

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Safely, John G. Senator _____
Represented Cedar County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2. Nov 1837 Cohoes, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Jennie Massons 22 Oct 1867/1868 Cedar County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Attorney; farmer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 11th General Assembly 1866

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 12 July 1879 Perry Township, James County, Iowa; Buried Buckingham

8. Children Maddie A.; Jessie; Bertha Century, Iowa, Iowa

9. Names of parents James E. and Sarah E. Trapp (Pett) Safely

Safely, John B.

10. Education _____

11. Degrees

Graduate with honor at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, 1859; in 1865 studied law at Ann Arbor Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan until 1867

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He came west when quite young in 1840, settling in Cedar County, Iowa
- Military service - Civil War - Company K, 11th Iowa Infantry, later Captain of Company I
- After the Civil War, he began studying law at Ann Arbor, Michigan
- He came to Toledo, Iowa to begin practicing law arriving in March 1867 becoming a partner with W. H. Stevens. He practiced law until around 1876 when his health failed from consumption.
- He owned a 1200 acre farm in Perry Township of Iowa County managed by his son, Fred

Should any person find a pocket-book, containing a greenback and other bills, they will confer a favor by bringing it to the STAR office, and they will be rewarded.

JOHN STUART.

DEPARTING.—John Richards and family departed Monday last for Kansas, to join his brother Al., in the lumber business there. Richards leaves scores of friends and a community, who regret their departure as much as they did to go. When he was greatly respected as a Mayor highly honored.

PAINTING.—Mrs. Loper has a new easel, at Woolley's art store, "the finest India Ink we have seen. It is taken in a photograph of her husband, though not quite complete, a clever conception of the principles of her art, and a finish we seldom seen excelled.

ARGUMENT.—The largest talent of that they go to work on "e," and when they are pre-ferred it in the excellent as they do all the plays they see, we of Dysart will go and see; but won't invite them because we haven't a hall for them to perform in. Nobody can be now as circumstances. We can have no public meetings, lecturing or speaking—we get a hall.—*Dysart Review*

DEPARTING.—The annual visit of class of the M. E. Sabbath school of Pleasant country home of their Mrs. M. L. Seamans was

DIED.—At 8 o'clock a. m., Saturday July 12, 1879, of consumption, Mr. John G. Safely, aged about 42 years.

Probably the deceased was one of the wisest and most energetic men of Tama county. He was born in the old state of New York; came west when quite young; in the war he promptly enlisted, served several years, and returned home bearing the honors of a Captain. After the close of the rebellion he commenced the study of law, and in a short time was admitted to the bar. He practiced his profession at Toledo successfully until about three years ago, when failing health compelled him to cease the practice. He moved on his farm south-west of town, hoping to renew his health, but the change failed to benefit him, and he had been slowly declining ever since, until finally his constitution and frame were exhausted and he passed quietly away. The funeral was held in the U. P. Church on Sunday and was attended by a large assembly of people. Several lawyers and others from Toledo were present. All can say that the dead was a noble, true man, and the county deeply mourns. Peace be to his ashes.

PERSONAL.—Mrs. Rogers, of Cedar Rapids, daughter of J. F. Slippery, of this place, is here visiting her relatives.

Miss Nettie Brinkerhoff spent last week in Shellsburg.

Mrs. D. T. Bowers has been visiting relatives in Tama City since last Thursday.

TOLEDO.—F. B. Ga has been elected President of Tama City High School. Fletcher, who has been in Toledo, also goes there. Among those who look for friends in this place are noticed Chas. Guilford; Mrs. Goodrich, N. Palmer, Editor of the *Enterprise*, and wife, and wife, of Mar goodly number of our Traer Sunday, to attend services of J. G. Safely many years a highly respected citizen of this place; in him was to respect his relatives who are called loss, have the heart of the people of this. The M. E. sociable, evening at the residence of Morse, was a success than one, for the loomed up well.... A has been done on trees in our Court which gives it an increase.... Miss Clara home from her school has been teaching in sh... Chas. Brair was in town Monday has struck Toledo; a beautiful target has present indications though the club practicing, it wont be wor building back of it give out first; it's ran on arrows until one ment we know of a

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J. H. Fletcher and daughter returned for Vermont, next Monday.

Ira Taylor died yesterday afternoon. Funeral at residence to-day.

