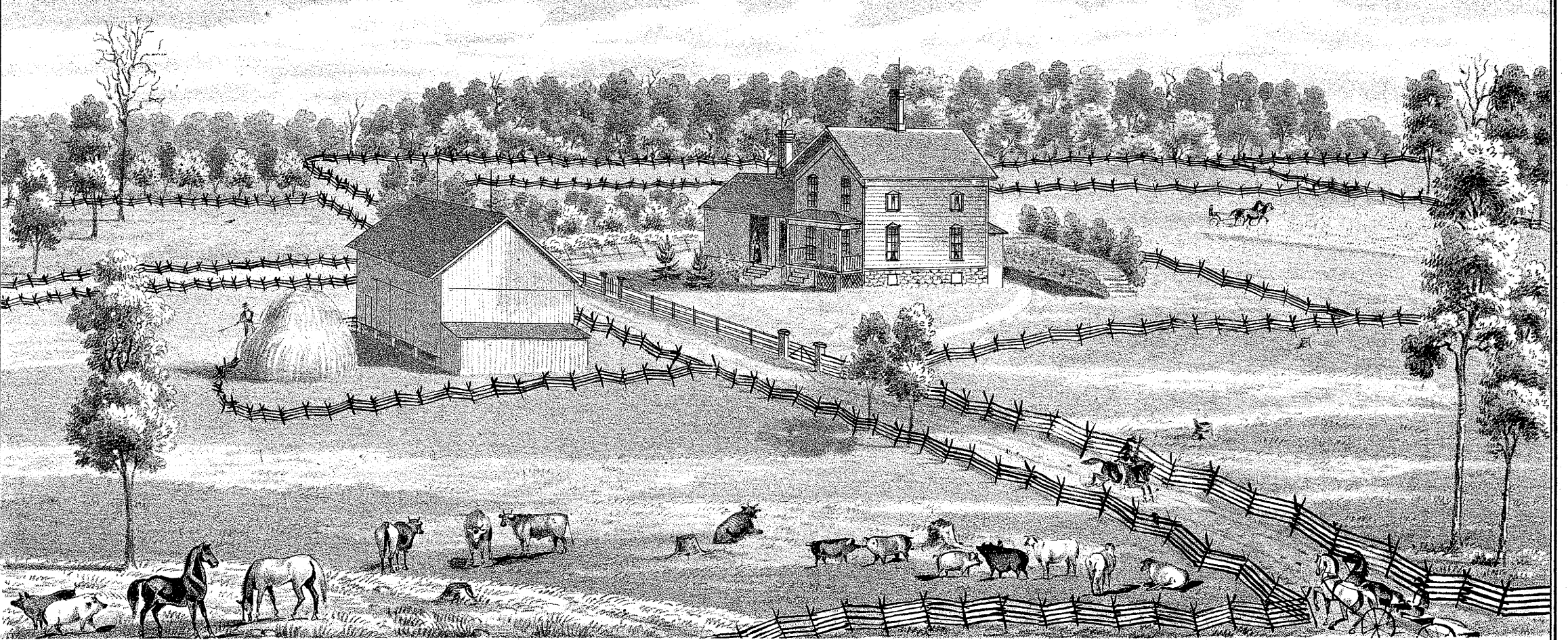
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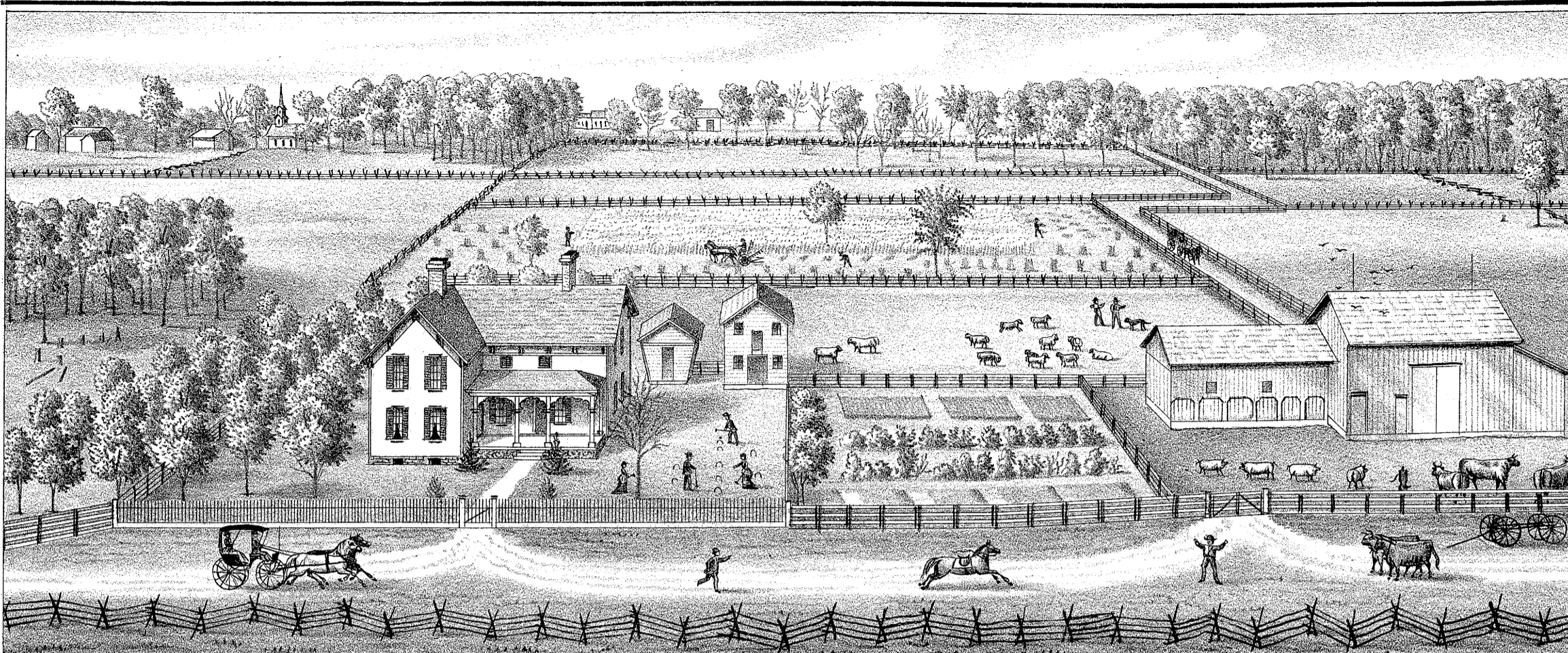
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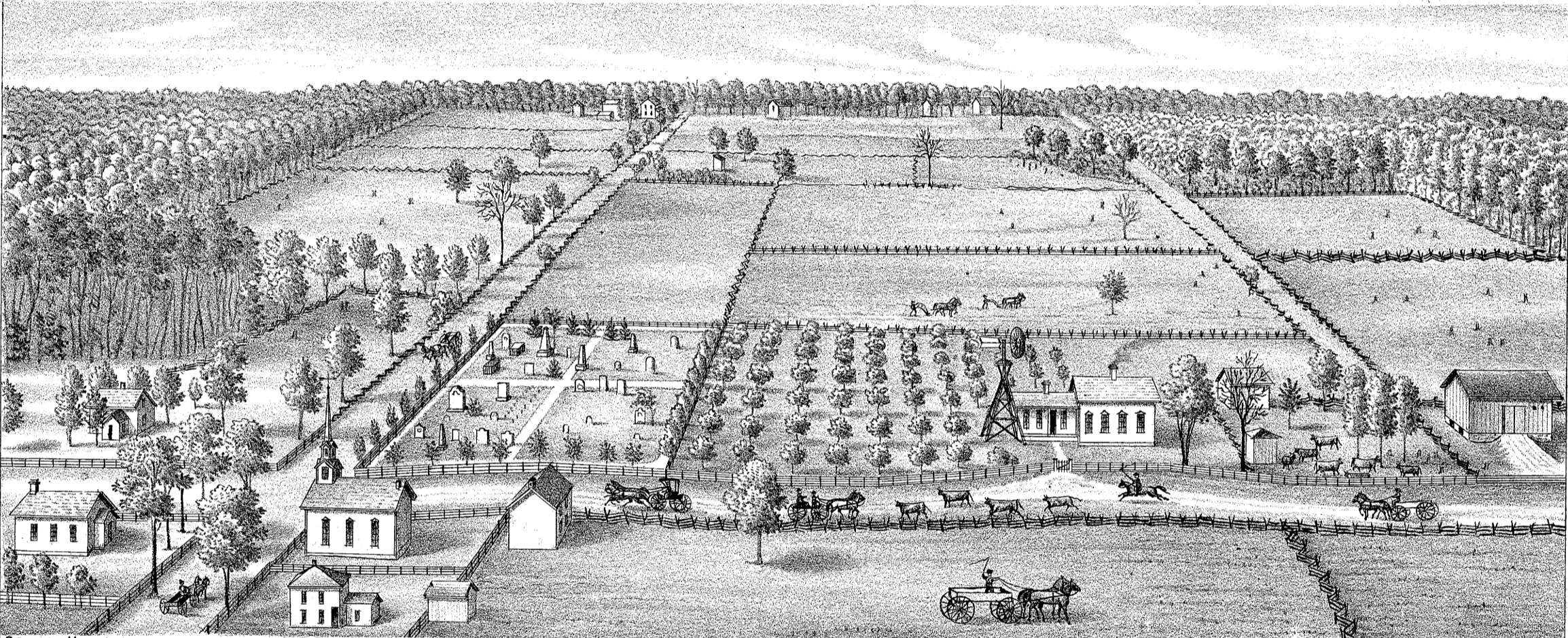
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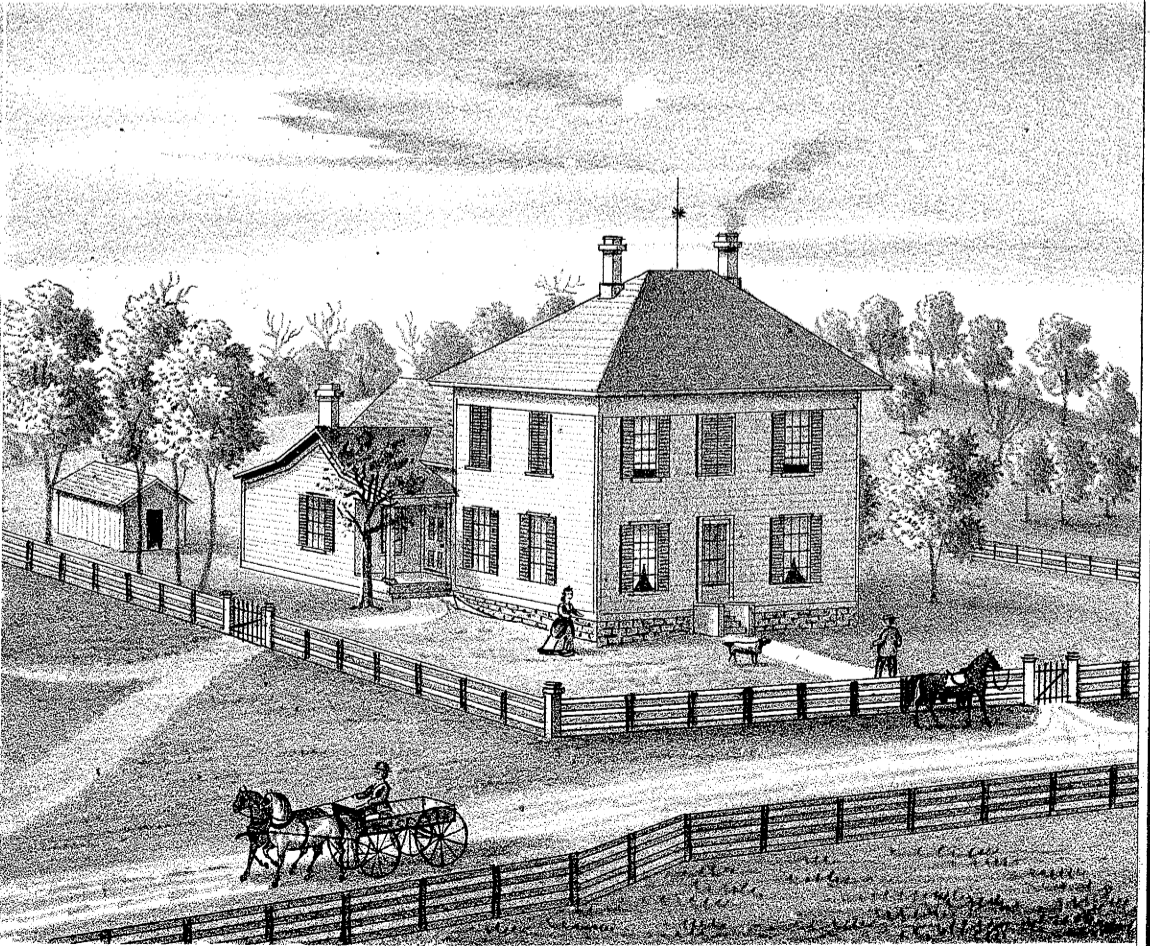
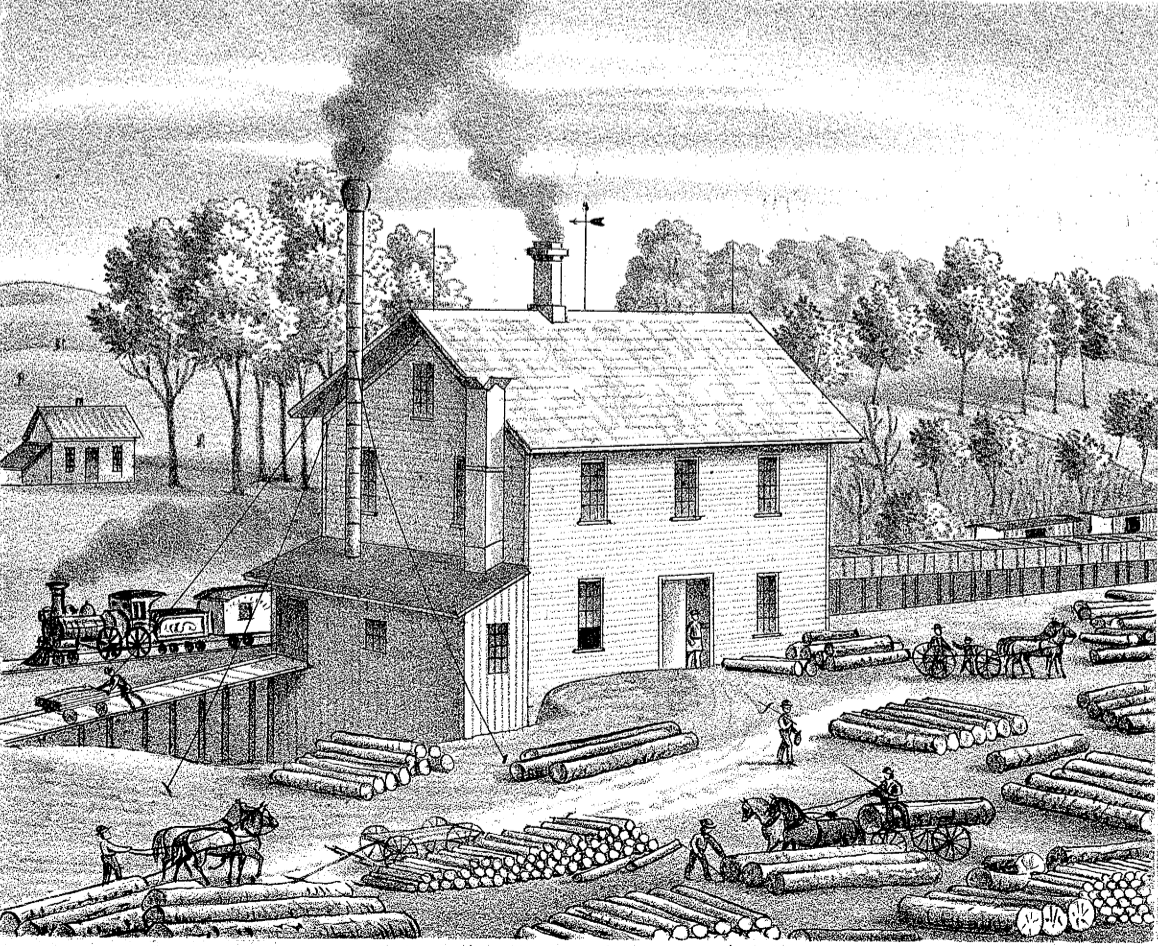
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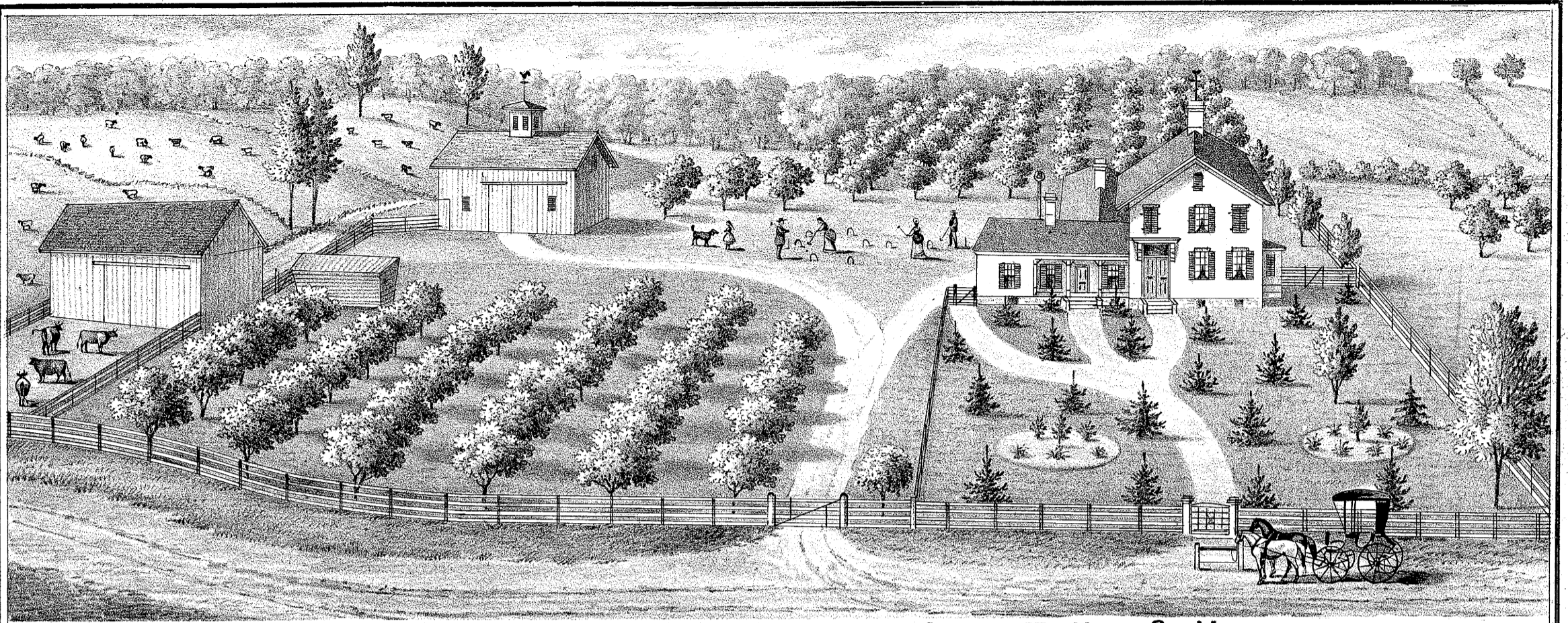
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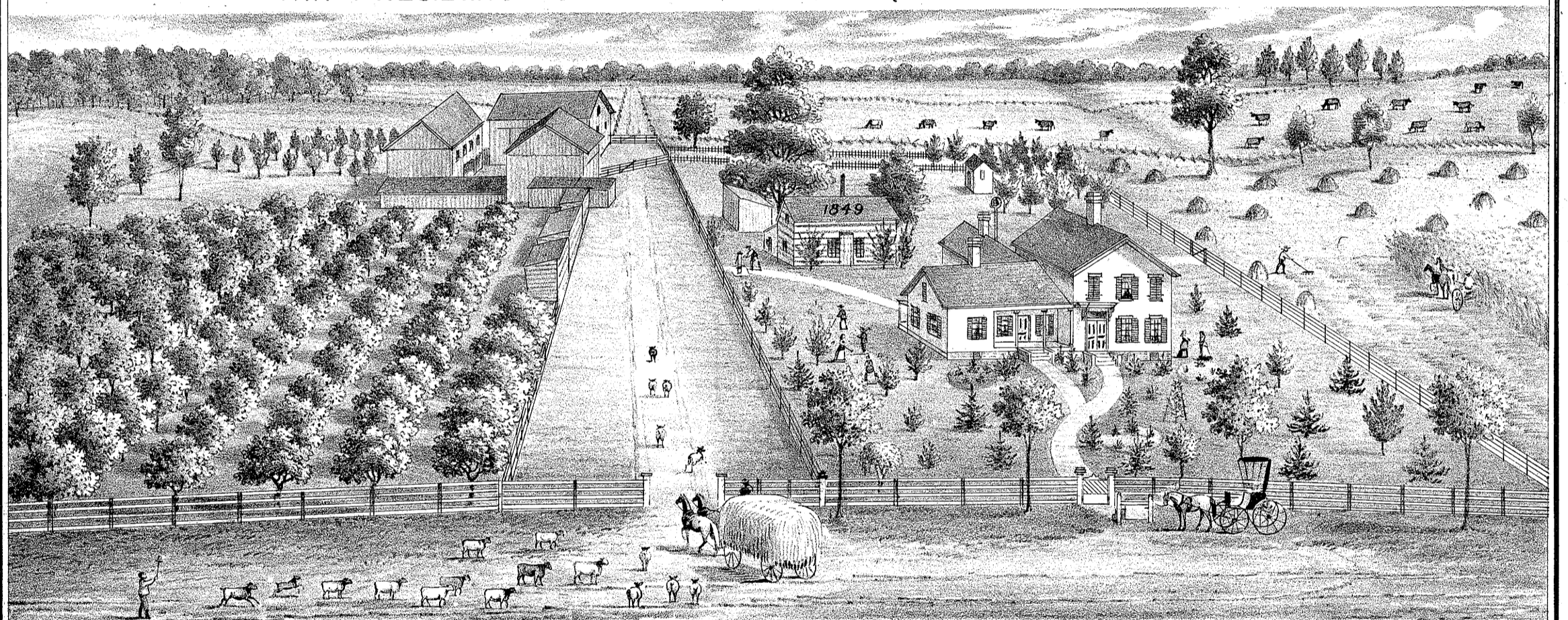
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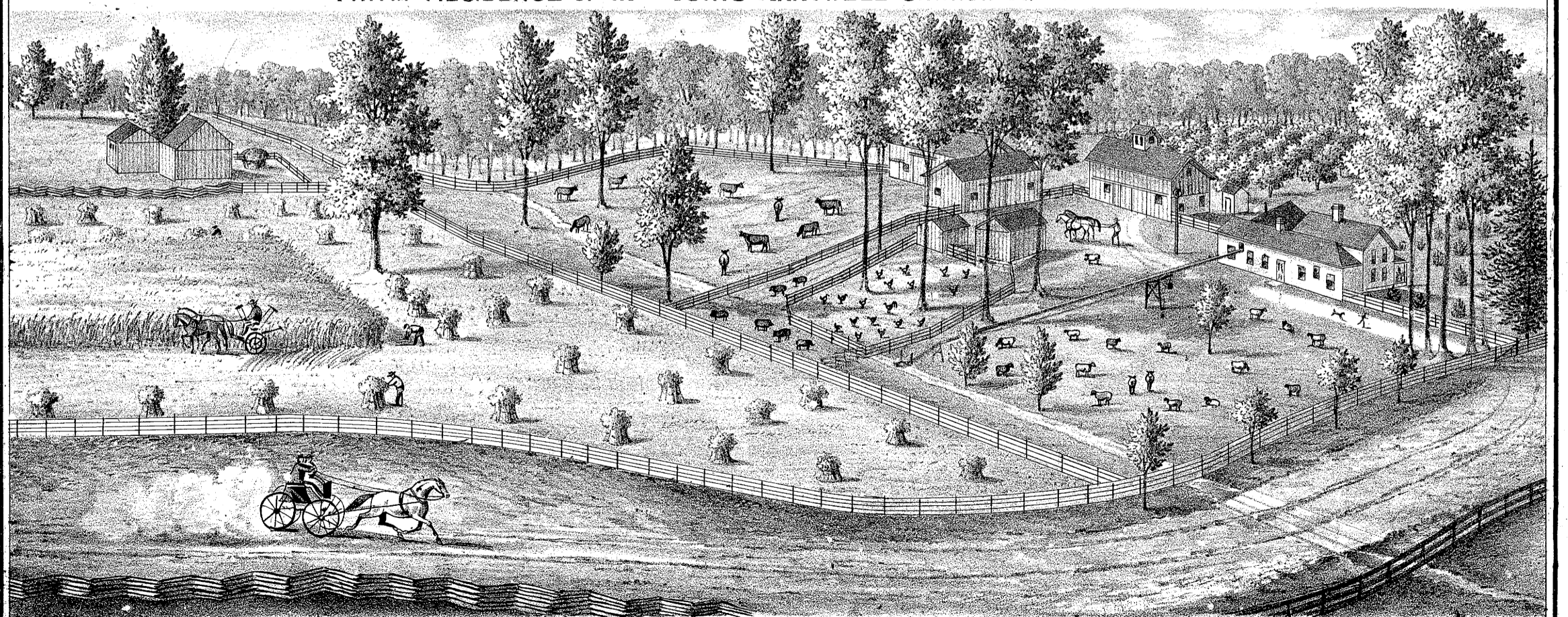
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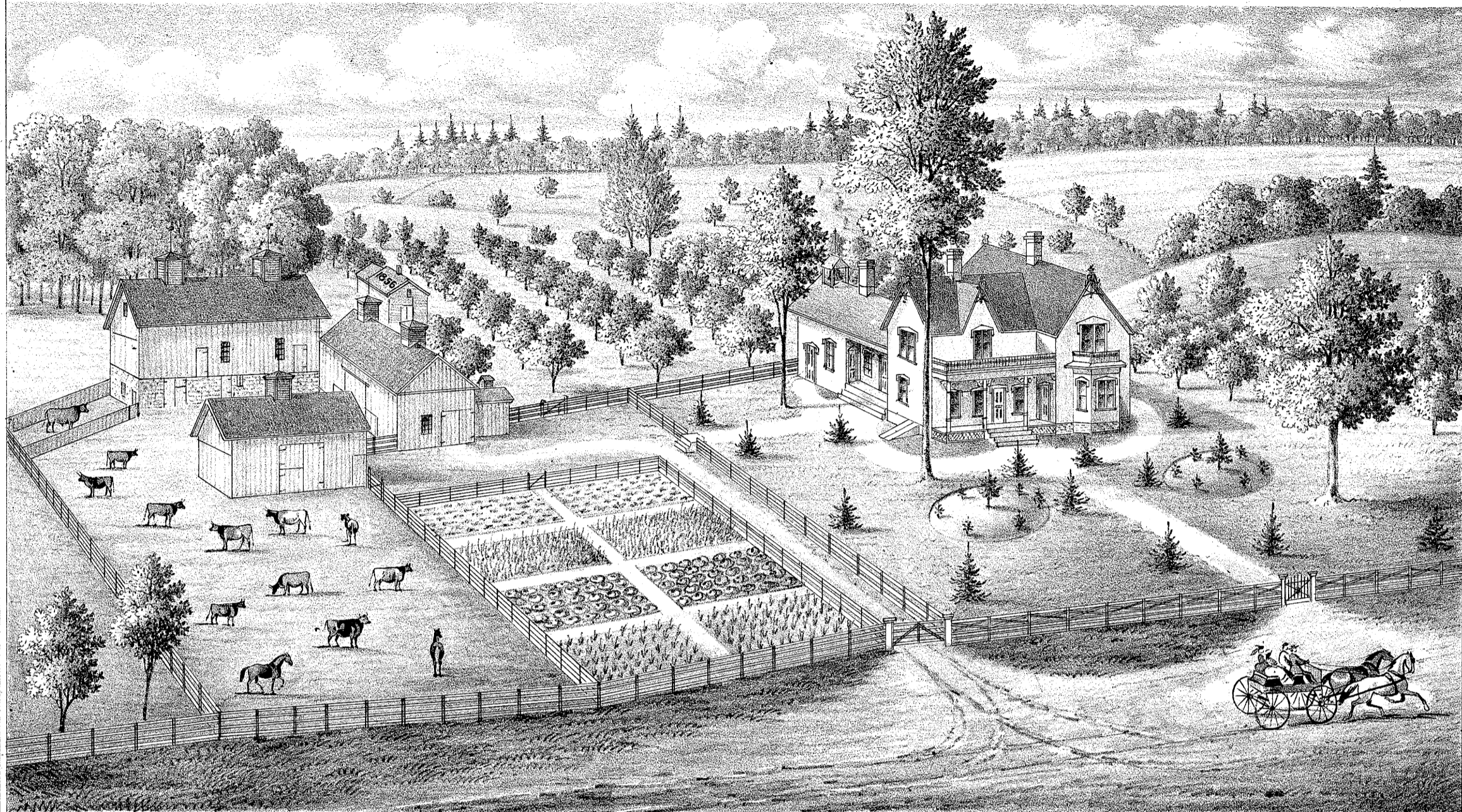
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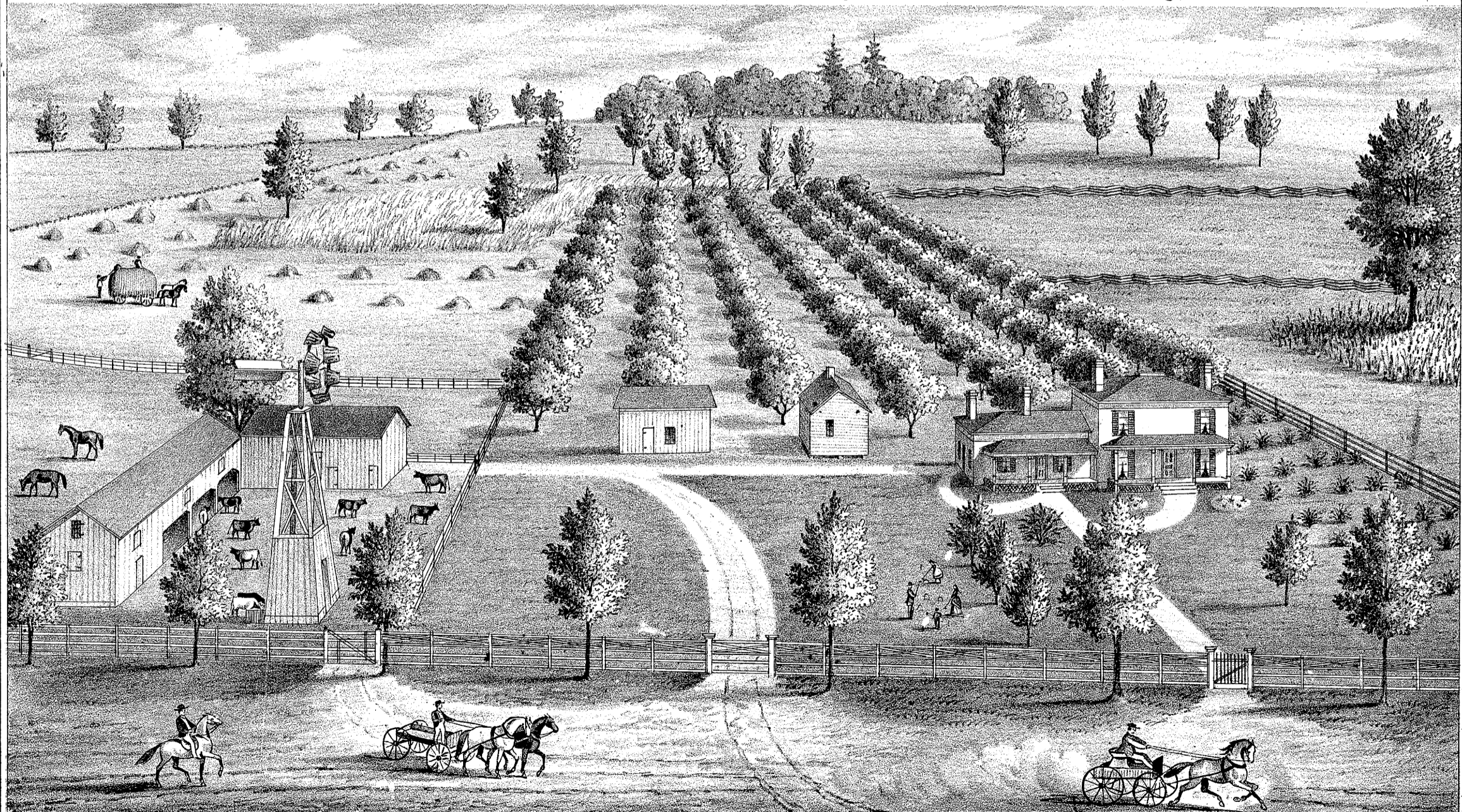
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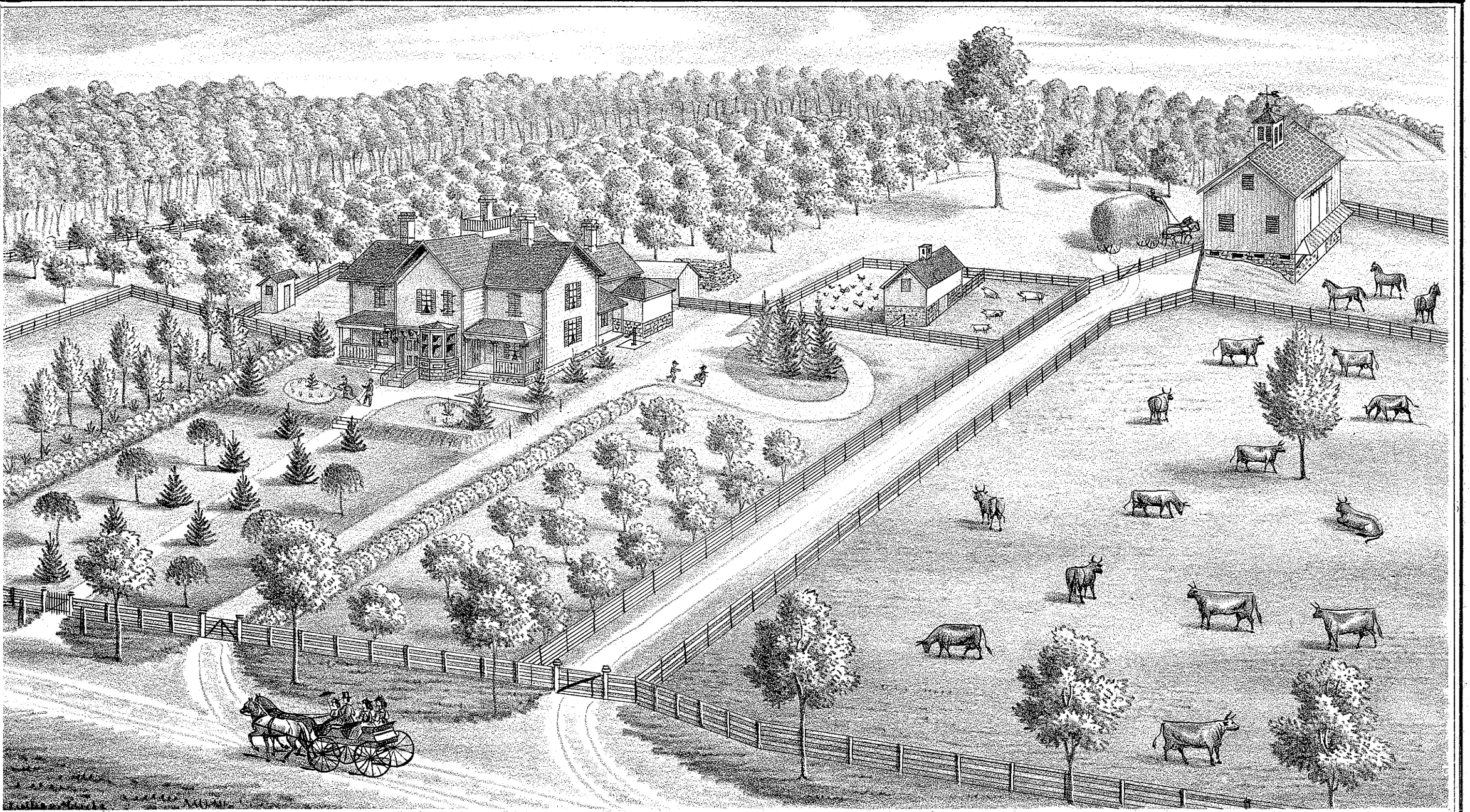
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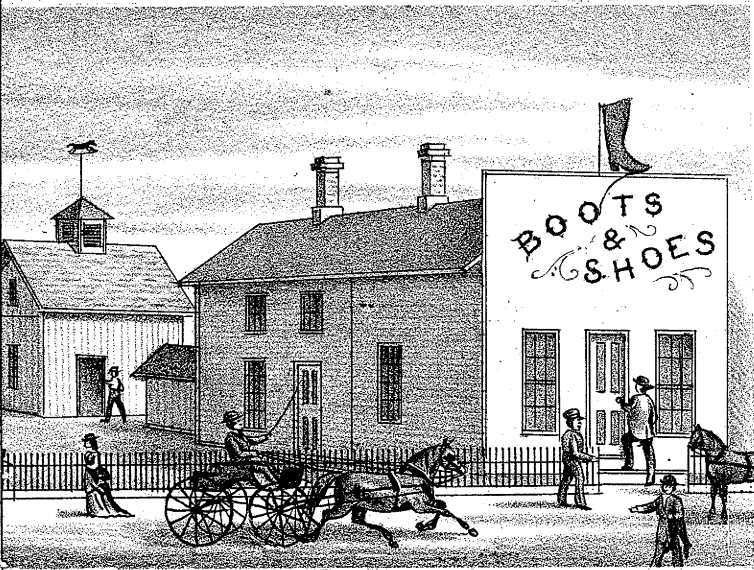
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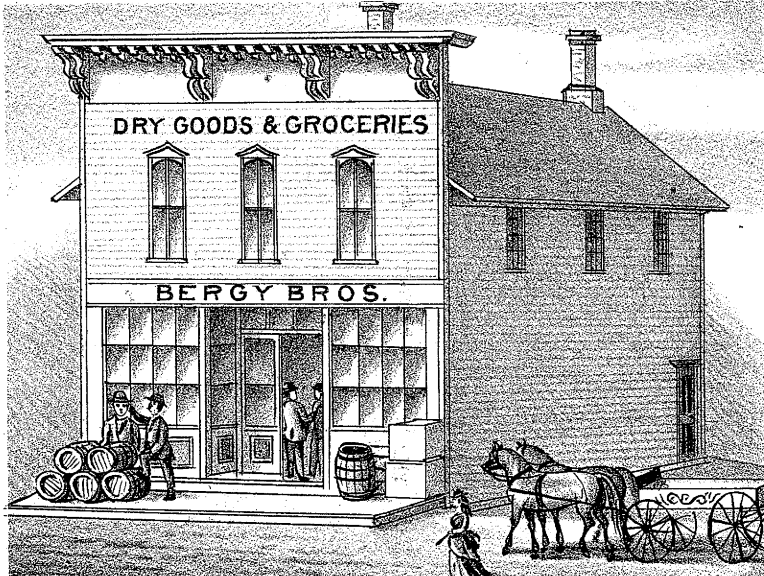
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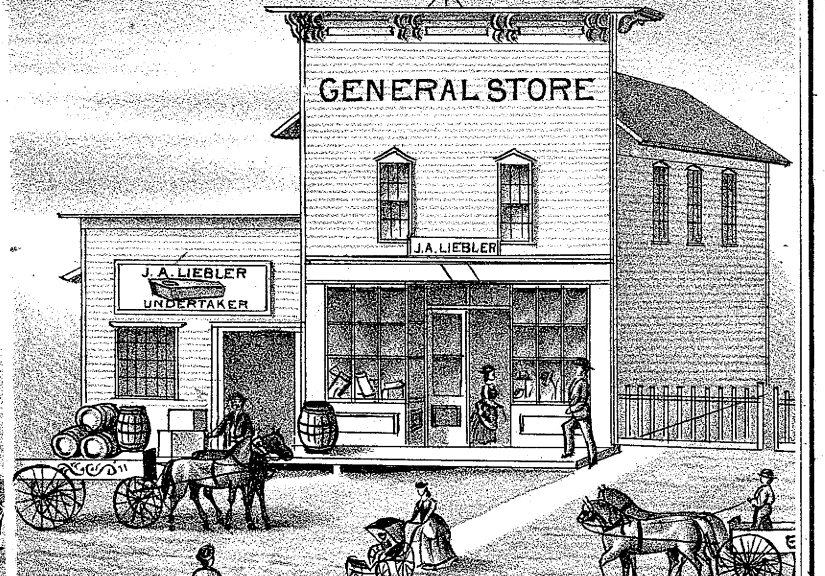
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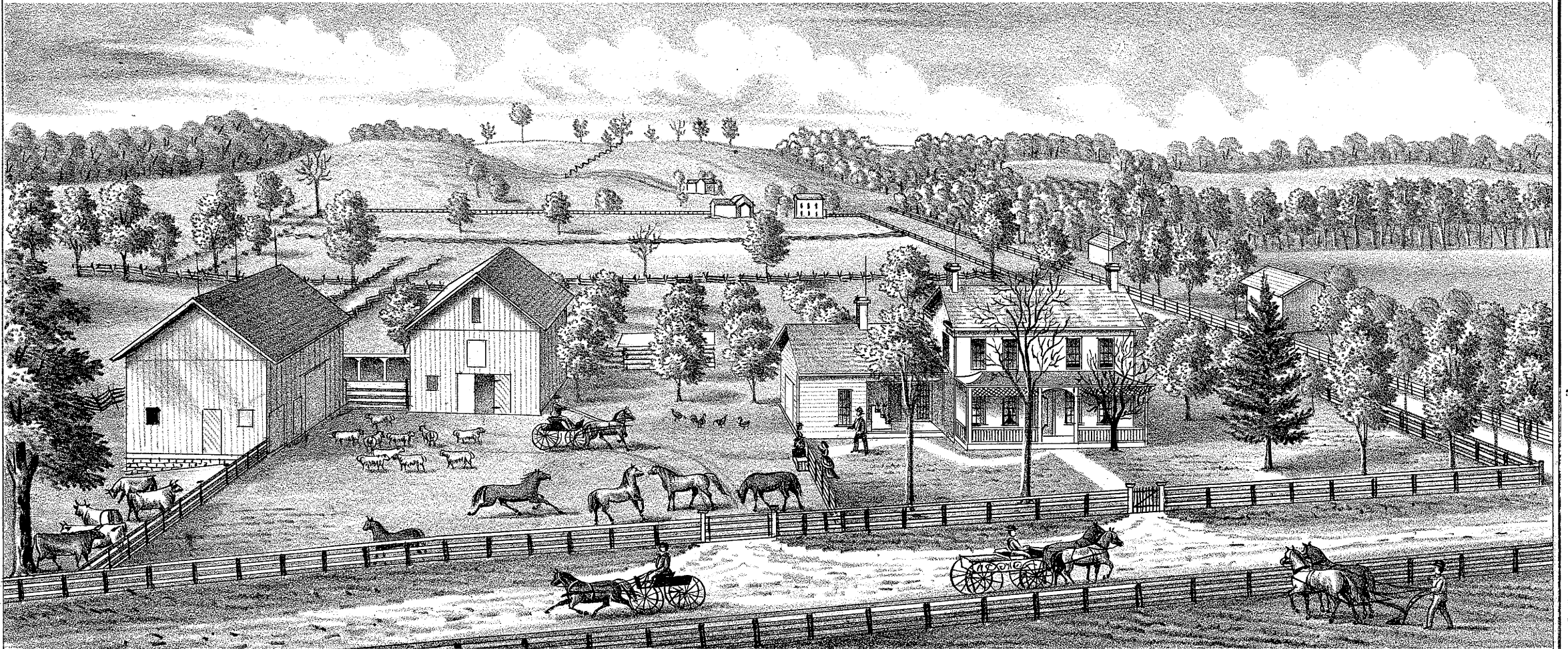
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HISTORY OF KENT COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN.

