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History of St. Clair County, Michigan

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Riley Township

Riley Township was settled by the Otchipwes of the Riley band of Indians originally. In 1836, the American land buyers flocked thither to purchase the United States lands then brought under notice. In 1835, the Wells, Mansfields and others located on the southern limits of the town and must be considered the pioneers of Riley. The equalized valuation of real and personal property, in 1882, was \$477,280. The population in 1845 was 234; in 1850, 311; in 1854, 593; in 1864, 1,075; and in June, 1880, 2,002. The area of the township is 23,800 acres; number of school children, 596.

[763] EARLY LAND BUYERS.

The land buyers of 1836 were Stephen H. Web, William Blakely, Oliver Tuttle, Supply Chase, Theo. Romeyn, George E. Hand, James Edgerly, George Whiting, Jacob Wintersteen, Moses N. Griswold, John Lown, Jeremiah Thorp, Nathan Thorp, Justin Corey, Charles Sherritt, Ira Babcock, William Butler, R. Seaman, Edward Smith, J.C. Chittenden, Ruth and Elizabeth Hubbard, Alex. Henry, Ann M. Kendrick, William Dunn, J.C. Roberts, Daniel Maginnis, Eliza Ann Hart, Josiah Snow, Julius Day, John LeClair, Andrew Youngs, A.D. Walsh, J. Eldrick, David Mansfield, William Wells, Israel Ansboy, Jeremiah Thorp, Jedediah Welder, R. McMullan, Isaac Garfield, Delos Conklin, Charles Chartrand, Otho Bell, W.W. Wilcox, Lyman Granger, Andrew Sutherland, Levi Parsons, Charles Collins, A.G. Vanderbit, W.H. Whipple, J.E. Lathrop, William Dake, Jacob Winn, N. Tallmage, Henry and V.R. Hankins, Benjamin Thornton, Syl. Deland, Susan Thompson, Sarah Francis, and Daniel Hewitt, E. Chamberlain, Ransom Hullier, Lucius Oakes.

SUPERVISORS.

Oel Rix, 1842; Amasa S. Welch, 1843; John Lown, 1844-45; Amasa S. Welch, 1846-47; **John Lown**, 1848; John P. Gleeson, 1849; A.S. Welch, 1850; Henry Rix, 1851-53; Oel Rix, 1854; Henry Rix, 1855; **Oel Rix**, 1856; **Ezra Hazen**, 1857-59; A.S. Welch, 1860; **Ezra Hazen**, 1861-64; Henry Rix, 1865-66; **Ezra Hazen**, 1867; William Eaton, 1868; **Ezra Hazen**, 1869; William Eaton, 1870; Constant Simmonds, 1871-82.

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JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Daniel Hewitt, 1839; Hugh Gregg, 1840; John Grinnell, 1841; John Lown, 1842; Daniel Hewitt, 1843; Erastus W. Cross, 1844; John Grinnell, 1845; John Lown, 1846; Daniel Hewitt, 1847; Harry Rix, 1848; Nicholas Meyers, 1848; Henry Rix, 1849; Robert Stewart, 1850; Azel Day, 1851; George W. Chilson, 1853; Henry Rix, 1853; Josiah G. Gooding, 1854; George W. Chilson, 1855; Ezra Hazen, 1857-73; E. Ramsay, 1857; Henry Rix, 1858; John House, 1859-66; Francis Hewitt, 1860; George W. Chilson, 1860-64; Sherman Bishop, 1863; William Eaton, 1868; Joseph H. Dutton, 1868; Benjamin Filker, 1872; Henry C. Mansfield, 1874; Aaron Smoker, 1873-74; Peter Carline, 1875; Ezra Hazen, 1877; Henry C. Mansfield, 1878; Peter Carline, 1879; Martin Ellenwood, 1880; Ezra Hazen, 1881; Peter Foley, 1881; Constant Simmons, 1882.