

to Messrs. Scott and Buckley, who subsequently purchased the mills and other improvements, and continued the manufacturing of lumber for some years, and until the pine became scarce on the stream, or was purchased by other parties owning mills lower down on the river. Those mills have since been suffered to stand idle; and there are now but few signs of either mill or other improvements on the premises, except a small portion of the dam on the north bank of the river.

The territory comprising the town of Clearfield was originally a part of the town of New Lisbon, since changed to Lisbon.

The town of Fountain was also a part of the original town of New Lisbon, but was subsequently organized into a new town under the name of Fountain, by order of the board of supervisors of Adams County, November 16th, 1855. This town, at the date of its organization, was composed of townships sixteen and seventeen, range two east. The first settlement made in Fountain was by Abijah Ayres, in the year 1844. He subsequently sold the claim to Joel Bogart, who settled in the town in the month of May, 1848. Mr. Bogart still lives in the town, and now owns the land covered by the Ayres claim.

R. J. Clark followed next, and settled in Fountain the following year, 1849, and built the house afterwards known as "Clark's Tavern." He still lives in the town. John Parks made a settlement in Fountain the same year. But few settlements were afterwards made in the town until the years 1852 and '53, when emigration to the Lemonweir valley greatly increased. Of this emigration, it is fair to infer that Fountain received its full share, from the fact that the town was divided, by order of the county board, and the town of Orange organized, to take effect April 1, 1857. The town of Orange is comprised of township seventeen, range two, east.

Town of Wonewoc. As usual in this section of the State, the lumbermen were the pioneers of civilization in this town. As early as the winter of 1842-43, the loggers had made their explorations up the Baraboo as far as the present village of Wonewoc; but no permanent settlement was made in the town until 1850. In the month of September of this year, Ross Phillips