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The region of country now known as the State of Michigan has been a conspicuous figure in the history of the New World for well nigh two hundred years. In the efforts of the French to gain and maintain a strong foothold on the continent, they early took advantage of the easy communication with the interior, furnished by the St. Lawrence River and the lower lakes, and eventually pushed their discoveries, as well as colonies and military posts nearly half way across the continent. The site of Detroit was soon recognized as a strategic point of importance, and became a base for operations farther north and west, as well as an important member of a series of military posts by which it was proposed to unite the Gulf of St. Lawrence with the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico; and thus confine the English speaking colonists to a narrow region principally along or near the Atlantic Coast.

But the struggle for supremacy on this continent was settled in favor of the English, and Michigan, from being a French province for nearly one hundred years, became a British dependency in 1763, and continued so until the close of the Revolutionary War, when the chain of great lakes became the boundary between the colonies and the mother country, although formal possession was not fully relinquished until 1796. Prior to this time the shores of the great lakes had been examined and a number of trading posts established, around which gathered in some instances a few families, but beyond Detroit to the west and north scarcely any thing was known of the interior of the country for some time after the opening of the present century.

Michigan was at first included with a vast and undefined region west and north of the Ohio River, under the general name of the Northwest Territory. This, after the organization of Ohio, was known as Indiana Territory until 1805, when Illinois Territory was instituted and Indiana Territory embraced only what is now the State of Indiana.

Upon the admission of Illinois as a state in 1818, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin were attached to and known as Michigan Territory. During the territorial existence of Indiana, it was for convenience divided into several territorial counties, of which the most easterly one, named in honor of General Wayne, included all of the lower peninsula of Michigan; and upon the separation of Michigan from Indiana this name attached to the older or principal settled part; so that it is proper in a sense to say that all of the counties of Michigan are off-shoots from Wayne County.

Up to 1820 Detroit contained only a few hundred inhabitants, and outside of what is now Wayne County they were still few and far between. General Cass was Governor of the territory which now began to attract public attention, on account of its eligible situation, the wealth of its forests, its soil and minerals. In 1821 by a treaty with the Pottawatomies, followed by a similar one with the Ottawas, each tribe ceded a mile square of their lands, to be selected by the President, upon the condition that a teacher and a blacksmith were to be maintained upon these tracts at an expense of \$1,000 per annum, for the benefit and instruction of the Indians. The carrying out of these stipulations was placed in the hands of General Cass, and Charles C. Trobridge was commissioned by him to arrange the details. The Pottawatomie station was located on the St. Joseph River, and the Ottawas at the rapids, on Grand River; and this became the nucleus for the future County of Kent.

PIONEERS AND EARLY SETTLEMENT.

There was a tradition among the Indians, of a white man having visited the rapids on Grand River a hundred years or more ago; but so far as is now known, to Rix Robinson, who settled at the mouth of the Thorn Apple, as an Indian trader in the year 1821, belongs the distinction of being the first white man to locate within the limits of Kent County. A Mr. Isaac McCoy, an agent of the Baptist Missionary Convention of the United States, visited Grand Rapids in 1823 with the view of securing the benefits of the Indian Grant for the body represented by him, but failing in some of the arrangements he staid but a short time.

In the following year Rev. Lewis Slater, a Baptist Missionary, came with a blacksmith and two other whites, and erected a log residence and a log school house, the first ever put up at the Rapids.

In 1826 Louis Campau, a native of Detroit, but for ten years an Indian trader at Saginaw, came here for the purpose of making it his permanent home. He also established trading posts at Kalamazoo, Muskegon and several other points. From this time until 1833, a brother, Toussaint Campau was also with him much of the time. A few Indian traders visited the Rapids from time to time, but the lands were not in the market, and the Indians held full possession. In the year 1833, however, a land office was established at White Pigeon. David Tucker and Gideon N. Gordon had established themselves at Grandville in 1832, and Mr. Mursoc at Lowell in 1829, but in 1833 things began to wear a different aspect—at least half a dozen families had settled within Wyoming Township. Mr. Campau and Luther Lincoln entered the first tracts of land; Lincoln securing the site of the Village of Grandville, and Mr. Campau a portion of the present site of the City of Grand Rapids, lying east of the river and south of Bridge Street.

In this year also Joel Guild, Barney Burton, Eliphalet Turner, Ira Jones, Jonathan F. Chubb and others, many of whom are mentioned in the proper place in the township histories.

It was in the Spring of 1834, however, that the great influx of emigrants commenced, and the little hamlet, where only a few acres were cleared, at the foot of the rapids, suddenly became quite a village. A saw mill had been erected on Indian Creek during 1833. Mr. Slater was teaching a school, a small Catholic Church was built on the west side, under the guidance of a Rev. Mr. Barrigus, but in the Winter of 1833-4 it was removed to the east side at the instance of Mr. Campau.

In the Spring of 1834 the Town of Kent was organized, and the work of founding and organizing a civilized community in the wilderness seemed fully accomplished. Prominent among the arrivals of that year were: Richard Godfrey, Robert Barr, Louis Morau and Lovell Moore. What is known as the Kent Company was formed, and immediate steps were taken to utilize the vast water-power at the rapids, and to extend the village north from Campau's purchase.

GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION.

The County of Kent is thirty-six miles in length from north to south, and twenty-four in width, and lies in the southwestern portion of the "Lower Peninsula." The center of the county is about six miles northeast of the City of Grand Rapids, thirty-three miles east of the nearest point of Lake Michigan, and about eighty-seven miles north of the southern boundary of the state.

By the United States Survey the range or meridian line, from which all the townships of the state are numbered east or west, was fixed a few miles east of the center of the state, and just east of the City of Jackson, while the base line, starting near the City of Detroit, runs due east and west about forty-eight miles north of the boundary line dividing Michigan from the great States of Ohio and Indiana. From these lines the townships embraced in Kent County are numbered 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 north, and the ranges 9, 10, 11 and 12 west. Within its limits therefore, are 24 full townships, 864 sections or nearly 552,960 acres, less, of course, the amount of the surface embraced in the numerous small lakes. After excluding lands exempt (in round numbers) a full half-million of acres are annually returned for taxation.

Kent County is bounded on the north by Newaygo and Montcalm Counties, east by Montcalm and Ionia Counties, south by Barry and Allegan Counties, and west by Ottawa and Muskegon Counties.

STREAMS AND LAKES.

Kent is an unusually well-watered county. Grand River, the largest stream within the state, enters the east side of the county about eleven miles from the southeast corner, flows west about six miles, then in a northwesterly course about fourteen miles, next southwest for about six miles, nearly due south for four miles, and thence in a southwest course for about eight miles, leaving the county at a point nearly due west of the point of entrance. This stream makes few short turns in its course of about forty miles through the county, but changes its direction by majestic sweeps. In early times it was navigated by flat boats from Jackson to its mouth, and by steamers as far up as Ionia, in Ionia County. The rapids however, where it makes a descent of about fifteen feet in less than two miles, was an effectual bar to passage of all crafts except in a full stage of water. The head-waters of this noble stream are within less than fifty miles of Lake Erie, and after meandering through seven counties, and a distance of perhaps one hundred and seventy-five miles, its waters mingle with those of Lake Michigan, being the largest contribution made to that great inland sea, which has a coast line of about seven hundred miles. Within the City of Grand Rapids the immense motive-power, the grandest in the state, has been largely utilized, and either bank is lined with mills and factories of large size, and great variety.

Next in size in the county is the Thorn Apple River, which, entering the south end of the county eight miles from its southeast corner, flows north until it falls into the Grand at Ada. This is a very rapid stream, from forty to sixty yards in width, and from its great descent furnishes almost unlimited power, which has been partially utilized at several points.

Flat River, which enters Vergennes Township, and follows a very serpentine course for some eight or ten miles, is a stream rivaling the last in width, and furnishes a most magnificent power at the Village of Lowell. It has not the rapidity and amount of fall belonging to the last, but is, as its name indicates, often a sluggish stream. It, with some of its upper tributaries, are much used for running saw-logs.

Rouge River, rising in Muskegon County, enters Kent County through Tyrone Township, flowing mostly south and east, falls into the Grand in Plainfield Township, near to the village by that name. This stream by reason of the great amount of fall furnishes an amount of power scarcely second to the Thorn Apple. Running as it does almost its whole length through pine lands, it, with its principal tributaries, have played a most important part in the development of this county.

The principal creeks in the county tributary to the rivers named, are—Black Creek, rising in the north part of the county and flowing southeast into Flat River; Cold Water, or Little Thorn Apple, rising in Ionia County, and flowing west into the Thorn Apple River; Plaster and Buck Creeks, rising in the south and southwest part of the county, and running northwest into Grand River; and Duke Creek, rising in the north part of the county, and flowing southwest and uniting with Rouge River. There are several others of nearly equal importance, but which will not be here mentioned. These streams and their tributaries throughout the most part of their length have furrowed out valleys for themselves of considerable depth in many instances, but of no great width. In many instances abrupt hills rise on either side almost from the river's bed, from fifty to one hundred and fifty or more feet, leaving scarcely any room for bottom lands, while in other cases there are first and second bottoms of considerable width. Plateaus, or terraces, showing that the rivers in days long gone by occupied a much higher level than the present, and shifted and changed their courses, sorting and arranging the materials over which they flowed just as they are doing to-day in a much more confined area.

At "The Rapids," Grand River has cut down through the overlying "drift" and into bed rocks, and limestones, sandstone, slate, shales, and "plaster rock" or gypsum are found at many points on one or both sides of the river, covered from sight in most places by the debris from the surrounding hills. Buck and Plaster Creeks have also in a few places cut down through the drift and exhibited gypsum by a natural exposure.

One of the most remarkable features in the surface configuration of the county is its system of small lakes, more than one hundred and seventy of which are deemed of sufficient importance to be located on the map. With the exception of Paris and Wyoming Townships, none are without one or more of these little seas, and some of them can show twenty-five or more each. These little reservoirs of fresh water vary in size from three or four acres to five hundred or six hundred acres. They vary as much in other characteristics as size. Some are beautiful little gems, with well-defined sandy or gravelly beaches, while others are surrounded in whole or in part with marshes, which are more or less rapidly encroaching upon the water, showing that at no very distant day these lakes will be obliterated, as numerous others have been; and a marsh capable of bearing a heavy growth of tamarack,

white cedar or swamp ash, will take their places. Some of these lakes are of considerable depth (fabulous depth if you will believe all the stories), and are well stocked with valuable varieties of fish, either artificially or naturally.

Among the more important of these lakes is Reed Lake, about three miles east of the city of Grand Rapids, an inviting summer resort, reached by the horse cars; Silver and Bostwick Lakes, in Cannon Township; Nagle, Crooked, Pine, and Muskrat Lakes, in Grattan Township; Wabasis, Scrum, and Horseshoe Lakes, in Oakfield Township; and Lincoln Lake, in Spencer Township. Besides these there are several others of nearly or quite as much importance as some named, but space forbids further notice. Many, if not all these lakes, are subject to a change of level, and some observers declare that these fluctuations occur at the same time as changes are noticed in the great lakes, and from this and their great depth is inferred some sort of a subterranean connection with Lake Michigan; but as there is probably not a lake in the county whose surface is less than one hundred feet above that of Lake Michigan, nothing is more improbable than the hypothesis advanced. There can be no doubt but that all of them are affected in greater or less degree by long continued drouth, and sooner or later by periods of great rainfall.

GEOLOGICAL FORMATION, MINERAL DEPOSITS, ETC.

This county is situated upon the western outcrop of what is termed the "Michigan Salt Group," a formation considerably above (geologically speaking) the saliferous rocks of other parts of the country. In the central part of the "lower peninsula," occupying the greater part of twelve or fifteen counties, is the "Michigan Coal Field," the western limit of which is, according to Winchell, not far from the east line of Kent County. West of this line the coal measures appear to have been carried away by some vast denuding force at the same time perhaps as the depths of Lake Michigan were being plowed or scooped out. West of Ionia County the first rock in position would be, according to the authorities, the subcarboniferous limestone, which is met with for the first time in a natural exposure at the Rapids; and although it has a slight dip, generally, perhaps, towards the center of the coal basin, under which it passes, it could probably be found any where in the valley, above the Rapids, at no great depth below the surface. The stratified rock exposed at the Rapids is described as occurring in thin, irregular, gently undulating beds, much broken up, and embracing frequent partings of clayey and bituminous matter, and as being more calcareous at the top than lower down, where it becomes more or less arenaceous or sandy, and even includes patches and considerable belts of sandstone. The known thickness of this belt is not less than fifty-one feet from the exposure downward, while it is supposed that the uncovered portions on the bluffs may add something to this. This rock is but slightly fossiliferous, although a considerable number of brachiopods, and the spines and teeth of fish have from time to time been discovered. Pyrites and some beautiful specimens of calcite crystals have also been found. These beds yield a building stone valuable for rough as well as dressed work, but its chief use is for burning into lime, which is being done on a considerable scale.

This limestone formation appears to rest immediately upon the "Michigan Salt Group," of which the gypsum beds are the most important features, and by all odds the most valuable mineral deposit yet discovered in this part of the state. These beds, which are supposed to underlie the whole of the valley from the city to the county limits (and are even supposed to underlie the whole state), have perhaps an average (aggregate) thickness of near twenty feet. The order at several of the worked beds seems to be first commencing at the top with masses of reddish gypsum, sometimes called the "boulder bed," interspersed with limestone and shales, followed by flinty limestone and shales, water limestone and shales, then a thin bed of plaster rock, with more water lime and shales, followed by five or six feet of plaster, which is separated by a few inches of shale from the lower and principal bed of gypsum, often thirteen feet or more in thickness. This last is the purest and most important member of the group. Some portions of the shales are strongly impregnated with salt, and small masses of rock-salt are found interspersed with the gypsum beds. The beds on Plaster Creek, and also on Buck Creek, near Grandville, are worked by stripping, the overlying earth, gravel, etc., being from ten to twenty feet in thickness; while the beds on the west or northwest bank of Grand River are worked by a drift under the bluff, where it is from seventy-five to one hundred feet in height, and what are known as the "plaster cases," ten to fifteen acres in extent, are objects of much interest to numerous visitors.

Half a million dollars or more are invested in seven mills and quarries, the annual product of which amounts to near half a million dollars' worth of land plaster, and the calcined, or stucco plaster. The land plaster, it is said, aggregated about forty thousand tons, and the stucco, amounting to sixty thousand barrels per annum, giving employment in mills and mines to about three hundred workmen.

Near Grandville, sandstone of a quality suitable for building purposes is being quarried both above and below the plaster bed, to what extent, however, was not learned. As early as 1833, Hon. Lucius Lyon sunk a salt well, and for two or three years carried on the manufacture of salt, but with this experience, and after the investment of about \$20,000, it was found unprofitable, and abandoned. Fifteen years later several other gentlemen of means sunk wells and manufactured several thousand barrels, but could not make it profitable in competition with the superior facilities enjoyed in the Saginaw Valley, and it was abandoned.

SURFACE, SOIL, TIMBER, ETC.

A comprehensive survey of the County of Kent would find it an undulating plain, in nearly the center of which the Grand River had worn a valley from 125 to 175 or 200 feet in depth. A very small proportion of what is known as the uplands would be found outside of these two extremes. The highest railroad summit in the county is reported at about two hundred feet above the river. Into this central valley nearly every section of the county is drained through numerous cross valleys, along some of which the bluffs seem nearly or quite as high as along the principal valley. There are few hills (strictly

speaking) in the county, and where some bold prominence, seen from a valley, seems to tower above the landscape, it will generally be found backed by table land fully as high, and of which it formerly formed a part.

There is a great variety of soil, from the merest beds of sand, to rich sandy loams; large areas of almost purely vegetable matter, large bodies of stiff clay, and considerable tracts where the surface seems to be almost entirely gravel, ranging from fine to coarse. In some instances the transition from one variety to another is very sudden, giving in a small compass every variety of soil. The fine lands in many instances, and especially where there is a considerable admixture of hard woods, are found to be very fertile and well adapted to most farming purposes. As a whole the county will compare favorably with almost any in the state, and lying within what is known as the "fruit belt," the county will ever rank well up among the agricultural and horticultural portions of the state. About one-half of the members of the "State Pomological Society" reside within this county.

There is a small amount of pine in most of the townships of the county, although there are but few pine groves of much consequence south of the Grand River, excepting in Wyoming, Paris, and Byron Townships. In several of the northern and northwestern townships, pine may be said to be the leading timber, and in two or three of them perhaps, there are, or have been, more pine trees than all other kinds put together. Next to pine, perhaps, white oak is the most generally diffused variety of timber, while in a number of towns, beech and maple or the sugar tree are the prevailing timbers, quite generally accompanied, however, with several other varieties, as bass-wood, ash, elm, and white-wood. Black and burr oaks are found in great abundance in many parts of the county.

Lumbering has always been one of the prominent interests of the county. It is estimated that more than 75,000,000 feet of lumber, valued at about \$900,000, is manufactured at Grand Rapids in a year, while the amount manufactured on the railroads leading to the city, and which is owned or controlled here, would nearly or quite double the amount. It is obvious, however, that this heavy drain must soon exhaust the forests within reach.

THEN AND NOW.

A comparison of the "day of small things," with the present advanced position, will not be devoid of interest. It will be seen in the history of Kent Township, that in 1834 the revenue of the town, then embracing the entire county south of the river, was \$66.50; and that \$45.12 was sufficient to "grease the wheels of government," for the first year. To-day we find the taxes levied by the state and county in the City of Grand Rapids alone exceeds \$40,000.

Owing to the destruction of the public records at an early day, we are unable to present a statement of the financial condition of the county prior to 1845.

From the supervisors' record for that year we present the following, which shows the estimated wealth of each township then organized, with the state and county tax charged to each. The nine townships then organized, embraced the whole of the county, which has since been divided into twenty-four towns.

TOWNSHIPS.	TAX ROLL 1845.	COUNTY TAX.	STATE TAX.	TOTAL TAXES.
Ada.....	\$52,947	\$423 58	\$132 37	\$455 95
Byron.....	69,563	556 50	173 01	750 41
Caledonia.....	40,625	325 00	60 81	394 81
Courtland.....	27,927	223 39	101 56	324 95
Grand Rapids.....	127,520	1020 16	318 80	1338 96
Paris.....	54,357	434 86	135 89	570 95
Plainfield.....	40,437	323 50	101 08	424 58
Vergennes.....	68,775	550 20	171 94	722 14
Walker.....	56,480	451 81	141 20	593 01
Totals.....	538,628	4309 03	1346 56	5655 59

From this we may very appropriately pass to the tax roll and taxes levied against each subdivision of the county for 1875, and can thus see how the material interests of the county have developed in thirty years.

It is probable that the tax-roll in both instances is less than one half the real value of the property listed.

TOWNSHIP AND WARD.	TAXES FOR 1876.	PERSONAL PROPERTY.	REAL ESTATE.	REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.
Ada.....	\$1,616	\$42,195	\$402,937	\$445,132
Algoma.....	1,177	48,855	293,447	342,302
Alpine.....	2,267	85,670	505,064	650,734
Bowne.....	1,341	27,846	334,364	362,210
Byron.....	1,166	40,369	290,564	330,933
Caledonia.....	1,516	36,795	377,994	414,789
Cannon.....	1,687	71,280	420,568	491,948
Cascade.....	1,515	39,465	377,590	417,055
Courtland.....	1,512	55,080	376,978	432,058
Gaines.....	1,572	44,926	390,804	437,730
Grand Rapids.....	3,316	64,180	826,419	890,599
Grattan.....	1,650	64,380	411,191	475,471
Lowell.....	2,683	112,495	468,763	581,258
Nelson.....	854	26,675	212,952	239,657
Oakfield.....	1,442	35,516	359,358	394,864
Paris.....	3,225	62,960	803,781	866,741
Plainfield.....	1,601	41,115	399,080	440,195
Solon.....	884	39,990	220,401	260,391
Sparta.....	1,801	78,775	448,828	527,603
Spencer.....	530	7,855	132,162	140,017
Tyrone.....	761	12,851	189,707	202,558
Vergennes.....	1,747	46,175	435,547	481,722
Walker.....	2,374	55,455	591,672	647,127
Wyoming.....	1,881	49,890	468,773	518,663
City, 1st Ward.....	3,153	20,800	785,784	806,584
2d Ward.....	12,119	824,525	3,019,938	3,844,463
3d Ward.....	8,024	313,725	1,999,506	2,313,231
4th Ward.....	9,232	220,475	2,300,625	2,521,100
5th Ward.....	2,361	49,850	588,418	638,268
6th Ward.....	1,200	21,040	299,097	320,137
7th Ward.....	1,913	62,150	476,782	538,932
8th Ward.....	2,126	60,520	529,898	590,418
Totals.....	81,246	2,763,837	19,999,908	22,565,190

The importance of the county agriculturally may be seen from the following tables, which are abstracts from the state census of 1874, and refers, so far as the productions are concerned, to the crop of 1873, except in the matter of wool and maple sugar.

Horses and cattle under one year, and sheep and hogs under six months old were not enumerated.

The report of the wheat, hay, potatoes and fruit crops for 1873 was not near as favorable as for 1870; the wheat falling behind one hundred and thirty-five thousand bushels, or fully twenty-five per cent., owing to the very unfavorable season.

STATISTICAL TABLE—Showing the amount of each article named, produced in 1873 in Kent County, by Townships.

Townships.	Bushels of Wheat.	Bushels of Corn.	Bushels of other Grains.	Bushels of Potatoes.	Tons of Hay.	Pounds of Wool.	Pounds of Cheese.	Pounds of Butter.	Pounds of Maple Sugar.	Val. of Fruit and Garden Produce.
Ada.....	29,245	25,190	16,389	15,268	1,808	13,647	48,610	48,610	300	\$2,163
Algoma.....	12,115	14,090	10,215	7,233	843	2,405	22,430	22,430	800	1,215
Alpine.....	36,197	31,680	43,306	16,395	3,525	20,877	56,220	56,220	18,325	9,230
Bowne.....	48,949	24,863	19,678	11,992	1,701	10,858	40,830	40,830	37,338	4,402
Byron.....	27,099	29,392	24,795	9,255	2,092	8,000	475	475	49,117	8,017
Caledonia.....	30,240	29,800	20,434	9,288	1,826	12,784	1,000	1,000	12,777	1,398
Cannon.....	26,951	29,745	22,458	14,978	1,658	21,774	8,440	8,440	45,350	3,013
Cascade.....	23,067	20,995	20,651	11,514	1,866	12,430	395	395	47,285	3,200
Courtland.....	29,080	28,284	28,344	11,748	2,368	15,568	37,723	37,723	3,136	3,136
Gaines.....	26,772	30,240	27,912	8,031	2,685	11,170	32,015	32,015	61,865	3,680
Grand Rapids.....	14,916	15,144	16,259	15,868	2,422	5,938	33,720	33,720	300	4,549
Grattan.....	40	200	100	100	80	80	200	200	1,300	1,300
Lowell.....	39,705	---	53,015	17,577	2,368	26,509	1,785	1,785	65	1,000
Nelson.....	31,513	---	18,237	9,776	1,759	9,154	59,735	59,735	22,092	5,262
Oakfield.....	5,889	7,090	7,374	4,465	1,565	1,187	902	902	---	3,050
Paris.....	25,384	26,798	1,851	7,850	1,360	15,730	1,400	1,400	25	816
Sparta.....	20,803	32,882	29,026	23,754	2,651	10,358	400	400	---	3,992
Solon.....	25,050	32,872	23,603	23,603	1,046	6,628	200	200	---	2,194
Sparta.....	2,967	4,405	5,685	3,751	1,046	494	---	---	---	997
Spencer.....	28,383	27,790	41,599	12,316	2,787	10,359	1,218	1,218	59,407	6,454
Tyrone.....	3,897	6,205	4,785	3,348	764	602	---	---	---	560
Vergennes.....	38,690	29,720	20,616	4,948	861	1,570	---	---	7,675	529
Walker.....	28,806	28,157	24,297	14,195	1,854	17,178	200	200	1,721	3,157
Wyoming.....	20,668	31,243	13,906	14,195	1,676	8,717	106	106	8,060	22,015
Total in County.....	569,353	564,902	503,433	363,866	43,552	251,072	17,285	951,868	297,509	\$103,852

STATISTICAL TABLE—Showing number of each kind of Stock raised, together with number of Manufacturing Establishments in the County, Persons Employed, Capital Invested and Value of Products by Townships, Census of 1874.

Townships.	Horses.	Mules.	Oxen.	Cows.	Other Cattle.	Swine.	Sheep.	Mfg. Establishments.	Persons Employed.	Capital Invested.	Value of Products.
Ada.....	446	12	31	505	392	1438	3,445	6	89	\$46,000	\$77,600
Algoma.....	272	10	95	344	237	363	700	16	89	73,700	239,800
Alpine.....	457	---	72	687	645	360	3,937	3	3	9,000	14,000
Bowne.....	382	---	138	493	746	647	2,531	3	4	6,200	7,000
Byron.....	463	6	116	626	586	618	2,331	6	80	55,500	11,000
Caledonia.....	441	6	78	498	559	734	3,232	3	7	14,000	35,800
Cannon.....	493	6	48	546	495	598	5,202	3	42	9,400	28,000
Cascade.....	363	5	73	432	459	522	3,245	---	---	---	---
Courtland.....	547	6	89	588	770	577	1,519	---	---	---	---
Gaines.....	384	---	30	575	437	437	1,519	---	---	---	---
Grand Rapids.....	1269	10	10	398	4	149	10	3,300	6	3,713,200	5,611,404
Grattan.....	537	---	32	531	541	714	5,883	---	---	12,000	24,125
Lowell.....	337	4	72	432	432	526	2,150	49	49	123,000	270,000
Nelson.....	142	10	66	184	184	167	313	254	254	124,500	293,000
Oakfield.....	408	---	73	365	365	546	3,396	---	---	---	---
Paris.....	556	4	52	553	553	584	1,995	7	30	3,000	6,000
Sparta.....	437	7	54	562	414	499	2,156	1	160	53,000	42,000
Solon.....	100	2	49	140	95	169	183	3	3	43,000	208,000
Sparta.....	472	1	130	617	758	459	2,563	17	17	5,400	40,500
Spencer.....	106	---	68	136	125	184	223	33	33	24,100	16,100
Tyrone.....	110	2	68	168	151	161	474	32	32	18,500	32,000
Vergennes.....	455	2	25	490	597	620	4,018	7	7	11,300	10,000
Walker.....	410	---	12	503	918	647	2,053	4	4	5,000	75,000
Wyoming.....	436	15	60	558	260	479	1,895	85	85	205,000	75,000
Total for County.....	10,391	124	1,609	11,587	10,958	13,200	60,371	215	4,230	\$4,561,800	\$7,149,313

Something may be learned of the extent and importance of the leading manufacturing establishments of the county by the following statement of the numbers of each kind, with hands employed in each, capital invested and value of the products of each, based upon the Census of 1874.

Kinds of Manufactures.	No. of Establishments.	Persons Employed.	Capital Invested.	Value of Products.
Clothing.....	6	340	\$113,000	\$335,000
Boots and Shoes.....	3	36	20,600	59,500
Paper Mill.....	1	20	35,000	10,000
Bakeries.....	3	35	60,000	190,000
Tobacco and Cigar.....	2	33	11,000	55,000
Breweries.....	4	34	156,500	139,050
Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron.....	3	20	19,000	29,000
Edge Tools.....	2	29	30,000	32,000
Saddles and Harness.....	5	34	24,000	74,500
Tannery.....	1	6	38,000	25,000
Wooden Ware, Clothes Pins, etc.....	5	81	73,500	92,000
Barrel, Tub, and Pail Factories.....	4	266	181,800	189,938
Staves, Heading, and Hoops.....	2	45	13,000	40,000
Pump Factory.....	1	6	3,000	15,000
Furniture and Chairs.....	10	748	980,500	1,180,000
Fanning Mills.....	1	40	40,000	34,000
Carriages and Wagons.....	10	153	228,000	191,506
Agricultural Implements.....	5	130	140,000	225,000
Foundry and Machine Shop.....	9	209	212,700	309,000
Planing and Turning.....	17	357	437,000	560,000
Shingles.....	21	168	45,000	128,300
Saw Mills.....	54	1,065	90	

of to-day is on a different site and of much later growth, having been platted about the time of the completion of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad. It possesses excellent water power, partially improved, and two of the best grist mills in the county—the "Ada Mills" and "Kent County Mills."

In the village are one Methodist, one Baptist, and one Congregational Church; one hotel, one dry goods, one drug and grocery, and one grocery store, a wagon, and two smith shops, etc., etc.

GROWTH AND PRESENT STANDING.

In 1845, Ada then including two other townships, presented a tax roll of \$52,947, which in 1875 (for one-third the area) has been swelled to \$445,132. Its population, which in 1850 was 503, was twenty years later 1,427.

Its live stock, in 1874, was 458 horses and mules, 31 work-oxen, 505 milch cows, and 392 other cattle, 1,438 hogs, and 3,445 head of sheep.

Its farm products, for 1873, were: wheat, 29,345 bushels; corn, 25,190; other grain, 16,384; potatoes, 15,298 bushels; hay, 1,808 tons; wool, 13,647 lbs.; butter, 48,610 lbs.; and its orchard and garden products were valued at \$2,163.

HISTORY OF ALGOMA TOWNSHIP.

This township is in the second tier from the west side, and is the second in the tier from the north line of the county. Solon Township is north of it, Courtland on the east, Plainfield on the south, and Sparta Township on the west, and the town center is about fifteen miles from Grand Rapids, in a direction a little east of north.

SETTLEMENT, ORGANIZATION, ETC.

Smith Lapham came to this township in 1843 from Washtenaw County, and settled in the southeast corner of the town on Rouge River, where the Village of Rockford now stands. Two pioneers by the name of Morton and Nelson Hunter settled on the hill just east of Rockford about the same time. No one ventured farther north until 1845, when Joshua Briggs and family, and John Davis and family, settled a mile or two farther up the river; and Henry Hensel and Henry Shank and their families settled still a little farther up the river. Benjamin Pettingill and N. B. Pettingill settled in the northeast corner of the town also in 1845, and so did a family of Longs and a Mr. Turner.

The town was first attached to Plainfield, but was organized separately in 1845, prior to which time many other families had located in the wilderness. Among these were William Thornton, Albert L. Pickett, Morgan Allen, John H. Jacobs, and John Hamilton. Other early settlers, the date of whose arrival we have not learned, were Henry Morningstar and sons, Jacob Iff, John Boyer, John M. and James Smith, Daniel Youngblood, James Barnes, Francis Emmons, Andrew House, James Mosher, and John Dome.

At the spring election in 1849, when the town was formally organized, the officers elect were:

- Supervisor—Smith Lapham.
- Clerk—William Thornton.
- Treasurer—Albert L. Pickett.
- Justices—Morgan Allen, John H. Jacobs, John Hamilton.

In an early day the town meetings were held about one mile south of the center, but by a popular vote they were changed about half a dozen years since to Rockford Village, which to-day constitutes about one-half of the township.

- The present town officers are:
- Supervisor—H. N. Stinson.
- Clerk—Charles E. Blakely.
- Treasurer—I. M. Travis.
- Justices—Smith Lapham, David C. Fletcher.

VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD.

There were two saw mills erected here in 1844-5, and a post-office established in 1845; a store, opened by White & Rathbun in 1848, and an extensive grist mill in 1852, but the village was not platted until 1856, when it was known as Laphamsville. In 1865 it was replatted, and name changed to Rockford; and in 1866 it became an incorporated village, which we find contained 582 inhabitants. The place has made rapid progress since the completion of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad in 1867, and to-day contains about 1,300 inhabitants. In 1845, Smith Lapham carried the mail to and from Plainfield in his pocket once a week. Miss Amy Lapham taught the first school in 1845, and a school district was organized in 1848.

In 1846, Dr. R. L. Blakely was the first physician, and Rev. James Bullard, a Congregational minister, was the first preacher.

The first public house was opened in 1851 by Harvey Porter. The first marriage was that of Miss Harriet Lapham and Isaac Baker, in 1845, and the first birth in the place was Eva Baker, in 1846.

A newspaper was started in 1859, but soon suspended. Something of the business and importance of the place may be inferred from the following partial enumeration of the business houses, etc.: One printing office and newspaper, the Rockford Register, founded February 8, 1871, C. H. Cowdin, editor and proprietor, appears to be in a flourishing condition; one bank, "The Rockford Exchange Bank"; one iron and brass foundry, one jewelry store, two good hotels, the Stinson and Lapham houses; two drug stores, five dry goods stores, two hardware stores, three grocery stores, two millinery and notion stores, one boot and shoe store, one furniture store, two livery stables, two grist mills and one saw mill, one sash and blind factory, etc., etc.

- The present village officers are:
- President—O. E. Clark.
- Recorder—H. N. Stinson.
- Attorney—C. G. Hyde.
- Trustees—C. G. Hyde, D. C. Fletcher, G. C. McConnel, J. Coon, L. Peake, R. Depew.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

The principal water courses in this township are Rouge River and Cedar Creek.

Rouge River enters the township from Solon, in section 30, flows at first southeast, then northeast to section 23, where its course changes to southeast, then due south, passing into Plainfield Township at Rockford. This being a rapid stream of good volume, makes it a most valuable mill stream, and besides, passing nearly its whole length through pine lands, millions of feet are annually cut by the numerous mills upon its banks, and still other millions of feet of logs are run down for the markets below.

Cedar Creek enters the town from Solon and Nelson, near the northeast corner, and unites with the Rouge near the center of the township. It is also a valuable mill stream. The township is generally rolling, and along the streams it is very much so. Perhaps fully one-half the township was originally fine land, or principally pine, while in many places pine is mixed largely with other woods. The soil is quite variable, and even where pine is plenty there is a degree of fertility apparent not always found in pine lands, and they are found capable of yielding bountiful crops of cereals. Lumbering has, however, heretofore, been the chief interest of the township. Several small lakes are to be found in the northwest part of the town, none of them

of much consequence, however, except Camp Lake, a narrow sheet of water nearly one mile in length, and lying in sections 7 and 18. Tamarack and white cedar marshes are not unknown in the township.

GROWTH AND PRESENT STATUS.

In early days the extensive pine forests in the township were its principal attraction, but as these became exhausted, and farms began to be opened, it was discovered that husbandry would pay, perhaps better than lumbering; and to-day many fine and profitable farms are found in the township.

In the year 1850 the entire population of the town was set down at 233, which was swelled in 1870 to 1,959, and to-day this has been augmented to about 2,600.

In 1845, Algoma and Plainfield together were valued at \$40,437, which is only a tithe of what this township can show alone to-day. In the matter of live stock, the township exhibits to-day 282 horses and mules, 95 oxen, 344 milch cows, 237 other cattle, 363 hogs, and 700 head of sheep.

Its produce for 1873 was: Wheat, 12,115 bushels; corn, 14,990 bushels; other grain, 10,215 bushels; potatoes, 7,233 bushels; hay, 843 tons; wool, 2,405 pounds; butter, 22,430 pounds; maple sugar, 800 pounds, and orchard and garden produce valued at \$1,215.

HISTORY OF ALPINE TOWNSHIP.

Alpine is one of the western tier of townships, the third from the north end of the county, with its center about nine miles from the City of Grand Rapids.

It is bounded north by Sparta Township, east by Plainfield, south by Walker Township, and west by the County of Ottawa.

SETTLEMENT—ORGANIZATION.

