

Sketch of Whitewater

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Though the business facilities of this village, and its situation as a market town, are highly appreciated by its inhabitants, but few of them seem to realize the fact, that its location is of great natural beauty; so much so, that were a view of it, from one of the surrounding high points, transferred, with its living tints, to a gilt framed picture, and hung against the parlor wall in its native home, it might be admired as a fine view of some distant place, well worth journeying to for the sight.

"You have a beautiful town," is a remark frequently made by strangers, and the truth of it cannot be doubted. Whitewater is built within an amphitheatre, sloping gently from east and west, towards the creek running through it from north to south, and surrounded by timbered ridges, and picturesque bluffs, on every side but the west, and there changing to a rolling prairie, alternated with patches of burr oaks. A fine panoramic view of the whole surrounding neighborhood, may be obtained by going only a few rods farther north, upon the ridge on which the Cemetery is situated. From there, looking northward, the irregular surface may be seen stretching on to where the Bark woods mingle with the distance, the bare timbered maples, ashes, and elms, blending