

## Chapter V

On September 14, 1872, David Fritsch and Annie his wife, of Lake County, Illinois, deeded a parcel of land for a school house, to the Trustees of Schools of Township 45 North, Range 10, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Lake County, Illinois and their successors in office. The plat read as follows:

A part of the east half of the south east quarter of section 28, in Township 45 north, range 10, east of the third principal meridian, described as commencing at a point in the center of the public highway, known as the Hainesville and Antioch Road, 40 rods and 2 feet north,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  degrees east of the center of a well in the Village of Hainesville, known as the Town Well, which well is situated at or near the center of the Old Lake and McHenry Plank Road running thence east from said point of commencement 7 rods; thence north  $3\frac{1}{2}$  degrees, east parallel with the center of said Hainesville and Antioch Road; thence south  $3\frac{1}{2}$  degrees west on the center line of said Hainesville and Antioch Road, 5 rods and 6 feet to place of beginning, for the purpose of a school site for use and benefit of School District No. 6 in said Township 45 being the Town of Avon, but for no other purpose whatever. It is understood by the parties to this deed that when said lot shall no longer be used by said School District No. 6 for the purpose of a school house site the title shall revert back to the first party, their heirs and assigns.

It is also understood that said District are at their own expense to keep up the line fences on the north and east and south sides of

said lot and keep them in good repair.

On this parcel of land was erected Hainesville's second school house. It was a frame structure and was in possession of the School District till 1915.

The school had grades from one through eight. It was located north of our present day Route 120 and just east of Hainesville Road.

There was no delay when it came to the building of school houses. As soon as money was available, frame structures replaced the crude log buildings, which were first constructed, and the work of education continued.

In early times the school was usually the recognized center of the neighborhood. In them were held religious meetings, debating societies, singing schools, spelling schools, writing schools, magic lantern performances and school exhibitions. The gatherings in the evenings were usually at "early candle light," and nine o'clock was a late hour at which to close.

Friday afternoons, especially in the winter schools, were set aside for rhetorical exercises. The girls had "reading compositions" and the boys "speaking pieces". A "spelling down" performance usually followed and closed the afternoon program.

There was competition between neighboring schools, and spelling contests would on occasion occupy a winter evening. These types of gatherings served excellent purposes, not only in providing entertainment, but stimulating the participants to do their best.

In 1870, the old hotel in Hainesville was remodeled, which had been built about 1840.

While they were remodeling the hotel, they found an old rubber boot between the walls. It was covered with dirty plaster, showing that it must have been dropped there before the building was finished. The owner inquired about it and was told by an old pioneer that a dance was held there while it was being built. People came from all over the country. They had hung their cloaks, caps, and rubbers on the ends of the lath. The boot was thought to have been dropped inside the wall this way.

The rubber was as good as new when found, showing that it was made of pure rubber.



On January 6, 1875, the 29th General Assembly convened and has on record that the speaker was Honorable Elijah Haines of Lake County. To say it was riotous would be correct. There were many sober bills presented such as #295, to prohibit the Bible in public schools; Boards of Health to be given power of condemnation, #372, #488 (food); historical works to be used as evidence #84; boundary line between Illinois and Indiana to be fined, #453; to tax mocking birds, #394; to make incorporated towns and villages responsible for the destruction of property by mobs and unlawful combinations, #486; on March 31st there was much to report on the construction of the new State House.

April 10, 1875, Mr. Jones, of Jo Daviess County, leader of minority who repeatedly hurled insults at the Speaker, stated on one occasion that he would keep the floor without leave or recognition from the Speaker. On one occasion Mr. Connolly of Coles, refused to take his seat as required by the rules of the House, when declared by the Speaker to be out of order, rejoined by ordering the Speaker to sit down.

April 12, 1875, a book was hurled at a Representative on the floor, thereby creating such a confusion as to compel an adjournment of the House, where upon Mr. Connolly of Coles moved that Mr. Jones be elected temporary Speaker, and Mr. Jones attempted to take forcible possession of the chair. He was prevented by the majority members from completing this most revolutionary and dangerous action. In this attempt he was supported by the minority. The session ended April 15, 1875.

The 29th was in session 100 days at a cost of \$150,000. It was not labeled a Democratic or Republican Session, but was called an opposition session.