It was attached to Walker Township until the year 1847, although a few persons had located within its precincts as early as 1837. The Wright family, consisting of the parents and five sons, who settled on the south line of the town in that year. Three years later, John Coffee and Richmond Gooding settled in the west part of the township, and Jacob Snyder and John Plattee settled near its southeast corner. Near the same time Turner Mills and family settled on the east side of the town, and some three or four miles north of Plattee. In the next five or six years Edward Wheeler, C. D. Shenich, Casper Cordes, William H. Withey, John Colton, John Tuxbury, Sherman Pearsall, James Boyd, H. A. Dennison, Stephen Schaefer, and a number of others, entered the town.

The first town meeting and election occurred at a school house near the southeast corner of the town, in the Spring of 1841, when there were elected:

- Supervisor—Edward Wheeler.
- Clerk—C. D. Shenich.
- Treasurer—Casper Cordes.
- Justices—William H. Withey, John Coffee, John Colton, John Tuxbury.
- The present town officers are:
- Supervisor—Henry D. Wedge.
- Clerk—G. D. Miller.
- Treasurer—Lewis Williams.
- Justices—S. M. Pearsall, John Coffee.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

This town is said to have received its name from the impression of early settlers that it was pre-eminently a fine region. On the east side, upon Mill Creek, and especially in the northeast corner this was the case, but an acquaintance with the township generally will show that the name was a misnomer. More than half of the surface was clothed with heavy timber, beech and sugar abounding. A few small lakes and numerous swamps are found. The soil even in the pine lands is demonstrating its capacity to yield good crops, and much of the town is of the same character as the town north of it, and about as good as can be found in the county for grain and all kinds of fruits. There is a small cluster of houses, a mill, hotel, and two or three shops on the Grand Rapids and Newago Railroad. At Alpine Station, which scarcely claims to be a village, and this and Englishville, where the same road crosses the town line between Alpine and Sparta, are the principal "business centers." There are several grist and saw mills on the creek in the eastern part of the town, but doing less business than in an early day, when timber was plentier.

GROWTH AND PRESENT STANDING.

When Alpine was set off from Walker, in 1847, it had already made considerable progress, and by 1850 had over 500 inhabitants, and by 1855 its tax-roll was 215,064. In 1870 its population was 1,455, and the last assessment rated its personal and real estate at \$650,734. Its live stock, in 1874, was put down at 457 horses, 72 work oxen, 687 cows, 645 other cattle, 760 hogs, and 3,937 head of sheep. Few townships in the county surpassing it in amount of stock.

Its agricultural products also make a very favorable showing; thus: Wheat, 36,197 bushels; corn, 31,080 bushels; other grain, 43,306 bushels; potatoes, 16,365 bushels; hay, 3,525 tons; wool, 20,677 pounds; butter, 56,220 pounds; maple sugar, 18,325 pounds; and its orchard and garden products were valued at \$9,236.

HISTORY OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP.

This is the southeastern township of the County of Kent, the center of the town being nearly 25 miles from the City of Grand Rapids. This township is immediately south of Lowell, and east of Caledonia, while Iona County is on the east of it, and Barry bounds it on the south.

SETTLEMENT, ORGANIZATION, ETC.

Mr. Jonathan Thomas, of New York, purchased land in this township in 1836, and came to it with his family, accompanied by Frederic Thompson, Israel Graves, and William Wooley, and their families, during the year 1837, and built the first house in the town. Prior to the organization of the township, which took place in 1848, James H. Truax, Jared Miller, William Stewart, Daniel C. McVean, Abraham Lowe, a Mr. White, and a Mr. Cobb, William Gibson, Salmon E. Platt, Henry C. Foster, John Underwood, Abijah Poole, and John A. Camble and others, had made the township their homes.

- The first township officers, elected in 1848, seem to have been:
- Supervisor—Roswell C. Tyler.
- Clerk—Daniel C. McVean.
- Treasurer—Justus G. Beach.
- Justices—Jared Miller, Norman Foster.
- Commissioners of Highways—Loren B. Tyler, James H. Truax, Asa R. Tyler.
- School Inspectors—Jared Miller, William Gibson.
- The following are the principal township officers for 1875-76:
- Supervisor—W. T. Remington.
- Clerk—Frank Cuykendall.
- Treasurer—Edwin Bunker.
- Justices—John P. Myers, Stephen Johnson.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

The principal water course in the town is Coldwater Creek (or Little Thorn Apple), which enters the southeast corner of the town and flows west across the town, keeping within one-quarter to one mile of the south line of the town. In the eastern part of the town is Duck Creek, and in the western Harris Creek, both tributaries of the Cold Water, and both rapid little mill streams. There are about a dozen small lakes in the town, none of them perhaps over half a mile in length, while there are numerous swamps, some of them of considerable size.

In the eastern and northern part of the town timbered lands, clothed with beech, maple, bass-wood, ash, etc., etc., prevails, and some of the surface is quite level, while in the southern and western parts it is frequently very rolling, and some oak openings are found. The soil of the town is generally esteemed as being very fertile.

GROWTH AND PRESENT STATE.

There are no business centers in the town. There are three post-offices, Ato in the north, Bowne Center, and Harris Creek in the southwest part, where there is a valuable grist mill. There is a saw mill in the southeast corner, and another on Duck Creek, about four miles north of the last named.

In 1850 the population of the town was 214, and in 1870 this had increased to 1,275.

In 1855 the tax-roll of Bowne was 112,678, and in 1875 it was 362,210.

Grain raised in 1873: Wheat, 48,949 bushels; corn, 24,863 bushels; other grain, 19,678 bushels; potatoes, 11,992 bushels; hay, 1,761 tons; wool, 10,858 pounds; butter, 46,830 pounds; maple sugar, 37,388 pounds; orchard and garden products, 4,402 pounds.

Stock in 1874: Horses, 382; oxen, 138; cows, 493; other cattle, 746; hogs, 647; sheep, 2,531 head.

HISTORY OF BYRON TOWNSHIP.

Byron Township is situated in the southwest corner of Kent County, and is numbered five north and twelve west. It is one of the oldest towns in the county, and is bounded north by Wyoming, east by Gaines Township, south by Allegan County, west by Ottawa County, and the center of the township is about twelve miles from the county seat.

EARLY SETTLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION.

Nathan Boynton located a farm in Byron Township in the year 1835, but being taken sick, his brothers Jeremiah and William Boynton began his improvements for him, and they became citizens of the township in the year 1836, settling in the northwestern part. They were followed in 1837 by John Harmon, Harmon Kellogg, and James B. Jewell, and perhaps a few others, and soon after by Mr. Ella Judson, Larkin Ball, Peter Golden, Eli Crossman, Amalek Taylor, Alden Coburn, and Benjamin Robinson. William Olmstead came to the town in 1840, and soon after Samuel Hubbel, Joseph Gallup, Henry A. Vannest, Oliver Harris, Ezekiel Cook, E. R. Ide, and James K. McKenny.

As will be seen in the notice of Wyoming Township, Byron was organized in 1836, and the first town meeting was held at the house of C. H. Oakes, in Grandville, by far the largest portion of the voters of that day residing in and near that village.

- The officers elected for the year 1836 were:
- Supervisor—Gideon H. Gordon.
- Clerk—Isaac A. Allen.
- Assessors—Eli Yeomans, Ephraim P. Walker, Justin Brooks.
- Justices of Peace—Gideon H. Gordon, Robert Howlit, E. P. Walker.
- Collector—Lorenz French.
- At the general election in November, but 20 votes were polled for any one candidate. The present Township of Byron did not fill up so rapidly as some others, and by the year 1850 its population had increased to only about 300. Its present officers are:
- Supervisor—Samuel Toby.
- Clerk and Treasurer—William B. Crabtree.
- Justices—Edwin Ide, William P. Whitney.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

Byron is principally rolling, and somewhat broken in a few places. A large tamarack swamp extends from within two miles from the northeast corner quite across the county line in a southwest direction, and there are several smaller ones. There were originally several sections of well timbered pine lands in the town, which have mostly given way before the woodman's axe. Notwithstanding the swamp and pine lands alluded to, heavily timbered oak, beech and maple lands are the rule, and the town ranks third in the production of maple sugar, and is fully an average township in the production of wheat, corn, and other grains, and is the third town in the production of butter. The town is quite well watered by Buck Creek, and its tributaries on the east side, and by Rush Creek on the west, while a couple of small streams rise near the center and flow south into Allegan County. Two small lakes of a few acres each are found in the southeast of the town.

North Byron and Byron Center the villages of the township, the latter the larger of the two, are both small places, the latter containing a population of about thirty families, a steam saw mill, one drug and grocery, and a dry goods store, a hotel, church, etc.

GROWTH AND PRESENT CONDITION.

We have seen that Byron Township included Wyoming until 1848, and we find that the assessed value of the two townships in 1845 was but \$69,563, on which the state tax was \$173.91, and the county tax \$556.56, and that five years later the population of the two towns was 852. A vast change has taken place since that time. Fruitful fields every where abound, and the hastily built shanty has given place to the comfortable cottage or more pretentious mansion. Two railroads cross the township. The population in 1874 numbered 1,504. In 1873 the town produced over 27,000 bushels of wheat, 29,000 of corn, about 25,000 of other grain, over 9,000 of potatoes, 2,000 tons of hay, 8,000 pounds of wool, over 51,000 pounds of butter, and 49,000 pounds of maple sugar, or about 33 pounds for each man, woman and child, while the value of its orchard and garden products was over \$8,000.

In the way of live stock, it had 469 horses and mules, 116 work oxen, 626 cows and 586 other cattle, 618 head of hogs, and 2,331 sheep.

The real and personal estate for the purpose of taxation is valued at \$330,933, which is not more than one-third of its real value.

HISTORY OF CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP.

This is one of the southern townships of Kent County, and has Cascade on the north, Bowne on the east, Barry County on the south, and Gaines Township on the west of it. The town center is about 21 miles southeast from the county seat.

SETTLEMENT, ORGANIZATION, ETC.

The first settler in the town is said to have been Mr. Asahel Kent, who

settled on the "Gull trail," in section 35, in the year 1838. He opened a public house, which at that early day became known far and wide. In 1839 this was the only house on the road for a distance of 17 miles. James Minsey also came to the town in 1838, and among other very early settlers were Peter McNaughton, John Sinclair, Orsemus Rathbun, Hiram McNeil, Eber Moffitt, Levi Tobey, John Pattison, O. B. Barber, Henry Jackson, William H. Brown, Warren S. Hale, Lyman Gerrald, Justus G. Beach, Loren B. Tyler, M. P. McNaughton, Norman Foster, Roswell F. Tyler, John Campbell, William G. Wooley, and Frederic B. Thompson.

The town was set off from Ada in 1840, and the following were the first officers:

Supervisor—John P. McNaughton.
Clerk—Justus G. Beach.
Treasurer—Norman Foster.
Collector—R. F. Tyler.
Justices—Justus G. Beach, Loren B. Tyler, Malcolm P. McNaughton, Asahel Kent.
Highway Commissioners—Mr. Tyler, Kent, and Norman Foster.
School Inspectors—Norman Foster, William G. Wooley.
Among the present town officers are:
Supervisor—Martin Whitney.
Clerk—D. S. Hawling.
Treasurer—Sherman T. Colson.
Justices—H. B. McColister, R. G. Culver, Adam Shirk, James McGarry.
Superintendent of Schools—Francis Campau.
Commissioner of Highways—John Patterson.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

Thorn Apple River flows through the center of the township from south to north, and is here a very rapid stream, shut in frequently by high hills or bluffs, that reach almost to the water's edge, leaving no bottom lands. For some distance on either side of the river the surface is much broken, and indeed a large portion of the surface of the town is quite rolling. There are some eight or ten small lakes in the town, the largest lying about one and a half miles east of the Village of Alaska, is about one mile in length, and one-quarter to one-half miles in width, and well stocked with a variety of fish. On the east side of the river oak openings prevail, and the soil is sandy, and in many places full of gravel, but seemingly quite fertile. West of the river a heavier or more clayey soil prevails. There are several tamarack swamps (formerly shallow lakes) nestled among the hills. Agricultural pursuits meet with as good returns in this town, perhaps, as any where in the county. A large portion, particularly of the west half of the town, was heavily timbered.

VILLAGES, ETC.

Alaska, situated on the Thorn Apple, about one mile from the north line of the town, is the leading village, and seems to be an enterprising place; has a daily mail, and runs a hack twice a day to meet trains at Hammond Station, on the Grand River Valley Railroad, some five miles westward. The village has a population of 275 or 300, one hotel, two dry goods, one hardware, one furniture, and one grocery store, two saw and one grist mill, and a cabinet and furniture manufactory, employing at times 30 to 40 hands. There is a Methodist and a Baptist Church in the place, and a graded school. Caledonia Station has about 175 inhabitants, a United Brethren Church, two dry goods and a drug store, one shoe store and one harness shop. It has a wood-working establishment, turning out large quantities of bows, fork and rake handles, and such wares.

The last town meeting voted to hold the meetings at Centerville or Caledonia Center, in future. It is a small place, nearly in the center of the town, having a hotel, two stores, a smith and wagon shop, and a grist and a saw mill.

GROWTH AND PRESENT STATUS.

This town, which had but a few inhabitants in 1840, had, in 1874, 1,680. In 1845 its tax-roll amounted to \$40,625, and in 1875 to \$414,789. The Grand River Valley Railroad runs through the southwest corner of the town, and with Hammond Station in easy reach, furnishes a convenient means for transporting all surplus products to market. The produce in 1873 was: Wheat, 30,240 bushels; corn, 29,800 bushels; other grain, 20,434 bushels; potatoes, 9,858 bushels; hay, 1,826 tons; wool, 12,784 pounds; butter, 47,230 pounds; maple sugar, 12,777 pounds.

The live stock was: Horses, 441; oxen, 78; cows, 498; other cattle, 559; hogs, 734; sheep, 3,232 head.

HISTORY OF CANNON TOWNSHIP.

Cannon Township, Kent County, is south of Courtland, with Grattan on the east, Ada on the south, and Plainfield on the west. The center of the town is 15 miles northeast of Grand Rapids, and its southwest corner is the geographical center of the county.

SETTLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION.

This town was originally associated with Plainfield. Its first settlers were Andrew Watson and A. D. W. Stout, and their families, who settled there in the year 1837. Isaac Tomlinson, sen., came in 1838, and William M. Miller in 1839. After this the stream of emigration set steadily toward the township. Among those coming in at an early day were Rev. Mr. Frieze, Mr. Rood, James Thomas, and Oliver Lovejoy, in 1840. In 1844, Ebenezer C. Smith, M. A. Patrick, and Mr. Samuel Steel. In 1846, Mr. John Hartwell, Dennis Hine, James Dockrey, John C. Chapman, Harlow T. Judson, and Mr. C. Slaght, appear to have made the township their home, as doubtless did several others, as the town, when organized in 1845, was found to have about two hundred and ninety inhabitants within its limits.

The Village of Cannonsburg had been founded, and the name of its founder is perpetuated in the name of the village as well as the town.

The first town meeting was held at the house of Mr. Slaght, in Cannonsburg, in April, 1846. Sixty-four votes were cast, and resulted as follows:

Supervisor—Andrew Watson.
Clerk—Henry D. Worden.
Treasurer—Lewis D. Dean.
Justices—Harlow T. Judson, John Bishop, Dennis Hine, Jared Spring.
Among the other early settlers who made their appearance before the organization, were H. H. Worden, Lewis D. Dean, Loyal Palmer, Martin Johnson, Cornelius Wampler, Robert Howard, Mindrus Whitney.
Among the officers for the current year:
Supervisor—James Dockrey.
Clerk—Thomas Noy.
Treasurer—L. R. Bishop.
Justices—Ira Ellis, Andrew Provin, M. A. Patrick.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

The town presents a great variety of surface and soil, has a half a dozen or more lakes in it, among which Bostwick and Silver Lakes are the largest and finest, well stocked with fish, and a favorite resort for fishing parties.

The south part of the town, particularly along Bear Creek, is very rolling,

as is also the north and northwest portions of the town. Much of its surface however, is gently undulating and very desirable for all farming purposes.

Bear Creek, the principal stream of the town, rising in the northeast corner, flows south about four miles, and then turns abruptly west for six miles, and falls into Grand River about the town line. It has a great deal of fall, perhaps near two hundred feet in twelve miles, and furnishes remarkably good motive-power for a stream of its size.

In section one is a noble hill rising pretty abruptly near one hundred feet above the high lands around it, and furnishing a grand view of the landscape for ten to twenty miles in almost every direction. It is strikingly visible for five or six miles in several directions, and is well named "Prospect Hill," though sometimes known as "Ball Hill," from a former owner. The top of this hill or knob is probably little less than three hundred feet above Grand River, and the view from its top is well worth a trip of many miles.

HISTORY OF COURTLAND TOWNSHIP.

Courtland Township is in the second tier of townships from the east side of the county, and is the second from the north line of the county, and has Nelson on the north, Oakfield on the east, Cannon on the south, and Algoma on the west, and the center of the town is about twenty-one miles from the county seat.

SETTLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION.

Courtland was originally organized in 1839, and then included six congressional townships. Barton Johnson settled here in May 1838, and is regarded as the first white man to make it his home. Alexander Dean and fifteen others are reputed to have come next, in the Spring of 1839, and settled in the town. A town meeting was at once called at the house of Barton Johnson, and the town organized, Philo Beers being elected Supervisor, and Thomas Addison, Clerk.

Other early settlers were: Horace Colby, Phillip Becker, two Thompson brothers, John Austin, Sabin Johnson, David Haynes, Benjamin Botsford, Laurens Austin, Iram Barnes, James Kinyon, Anson Ensign, a Mr. Rounds, Zenas B. White, and a Mr. Hunting.

At one time this township, with Oakfield was erected into one, known as Wabasis, by some error of the Legislature.

Among its present officers are:
Supervisor—Wm. H. Myers.
Clerk—Nelson Graham.
Treasurer—Isaac M. Hunting.
Justices—W. H. Myers, Nelson Graham.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

There are several handsome lakes in the south part of this township, but no streams of much size. A small stream rises in the eastern part and empties into Wabasis Lake, in Oakfield Township. Another rises in the lakes in the south part, and flowing in a westerly direction empties into Rouge River at Rockford, in Algoma Township, while a third small stream rises in the northwest part of the town, and running southwest falls into Rouge River some three miles above Rockford.

Portions of this township, and especially along the south line are very rolling and even broken, while in the eastern and central portions it is more level or gently undulating. There is some pine in the northern portion, and pine mixed with hard woods. The larger portion of the town, however, is oak openings. There are many highly improved and fertile farms in the town.

The town is destitute of any business centers, and is without railroad connection, although the Grand Rapids and Indiana R.R., runs nearly parallel with its west line, and has three stations within about half a mile of the town line.

GROWTH AND PRESENT CONDITION.

Agriculturally Courtland ranks high. Of live stock it shows, 371 horses, 73 head of work oxen, 432 milch cows, 459 head of other cattle, 522 hogs, and 4,283 sheep. Of fruit and garden products it produced \$3,136 worth in 1873; also 23,080 bushels of wheat, 28,284 bushels of corn, 28,344 bushels of other grain, 11,748 bushels of potatoes, 2,368 tons of hay, 15,568 pounds of wool, and 37,723 pounds of butter.

In 1874 its population was 1,237, a high average where the population is entirely rural.

HISTORY OF CASCADE TOWNSHIP.

This township is situated south of Ada, west of Lowell, north of Caledonia, and east of Paris Township. It is Town 6 North, and Range 10 West, the center of the town being about ten miles southeast from Grand Rapids, on what is known as the old "Gull Road."

SETTLEMENT, ORGANIZATION, ETC.

Lewis Cook, from New Jersey, is reputed to have been the first settler within the present limits of this town, followed in the same year by Hiram Laraway, a brother-in-law, and in 1837 or 1838, the little band was strengthened by the addition of Edward Linen, James May, John Farrel, James and Wm. Annis, David Pette, Michael Eardley and his brothers Christopher and Patrick, Michael Mathews, and Frederick A. Marsh.

Peter and George W. Teeple, also came to Cascade in 1837. George Teeple built the second house near Cascade, Mr. Cook having built the first.

Among other very early settlers were: Peter Whitney, of Ohio, who settled at Whitneyville about 1840, followed by a father and brother, Zerah, and Ezra Whitney, in 1842. E. D. Gove, of Massachusetts, and Horace Sears, of New York, also came in about the same time, with others.

At the time of the first settlement of Cascade, and the plating of the village, about three hundred and fifty of the aborigines, known as the Slater Indians, resided at or near the village, but in 1845 they were attacked by a pestilence disease which carried off about one hundred and fifty in a few weeks, and ten years later they had been reduced to about fifty.

The first township meeting was held at Whitneyville, in the Spring of 1848, and the town was organized, having been a part of Ada for the past ten years. Among the officers elected were:

Supervisor—Peter Teeple.
Clerk—John R. Stewart.
Treasurer—Asa W. Dennison.
Justices—Leonard Stewart, Zerah Whitney.
The present officers of the township are:
Supervisor—Edgar P. Johnson.
Clerk—Charles F. Holt.
Treasurer—George W. Gorham.
Justices—Henry Dennison, John Proctor, Hugh B. Brown, Milo Baxter.
School Inspector—Henry Dennison.
Highway Commissioner—H. H. Stewart.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

Grand River passes through the northeast corner of the town, while Thorn

Apple River passes through the town from south to north, dividing it nearly through the middle, and as both streams have furrowed out deep channels, the country on either side is characterized by precipitous bluffs and numerous deep ravines near the rivers and some of their small tributaries. Along the bluffs of the creek are numerous pine and cedar trees, though there are no pine lands in the town worthy of the name. The soil varies from very sandy and a sandy loam, to a stiff clayey soil. A considerable portion of the timber is oak openings, with here and there tracts of heavy timbered land, where beech, maple, ash, and bass-wood abound. There are several insignificant lakes, and a few tamarack swamps in the town.

VILLAGES.

Cascade is the principal business center of the town, and has perhaps twenty-five families. It was laid out about 1845, and owing to the rather extraordinary water power here it was at that day predicted that it would rival Grand Rapids. A good grist mill erected here was destroyed by fire a year or two since. There is a saw mill in operation, one hotel, one dry goods store, a shoe and grocery store, a smith shop, and one church, here.

A remarkable magnetic spring in the vicinity, belonging to a Mr. Holt, has been improved to some extent, bath houses, etc., erected, and has for several years had a reputation as a desirable resort for invalids.

Whitneyville, about two miles southeast of Cascade, is a small place, having a good grist mill and saw mill, and a hotel, as the chief features of the place. Here also is found a remarkably strong magnetic spring, pronounced one of the finest in the state.

GROWTH—PRODUCTS.

This township had about 350 inhabitants in 1850, and 1,157 in 1870. In 1855 it was assessed at \$159,400, and twenty years later at \$417,055. In 1873 it produced 20,067 bushels of wheat; 20,995 bushels of corn; 20,651 of other grain; 11,514 bushels of potatoes; 1,658 tons of hay; 12,430 pounds of wool; 47,285 pounds of butter; 13,532 pounds of maple sugar, and \$3,200 worth of orchard and garden products.

It had, in 1874, 363 horses, 415 cows, 539 other cattle, 600 hogs, and 3,028 head of sheep.

HISTORY OF GAINES TOWNSHIP.

Gaines Township is one of the southern civil divisions of Kent County, its center being about thirteen miles, a little east of south, from the City of Grand Rapids. Paris Township is north of it, Caledonia is east, Allegan County on the south, and Byron Township bounds it on the west.

SETTLEMENT, ORGANIZATION, ETC.

Alexander Clark, who now resides at Kelloggsville, settled in the north part of Gaines Township in the Spring of 1836. His nearest white neighbor was Abram Laraway, in what is now Paris Township, about five miles away. In the Fall of the same year, Alexander L. Bonk settled in the same neighborhood with Andrew and Rensalae Mesnard. In the Spring of 1837, Foster Kelley, Orson Cook, Charles Kelley, and Joseph Blaine, came to the township. Among the early settlers, the exact date of whose coming we have not learned, were William Budlong, James Pelton, Peter Van Lew, Charles B. Keefer, R. C. Sessions, James T. Crumbock, Bryan Greenman, Aaron Brewer, R. R. Jones, John Wolcott, William Hendrick, William Kelley, Benjamin Colburn, Stephen A. Hammond, John E. Woods, James Reynolds, Wilmot H. Blain, Thomas Blain.

The town was originally organized in 1839 with Paris, when half a dozen or more of those enumerated above as pioneers in Gaines Township, were elected to office.

The town, however, was not organized under its present name until April, 1848, when the following were elected:

Supervisor—Peter Van Lew.
Clerk—James M. Pelton.
Treasurer—Charles Kelly.
Justices—Joseph Blain, Josiah Drake, Robert R. Jones.
Commissioners of Highways—Daniel Rice, L. M. Dewey, Wm. Kelley.
School Inspectors—Rensalae Mesnard, A. T. Andrews.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

A large part of the township is gently rolling table lands, which in some parts, particularly in the south and west, becomes more hilly. Plaster and Buck Creeks find their sources in several small tributaries that rise within this town.

In the gently rolling portions of the town are some of the finest farms in the county, and the more hilly portions have proved to be finely adapted for fruit culture. A Mr. Dias, in the southwest part of the town, has a peach orchard, from which he has sold as high as \$2,000 of fruit in a season. The surface is mostly covered with heavy timber, with small oak openings and a few scattering pine trees.

Hammond Station, in the northeast part, on the Grand River Valley Railroad, is the most important point. There are a freight and passenger depot, grain elevator, hotel, store, etc.

GROWTH, PRESENT STATUS, ETC.

In 1850 Gaines had a population of 319, which had increased to 1,273 in 1874. In 1845, Paris, which included Gaines, presented a tax-roll of \$54,357, while in 1875 Gaines alone shows \$436,730.

In agricultural products this township is but little behind the best. In 1873 it produced 26,772 bushels of wheat; 30,240 bushels of corn; 27,912 of other grain; 8,031 bushels of potatoes; 11,179 pounds of wool; 32,015 pounds of butter; 2,985 tons of hay; \$3,680 worth of orchard and garden products, and 61,865 pounds of maple sugar, or a little more than 51 pounds for each man, woman and child in the township, and placing it in the first rank in this particular. This sugar is largely moulded into small cakes, and sold at 13 to 18 cents per pound, at which figure it is no inconsiderable source of revenue.

The live stock is represented by 390 horses and mules, 89 work oxen, 588 milk cows, 770 other cattle, 573 hogs, and 3,345 head of sheep.

GROWTH AND PRESENT STATUS.

Cannonsburg is the principal business center of the township, and is as old as the town. It is situated on Bear Creek, about two miles from the southeast corner of the township. It was platted in 1845, and some twenty-five lots were presented by Le Grand Cannon, a large landholder in the town, to as many residents. A failure of any railroad to give the place a convenient outlet to the outer world, has brought the village to a stand still. It has to-day but two stores, a smith shop, a grist, and a saw mill, and perhaps twenty-five families.

Buena Vista, near the mouth of Bear Creek, was once platted (plat not recorded), and has to-day but eight or ten families, a post office, and an excellent grist mill, known as the Imperial Mills.

Cannon had a population of a little more than one thousand two hundred and fifty in 1870, and its material wealth was estimated at \$491,948 in 1875. It produced 26,951 bushels of wheat; 29,745 bushels of corn; 22,458 bushels

of other grain; 14,978 bushels of potatoes; 1,658 tons of hay; 21,774 pounds of wool; 8,440 pounds cheese, and 45,350 pounds of butter, in 1873.
Its live stock was: horses and mules, 499; oxen, 48; cows, 546; other cattle, 495; hogs, 598, and sheep, 5,202. It thus makes a very passable showing.

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS.

Grand Rapids, now the second city of the state, was scarcely known as a village forty years ago.

In the Spring of 1834, when the Town of Kent was organized, the town meeting was held in one of the two or three houses belonging to whites within the present city limits, and only nine votes were cast, this being the vote for the whole territory now embraced within the county lines.

One year later, at a town meeting, the highest vote for any candidate was twenty-six, and this was presumably the total vote at the time. At a meeting for delegates to form a state constitution, held during the same year, forty-one votes were cast, this still being the vote for the whole county, or at least all south of the river, there being still but one voting precinct. Small as was the place, and inconsiderable as were the number of votes polled, it was really an important point at that time; and when the constitution was framed, and about to be submitted to the people, it was "Provided, however, that the returns of the several townships, composed of the unorganized Counties of Ottawa, Ionia, Kent, and Clinton, shall be made to the clerk of the Township of Kent, in said district, and said township clerk shall perform the same duties as by the existing laws of the territory devolve upon the clerks of the several counties in similar cases."

Another item of importance to the incipient city, and which did much to give it the start of all other points in the west part of the state, was that it was made the point for payment to the Indians of their annuities.

There was a large village of the Ottawas at the Rapids, which was a favorite resort of the red men, and hundreds flocked here to trade, and were often furnished goods on credit till pay day.

WATER POWER—KENT COMPANY, ETC.

The immense water power at the Rapids was instantly seen by the pioneers to indicate that nature had destined this to be a stirring place, besides, the city located here would be at the head of navigation. Eastern capitalists saw this, and lent a helping hand. What is known as the Kent Company was formed in 1835, and purchased lands on the east side, above Bridge-street, and known as the "Kent Plat." A large number of hands came on under contract to open a canal or mill-race to the head of the falls, under the guidance of Lucius B. Lyons, N. O. Sargent, and others, and a year or so later Solomon Withy came with his family and ten workmen, under contract with the company, to burn 5,000,000 bricks on their plat.

Great expectations were aroused; village lots were bought at an enormous figure, the fame of the village suddenly went abroad, and hundreds flocked to it, and by April, 1837, it was claimed that Grand Rapids contained one thousand two hundred inhabitants. Suddenly, and without warning, came the crash of 1837; and people who believed themselves on the high road to fortune, and with plenty of inflated currency in their pocket, found themselves almost reduced to beggary. It was several years before the Village of Grand Rapids recovered from the shock. It nevertheless continued to improve, and by the year 1850 took upon itself the name and airs of a city, with a population of two thousand six hundred and sixty-nine, while the entire county numbered nine thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

A small steamboat was built by Richard Godfrey, to operate below the Rapids, in 1836, and in 1837 one was constructed to ply above the Rapids; both of them, however, were short lived.

A newspaper, the Grand River Times, was founded in 1837.

In 1843 a foot bridge was constructed across the river, and two years later a wagon bridge, soon followed by others. In 1854 a plank road was built to Kalamazoo, and was counted a greater event than the completion of a new railroad would be to-day. Two banks were established in 1847, but were soon compelled to suspend.

THE PRESENT CITY.

The population, from two thousand six hundred and sixty-nine, in 1850, had increased to eight thousand and eighty-five in 1860, and to sixteen thousand five hundred and seven by 1870, to twenty-five thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine in 1874; and is doubtless more than thirty-two thousand in 1876; and at the late rate of increase it will exceed one hundred thousand before the close of the century. Thus, from 1850 to 1860, the population was nearly trebled; from 1860 to 1870 it more than doubled, while since 1870 it has about doubled again in less than six years; and the business of the place has increased in even a greater ratio than its population, and has in it features that indicate even greater progress for the future.

ITS TRADE.

Grand Rapids commands the trade of a large area of country, and it is said that no city of its size can show an equal number of retail establishments, of which there are one hundred groceries, some which do a wholesale business as well. The houses dealing in dry goods, fancy goods, clothing, millinery goods, and gents' furnishing goods, number about seventy. The boot and shoe stores number thirty; the drug stores, eighteen; bakers and confectioners, eighteen; and numerous other lines of trade are more or less numerously represented, including the inevitable saloons, of which there are about ninety in the city, and none of them are known to be starving for want of customers.

The numerous large manufacturing establishments of the city are of course all wholesale dealers in their respective lines, but besides these there are numerous jobbers in various lines of goods, doing a large business. Among these are three wholesale confectioners; four exclusively wholesale grocers; two of notions; one wholesale drug store; two paper dealers; three provision dealers; two in saddlery and hardware, and eighteen wholesale liquor dealers.

ITS MANUFACTURES.

Large and important as is the heavy and increasing trade of the city, its chief distinction, and the real foundation of its prosperity, is in its manufactures.

In another place is a tabular statement of the manufacturing establishments of the county, two hundred and fifteen in number, as reported in 1874; but this is short of the truth to-day, both in number and amount of products. The number in the city alone, to-day, is about one hundred and twenty-five, employing nearly four thousand hands, and turning out manufactured articles valued at more than \$6,500,000, or more than was accredited to the whole county in 1874.

The following is a list of the number and kind, and products, of the leading manufacturing establishments:

No.	KIND.	Value of Products.
4	Flouring Mills	\$802,000
9	Saw Mills	866,000
9	Foundries and Machine Shops	220,000
4	Agricultural Implements	216,000
9	Carriages, Wagons and Sleighs	186,506
1	Fanning Mill and Safes	34,000
8	Furniture and Chairs	1,100,000
2	Broom Factory	5,500
1	Pump Factory	15,000
5	Wooden Ware, Clothes Pins, etc.	92,000
4	Barrels, Tubs, Pails, etc.	184,934
5	Saddles, Harness and Trunks	74,500
2	Edge Tools	32,000
3	Copper, Sheet Iron and Tin Ware	29,000
4	Breweries	129,000
3	Wholesale Bakeries	190,000
3	Boot and Shoe Factories	59,500
6	Clothing Manufactories	335,000
2	Brick and Tile	92,000
2	Burial Cases	56,000
2	Soap and Candles	24,000
2	Coffee, Spice, Baking Powder, etc.	90,000
2	Blank Books	19,000
1	Spring Beds	33,000
2	Lime	14,000

NEW BUILDINGS.

During the year 1875, it is reported that two hundred and fifty-eight new residences and forty-six additions to dwellings were made, and that forty-eight brick stores, and twenty-three wooden ones were erected in the same time; and that the shops, barns, and warehouses, would swell the whole number of new buildings to four hundred and forty-two.

Of these buildings, many were fine and substantial. About seventy-five of them were of brick, and the total cost is figured up at \$1,018,940. One of these buildings, erected by Col. E. S. Pierce, on the corner of Pearl and Monroe Streets, at an expense of \$75,000, would be counted a creditable building in any city of the land.

WATER WORKS.

In the year 1873, the city commenced the construction of an efficient system of water works, which were completed during 1875, at an expense of \$341,000. These works were designed not only for the supply of an ample amount of pure water for domestic use, but for protection against fire. The powerful engine and pumps used were constructed in this city, by Butterworth & Lowe. It has been found that this engine, by working six hours out of the twenty-four, and with but twenty-five pounds of steam, is capable of supplying the daily wants of the city. A reservoir capable of holding six million gallons of water is located on the highest point within the city. The water in this basin, when full, will be one hundred and seventy-seven feet above the Grand River, and more than one hundred and fifty-four feet above the pumping machinery. The works are so arranged that the advantage of direct pressure from the pumps, or the effect of the head of water in the basin alone, may be used as desired. The pressure from the basin alone is sufficient to throw water on to the highest buildings in the lower part of the city through hose attached direct to hydrants. This system includes about nineteen miles of supply and distributing pipe varying from four inches to twenty inches in diameter.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Department of the city, as at present organized, is believed to be in a high state of efficiency. It embraces a force of sixty-five men, forty-five of whom are on part pay, while twenty are constantly employed. The apparatus consists of three Steam Fire Engines (Silsby make), two Champion Extinguishers (or Chemical Engines), six hose carts with seven thousand five hundred feet of hose, one hook and ladder truck, and one supply wagon. The department has also connecting with the engine-houses a fire alarm telegraph with twelve miles of wires leading to seventeen alarm boxes distributed over the city.

STREETS, STREET CARS, ETC.

The records of the Board of Public Works shows that there are over one hundred and twenty-nine miles of streets now opened in the city, of which over sixty miles have been graded, and about fifty-two miles of them graded and graveled or paved with wood or stone. There are also within the city about thirteen miles of sewers, mostly brick or vitrified pipe. The improvements within the year 1875, including the contracts previously made but completed in this year amounted to about \$90,000, and there are under contract for the year 1876 an amount of work that is estimated at \$122,000, to be expended on the streets alone.

There were at the close of the year 1875, thirteen miles of street railway in operation, furnishing easy access to almost all parts of the city for a nominal sum.

RAILROADS.

The first railroad to reach Grand Rapids was the Detroit and Milwaukee R.R., in July, 1853. The next was a section of the Grand Rapids and Ind. R.R., in 1867, and this soon furnished an outlet to the north and south as the first had done east and west. Trains arrived on the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids R.R., in 1869, and on the Grand River Valley R.R., in 1870. Since that date two others, the Chicago and Lake Shore, and the Grand Rapids and Newaygo Roads have been completed, and another line or two put under contract. Few cities of its size have a grander network of roads radiating from them, and few furnish their roads with more business in proportion to population than does this city.

NEWSPAPERS.

A very good index of the character for enterprise of any community is to be found in the number and character of the newspapers it supports. A newspaper of late days has come to be looked upon as a necessary adjunct of every village of any pretensions, or that seriously contemplates being of any consequence.

We find that so early as April, 1837, the Grand River Times was founded among a people, many of whom had not an acre of cleared land or scarcely a roof above them. George W. Pattison was the venturesome proprietor whom it is said brought his press from Grand Haven upon a sled drawn by dogs upon the frozen bosom of Grand River.

After several changes of proprietors and a few changes of name, we lose sight of the Times.

By 1855 it was thought the young city was able to sustain a daily paper, and A. E. Gordon founded the Daily Herald.

In the following year, Taylor & Barnes issued the Daily Enquirer. These two papers were soon merged, and known as the Enquirer and Herald, which was the forerunner of the present Daily Democrat, which appeared in 1862.

The Grand Rapids Eagle was founded in 1844, as a weekly, but became a daily in 1856, under the auspices of A. B. Turner, and is still published by A. B. Turner & Co., and is Republican in politics.

The Grand Rapids Times, daily and weekly, was founded in 1870. It is published by Tarbox & Smith, is Independent in politics, and has attained a large circulation in a short time.

Besides these three, each daily and weekly, and each apparently in a flourishing condition, there are several weekly papers, as follows:

De Standard, established in 1875, by Schram & VanStrien. (Democratic.) Michigan Staats Zeitung (German), founded in 1864.

Saturday Evening Post, David N. Foster, proprietor. Established in 1873. Vrijheids Banier (Holland, Republican). Established in 1868.

De Wachter (Holland,) Religious, semi-monthly. Organ of the True Dutch Reform Church. Founded in 1868.

HOTELS.

Grand Rapids surpasses any place of its size in the number and capacity of its hotels; there being no less than forty-four in the city, and many of them of a capacity to accommodate from one hundred to five hundred guests, and several of them kept in a style not easily surpassed. Among the more conspicuous are "Sweet's Hotel," the "Marton," the "Rathbun," the "Commercial," the "Eagle," etc., etc.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

There are in the city more than eight thousand children of school age, of whom about three-fourths attend school.

There are in the city thirteen school buildings, of which nine are of brick, and many of them tasteful as well as commodious and substantial structures, and are reputed to have cost from \$10,000 to \$80,000 each.

The Central High School is a famous landmark that will attract the eye when several miles away, standing as it does, on one of the highest points in the city. This school is in charge of Professor E. A. Strong, Principal, reputed to be one of the best teachers and most accomplished scholars in the state. In this school a course is pursued calculated to fit students for entering college.

Professor A. J. Daniels is the very popular superintendent of all the city schools, with his office in the Central School Building.

In the Central School Building is kept the museum of the Kent Scientific Institute, in which will be found a most instructive and extensive collection of specimens from almost all departments of nature.

Under the care of the Board of Education is an extensive Public Library of about eight thousand volumes, free to all citizens, and accessible every day, Sundays excepted.

CHURCHES.

