

present site of Arkoe. He owned one thousand eight hundred acres of land. Isaac Cox came in 1843 from Kentucky, and R. J. Boatright came from the same state in 1845, locating on section 18, township 63, range 35. John and George McLain, brothers-in-law of Hiram Groves, came from Kentucky about the same time, settling four miles northwest of Arkoe. James Bryant, a half breed, took land three miles west of present Arkoe. Mrs. Martha Vandervert emigrated from Kentucky in 1843, settling a mile and a half west of Arkoe. In 1846 comes James Saunders from Virginia. Others soon came in and the township was rapidly settled, here and there, with neighborhoods, not far apart.

THE WEATHER.

On May 6, 1850, there came a snowfall four inches deep. It came off warm the next day and the snow went off at once. On August 26, 1863, there was a severe spell of weather; roasting ears of corn froze so hard that hogs could not well eat them. The valley corn was all ruined that month. On June 3, 1875, it snowed some, but very little of it reached the surface of the earth. On September 16, 1881, it snowed hard. Although it melted very rapidly, snow fell to the depth of four inches. It went off the next day and left the earth as green and beautiful as a garden plot.

OLD SETTLERS.

The following is a list of settlers who came into White Cloud township between 1840 and 1843: James Bryant, 1839; Hiram Hall, 1840; Harvey White, 1840; Elijah Buntin, 1840; Stephens Barnes, 1841; John Wesley, 1841; Benjamin Windom, 1841; John McClain, 1841; George McClain, Jr., 1841; Thomas Groves, 1841; Mr. Hubbell, 1841; William H. Davis, 1841; Hiram Davis, 1841; John B. Morgan, 1841; J. McDonald Morgan, 1841; Adonijah Morgan, 1841; William W. Morgan, 1841; Nathaniel Barnes, 1841; Jesse Windom, 1841; George McClain, 1841; James McClain, 1841; Greenville Thompson, 1841; Hiram Groves, 1841; Wade H. Davis, 1841; Smithan Davis, 1841; James W. Davis, 1841; Dr. J. W. Morgan, 1841; Amaziah Morgan, 1841; Lewis Morgan, 1841; James B. Prather, 1842; Paul Connor, 1842; Joseph E. Alexander, 1842; John Wiggs, 1842; (Long) John McClain, 1842; Mijamin Byers, 1842; I. N. Prather, 1842; John Randall, 1842; (Little) John McClain, 1842; E. S. Stephenson, 1843; Dr. David M. Irwin, 1843; Daniel Swearingen, 1843; Nicholas Swearingen, —; Henry Swearingen, 1843; Henry Swearingen, Jr., 1843; Jesse Stephenson, 1843.