

William Hughes and Stephen Davenport were early settlers in the town. A considerable number of Germans, besides the Runckles, also located in and near the village, both before and after it was laid out. The town was organized March 22d, 1855.

In the month of March of the following year, 1856, John Werner, Jr., removed from Necedah, and made a location at the present village of Werner, in Germantown, and subsequently became the original proprietor of the village. The next year Wm. Williams and D. R. W. Williams left the place above, where they owned mills on the Yellow River, in the present county of Wood, bought an interest from Mr. Werner, and erected a sawmill at that place. This mill and the improvements connected with it, have several times changed hands, first to D. R. Williams, the uncle of William and D. R. W. Williams, next to E. D. Wightman & Co., and are now owned and occupied by McQueen, Davis & Co.

In the fall of 1858, and spring of '59, Werner built a sawmill a short distance below the village of Werner on the Yellow River; and, in the fall of 1860, sold out his interest in it to Messrs. Reed and Arnold, by the latter of whom it is now owned and operated. In October of the same year, Werner sold out his interest in the village to E. D. Wightman & Co., and removed to Prairie du Sac, where he still lives. But few of the early settlers now live in the town, several having died, while others have left that vicinity and settled in different parts of the country, and in other states.

Jacob Gundlach still remains in the town, but some two or three miles from the village. He is now quite aged, and has lived in Wisconsin about forty years. He was among the first, if not the first, native German settler in the Territory of Wisconsin, and has always been known as a man of strict honesty and integrity, and hence may have originated the old saying in this country, "*as honest as a Dutchman.*"*

In the spring of 1851, Michael Banfield and Frank Callen, in company, made the first settlement in the town of Armenia. Their location was made near Cranberry Creek, on the road leading from Necedah up the Yellow River. Their object was to keep

* Since the above was written, Mr. Gundlach has passed away.