In 1877, Hainesville was a flourishing village of about two hundred inhabitants. It had two stores and various kinds of mechanics found in a country village. The residents had manifested their public spirit by the erection of a town hall.

They named their town hall Lyceum Hall and it was built in 1877. The Literary Society of Hainesville built this hall. It was a popular recreation place for shows, dances and parties. This building was utilized until 1925.

The land was dedicated by the White family and had to revert back to the original owner when the building was removed.

From the years 1906 and 1908, Mr. Renehan converted the building into a Catholic Church. The church had 44 pews and an altar. Father Lysing of Fremont Center served the parish.

After 1908, the members attended church at Round Lake and the building reverted back to a community recreation place.

Lyceum Hall stood near the northwest corner of the intersection of Belvidere and Hainesville Roads.



CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

We Certify that *Mr. Henry Dombki*

Is a Regular Member, in Good Standing, of the

HAAGESVILLE LITERARY ASSOCIATION.

That he has contributed to the funds of said Association the sum of

*Ten*

Dollars,

and is entitled to *Two* votes at the Annual Election of Trustees of said Association, and in all matters pertaining to the management of the property of the Association.

Attest:

*John Christian* Secretary

*M. H. Narwin* President

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The following list of names was taken from the book "Past and Present of Lake County, 1877.

It is a list of tax-payers and voters in our Hainesville area of Avon Township in 1877. Their occupation is also included.

Adams, Lorenzo	Farmer
Adams, Emory	Farmer
Ashton, James	Farmer
Ames, Allen	Farmer
Adams, N.	Farmer
Barron, O. P.	Farmer
Burge, Leonard	Farmer
Broadway, A. W.	Farmer
Battershall, George	Farmer
Butrick, Eli	Farmer
Benwell, Benjamin	Farmer
Cleveland, John M.	Farmer
Cleveland, George F.	Farmer
Cleveland, James	Farmer
Cleveland, E. T.	Farmer
Cleveland, C. M.	Farmer
Clarke, John R.	Farmer
Curl, William	Farmer
Chopin, T.	Farmer
Christian, John	Farmer
Christian, Thomas	Farmer
Curl, Henry	Farmer
Christian, Charles	Farmer

Drury, B. C.	Farmer
Drury, O. B.	Farmer
Drury, A.	Farmer
DeVoe, J. T.	Carpenter
Domski, Theodore	Farmer
Domski, Henry	Farmer
Doolittle, Leonard	Farmer
Doolittle, C.	Farmer
Davis, L. C.	Farmer
Davis Isaac	Farmer
Delap, George W.	Cooper
Daily, John	Carpenter
Emery, S. L.	Farmer
Edwards, C.	Farmer
Edwards, H. C.	Farmer
Edwards, C. E.	Farmer
Forvor, Lawrence	Farmer
Forvor, A. G.	General Merchandise
Fritsch, David	Farmer
Fox, N. M.	Farmer
Fletcher, John	Mason
Fox, J. D.	Farmer
Gilbert, Rodney	Farmer
Gehr, Sylvester	Farmer
Gillmore, George A.	Farmer



Gilbert, T. A.	Farmer
Hendee, Euclid	Farmer
Hendee, Uz	Farmer
Hendee, George E.	Farmer
Hendee, E. E.	Farmer
Hendee, A. L.	Farmer
Hendee, B. F.	Farmer
Hendee, H. H.	Farmer
Harvey, C. E.	Farmer
Harvey, C. B.	Farmer
Harvey, A. W.	Farmer
Hamilton, M. C.	Clerk
Hart, Henry	Farmer
Hamlin, Benjamin	Blacksmith
Huson, Richard, Jr.	Farmer
Huson, Wallace	Jeweler
Huson, M. B.	Farmer
Hall, C. F.	Farmer
Kapple, Albert	Farmer
Kapple, George	Farmer
Kapple, Mortimer	Farmer
Kapple, Lyman	Farmer
Kapple, W.	Farmer
Litwiler, Charles	Blacksmith
Litwiler, James	Farmer