There are in Grand Rapids no less than twenty-five churches, many of which are imposing edifices, costing in several instances from \$50,000 to \$90,000 each; and the total value of church property as given in the City Directory is set down at \$651,000, which does not include all, as there are a few for which no report has been rendered. The total membership is represented at 14,000, of which the Roman Catholics are the most numerous, the membership in three churches being set down at no less than 9,000, which of course includes the children of all Catholic parents, a rule that does not apply with other sects.

The following tabular statement will be of interest.

DENOMINATIONS.	No. OF CONGREGATIONS.	No. OF MEMBERS.	SALARY OF PASTORS.	TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES.	VALUE OF PROPERTY.	VALUE PER MEMBER.	EXPENSES PER MEMBER.
Baptist	1	350	\$2000	\$3500	\$65000	\$185 60	\$10 00
Roman Catholic	3	9000	2100	4400	200000	22 50	6 52
Christian Reform	1	200	500	1200	.....	.....	6 00
Congregational	2	635	3900	7000	90000	101 78	13 82
Episcopal	2	600	4700	7200	92000	174 54	18 91
Hebrew	1	25	1500	2200	.....	.....	88 00
Methodist Episcopal	3	765	4800	7900	126000	170 41	13 01
Presbyterian	2	275	3500	4500	41000	196 78	17 99
Lutheran	1	250	800	2000	16000	64 00	8 00
Reformed Churches	3	2150	4200	6498	97000	128 33	15 16
Spiritualists	1	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swedenborgians	1	40	.....	.....	12000	300 00	.....
Universalists	1	.....	.....	.....	21000	.....	.....

HISTORY OF GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP.

The Township of Kent, the original or territorial town, embraced all of the county south of the river, and appears to have been organized at the house of Joel Guild, April 4, 1834.

This appears to have been the legitimate forerunner of Grand Rapids Township, which retained the records, but merely changed the name. Grand Rapids Township is south and west of the geographical center of the county, and lies north and east of the city limits, to which some three and a half square miles of the town has been surrendered; the remainder of the corporation domain, about seven square miles, being originally a portion of Walker Township.

SETTLEMENT, ORGANIZATION, ETC.

The first settler within in what is now the Town of Grand Rapids, was Ezekiel Davis, who settled near Reed Lake, in 1834, followed almost immediately by Lewis, Ezra, and Porter Reed, David S. Leavitt and Robert McBarr, George Young, Simeon Stewart and James McCrath, appear to have arrived in 1836; I. W. Fisk, Matthew Taylor and Robert Thompson, settled in the town in 1837. Mr. Fisk erected a hotel near Reed Lake, known as the "Lake House." There were doubtless several other families, whose names we have not obtained.

The first and second town meetings of Kent Township were held at the house of Joel Guild, which was within what is now the City of Grand Rapids, on the site of the city national bank, and was within what was afterwards, Walker Township. The records of this primary and momentous town meeting are in the hands of the present town clerk of Grand Rapids, Mr. Henry H. Haven. The first entry reads as follows:

"ORGANIZATION OF THE TOWN OF KENT."

"At the first annual township meeting in the Township of Kent, held at the house of Joel Guild, agreeable to an act of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Michigan, Rix Robinson was chosen moderator, and Jonathan F. Chubb, clerk *pro tem.*, after which the following persons were elected to office, viz.:

Rix Robinson, Supervisor.
Eliphalet Turner, Town Clerk.
Joel Guild, Barney Burton, J. H. Gordon, Assessors.
Ira Jones, Collector.
Luther Lincoln, Poor Master.
Louis Campau, Barney Burton, Luther Lincoln, Commissioners of Highways.

Myron Roice, Ira Jones, Constables.
I. F. Chubb, Overseer of Highways.
Voted, that a fence five feet high (the distance between the rails for three feet high, six inches), shall be a lawful fence.

Voted, that Luther Lincoln, Jonathan F. Chubb, G. H. Gordon, and Barney Burton shall serve as fence viewers.
Voted, that this meeting be adjourned until the first Monday of April next, at the house now occupied by Joel Guild.

Town of Kent, April, 1834.

RIX ROBINSON, Moderator.
JONATHAN F. CHUBB, Clerk, *pro tem.*"

Of these first officers elect, Rix Robinson resided within the present limits of Ada. Gideon H. Gordon, Jonathan F. Chubb, Luther Lincoln, and Myron Roice (Roys), lived within the present limits of Wyoming. Barney Burton lived in Paris, and Louis Campau, Ira Jones, and Eliphalet Turner, within the limits of what is now the City of Grand Rapids.

Except the settlement at the mouth of Flat River, every settlement in the county was represented in that list of officers, and Grandville seems to have secured the lion's share.

Rev. L. Slater had been appointed a Justice of the Peace, and before him the officers elect took their oath of office, Mr. Turner being first, on the 7th of April, 1834.

A little further along we find that at a meeting, September 30, 1834, the board met and allowed accounts to the amount of \$19.25 to various officers—Jonathan F. Chubb, a Justice; E. H. Turner, Town Clerk.

Again, we find a meeting of the board, held March 31, 1835, reported the

Total amount received by Supervisor	\$66.50
Paid on orders	45.12
Balance on hand	21.38

At the town meeting held April, 1835, it appears that there was an election for county as well as town officers, and the following votes were cast:

Coroner—Lawrence Vanderwaker	18
Recorder of Deeds—Stephen Vicary	13
Treasurer—Theodore C. Sheldon	26
Register of Deeds—J. W. Willard	17

The following very interesting record also appears the first thing after the record of the oaths:

KENT, March 12, 1835.

This day Asa Fuller personally came before me at my office and applied for license to be granted him to be joined in wedlock with Susan Dwennel, both of this place, and being duly sworn as to his lawful right to be joined in wedlock to the above named Susan Dwennel, and finding no legal objections thereto, I therefore granted license for any proper person to join Asa Fuller and Susan Dwennel in wedlock.

Given under my hand the day and year above mentioned.

ELIPHALET H. TURNER, Town Clerk.

At a meeting held in 1835, to elect delegates to form a state constitution, the full vote seems to have been three-one.

It is reported that the whole number of votes cast at the first town meeting was but nine, but as there were thirteen positions to fill, besides fence viewers, which made seventeen, every man present was accommodated with an office; three of them two offices apiece, while Barney Burton and Luther Lincoln were decorated with three each.

By the next year the population of the county had greatly increased, forty-one votes, as will be noticed, being cast; and 1835-6 saw a vast change in the condition and immediate prospects in the infant community known as the Town of Kent. In 1836 a new town was set up, called Byron, with headquarters at Granville.

The name of this town was changed to Grand Rapids, in 1842. The principal officers for the current year are:

Supervisor—Henry McCormac.
Clerk—Henry H. Havens.
Treasurer—Mr. Barr.
Justices—Erastus W. Knapp, James H. Martin, James Ewing.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

Most of the township is rolling, and a considerable portion very hilly, and generally oak openings or heavy timber. A half a dozen or more small lakes dot its surface. The only one, however, of much consequence, is known as Reed's Lake, which is much the largest, being about three-fourths of a mile wide by about two miles in length. It is finely stocked with fish, and has been long a summer resort for pleasure seekers; a hotel and grounds, with boating facilities in season, are among the attractions, and a small steamer glides over its placid bosom. The lake is in a southeast direction, about three miles from the center of the city, and a splendid drive may be enjoyed to its shores. A street railway is in operation from the city to this miniature inland sea, and during the summer season the cars make regular trips. Grand River runs within half a mile or less of half of the east side of the town in its great bend to the northward, and after flowing across the town of Plainfield, barely cuts the northwest corner of the town, and then keeps within half a mile or less of the west line of the town for five miles.

There are no streams of any considerable size in the township.
The soil of this township is not so good as some others, though some of it is first class. A portion of it is heavy clay, but much of it a sandy loam, very valuable for either cereals or fruit raising.

GROWTH AND PRESENT CONDITION.

The Township of Grand Rapids being contiguous to the city, must of course enjoy some advantages, such as convenience to market, etc., not enjoyed by all parts of the county. It has also lost several good square miles of its domain.

In 1845, the tax-roll, the township being then intact, was only but \$127,520. This has since increased, and is reported for taxation at \$890,599, and the population, which was but four hundred and sixty-one in 1850, was 1,650 in 1870.

In the matter of live stock, it had: horses, 384; oxen, 30; milch cows, 575; other cattle, 258; hogs, 437; sheep, 1,519.

Its produce for the year 1873 was: wheat, 14,916 bushels; corn, 15,144 bushels; other grain, 16,259 bushels; potatoes, 15,868 bushels; hay, 2,422 tons; wool, 5,038 pounds; butter, 33,720 pounds; fruits and garden produce, \$4,549 worth.

HISTORY OF GRATTAN TOWNSHIP.

Grattan Township is one of the eastern tier of towns, and its center is about twenty miles northeast of Grand Rapids, and nearly the same distance northwest of Ionia, and is on the state road from Grand Rapids to Ionia. The town has Oakfield Township on the north, Ionia Township to the east, Vergennes Township on the south, and Cannon on the west.

SETTLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION.

This town was largely settled with natives of Ireland, and when set off from Vergennes in 1846, it was the intention to have named it Churchtown, but by a mistake of the Legislature, this name was given at first to Cannon, and Grattan was bestowed upon this, in honor of the distinguished orator, whose countrymen were so largely interested in the development of this spot in the wilderness.

Dennis and John McCarthy are said to have been the first white men to take up their abode in the town, during the year 1843, Richard Giles also came in the same year. The immigrants for 1844 were, Luther B. Cook, Converse Close, Wm. Smith, Henry Green, Jared Watkins, Anthony and Alanson King, Volney W. Caukin, Wm. McCarthy, and Michael Kennedy.

In 1845, came John P. Weeks, Orson Nicholson, Wm. Byrnes and Anson Green. In 1846, came Russel Slayton and Dudley Newton. Among others who arrived prior to the organization of the town, were Milton C. Watkins, Erastus W. Beason, Thomas J. Morgan, Joshua Fisk, Wm. C. Stanton, S. H. Steel, Wm. Beaurnan, Jedediah H. Wood, and Barlow Barto.

The first town meeting was held in April, 1846, at the residence of Converse Close, when twenty-three votes were cast, and the following, among other officers, were chosen for the first year.

Supervisor—Milton C. Watkin.
Clerk—Volney W. Caukin.
Treasurer—Erastus W. Beason.
Justices—Samuel H. Steel, John P. Weeks, Wm. Byrne, Luther B. Cook.
As early as 1848, the Catholics had built them a small church near the southwest corner of the town, which gave place to a larger one in 1858, was replaced by another, and this being destroyed by fire in 1868, was at once rebuilt, and is now one of the finest country churches in the state.

Among the present town officers are:
Supervisor—John Nixon.
Clerk—Nathaniel Smith.
Treasurer—Silas Ward.
Justices—Sewall Abby, John W. B. Smith, Dennis McCarthy, Jas. Bush.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

Grattan in the number and size of its small lakes is not surpassed by any town in the county, unless it is Oakfield. There are at least twenty-five of these, varying in size from thirty acres to three hundred acres each. Some eight or ten of these find a natural outlet through Seley's Creek, the only stream of note in the town, and which empties into Flat River in Ionia County.

The town presents considerable inequality of surface, and great variety of soil. It has some pine lands, more oak openings; while a considerable portion is heavily timbered. Tamarack marshes are numerous, but agriculturally it ranks high among the townships of the county.

GROWTH AND PRESENT STATUS.

In 1850 Grattan had about 600 inhabitants, and in 1855 it was valued at about \$187,000. In 1870 we find it with a population numbering 1,297, and appraised for the purposes of taxation at \$533,148 in 1875.

Grattan Center is the principal business center of the town. It is a place of about twenty-five families, one church, one hotel, a grist mill, saw mill and machine shop, one drug, and two dry goods, and a grocery store, two wagon-makers and two smith shops.

The mill and machine shop is situated on Seley's Creek, the outlet of numerous lakes, and has an unending and constant supply of water, these lakes acting as reservoirs for storing power for dry times.

In 1845 the tax roll of Vergennes (then including Grattan,) was but \$168,775.

The first marriage in the town occurred in 1844, an Ionia County Justice standing just over the line and officiating, while the happy couple were just within the bounds of Kent County. The first white child was Marshal King, son of Alanson King, born December, 1844, and the first death was that of a little son of Isaac Springer, in the Autumn of 1846.

Agriculturally Grattan makes a fair showing. Its wheat crop in 1873 was 39,705 bushels, corn not stated, other grain 33,015 bushels, potatoes 17,527 bushels, hay 2,368 tons, wool 26,569 pounds, cheese 1,725 pounds, and butter 59,735 pounds.

In live stock it showed in 1874, 537 horses, 32 oxen, 531 milch cows, 541 other cattle, 714 hogs, and 5,383 head of sheep. These are larger figures in proportion to population, than in most towns of Kent County.

HISTORY OF LOWELL TOWNSHIP.

Lowell Township is one of the eastern tier of towns, and second from the south end of the county. Its principal business point is nearly twenty miles a little south of east from the City of Grand Rapids. North of Lowell lies Vergennes Township, on the east it is bounded by Ionia County, south by Bowne, and west by Cascade Township, Kent County.

SETTLEMENT, ORGANIZATION, ETC.

Lowell may be regarded as the third point in the county where the white man made a lodgment—Daniel Marsac of Detroit, having come among the Indians near the present site of the Village of Lowell, in 1829, although it is reported that he did not build a house, or get a regular trading post established till two years later. At this time Rix Robinson was at the mouth of the Thorn Apple, nearly ten miles lower down, and Lewis Campau and a few others at the Rapids.

In those days "Indian trails" were the only roads, and "dug-outs" or rafts, the only means of transportation.

The next person we learn of as settling in Lowell was Lewis Robinson, in 1836, followed in the same year by Rodney Robinson, a brother, who had been living at Blendon, Ottawa County, for a year. About the same time came Philander Tracey and Luther Lincoln, who had previously located at Grand Rapids.

In 1837, Wm. VanDusen, Samuel P. Rolf, Mathew Patrick, Ira A. Danes, and Charles Newton settled on the north side of the river.

It is reported that a school was organized here as early as 1838 taught by Miss Caroline Beard.

On the north side of Grand River and along the valley of Flat River, seems to have been the principal focus for the immigrants, and a sufficient number were in to organize a township in 1838, and although a majority of those participating lived within the limits of the present Town of Lowell, the town was called Vergennes, and included both Lowell and Bowne, or towns 5, 6, and 7.

Among those elected to office in 1838 were quite a number residing in the vicinity of the village site of Lowell. They were:

Supervisor—Rodney Robinson.

Clerk—M. Patrick.

Assessors—Lewis Robinson, T. I. Daniels, and John M. Fox.

Collector—Porter Ralph.

P. W. Fox, A. D. Smith, O. H. Jones, Jas. S. Fox, and Everet Wilson were also elected to office.

It was not until the Spring of 1848, or ten years after the first town meeting, that Lowell was separated from Vergennes and organized by itself—the Village of Lowell, then known as Dansville, having been platted the year before. The officers elected were:

Supervisor—Cyprian S. Hooker.
Clerk—Timothy White.
Treasurer—Henry Church.
Justices—C. S. Hooker, Daniel McEwen, S. P. Rolf, Ira A. Danes.
The town officers for 1875-6 were:
Supervisor—R. Hunter, Jr.
Clerk—J. W. Weeks.
Treasurer—M. C. Walker.
Justices—R. Hunter, Jr., M. M. Perry, C. H. Leslie, D. H. Denise.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

Grand River flows across the north side of the town at about an average distance of one mile from the north line, and Flat River, coming out of Vergennes about one and one-half miles from the east line of the town, unites with Grand River in the Village of Lowell, furnishing a vast motive power, which has been largely utilized. A number of small lakes, of which Pratt Lake is the largest, are to be found in the south part of the town, which is generally high table land and mostly clothed with heavy timber.

Near the river, on both sides, are ravines through which small streams find their way from the high lands to the river, and on the other side there appears a series of bluffs, from one hundred to two hundred feet in height. These bluffs or hills, are clothed for the most part with oak, and the soil is frequently quite sandy or gravelly, but taken as a whole, Lowell compares favorably in point of fertility and annual production with other towns in the county.

VILLAGE OF LOWELL.

Daniel Marsac platted the Village of Lowell in 1846 under the name of Dansville, which name it continued to wear for about ten years. It was platted on what was known as the "University Grant," being a tract selected by the state under a grant by Congress for the founding of the Michigan University, and the title of the state was not extinguished until 1850 or after, when Edwin Avery, of Ionia, purchased it of the state.

Mr. Cyprian Hooker erected the first frame house here, about 1846, which is said to have been the first of the sort in the township, and in the following year he erected a grist mill in the village, which now began to assume some importance. A post office was established here in 1848. Additions now began to be made to the village, but it was not until the year 1861 that it became an incorporated village, indeed the whole town appears to have had but 214 inhabitants in 1850.

The first village officers were:
President—Cyprian Hooker.
Recorder—Charles A. Blake.
Treasurer—Simeon Hunt.
Marshal—J. Chapman.
Assessor—Cyrus Hunt.

Trustees—Wm. W. Hatch, J. B. Shear, Arvine Peck.
At the time of the incorporation of the village, the town contained a population of about 1,100, which in 1870 had increased to 1,503, and to-day is estimated at more than 2,200. The village officers for the current year have been:

President—C. G. Stone.
Recorder—J. H. Weeks.
Marshal—Robert Marshall.
Assessor—R. Hunter, Jr.
Treasurer—C. M. Devendorf.

Trustees—C. H. Crow, M. M. Perry, Wm. Pullen.
Lowell as a place of trade and for its manufactories has become the most important village in the county, and is doing a really heavy business for a place of its size.

There are two extensive grist mills, a woolen mill (not now in operation), two extensive planing mills, and a sash, door and blind factory, a manufactory of agricultural implements, a carriage and wagon factory, saw mill, etc.

The trade of the place is represented by five dry goods houses, some of them also selling clothing and boot and shoes; one clothing establishment; four millinery and notion stores; two boot and shoe stores; five grocery stores; three drug stores; three hardware; three meat markets; one furniture store (large); one cooper shop (large); two livery stables; a national bank, and one printing office, that of the Lowell Journal, now in its eleventh volume, and in a flourishing condition.

The village contains five churches, a high school, and four ward schools. The Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad is on the south side of Grand River, a half a mile or more from the center of Lowell, and around the depot has grown up quite a village, with factory, hotel, and stores. This is sometimes known as Segman, though regarded as a part of the Village of Lowell.

We have seen that in 1850 the population of Lowell Township was little more than two hundred; to-day it is estimated at about three thousand eight hundred, village included.

In 1845, the entire wealth of the region, now comprising three townships, was but \$68,755; to-day that of Lowell alone is ————

The wheat crop of Lowell Township, in 1873, was 31,573 bushels; corn, not stated; other grain, 18,237 bushels; potatoes, 9,776 bushels; hay, 1,759 tons; wool, 9,158 pounds; butter, 47,065 pounds; maple sugar, 22,092 pounds; orchard and garden products, \$5,262 worth.

Of live stock it has: horses, 337; oxen, 72 head; cows, 432; other cattle, 432; hogs, 526; sheep, 2,156.

HISTORY OF NELSON TOWNSHIP.

Nelson is comparatively a new town, and one of the northern tier of towns in Kent County. It is bounded north by Montcalm County, has Spencer Township on the east, Courtland on the south, and the Town of Solon on the west. The center of the township is about twenty-five miles in a straight line from the county seat. The number of the congressional townships which the civil township embraces is two, north and west.

SETTLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION.

The first white settler in this township appears to have been William H. Bailey, who made his home there in 1851. John S. Jones also located in 1851. These were soon followed by John M. and Josiah Towns, Charles H. Leake, George Hoyle, George N. Stoddard, D. B. Andrew, and George Stout, H. M. Stanton, Riley Smith, Samuel Patches, N. R. Hill, John N. and Andrew S. Tindall, John and Elisha Dean, H. D. Streeter, James and Bradford Baily, Joseph Wood and Thomas Almy, Simpson Anderson, Cyrus Stilwell, Harlow H. Stanton, Moses E. Ross, J. R. Smith, Church Bailey, Peter D. Buck, and Amos Bessey.

The interesting ceremony of organizing this township took place in

October, 1854, and the first election occurred in April following, at the house of Charles H. Leake, with the following result:

Supervisor—George Hoyle.
Clerk—George N. Stoddard.
Treasurer—Charles H. Leake.
Justices of Peace—Samuel Panches, Sampson Anderson, Cyrus Stilwell, and Harlow H. Stanton.

We are unable to determine the population of the township at this time; but five years later it amounted to about one hundred families.

The principal town officers for the year 1875-6 are:
Supervisor—Mindrus H. Whitney.
Clerk—A. V. Sliter.
Treasurer—David B. Stout.
Justices of the Peace—Nicholas R. Hill, Jason Squires, M. H. Whitney, and Edward Grosvenor.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC., ETC.

Perhaps fully one-half of the area of this township was pine lands originally, with beech, maple, oak, and other hard woods, clothing the remainder, or interspersed with pine. A few cedar and tamarack swamps will be found in the town, especially in the northeastern portion. The soil, though generally sandy, is of a far superior quality to most pine lands, and is in fact deemed excellent for general farming and fruit raising. It is gently undulating, or inclining to flat. Several small lakes, as Pine, and a portion of Sand Lake, lie within its boundaries. The northeast corner of the township is watered by Black Creek, flowing to the southeast; the northwest portion of Duke Creek and its tributaries flowing to the southwest, and the southwest corner by Cedar Creek. No streams of much size are found in the township. The land is among the highest in the county, and in general characteristics much resembles Solon Township on the west.

About one-third of the village of Cedar Springs, spoken of in connection with Solon Township, lies within this township, and at this point the town meetings are held. The Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad runs through the western portion of the township for four miles, with Sand Lake and Lockwood Stations within its limits.

GROWTH AND PRESENT CONDITION.

Although a new township, which was without an inhabitant in 1850, and but four hundred and sixty in 1860, it showed one thousand one hundred and two in 1870; and 152 horses and mules, in 1874; 96 work oxen; 184 cows; 184 other cattle; 167 hogs; 513 head of sheep, and \$3,050 worth of orchard and garden products; 5,889 bushels of wheat; 7,090 of corn, 7,374 bushels of other grain, and 1,565 tons of hay.

In 1855 the aggregate value of the real and personal property amounted to \$27,791. In 1875 the personal is \$26,675, and the real estate at \$359,358, or \$386,033 in all.

HISTORY OF OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP.

Oakfield is one of the northeastern townships of Kent County, being the second from the north end of the county, having Spencer Township on the north, Montcalm County to the east, Grattan Township on the south, and Courtland Township on the west. The center of the township is about twenty-five miles from Grand Rapids.

SETTLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION.

The first white man located within this town, in the year 1838, when Hon. William R. Davis established his home in section nineteen. About one year later, William Thornton, afterward sheriff of the county, and Stephen S. and Isaac Tower, moved into the town. For about three years no further additions were made to the pioneers, when Thomas Crinnion and David J. Gilbert appeared upon the scene of action. Sheldon Ashley came in 1844, followed in 1845 by Erie, Harry, and Giles McArthur, three brothers. Morris Hart, Nathaniel W. Mock, John Davis, Levi White, James Elstley, William Peterson, and Benjamin Potter, all came in prior to the organization in the Spring of 1849.

At an early day Oakfield was associated with five other towns, situated to the west and north of it, and later was organized with Courtland as Wabasis Township, but in the Spring of 1849 it became an independent subdivision under its present name.

The first officers were:
Supervisor—Thomas Spencer.
Town Clerk—Harry McArthur.
Treasurer—Harry Osgood.
Justices—Thomas Spencer, Harry D. Pond, David J. Gilbert, William M. Gould.

The first birth in the town was William H. Davis, son of Hon. William M. Davis, April, 1840, and the first marriage was Miss Hannah Tower to Zenas G. Windsor, which took place in August, 1840.

Isaac Tower erected the first frame barn in the town, in 1840, and William Thornton the first frame house, in 1841.

Among the present town officers are:
Supervisor—Harry McArthur.
Clerk—Edward Jones.
Treasurer—William Brown.
Justices—Henry Lilly, Ruffin Caukin, Lewis Tower.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

There are some pine lands in the northwest corner, a strip on the south side of the town, and scattering pine in several places, but the body of the town is what is termed oak openings, with very little sugar and beech, or heavily timbered lands in its borders. Not less than twenty-five lakes will be found on the maps, some of them small, it is true, while Wabasis, Scrum, and Horse Shoe Lakes are among the largest in the county, and with the exception, perhaps, of Grattan, it presents the largest lake surface of any town in the county. Tamarack swamps are also numerous. The soil bears the usual characteristics of oak opening, and is generally light, though considerable bodies of it are counted of excellent qualities, and fine crops of wheat and other cereals are produced. The surface of the town is generally rolling, and a remarkable bed or two of marl have been worked to advantage. There are no prominent business centers. Near the center of the town is a small place called Podunk, with two stores, two smith shops, a grist mill, on Wabasis Creek, the outlet to the largest lake in the town. The Grand Rapids and Greenville Railroad, graded several years since, but still incomplete, is to pass through the center of the town. There are three post-offices in its limits.

GROWTH AND PRESENT CONDITION.

Although a few persons made this their home at an early day, settlement can hardly be regarded as having commenced in earnest until 1845 or 1846; since which time it has made good progress, and in point of population and products it compares favorably with many older towns. In 1870 the population numbered one thousand and ninety-two, and the personal and real estate is estimated at about \$840,000.

It produced in 1873: 25,384 bushels of wheat; 29,651 bushels of corn;

26,798 bushels of other grain; and 7,850 bushels of potatoes; 1,360 tons of hay; 15,730 pounds of wool, and 1,400 pounds of cheese.
It had in 1874: 421 head of horses and mules; 73 work oxen; 365 cows; 365 other cattle; 548 hogs, and 3,396 head of sheep.

HISTORY OF PARIS TOWNSHIP.

The Township of Paris is situated immediately south of Grand Rapids Township, and for one mile at the northwest corner it is bounded by the city limits. It has Cascade Township on the east, Gaines on the south, and Wyoming Township on the west. The center of the town is but about five miles, therefore, from the center of the city.

SETTLEMENT—ORGANIZATION.

Some of the earliest settlers of Kent County located in Paris Township. It is claimed that Joel, Edward, and Daniel Guild, Barney Burton, and James Vanderpool, first located within this town, in 1833. Benjamin Clark and Abram Laraway settled in the town in 1835. Jacob Miner and James Patterson settled in the northeast part of the town in 1836, and Orleans Spaulding and Philanzo Bowen came in the same year. Nicholas Carlton came in the year 1838; Hiram H. Allen, Robert Barr, Stephen Hinsel, Hezekiah B. Smith, John Kirkland, James Ballard, Joseph R. Palmer, Palmer Allen, Joseph J. Baxter, De Witt Clinton and Robert Shoemaker, Alvin H. Wansey, and Jared Wansey, all seemed to have come to the township prior to the Spring of 1839.

Barney Burton erected the first log house and barn in the town, and afterwards the first frame house.

The first town meeting for the organization of the Town of Paris, was held at the house of H. H. Allen.

The following were elected as the first town officers:
Supervisor—Joel Guild.
Clerk—Hiram H. Allen.
Treasurer—Robert Barr.
Justices—H. H. Allen, Hezekiah B. Smith, Barney Burton, Alexander Clark.

Com. of Highways—Joseph Blain, Jacob Patterson, John Kirkland.
Among the officers serving for 1875-6 were:

Supervisor—Samuel Langdon.
Clerk—Evan Hendershot.
Treasurer—Everet H. Hurd.
Justices—Wright C. Allen, Seley S. Buck, Samuel Langdon, A. C. Barclay.

As late as 1838 there was but one road through the township, and that the Kalamazoo Road. When the whites began to come in, there was no regular settlement of Indians, but about 1840, a colony of them was formed not far from the present site of Bowen's Station. This band, a few years later, sold their lands and disappeared.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

The surface of Paris varies from level or gently undulating to very rolling, and its timber varies from well timbered pine lands and oak openings, to very heavily timbered lands, in which beech, maple, bass-wood, ash, elm, etc., abound. There are heavy clay soils in various parts of the town, but more especially in the central and southeastern parts; while light and sandy soil prevails more largely in the west and northerly parts of the township. The town is without lakes, but several large marshes are found within its area, and as near every variety of soil as will be often met with.

Plaster Creek, which rises in Gaines Township, enters this town in its southeastern part, and flowing in a northerly direction for three and one-half miles, then takes a nearly west course until it leaves the township. Four or five small tributaries of this stream rise in the eastern and northern portions of the town, furnishing ample drainage, while the southern or southwestern side of the stream seems almost devoid of tributaries. In former days, Plaster Creek was made to do duty as a mill stream within the township, but seems to have been abandoned.

A plank road was completed on the west line of this town, leading from Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo, in 1854. This for about fifteen years, was regarded as a very important thoroughfare, but with the multiplication of railroads, it became of less importance, and to-day only a few rotten and worn out planks and disused toll-houses tell of its greatness.

Paris Township is too close to the head of the market to maintain much of a business center of its own, and so Bowen Station and Kelloggville, as villages, are not destined to amount to much.

GROWTH AND PRESENT STANDING.

In six years after the organization of the town (then including Gaines) it had a tax roll amounting to \$54,357, and in 1850 a population of 521. In 1870 its population numbered 1,543, and its personal and real estate was estimated (at about one-third of its real worth), at \$462,040.

Its comparative value as an agricultural town is high, showing a large average product of all the principal items. In 1873 it produced 20,803 bushels of wheat, 32,283 bushels of corn, 29,026 bushels of other grain, 23,754 bushels of potatoes, 2,651 tons of hay, 10,358 pounds of wool, 400 pounds of cheese, 22,092 pounds of maple sugar, and \$3,992 worth of orchard and garden products.

Its live stock consisted of 560 horses and mules, 42 work oxen, 553 cows, 553 head of other cattle, 584 hogs, and 1,995 head of sheep.
Many excellent and finely kept farms are found in the town.

HISTORY OF PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP.

Plainfield is one of the four central towns; its southeast corner being the geographical center of the county. It is immediately north of Grand Rapids, east of Alpine, west of Cannon, and south of Algoma Township. It was early settled and early organized. The center of the town is nearly ten miles east of north from the county seat.

SETTLEMENT, ORGANIZATION, ETC.

Mr. George Miller and family are reputed to be the very first settlers within the present limits of the township, arriving in the year 1837. Others came during the same year, and among them James Clark, Thomas Friant, Warner Dexter, all settling in the vicinity of the Village of Plainfield. In the following year Cornelius Friant, Zera Whitney, and Gideon H. Gordon, settled in the same neighborhood, and Daniel North in the southwest part of the town.

Among the other settlers coming in during the years 1837-8, were Zenas G. Winsor, Ethiel Whitney, A. D. W. Stout, Andrew Watson, Henry Godwin, Dumas Francisco, Jacob Francisco, Samuel Baker, and a few others.

The first birth and death occurred in the family of Mr. George Miller in 1838, when twins were born and shortly died.

It appears that a rude school house was built near the present site of Plainfield as early as 1837 or '38, and that the first town meeting, occurring in April, 1838, was held at said house.

The first officers elect were:
Supervisor—Zenas G. Winsor.
Clerk—Edwin A. Morris.
Treasurer—James Crawford.

Justices—Daniel North, Samuel Baker, Z. G. Winsor, George Miller.
Highway Commissioners—A. D. W. Stout, Warner Dexter.
School Inspectors—Z. G. Winsor, Ethiel Whitney, Cornelius Friant.
The principal town officers for the current year are:
Supervisor—Hallis Conkle.
Clerk—Elijah Filkins.
Treasurer—Henry Plumb.
Justices—Nicholas R. Johnson, Norman Richardson, George Curtis, Mr. Wise.

VILLAGES.

There are no villages of much size in the township. Plainfield, the largest, is situated on the Grand Rapids and Ionia State Road where it crosses the river at its most northerly bend, and contains about twenty-five families. There is an Episcopal church, a hotel, two small stores, a smith shop, etc. The post office is named Austerlitz.

At Belmont Station, near the center of the township, and on the Grand Rapids and Indiana R.R., there is a post-office, a fine hotel, one store, a smith shop, and twelve or fifteen families.

A small portion of the Village of Rockford is also within this township. There is a flouring and saw mill in the southwest corner of the town, on Mill Creek, and several mills upon Rouge River within the town.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

It is said that this township took its name from a number of small prairies or level plains within its borders. These were annually swept by fire started by the Indians, in an early day. Notwithstanding the name, and some very beautiful natural meadows, there is scarcely a more broken or excessively hilly portion of the county, than is to be found in the southeast corner of the town, as well as on the north side of Grand River, and on both sides of the Rouge.

The timber varies from oak openings to very heavy, with here and there a good pine forest, especially in the northwest part, and the soil from the light sandy to stiffest clays, most of it, even where sandy, being of that loamy character indicating great fertility. There are several small lakes also in the northwest part of the town, the largest, Island or "Pine Island," in Section 7.

Grand River, sweeping to the northwest, enters the town near its southeast corner, and from Plainfield Village, where there is a substantial bridge, it runs nearly west for almost three miles, then bending to the southwest leaves the town nearly at its southwest corner; and leaves nearly one-third of the town on its south side.

Rouge River entering the town near its northeast corner, flows in a south-westerly direction till it unites with the Grand River about half a mile below Plainfield Village.

Numerous small tributaries find their way from the high lands by rapid descent, into both of these streams, adding much to the inequality of surface and picturesqueness of scenery.

GROWTH, PRESENT STATUS, ETC.

Plainfield has demonstrated its adaptability for general farming purposes, as well as fruit raising.

The products reported in 1874 were wheat 25,050 bushels, corn 32,872 bushels, other grains 23,693 bushels, wool 6,628 pounds, orchard products valued at \$8,056.

Its live stock for 1874 was 441 horses and mules, oxen 54, cows 562, other cattle 474, hogs 499, sheep 2,156.

In 1845 the real and personal property was valued at \$40,437, which had become over \$260,000 in 1875, and its population had increased to about 1,500 in 1870.

HISTORY OF SOLON TOWNSHIP.

Solon is one of the newer subdivisions of Kent County. It is in the northern tier of towns, and in the second tier from the west. It is numbered 10 North of Range 11 West. On the north lies Newaygo County, Nelson Township is on the east, Algoma south, and Tyrone Township on the west. By the nearest traveled route the center of the township is more than twenty miles from the county seat.

SETTLEMENT, ORGANIZATION, ETC.

Tradition divides the distinction of making the first settlement within the limits of this town, between Mr. Beals and Mr. J. M. Rounds, who located within its limits during 1854. About the same time three brothers, John, Martin, and Robbins Hicks, from Ohio and Indiana, settled within its limits. J. D. Watkins located in 1855. Near the same time, Edward Jewell, John E. Roys, Andrew Fluent, Munson Robinson, Obadiah Smith, Ansel Rogers, and many others came in.

In the year 1857 the township was detached from Algoma, and organized as an independent township. The first officers were:

Supervisor—Edward Jewell.
Clerk—John E. Roys.
Treasurer—John D. Watkins.
Justices—Andrew Fluent, Munson Robinson, Obadiah Smith.
For several years the town meetings and elections were held near the center of the town, at school house number 2, until the year 1865, when the township head-quarters were removed to the Village of Cedar Springs.

The township officers for 1875-6 are:
Supervisor—Edward Price.
Clerk—D. C. Lyle.
Treasurer—E. J. Roys.
Superintendent of Schools—J. C. Chapman.
Justices—J. C. Chapman, Edward Price, N. F. Slawson, C. S. Ford.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

Solon is mainly high table lands, somewhat flat in portions, especially in the east and southeastern parts of the township, but more undulating or rolling in the central and western portions.

About two-thirds of its area was originally a pine forest, much of it as valuable pine as was to be found in the county. In many portions, however, where pine is the prevailing timber, beech, maple and oak are interspersed, and a quality of soil is found far above the average of pine lands in value for all agricultural purposes; in short, it is found in many cases to be the best quality of wheat land, yielding thirty and even forty bushels per acre in some instances. The township is well watered by Duke Creek and its branches, together with Cedar Creek and other small tributaries of Rouge River. On one or more of these streams, small though they seem, are valuable mill sites that have been partially improved.

A half a dozen small lakes, varying in size from ten to one hundred or more acres, are to be found in the township. Among these is one sometimes known as Lapham Lake and Long Lake, which is in the southwest corner of the town.

Formerly the principal interest of the township was lumbering, and numerous portable and stationary steam mills for nearly twenty years have been slaughtering the virgin forests, but these are already being exhausted,

and fewer mills are in active operation than half a dozen years since. There are still about a dozen lumber and shingle and stave manufacturing establishments in the township, principally in and about the Village of Cedar Springs. By the last census these are shown to give employment to one hundred and sixty hands, and to turn out over \$200,000 worth of products.

VILLAGE OF CEDAR SPRINGS.

The second village of the county, is located on the line of Solon and Nelson Townships, and about one mile from the south line of these townships. This remarkable village was first platted in 1859, but remained a small and rather unimportant place until about the time of the completion of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad, when it made wonderful progress. It was incorporated by the Legislature in 1871, and to-day contains about one thousand five hundred inhabitants. The Methodists, Baptists, and Congregationalists have each good church edifices, and the Roman Catholics are preparing for the erection of one for their use. The village contains five hotels, one bank, a valuable graded school, building costing near \$20,000, about a dozen dry goods and general stores, groceries, boot and shoe stores, two livery stables, etc., etc.

The village also sustains a live local paper, the Cedar Springs *Clipper*, now in its seventh volume; L. M. Sellers, editor and proprietor.

The village officers for 1875-6 are:

President—H. C. Russell.
Recorder—H. S. Gardner.
Treasurer—E. Hinsman.
Assessor—H. W. Slawson.
Marshal—J. Bullock.
Trustees—E. J. Roys, G. B. Congdon, J. D. Clark, W. Barkley, L. W. Torrey, W. F. Andrus.

GROWTH AND PRESENT CONDITION.

Twenty years ago Solon, as a subdivision of the county, was without an existence, and in 1860 its population numbered but three hundred and ninety-three; while in 1870 it was nine hundred and sixteen, and in 1876 it numbers about two thousand.

In 1865 the real and personal estate of the township amounted to \$61,287, while to-day it amounts to \$488,827; and the taxes levied in 1875 for state, county, township, and school purposes, amounted to more than \$8,800.

The grain produced, according to the last census returns, was: wheat, 2,267 bushels; corn, 4,405 bushels; other grain, 5,085 bushels. There was also 3,731 bushels of potatoes, and 1,046 tons of hay, but it will be remembered that the farming interest is just in its infancy.

HISTORY OF SPARTA TOWNSHIP.

Sparta is one of the western tier of townships of Kent County, and the second in the tier from the north end of the county, Tyrone being on the north of it, Algoma on the east, Alpine on the south, and Ottawa County bounds it on the west. The center of the town is about fifteen miles from the county seat. It is numbered twelve west and nine north.

SETTLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION.

The first man to enter this town with a view of making it his home, appears to have been Mr. Clark Brown, who located his land in September, 1844, although he did not build his house or bring his family until the Spring following; and when he returned to his claim he found that Lewis W. Purdy, Lyman Smith, Joseph English, and Norman and Edwin Cummins (the two last were young men), had already settled in the township, and were to be near neighbors. Mr. Cummins, the father of Norman and Edwin, came in the Spring of 1845, as did John Symes, Elihu Rice, Anthony Chapman, and Wm. Rogers. During that year, and early the next, several others moved in, and among them were John M. Balcom, now hotel keeper at Sparta Center, and his brother, M. H. Balcom, and Charles Hatch. Mr. Purdy and Lyman Smith did not remain many years in the county. The former started for California, and lost his family on the way, when he returned, and now lives in Detroit, while Mr. Smith lives at Traverse Bay. Mrs. Purdy was the first white woman in the town, while William Rogers, son of William and Margaret Rogers, born in 1845, was the first white child born in the town. During the Rebellion he lost his life in the army.

Mr. Hatch, the father of Charles Hatch, died in April, 1847, which was the first death occurring in the little community.

