

township 81, north, of range 22 west; thence west, to the north-west corner of township 81, north of range 25 west; thence south to the south-west corner of township 77, north, of range 22 west; and thence north, to the place of beginning.

SEC. 3. Boundaries of Dallas altered and defined. The following shall be the boundaries of Dallas county, to-wit:—beginning at the north-west corner of Polk county; thence west on the line dividing townships 81 and 82, to the north-west corner of township 81, north, of range 29 west; thence south to the south-west corner of township number 78, north, of range 29 west; thence east, to the south-east corner of township 78, north, of range number 26 west; and thence north, to the place of beginning; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 4. In force from passage. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 17th, 1846.

CHAPTER 84.

DUBUQUE COUNTY.

AN ACT to provide for an expression of opinion of the citizens of Dubuque county, for and against township organization.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa.

SECTION 1. Electors to vote for or against townships. That on the first Monday of April next, at the several places of holding elections in the county of Dubuque, there shall be opened a poll, by the judges of said election, for the purpose of receiving votes for and against township organization; and it is hereby made the duty of said judges to interrogate each qualified elector of said county, whether he is in favor of, or against township organization, and the said judges shall write in separate columns, opposite each elector's name, the vote given for and against such organization, as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. Duty of the judges of election, in April. Said judges shall make out and certify the number of votes received for and against township organization, and shall transmit the same to the clerk of the board of county commissioners, whose duty it shall be to examine, as other election returns, and publish the number of votes, for and against such organization in a newspaper in the county of Dubuque. If a majority of the votes polled in said county, shall be in favor of township organization, then such organization shall be in force, agreeably to the present law, regulating township organization; but if the whole number of votes polled at said election, should be against township organization, then the county shall be divided into precincts, as it was prior to the passage of the law, providing for township organization; but nothing herein contained, shall be so construed as to prevent the county commissioners from altering the precincts previously established, or establishing new ones to suit the convenience of the public, in case township organization should be voted down: provided however, that nothing in this act shall prevent the election of township officers according to law, on said first Monday of April, and if a majority of said votes polled at said election, should be against township organization, then there shall be held on the first Monday of May, a special election for precinct officers, ac-

ording to the present law, regulating such elections; and that the justices of the peace and other officers elected on the first Monday of April, shall hold their offices until the first Monday of May, or until precinct officers shall be duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. **In force from passage.** This act to take effect, and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 16th, 1846.

[78] CHAPTER 85.

ROAD IN MUSCATINE.

AN ACT to establish a territorial road therein named.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa.

SECTION 1. **Road from bridge at the mouth of Pine river, to Overman's ferry, on Cedar.** That Benjamin Nye, William Chambers, sr., and Elias Overman, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out and establish a territorial road, as follows: beginning at the bridge at the mouth of Pine river, in Muscatine county; thence running in a north-west direction, on the nearest and best ground, to or near the house of William Chambers, sr.; thence on the nearest and best ground to the south-east corner of the north-west quarter of section eleven; thence west, on said line to the south-west corner of the north-east quarter of section ten, township seventy-seven, north, of range one west; thence on the nearest and best ground, to the south line of section number four, to a suitable point; thence west, on said line, to the south-west corner of said section; thence on the nearest and best ground so as to intersect the Iowa City road, at Overman's ferry on Cedar river.

SEC. 2. **Commissioners to meet at Nye's first Monday in March.** That said commissioners, or a majority of them shall meet at the house of Benjamin Nye, on the first Monday of March next, or at such other time and place as they may agree, and after being qualified, shall proceed to the performance of the duty assigned them, as now provided for by law.

SEC. 3. **In force from passage.** This act to take effect, and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 16th, 1846.

[79] CHAPTER 86.

LEWIS BIDMAN AND WIFE.

AN ACT to divorce Mary Ann P. Bidman from her husband Lewis Bidman.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa.

SECTION 1. **Bidman and wife divorced.** That the bonds of matrimony, heretofore existing between Mary Ann P. Bidman and Lewis Bidman, be and the same are hereby dissolved.

SEC. 2. **Mrs. Bidman's name changed to Douglass.** That the name of the said Mary Ann P. Bidman, be changed to her former name of Mary Ann P. Douglass.