Lewis, D. C.	Farmer
Moore, J. J.	Farmer
Marvin, S. W.	Farmer
Marvin, M. W.	Teacher
Marvin, F. B.	Farmer
Morrill, John T.	Painter
Morrill, C. C.	Farmer
Morse, C. C.	Attorney
Marble, S.	
Millard, Squire	Farmer
Martin, George H.	Carpenter
McMillan, J. H.	Farmer
Mattox, Sylvester	Farmer
Owen, A. M.	Carpenter
Owen, A. B.	Farm Hand
Orr, James	Blacksmith
Otell, O. A.	Farm Hand
Potter, T. T.	Farmer
Palmer, George	Farmer
Potter, A. L.	Farmer
Payne, E. G.	Farmer
Read, J. M.	Farmer
Renehan, Thomas, Sr.	Farmer
Renehan, Thomas, Jr.	Farmer
Rich, David	Farmer

Rich, A. D.	Farmer
Rinear, W.	Farmer
Smith, C. D.	Farmer
Smith, Jerry	Shoemaker
Smith, Edgar	Shoemaker
Smith, Frank	Farmer
Smith, Hiram	Farmer
Stanford, Charles	Farmer
Slusser, T. C.	General Merchandise
Siewald, A.	Farmer
Weeks, John	Farmer
Whitney, Levi	Farmer
Webb, C. E.	Farmer
Wood, William M.	Carpenter
Whitmore, A. W.	Carpenter
Wilson, William, Jr.	Farmer
White, E. N.	Farmer
Whitehead, Charles	Farmer
Wightman, James	Farmer
Wightman, James	Farmer
Wightman, Daniel	Farmer
Warren, David	Laborer
West, Ira	Minister
Wells, Henry	Blacksmith
Weeks, John	Farm Hand