During the year 1846, the settlers in the town were more than doubled in number. Among the settlers of that year were J. E. Nash, Edward Wylie, Myron Bird, William Blackall, John Gillam, David Martindale, Mr. Calet, Amidan and Hiram Myers. Among others who came to the township within the next two years, may be named Z. M. and C. C. Hinman, R. D. Hastings, G. B. Stebbins, Phillip Slat, and many others.

The first town meeting was held at the house of Clark Brown, Esq., in the Spring of 1846, and every voter in the township, twelve in all, were present. The election was in part as follows:

Supervisor—Lewis W. Purdy.
Clerk—John M. Balcom.
Treasurer—M. H. Balcom.
Charles Hatch was elected a Justice of the Peace. Other officers not learned.

The next meeting was held at the house of David Martindale, nearer the center of the town, Mr. Clark's residence being on the south line of the town. At this time the town included Tyrone, which was not detached until 1855.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

Sparta is one of the best agricultural townships in the county, about five-sixths of its surface being heavily timbered land, and the remainder along the east side, and especially in the northeast corner, being pine lands. The leading kinds of timber are maple, beech, bass-wood, ash, elm, white, black, yellow or red oak. There are several swamps, where black ash, white cedar or tamarack, or all together, are to be found in swamps in the north or northwest part of the town, but generally the surface away from the river is high rolling lands, with very little waste.

Rouge River, running mostly through the eastern tier of sections, is the principal stream. Nash Creek, running across the town from the southwest, falling into Rouge River about one mile east of Sparta Center, was formerly improved as a mill stream, but the opening up of the country has greatly diminished its volume.

There are no lakes demanding notice in the town.

VILLAGES.

Sparta Center is a village of about five hundred inhabitants, and although begun at an early day, and known as Nashville, after Mr. J. E. Nash, the first settler, it did not make much progress until the location of the Grand Rapids and Newaygo Railroad gave it a grand impulse. It is now a thriving place, with three general stores, one boot and shoe and one hardware

store, two smith shops, one wagon, and one harness shop, a good graded school building, two churches, one grist, and one saw mill.

Lisbon, situated on the west line of the township, about one-half of it being in the County of Ottawa, is also a thriving village, with a most beautiful location, and was first settled in 1846 by John Pintler, of New York. A post-office was established here two years later, with Mr. Pintler as postmaster, and the place was known as Pintler's Corners until 1859. It contains a hotel, several stores, blacksmith and wagon shop, a grist and saw mill, and three churches, graded school, etc., etc. The village was incorporated during the year 1869.

GROWTH AND PRESENT STATUS.

Sparta is a prosperous township. In 1850 it contained about three hundred inhabitants, which in 1874 had been swelled to one thousand five hundred and eighty seven.

Its principal products for 1873 were: wheat, 28,383 bushels; corn, 22,796 bushels; other grain, 41,899 bushels; potatoes, 12,316 bushels; hay, 2,787 tons; wool, 10,359 pounds; maple sugar, 50,407 pounds.

It had 472 horses; 130 head of oxen; 617 cows, and 758 other cattle; 459 hogs, and 2,563 sheep; and its orchard and garden products were valued at \$6,454, while the products of its manufacturing establishments in 1870 were rated at \$40,500.

HISTORY OF SPENCER TOWNSHIP.

This town is in the extreme northeast corner of the county, and the center of the town is not less than thirty-five miles in an air line from the county seat. Spencer is bounded on the north by Montcalm County, east by the same, south by Oakfield, and west by Nelson Township.

SETTLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION.

An old trapper by the name of Lincoln built his shanty on the banks of a lake in this town, and for a number of years was monarch of all he surveyed. Cyrus B. Thomas settled in the town in 1846, and Henry Stroup in January, 1848. The next settler we hear of was Matthew B. Hatch, who came in 1853, and was soon followed by Jacob Van Zandt, William H. Hewitt, B. G. Parks, Daniel Haskins, S. B. Cowles, William T. Parshal, and Daniel Haskins. It was not, however, until 1861, that the first town meeting was called. The town was then called Celsus, but was soon named Spencer, after one of its early settlers.

The result of the first election was:
Supervisor—Freeman Van Wickle.
Clerk—Henry A. Freeman.
Treasurer—Daniel Haskins.
Justices—William W. Hewitt, Edwin D. Clark.
Commissioners of Highways—W. W. Hewitt, F. Van Wickle.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

Spencer has perhaps a larger proportion of pine lands than any other in the county, and is of less value, agriculturally, perhaps, than any other civil division of Kent County. About ten small lakes are laid down on the maps, the largest, Lincoln Lake, being about one and a half miles in length, and half a mile wide, and is pronounced a handsome body of water.

Black Creek is the principal stream in the town. It rises in Sand Lake or vicinity, on the north line of Nelson Township, and traverses Spencer diagonally from northwest to southeast, and with its small tributaries furnishes an outlet for all the little lakes of the township, to Flat River, and also a valuable highway for millions of feet of pine logs that supply the mill on its banks, but by way of Flat into Grand River.

GROWTH AND PRESENT CONDITION.

Spencer can not boast of any villages, and is without railroad connection with the outer world; it is however, settling up quite as rapidly as some of the other towns.

The personal and real estate in the town was valued at \$197,500 in 1875, against \$55,396 ten years ago. The population was 662 in 1874. The town produced 3,897 bushels of wheat, 6,215 bushels of corn, 4,785 bushels of other grain, and 3,348 bushels of potatoes, in 1874. It had 106 head of horses, 340 head of cattle, 184 hogs, and 223 head of sheep.

HISTORY OF TYRONE TOWNSHIP.

Tyrone Township lies in the northwest corner of Kent County, with Solon on the east of it, and Sparta on the south. The center of the town is about twenty-two miles from the county seat. It is numbered ten north and twelve west.

SETTLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION.

It would seem that the first settler within the limits of this town was Mrs. Eliza Scott, who settled on the west line of the township in 1849, for the purpose of boarding the hands then engaged in opening the state road from Grand Rapids to Newaygo. She was followed the next year, by Lot Ferguson, and soon after by Alfred Bonner, in the same vicinity.

In 1852, Jacob Smith and Harlow Jackson settled in the same vicinity, and the year following, John Thompson and Joseph Kies also became citizens.

Uriah Chubb, Leander Smith, James Blackall, and Asa Clark were also pioneers, the latter settling in the southeast corner of the township.

In 1855 the first town meeting was held at the only school house in the township. This was in the west side of the town, near the residence of Mrs. Scott.

At this meeting the following named persons were chosen to conduct the affairs of the town:

Supervisor—Uriah Chubb.
Clerk—Albert Clute.
Treasurer—Harlow Jackson.
Justices—Patrick Thompson, Albert Clute, Uriah Chubb.
At this time there were scarcely voters enough to fill all the positions. Since that time, however, great changes have taken place.
The present town officers are:
Supervisor—Henry I. Barrett.
Clerk—James S. Tozer.
Treasurer—George Heinsley.
Justices—Uriah Chubb, Lyman V. Hoag, Ammon Fox, Lafayette B. Burch.
School Superintendent—Luther Seymour.
Commissioner of Highways—Horace B. Chubback.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

Perhaps fully one-half of Tyrone Township was originally pine lands. Along the Rouge River on the east, and extending quite across the north part of the town are extensive forests. The remainder of the town was mainly clothed with heavy timber, and the soil is counted among the best, and especially esteemed for fruit raising.

The town is well watered by Rouge River, which crosses the town from

north to south. Within half a mile and one and a half miles from its east line, two considerable tributaries of this stream enter it from the east, while two smaller ones, having their sources in Tyrone, drain the middle and western portions of the town. There are two or three small lakes in the western part of the town, but not of sufficient importance to claim much attention in a county where such abound. The eastern portion of the town, bordering upon the river, is quite rolling, as is generally the case throughout the entire length of the stream.

VILLAGES.

Casnovia on the west line of the township, or rather lying on both sides of the western line of the county, and Tyrone Station, are the only villages in the town.

Casnovia has a population of about 300. It was settled by Lot Ferguson in 1850, has several stores, a smith shop, a steam saw mill, etc. A post-office was located at the corners in 1853.

Tyrone Station is a small place with perhaps 200 inhabitants, two stores, a stave and heading mill, and a saw and shingle mill. The village has sprung up since the advent of the railroad.

GROWTH AND PRESENT STATUS.

Although but about twenty years since the first attempt to subdue the unbroken wilderness, the town can show really fine farms. In 1873 there were raised 4,227 bushels of wheat, 6,215 bushels of corn, and 4,262 bushels of other grains, 4,948 bushels of potatoes and 7,675 pounds of maple sugar was manufactured. The chief interest however, is lumbering.

HISTORY OF VERGENNES TOWNSHIP.

Vergennes is one of the eastern tier of towns, lying on the north side of Grand River, its center being about fifteen miles from Grand Rapids. It is bounded on the north by Grattan Township, with Ionia County on the east, Lowell Township on the south, and Ada Township to the west of it.

SETTLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION.

Sylvester Hodges is accredited with being the first settler within this town during the year 1836, although it is reported that he first settled in that year in Lowell Township, planting the first apple trees and helping to build the first house in that village. James S. Fox made his appearance also in 1836, and John Branagan, Emery Foster, Alexander Rogers, Wm. P. Perrin, Thompson I. Daniels, and Lucas Robinson, in 1837. The year 1838 brought in Silas S. Fallass, J. Wesley Fallass, Newcomb Godfrey, Amos Hodges, Eliab Walker, Christopher Misner, Morgan Lyon, Alfred VanDeusen, and Benjamin Fairchild.

Rodney Robinson, M. Patrick, John M. Fox, Porter Ralph, Everet Wilson, George Brown, Charles Newton, Henry Daines, P. W. Fox, A. D. Smith, O. H. Jones, and James S. Fox, also moved into the town prior to its organization in 1838.

The first town meeting was held in April, 1838, and the following among others, were the officers elect:

Supervisor—Rodney Robinson.
Clerk—M. Patrick.
Treasurer—Porter Ralph.
It is said there were but about twenty families in the town at the time of its organization. For several years the pioneers were compelled to go to Kalamazoo, Grandville, or Ionia for their grinding.
Among the present town officers are:
Supervisor—Jacob Walker.
Clerk—John L. Covert.
Treasurer—Patrick Carey.
Justices—Dennis Driscoll, Mr. Miller, John L. Covert.
Highway Commissioner—Milton Hendrick.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

This town has but a few small lakes, and is watered by Flat River, which enters the town near its northeastern corner, and meandering back and forth crossing the line several times, pursues a very serpentine course the length of the township, and crosses the south line about one and a half miles from the southeast corner. This stream, with numerous small tributaries, drains nearly the entire town.

The surface in the eastern and southeastern portion is very rolling or broken. The timber is mostly of the character known as oak openings, with a few sections of heavy timber, a few tamarack swamps and a small quantity of pine. The soil is mostly heavy, and for general farming seems well adapted.

Eagle Creek, the largest stream in the town emptying into Flat River, rises in, or at least furnishes an outlet for Eagle or Nagle Lake, which projects into the town a small distance on the north side. This stream is a valuable little mill stream.

Fallsburg, founded by J. Wesley Fallass about the year 1840, is the only village in the town, and it is not a place of great importance, having one store, a grist and a saw mill, a smith shop, a good school house, etc., etc.

GROWTH AND PRESENT CONDITION.

Vergennes, at that time including Grattan, was valued upon the tax roll in 1845 at but \$68,775, but is now valued at \$637,847, and had a population in 1870, of 1,369.

In the matter of live stock this town showed in 1874, 455 horses, 25 work oxen, 496 cows, and 507 other cattle, 620 hogs, and 4,018 head of sheep.

It produced wheat 38,690 bushels, corn 29,720 bushels, other grains 20,616 bushels, potatoes 9,615 bushels, hay 1,854 tons, wool 17,178 pounds, 1,721 pounds of butter, and its orchard and garden products were rated at \$3,157.

In the matter of wheat it is only surpassed by Grattan and Bowne Townships, and in quantity of corn is only surpassed by three towns in the county.

HISTORY OF WALKER TOWNSHIP.

Walker, situated immediately west of Grand Rapids City and township, has Ottawa County on the west, Alpine Township on the north, and the Grand River for its southern boundary. Nearly two-thirds of the corporate limits of the City of Grand Rapids has been carved from its territory.

SETTLEMENT, ORGANIZATION, ETC.

Like Grand Rapids, this township is so intimately connected with the early history of the Village and City of Grand Rapids, as to be difficult of separation. The earliest inhabitants of what was organized as Walker Township in 1838, were the earliest settlers of the incipient city, and for the first few years had one voting precinct, one common township, with its headquarters in the village; Division Street being the eastern boundary of what was afterward known as Walker Township.

Of those settling outside of the city limits was Mr. Samuel Whit and numerous family, in the year 1836. In the same year came Jesse Smith and family, John J. Nardin and family, and Robert Hilton and a Mr. Bemis.

Other early settlers were John Hogadone, Joseph Denton, Wm. W. Anderson, John Harrington, Henry Helmka, Harvey Monroe, Patrick and Stephen O'Brien, James Murry, Lovell Moore, Isaac Turner, Harry Eaton, Isaiah Burton, and several others. The first town meeting was held at a school house near the river, and within the present city. This resulted in the selection of the following as first officers of Walker Township, April, 1838:

Supervisor—Lovell Moore.
 Clerk—Isaac Turner.
 Treasurer—Harry Eaton.
 Justices—Robert Hilton, Isaac Turner, Ira Jones, Isaiah Burton.
 Walker as first organized, included Alpine, which, however, contained but few families for several years, but became an independent township in 1847. The principal officers for the current year are:
 Supervisor—A. A. Wils. n.
 Clerk—Edwin Manly.
 Treasurer—John Dougan.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

Walker may be said to be bounded on two sides by a noble river, facing which on the east and south side of the town there is a range of hills set back from the river, and leaving a "bottom" generally from one-eighth to one mile wide. In many places these hills are very abrupt and a hundred feet or more in height. The uplands back of these hills varies from gently undulating to quite rolling. Some pine, mixed more or less with other timber, at an early day crowned these hills, and spread over a sandy belt that extends from the north to southwest, nearly across the township. Back of this, toward the west and northwest part of the town, heavy timber generally prevails, and several extensive swamps make their appearance. Much of the north and west part of the town is a clay soil, interspersed with a sandy loam of much fertility.

Indian Creek, which enters the town from the middle of Alpine, flowing south for a couple of miles, and then east till it falls into Grand River about the Detroit & Milwaukee R. R. bridge, is the most considerable stream in the town after the Grand. Several smaller ones flow south from the center part of the town, through gradually deepening ravines to the river. There are no lakes of any consequence in this town, and it is without villages, its population being entirely rural.

GROWTH AND PRESENT STANDING.

This town is making very successful progress on the road to prosperity. Except two extensive plaster mills, in the south part of the town, there is but little manufacturing done within its boundaries; but its agricultural and horticultural importance stands out prominently, and many fine farms are to be seen. In the year 1845 the town exhibited a tax roll amounting to \$56,480, which in 1875 footed up \$637,847. In 1855 the population, including a part of Grand Rapids Village, was 823, which in 1870, exclusive of the village, was 1,675. Its productions in 1873 were, in part: Wheat, 22,806 bushels; corn, 28,157 bushels; other grain, 24,207 bushels. Potatoes, 20,151 bushels; hay, 2,707 tons; wool, 8,026 pounds; maple sugar, 8,060 pounds; orchard and garden products, \$22,015 worth. In live stock it showed: Horses and mules, 412 head; oxen, 12 head; milch cows, 563; other cattle, 918; hogs, 647; sheep, 2,053.

HISTORY OF WYOMING TOWNSHIP.

Wyoming Township lies on the south side of Grand River, and on the west line of the county. It is of Town No. 6 north, and Range 12 west, and is bounded north by Walker Township and the City of Grand Rapids, east by Davis Township, south by Byron, and on the west by Ottawa County. About three sections off the north end of the Congressional Township is cut off by Grand River, and made a part of Walker Township for civil purposes.

SETTLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION.

Although one of the oldest settled portions of the county, it was attached to and known as Byron Township from 1836 to 1848, when it was separated from Byron and named Wyoming, after one of the counties of New York. David Tucker and Gideon H. Gordon are reputed to have been first to settle in this township, as early as 1832. In 1833 Luther B. Lincoln, Joseph B. Copeland, Wm. R. Goodwin, Jonathan F. Chubb, Myron Roys, and Henry West, settled in the township. In 1834 came Carlos A. Abel, D. C. Britton, Cyrus Jones, Roswell Britton, Julius C. Abel, Ephraim P. Walker, Abraham Bryant, and Josiah McCarthy, and settled at or near the present site of the village of Grandville. Geo. Thompson, Robert Howlett, and Alvah Wanzar, also settled within the town during that year. In the next year Edwin Feakins, Charles H. Oakes, I. A. Brooks, Thomas Buxton, Ransom Sawyer, Richard Moore, Justus C. Rogers, Eli and Erastus Yeomans, and Manly Patchen, were added to the list of settlers, many of them locating at Grandville. In 1836 Dwight Rankin, Hiram Osgood, Orrey Hill, James Lockwood, Nathan White, Jacob and Charles J. Rogers, located in the town. Many of these have died or moved away; still a few of the pioneers remain.

This town, under the name and style of Wyoming, was organized in 1848, although under the name of Byron for twelve years, the headquarters of the town had been at Grandville. In fact, within the present limits of Wyoming was for several years nearly all there was in population and improvement of the town of Byron, so that strictly speaking, Wyoming was organized in 1836 under the name of Byron; and the new town organized in 1848 was given the old name. The first officers under the town name adopted in 1848 were:

Supervisor—Wm. R. Goodwin.
 Clerk—Joseph Blake.
 Treasurer—Chas. Edgerly.
 Commissioner of Highways—N. Shoemaker, Dwight Rankin, James B. Jewell.
 School Inspectors—L. D. Abbott, J. C. Rogers.
 Justices—Erastus Yeomans, Roswell Britton.
 The total vote at the first general election appears to have been 101, sixteen years after the settlement of the township had begun.

CHARACTERISTICS, SOIL, ETC.

An important feature of this township is a plateau or second bottom extending almost across the township, and varying in width from one to two miles. This was largely covered originally with burr and white oak timber, with a gravelly soil, and regarded as among the very best in the county. The present river bottom is generally much lower than this plateau, and generally from one-fourth to one-half mile in width. This burr oak plateau was first sought, and is now almost entirely occupied with farms, and largely devoted to wheat culture. East and southeast of this plateau is a large swampy tract but partially reclaimed, and on the higher lands to the south are belts of fine timber, some of it originally quite heavy, but now mostly cut off. Probably one-fourth of the town was originally pine lands. Wyoming is without lakes, and its principal stream after Grand River, which forms its northern boundary for four miles, is Buck Creek, which runs diagonally across the township from southeast to northwest, and entering the river near the village of Grandville. This is a valuable mill stream, and was improved

as such at an early day. Plaster Creek also passes through the northeast corner of the township, and furnishes power for running the plaster mills erected on its banks. Several smaller streams are also found in the town tributary to these, or following directly into the Grand. But one of the chief features of the township is its immense beds of plaster, probably underlying most of the township, and found out-cropping into beds of the creek and known to the Indians before the advent of the white man, and for many years extensively worked in half a dozen places.

THE VILLAGE OF GRANDVILLE.

This village, now containing about 400 inhabitants, was the point or nucleus from which the township was settled, and in those early days was believed to be the rival of Grand Rapids; and with a superior site, beautiful surroundings and good water power, many persons supposed that Grandville was bound to take the lead and keep ahead; but fate otherwise ordered.

The first Congregational Society in the county was organized at Grandville in 1838. The village has three churches, a valuable school building and graded school, a hotel, and the usual complement of mechanics, shops, etc. A valuable merchant and grist mill, and the plaster mills in its immediate vicinity, are of themselves sufficient to give importance to the place.

GROWTH AND PRESENT CONDITION.

It has been mentioned that Wyoming was one of the first towns that commenced to be settled up, but was first named Byron.

In 1845 this town was valued at \$69,563, a mere trifle in this day, but representing a good deal of property at that time. In 1875 the property in the town was rated at \$524,128, or nearly eight times as much as there was in the two towns thirty years ago.

In 1850 the population was five hundred and forty-three, and this in 1874 had become two thousand and eight.

The live stock in the town in 1874 was: horses and mules, 451; oxen, 60; milch cows, 558; other cattle, 360; hogs, 479; sheep, 1,895.

Produce for 1873: wheat, 20,668 bushels; corn, 31,240 bushels; other grain, 13,906 bushels; potatoes, 14,195 bushels; hay, 1,576 tons; wool, 8,717 pounds; cheese, 2,650 pounds; maple sugar, 7,446 pounds; orchard and garden products worth \$2,255.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

EBENEZER DAVIS was born in the State of Maine, in the year 1800; removed to the State of New York in 1818, and to Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1836, and a few years later settled near Grandville, where he still resides. He was married in New York, in 1825, to Miss Eliza Baker. They had six children born to them in New York, and two in Kent County, making four sons and four daughters, named as follows: Reuben E., Elmira M., James N., Jerome G., Horace W., Lucy Jane, Emeline B., and Eliza S. Davis, all now living and six of them married. Elmira M. is now Mrs. J. H. Knowles, and Lucy Jane is Mrs. Charles L. Moody. Mr. Davis is an active, well-preserved man of his age; has filled the office of justice of the peace several terms, and been elected town supervisor four times, and filled minor stations of trust.

REUBEN E. DAVIS, eldest son of Ebenezer Davis, was born in New York State, in 1826, and removed to Grand Rapids with his parents in 1836. He was married to Miss Mary S. Scott, of Kent County, in 1862. They had born to them three sons and three daughters, as follows: Walter S., Maggie E., Jesse L., Emma E., R. Harry, and Clarrissa Winnifred Davis. The two eldest died of diphtheria, in 1875.

MYRON ROYS, of Wyoming Township, was born in Sheffield, Berkshire County, Mass., in 1808, and came to White Pigeon, Mich., in May, 1833, where he met with a brother who had preceded him the year before, and was then engaged to go and work for Ball and Wright, of this county. The brothers set to work in June, 1833, in constructing a dam and building a mill on Buck Creek, in Wyoming Township, where Weston's mill now stands. Mr. Roys located the farm he now lives on, a short distance east of Grandville, in December, 1833, and kept bachelor's hall for several years. In May, 1841, he was married to Miss Ann McCray, daughter of James McCray, of Grandville. They had born to them four sons and two daughters. Mrs. Roys died in February, 1870, in the fiftieth year of her age. Mr. Roys was one of the nine voters who helped organize the Town of Kent, and was elected constable at that election.

DR. H. O. WESTON, of Grandville, was born in Onondaga County, New York, in 1824. He was the son of Ezra Weston, and was married to Miss Levina Rockway, of New York, in 1847, by whom he had one child, a daughter, who is now Mrs. Gordon Fisk, of Fisk Lake, Kent County, Michigan. Mrs. Weston died in 1846, and the Dr. was married the second time to Miss Laura Jackway, also of New York, in 1849, and removed to Grandville, Kent County, in 1853. He has a son and two daughters by his last wife, all now at home. Dr. W. has been a practicing physician for twenty-three years, and is also one of the proprietors of a valuable flouring mill, and the owner of sixty or seventy acres of very valuable plaster lands, on which he has recently erected extensive plaster mills, run by steam power.

JEREMIAH BOYNTON, one of the pioneers of Byron Township, was born in the State of New York, in 1814; came with his parents to Ohio, in 1817, and to Byron Township, Kent County, in August, 1836. In 1841 he was married to Miss Harriett Wilson, then of Wyoming, but also a native of New York. They had born to them two children, Ellen L., now Mrs. Cross, and Harriett E., now Mrs. Pratt. Mr. B. served his town as supervisor and treasurer, and was esteemed as a useful and upright citizen, who died a few years ago. His widow, Mrs. Harriett Boynton, with her son-in-law, Mr. Pratt, still occupy the old homestead, a fine half section farm.

WILLIAM BOYNTON, also one of the earliest settlers within the limits of Byron Township, was born in New York, in 1818, and reached Kent County with his brother Jeremiah. In the year 1840 he was married to Miss Orpha Jewell, daughter of James B. Jewell. To them nine children were born, four of whom, two sons and two daughters, are still living. His son, W. F. Boynton, married Miss Sarah Little, of Ohio, and resides on the old homestead, a view of which will be found elsewhere in this Atlas.

MINER PATTERSON, of Paris Township, was born in Steuben County, New York, in 1819, and removed with his parents to Washtenaw County, Michigan, in 1828, and to Kent County, Michigan, with his mother and brothers, Jacob and James Patterson, in the Spring of 1837. He was married July 4, 1848, to Miss Sally A. Spaulding, who had come with her parents from Seneca County, New York, in 1836. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have three sons and two daughters. Mr. Patterson's mother, Mrs. Rachel

Patterson, lived with him for twenty-five years, or until she died, in 1864, aged seventy-seven years, but remarkably vigorous. She was much esteemed as a nurse, and was widely known among the pioneers as a most useful woman.

STEPHEN B. DAVIS, of Paris Township, was born in Upper Canada, in 1814, his father, Daniel Davis, having removed to that place from Connecticut, a few years before. In 1838 he was married to Miss Lovin Quackenbos, and with her and five children removed to Paris Township, in 1850. Their children are Elizabeth (now Mrs. George Auble), Truman, Daniel, Abraham, Annie (now Mrs. George Lewis), Delia (now Mrs. James Lewis), Stephen, Joseph, Edith L., and Althea L. Davis. Mr. Davis has a very valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres, a fine view of which will be found elsewhere in this Atlas.

GEORGE W. TEEPLE, of Cascade Township, and one of its earliest settlers, was born in New Jersey, in 1810. After residing in New York a few years, he removed to Wayne County, Michigan, in 1827, and to Kent County in 1837. He was married to Miss Samantha Cooke, in Wayne County, in 1832. They have had born to them twelve children, of whom five sons and four daughters are still living, the youngest being just of age. Among their children were one pair of twins and one set of triplets, four out of the five still living.

J. H. WITHEY, of Cascade Township, was born at St. Albans, Vermont, in 1831, and came with his father, Solomon Withey, to Grand Rapids, in May, 1836. Mr. Withey was married to Miss Laura Abel, of Cascade Township, in 1857, she dying in 1861. Mr. Withey took for a second wife Miss Mary L. Duncan, of Ada. She has two sons and four daughters. When Mr. Solomon Withey came to Kent County, in 1836, he brought with him two hired girls and ten work hands, he having a contract with the "Kent Company" to make 5,000,000 bricks. In 1838 he took charge of the Exchange Hotel, which stood where the Bridge-street House now does. In 1842 he was elected sheriff, and removed to the court house, and was there residing when it burned down. He died in 1851.

HENRY HOLT, of Cascade Township, was born in Connecticut, in 1803, and removed to New York in 1827. He was married to Miss Lorancy M. Potter, of Herkimer County, New York, in 1831. She dying in 1836, he was married in 1837 to Miss Mary De Witt, of same county. Mr. Holt has had five sons and five daughters born to him. A son, Mr. H. H. Holt, is now Lieutenant Governor of Michigan. A daughter, Gertrude, is now Mrs. Densmore, of Ada. H. Gaylord Holt now lives at home. Miriam, another daughter, is now Mrs. Johnson, of Cascade. Charles F. is owner of the Cascade Magnetic Springs. Helen G. Holt, another daughter, is still at home. Mr. Holt is the owner of a magnificent farm of four hundred and fifty acres, one of the finest on Thorn Apple, a view of which will be found in another place.

N. R. HILL, of Nelson Township, was born in Monroe County, New York, and after residing in Ohio for a time, came to Nelson Township with his wife and two children in 1836, and platted and named the Village of Cedar Springs, lying partly in Nelson and partly in Solon Townships. Mr. Hill is a justice of the peace, an office he has filled ten or twelve years. He has also been supervisor of his town five or six terms, and a member of the Legislature twice, and takes a lively interest in public affairs and the progress of the thriving Village of Cedar Springs.

W. W. BAKER, of Plainfield Township, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1818, whence he came to Ohio, and thence to Kent County, in 1846. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Stump, of Ohio, in 1840, who died in 1854. In 1856 he was married to Miss Lucinda Dale, of this county, by whom he had two sons; he has had several daughters by the first wife. One daughter, Eliza E., is now Mrs. Orne Woodley, of Plainfield; another, Rachel, is now Mrs. Nelson Batson, of Ionia County, and the third daughter is Mrs. C. W. Meek, of Plainfield. One son, about ten years of age, is now living with his parents.

CONRAD HOUSE, of Plainfield Township, was born in Montgomery County, New York, in 1826, and removed with his parents to Canada in 1828, and came to Plainfield, Kent County, in 1855. He was married to Miss Mary Jane Ireland, of New York, in 1848. They have had the following children: Alonzo, Andrew (deceased), Charley C. Maynard, and Linna May House. Alonzo is married, and the rest are at home. Mr. House was one of the pioneers in his part of the township, and is a farmer, and has also carried on pump making for the last sixteen years. His father Conrad House, Sen., and family, came to Plainfield in 1848, or about seven years in advance of the subject of this sketch.

HARVEY D. POND, of Oakfield Township, was born in Chester County, New Hampshire, January 9, 1815; removed to New York in 1828, and was married to Elizabeth A. Wheeler, February 22, 1838, and removed to Kent County in 1846, and settled in the southeast part of the town, where he now resides. The children born to them were as follows: Eli, born February 22, 1839; Persia R., April 6, 1843; Warren, November 8, 1844; James Judson, April 6, 1847; Eveline, December 22, 1849; Wheeler, April 3, 1851; Martha A., October 5, 1853; Emily, March 4, 1855; Otis, March 7, 1857; Roseltha P., April 7, 1859. Eli, Persia, and Otis, are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Pond still reside where they settled thirty years ago.

STEPHEN S. TOWER, of Oakfield, was born in Winsor County, Vermont, August, 1812, and was married to Miss Mary F. Eddy, and removed to his present home in 1839. Their children were born as follows: Susan F., October 6, 1838; Sarah J., January 7, 1842; Stephen S., September 14, 1843; Henry C., November 7, 1844; James W., May 1, 1849; Isaac, February 19, 1850. Mrs. Tower died in March, 1850, and Mr. T. was married in June, 1851, to Mary A. Numa. Their children and ages are as follows: Emma, November 6, 1851; Ida M., August 10, 1855; Clyde O., February 7, 1858; Gertrude L., March 30, 1864; Job A., August 14, 1868; Ernest A., December 20, 1872. Mr. T. still resides on the pioneer farm upon which he located about thirty-six years ago.

CALVIN THOMPSON, one of the early settlers of Courland Township, was born in Guilford, Chenango County, New York, October 1, 1820. His father, Jarius Thompson, was a native of Massachusetts, and came with his family of nine children to the West, and settled in Jackson County, Michigan. The subject of this sketch, in 1843, came farther west to look for a home for himself, arriving at Grand Rapids, then chiefly noted as a great trading point for the Indians. Here he was directed by the large hearted and generous John Ball, of the Town of Courland, where he found a country better than his most sanguine expectations, and at once located a farm in sections 25 and 36, where he now resides. Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Drusilla White of Oakfield, in June, 1846, by whom he had three children, two sons, John and William Thomas, both steady and industrious men, and one daughter, Mary, an amiable young woman. Mrs. Thompson died August, 1861. In November, 1861, Mr. Thompson was married a second time to Miss Jennie Harbaugh. Mr. Thompson has been supervisor of his town, and filled several other positions. He is a man whose word is his bond, and although having had little of this world's goods to start

with, he has been quite successful, and after helping his sons to a good farm each is still counted the wealthiest man in the township.

ROBERT BARCLAY CORNELL, of Courtland Township, was born in Onondaga County, New York, in 1824, and left an orphan at five years. He visited Ohio in 1844, Albany, New York City, Newport and Providence, Rhode Island, and Fall River, Massachusetts, in 1847, and came to Grand Rapids in 1849, and voted for H. R. Williams, the first mayor of the city. He was married to Miss Margaret Delaney of Ionia, in 1851, by whom he had five children, named respectively: Frank G., Charlie H., Ford W., Cora E., and Hattie M. Cornell, the latter now dead. In 1867 he was married a second time to Caroline Ferguson of Holly, to whom one child, Ray B. Cornell, has been born. In 1851 he went to California by way of Chicago, the Mississippi River, and the Isthmus of Darien, and engaged in mining and gardening for a couple of years, at Placerville, when he returned home, via Panama, Aspin-wall, and the usual mail route to New York City. In 1856 he purchased the farm on which he now resides, and built a fine house on the same in 1872. See view in another place.

M. B. HINE, of Cannon Township, was born in New York in 1828, and removed to Kent County in 1847, his father, Demas Hine, having come in and located a farm two years previously. Demas Hine was one of the first justices of the peace elected in the town, and held the position almost continuously until his death in 1872. His widow still resides with her son on the old homestead. M. B. Hine was married to Miss Ann Hartwell, daughter of Robert and Anna Hartwell, in 1850. They have two daughters. Mr. Hine is Postmaster at Imperial Mills, and is also President of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. of Kent County.

WILLIAM HARTWELL, of Cannon Township, was one of the early settlers, having come to the town in 1847—His father, John Hartwell, having come the year before. Mr. Hartwell was born in New York, in 1824. He married Miss Haskins, daughter of Sidney B. Haskins, one of the first settlers and merchants of Cannonsburg, but formerly of Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell have two sons. They have a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres, a view of which will be found in another place.

LEMAN H. CHAPMAN, living one mile south of Cannonsburg, is the second son of John C. Chapman, of Cedar Springs, who came from New York to McComb County, in 1837, and to Kent County in 1845, and was married to Miss Mary A. Cannon in the same year. L. H. Chapman resides on the old homestead, a view of which appears elsewhere.

TUNIS HARTWELL, son of John Hartwell, came from McComb County to the vicinity of Cannonsburg at an early day, and was married to Miss Paulina Cannon, by whom he had one son, George Hartwell, now at home. Upon the death of his first wife, he was married to Mrs. Mary J. Burlingame, formerly Miss Chapman. Mr. Hartwell died several years ago but the widow and son still reside on the homestead one mile south of the Village of Cannonsburg.

Elder E. W. NORTON, of Sparta Township, was born in New York, in 1819, and removed with his parents to McComb County, Michigan, in 1826, and to Kent County, in 1851, and settled near the line dividing Sparta and Alpine Townships, in 1854. Elder Norton has been a minister of the Freewill Baptist Church for thirty years. He was married in 1839, to Miss Minerva Gardner, by whom he had three daughters and two sons. After her death he was married to Miss L. A. Compton of Plainfield, by whom he has three sons and two daughters. The oldest son lost his life in the army. The other children are all living.

Z. M. HINMAN, of Sparta Township, was born in Madison County, New York, in 1822, and was married to Miss Martha Hotchkin in 1848, and removed to his present home in the same year. They have but one child, now the wife of A. B. Cheney, Esq., Loan and Insurance Agent, of Sparta Center. When Mr. Hinman came to Sparta it was nearly all a wilderness, but few neighbors on the south and none on the north of him.

W. H. TAYLOR, of Sparta, was born in Cayuga County, New York, in 1816, and was married to Miss Ursula A. Sprague of that place, in 1840, and settled near Lansing, Eaton County, Michigan, in 1841, whence they removed to Sparta, Kent County, in 1854. Mr. Taylor was one of the first settlers of Eaton County, and filled some official position much of the time. Since coming to Kent County, he has been a member of the Legislature, and afterwards assistant assessor of internal revenue for five or six years. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have had six children born to them, of whom a daughter and son are now living. The daughter is Mrs. H. H. Wylie. Mr. Wylie being Deputy Sheriff of Kent County. The son, Franklin Adelbert Taylor, is still at home. They have a finely improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres, from the elevated parts of which a fine view of the surrounding country may be had.

BENJAMIN GILLAM was born in New York, in the year 1816, and removed to Sparta, Kent County, in 1850; having purchased land the year before. He was married to Miss Annie E. Mapes, daughter of Barney Mapes, of Sparta, they having come to the town in 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Gillam, have one son and two daughters, one of the daughters being Mrs. John A. Elder, of Sparta. A view of their homestead will be found on another page of this atlas.

J. E. NASH, of Sparta Center, was born in Massachusetts, in 1820, and removed to the farm on which he now resides in the Village of Sparta Center, in the year 1846. Mr. Nash was married to Miss Augusta Waite, of Kent County (but formerly of New York) in 1855. To them four sons were born, and Mrs. Nash dying in January, 1873, he was married in December, 1873, to Lita Gardner, of Kent County, by whom he had one daughter. Mr. Nash has a fine farm of two hundred acres adjoining the village. He has served as supervisor of the town eight or nine years.

JOHN GILLAM, of Sparta Township, was born in the State of New York, in 1818, and came to Kent County in 1846, having previously married Miss Rosilla Taggart, of New York. They have three children: Lovica, now Mrs. Wm. G. Stebbins; and Mary, now Mrs. Andrew J. Stebbins; and a son, Alfred Gillam. The country was almost an unbroken wilderness when Mr. Gillam landed in Sparta, now he has a farm of one hundred and sixty acres splendidly improved. A view of this is shown elsewhere.

BENJAMIN BLACKALL, one of the pioneers of Sparta Township, was born in Utica, New York, in 1825, and removed with his parents,

first to Genesee County, Michigan, and then in 1846, to Sparta Township. His father was William Blackall, well known to early settlers of the town. Benjamin Blackall was married to Miss Mary E. Smith, daughter of Benjamin Smith, one of the pioneers of Grand Rapids, where he landed from Canada, in 1836. Mr. and Mrs. Blackall have had seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter only are living.

CHRISTOPHER C. HINMAN, born in Madison County, New York, in 1830, removed to Sparta Township, in 1848. He was married to Miss Julia Jacobs, daughter of Benjamin F. Jacobs, of Grand Rapids, in 1855. Mr. Hinman first settled with his parents, Noble and Priscilla Hinman, at Sparta Center. They have three children, a daughter and two sons, all at home. They live on a finely improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres, about four miles southwest of Sparta Center.

CLARK BROWN, one of the earliest settlers of Sparta Township, was born in Connecticut, in 1810, but lived in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, until 1832, and for a few years at Lapiere, Michigan, and came to Kent County, in 1834, when he located his farm and moved on it in the Spring of 1845. He was married to Miss Lucy Edmunds, of Delaware County, New York, in 1832. They have ten children, eight sons and two daughters, two sons and a daughter being still at home; all the rest married and doing for themselves. When Mr. Brown located his land in September, there was not a white family in the town, but upon returning in February next, he found three families and two young men had come in. For a year or two, Mr. Brown was kept almost busy showing new comers and prospectors lands. If a man desired to become a bona-fide settler, he was at once given the right hand of fellowship, but if he was a speculator, he was likely to be shown through all the swamps in the town, till becoming disgusted, he left.

GARUS P. STEBBINS, one of the early settlers of Sparta Township, was born in Madison County, New York, February 10, 1807; and his wife, Eliza L. Stebbins, was born in Chenango County, New York, December 20, 1813. They were married in September, 1833. Their children with dates of birth, are as follows: William G., August 3, 1834; Charles L., August 3, 1838; Andrew J., October 14, 1840; Eliza C., October 29, 1845; Ellen V., April 27, 1849. William G. Stebbins, who was married to Miss Lovica Gillam, died February 24, 1876. Mr. G. P. Stebbins was made a captain in the 65th New York Regiment of Infantry, in 1830, and serving three years, was promoted to be major, and at the end of two years resigned in favor of domestic life and agricultural pursuits, which he followed in New York until 1846, when he removed to Sparta Township, then an almost unbroken wilderness, but which has since been made to blossom as the rose.

