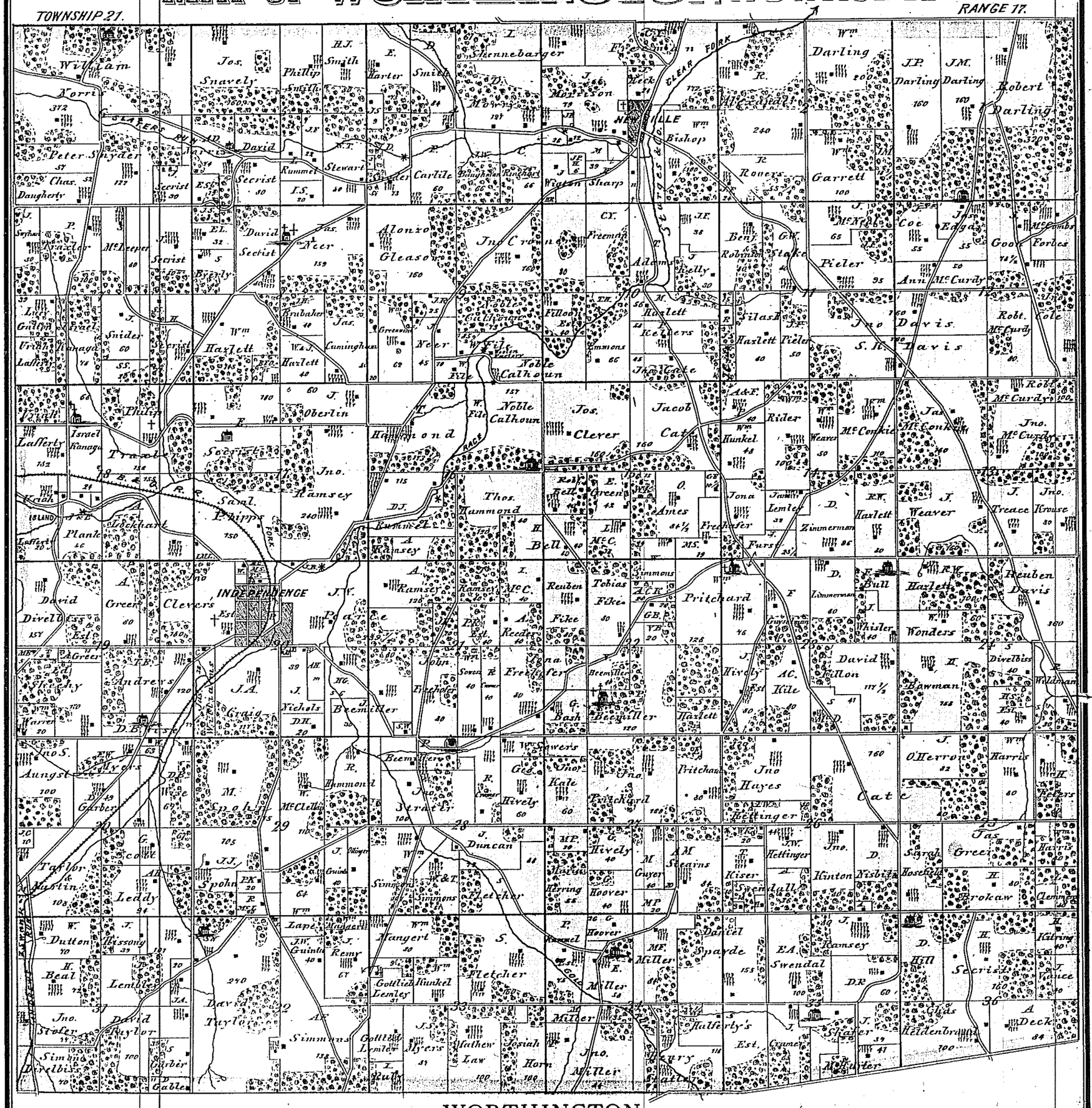
MAP OF WORTHINGTON TOWNSHIP



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This township was named after Governor Worthington. Its first settlement was commenced in 1808, by Samuel Lewis, James Cunningham, Andrew Craig, and Henry McCart. These four, with their families, formed a nucleus neighborhood adjoining the old Wm. Darling farm. Samuel Lewis put up the first cabin, on the n. e. quarter of Sec. 1., near the Block House. The Block House was built by the early settlers as a means of defence against the Indians. It stood near the present site of Robert Darling's house. The first school house was built on James McConkey's farm. John Filloon was the first teacher. The "Associated Reformed Society" built the first church, about one and one-half miles above the village of Independence. Michael Hogan built the first store, at Newville. Frederick Herring built the first flour mill in 1814, at Newville. Worthington is probably the roughest township in the county, but notwithstanding that seeming defect, it contains also *some* of the finest farms. The scenery is beautiful. "Hemlock Falls," of the Clear Fork, situated about one and a half miles south of Newville, is a great resort in summer time for the people of the neighborhood. The creek falls seventy-five feet, not perpendicularly, but at an angle of about eighty degrees. The last leap is perpendicular for fifteen feet.