W. S. Mesmer is in town tooting up the interests of his *Iowa Workman*.

acknowledged a call a few days from our Northern friend, J. P.

Temperance convention held at Rapids, to their credit be it not make any nomination for officers. The hot-headed faction met in private and made up with ticket. For Gov., G. P. Brown; Lt. Gov. Frank Bell; Judge, J. M. Beck; Supt., J. H. Brown. We are indebted to Rev. J. H. Brown for the information.

Mr. Brown, Co. Supt., has made the appointments of teachers for the Normal Institute:

Geography and Grammar,—W. H. Clark, Traer.

English and History,—W. H. Black,

Friendship,—Will Clark, Toledo.

Arithmetic,—J. J. Andrews,

Physiology,—J. M. Abbott, Tama.

Geology,—J. W. Robinson, Chelsea.

On the fifth page of our paper to-day you will find the new advertisement of W. S. Johnson & Co. Some months since these young men started the firm of W. F. Johnston and have enjoyed a large and rapidly increasing trade. Their stock is large and complete, and prices as low as can be afforded. Our readers will do well to call on them, and we think the firm will receive a very liberal patronage.

with prompt payment of subscriptions this fall, we think the demand will be supplied, in the meantime let the new subscribers continue to roll in as they have this summer thus far, we shall be happy.

—It is our faithful duty to record the death of J. G. Safley of Perry township, but formerly of this town which occurred on the morning of the 12th inst. at his home in Perry township. Mr. Safley came to this county in the month of March, 1867, and, with Mr. W. H. Stivers formed a partnership for the practice of law in this town. This partnership continued very successfully for eight years, when Mr. Safley finding his health declining concluded to move on to his large farm. Consumption, however is seldom allured to release its hold upon its victim, who may become fairly encircled in its grasp, by any attractive environments, and so it proved in the Safley case. Mr. Safley was strictly an Iowa man, having been born and raised in this State. Cedar county takes the credit of being his birthplace.

He was a man of strict integrity of character and honesty of purpose. Several years ago in his native county he was honored by his neighbors with the office of State Senator which he filled acceptably. He was also a soldier in the rebellion and then served in the rank of captain. As an attorney he was industrious and faithful to the trusts reposed in him by his clients, and his councils were always considered efficient, safe and reliable; as a neighbor and friend, none knew him but to respect him. He was a man of honesty of heart, purity of purpose, simplicity of character, having many warm friends and no enemies that we are aware of. Thus passed away one of the honest citizens of our society, as the meridian of life, forty-three years only having been run, leaving behind him a mourning widow, three children, and a large number of personal friends to mourn their loss in his death.

A large concourse of people, including many from this town, assembled at his funeral last Sabbath in Traer, to pay their last respects to his remains. Our Traer correspondent speaks more fully upon the point, and to which we refer upon readers.

press and we mark out for him a prosperous future. This profession is one of the noblest, as well as, the most responsible calling of man. Bruner & Co. have a large mill at this place. They have good run. We visited the popular Moreville "Variety store," belonging to Mr. C. A. Williams. Mr. W. is a man of business and enterprise and commands the respect, and patronage of the people, in the vicinity of his place of business. Mooreville expects a R. R. before long. Mr. W. informed us that, a company were at work looking up the chances for a narrow gauge road from LaPorte through the county, to Liscomb in Marshall county. Should this road be completed it will greatly benefit the farming community of Northern Tama. And as the wheels of progress are rolling rapidly on, we predict that, in a few short years our county will be traversed by railroads affording an easy means of transportation of farm produce, to the great business centers of the east. Each railroad built, will increase the competition for the carrying trade of the county, and in this way will be a powerful agent, in reducing the present freight charges. But not for Traer. Old Sol. has raised the Mercury up to 90° and for the time makes things sizzle. On our road we stopped at the farm owned and farmed, by Norman P. Wheeler. Mr. W. has a fine farm of 320 acres, all fenced and mostly under cultivation. The buildings are new, and of the best. Every thing in and about the premises bore the appearance of neatness, and enterprise. Mr. W. is an old settler, having resided in Iowa over 22 years. Previous to the time of his removal to Iowa, he traveled extensively in the U. S. and Canada, crossed the ocean and hunted up the curiosities of the Orient, and after an extensive foreign travel, returned to his native country, to settle on the prairie of Iowa. He is interested in our school system, and intends to give his children the opportunity to get a good thorough college education. Such are the men that we want, men who, are not working alone for gain, but who are looking forward to the early advance

Inventors should exercise great care in presenting their inventions before the Patent Office; many patents are worthless from neglect of this precaution, and much advantage results employing a capable attorney resident in Washington. Mr. C. E. Foster, 509 7th St., Washington, D. C., has practiced before the Patent Office 19 years and refers to officers of that Bureau, to the 2nd National Bank and Bank of the Republic, D. C. Send to him for advice and pamphlets.