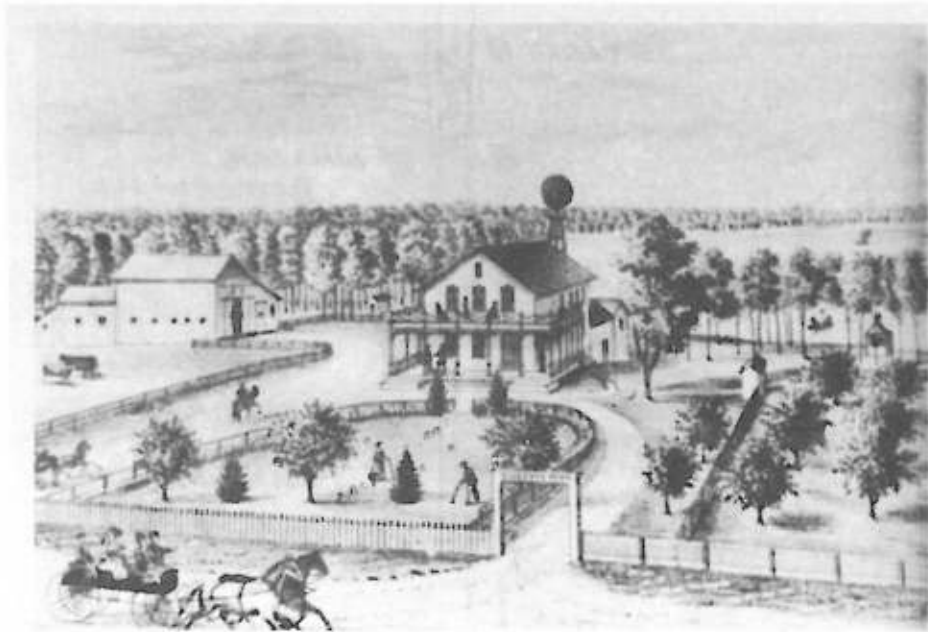
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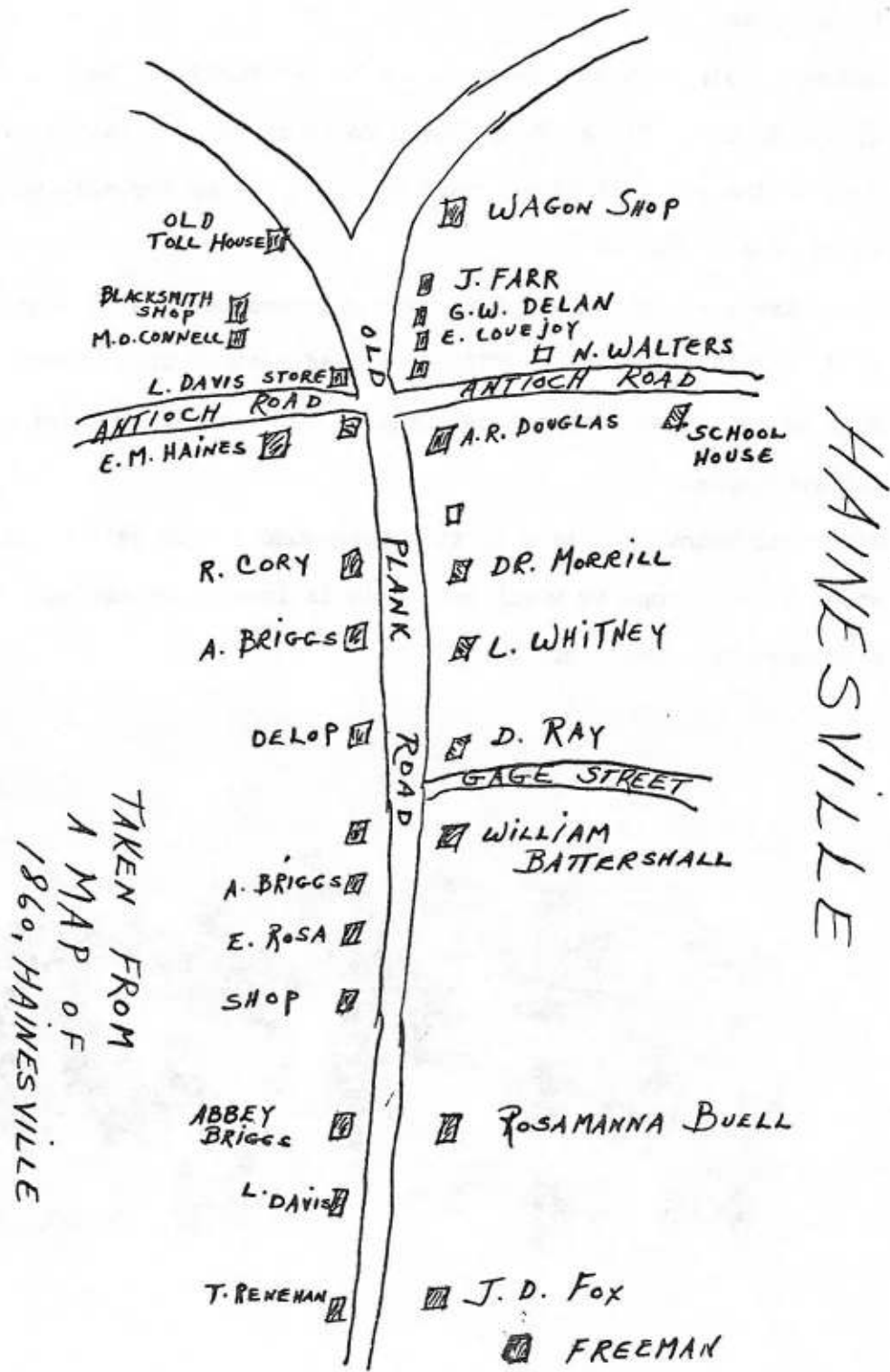
Hainesville's Post Office covered a larger territory in 1877 than it did in 1915. Parts of what used to be considered Hainesville's Post Office District is now part of Grayslake on the east and Round Lake on the west.

Since Grayslake and Round Lake were not incorporated villages in 1877, Hainesville's Post Office serviced both of these areas.

Such as the Slusser Park Hotel. This Hotel was not in Hainesville but Grayslake.

See Photo below. The lake in the background was Grayslake. This Hotel stood on the property which presently is located on the corner of Belvidere Road and Bluff Street.





Prominent Men of Avon Township, Hainesville, Lake County, Illinois

History reaches beyond the issue of battles of the effects of treaties and records the trials and the triumphs, the failures and the successes of the men who make history.

These following men whose lives were engrossed with struggle and triumphs, impulses and ambitions, have made Lake County what it is today.

These pioneers who came from widely scattered sources, impelled by different motives, were not very conscious of the import of their acts. They did not clearly anticipate the harvest which would spring from their sowing. They labored for a present existence, building their small cabins, and creating the foundation of private and future developments.

Magnificent results have been achieved through the labor, faith and ideas of those men.

