

There was a slight increase of immigration in 1824, and the mines at Hazel Green and New Diggings were discovered, and worked with great profit.

Two officers of the ordnance department—Maj. Anderson and Lieut. Burdine—were sent out to protect the interests of the government; and subsequently Lieut. Martin Thomas was appointed superintendent of the mines.

The fame of the Upper Mississippi lead mines, and their fabulous value and richness, had been spread far and wide throughout the Mississippi valley; and by the year 1825, the desire for gain and love of adventure and spirit of migration had taken possession of its inhabitants, especially in Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee, so that the determination to occupy and utilize these mines of wealth could no longer be restrained by any pretensions of the red man to the exclusive right of their possession.

The time had now come when this beautiful country was to be occupied by a hardy, resolute, adventurous, as well as a brave and persevering population. The laws which generally confine migration of the human race to isothermal zones and similitude of climate, were to be set at defiance; and the emigrant from the mild climate of Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, and southern Illinois, was to exchange the balmy and genial atmosphere to which he had been accustomed, for one in which, during nearly half the year, all nature is bound in icy chains and covered with its robe of snow. But no matter! The migratory spirit, stimulated by the greed for suddenly acquired wealth, and the irrepressible love of adventure, had taken possession of the pioneer immigrants to the Lead Mines, and the years of 1825 and 1826 witnessed a rush of emigration which had never before had its parallel, and the

"Amount of lead manufactured:

In 1825	439,473 lbs.
1826	1,560,536 lbs.
1827	6,824,389 lbs.
1828	12,957,100 lbs.
1829—first quarter	2,494,444 lbs.

"Estimated number of inhabitants:

In 1825	200
1826	1,000
1827	4,000
1828	10,000

"About one-twentieth are females, and one hundred are free blacks."