It has been decided by a number of the citizens that a man who can play croquet one entire afternoon in the sun while the thermometer ranges from 95 to 100 degrees in the shade is a fit candidate for the harvest field. Toledo has several such persons but they are too weak (?) even to work in the garden for a few moments. "O, consistency thou art a jewel." Anything to kill time, except work.

Won't some one put their hands down into their trousers pockets and build the Marshalltown and Sioux City railroad? We would but we are too busy; that's our only excuse. We can't afford to sleep on the rail and forfeit the tax.—*Marshall Times*.

This is the same Marshalltown that talks of building a railroad to Spring Hill, one to Grundy Centre, one to Des Moines and the Lord only knows where else. Suppose you try to build the Railroad for which you already have some tax voted before talking about any more. It will never be built, though. Gas and wind don't build railroads, and that's about all Marshalltown has.

There are doubtless many of our readers who remember Rev. A. B. Kendig, a Methodist preacher who filled appointments in various parts of the State several years ago. He was one of our most popular preachers; always had good appointments and drew large congregations. A few years ago—we believe it was in 1871 or 1872—he was transferred to the East and has been sent to some of the best charges in Massachusetts. He has recently written and published an interesting little book entitled *Sparks from My Forge*, which will no doubt meet with a good sale. It is addressed more particularly to the young men and young women of the land, and would make a most fitting present to any person either old or young. It is bound in cloth and is embellished with a portrait of the author and a fine view of Trinity M. E. Church, Worcester, Mass. Messrs. Smith & Lee will sell you one of those volumes for 75

being run over it every day), probably a lease could be effected on very reasonable terms.

Last Saturday the sad announcement was received in Toledo that Mr. John G. Safley had died early in the morning. He had been suffering for a number of years with consumption, and his death though not entirely unexpected yet came with that suddenness which always characterizes its advent. He was conscious to the last and passed quietly away about eight o'clock, leaving a wife and three children to mourn his loss. He was born in New York State and was about forty years of age. At the age of twenty, or in the year 1859, he graduated with honor at Cornell College, Mt Vernon, Iowa. The writer who was then a student there remembers his oration almost as well as if it was yesterday. When the rebellion broke out he entered the army, enlisting in the summer of 1861, and was appointed 3rd Sergeant of Co K 11th Iowa Infantry, Sept. 17th, 1861. He served his country gallantly and was severely wounded in the shoulder, near Atlanta, on the 22nd of July, 1864. In his report of this battle Lieut. Col. Abercrombie used the following language: "I would make honorable mention of Sergeant-Major John G. Safley, who, with 1st Sergeant John A. Buck, Co. K. (afterwards killed—brave fellow) and a party of picked up men numbering thirty or forty, made a dash over the works held by the enemy, bringing over more than their own number as prisoners, amongst whom were a Colonel and a Captain." On Jan'y 1st, 1865 he was promoted to the Captaincy of Co. I, and was mustered out of service with his regiment at Louisville, Ky., July 15th, 1865. Shortly after his arrival home he went to the Ann Arbor Law School and took a course there to fit himself for his chosen profession, after which he came to Toledo, arriving here early in 1867. Sometime in the fall of 1868, we think about the latter part of October, he was married to Miss Jennie Frascaur, who survives him. His only regret at dying seemed to be the parting from his family. He was an affectionate and loving husband and father, a man noted for his honesty and integrity, a good citizen, and in fact such a man as will be greatly missed by the community.

