

owner of the land. In the fall of 1846, a number of German families settled in the same county, and during the two years following there was a very heavy German immigration. Four towns, viz; Morel, Hermann, Rhine, and Wilson, are almost exclusively occupied by Germans.

The first Holland settlement was made in October, 1846, on Section 13, Town 13, Range 22—since named Holland—by G. H. Te Kolste. The present inhabitants of the town are nearly all Hollanders, who have brought with them the industry and thrift which characterizes them in their native country.