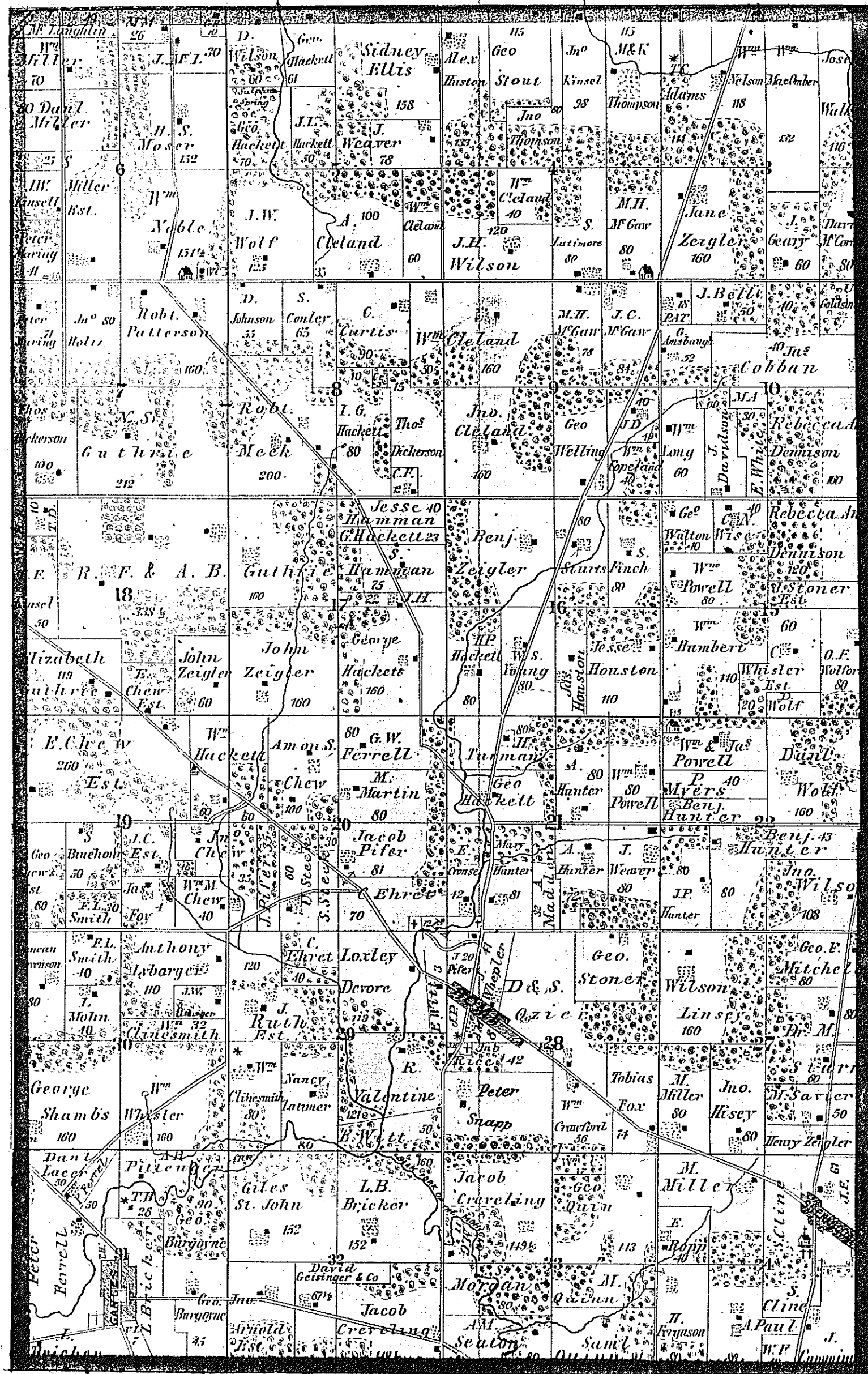


MAP OF BLOOMING GROVE TOWNSHIP



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This township was first twelve by eighteen square miles, in the northwestern part of the county, and John Henry and Jacob Stoner, and a Mr. McCart were the first settlers, coming there in 1814. In 1815, George Hackett, John Long and William Guthrie came in. They were from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Peter Marion and John Bell came in 1817. The first marriage was Mr. James Long to Miss Martha Guthrie. Robert Finney taught the first school, in Wm. Guthrie's dwelling house. A log school house was built in 1825, and it is narrated that four children attended there all winter bare-footed. First church was built there in 1827-8. Rev. Mr. Lee and Mr. Robbins were the first Presbyterian ministers. Rev. Henry D. Sheldon was the first Methodist. Population of this town in 1870 was 1199.