His funeral took place in Traer on Sunday and was attended by a large concourse of citizens, many going up from Toledo. He was buried in Buckingham cemetery.

animals to trespass on their property this all must come, but the steps of civilization are slow and stumbling. Gr is fifty years in advance of Des Moines respect for the rights and privileges of private property. The City Council of Des Moines compels every man to barricade about his house and property, instead of protecting each man his person and property. These obstacles may for a season thus rule in the of the civilization of the age, but hope is they will at least have sense die soon, and that the younger generation may live to see every fence and barrier in this and all other cities & abroad. They are useless, unsightly and barbarous and it is time other cities were called after the example of Grinnell and beautiful cities of the United States.

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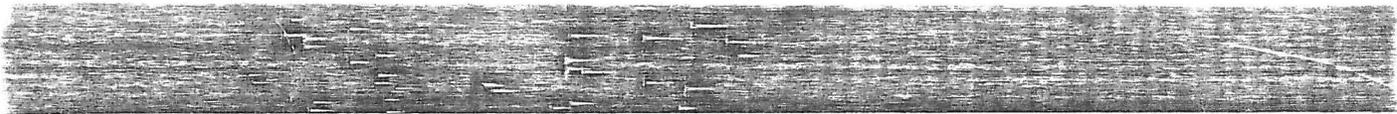
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(F. J. Floerchinger). He is owner of the fine store which is the headquarters of his business, and carries a very heavy but highly selected stock of furniture. The establishment has a frontage of twenty-five feet and a depth of eighty-five feet, and is convenient and commodious in every respect. In addition to these two branches of business, Mr. Schrock has devoted considerable attention for the past two years to the auctioneering of live stock. For more than ten years he has also been as active and influential in public as in business affairs. His public service commenced in 1898, when he was elected on the Democratic ticket as a member of the city council and served in that capacity for four years. In 1900 he was a candidate for county auditor, and although he ran ahead of his ticket by over four hundred votes, he failed of an election. In 1903 he was again elected to the city council of Tama, served two years and was elected mayor of the city in 1907. His term expired in the spring of 1909, and he declined a renomination. His election was a decided triumph of personal character over politics, as he was obliged to overcome a large normal Republican majority. He had been a candidate for mayor in 1905, and in that year was only defeated by sixteen votes. During Mr. Schrock's service as mayor of Tama he was the cause of more public improvements than had ever before been made, including four hundred and fifty feet of concrete cover over Mud creek. Previously this creek had always been a great expense to the city. The paving of the alleys and gutters was all ordered during Mr. Schrock's administration. He also turned more money over to the city from fines and licenses than had ever before been secured from that source in any one term. Fraternally, Mr. Schrock is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, and K. O. T. M., all of Tama.

Mr. Schrock's wife was formerly Miss Barbara Schrock, a native of West Virginia, and daughter of Daniel and Barbara (Yoder) Schrock, both of whom died in Preston county, that state. Mrs. Schrock was reared in West Virginia and came West at the age of sixteen, but returned to Preston county, where she resided for a time prior to her marriage, December 1, 1897. The four children born to them are as follows: Lela Irene, born February 27, 1899; Jennings, who was born October 28, 1900, and died eight days later; Omer Otis, born October 26, 1902, and Mary Marguerite, born March 31, 1906. Mrs. Schrock is a member of the Mystic Workers.

CAPT. J. G. SAFLEY. On the 12th of July, 1879, there passed away at his home here one of the bright, strong and gifted sons of Iowa, Capt. J. G. Safley, an able lawyer, a well remembered senator and a brave and valiant Civil war soldier. He was born at Cohoes, New York, on the 2d of November, 1837, and in 1840 he came with his parents to Cedar county, Iowa, and was a graduate of Cornell (Iowa) College with the class of 1859. Early in his boyhood he displayed a predilection for books, and was thus early prepared for college, graduating from Cornell with full classical honors. At the opening of the war between the North and the South, he enlisted as a private in Company K, Eleventh Iowa Volunteers. On the 1st of January, 1865, he was made the captain of Company I, same regiment, and served until the close of the war. His engagements included Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, the battles of Corinth and Vicksburg, the Atlanta campaign and the battle of Atlanta, where he received a wound

from which he never fully recovered, and in the report of that battle he was signally recognized for special gallantry.