SHERMAN M. PEARSALL, an early settler in Alpine Township, was born in Cayuga County, New York, in the year 1817. He came with his father, Michael Pearsall, to Troy, Michigan, and from thence to Kent County, Alpine Township, in 1842. In 1841, he was married to Miss Catherine Baily, of Pontiac, Michigan, but a native of Cayuga County, New York. They have had born to them the following children: John Ball, Celina E., Wyant Adams, Bailey C., Esther J., Herbert Adelbert, George Sherman, and Perly Wilbur Pearsall. Of these John Ball died in the army, Wyant Adams was accidentally drowned in a lake adjoining the farm, Bailey C. of disease, and George Sherman, when quite young. Esther J. is now Mrs. Miner. Mrs. Pearsall's step-father, Joseph Wood, was lost on a trip from Detroit to Coffey Harbor, in 1847. The vessel was taken in a storm and never heard from afterwards. His wife (Mrs. Pearsall's mother), who is now nearly ninety-one years old, has made her home at Mr. Pearsall's about twenty-eight years.

WM. BIRDSALL, an early settler in Alpine, was born in New York in 1814, his father, W. Birdsall, being one of the pioneers of Erie County, N. Y. In 1839 he was married to Miss Selina Hawley, of New York City. They removed to Walker Township in 1846, and in 1848 to their present home in Alpine Township, at which time there was no other road than an Indian trail leading to their place. They have had thirteen sons and one daughter, of whom the daughter and five sons are living. Mr. B. lives on a finely improved farm, and follows gardening and fruit raising, having a fine orchard. He sold about 600 bushels of peaches alone in 1874, since which his trees, in common with many others, have died.

J. W. FISK, one of the pioneers of Grand Rapids Township, was born in Connecticut in 1805; removed to Wayne County, Michigan, in 1835, to Ada in 1836, where he kept hotel in a block house for a year or more. He was married to Miss Filindi Farwell, of Rockford, N. Y., in 1833. Their children have been four sons and three daughters, as follows: Maria J., now Mrs. G. D. Albright; John P., Rugen C., Harriet A., now Mrs. Wm. Laraway; Gurdeon M., Whiting E.; and Mary Isabel Fisk, now Mrs. Alfred Crawford. Of these, John P. lives in Iowa, and Rugen C. in Big Rapids. The rest reside in Kent County. When Mr. Fisk settled near Fish Lake there were but three houses between the Rapids and Yankee Springs.

PORTER REED, was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., in 1812, and was married to Miss Polly DeLong, of Litchfield, N. Y., in October, 1833, and removed to Grand Rapids Township in July, 1834. Children were born to them as follows: Julia Maria, August 22, 1838; Gibson D., July 31, 1840; Thomas E., May 4, 1847; Ransom B., August 23, 1854. Julia was married to Daniel Devendorf. Mr. Porter Reed died in July, 1857, and Mrs. Devendorf in May, 1868. Thomas E. Reed married Mrs. Mary Walker, daughter of Hampton L. Walker in 1867, and Gibson D. Reed married Miss Emma Wait, of Kent County, in 1859. Mrs. Reed was married in April, 1861, to Mr. Horatio Randall, late of Herkimer County, N. Y. There were three of the Reed brothers, Lewis, Ezra and Porter, with their families, and Ezekiel Davis, known as Judge Davis, who came about the same time and were the first settlers in the township.

G. W. DICKINSON, of Grand Rapids Township, was born in Granby, Mass., in 1809. He was married to Miss Louisa Raynsford, of Massachusetts, in 1833, and removed to Ionia County in 1835, and to Kent County in 1851. Although living in Ionia, he bought the tract where he now resides in 1835, when there were but two frame houses in Grand Rapids. He built a saw and grist mill in Ionia, 15 miles from a settlement in 1837. While residing in Ionia he was town clerk for five years, and made justice at the first town meeting in Otisco Township, and was Supervisor of Grand Rapids Township in 1857. They have two sons and one daughter.

GOVERNOUR B. RATHBUN, was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., in 1820, and came to Kent County at the instance of his uncle, A. D. Rathbun, who was then Postmaster at Grand Rapids, and with whom he engaged in mercantile pursuits for a number of years, and erected the first

good store building in the place. In 1844 his father, Chas. Rathbun, and family, came to Kent County, and securing a small frame building on Monroe Street, soon enlarged it into what is known as the Rathbun House of today. Geo. B. Rathbun was married in 1859 to Miss Emily Tucker, of La-Grange, Indiana. They reside on a well improved farm a short way from the city limits and near Fish Lake. They have but one son, Amos M. Rathbun.

MARTIN S. TUBB, of Grand Rapids Township, was born in Chenango County, New York, in 1816, and came to Grand Rapids in June, 1837, and for three years was in the employ of George Young, and Lewis and Porter Reed. In 1840 he was married to Eliza Jane Kemp, by whom he had three children, Cornelia A. and two twins, who lived but a few days, when they and the mother both died, in March, 1843. In November, 1843, Mr. T. was married again to Elizabeth Wood, to whom was born as follows: Tunis C., November 3, 1844; Margaret S., January 11, 1847; Jane S., December 17, 1848; Simeon D., May 19, 1851; Lysander D., March 23, 1854; William B., March 15, 1856; J. Francis, July 4, 1859. His second wife died August 26, 1866, and he was married the third time May 19, 1868, to Jane Morgridge. Upon marriage with his first wife, in 1840, Mr. T. moved upon the farm where he still resides, on section 22, in Grand Rapids Township. He has been overseer of the poor for eleven consecutive years, and held other minor town offices.

ANTHONY BODEN, of Paris Township, was born in Derbyshire, England, in 1814; came to America with his parents in 1830, and settled in Wayne County, where his father died, in 1831, and in 1836 he came alone, following an Indian trail, to Kent County, living in Grand Rapids for about ten years, when he located his farm of two hundred and forty acres, in Paris Township. In 1837 he was married to Miss Honora McMann, of Grand Rapids, to whom was born the following children: Catharine E., Margaret A., Joseph L., Ann, Mary, and Elizabeth Boden. Margaret A., Joseph L., and Ann, are married and living in Kent County, while the others have deceased.

PHILLIP F. COVELL, of Walker Township, was born in Calhoun, Vermont, December 12, 1811, and was married May 26, 1839, to Miss Maria Abbott, of Ogden, New York, and moved to Kent County in 1845. The children were: Addie M. Covell (now Mrs. Elliott C. Anderson, of Illinois), Emma H. Covell, Mattie E. (now Mrs. Alva Loockes, of Walker Township), Lottie A. (now Mrs. John Ream, of Grand Rapids), and Frank Covell. Mrs. Covell died in November, 1857, and Mr. C. was married a second time to Sarah Hogadone, by whom one child, Chester Covell, was born. Mr. C. first came to the county in 1836, and remained about one year, when he returned for a wife. He first settled in and helped organize the Town of Alpine. He was collector for the town half a dozen years, lived for some time in the City of Grand Rapids, and about eighteen years since he removed beyond the city limits into Walker Township, where he has been pursuing the avocation of a farmer very successfully. A view of his fine premises will be seen in another place.

L. D'OOGEE was born in the Province of Zealand, February 14, 1816, where he learned the trade of painter. In 1838 he married Johanna Quintus, and in the year 1847 emigrated to America, arriving in New York, October 1. At this time, being unable to speak English, and knowing but little of the customs of the country, he was unsuccessful in business for three or four years, losing what money he brought from Zealand. He moved west in 1849, and settled in Ravenna Township, Michigan, where he owned eighty acres of wild land. He erected a log hut, and remained there two years. Mr. D'Oogee and P. J. G. Hodenpyl owned and worked the first mill in Ravenna Township, which was not a success, owing to the newness of the country. This left Mr. D'Oogee without money, and he was obliged to accept the position of United States mail carrier from Grand Rapids to Muskegon, a distance of fifty miles, going on foot, and receiving for his services \$2.50 per week. In 1851, Mr. D'Oogee was met on the road by Rev. DeKeunick, Catholic priest, of Grand Rapids, who induced him to remove his family to the city, and paint the new Catholic church, on Monroe Street. He continued to work at his trade until 1852, when he engaged in the mercantile business on a small scale in a frame building built by himself, on the corner of Monroe and Division Streets; also built a small residence, and afterwards two stores. He leased the large plat of ground for ten years, at \$75 per year, and by thus improving it attracted business to that part of the town. During the crash of 1857, Mr. D'Oogee made an assignment, in order to pay his creditors dollar for dollar. He resumed business, and retired in 1869, and his time is now employed looking after his rents, etc. Mr. D'Oogee has five children living, viz.: Martin L., Nellie, Maria J., Jennie C., and Benjamin L. The former is now Professor of Greek in the Ann Arbor University, and well known in Michigan. A view of Mr. D'Oogee's residence can be seen on another page of this Atlas.

HENRY McARTHUR, of Oakfield Township, was born in Summit County, Ohio, in 1816, and married to Rosanna Harner in October, 1837, and removed to Oakfield Township, Kent County, in October, 1846, and settled on the land where he now resides, and has opened and made a fine farm. Mr. and Mrs. McArthur have had four children born to them, as follows: Almira, January 31, 1839; Orange, August 12, 1842; Clinton H., January 5, 1852, and Ella A., October 20, 1854, all living except Clinton A., who died in infancy. Mr. McArthur has filled several offices of trust in the town, and is the present Supervisor. In early days he was engaged in school teaching, and many persons in this and adjacent towns owe much of their advancement to his early instruction.

SILAS D. HORTON, of Oakfield, was born in Orange County, New York, in 1828, and came to his present home in 1849, and was married to Miss Phoebe Rowley, January 1, 1856. They have had the following children: Willis E., born October 24, 1850; Ella, December 15, 1860; Edwin, December 6, 1862; Mary S., December 29, 1865; John B., August 1, 1868, and Jennie Horton, born March 2, 1870. Mrs. Horton died of consumption, June 19, 1874. A view of Mr. H.'s residence will be found elsewhere.

HENRY C. HOGADONE, of Walker Township, was born in Canada, in 1823, and removed to Walker Township, Kent County, in 1839. Mrs. Hogadone, formerly Miss Phoebe J. Phillips, was born in 1827, and came to Kent County in 1844, and was married in 1851. They have the following children, to wit: James H., Edward D., Nella L., Rena P., and John B. Hogadone. Mr. H. was one of the pioneers, and found but little in his neighborhood except wolves and Indians, but he has lived to see the savage wilderness transformed to fruitful fields all around him.

PATRONS' DIRECTORY OF KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

GRAND RAPIDS CITY.

GRAND RAPIDS CITY—Continued.

NAME.	LOCATION.	BUSINESS.	NATIVITY.	Settled in Co.
Andrain, Robert		Jobber	Arkansas	1840
Antrim, A.		Commercial Agent	New York	1853
Antisdell, A. R.	Cor. Monroe & Waterloo	Propr. Rathbun House	Jackson Co., Mich.	1863
Aiken, Nathan J.	45 Monroe St.	Physician and Surgeon	Saratoga Co., N. Y.	1860
Atwater, L. R.	4 Canal	Insurance and Real Estate	Burlington, Vt.	1837
Ashley, Wm.	Aldrich Block	Attorney	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1851
Avery, Edwin	Monroe St.	(Firm of Spring & Avery) Dry Goods & Carpets	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1857
Aldrich, M. V.	Monroe St.	Banker	New York	1855
Aldrich, Henry	West Side	Dealer in Pumps	Michigan	1867
Allen, J. M.	60 Waterloo	Livery and Sale Stable	New York	1873
Bailey, S. J.		Deputy United States Marshal	Michigan	1842
Bailey, S. S.		Collector Internal Revenue	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1846
Baars, J. Frederick		Cashier City National Bank		
Beckwith, Wm. G.		Real Estate	Chenango Co., N. Y.	1845
Brown, C. P.	43 Monroe St.	Physician and Surgeon	Lenawee Co., Mich.	1874
Brewer, A. R.	33 Monroe St.	(Brewer & Palmer) Ready-made Clothing	Oakland Co., Mich.	1848
Burlingame, E. A.		Prosecuting Attorney, Kent Co.	Windham Co., Conn.	1861
Bremer, Henry		Treasurer, Kent Co.	Prussia	1839
Ball & Rogers	57 Canal St.	Attorneys		
Barns, Jacob		(Firm A. X. Cary & Co.) Valley City Mills	Vermont	1836
Baker, Sims	239 Jeff. Ave.	Wagon and Blacksmith Shops	Canada	1873
Burbank, E. W.	112 Second Ave.		Maine	1858
Barclay, Charles	670 Cherry St.	General Store	New York	1840
Bos Brothers	301 Jeff. Ave.	Window Shade Manufacturers	Holland	1873
Brown, L. G.	75 Waterloo St.	Dealer in Harness, Trunk, Whips and Bags	New York	1855
Boss, Peter	95 S. Division St.	Groceries and Provisions	Holland	1865
Boorhem, Martin	45 Monroe St.	Saloon Keeper	New York	1865
Brayton, A. B.	Cor. Oak & S. Div. Sts.		New York	1875
Byers, C. E.	465 S. Division St.	Meat Market	Michigan	1855
Booth, Mathew	South Division	Kalamazoo House	Ohio	1875
Botsford, A. H.	18 Monroe	Physician	New York	1851
Brandt, Geo.	87 S. Division	Union Brewery	Germany	1857
Bailey, Adam H.	Messmore Block	Physician and Surgeon	Ireland	1874
Baker, Thos. F.	P. O. Basement	Centennial Restaurant	Hillsdale, N. Y.	1860
Carpenter, Judd & Co.	15 Canal St.	General Hardware, Wholesale and Retail		
Calkins, Chas. R.	194 Bridge St.	Groceries and Provisions	New York	1855
Cady, W. R.	47 to 51 Ottawa St.	Livery, Feed & Sale Stable	New York	1854
Caulfield, John	85 & 87 Canal St.	Wholesale Grocer		1864
Campau, A. S.	585 S. Division St.	Fur Dealer	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1836
Clay, J. H.	Cor. Canal & Bridge	Proprietor "Rasch's Hotel"	New Hampshire	1871
Clay, Samuel D.		Lawyer	New Hampshire	1869
Clancy, John	48 Canal St.	Saloon Keeper	Michigan	1873
Clark, M. H. & Co.		Editors and Proprietors Democrat	New York	
Comstock, C. C.	331 & 333 Canal St.	Manufacturer of Lumber, Sash, Doors and Blinds, and Dealer in Real Estate	New Hampshire	1853
Coffenberry & Skeels	105 Ottawa St.	Civil Engineers and Surveyors		
Converse, Jas. W., Jr.	16 Monroe St.	Real Estate Agt. and Commissioner for Mass.	Boston, Mass.	1871
Cody & Olney	13 & 15 Pearl St.	Wholesale Grocers		1867
Courtney, Jas. H.		Real Estate Agent	New York	1875
Cowlishan, Edward	260 Jeff. Ave.	Meat Market	New Jersey	1874
Cook, George	32 Center St.		Province of Quebec	1865
Comstock, D. E.	21 Plainfield Ave.	Groceries and Provisions	Michigan	1857
Church, T. B.	Prospect St.	Attorney at Law	Bristol, Mass.	1843
Colyer, J. A.		(Colyer & Clemons) Real Estate & Insurance	New York	1850
Clemons, J. F.		(Colyer & Clemons) Real Estate & Insurance	Canada	1843
Crawford Bros.	21 Monroe St.	Wholesale and Retail Grocers		1868
Crosby, M. M.	"Morton House" Bldg	Oyster and Coffee House	Michigan	1845
Colyer & Clemons	1 & 2 Lovett's Block	Insurance and Real Estate		
Dapper, Emil A.		Attorney at Law	New York City	1869
Davis, Luther	"Ledyard Block"	Real Estate Dealer	Kent Co., Mich.	1838
Denison, W. C.	90 S. Division St.	Gen. Dir. in Farm Implements & Machinery	Michigan	1843
DeRuyter, John		Wholesale Dealer in Wines and Liquors	Holland	1869
DeVries, Jacob	88 Ionia St.	Irving House	New York	1850
DeVries, H.	110 Summit St.	Grocer	Holland	1845
Dewey, H. E.		Insurance Agent	Kane Co., Ill.	1865
Dikeman, Ed. B.	44 Canal St.	Jeweler	Michigan	1843
Dillenback, J. D.		Directory Publisher	Grand Isle Co., Vt.	1847
Dishman, S. O.	101 Third St.	(Dishman & Wheeler) "Excelsior" Manfrs.	Virginia	1875
Dodge, A.	85 Monroe St.		New York	1872
D'Ooge, L.		Real Estate Dealer and Notary Public	Zealand	1849
Dun, R. G. & Co.		The Mercantile Agency		
Dunn, Wm.	240 S. Division St.	Grocery Store	New York	1872
Dishman & Wheeler	101 Third St.	Manufacturers of and Dealers in "Excelsior"		
Douglas, Alex.	76 Ottawa St.	Dealer in Hair Goods	Canada	1869
Eaton, Elon G.	No. 7 Sweet's Hotel Block	Jeweler		1865
Eddie & Carroll	603 Cherry St.	Proprietors of the "Half Way House"		
Eggleston & Kleinhans	McReynolds Block	Attorneys at Law		
Eldridge, Charles	235 Ionia St.		Michigan	1867
Eddy, L. P.		Attorney at Law	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1870
Earp, Samuel		Clergyman, Rector St. Mark's Episcopal Ch.	England	1870
Fairfield, J. A.	Office, Rood's Block	Attorney at Law	Wayne Co., Mich.	
Fallass & Gleason		Attorneys		
Fitch, Geo. C.	45 & 47 N. Div. St.	Carriage Manufacturer	Vermont	1848
Foot, Geo. S.	440 S. Division St.	Printer, Eagle Office	Tennessee	1866
Foster, Stevens & Co.	10 & 12 Monroe St.	General Hardware		
Foster Brothers	72 Monroe St.	Great New York City Store		
Foster, Frank W.		(Foster, Stevens & Co.) Hardware	Michigan	1849
Fox, Geo.	123 Canal	Canvasser	Kentucky	1874
Fox, P. V.	City Nat. Bank Bldg	State Agt. Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co.	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	
Fralick & Woodruff		Coal, Wood, Lime, Cement, Fire Brick and Fire Clay	Michigan	1873
Freeman, Hawkins & Co.	12 & 14 Lyon St.	Wholesale Grocers		
Fuller, E. P. & S. L.	54 Canal St.	Bankers and Brokers	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1868
Fitzgerald, J. C.	13 Pearl St.	Attorney at Law	Ohio	1873
Ganoe, W. H.				
Gibson, O. B.	49 & 51 Lewis St.	Proprietor "Eagle" Barn, Boarding Stable	Vermont	1867
Gilbert, Thos. D.		President City National Bank	Franklin Co., Mass.	1835

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Gildersleeve Bros.	37 Ionia St.	Cigar Manufacturers	New York	1875
Godfroy, John F.	98 Monroe St.	Real Estate and Loan Office	Detroit, Mich.	1838
Goodrich, P. M. & Co.	63 & 65 Canal St.	Wholesale and Retail Hardware		1857
Goldsmith & Balch	Canal St.	Real Estate and Insurance		
Granger, G. W. & Co.	42 & 44 Lewis St.	Livery and Sale Stable	New York	1855
Graham, Philip	477 S. Division St.	Groceries and Produce	Canada	1855
Grant, J.	1 Waterloo St.	Feed Stable	Michigan	1872
Green, Wm. B.	82 Monroe St.	Piano Tuner	Canada	
Griggs, G. W.	Cor. Canal & Lyon	Real Estate and Farmer	New Jersey	1837
Grinnell, Henry			New York	
Grove, James F.	70 Canal St.	Medical Doctor	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1856
Grove, Wm. E.	105 Ottawa St.	Attorney	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1857
Green, Harkness		Inspector, "Wonderly Lumber Co."	Kent Co., Mich.	1874
Gunn, W. S. & Co.	47 & 49 Monroe	Hardware and House Furnishing Goods	New York	1845
Gunnison, Delong	6 Canal St.	Real Estate Dealer	Detroit, Mich.	1853
Green, F. W. & Co.	66 Pearl St.	Drns. in all kinds of Wood & Iron Machinery		
Gelock & Bro.	Lewis St.	Wagon Makers	Holland	1850
Hoadly, John F.	22 Monroe St.	Restaurant	Pennsylvania	1875
Hackinson, C.	41 Hastings St.	Blacksmith	Sweden	1865
Hampson, T. P. S.	32 Monroe St.	Barber and Hair Dresser	Maine	1871
Hansen, N.	E. Side Union Depot	Proprietor Central Hotel	Denmark	1869
Hardman, S. T.	Cherry St.	Saloon and Restaurant	Hamilton, Canada	1868
Harlan, B. A.		Atty., Counselor at Law & Judge of Probate	Harford Co., Md.	1858
Hausser, W. C.	140 Bridge St. W.	Grocer	Germany	1866
Haynes, Isaac		Sheriff of Kent County	England	1851
Hendricks, John	63 Spring St.	Carpenter and Joiner	Michigan	1852
Hembling, Wm. D.	335 Bridge St. W.	Groceries and Provisions	Canada	1874
Hilton, Chas. A.		Builder	Kent Co., Mich.	1841
Hinsdill, H. M.	25 Canal St.	Blank Book Manfr. Paper and Stationery	Grand Rapids	
Holden, E. G. D.	29 Pearl St.	Attorney and General Insurance Agent	Ohio	1845
Holmes, John T.		Judge Supreme Court	New York	1828
Holt, Arthur J.		Bookkeeper	England	1868
Horton, E. J.	98 Monroe	Grocer	Oakland Co., Mich.	1865
Horne, Samuel B.	29 Canal St.	Attorney at Law, Bounty and Pension Agent	Ireland	1869
Hovey, Wm.		Agent Grand Rapids Plaster Company	Middlesex Co., Mass.	1856
Houseman, Julius	4 Monroe St.	(Houseman & May) Manfr. & Drns. in Clothing		
Howard, H. I.	9 S. Division	Harness Maker	Ontario	1874
Howe Sewing Machine Company	85 Monroe	R. Vanness, Agent	Orleans Co., N. Y.	1860
Hoyt, Birney	21 Paris Ave.	Circuit Judge, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit.	Chautauqua Co., N. Y.	1857
Hunt, Simeon		Register of Deeds, Kent County	Orange Co., Vt.	1844
Husband, Levi	Front St.	Hotel	Canada	1864
Hughes, D. Darwin	Aldrich Block	Solicitor G. R. & I. R. R. Co.		
Hulbert, D. K.	18 Pearl St.	Wholesale Dealer in Wool and Grain	Michigan	1867
Huntly, E. R.	39 & 41 N. Div. St.	Whole' & Retail Dlr in P. rk, Hams, Lard, etc	Erie Co., N. Y.	1862
Huntly, Geo. W.		Retired Manufacturer	Erie Co., N. Y.	1856
Horton, L. H.	97 Lagrave	Carpenter and Joiner	New York	1870
Hatch & Hayden	127 Monroe & 7 Div. Sts.			
Immin, F.	84 Monroe St.	Dealers in Fancy Groceries	Michigan	1875
		Carpets, Oil Cloths, Paper Hangings and Window Shades	Germany	1870
Innis, Wm. P.		Fire Insurance	New York	
Ives, Colvin L.	65 & 67 Kent St.	Livery, Sale and Boarding Stable	Michigan	1845
Jaxon, John	13 Bridge St.		Michigan	1860
Jefferts, M. R.	19 McReynolds Bldg	President G. R. & A. R. R. Co.	Oswego Co., N. Y.	1870
Johnson, Geo. S.		Cigar Store	New York	1872
Johnson, J. K.	Lewis & Waterloo St	Proprietor Eagle Hotel	New York	1867
Judd, Geo. E.	32 S. Division St.	Groceries and Provisions	Massachusetts	1857
Kappler, Hugo	195 Ottawa		Germany	1853
Kinney & Mitchell	146 Kent St.	Blacksmiths, Horse-shoeing a Specialty	Ireland	1867
Kingsbury, S. O.	64 Canal	Real Estate, Coal and Wood	Enfield, Conn.	1844
Kusterer, C.	Bridge St.	Brewer of Ales and Beer	Germany	1847
Kusterer, Philip	120 Canal St.	Groceries and Provisions	Germany	1848
Kennedy, J. M.		Livery and Sale Stable	New York	1847
Kutsche, Oswald	Cor. East & Lake Sts	Real Estate Dealer and Farmer	Europe	1853
Lambrix, Joseph	222 Bridge St. W.	Grocery and Saloon	Canada	1867
Lapierre, Joseph	185 Jeff. Ave.	Professor of French, Latin and Greek	France	1874
Leitelt, H., Bros. & Co.	5 Erie St.	Valley City Iron Works		1863
Loettgert, Frederick	18 Canal St.	Toys and Fancy Goods		1866
Long, John S.		Lumber Manufacturer	Pennsylvania	1868
Loomis, R. B.	34 Canal St.	Dealer in Boots and Shoes	Maine	1866
Luther & Sumner	55 Canal St.	Agricultural Implements and Hardware		1847
Lyon & Johnson	Opera House Block	Civil Engineers and Surveyors		
Luther, Sylvester		(Luther & Sumner)	Bristol, R. I.	1874
Leonard, Wm.	21 Kellogg St.	Carpenter & Joiner	Hampshire, Mass.	1870
Martin, Lewis	15 Bridge St. W.	Dry Goods and Cloths, Hats and Caps	Bavaria	1855
Mattison, F.	66 Canal St.	Manfr. & Dealer in Saddles, Harness and Horse Furnishing Goods	Vermont	1851
Martin, Joseph H.	21 Canal St.	Broker and Capitalist	England	1852
Matteson, E. S.		Agent Estey Organs	Oakland, Mich.	1872
Maris, C. M.	115 Monroe St.	Hardware, Copper, Tin and Sheet Iron	Holland	1852
March, W. S.	11 S. Division	Furniture	New York	1868
Macfarland, A.	Waterloo St.	Barnard House	Vermont	1875
McCollum, E.		Salesman with Foster Brothers	New York	1848
McConnell, Wm. H.	50 & 52 Monroe	Hardware and Dry Goods	England	1845
McCool, Chas.	520 Front St.	Meat Market	Pennsylvania	1870
McDonnell, David	74 Calder St.	Mason	New York	1868
McKay, J. A.	Front St.	Grocery and Saloon	Canada	1870
McKillop, John & Co.	80 Canal St.	The Commercial Agency		
McManus, Rev. P. J.		Catholic Priest	Ireland	1865
McNamara, John	Bostwick St.	Attorney at Law	Chenango Co., N. Y.	1873
McSkimin, Jas.	91 Canal St.	Enterprise Coffee and Spice Mills	New York	1875
Messmore, I. E.	Messmore Block	Attorney at Law	Detroit, Mich.	1867
Merritt, Wm. T.	Morton House		New York	1861
Meyers, Ferdinand	28 Fountain St.	Manufacturer and Dealer in Cigars	Germany	1865
Michigan Barrel Works	Canal			
Miller, H. L.	301 Jeff. Ave.	Wagon Maker		
Mills & Lacey	8 Canal St.	Druggists		
Mohl, Schneider & Co.	13 Canal	Cigar Manufacturers and Tobacco Dealers		

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NAME.	LOCATION.	BUSINESS.	NATIVITY.	Settled in Co.
Moore, M. M.	20 Opera House Bk	Attorney at Law and Justice of the Peace.	Somerset Co., Maine	1859
Mooter, Jacob	Forest City House.	Carpenter and Joiner.	Ohio	1870
Muensch, E. W.		City Engineer.	Fall River, Mass.	1867
Mullett, W. R.	10 Canal.	Insurance Agent.	Pennsylvania	1875
McBride, James E.		Attorney	Ohio	1872
Miller, Henry		Superintendent Division St. R. W. Co.	New York	1866
Nester, Thomas	Cor. Ionia & Coldbrook Sts.	Grocer	Ireland	1864
Nelson, Matter & Co.	33 & 35 Canal St.	Furniture, Mfrs. & Dirs., Wholesale & Retail		
Nichols & Co.	Cor. Canal & Bridge	Doors, Sash & Blind, Mfrs. & Stair Builders.		1852
Norris, Blair & Stone		Lawyers.		
Norris & Uhl	99 Ottawa St.	Attorneys	New York	1871
O'Connor, Wm.	537 S. Division	Groceries and Provisions, Notary Public and Real Estate.	Ireland	1870
Owen, Geo. F.	31 Monroe St.	Palace Music Store, Estey Organs & Chickering Pianos.	New Jersey	1844
Orford, Edward	677 Front St.	Hotel Keeper.	Canada	1868
Ostrom, Leonard	467 S. Division St.	Meat Market.	Michigan	1855
Osborn, P. O.	Ionia St.	Campbell House	New York	1875
Otte, P. & Son	9 N. Division St.	Cigar & Tobacco Store.	Holland	1868
Peck, Webster F.		Deputy Sheriff Kent County.	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1849
Prindle, C. W.	36 W. Bridge St.	Homeopathist, Physician and Surgeon.	Barry Co., Mich.	1871
Pierce, Geo. R.	21 Pearl St.	Gun Maker.	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1857
Patten, C. H.		Salesman with Spring & Avery.	Herkimer Co., N. Y.	1844
Powers, Wm. T. & Son	87 S. Front St.	Mfrs. of Lumber, Lath and Shingle.	Rochester, N. Y.	
Penney, J.			Grand Rapids.	1837
Perkins, G. W.		(Perkins & Hess) Dlr. in Hides, Pelts & Furs		
Peck, J. S.	80 Canal.	Peck's Delmonico, Ladies' & Gents' Dining Rooms.	New York	
Parmenter & Furman	36 Bridge St.	Wholesale and Retail Grocers.		
Pierce, P. R. L.		Mayor City Grand Rapids & Secretary Land Department of the G. R. & I. R. R.	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1840
Pierce, E. S.		Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods.	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1853
Pierce, B. T.		Dealer in Confectionery, Candies & Fruits.	New York	1864
Perry Brothers	27 Monroe St.	Hats, Caps and Furs.	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1873
Porter, A. J.		Attorney at Law, Collection and Loan Agent		
Preusser, A.	35 Monroe St.	Jeweler and Watchmaker.	Prussia	1850
Palmer, S. D.	232 Jeff. Av.		New York	1860
Palmer, F. H.	S. Division	Saloon Keeper.	New York	1874
Perry, D.	55 Pearl St.	Wholesale and Retail Liquors and Cigars.	New York	1868
Phillips, Z. T.		Mechanic with C. C. Comstock.	New York	1865
Prontus, L.	11 S. Division St.	With Reed & March.	Michigan	1868
Powers, E. K.	Cor. Wealthy Ave. & Ionia St.	Mfr. of Doors, Sash, Blinds & Mouldings, and General Jobbing & Turning done to order.	New York	1856
Powers, Wm. H.		Wm. T. Powers & Son	New York	
Powers, W. T.		Wm. T. Powers & Son	New Hampshire	
Paddock, Aug.	Lake Ave.	Lumberman	New York	1854
Quintus, J.		Agent Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, Foreign Passage and Exchange.	Zealand	1859
Quimby, I. L. & Son.	Canal, foot of Quimby St.	Manufacturers of Piano & Organ Lumber, Staves and Heading.		
Ringelberg, H.	391 Ottawa St.	Groceries and Provisions, Wines and Liquors	Holland	1866
Ransom, O. C.		Attorney at Law and Solicitor in Chancery.	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1873
Ringnet, Mrs. F.	506 S. Division		Canada	1836
Reed, H. H.	44 Ionia St.	Proprietor Ionia House.	New York	1856
Rogers, L. A.	51 Monroe St.	Surgeon, Dentist.	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1853
Robinson, Solomon & Co.	222 to 232 Canal St.	Mfrs. of Lumber, Sash, Doors, Blinds, etc.		1870
Rogers, James A.		Attorney	Vermont	1861
Robinson, Wm. M.	45 Monroe		America	
Randall, John	Ottawa	Compounder & Dlr. in Wines & Grape Brandy	New York	1875
Raymond & Scranton.		Carriage Maker.	Ohio	1852
Raym., Mrs. J.	50 Canal St.	Temperance Lunch Room.	Michigan	1872
Smith & Draper	Cor. Oak & S. Div.	Brewers of Beer, Stock Ale and Porter.	Michigan	1837
Schroeder, Geo.	51 Monroe	(Stanly & Schroeder) Clothiers.	Germany	1847
Shriver, Weatherly & Co.		Grand Rapids Galvanized Iron Cornice Wrks, Plumbers, Steam and Gas Fixtures.		
Stephenson, Samuel S.	Sweet's Hotel.	Physician and Surgeon.	Toronto, Canada	1873
Stevens, David L.		Ale Brewer.	Scotland	1858
Sliter, B. T.		Lawyer	Grand Rapids	1865
Smith, James H.	Pearl St.	Harness and Saddlers' Goods.		1837
Skinner, A. L.		Real Estate and Insurance.	St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.	1854
Sweet, M. I.		President First National Bank.	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1846
Scribner, W. R.		Real Estate Dealer.	New York	1837
Standish, Fuller & Standish		Attorneys at Law		
Sinclair, Bros.		Insurance & Real Estate Agents & Attorneys	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1846
Stanly, P. M.	51 Monroe St.	(Stanly & Schroeder) Clothiers' Merchandize	Ohio	1846
Stoughton, Wm. L.		Attorney and Counselor at Law.	Franklin Co., N. Y.	1874
Selleck & Greene	Cor. Lyon & Kent.	Proprietors Commercial Hotel.		
Stewart & Vanderhoef.	20 Canal St.	Insurance and Real Estate Agents.		
Shields, M.	45 Waterloo St.	Saloon Keeper.	Michigan	1840
Snyder, Charles	68 N. Division	Dealer in Spring Bed Bottoms.	New York	1875
Snyder, Peter	West Side.	Butcher	Kent Co., Mich.	1875
Spring, Henry		(Spring & Avery) Dry Goods and Carpets.	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1845
Stevens, W. D.		(Foster, Stevens & Co.) Hardware.	Harrisburgh, Va.	1854
Scharfenberg, C. T.	19 Calder St.	Proprietor Washington House.	Germany	1871
Shears, M. V.	309 Jeff. Ave.	Meat Market.	New York	1870
Sanford, E. A.	246 Jeff. Ave.	Flour and Feed Store.	Chicago, Ill.	1871
Spencer, G.	7 McDowell.	Tinsmith.	New York	1860
Snively, W. J.	201 & 203 S. Division	Groceries, Flour & Feed, Wholesale & Retail	Michigan	1852
Spring & Avery	6 & 8 Monroe	Dry Goods and Carpeting.		
Schotter, John	48 Ionia.	Restaurant and Saloon	Germany	1874
Sumner, D. B.		(Luther and Sumner)	Harrisburgh, Vt.	1874
Sprague, Wm.		Carpenter and Joiner.	Lenawee Co., Mich.	1856
Schmidt, August		Insurance and Real Estate Agent.	Germany	1855
Saunders, B. C.		Proprietor Sherman House.	New York	1863
Thompson, Henry E.	13 Pearl.	Attorney at Law.	Chemung Co., N. Y.	1858
Tuxbury, C. F.		Marble Dealer.	Michigan	1865
Trowbridge, Jerome.	Lake Avenue	Proprietor Lake House.	New York	1857
Tewhopen, J. H.		Saloon Keeper.	Holland	1855
Thurston, D. F.	88 Ionia.	Fire Insurance.	Adrian, Mich.	1848
Taggart, M.		Attorney at Law.	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1868
Taylor & Eddy		Attorneys at Law.		
Thomson, Geo.	31 Canal St.	Conveyancer, Notary Public & Land Dealer.	Scotland	1859
Taylor, W. W.		(Taylor & Eddy)	Holland	1860
Thayer, Geo. W.	130 Canal St.	Grocer	Vermont	1861
Vail, Geo. H.	3 Goodrich St.	G. R. & I. R. R.	New York	1870

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Voigt, Herpolsheimer & Co.	80 & 82 Monroe	Dry Goods & Carpentry, Wholesale & Retail		1870
Van Tongeren, H.	431 Jeff. Ave.	Wagon Maker	Holland	1873
Van Diem & Rithema.	92 Center St.	Groceries, Crockery and Glassware	Holland	1866
Wheeler, John.	101 Third St.	(Dishman & Wheeler) "Excelsior" Mfrs.	New York	1875
Wilson, E. H.	Cor. Almond & Williams		Virginia	1861
Walker, Jesse.	Morton House.	Tonsorial Artist.	Madison Co., O.	1864
Wait & Green.	66 Pearl.	Real Estate Dealers.		
Whitaker, F. E.	410 Jeff. Ave.		Ohio	1872
Woolever, F. N.	22 Monroe	Restaurant	New York	1870
Wise, M. L.		Oyster and Game House.	England	1854
Whitefleet, C.	139 Bridge St., W.	Grocer	Holland	1848
Warner, Richard.	57 Broadway	Agent for Freeman, Hawkins & Co.	Alpine, Mich.	1875
Withy, A. B.	229 S. Division	Meat Market.	Michigan	1854
Wolcott, L. W.		Attorney at Law and C. C. Commissioner.	Wyoming Co., N. Y.	1869
Weirich, Henry	104 Monroe	Saloon Keeper.	Germany	1857
White, Geo. H.		Attorney at Law.	Saratoga Springs	1855
Woodruff, Dr. E.	44 Canal	Botanic Physician.	Farmington, Ct.	1860
Withy, L. H. & Co.	771 to 805 Canal St.	Lumber Manufacturers.		
Watson, I. M.	521 Scribner St.	Carpenter and Joiner	New York	1844
Wilson, Wm. L.	63 Waterloo	Blacksmith	Canada	1873
Wadzak, L.	61 Waterloo	Tailor	Bohemia	1868
Wilcox, J. M.		Bookkeeper B. & G. T. Co.	Mexico	1871
Walraff, Louis.	32 Bridge St., E.	Cigar Manufacturer.	Germany	1868
Wright, Daniel.	22 Monroe St.	Restaurant	New York	1875
Wartrous, H. S.	Plainfield Ave.	Lumberman	New York	1846
Weirich, Peter.	296 Bridge St.	Ale and Lager Beer Brewer.	Germany	1853
Williams, S. Quincy.	Cor. Monroe & Ionia Sts.	Ale and Porter House.	Madison Co., N. Y.	

