

Wisconsin, and at the date of his settlement in this county, was forty-one years of age. Both had large families. None of the former family are now here. Nearly all of Mr. Grant's family still live in the county, and near their early home. The Willards were from Vermont. The town of Wonewoc was organized by order of the county board of Adams County, November 13th, 1856.

Town of Plymouth. In the month of March, 1851, Thomas Brown and Thomas Riddle made the first claim and settlement in the present town of Plymouth. About two months later, D. M. Fowler, R. A. Fowler, John H. Fowler, and Daniel Fowler made claims, and settled in the same neighborhood, and on what has since been known as Fowler's Prairie. The land was surveyed by the government the same year. In the winter of 1851 and '52, there were eight families living in this settlement. A district school was organized the following year, 1852, Miss Emily Fowler, teacher. There has been a school in this district two terms each year from the date of the organization of the district up to the present time.

In the year 1852, a public road was laid out from Fowler's Corners to the Stewart settlement, in the present town of Lindina. The only outlet by road previous to this date, was down the valley of the Baraboo. From this time forward, the town settled up more rapidly. November 16th, 1854, the town of Plymouth was established, by order of the board of supervisors of Adams County; and soon after organized, by the election of all the necessary town officers.

In 1856, J. M. Brintnall built a sawmill on the Baraboo, at the east end of the prairie; and the year following, 1857, a mail route and post-office were established, R. A. Fowler postmaster. Weekly communication was now opened with the rest of the world. Other roads were laid out and constructed to the surrounding settlements, and all things indicated prosperity and plenty. At length another great want of the settlers was accomplished in the year 1860—Messrs. James and John Hutchinson building a grist-mill in the town, and thus laid the nucleus around which has since sprung up the present flourishing village of Elroy.