Returning from the war, Captain Safley went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to prepare for the law, and in 1867 he left there to enter actively upon the practice of his chosen profession at Toledo. But previous to entering the Ann Arbor Law School he was nominated and elected by the Cedar county Republicans, in 1866, to the state legislature, where he served with credit and fidelity. On locating at Toledo, Captain Safley formed a partnership with W. H. Stivers, one of the ablest lawyers of the county at that time, and a year later, in October of 1868, he married Miss Jennie Fraseur, a native of Cedar county, and she now manages, with the aid of her son, the Safley estate in Tama county, including some twelve hundred acres in Perry township. Throughout his career of continued and far-reaching usefulness, his duties were performed with the greatest care, and during a long life his honor and integrity were without blemish.

He left at his death three children, but the first born, Jessie L., died on the 18th of February, 1905. Fred, the only son, is now managing the vast estate left by his father, and Bertha is at home with her mother. Captain Safley was a member of the Presbyterian church.

G. H. AUSTIN, president of the Commercial Savings Bank of Tama and of the Garwin State Bank of Garwin, Iowa, is a native of Tama county, born in Otter Creek township, January 25, 1865. For many years he has been an influential business man and financier of the communities in which he has enjoyed a lifelong residence, and his father, R. E. Austin, was a pioneer of long public service which was as varied as it was of high value to the people of Tama city and county. The elder Mr. Austin came hither in the fifties, as a sturdy, unostentatious tiller of the soil, but his fellow voters soon recognized his broad capabilities in public affairs and elected him sheriff, retaining him in office for several years. The citizens of Tama then chose him to the mayoralty, and also solidly supported him for the postmastership, which he held in 1885-89, under Cleveland's administration.

The son, G. H. Austin, graduated from the Tama high school and the Davenport Business College; was for a time his father's assistant in the postoffice, and served two terms as clerk of the district court. He was then associated with A. G. Smith in the abstract business at Toledo, being thus engaged for a number of years. After the dissolution of their partnership the two joined H. J. Stiger, Edwin Lynde and others in the formation of the Garwin State Bank, with Mr. Lynde as president and Mr. Austin as cashier. Upon the death of the former, Mr. Austin succeeded to the presidency, and at the organization of the Commercial Savings Bank of Tama, in November, 1905, he was chosen to the head of its affairs. Its other officers and directors are as follows: F. W. Brokhausen, vice president; D. E. Goodell, cashier; also, as directors, H. Soleman, N. S. Beale, S. C. Huber and H. J. Stiger. The deposits of the institution have steadily increased from \$62,500 in January, 1906, to \$318,709 in November, 1908. The capital stock of the bank is \$50,000, and the personnel of its management is a guarantee of its stability as well as its continued progress. Outside of the financial field, President Austin is well known socially and fraternally, being companionable in his private relations, and also an active member of the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Austin was married at Montour to Miss Esther Butler, also a



1850 United States Federal Census

Name:	John Safely	
Age:	12	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1838	
Birth Place:	New York	
Gender:	Male	
Home in 1850 (City,County,State):	Linn, Cedar, Iowa	
Family Number:	538	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	James Safely	36
	Sarah E Safely	31
	John Safely	12
	Robert Safely	11
	Tocrater T Safely	7
	Mary E Safely	1
	Willer R Peet	6
	Dennis M Peet	4
	Alexander Gowen	26

