

The town of Seven Mile Creek was organized by the board of supervisors of Adams County, November 16, 1855.

The town of Summit, as appears from the records of Adams County, was organized on the 15th day of November, 1855; the first town meeting to be held at the house of Alexander Noble. The boundaries of the new town included the homes of Saxton, Fosbinder, and others of the above mentioned settlers; also several who had come in about the same time, and before the date of organization. Elias Kingsley, C. Blish, and Alexander Noble, came in 1852 or '53; J. B. Potter and H. F. Potter and Philo Sterling, in 1854; Peter Sterling, in 1855; and H. D. and E. T. Boyington, in 1856.

At the first town meeting after the organization, Saxton was elected chairman of the town board, and J. B. Potter, clerk. At the date of the organization, there were no churches nor organized school districts in the town. The Potter district, afterwards known as District No. 3, was the first organized, in the year 1855—Miss Sterling, daughter of Peter Sterling—now Mrs. Charles Huff, of Wonewoc—teacher. And the old settlers still delight in speaking of it as a good school, if not the best, ever taught in the district, although the wages paid were only one dollar a week, she boarding herself.

Roads were laid out and opened, putting this town in communication with Mauston and Reedsburg, in the year 1854.

The first settlement was made in the town of Germantown in the year 1848, for T. Weston & Co., by two young men in their employ, by the name of Uriah Hill and Usal V. Jeffreys. The shanties and other improvements were situated on the present site of the village of Germantown. In the spring of 1851, Weston & Co. sold all that part of their claim lying south of the house now owned and occupied by Wm. Hughes, to Walter B. Gage and Jacob Gundlach, but recently from the lead mines in the south part of the State. The land was purchased from the government in the fall of 1852; and a year or two subsequently Messrs. Gage and Gundlach laid out and platted the village of Germantown. Philip Runkle located in the same year, 1852; and his brothers, Frederick and Henry Runkle, followed soon after.