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Bacan S. S.	Grand Rapids	17	Farmer.	Wayne Co., N. Y.	1855
Beckwith, Peter	"	22	Farmer.	Osego Co., N. Y.	1845
Boynon, Levi S.	"	29	Farmer.	Jackson Co., Mich.	1848
Bradford, Moses	"	29	Farmer.	Canterbury, Conn.	1852
Chapin, G. A.	"	9	Farmer and Dairyman	Wayne Co., N. Y.	1866
Dickinson, G. W.	"	22	Farmer and Stock Dealer	Hampshire Co., Mass.	1835
Ewing, James	"	22	Farmer.	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1839
Fisk, J. W.	"	28	Farmer and Hotel Keeper	Monroe	1836
Hand, C. M.	"	29	Farmer and Carpenter	Ohio	1852
Havens, H. H.	"	16	Farmer	New York	1870
Hoag, E. A.	"	2	Farmer	New York	1868
Houghtaling, W. O.	"	16	Farmer and Fruit Grower	Wayne Co., N. Y.	1825
Jipson, A.	"	15	Farmer	Madison Co., N. Y.	1837
Lamberton, Mrs. Mary	"	5	Farmer	Columbia Co., N. Y.	1851
Laraway, Wm.	"	28	Dealer in Monuments, Grave Stones and Furniture Marble, Lake Ave.	Wayne Co., Mich.	1837
Lyon, Sanford W.	"	28	Gardener	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1861
McCormick, H. F.	"	23	Farmer.	New York	1857
Neal, Dan. B.	"	16	Farmer and Stock Raiser.	Lenawee Co., Mich.	1857
Peck, H. N.	"	16	Farmer	Dutchess Co., N. Y.	1856
Pratt, Luther C.	"	6	Farmer and Gardener.	Vermont	1852
Randall, Horatio	"	33	Collector for Gas Co.	Herkimer Co., N. Y.	
Rathbun, G. B.	"	28	Farmer.	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1839
Reed, Thos. E.	"	33	Farmer and Dairyman	Kent Co., Mich.	1857
Sharp, Arthur	"	29	Gardener and Florist, Green House & Budding Plants	London, Eng.	1856
Smith, Mrs. Jane M.	"	7	Farming and Gardening	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1854
Tubbs, M. S.	"	22	Farming and Gardening	Chenango Co., N. Y.	1837
Tucker, Foster	"	17	Farming and Gardening	Osego Co., N. Y.	1849
Young, Geo.	"	33	Farmer.	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1839

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Arndt, Peter	Grand Rapids	26	Fruit Raiser	Montgomery Co., N. Y.	1870
Arndt, J. W.	"	26	Valuable Lots for Sale on W. Bridge St.	Montgomery Co., N. Y.	1853
Armstrong, O. A.	"	15	Farmer and Jobber	Franklin Co., N. Y.	1862
Blood, J. M.	"	4	Farmer.	Kent Co., Mich.	
Burd, Joseph	"	20	Farmer.	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1836
Bullen, Hannah L.	"	3	Farming	Erie Co., Penn.	1858
Best, J.	"	16	Stock and Produce Farmer	Huron Co., Ohio	1869
Brogger & Bocksch	"	23	Mfrs. Toilet and all kinds of Soap.		
Champion, Chas. D.	Berlin	5	Farmer.	Herkimer Co., N. Y.	1854
Cool, Nathan	Grand Rapids	8	Farmer.	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1874
Capels, Michael	"	20	Farmer	Tipperary Co., Ireland	
Covell, P. F.	"		Farmer	Caledonia Co., Vt.	1837
Edison, J. R.	"	21	Stock and Produce Farmer	Upper Canada	1842
Eldred, A. J.	"	15	Presiding Elder M. E. Church	Catskill, N. Y.	1853
Ellis, H. D.	"	17	Farmer	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1874
Edison, Geo. M.	"	21	Farmer	Canada	1842
Flynn, James.	"	34	Engineer Plaster Mills	Northampton, Mass.	1851
Ferrand, Chas. F.	"	35	Engineer	Erie Co., N. Y.	1857
Graham, Edward	"	27	Fruit Growing & Market Gardening.	Upper Canada	1865
Hardy, Jesse	"	4	Farming.	Kent Co., Mich.	
Hilton, D. W.	Berlin	6	Farming	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1848
Handlin, Wm.	Grand Rapids	23	Saloonist, Walker av.	Oakland Co., Mich.	1872
Hogadone, H. C.	"	19	Stock and Produce Farmer	Canada	1839
Hogadone, J. B.	"	28	Farming.	Canada	1840
Huntly, J. W. A.	"	11	Farming.	Franklin Co., N. Y.	1856
Hudson, J. B.	Mill Creek	1	Milk Dealer	Osego Co., N. Y.	1867
Johnson, P. W.	Grand Rapids	3	Farmer and Fruit Grower	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1856
Jones, Amos B.	"	18	Farmer and Fruit Grower	Wyoming Co., N. Y.	1866
Jones, Sarah	"	18		Canada	1866
Kipp, Jesse	"	21	Farming.	Dutchess Co., N. Y.	1864
Kusterer, C.	"	20	Stock and Produce Farmer.	Germany	1853
Laidlaw, Thos.	"	20	Farmer.	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1865
Maynard, T. R.	"	28	Farmer.	Osego Co., N. Y.	1856
Maynard, S. D.	"	28	Farmer and Dairyman.	Franklin Co., Ohio	1873
Miner, Edward	"	4	Farmer and Carpenter	Steuben Co., N. Y.	1848

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Millard, John	Grand Rapids	4	Farmer and Carpenter	Oxford Co., Canada	1854
Millard, Jane	"	4	"	Oxford Co., Canada	1854
Neal, James R.	"	1	Farmer	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1841
Osburn, J. A.	Berlin	17	Farmer and Carpenter	Wayne Co., Ohio	1868
Phillips, E. C.	Grand Rapids	23	Fruit Growing	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1855
Rafferty, George	"	8	Stock and Produce Farmer	Ireland	1844
Stone, H. G.	"	26	Real Estate, W. Bridge Street	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1840
Shears, Chas. R.	"	23	Proprietor St. Charles House	Lockport, N. Y.	1875
Smith, Mrs. D. W.	"	9	Farming	Albany Co., N. Y.	1837
Schermerhorn, I. N.	"	21	Stock and Produce Farmer	Canada	1856
Schermerhorn, C. P.	"	22	Stock and Produce Farmer	Canada	1846
Tubbs, Mattie A.	Granville	7	"	Van Buren Co., Mich.	1857
Walsh, Hugh	Grand Rapids	32	Farmer	Ireland	1842
White, J. M.	"	10	"	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1836
Wilson, A. A.	"	18	Farmer and Supervisor	Hillsboro Co., N. H.	1870
Wright, N. C.	"	15	Stock and Produce Farmer	Wayne Co., N. Y.	1837
Waite, J. D.	"	19	Farmer and Carpenter	Kent Co., Mich.	
Waite, Mattie	"	19	"	Albany Co., N. Y.	

SPARTA TOWNSHIP—Concluded.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	Sec.	BUSINESS.	NATIVITY.	Settled in Co.
Denison, Wm. H.	Sparta Center		Livery and Boarding Stable	Kent Co., Mich.	1850
Dresser, Wm.	"	15	Farmer	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1848
Darling, George	Englishville	36	Farmer	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1861
Dutton, Edwin	"	36	Mnfr. of Lumber, Lath and Shingle	Chautauqua Co., N. Y.	1851
Darling, Elias	Lisbon	18	Farmer	Ulster Co., N. Y.	1867
Downing, A. H.	"	28	Farmer	Sussex Co., Delaware	1859
Eddy, Chas. C.	"		Merchant	Madison Co., N. Y.	1848
English, Rich'd S.	Englishville	36	Farmer and Lumber Dealer	England	1844
Everett Bros.	Sparta Center		Dealer in Drugs, Stationery, Etc.	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1857
Ellis, Alfred	"	3	Farmer	Morgan Co., Ohio	1864
Field, Chas S.	Englishville	26	Farmer	Tompkins Co., N. Y.	1850
Gillam, Alfred B.	Sparta Center	27	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1852
Grunwell, Wm.	"	3	Farmer	England	1869
Gillam, Benj.	"	22	Farmer	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1849
Gronberry, C. A.	Lisbon		Blacksmith and Wagon Maker	Sweden	1865
Hughes, Monroe	Sparta Center		Farmer	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1865
Hitchcock, H. P.	"		Wagon Maker	Steuben Co., N. Y.	1866
Hinman, Alfred S.	"	4	Farmer	Madison Co., N. Y.	1852
Hinman, Z. M.	"	9	Farmer	Madison Co., N. Y.	1846
Hinman, C. C.	Lisbon	33	Farmer	Madison Co., N. Y.	1852
Hanford, Jas. S.	Englishville	33	Farmer	Seneca Co., Ohio	1864
Johnson, Chas. A.	Sparta Center	4	Farmer	Sweden	1869
Johnson, Wm. C.	"	4	Farmer and Mechanic	Ireland	1867
Johnson, John	Lisbon	17	Farmer and Carpenter	Sweden	1863
Koon, C. E. & S. J.	"		Physicians and Dentists	Schuyler Co., N. Y.	1856
Kennedy, A.	Sparta Center		Shoemaker	Scotland	1866
Kinsman, W. E.	"		Photographic Artist	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1870
Meeker, Allen	Lisbon		Farmer	Steuben Co., N. Y.	1848
Maxwell, H. T.	Ball Creek	4	Farmer	Orleans Co., N. Y.	1860
Meyers, A. P.	Sparta Center	24	Farmer	Clinton Co., Mich.	1847
Magoon, A. C.	"	1	Farmer	Medina Co., Ohio	1846
Martindale, Chas. J.	"	11	Farmer	Franklin Co., Mass.	1848
Myers, Hiram	"	24	Farmer and Lumber Merchant	Canada	1845
McConnell, Geo. W.	"	23	Farmer	Trumbull Co., Ohio	1846
Norton, E. W.	"	3	Farmer and Baptist Minister	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1852
Nash, Jonathan E.	"		Farmer and Township Supervisor	Franklin Co., Mass.	1846
Orser, H. F.	"	25	Farmer and Carpenter and Joiner	Canada	1850
Paine, L. A.	Englishville	34	Farmer	Huron Co., Ohio	1863
Pattee, Gustavus	Sparta Center	21	Farmer and Mechanic	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1864
Purdy, Harris D.	Lisbon	32	Farmer	Huron Co., Ohio	1871
Richards, F. G.	Sparta Center		General Hardware	Ashland Co., Ohio	1866
Reynolds, Levi	"	14	Farmer	Saratoga Co., N. Y.	1852
Roby, E. A.	"	23	Nurseryman	Middlesex Co., Mass.	1868
Saxton, Bliss	"	23	Farmer and Physician	Lewis Co., N. Y.	1847
Soules, B. W.	"		Merchant	Orange Co., N. Y.	1852
Spaulding, K. C.	"	22	Farmer and Lumber Merchant	Ashabula Co., Ohio	1873
Stebbins, Andrew J.	"	1	Farmer and Lumber Mnfr	Madison Co., N. Y.	1847
Stebbins, Wm. G.	"	1	Farmer and Prop'r of Saw Mill	Chenango Co., N. Y.	1847
Stebbins, Chas. D.	"	26	Farmer	Madison Co., N. Y.	1847
Smith, Jacob A.	"	35	Farmer	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1856
Smith, Coridon	"	15	Farmer	Tompkins Co., N. Y.	1872
Smith, Israel	"	14	Farmer	Canada	1850
Shangle, J. L.	"	15	Farmer	Tompkins Co., N. Y.	1847
Saur, Andrew	"	8	Farmer	Sweden	1852
Schmidt, W. J.	Englishville	34	Farmer	Denmark	1854
Stuart, Miss Nettie	Lisbon		Principal Lisbon School	Hillsdale Co., Mich.	1855
Swan, John A.	"		Harness Maker and Trimmer	Sweden	1868
Taylor, J. B.	Sparta Center		Town Clerk and Bookkeeper	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1867
Taylor, Wm. H.	"		Farmer	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1854
Underhill, Alfred	"	21	Farmer and Carpenter	New Brunswick	1850
Vond, W. C.	"	9	Farmer	Vermont	1850
Whitell, Andrew	"		Blacksmith and Carriage Builder	Canada	1866
Woodman, N. H.	"	15	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Bellnap Co., N. H.	1846
Wylie, Wm. M.	"	24	Farmer	Madison Co., N. Y.	1846

WYOMING TOWNSHIP.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	Sec.	BUSINESS.	NATIVITY.	Settled in Co.
Abel, Carlos A.	Fisher's Station	36	Farmer	Essex Co., N. Y.	1834
Allbright, John	Grandville	31	Farmer	Holland	1847
Bogardus, Jacob	"	18	Farmer	Onondaga Co., N. Y.	1856
Brown, Chas. H.	"	32	Farmer	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	1853
Britton, D. C.	"		Blacksmith	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1834
Blake, Joseph	"		Retired Merchant	Rockingham Co., N. H.	1846
Brainerd, Harry H.	"	33	Farmer	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	1853
Bruhl, Jacob	Fisher's Station	36	Farmer	Germany	1860
Brown, Sam'l A.	Grand Rapids	1	Lumber Manufacturer	Antrim Co., Ireland	1872
Brown, Bester	"	1	Pleasure Resort at Reed's Lake	Hartford Co., Conn.	1847
Cooper, John W.	Grandville		Physician	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1873
Coats, Marvin	"	16	Farmer	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	1852
Dunham, A. J.	"		Proprietor Livery Stable	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1859
Dewey, Egbert	"	21	Lumber Manufacturer	Berkshire Co., Mass.	1848
Donihoo, D. W.	"		Partner in Wyoming Flouring Mills	Rockbridge Co., Va.	1873
Davis, Ebenezer	"	9	Farmer	Cumberland Co., Maine	1836
Davis, Reuben E.	"	9	Farmer	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1836
Davis, Peter	Grand Rapids	3	Farmer	Ireland	1864
Dennis, James	Fisher's Station	24	Farmer	Niagara Co., Canada	1853
Delany, Ker.	"	35	Farmer	Ireland	1856
Emmons, John T.	North Byron	34	Farmer	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1843
Emmons, Wm. K.	"	34	Farmer	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1851
Emmons, Andrew	"	33	Farmer	Kent Co., Michigan	1847
Feakins, Edward	Grand Rapids	1	Farmer	England	1835
Ferrand, Louis G.	"	15	Farmer	Erie Co., N. Y.	1870
Gordon, Jacob	Grandville		At Woolen Mill	Upper Canada	1868
Galloway, Wm. H.	"		Farmer and Justice of the Peace	Washington Co., N. Y.	1864
Hooper, Clement	"		Farmer	Essex Co., N. J.	1850
Hooper, Henry	"	30	Farmer	England	1853
Hammond, Alfred	"	31	Farmer	Grand Rapids, Michigan	
Heth, Edward W.	Grand Rapids	1	Farmer	Washington Co., N. Y.	1867
Jenness, Thomas J.	Grandville		Hotel Keeper	St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.	1866
Jewell, Harmon	"	33	Farmer	Saratoga Co., N. Y.	1840
Jones, Cyrus	Grand Rapids	13	Farmer	Clinton Co., N. Y.	1834
Kiefer, Andrew J.	Grandville		Meat Market	Northampton Co., Penn.	1856
Mason, Salisbury	Grand Rapids	2	Farmer	Madison Co., N. Y.	1843
Norton, Anson N.	Grandville	4	Farmer	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1855
Noel, John	"	20	Farmer	Adams Co., Penn.	1856
Osterhouse, Geo. N.	"	18	Farmer	Holland	1855
Porter, J. F.	Grand Rapids	10	Farmer	Montcalm Co., Mich.	1855
Powell, Oscar F.	Grandville		Merchant	Kent Co., Mich.	1847
Roys, James	"	4	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1843
Rankin, Dwight	"	19	Farmer	Courtland Co., N. Y.	1836
Roys, Frank	"	9	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1852
Retau, John R.	North Byron	33	Farmer	New Jersey	1843
Stoneburner, John	Grandville	16	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1848
Sullivan, Simon	"		Boot and Shoe Manufacturer	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1868
Shoemaker, Nicholas	"		Merchant	Herkimer Co., N. Y.	1839
Smith, Margaret	Fisher's Station	23	Farming	Queens Co., Ireland	1866
Warner, D. S.	Grandville		Woolen Mill	Chenango Co., N. Y.	1870
Wilson, Charles	"		Farmer	Steuben Co., N. Y.	1872
Wildner, Horace	"		Machinist	Onondaga Co., N. Y.	1838
Weston, H. O.	"		Retired Physician and Proprietor Wyoming Flouring Mills	Onondaga Co., N. Y.	1853
Wolf, Alonzo	"	30	Farmer	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	1854
White, Albert C.	Grand Rapids	34	Farmer	Hampshire Co., Mass.	1855
Williams, Chas.	"	1	Shoemaker	New York	1846

BYRON TOWNSHIP.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	Sec.	BUSINESS.	NATIVITY.	Settled in Co.
Adams, M. W.	Byron Center	29	Carpenter and Joiner	Warren Co., Va.	1864
Boynton, Frank	North Byron	5	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	
Boynton, Mrs. Harriet	"	9	Farmer	Wyoming Co., N. Y.	1836
Coleman, Josiah S.	Byron Center	9	Mason	Franklin Co., Mass.	1871
Crocker, Sanford	"	14	Farmer	Loraine Co., Ohio	1855
Crocker, N. L.	"	11	Farmer	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	1854
Crocker, A. H.	"	14	Farmer	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	1855
Corey, Joseph W.	"	6	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	
Cross, S. A.	North Byron	9	Farmer	Erie Co., N. Y.	1861
Cook, G. W.	Byron Center	15	Farmer	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1869
Foot, Albert A.	"	12	Saw Mill	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	1853
Godfrey, G. W.	North Byron	8	Farmer	Erie Co., N. Y.	1847
Higby, Hannah	Byron Center	14	Farmer	Trumbull Co., Ohio	1853
Hanes, A. C.	North Byron	2	Farmer	Pennsylvania	1855
Hanes, John	North Ross	2	Proprietor Hotel	Williams Co., Ohio	1855
Holmes, Geo.	Byron Center	10	Farmer	Hartford, Conn.	1853
Hickox, L. L.	"	23	Farmer	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	1860
Hathaway, H. M.	"	22	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Medina Co., Ohio	1865
Ide, Luella M.	"	20	Teacher	Kent Co., Mich.	
Irwin, Jonathan	"	9	Tanner of Buffalo Skins and Furs	Orange Co., N. Y.	1835
Johnson, C. L.	Corinth	25	Carriage Maker	St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.	1845
Lilly, Jesse	Byron Center	10	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	
Lilly, Grove A.	"	15	Farmer	Alleghen Co., Mich.	
Loomis, Mrs. B. L.	"	14	Farmer	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	1863
Long, J. R. & Winnifred K.	Fisher's Station	2	Farmer	Ireland	1855
McKenney, Elijah	Byron Center	20	Farmer	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1846
Olds, John	"		Merchant and Town Clerk	Michigan	
Pysher, Fred	Fisher's Station	2	Farmer	Tompkins Co., N. Y.	1847
Quackenboss, Wm. T.	Ross	35	Farmer	Canada West	1849
Rice, Mrs. L. B.	Byron Center	23	Farmer	Franklin Co., Mass.	1854
Secth, C.	Fisher's Station	1	Farmer	Prussia	1864
Secth, August	"	1	Farmer	Canada	1864
Stevens, Ransom F.	Byron Center	9	Farmer	Berkshire Co., Mass.	1870
Stevens, Fineta M.	"	9	Farmer	New York	1870
Tobey, Samuel	"	9	Farmer and Supervisor Byron Tp.	Franklin Co., Mass.	1869
Towner, S. S.	"	21	Farmer and Saw Mill	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	1852
Utter, John B.	North Byron	6	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Medina Co., Ohio	1843
Wilson, Alice	Byron Center	28	Teacher	Kent Co., Mich.	
Winters, Freeman	Fisher's Station	12	Farmer	Columbia Co., N. Y.	1856
Wright, P. B.	Corinth	25	Physician	Milwaukee, Wis.	1868
Weaver, Bradley C.	Ross	35	Farmer	Stafford, Conn.	1846

SPARTA TOWNSHIP.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	Sec.	BUSINESS.	NATIVITY.	Settled in Co.
Amidon, Caleb	Sparta Center	9	Farmer	Rensselaer Co., N. Y.	1847
Bloss, Volney	"	15	Farmer	Orleans Co., N. Y.	1855
Bradford, E.	"		Dealer in Dry Goods, Grain, Wool & Produce, and Express & R.R. Agt.	Wayne Co., Mich.	1852
Brace, G. W.	"	3	Farmer and Carpenter	Orleans Co., N. Y.	1865
Bradford, Perry	"	11	Farmer	Wayne Co., Mich.	1852
Brooman, Peter	"	5	Farmer and Mechanic	Sweden	1856
Biddleman, S. T. F.	"	27	Farmer	Herkimer Co., N. Y.	1853
Bu'nap, Tracy	"	14	Farmer	Steuben Co., N. Y.	1868
Balcom, John M.	"		Farmer and Hotel Keeper	Orleans Co., N. Y.	1845
Blackall, Benj.	Lisbon	29	Farmer	Utica, N. Y.	1846
Buck, Cary	"	32	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1850
Billings, Calvin	"	8	Farmer	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1856
Ballard, Lyman S.	Englishville	35	Farmer and Merchant	Montgomery Co., N. Y.	1850
Brown, Clark	"	33	Farmer	New London, Conn.	1845
Cogshall, Wm. H.	Sparta Center	11	Farmer	Lapeer Co., Mich.	1845
Cogshall, Henry	"	11	Minister	Lapeer Co., Mich.	1845
Churchill, Hartwell	"		School Teacher	Maine	1873
Coster, Richard L.	"	17	Farmer	New York	1853
Cawkin, Volney W.	"	10	Farmer and Sawyer	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1844
Corey, Thomas H.	"	27	Farmer	Saratoga Co., N. Y.	1852
Crowley, David	"	28	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1856
Cornwell, T. G.	"		Mnfr. of Wagons and Buggies	Brown Co., N. Y.	1872

ALGOMA TOWNSHIP.

Table listing patrons in Algoma Township with columns for Name, Post-Office, Sec., Business, Nativity, and Settled in Co.

PARIS TOWNSHIP.

Table listing patrons in Paris Township with columns for Name, Post-Office, Sec., Business, Nativity, and Settled in Co.

PARIS TOWNSHIP—Concluded.

Table listing patrons in Paris Township (continued) with columns for Name, Post-Office, Sec., Business, Nativity, and Settled in Co.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP.

Table listing patrons in Bowne Township with columns for Name, Post-Office, Sec., Business, Nativity, and Settled in Co.

ALPINE TOWNSHIP.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	Sec.	BUSINESS.	NATIVITY.	Settled in Co.
Anderson, Chas.	Englishville	3	Farmer	Sweden	1849
Brown, Stillman	"	4	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Lapeer Co., Mich	1844
Bailey, H. L.	"	1	Blacksmith	New York	1854
Brown, Frank E.	Brick Tavern	29	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich	1854
Brown, E. T.	"	29	Farmer	Madison Co., N. Y.	1848
Brown, Christian	"	31	Farmer	Germany	1850
Boyd, James	Pleasant	17	Farmer	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1844
Burtch, Hiram	Grand Rapids	9	Carpenter and Joiner	Canada	1865
Birdsall, Wm.	Indian Creek	34	Farmer	Saratoga Co., N. Y.	1846
Conklin, DuBois	Grand Rapids	21	Farmer	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1864
Cranmer, Israel	"	9	Farmer	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1854
Card, J. H.	Pleasant	7	Farmer	Onondaga Co., N. Y.	1854
Cole, Hiram	"	19	Farmer	Broome Co., N. Y.	1852
Coffee, John R.	"	19	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich	1850
Camp, Edward P.	Brick Tavern	30	Farmer	New York	1845
Clark, John H.	Mill Creek	36	Miller	England	1850
Cordes, E.	Alpine	26	Farmer	Westphalia, Prussia	1843
Cooper, John A.	"	13	Farmer	Canada	1865
Cordes, Wm.	"	26	Farmer	Westphalia, Prussia	1843
Downer, Avery	"	15	Farmer	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1850
DePoteo, James	"	22	Farmer	Holland	1871
Denison, Henry A.	Indian Creek	28	Farmer	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1843
Dutton, Byron	Englishville	1	Carpenter and Joiner	New York	1871
Dowling, Wm. C.	Alpine	7	Farmer	Canada West	1855
Fitzgeralds, Wm.	Pleasant	7	Farmer	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1845
Fox, Erastus J.	Alpine	22	Farmer	New York	1865
Fish, Chas. D.	"	13	Farmer and Lumberman	New York	1865
Gray, L. C.	Grand Rapids	29	Farmer	Steuben Co., N. Y.	1853
Greenly, H. A.	"	20	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich	1849
Gibbs, Thos. W.	Pleasant	19	Farmer	Ottawa Co., Mich	1868
Hiltbrant, W.	Alpine	7	Farmer	Westphalia, Prussia	1849
Hills, A. H.	"	23	Farmer	Bennington, Vt.	1838
Hinbeck, Joseph	"	12	Farmer	Huron Co., Ohio	1845
Hopkins, Nelson R.	Brick Tavern	30	Farmer	New York	1837
Hill, James	Grand Rapids	17	Farmer	England	1861
Hammerschmidt, F.	"	22	Farmer	Westphalia, Prussia	1852
Isham, Charles	Alpine	14	Farmer	Michigan	1870
Johnson, L. H.	Grand Rapids	33	Farmer. Fine Stock Raising a Specialty.	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1850
Leland, A. H.	Mill Creek	25	Farmer and Lumberman	Vermont	1846
Murray, Lyman	Lisbon	5	Farmer	New York	1846
Munro, C. W.	Grand Rapids	32	Farmer	Canada	1839
Martindale, Theodore	"	34	Farmer	Lake Co., Ohio	1869
Mentzer, J. R.	"	36	Pump Manufacturer	Ohio	1867
Platte, John	"	35	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich	1852
Pattee, Amos	Alpine	16	Bridge Builder	New Hampshire	1859
Porter, Peter B.	"	24	Farmer and Sawyer	New York	1851
Preston, John	Pleasant	17	Farmer	Ottawa, Ohio	1864
Pearsall, S. M.	Grand Rapids	28	Farmer	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1843
Rogers, A. J.	"	6	Farmer	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1845
Rogers, H. H.	Brick Tavern	29	Farmer	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1845
Rice, W. F.	Alpine	24	Farmer	Canada	1864
Stevenson, Hiram	Englishville	10	Farmer	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1848
Stewart, Wm.	"	2	Farmer	Canada	1867
Shearer, A. J.	Alpine	24	Dry Goods and Groceries	Chautauqua Co., N. Y.	1866
Saur, J. A.	Pleasant	8	Farmer	Sweden	1854
Smith, Peter S.	Brick Tavern	29	Farmer	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1847
Schlick, B.	Grand Rapids	34	Farmer	River Rhine, Prussia	1842
Schaefer, Stephen	"	27	Farmer	Prussia	1842
Schaefer, Joseph	"	27	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich	1846
Thorp, Harris	Englishville	1	Farmer	New York	1872
Thoma, Michael	Alpine	15	Farmer	Prussia	1842
Wilson, A.	Englishville	1	Farmer	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1850
Wells, C. E.	Indian Creek	28	Farmer	Pennsylvania	1854
Wedge, Henry D.	Grand Rapids	32	Farmer	Pennsylvania	1865
Waterman, Chas.	"	16	Farmer	England	1851
Wilder, Joseph	"	34	Farmer	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1844
Wilson, John C.	Brick Tavern	19	Farmer and Stock Dealer	Washington Co., N. Y.	1865
West, Lorenzo	Alpine	25	Farmer and Lumberman	New York	1845
Wheeler, Wm. W.	"	22	Farmer	Rutland Co., Vt.	1844
Wheeler, Edmond A.	"	22	Farmer	Rutland Co., Vt.	1844

COURTLAND TOWNSHIP.

Addison, Thomas	Courtland Center	23	Farmer	England	1838
Austin, John	"	21	Farmer	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1838
Allin, Isaac	Rockford	27	Farmer	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1854
Anderson, John H.	Edgerton	7	Miller and Lumberman	Onondaga Co., N. Y.	1866
Blakney, Dwight	Courtland Center	27	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich	1866
Benham, Fernando	"	8	Farmer	Washtenaw Co., Mich.	1847
Benham, Frank	"	9	Farmer and Thrasher	Kent Co., Mich	1850
Bradley, H. M.	"	11	Farmer	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1846
Brown, R. J.	Cedar Springs	5	Farmer	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1842
Brown, E.	"	4	Farmer	Wayne Co., N. Y.	1864
Beals, Abram E.	Oakfield	13	Farmer	Wayne Co., Ohio	1848
Bowman, G. W.	"	25	Carpenter and Joiner	Waterloo Co., Canada	1867
Briggs, B. B.	Edgerton	10	Farmer and Lumberman	Yates Co., N. Y.	1854
Bellows, John D.	Rockford	34	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Macomb Co., Mich	1838
Covell, James S.	Courtland Center	3	Farmer and Speculator	New York	1866
Crinion, Michael	"	15	Farmer and Speculator	Washtenaw Co., Mich.	1840
Carlyle, Rob't.	Rockford	32	Farmer	Scotland	1842
Coon, George	Edgerton	9	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich	1845
Cornell, Robert B.	White Swan	36	Farmer	New York	1849
Davis, Dennis G.	Courtland Center	10	Farmer	Jackson Co., Mich	1858
Decker, Wm.	"	17	Farmer	Yates Co., N. Y.	1852
Dean, Mortimer B.	"	21	Farmer	Warren Co., N. Y.	1838
Davis, Joseph	Rockford	29	Farmer and Stock Raiser	England	1844
Eldred, Alfred	Courtland Center	10	Farmer	Ohio	1858
Earl, S. B.	Cedar Springs	4	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich	1854
Elkins, S. F.	Rockford	30	Farmer	Alleghany Co., N. Y.	1859
Farr, Eli A.	Cedar Springs	4	Farmer	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1856
Farr, Thos. B.	"	6	Miller and Lumberman	Pennsylvania	1861
Graham, Nelson	Rockford	26	Farmer	Washtenaw Co., Mich	1853
Garity, John	Cedar Springs	4	Farmer	Ireland	1867
Hewitt, Elton	Courtland Center	21	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich	1854
Hunting, G. S.	"	28	Farmer	Dutchess Co., N. Y.	1849
Holden, C. M.	Edgerton	18	Farmer, Physician and Surgeon	Tompkins Co., N. Y.	1857
Johnson, Thos. C.	Courtland Center	23	Farmer	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1860
Johnson, Barton	"	22	Farmer	Schoharie Co., N. Y.	1838

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NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	Sec.	BUSINESS.	NATIVITY.	Settled in Co.
Kingin, John T.	Edgerton	18	Farmer	Yates Co., N. Y.	1852
Linderman, Jason	Courtland Center	16	Farmer	Summit Co., Ohio	1852
Lanning, Edward	Oakfield	12	Farmer	Steuben Co., N. Y.	1857
Myers, Wm. H.	Courtland Center	28	Farmer and Township Supervisor	Ireland	1847
Pease, Lester H.	"	16	Farmer	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1817
Peterson, John E.	"	24	Farmer	Jackson Co., Mich	1847
Rhoades, Lewis	"	4	Farmer	Jackson Co., Mich	1868
Richardson, C.	"	26	Farmer	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1860
Rounds, Samuel	Rockford	31	Farmer	Yates Co., N. Y.	1847
Rounds, L. D.	"	31	Farmer	Yates Co., N. Y.	1846
Stegman, F. C.	Courtland Center	16	Farmer, Butcher & Cider Mill Owner	Germany	1854
Saunders, Nathan D.	"	15	Prop. Courtland Center House & Store	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1844
Smith, H. S.	"	26	Farmer	Waterloo Co., Canada	1857
Squires, Nathan R.	"	24	Farmer	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1847
Schaner, Sebastian	Rockford	20	Farmer	Waterloo Co., Canada	1869
Sears, Luke	"	30	Farmer	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1850
Shank, Geo.	"	29	Farmer	Portage Co., Ohio	1849
Shaw, N.	"	30	Farmer, Stock Raiser & Lumberman	Rensselaer Co., N. Y.	1845
Shaw, G. N.	"	30	Farmer	Yates Co., N. Y.	1854
Scarvell, Thos.	"	28	Farmer	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1865
Smith, M. D. L.	Cedar Springs	2	Farmer	Medina Co., Ohio	1854
Thompson, Almon	Courtland Center	36	Farmer	Chenango Co., N. Y.	1836
Thompson, Calvin	"	25	Farmer	"	1836
Tefft, A. B.	Rockford	20	Farmer	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1854
Tuttle, A. S.	Cedar Springs	4	Farmer	Pennsylvania	1848
Welton, George	Courtland Center	14	Farmer	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1866
White, Z. B.	"	15	Farmer	Yates Co., N. Y.	1844
White, Chas. M.	"	22	P. M., Blacksmith & Wagon Repairer	Kent Co., Mich	1849
Whitthall, Thos.	"	23	Farmer	England	1856
Wall, Samuel	Bostwick Lake	36	Farmer	"	1847
Williams, A. M.	Rockford	19	Farmer	Alleghany Co., N. Y.	1873
Wesbrook, John R.	Cedar Springs	2	Farmer and Lumbering	St. Clair Co., Mich	1871
Wiley, Jacob	"	1	(J. & L. Wiley) Shingle Factory	Eaton Co., Mich	1873
Young, Elihu R.	Rockford	30	Farmer, Stock Raiser & Dairyman	Yates Co., N. Y.	1848

CEDAR SPRINGS TOWNSHIP.

Andrus, W. P. & Co.	Cedar Springs	Dealers in General Hardware	Yates Co., N. Y.	1870
Alams & Benedict	"	Dry and Fancy Goods	"	1872
Buel & Hubbard	"	Restaurant and Saloon	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1873
Butler, M. W.	"	Jobbing	Ontario	1873
Benedict, J. O.	"	Wholesale Shingle Dealer	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	1868
Brackett, M. S., Jr.	"	Brackett House	New York	1875
Bremmer, Chas.	"	Billiard Room	Germany	1871
Buck, Curtis	"	Attorney at Law	Litchfield Co., Conn.	1860
Barber, W. L.	"	Groceries, Flour, Feed, Lumber, etc.	Portage Co., Ohio	1868
Bowen, E. A.	Lockwood	Saloon and Restaurant	Oswego Co., N. Y.	1872
Buskirk, A.	"	Proprietor "Traveler's Home"	New York	1871
Chapman, L. C.	"	Pine Lumber Dealer	Macomb Co., Mich.	1848
Chappell, G. H.	"	Physician	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1865
Chester, E. F.	"	Physician and Surgeon	Oakland Co., Mich.	1871
Donihue, J. H.	"	Blacksmith	Ireland	1860
Dunham, Isaac	"	Farming and Teaming	Schuyler Co., N. Y.	1857
Deyarmond, C. B.	"	Lumbering and Moving Buildings	Nova Scotia	1871
Fairchild, W. P.	"	Proprietor Fairchild House	St. Joseph Co., Mich.	1860
Geiger, Geo.	"	Billiard Room	Northampton Co., Penn.	1875
Gardner, H. S.	"	Physician	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1870
Hill, N. R.	Cedar Springs	Real Estate Dealer and J. P.	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1855
Hartupe, B. V.	"	Furniture Dealer	Fairfield Co., Conn.	1871
Lawrence, W. H.	"	Mechanic	Delaware Co., N. Y.	1848
Mabee, R.	"	Proprietor Lockwood House	Canada	1875
McConnell, Walter	"	Groceries	Hillsdale Co., Mich.	1870
Marst, M. F.	"	Restaurant	Kent Co., Mich.	1849
Pryce, Edward	"	Supervisor Solon Township	New York	1858
Pelton, Chauncey	"	Dealer in Lumber and Shingles	Middlesex Co., Conn.	1844
Papson, George	"	Harness Maker	England	1874
Pangborn, Albert	"	Foreman Lumber Mills	Champlain Co., N. Y.	1851
Rudes, H. M.	"	Lumberman	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1850
Roys Bros.	"	Groceries and Provisions	Berkshire Co., Mass.	1867
Sellers, L. M.	"	Editor Cedar Springs Clipper, and Real Estate Dealer	Franklin Co., Penn.	1849
Sparks, Philip	"	Tailor	England	1869
Stiles, L. W.	"	Groceries	Canada	1859
Slawson, N. F.	"	J. P. and Collection Office	Tompkins Co., N. Y.	18—
Welch, Wm.	"	Bridge Street House	Franklin Co., N. Y.	1869
Wagar & Otis	"	Livery, Sale and Boarding Stable	"	1872

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP.

Althouse, Hattie S.	Lowell	29	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1853
Bennett, E.	"	32	Farmer	Onondaga Co., N. Y.	1857
Byrnes, Sarah E.	Alton	17	Farmer	New York	1853
Blending, D. S.	Lowell	29	Farmer and Fruit Grower	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1864
Cochrane, James	"	12	Grist Mill, Flour and Feed	Ireland	1873
Daniels, T. I.	"	33	Farmer	Cheshire Co., N. H.	1837
Fox, J. S.	"	33	Farmer	New York	1836
Goodsell, D. M.	"	25	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1844
Goodsell, John O.	"	24	Farmer	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1844
Geill, F. A.	"	27	Farmer and Wagon Maker	Holland	1848
Hoag, S. E.	"	34	Farmer	Washtenaw Co., Mich.	1845
Kerr, George	"	21	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1849
Krum, Mary	"	31	Farmer	Herkimer Co., N. Y.	1837
King, M. J.	"	34	Farmer	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1862
King, Edmond	Alton	10	Saw Mill. Dir in Lumber & Wagon Gear	Essex Co., N. Y.	1850
Lawless, James	"	5	Farmer	Ireland	1844
Misner, C.	Lowell	33	Farmer	Canada	1838
Masterbrook, Henry	"	23	Farmer	Holland	1861
Rogers, Alex.	"	27	Farmer	Lewis Co., N. Y.	1838
Taylor, Chas.	"	30	Farmer	Canada	1854
Walker, J. W.	"	28	Farmer	Canada	1837
Wilson, D. A.	"	33	Farmer	Ohio	1852
Weeks, H. D.	Alton	4	Farmer	Canada	1870
Westbrook, Thos.	"	23	Farmer	Canada	1844
White, Isaac W.	"	10	Farmer	Canada	1845
Wright, John	"	13	Farmer	Pennsylvania	1845

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LOWELL TOWNSHIP.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	Sec.	BUSINESS.	NATIVITY.	Settled in Co.
Atkins & Greene	Lowell		Dealers in Agricultural Implements.	Washington Co., Vt.	1854
Avery, H. W.	"		Fresh Meat, Poultry, Oysters, Hides, etc.	Litchfield Co., Conn.	1855
Avery, E. W.	"		Planing Mill, Sash, Doors, Blinds, &c.	Litchfield Co., Conn.	1855
Burt, B. E.	"		Notary Public and Attorney	St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.	1851
Blair, Nathan	"	17	Farmer	Washington Co., N. Y.	1843
Barber, J. H.	"		Sewing Machine Agent	Washtenaw Co., Mich.	1859
Blakeslee, Enos L.	"	33	Farmer	New York	1863
Barber, W. R.	"	13	Fruit Grower	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1860
Burch, Noah	"	16	Farmer	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1837
Brasted, Silas	"	6	Farmer	New York	1856
Babcock, W.	"	13	Saw Mill, Cradle, Scythe and all kinds of Handles	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1873
Brannan, J. & Isaac	Alto	32	Farmers	Ohio	1850
Clark, H. M.	Lowell		Cashier Lowell National Bank	Delaware Co., N. Y.	1854
Craw, E. R.	"		Hatch & Craw, Props. Forest & Lowell Mills, Dirs. in Flour, Grain, etc.	Wayne Co., N. Y.	1856
Cary, H. W.	"	18	Farmer, Thresher and Wood Sawyer	New York	1870
Campbell, C. W.	"	12	Farmer	New York	1867
Carter, L. A.	"	4	Farmer	New York	1856
Cogswell, L. W.	"	13	Farmer	Jackson Co., Mich.	1856
Dodge, E. W.	"		Attorney at Law	Rochester, N. Y.	1874
Denise, Wm.	"	31	Farmer	Wayne Co., N. Y.	1867
Denise, D. H.	"	28	Farmer	New York	1869
Easterby, James	"	27	Farmer	England	1853
Fuller, Elijah	"		Light & Draft Harness, Collars, Horse Clothing, Robes, Blankets, Trunks, etc.	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1869
Fairchild L. L.	"	29	Farmer	New York	1854
Graham, W. K.	"	22	Farmer	England	1860
Graham Joseph	"	27	Farmer	England	1855
Gaines, F. J.	"	10	Farmer and Carpenter	Vermont	1855
Hine, J. W.	"		Editor Lowell Journal	Delaware Co., N. Y.	1867
Husted, J. D.	"	12	Nurseryman and Fruit Grower	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1862
Hart, John	"	12	Farmer	Canada	
Hatch, J. F.	"	24	Farmer	Ohio	1864
Hunter, R., Jr.	"		J. P., Collecting and Conveyancing	England	1855
Houghtaling, Wm.	"		Proprietor "Clifton House."	Michigan	1875
Jones, Ira B.	"	12	Fruit Farm	Canada	1865
Kopf, John	"		Mnfr. Furniture, Picture Frames, etc., Dir. in Watches, Clocks & Jewelry.	Germany	1854
Kinyon, J. W.	"	15	Farmer	New York	1857
Kinyon, W. W.	"	46	Farmer	New York	1857
Kinyon, Joseph	"	23	Farmer	New York	1853
Look, O. H.	"		Att'y, R. Est. Dir., Conveyancing, etc.	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1872
Lyon, W. B.	"	8	Farmer	Chenango Co., N. Y.	1839
Lewis, James	"	18	Nursery and Fruit Growing	Canada	1848
Layer, Jacob	"	34	Farmer	Germany	1852
Mathewson, J. W.	"		Attorney and Solicitor	Herkimer Co., N. Y.	1844
Misner, W. H.	"		Proprietor "Franklin House."	Canada	1838
McIntyre, J.	"	9	Farmer	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1867
Mueller, Theo.	"		Restaurant and Saloon	Prussia	1865
McCarty, N. L.	"		Whol. & Retail Grocery & Prov. Store	Canada West	1866
Mapes, Mrs. E. A.	"	21	Farming	Essex Co., N. J.	1853
Noble, B. R.	"		Broker	Delaware Co., N. Y.	1866
Osborn, Daniel	"	19	Farmer	New York	1858
Onan, A. J.	"	17	Farmer	New York	1860
Parker, Geo. W.	"		Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, etc.	Dutchess Co., N. Y.	1844
Perry, Milton M.	"		Attorney, Notary and J. P. Special Attention given to Conveyancing, Insurance and Negotiating Loans.	Wayne Co., N. Y.	1854
Peck, A.	"		Physician and Surgeon	Wayne Co., N. Y.	1854
Proctor, Wm.	"	27	Farmer	Yorkshire, England	1854
Post, L. J.	"	14	Farmer and Fruit Grower	Connecticut	1858
Parker, Geo. J.	"	4	Farmer	Michigan	
Robbins, Warren	"	26	Farmer	New York	1867
Rolf, Ransom	"	7	Farmer	Wayne Co., N. Y.	1837
Stone, H. G. & Co.	"		Dry Goods, Carpets, Hats, Boots, Shoes, etc.	New York	1844
Snyder, Martin	"	19	Farmer	Germany	1869
Tate, Thomas	"		Deputy Sheriff and Livery Stable	England	1866
Thompson, J. T.	"	18	Farmer	Michigan	1836
Trask, H. M.	"		Mechanic	Massachusetts	1868
Thompson, S. J.	"	9	Farmer	England	1866
Thibos, John	"	18	Nurseryman	Holland	1853
Winegar, R. D.	"		Farmer	Rensselaer Co. N. Y.	1852
Wyman, L. M.	"	16	Farmer	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1856
Wright, F. C.	"	10	Farmer	1855	
Yeiter, J. D.	"	22	Farmer	Germany	1850
Yeiter, Fred.	"	27	Farmer	Germany	1850

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP.