Cable, George Beecher, Avon Township, Illinois

Mr. Cable was a farmer and a stock raiser. He was born in Michigan, on the 24th of May, 1858, son of David and Jane (Thompson) Cable. He was left an orphan in infancy, and his boyhood and youth were spent in Avon with George Thompson, his Maternal Grandfather. He was educated in the public schools and his life has been devoted mainly to farming in Avon Township.

Politically he was a Republican and served as school director for many years.

Mary Hart, daughter of Henry Hart, became his wife on the 22nd of February, 1882. They had one son, Henry David Cable.



Carfield, John; Rollins, Avon Township

Mr. Carfield was a farmer, born in Somersetshire, England, on the 15th of January, 1818. He came to the United States in 1849 and bought a farm. He spent the remainder of his life there.

He was married to Ann Kelland on the 27th of April, 1843. Their children are John, Jr., of Washington; Frances, widow of O. D. Sanborn of Chenoa; Caroline, wife of Mr. Hurlbutt, Libertyville; George of Paulina, Iowa; Isaranda; Justina, wife of A. W. Whitmore; and Sidney L.

Mr. Carfield once fell 276 ft. to the bottom of a shaft in England and escaped without a broken bone, probably the only instance of a like character in the world's history.





Domski, Henry; Grayslake, Avon Township

Mr. Domski was a farmer and born in Avon Township, on the 23rd of January, 1842. He was the son of Theodore Domski, who was banished from Poland for political reasons and who located in Lake County in July, 1838. Theodore Domski was living at Watervliet, New York, in 1834, and in May of that year enlisted in the United States Army. After serving three years, he came to Illinois. He resided in Lake County, Avon Township during the remainder of his life.

Mr. Henry Domski enlisted in Company B, Ninety-Sixth Illinois volunteer infantry on the 26th of July, 1862. He had never missed a day's service to the end of the war.

His business life was devoted to farming.

He was a charter member of the Waukegan Post, G.A.R.; member of the Rising Sun Lodge, F. & A. M., of Grayslake.

He married Ella Cable, daughter of David Cable, on the 22nd of September, 1870. She died on the 7th of March, 1889, leaving two children, Jennie and Bernice.



Hendee, Albert L.; Waukegan, Illinois

Mr. Hendee was born in Avon Township, on the 12th of December, 1846, he was the son of Harley H. Hendee. He was a graduate of Hume (New York) Academy. He was executor to his father's estate and operated a farm until 1886.

He was a Republican supervisor from Avon two years and from Fremont five years. He also was the County Treasurer from 1886-1890, Deputy County Clerk, from 1890-1893; County Clerk (to fill vacancy), 1893-1894; County Clerk (elected), 1894-1902.

He was a Thirty-Second Degree Mason, Odd Fellow, Elk and member of M. W. of A.

On the 12th of December, 1876, he married E. Arlette Rich, daughter of David Rich, who is a pioneer of Avon Township, Lake County.

They had two children, Llewellyn A. and Evert J.



Hendee, George Edward; Rollins, Avon Township, Illinois

Mr. Hendee was a farmer. He was born in Alleghany County, New York, on the 26th of July, 1841. He was the son of Uz and Eunice (Rathbun) Hendee. Uz Hendee located in Lake County, in 1836. He died there in 1895, at the age of seventy-nine years. George E. Hendee served throughout the Civil War in Co. B, Ninty-Sixth Illinois volunteer infantry, serving as hospital steward for eighteen months.

He married Josephine Abbott, daughter of Robert and Mary Nelson, a native of Buffalo, who came to Lake County in 1852, on the 13th of July, 1865.

Their home which was on the north shore line of Round Lake, was devoted largely to summer resort purposes.



Hendee, Harley, H.; Avon Township, Illinois

Mr. Hendee was born in Hume, New York, on the 14th of March 1810.

He located in Avon Township in 1836, taking up government land.

He married Lucina Kingsbury.

He died in February, 1869.

He was one of the most influential of the earliest settlers in  
Lake County.

Kapple, Albert, Avon Township

Mr. Kapple was born in New York State in 1810. He came to Illinois and located on government land about a mile and a half east of Grayslake. He developed a fine farm there where he spent the remainder of his life.

