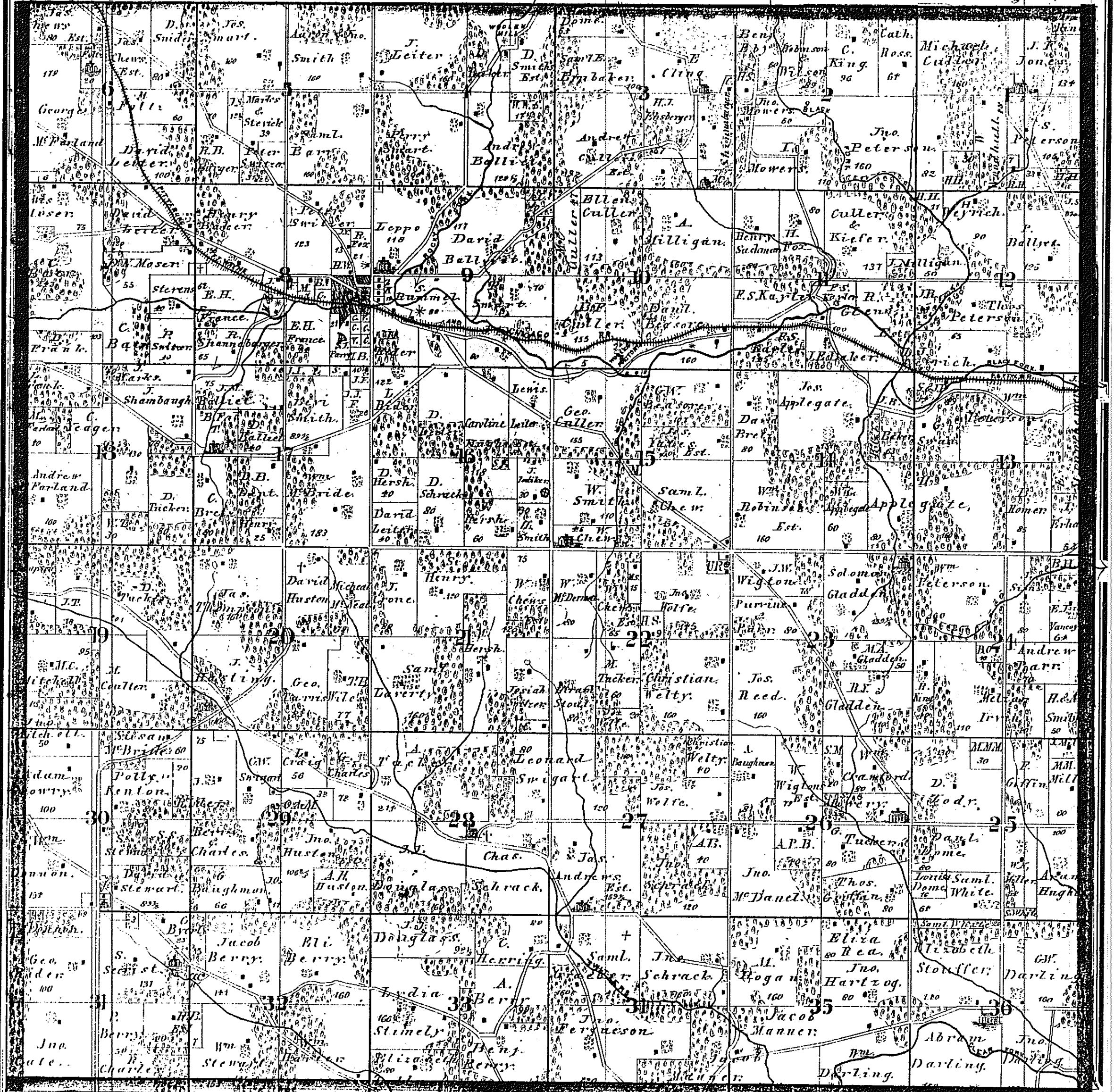


MAP OF MONROE TOWNSHIP

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HISTORY OF MONROE.

MONROE TOWNSHIP was organized in the spring of 1817. The surface is broken and in some places very hilly. The soil is very fertile, and well adapted to the raising of cereals of all kinds. The township is abundantly watered with springs and running streams. The Black Fork of the Mohican enters on the north, also the Rocky Fork; the Clear Fork of the Mohican River waters but a small portion from Wooster to the seat of War in 1812. Among the first who settled in this township were David Hill, Sec. 9; F. Bonenberg, Sec. 10; John G. Peterson, Sec. 11; John Lambright, Sec. 2; M. Williams, Sec. 9; Wm. Slater, Sec. 9; Adam Wolf, Sec. 19; Wm. McLaughlin, Wm. Ray, Wm. Ferguson, Thos. Rigdon, Thos. McBride, David Schrack, and J. Douglass. The earliest came in 1809. The first cabin was built near Lucas by David Hill. Peter Zerby, in 1820, erected the first grist-mill and saw-mill. The Lutherans, in 1820, built the first church, which they called "Mount Zion." Rev. M. Shugh was the first pastor. He also taught a select school in the building. Hastings was the first Post Office. It was established in August, 1829. The first election took place in the spring of 1817. J. G. Peterson, Wm. McLaughlin, and David Ellis were elected Trustees. Andrew Richey was appointed Assessor, or "Lister" as it was then called.