

continued to live there up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1855. Mr. Armstrong also returned to the same place, where he still resides. Mr. Findlay subsequently settled on a claim near the mill, and remained in that neighborhood until the year 1851 or '52, when he removed to the Black River country, and settled in the present county of Clark.

In 1846, or 1847, Andrew Dunn, then living in Portage City, made a location on the Lemonweir River, in the present town of Clearfield, and commenced the erection of a sawmill and other necessary improvements, preparatory to engaging in the lumber business. Men were employed to build the mill, and after it was completed they tried to hold it, and claim it in their own right. But this course not suiting the views of Mr. Dunn, he came up from Portage City with a crew of men, and took forcible possession of the premises. Mr. Dunn continuing to live in Portage City with his family, employed D. L. Ward and Harris Searles to run his mill on the Lemonweir, who continued to live there until 1850, when they both located and built mills on the Yellow River, in the present county of Wood. Ward afterwards removed to Kansas, and Searles removed to Weston's Rapids on Black River, and subsequently to Augusta, in the county of Eau Claire, where he recently died.

Andrew Scott and Thomas Buckley came into the Lemonweir valley in the fall of 1847, logged for Mr. Dunn three or four years, then bought the mill, and run it for several years on their own account. Mr. Scott now lives in the town of New Lisbon, and Mr. Buckley in the town of Clearfield.

The first settlement in the latter town, for other than lumber purposes, was made in the year 1854. John Sanford, recently deceased, was one of the oldest settlers in the town.

Andrew Dunn was of Irish nativity, came to America when quite young, and settled near Dodgeville in the county of Iowa, when Wisconsin was yet under the jurisdiction of Michigan. He was engaged in the mining business for some time, and afterwards became interested in lumber operations on Mill Creek, in the present county of Portage, sold out his interest there, settled his family at Portage City, and engaged in the lumber busi-