He filled most of the Township offices at various times. He was also a member of the Rising Sun Lodge, F. & A.M., of Grayslake. He married Cornelia Simons, a native of New Haven and were the parents of eight children.

Mr. Kapple died March 1897.



Kapple, Mortimer; Augustus, Avon Township

Mr. Kapple was a farmer, who was born on the family homestead, in Avon, on the 8th of February, 1851. He was the son of Albert and Cornenia (Simmons) Kapple.

He was always lived in Avon Township and has devoted his life to farming.

Fraternally, he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America.

He never took an interest in public offices.

He married Hattie Potter, daughter of Tingley Tiffany Potter, on the 21st of November, 1875.



Potter, Tingley Tiffany; Rollins, Avon Township

Mr. Potter was the first permanent white settler in Avon Township. He was born in Gibson, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of May, 1816. He was the son of Noer Potter, who came to Avon in 1835, located his claim and returned to Pennsylvania. In March, 1837, he returned with his son, Tingley T. The father located on the east side of the road and the son on the west side, and was still residing there in 1902. Both of them took up raw government land. Noer Potter died about 1847.

Tingley T. Potter married Martha Packard, a native of Vermont, on the 19th of November, 1848. He had one daughter, Hattie M., wife of Mortimer A. Kapple.



Renehan, George P., Hainesville, Illinois

Mr. Renehan was born in Avon Township, on the 8th of September, 1870. He was educated in the public schools. He was employed by the Englewood Electric Company in 1891 and was appointed superintendent of the Mutual Electric and Power Company, which latter position he resigned in 1898.

He built the Round Lake Hotel in 1900 and was the proprietor of the same.

He married Katherine A. Walsh, of Chicago, in 1900.





Rich, Adelbert, David, Hainesville, Avon Township

Mr. Rich was born in Avon Township, on the 17th of July, 1846.

He was the son of David and Maria (Morrill) Rich, who were both pioneers of Avon Township.

David Rich was born on the 22nd of April, 1812, in Hume, New York.

He came to Lake County in 1836. His wife was born in Alleghany County, New York, on the 2nd of December, 1817, the daughter of Phillip Morrill.

Mr. A. D. Rich was educated in the district schools and at the Waukegan Academy.

He was a Republican, politically and served for many years as school director. Besides holding other Township offices, he was Federal Census Enumerator in 1900.

He was a member of the F. & A.M., Modern Woodmen of America and the Eastern Star.

On the 15th of November, 1874, he married Mary Wise. They had one daughter, Louise Rich.



Rickey, Robert Nimmons; Grayslake, Avon Township

Mr. Rickey was born in Iowa County, Wisconsin, on the 25th of June, 1845. He was the son of Robert and Nancy (Galloway) Rickey. He was educated in the public schools of Wisconsin and Illinois, and at Rush Medical College, Chicago, graduating from the latter on the 3rd of February, 1869.

He enlisted February 10, 1865, in Company K, First Illinois Light Artillery, and served until July 18, 1865, with the Army of the Cumberland in East Tennessee.

He practiced medicine in Libertyville from 1869-72; Chicago, 1872-75; Deerfield, 1875-77; Hainesville, 1877-97; and at Grayslake, 1897-1902.

He was a member of the John G. Rogan Post, G. A. R., Libertyville, of which he had been a surgeon; also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Mystic Workers and Royal Neighbors.

On March 11, 1869, he was married to Delia Frances, daughter of John M. Price.

They had one daughter, Eva, who was the wife of Claude C. Crippen.



Whitmore, Alfred William, Hainesville, Avon Township

Mr. Whitmore was born in Avon Township, on the 21st of June, 1857.

He was the son of Alfred Wm. Whitmore, who came from Cheltenham, England, in 1848. He later came to the United States and settled in Avon Township and was married to Elizabeth Jane, daughter of William Hook, on August 12, 1856.

Mr. Whitmore was educated in the public schools and also at select schools at Cloverdale. He attended the district high school at Ringwold, McHenry County and the Kalamazoo (Michigan) business college.

His life had been devoted to farming.

Polit'cally, he was a Republican, having served as Supervisor two terms and as a School Trustee for nine years. He was a Master Mason, a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and Court of Honor.

He was married May 16, 1894, to Justine, daughter of John Carfield, of Avon.

They had two children, Carrie H. and Ann Elizabeth.