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Side: **Union**
Regiment **Iowa**
State/Origin:
Regiment Name: **11 Iowa Inf.**
Regiment Name **11th Regiment, Iowa Infantry**
Expanded:
Company: **K,I**
Rank In: **Sergeant**
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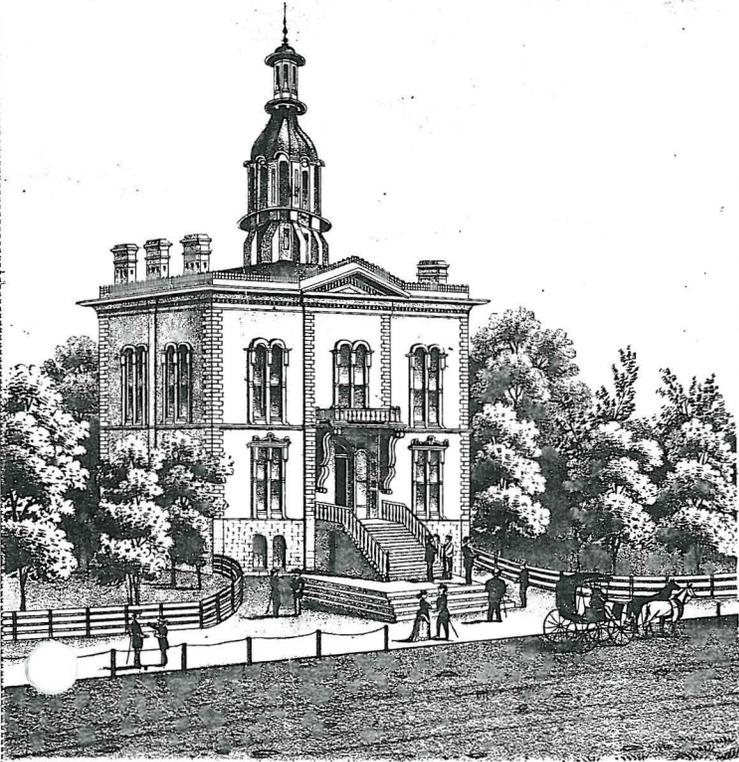
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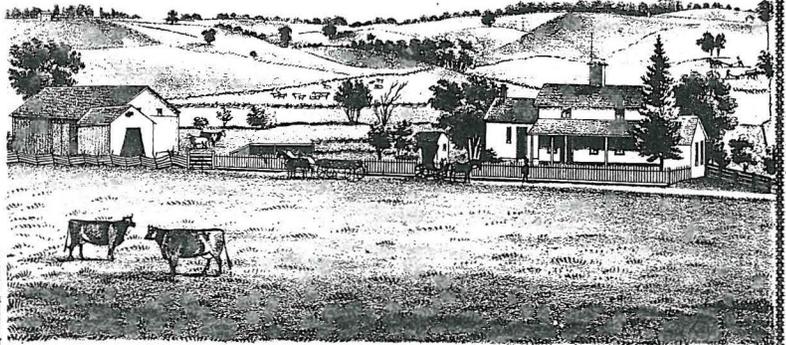
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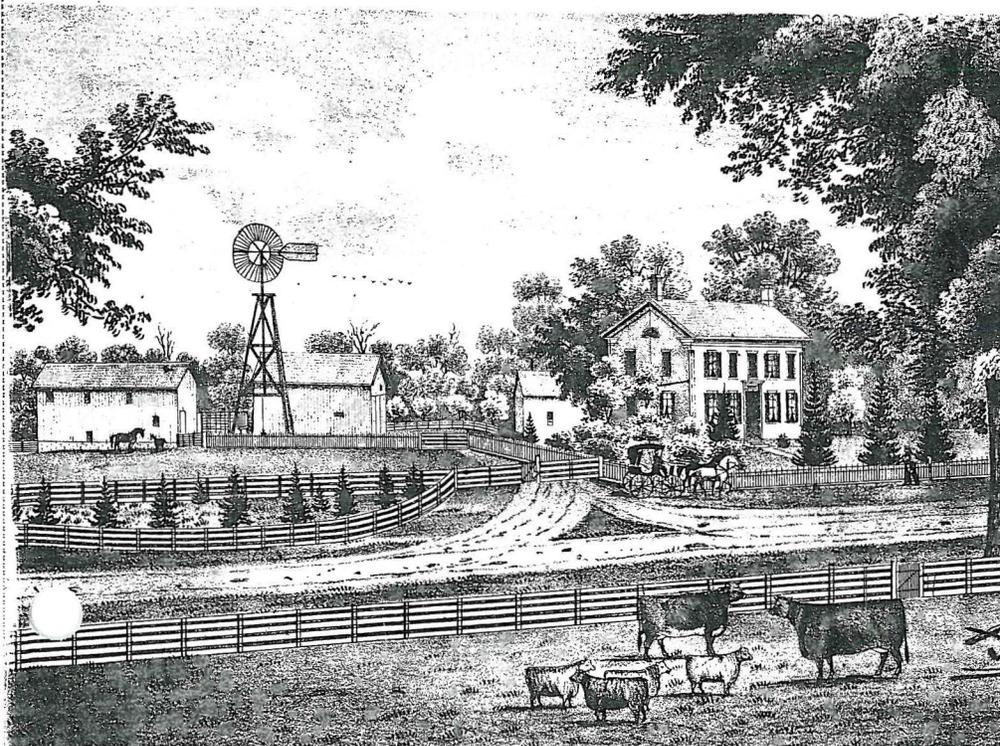
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