

STARK COUNTY AND ITS PIONEERS.

LAFAYETTE.

This town was laid out by William Dnnbar, in July, 1836, about three months after Wyoming had been planned by General Thomas. At first it consisted of ten blocks, but subsequently received an addition from Jonathan Hodgeson.

Micheal Fraker was the first white settler in this neighborhood. He removed from some point in Fulton county, prior to the settlement of this, and took up his abode at a grove on what is now the Knox county line, which has ever since borne his name. For a time he domiciled with his family in a wigwam, although how large his family was at that time we have not the means of knowing, but sooner or later this venerable old man is said to have rejoiced in the paternity of no less than twenty-six children.