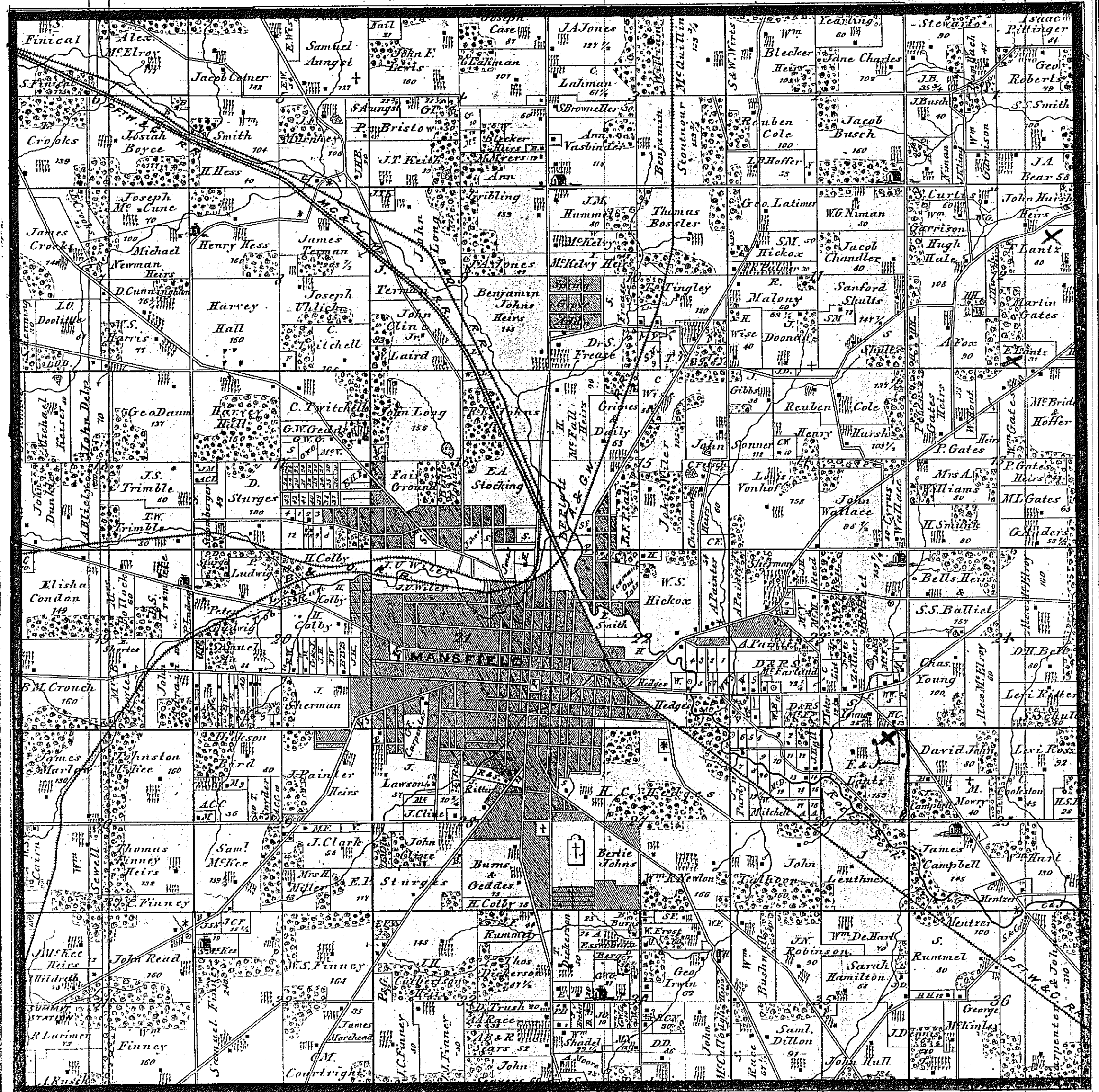


MAP OF MADISON TOWNSHIP



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This township was organized in 1810, and was named after James Madison, then President of the United States. There were in the township at that time eight or nine families, among them those of Jacob Newman, Geo. Coffinberry, Michael Newman, Win. Winship, Rolin Weldon, Joseph Middleton and Andrew Pierce. The first white male child born in the township was Mansfield H. Gilkison, now acting Sheriff of the county. The first marriage was that of John Pugh to Fanny Murphy. The first printing office was at Mansfield, and was established by John C. Gilkison and his brother James. The first school was taught by Andrew Coffinberry. The same was also the first Justice of the Peace. The first religious society, (Methodist,) was established by Rev. Wm. Jones. This society built the first church in Mansfield. The first road opened was from Mansfield to Wooster, and the next to Mt. Vernon. The first goods sold were by Levi Jones, who was afterwards killed by the Indians. The first chopping done in the township was done by Jacob Newman. The first frame building was erected by Win. Winship. The first physician was Royal N. Powers, in 1815. The first lawyer was John M. May, who died only a few years since.