Barry, David	Caledonia Station	29	Manufacturer of Wooden Ware	Erie Co., N. Y.	1874
Butler, James	"	25	Farmer	Tipperary Co., Ireland	1852
Bergy, Tobias	"	29	Dry Goods, Groceries and Hardware	Waterloo Co., Canada	1871
Bergy, Peter	"	30	Farmer	Waterloo Co., Canada	1871
Barber, O. B.	"	26	Farmer	New York	
Barber, W. O.	"	26	Druggist and Dentist	Illinois	
Bowman, John W.	"	27	Farmer	Ohio	1856
Black, Wm. L.	Alaska	10	Cabinet Maker	Berrien Co., Mich.	1868
Butterfield, Chester and Jennie	Hammond Station	6	Farmers	Orange Co., N. Y.	1837
Crawford, C.	Caledonia	29	Druggist and Toilet Articles	New York	1875
Clark, J. O.	Alaska	10	Wood Turner	Washtenaw Co., Mich.	1862
Clyne, Peter	"	9	Constable and Farmer	Herkimer Co., N. Y.	1856
Cooley, Jos. P.	Barber's P. O.	14	Farmer	England	1853
Collins, Wm.	"	15	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	
Diefenbacher, J.	"	10	Mechanic	Waterloo Co., Canada	1865
Fox, Daniel	"	8	Painter	Orange Co., N. Y.	1855
Fairchild, John	"	1	Farmer and Baptist Minister	Albany Co., N. Y.	1852
Griffin, Wm. A.	"	10	Farmer	Brantford Co., Canada	1856
Harper, John	"	15	Farmer	Ashland Co., Ohio	1866
Haviland, D. S.	"	10	M. E. Minister, Merchant and Town Clerk	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1852
Helerigle, H. C.	Caledonia Station	29	Farmer	Waterloo Co., Canada	1865
Heimler, John B.	"	20	Farmer	Germany	1864

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP—Concluded.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	Sec.	BUSINESS.	NATIVITY.	Settled in Co.
Hitzler, Wm.	Caledonia Station	29	Carpenter and Joiner	Lehigh Co., Penn.	1866
Johnson, D. W.	"	29	Mason	Madison Co., N. Y.	1857
Johnson, Charlotte D.	"	29	"	Erie Co., N. Y.	1857
Jones, Chas., Jr.	"	29	Mechanic	Erie Co., N. Y.	1872
Kinsey, Jacob	"	30	Farmer	Waterloo Co., Canada	1865
Kinsey, Levi S.	"	30	Farmer	Waterloo Co., Canada	1854
Konkle, Aaron	"	29	Manufacturer Wooden Ware, Rakes, Fork Handles, etc.	Northampton Co., Pa.	1839
Kegel, Leonard G.	Alaska	10	Cabinet Maker	Baden, Germany	1867
Kilmer, Simon	"	9	Farmer	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1845
Lawrason, Mrs. Alice	"	8	"	Kent Co., Mich.	
Labarge, Francis	"	22	Carpenter and Joiner	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1844
Laton, A. E.	"	10	Homeopathic Physician and Surgeon	Elgin Co., Canada	1873
Loring, C.	Caledonia Station	36	Carpenter and Joiner	Erie Co., N. Y.	1865
Liebler, J. A.	"	29	General Merchandise	Canada	1859
McAlister, Hugh B.	Alaska	10	Justice of the Peace and Foreman	Waterloo, N. Y.	1844
McIntyre, Scott	"	4	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	
Mynard, J. P.	Caledonia Station	19	Farmer	Wyoming Co., N. Y.	1874
Merithen, R.	"	29	Fireman	Boston, Mass.	1872
Morrison, Frederick	"	29	Farmer and Mason	New Jersey	1862
Martin, Simon P.	"	28	Farmer	Waterloo Co., Canada	1864
Marston, E. T.	"	29	Physician and Surgeon	New Hampshire	1875
Nye, Leonard	"	27	Farmer	Northampton Co., Pa.	1870
Proctor, J. B.	"	35	Farmer and Surveyor	Rutland Co., Vt.	1868
Prindle, T. H.	"	29	Blacksmith	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1837
Price, B. M.	"	29	Proprietor Hotel	Courtland Co., N. Y.	1872
Peck, Nathan	Alaska	9	Farmer	Medina Co., N. Y.	1855
Rathbun, L. C.	Caledonia Station	26	Farmer	Tioga Co., Penn.	1845
Rowland, F. M.	"	27	Farmer	Lagrange Co., Ind.	1854
Rathbun, Orsemus	"	26	Farmer	Tioga Co., Penn.	1844
Reilly, Edward	"	24	Farmer	Ireland	1854
Riedel, Fred.	"	29	Farmer	Saxony	1865
Rowland, Sarah	"	27	Farmer	Union Co., Penn.	1854
Richards, Geo. H.	"	29	Farmer	Canada	1868
Riordan, Michael	Alaska	5	Farmer	Limerick, Ireland	1855
Richards, H. S.	"	22	Miller	Warren Co., N. J.	1834
Shisler, P. E.	Caledonia Station	33	Farmer	Erie Co., N. Y.	1869
Shisler, J. W.	"	33	Farmer	Welland, Canada	1869
Statsick, Joseph	"	30	Farmer	Germany	1866
Stauffer, Hiram	"	29	Manufacturer Wooden Ware	Canada	1864
Scott, Thomas	"	31	Farmer	England	1868
Stine, John W.	"	33	Farmer	Richland Co., Ohio	1872
Sherk, A. B.	"	29	P. M., Station Agent and J. P.	Waterloo Co., Canada	1860
Sherk, Amos	"	21	Farmer	Waterloo Co., Canada	1862
Sylvester, C.	Alaska	10	Lawyer	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1874
Willes, Edgar M.	"	9	Carpenter and Joiner	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1873
Wright, Horace	Caledonia Station	26	Railroad	Oakland Co., Mich.	1875
Weitz, Geo.	"	29	Manfr. and Dir. in Boots and Shoes	Germany	1866
Widrig, Allen	"	29	Proprietor Hotel	Herkimer Co., N. Y.	1860
Wood, D. A.	"	29	Restaurant	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1862
Young, D.	"	29	Dry Goods and Groceries	Hillsdale Co., Mich.	1867

GAINES TOWNSHIP.

Allin, Wm. T.	Corinth	29	Farmer	New York City	1853
Brewer, Truman	Grand Rapids	9	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Kent Co., Mich.	1844
Brewer, Aaron	"	9	Farmer and Supervisor	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1843
Bragg, Elmer N.	Hammond Station	13	Farmer	Hillsdale Co., Mich.	1852
Blain, Albert W.	"	5	Fruit Grafter	Kent Co., Mich.	1850
Bainbridge, Wm. R.	"	9	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1850
Budlong, W. H.	Corinth	18	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Columbia Co., N. Y.	1842
Drown, A. B. F.	"	20	Farmer and Druggist	Kent Co.	1854
Bragg, Alex.	Caledonia Station	13	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Vermont	1852
Brearily, Amos	"	35	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Hillsdale Co., Mich.	1852
Clemens, Amos M.	Grand Rapids	17	Farmer	Pennsylvania	1863
Colborn, John W.	Corinth	34	Farmer	Waterloo, Canada	1852
Cook, Ira E.	"	17	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1848
Crumbach, G. W.	"	34	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Canada	1853
Crumbach, James T.	Caledonia Station	26	Farmer and Weaver	Canada	1854
Crumbach, James W.	"	26	Physician	New York	1854
Clemens, Christian	"	34	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Canada	1867
Eyer, John F.	Hammond Station	11	Carpenter and Joiner	Putnam Co., Ohio	1871
Eldridge, Edward	"	2	Farmer	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1857
Fox, George	"	8	Physician and Surgeon	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1875
Geib, Valentine	Grand Rapids	22	Town Clerk and Farmer	Waterloo Co., Canada	1855
Gross, Michael	"	21	Blacksmith and Wagon Work	Canada	1865
Griffith, J. M.	"	32	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Pennsylvania	1874
Hammond, S. A.	Hammond Station	11	Land Speculator and Hotel	Delaware	1844
Hammond, J. R.	"	11	Farmer	Washtenaw Co., Mich.	1845
Hanna, John M.	"	26	Farmer	Ireland	1854
Hardy, W. J.	Grand Rapids	9	Farmer	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1846
Hendrick, Harlan	"	6	Farmer	Delaware Co., N. Y.	1852
Hoover, Abraham	Caledonia Station	36	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Seneca Co., Ohio	1852
Jones, David R.	Grand Rapids	17	Farmer and Mason	Wales	1841
Jones, Robert R.	"	17	Farmer and Mason	Kent Co., Mich.	1854
Jones, Elias M.	Hammond Station	12	Farmer	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1875
Klingman, John K.	Caledonia Station	25	Farmer	Lehigh Co., Pa.	1866
Kelly, Nelson	Bowen Station	4	Farmer and Township Treasurer	Kent Co., Mich.	1849
Kelley, Henry	Grand Rapids	17	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Kent Co., Mich.	1842
Kelley, Emeline	"	4	Farming	Seneca Co., Mich.	1836
Kilmer, V. R.	Hammond Station	2	Farmer	Wyoming Co., N. Y.	1845
Knapp, Hiram	"	3	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Otsego Co., N. Y.	1840
Keefer, C. B.	"	15	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Morgan Co., Va.	1855
Klingman, David	"	23	Farmer	Stark Co., Ohio	1854
Moyer, John	Hammond	2	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Lancaster Co., Pa.	1866
McQueen, John	"	11	Proprietor "Hammond House."	Elgin Co., Canada	1867
McCarty, Moses E. and Michael	Corinth	31	Farmers and Stock Raisers	Ireland	1858
Pelton, J. M.	"	18	Farmer	Oxford Co., Canada West	1838
Quinsey, Geo.	"	32	Farmer and Stock Raiser	New York	1865
Reynolds, J. S.	Grand Rapids	29	Farmer	Erie Co., N. Y.	1845
Ross, Wm.	Corinth	20	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Grand Rapids	1848

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CANNON TOWNSHIP.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	Sec.	BUSINESS.	NATIVITY.	Settled in Co.
Armstrong, G. W.	Cannonsburg	20	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1856
Ballard, O. T.	Austerlitz	23	Farmer	Rutland, Vt.	1863
Brothwell, G. E.	Rockford	7	Farmer	Indiana	1867
Bush, Jacob	Cannonsburg		Carpenter and Joiner and Wagon Maker	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1855
Burgess, C. M.	"	35	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Oakland Co., Mich.	1847
Burgess, John M.	Greenville	35	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1844
Chanman, L. H.	Cannonsburg	35	Farmer and Pine Land Dealer	Kent Co., Mich.	1849
Crill, M. V.	"	27	Farmer	Erie Co., N. Y.	1852
Crill, H. M.	"	27	Farmer	Erie Co., N. Y.	1852
Carlton, P. P.	"	15	Farmer	England	1846
Davies, A. W.	"	12	Farmer	Jackson Co., Mich.	1848
Dockeray, Joseph	Rockford	6	Farmer	Orleans Co., N. Y.	1845
Dockeray, Robert	"	6	Farmer	Orleans Co., N. Y.	1846
Dockeray, James	"	5	Supervisor Cannon Township	England	1846
Eggleston, Harrison	"	8	Farmer	Orleans Co., N. Y.	1863
Eldred, Geo. W.	"	17	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Schuyler Co., N. Y.	1875
Ellis, I.	Cannonsburg	26	Dir. in Groceries, Drugs and General Merchandise and J. P.	Vermont	1863
Ferry, Asa P.	Rockford	18	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Onondaga Co., N. Y.	1849
Fingleton, D.	Cannonsburg	35	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Marshall, Mich.	1846
Footo, Wm. R.	Grattan Center	11	Farmer	Washtenaw Co., Mich.	1855
Farr, Henry Francis	Cannonsburg	14	Farmer and Well and Cistern Builder	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1856
Hartwell, Wm.	"	27	Farmer	Wyoming Co., N. Y.	1846
Hartwell, Mrs. M. J.	"	35	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1858
Hine, M. B.	Imperial Mills	30	Farmer and Miller	New York	1847
Hysor, Wm.	Austerlitz	23	Physician, Surgeon and Druggist	Herkimer Co., N. Y.	1850
Hendrickse, A. B.	"	23	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Holland	1846
Johnson, Marquis L.	Cannonsburg	12	Farmer	Michigan	1848
Keech, Daniel A.	"	13	Farmer	Yates Co., N. Y.	1857
Kromer, A., Agent	"	26	General Merchandise, Postmaster and Farmer	New York	1857
Miller, Myres	Austerlitz	19	Farmer	New York	1836
Miller, Geo.	"	23	Farmer and Justice of the Peace	New York	1837
Miller, Wm. H.	"	23	Carpenter	Kent Co., Mich.	1842
McMullen, Thos.	"	23	Mason	New York	1866
Nutter, J. M.	Rockford	3	Farmer	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1849
Provin, T. W.	"	17	Farmer	St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.	1850
Randel, E. S.	Cannonsburg	10	Farmer	St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.	1851
Rector, B. P. D.	Rockford	16	Farmer	Yates Co., N. Y.	1857
Smith, V. R.	Imperial Mills	33	Farmer	Charlotte Co., Maine	1849
Spring, J. G.	Rockford	16	Farmer	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1844
Spring, J. S.	"	8	Farmer	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1844
Streeter, M. N.	Cannonsburg	2	Farmer	Jackson Co., Mich.	1848
Schermerhorn, M. R.	"	28	Farmer and Thrasher	Macomb Co., Mich.	1853
Schafer, John	"	28	Farmer	Erie Co., N. Y.	1856
Scott, Blynn	"	28	Teacher	Oswego Co., N. Y.	1866
Waddell, John	Austerlitz	19	Farmer	England	1866
Wilkinson, Andrew	Rockford	9	Farmer	Dutchess Co., N. Y.	1847
Willett, M.	"	8	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Erie Co., N. Y.	1853
Whitney, E. C.	"	7	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Oakland Co., Mich.	1853
Weller, M. H.	"	9	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1850
Wait, Delos V.	"	8	Farmer	Otsego Co., N. Y.	1863
Young, Wm. C.	Cannonsburg	10	Farmer	Orange Co., N. Y.	1844

ADA TOWNSHIP.

Barkley, B.	Ada	15	Farmer	Orange Co., N. Y.	1841
Beach, Benj.	"	22	Farmer	Warren Co., N. Y.	1836
Bristol, B.	"	24	Barrel Factory	New York	1865
Brown, C. H.	"	34	Harness Maker and Farmer	New Hampshire	1836
Burns, Laurence	"	34	Dealer in Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, etc.	Ireland	1863
Burt, C. L. & J. W.	"	29	Farmers	New York	1849
Canfield, A. N.	"	16	Farmer	New York	1864
Chaffee, R. G.	"	33	Farmer	England	1854
Chapel, L. B.	"	27	Farmer	Oakland Co., Mich.	1844
Clements, John L.	"	34	J. P. and Notary Public	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1855
Cob, Abram	"	33	Farmer	Aleghany Co., N. Y.	1855
Courtright, C.	"	16	Farmer	New York	1844
Crakes, Francis	Lowell	25	Farmer	England	1854
Dennis, M.	Ada	32	Farmer	Canada	1840
Downs, Michael	"	12	Farmer	Ireland	1849
Fingleton, Patrick	Cannonsburg	2	Farmer	Ireland	1844
Farrell, Wm.	Ada	12	Farmer, Justice of the Peace and Insurance Agent	Washtenaw Co., Mich.	1844
Ferris, Josiah B.	"	31	Farmer	E. Troy, N. Y.	1841
Ford, W. P.	"	25	Farmer and Blooded Stock Raiser	Yates Co., N. Y.	1859
Foster, John	"	33	Farmer	England	1849
Folston, B. G.	"	34	Farmer	New York	1844
Gibbs, J.	"	23	Farmer	New York	1837
Gibson, C. K.	"	33	Drugs and Groceries	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1857
Grove, Wm.	"	6	Farmer and Ferryman	Piqua Co., Ohio	1863
Headley, John	"	34	Farmer and Lumberman	New Jersey	1861
Hill, O.	"	19	Farmer	New York	1855
Hillis, Thos.	"	30	Farmer	Canada	1875
Hunter, G. Chas.	"		Agt. Farmers' Mut. Ins. Co. of Kent Co.	Kent Co., Mich.	1853
Kemp, John	"	33	Miller	Scotland	1868
Kinney, Daniel	"	8	Farmer and Stock Raiser	St. Clair Co., Mich.	1865
Meckel, W. H.	"	30	Farmer	New York	1858
McCaul, F. D. A.	"	35	Farmer	Lenawee Co., Mich.	1856
McNaughton, J. D.	"	4	Farmer and Fruit Raiser	Scotland	1843
O'Farrell, Michael	"	11	Farmer	Ireland	1844
Pringleton, Patrick	Cannonsburg	2	Farmer	Ireland	1844
Plumb, W. S.	Ada	14	Farmer	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1873
Rhodes, H. A.	"	17	Farmer	Washtenaw Co., Mich.	1839
Schenck, J. S.	"	22	Farmer	Yates Co., N. Y.	1845
Smith, Henry	"	33	Propr. Ada Hotel	Burlington, Vt.	1837
Spencer, Mark	"	35	Carpenter and Joiner	Ontario	1855
Strong, R.	"	34	Farmer and Stock Raiser	New York	1864
Titus, N. J.	"	15	Farmer	Livingston Co., Mich.	1865
Tower, D. C.	"	20	Farmer	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1871
Turnbull, Robt.	"	5	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waterloo Co., Ont.	1855
Whaley, Isaac	"	21	Farmer	New York	1868
Wilkins, Wm. T.	"		Real Estate and Patent Right Agt.	Branch Co., Mich.	1874

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	Sec.	BUSINESS.	NATIVITY.	Settled in Co.
Aldrich, Mrs. Frank	Grant	24	Farming	Canada	1844
Aldrich, Mrs. H.	Alton	35	Farming	Otsego Co., N. Y.	1843
Brooks, Lucius	Grattan Center	4	Farming	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	1850
Barrett, E.	"	9	Farming and Stock Raising	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1864
Cowan, Alex. 2d.	"	6	Farmer	Onondaga Co., N. Y.	1848
Canfield, M. H.	"	12	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Essex Co., N. Y.	1866
Chapin, Flavel	Grant	13	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Yates Co., N. Y.	1845
Cook, L. B.	Otisco	12	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Connecticut	1844
Carbman, W. H.	Grattan Center	28	Sailor	Philadelphia, Pa.	1875
Davis, A. A.	Alton	36	Farming and Stock Raising	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1872
Davis, J.	Grattan Center	11	Wagon Maker	Virginia	1865
Emmons, Hiram	Otisco	13	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Canada	1854
Eddy, Chas.	Grattan Center	16	Farmer and Speculator	Brant Co., Canada West	1860
Elkins, L. A.	"	16	Proprietor "Grattan House"	Onondaga Co., N. Y.	1849
Ford, A. B.	"		Postmaster and Dealer in Groceries, Drugs, Books and Stationery	Canada	1846
Ford Oren	Alton	35	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Indiana	1839
Fuller, W. S.	Grattan Center	11	Farmer	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1845
Giffin, J. M.	Otisco	13	Farmer, Teacher and School Director	New York	1864
Holmes, Nelson	Grattan Center	17	Farmer	Chenango Co., N. Y.	1846
Huntley, E. & Son	"	16	Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Groceries, Hardware, Drugs and Medicines	Lapeer Co., Mich.	1861
Howard, A. M.	"	16	Grattan Mills	Detroit, Mich.	1850
House, Abram	Berch's Mills	7	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Canada	1872
Hall, J. B.	Ashley	1	Farmer	Wyoming Co., N. Y.	1845
Johnson, Alfred C.	Grattan Center	28	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1848
Kennedy, S. F.	"	4	Town Superintendent of Schools, Retired Merchant, Farmer and Stock Raiser	Kinkley, Ohio	1865
Madison, L. K.	"	16	Proprietor "Madison House"	New Hampshire	1847
Matic, M. K.	"	9	Farmer	Ionia Co., Mich.	1855
Mason, Wm. R.	Grant	26	Farmer, Sheep and Hop Raiser	Madison Co., N. Y.	1847
Myers, John D.	Grattan Center	11	Farmer and Stock Raiser	New York	18
Nicholson, John W.	"	22	Farmer and Supervisor	Steuben Co., N. Y.	1845
Ramsdell, S.	"	17	Farmer	Wayne Co., Mich.	1865
Ranney, Geo. A.	Cannonsburg	30	Farmer	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1865
Reed, Gibson D.	Otisco	13	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1838
Rulison, H.	Grattan Center	17	Tin and Glassware Store	New York	1874
Scranton, S. B.	"	17	Farmer	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1844
Smith, John W. B.	"	15	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1845
Story, B.	"	4	Farmer	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1863
Slayton, C. M.	"	14	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Yates Co., N. Y.	1847
Smith, Newton	Otisco	12	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Yates Co., Ohio	1843
Slayton, Wm. C.	Grant	24	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Yates Co., N. Y.	1875
Trask, James R.	Grattan Center		Dry Goods, Groceries and General Merchandise	Chautauqua Co., N. Y.	1866
Watkins, J. C.	Grant	23	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Yates Co., N. Y.	1843
Weeks, R. A.	"	25	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1853
Watkins, M. C.	Grattan Center	2	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Rutland, Vt.	1844
Wallace, N.	Otisco	12	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Ticonderoga, N. Y.	1856

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP.

Briggs, Orlando W.	Oakfield	8	Farmer	Ashtabula Co., Ohio	1855
Berry, Geo. W.	Oakfield Center	10	Farmer	Ionia Co., Mich.	1857
Bishop, H. N.	Greenville	13	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1850
Bowman, W. B.	White Swan	30	Farmer	Waterloo Co., Canada	1864
Calkin, R.	"	31	Farmer	Oakland Co., Mich.	1848
Campbell, Wm. L.	Oakfield	9	Farmer	Orange Co., N. Y.	1847
Cooper, Edward	"	2	Farmer	Tapeer Co., Mich.	1847
Davis, J. P.	White Swan	29	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1847
Deal, J. B.	Greenville	12	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1842
Dewey, Lafayette	"	25	Farmer	Oakland Co., Mich.	1851
Ervin, George	Oakfield	18	Farmer	Canada	1875
Estep, J. A.	"	18	Farmer	Seneca Co., Ohio	1852
Fry, Allen S.	"	19	Farmer	Canada	1845
Gould, N. H.	"	15	Miller and Dealer in Flour and Feed	St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.	1845
Gotting, Louis	"	16	Gardener	Germany	1850
Horton, S. D.	"	7	Farmer	Orange Co., N. Y.	1848
Hart, Luther	"	6	Farmer and Blacksmith	Herkimer Co., N. Y.	1866
Hubbel, E. S.	Grattan Center	31	Farmer	Madison Co., N. Y.	1853
Jones, E. H.	Oakfield Center	21	Farmer	Jackson Co., Mich.	1849
Lillie, Wm. H.	Greenville	3	Farmer and Shingle Manufacturer	Chautauqua Co., N. Y.	1853
Lazure, E.	"	5	Farmer	Canada	1871
Lockwood, Nancy J.	Oakfield Center	23	Farmer	Canada	1849
Leeman, W. J.	"	16	Farmer	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1861
Moore, John D.	"	15	Farming	Orange Co., N. Y.	1847
McCarthy, Giles	White Swan	32	Farming	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	1846
McArthur, Harry	"	33	Farming and Supervisor	Cuyahoga Co., Ohio	1846
Pond, H. D.	Ashley	34	Farmer	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1845
Perry, William	Greenville	3	Farmer and Blacksmith	England	1860
Payne, D. B.	"	11	Farmer and Prop. Shingle Factory	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1853
Rich, R. E.	White Swan	30	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1856
Spaulding, Lyman	Oakfield Center	15	Farmer and Minister	Steuben Co., N. Y.	1869
Slawson, L. B.	Oakfield	7	Farmer	Tompkins Co., N. Y.	1849
Spencer, Geo. H.	Greenville	2	Farmer and Carpenter and Joiner	Jackson Co., Mich.	1855
Skillen, James R.	Ashley	35	Farmer	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1872
Tower, S. S.	White Swan	29	Farmer	Windsor Co., Vt.	1839
Waterman, John	Oakfield	18	Farmer	Susquehanna Co., Penn.	1863
Wolf, M. Frederick	"	4	Farmer	Germany	1854
Watson, John S.	Oakfield Center	21	Farmer	Sheffield, England	1850
Ziegenfuss, Franklin	Greenfield	13	Farmer	Livingston Co., Mich.	1852

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP.

Butler, Henry	Rockford	12	Farmer	Ashtabula Co., Ohio	1866
Baker, W. W.	"	3	Farmer and Fruit Grower	Pennsylvania	1846
Baker, J. W.	"	3	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Pennsylvania	1850
Carpenter, L. A.	Austerlitz	13	Farmer	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1843
Crevling, Benj.	Alpine	7	Farmer	New Jersey	1864
Corack, Anton	"	7	Farmer	Prussia	1858
Crissman, H. K.	Rockford	13	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Warren Co., N. J.	1847
Cranmer, Chas.	"	11	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1860
Childs, H. B. & Co.	Grand Rapids	2	Manufacturers Fine & Coarse Paper	Franklin Co., Mass.	1845
Cranston, C.	Belmont	15	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1838

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PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP—Concluded.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	Sec.	BUSINESS.	NATIVITY.	Settled in Co.
Deer George	Rockford	2	Farmer	Pennsylvania	1857
Elsbey, Daniel B.	Grand Rapids	33	Farmer	Washtenaw Co., Mich.	1847
Fisher, E. T.	Rockford	1	Engineer and Millwright	Berks Co., Penn.	1866
Friant, A. J.	Austerlitz	24	Farmer	Wayne Co., N. Y.	1834
Gross, Samuel	Rockford	2	Farmer	Pennsylvania	1845
Graves, John D.	Austerlitz	24	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Ohio	1848
Gais, M. M.	Rockford	1	Farmer and Fruit Grower	Germany	1856
House, Conrad	Belmont	5	Farming and Pump Making	Montgomery Co., N. Y.	1855
Hutchings, S. A.	Rockford	3	Farming	Adrian, Mich.	1854
Jones, John	Belmont	9	Farmer	England	1854
Konkle, H.	"	22	Township Supervisor and Farmer	Pennsylvania	1839
Konkle, P.	Mill Creek	31	Farmer	New York	1839
Lackery, E.	Rockford	1	Shingle Making	New York	1871
Miller, Geo. and Alfred	Austerlitz	23	Farmers	Delaware Co., N. Y.	1837
Myers, Joseph	"	"	Farmer and Restaurant	Belgium	1858
McGavin, John	"	35	Farmer	Ireland	1849
Post, Lansing	Belmont	8	Farmer	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1845
Post, John	"	8	Farmer and Hop Raising	Kent Co., Mich.	1845
Post, Phillip	"	16	Farmer	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1845
Post, I.	"	16	Prop. Belmont House	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1845
Rice, Nathaniel	Alpine	18	Farmer	Canada	1862
Rice, Geo. H.	"	19	Farmer	Canada	1867
Sparks, Thos.	Belmont	8	Farmer	England	1872
Solomon, J. S.	Austerlitz	13	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Orange Co., N. Y.	1843
Stowe, E. G.	Alpine	18	Farmer	Franklin Co., Mass.	1844
Sage, S. M.	Belmont	16	Farmer	Loraine Co., Ohio	1873
Wade, L. N.	Grand Rapids	32	Farmer	Wayne Co., N. Y.	1844
Whitney, Frank	Austerlitz	"	Prop. Plainfield House	Kent Co., Mich.	1840
Whittington, Geo.	Belmont	14	Farmer	Canada	1865
Wall, William	Rockford	1	Farmer	England	1850
Welling, Hiram	Grand Rapids	28	Farmer	Renselaer Co., N. Y.	1868

NELSON TOWNSHIP.

Bailey, J. W.	Cedar Springs	18	Farmer	Loraine Co., Ohio	1853
Bailey, J. W.	Lockwood	17	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1859
Bessey, L. F.	Sand Lake	9	Farmer	Ashtabula Co., Ohio	1853
Cuvner, James	"	8	Farmer	Ireland	1863
Durfey, A. J.	Nelson	14	Farming	Oswego Co., N. Y.	1869
French, Wesley	"	24	Farmer	Canada	1867
French, Geo. S.	"	13	Farmer	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1867
Freeman, Seymour	Cedar Springs	32	Farmer	Onondaga Co., N. Y.	1869
Howland, Jacob	Sand Lake	6	Farmer and Lumberman	Steuben Co., N. Y.	1865
Jones, Wm. F.	Cedar Springs	33	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1855
Jones, J. S.	"	33	Farmer	Wayne Co., Ohio	1855
McDonald, Alex.	Sand Lake	5	Farmer and Lumberman	Canada	1866
Newman, Geo.	Nelson	24	Farmer	New York	1866
Newman, Lewis	"	24	Farmer	England	1866
Phelps, E. L.	Cedar Springs	31	Farmer	Steuben Co., N. Y.	1866
Punches, Samuel	"	20	Farmer	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1854
Robinson, O. H.	Sand Lake	7	Farmer and Lumberman	Kent Co., Mich.	1844
Stoddard, E. B.	Cedar Springs	30	Farmer	Loraine Co., Ohio	1853
Smith, R.	"	20	Farmer	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1854
Stout, Leander & Lorenzo	"	34	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1855
Sheridan, T. J.	Lockwood	17	Farmer and Lumberman	New York	1872
Simmons, B. S.	"	18	Farmer	Madison Co., N. Y.	1856
Tompkins, A. S.	Nelson	15	Farmer	Oswego Co., N. Y.	1872
Welch, James & Morgan	Sand Lake	8	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1856

SOLON TOWNSHIP.

Briggs, Spencer B.	Cedar Springs	23	Farming	Yates Co., N. Y.	1856
Blair, Edwin M.	"	23	Farming	Jefferson Co., N. Y.	1856
Cooley, J. N. & Sarah E.	"	35	Farming	Kent Co., Mich.	1844
Dines, P.	"	21	Farming	Ohio	1868
Easton, J. R.	"	36	Milling and Lumbering	Saratoga Co., N. Y.	1874
Fullington, Geo. W.	"	26	Farmer and Blacksmith	Jowa	1852
Fluent, A. J.	"	22	Lumbering	Steuben Co., N. Y.	1853
Gilbert, Myron T.	Lockwood	10	Farmer and Painter	Chautauqua Co., N. Y.	1855
Heath, A. H.	"	13	Farmer	Ashtabula Co., Ohio	1864
Huntington, Geo. C.	"	10	Farmer and Lumberman	Essex Co., N. Y.	1867
Jourdan, P. K.	"	16	Lumbering	Livingston Co., Mich.	1848
Mabie, Nelson	Cedar Springs	21	Farmer	Wyoming Co., N. Y.	1855
Moore, A. H.	"	22	Blacksmith	Canada	1856
Payne, Rev. J.	"	35	Minister	Niagara Co., N. Y.	1871
Rose, A. G.	"	21	Farmer	Schuyler Co., N. Y.	1857
Robinson, M.	"	20	Farmer	Onondaga Co., N. Y.	1855
Robertson, George	"	28	Milling and Lumbering	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1845
Smith, G. R.	"	20	Farming	Chautauqua Co., N. Y.	1865
Stonehouse, John	Grand Rapids	3	Lumbering	England	1832
Totten, Thomas	Cedar Springs	26	Farming	Canada	1869
Tisdell, J. S.	"	25	Farming	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1846
Van Norstron, P. G.	Lockwood	14	Farming	Tioga Co., N. Y.	1871
Wightman, D. H.	Cedar Springs	26	Farming	New York	1864

CASCADE TOWNSHIP.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	Sec.	BUSINESS.	NATIVITY.	Settled in Co.
Bears, C. W.	Cascade	16	Farmer and Stock Raiser	New York	1875
Burr, A. N.	"	"	Gardener	New York	1864
Buttrick, Chas., Jr.	"	14	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Wyoming Co., N. Y.	1843
Coger, J. D.	"	8	Farmer	Jackson Co., Mich.	1850
Croninger, T. R.	Whitneyville	35	Blacksmith	Ohio	1849
Cook, S. R.	Alaska	28	Farmer	New York	1853
Colyer, Henry A.	Cascade	"	Blacksmith and Wagon Shops	Jackson Co., Mich.	1850
Danforth, M. W.	"	"	Physician and Surgeon	Ohio	1875
Davis, F. W.	"	18	Farmer	Washtenaw Co., Mich.	1843
Daniels, Napoleon	Alaska	32	Farmer	Montgomery Co., N. Y.	1855
Denison, C. M.	Cascade	8	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Madison Co., N. Y.	1846
Denison, M. W.	Ada	3	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Madison Co., N. Y.	1845
Denison, H. C.	"	11	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Oneida Co., N. Y.	1846
Denison, R.	Whitneyville	35	Grist Mill	"	"
Eardly, Wm.	Cascade	20	Farmer	Ireland	1847
Gardner, Mettie E.	"	15	School Teacher	Wisconsin	1866
Gorham, G. W.	"	16	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Wayne Co., Mich.	1847
Harlan, Joseph	"	5	Owner Lowton's Pat. Improved Harness	Pennsylvania	1854
Hulbert, John W.	"	22	Farmer	Ohio	1865
Holt, H. G.	"	3	Farmer and Stock Raiser	New York	1852
Holt, C. F.	"	10	Cascade Magnetic Springs, Hot and Cold Baths	Herkimer Co., N. Y.	1852
Johnson, J. P.	"	15	Farmer	New York	1848
Johnson, E. R.	"	17	Farmer	Green Co., N. Y.	1852
Lewis, C. W.	Whitneyville	35	Hotel, Livery and Feed Stable	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1836
Laraway Jas. R.	Cascade	4	Farmer	Michigan	1839
Linton, W. Jas.	Whitneyville	26	Farmer	Scotland	1874
Proctor, John T.	Alaska	34	Farmer	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1853
Robinson, E. C.	Cascade	23	Farmer	Branch Co., Mich.	1855
Richardson, G. S.	"	"	Retired Farmer	New Hampshire	1869
Shuman, E. P.	"	17	Farmer and Stock Raiser	New York	1864
Spaulding, Lewis E.	"	"	Prop. Cascade Hotel	Kent Co., Mich.	1872
Seeley, B. D.	Lowell	24	Farmer	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1874
Stark, L. B.	Cascade	9	Farmer	Ohio	1869
Stark, G. P.	"	"	General Store	Ohio	1871
Sargent, S.	Ada	12	Farmer	Vermont	1863
Tobias, H.	Cascade	8	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Kent Co., Mich.	1851
Teeple, G. W.	"	18	Farmer	New Jersey	1836
Teeple, Seneca	"	18	Farmer	Wayne Co., Mich.	1836
Warner, Calvin F.	Whitneyville	35	Farmer	Genesee Co., N. Y.	1868
Withey, J. H.	Ada	3	Farmer and Sec'y Farmers' Mut. Fire Ins. Co.	Franklin Co., Vt.	1836
Weston, N.	Whitneyville	35	Farmer	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1869
Wooding, John	Cascade	11	Farmer	Wales	1857
Wisner, Peter S.	Whitneyville	26	Farmer	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1855
Waldon, G. S.	Cascade	9	Farmer	Ohio	1825
Wood, Clinton A.	Whitneyville	25	Farmer	Livingston Co., N. Y.	1864

SPENCER TOWNSHIP.

Bristol, Hiram	Spencer Mills	23	Farmer	Ontario Co., N. Y.	1873
Bristol, Lister	"	23	Farmer	Livingston Co., Mich.	1873
Griswold, Scott	Greenville	30	Supervisor	Schuyler Co., N. Y.	1868
Hough, Fayette	Spencer Mills	29	Farmer and Mechanic	Herkimer Co., N. Y.	1860
Hanrihan, John	Greenville	33	Farmer	Ireland	1869
Hanrihan, Wm.	"	33	Farmer	Canada	1869
King, C. W.	Spencer Mills	23	Physician	Tusculum, Ala.	1873
Mosher, Edwin	Teufants	9	Farmer	Kent Co., Mich.	1850
Moran, John	Spencer Mills	28	Farmer and Lumberman	Ireland	1855
Moran, James	"	28	Farmer and Lumberman	Ireland	1855
Plumb, Hiram	Nelson	18	Farmer	New York	1850
Rettinger, W.	Gowen	26	Farmer	Germany	1854
Rettinger, Mrs. M.	"	26	Farmer	Eaton Co., Mich.	1854
Sherman, John A.	Spencer Mills	23	Farmer	New York	1874
Sherman, H. G.	"	23	Farmer	New York	1874
Wolverton, John C.	"	20	Farming	Cayuga Co., N. Y.	1864

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Afton, Charles	Kent City	27	Farmer	Germany	1868
Church, Mrs. Clarrisa	"	26	Farming	Orleans Co., N. Y.	1857
Clark, Asa	"	36	Farmer	Steuben Co., N. Y.	1848
Colby, Spencer	"	27	Farmer and Blacksmith	Somers Co., Me.	1868
Comstock, Joseph	"	28	Farmer	Monroe Co., N. Y.	1868
Eastman, Alex.	"	28	Farmer	Canada	1868
Eastman, S. J.	"	28	Farmer	Canada	1868
Fredenburgh, Elijah	"	32	Farmer	Sussex Co., N. J.	1867
Johnston, M. T.	Casanovia	31	Farmer	Seneca Co., N. Y.	1841
Tozer, James S.	Kent City	"	Lawyer	Pennsylvania	1874
Whitney, M. L.	"	32	Saw Mill and Lumbering	Saratoga Co., N. Y.	1870

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