

D. Wilson, R. R. Sisk and (for 1879) John Nivers. The directors in 1879 were John Nivers, E. L. Wheeler, M. D., George Kennedy, C. D. Wilson, O. Finn, R. R. Sisk, F. N. Boyle, George Nivers, Henry Smith.

Nicholson Lodge, No. 438, F. & A. M. was instituted April 7th, 1869. The charter members were 13. The first officers were: W. M., Alanson B. Walker; S. W., E. C. Bloomfield; J. W., P. Hallsted; S. C., Nathan P. Wilcox; Treas., George W. Walker. The officers for 1880 were: W. M., Nathan P. Wilcox; S. W., William Werkzeizer; J. W., Davis G. Black; treasurer, Oscar H. Williams; secretary, R. D. Newton; P. M., R. R. Sisk.

The Nicholson Savings Fund, Building and Loan Association was organized in August, 1872, with the following officers: A. B. Walker, president; N. P. Wilcox, secretary; I. S. Little, treasurer; managers, Solomon Taylor, Oscar H. Williams, David W. Titus, H. P. Hallsted, George W. Walker, J. P. Childs, G. M. Gamble, William H. Bloomer. The last was president in 1873-79. In August, 1879, Wickliff C. Williams was elected. During the first six months of the society's existence there were issued 913 shares to 187 members. The officers for 1879 were: President, Wickliff C. Williams; secretary, N. P. Wilcox; treasurer, Oscar H. Williams. The charter expires when the amount of assets to each share reaches \$200.

Nicholson Lodge, 857, I. O. of O. F. was instituted October 22nd, 1873, with nineteen charter members. The first officers were: A. B. Walker, N. G.; N. L. Walker, V. G.; H. A. Smith, secretary; S. H. R. Grow, assistant secretary; John Niver, treasurer; R. S., C. W. Conrad; L. S., J. B. Childs; Con., D. W. Titus; R. S. S., C. B. Williams; L. S. S., H. B. Wilkens; O. G., C. M. Mack; I. G., W. A. Kellogg; R. S. to V. G., H. P. Hallsted.

The officers for 1879 were: N. G., A. L. Titus; V. G., William Werkzeizer; secretary, E. F. Johnson; assistant secretary, C. R. Newton; treasurer, D. W. Titus; representative to grand lodge, D. W. Titus.

The total amount paid for relief of suffering brothers since the organization of the lodge is \$235; for burying the dead, \$100.

Nicholson Cemetery Association.—This organization was formed and incorporated in 1870. The ground chosen contains ten acres on the westerly slope of a hill near the village. The charter provides that all proceeds of the sales of lots shall be devoted to the improvement and maintenance of the grounds. The cemetery site was purchased of Hon. A. B. Walker, who donated a liberal share of its value. The permanent managers are C. C. Birge, Solomon Taylor, N. P. Wilcox, N. L. Walker.

NORTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP.

THIS township was taken from Forkston about 1850. It was probably named from the north branch of Mehoopany creek. The population was only 350 in 1870 and 400 in 1880.

Azariah Winslow, Vose and Lovelton were among the first settlers. Winslow settled near

the site of Lovelton, probably about 1800. He was a blacksmith. Many of the early settlers came from Connecticut. The first road extended from Forkston up the north branch of Mehoopany creek.

The first mail route extended from Dushore to Scottsville, and was established about 1850. The mail was then received once a week. John Pfutz was the first postmaster, and was followed successively by Chester Grist, Gilbert Adams, Patrick Kinsley and E. W. Spring. E. Miller is the present postmaster. The mail is now received daily.

A general store was first opened about 1850, by John Pfutz. H. B. Miller is in trade at Lovelton. A licensed hotel was kept a short distance north of Lovelton in 1868 by S. Bigley. There has been none since. The first grist and saw-mill was built by Samuel J. Hulbirt at Hulbirtsville, where a grist-mill is now.

The Methodists and Baptists hold services in the school-houses. The first Sunday-school was organized in 1848, with Edward Miller as superintendent; it was a union school. A society of "Brethren" has recently sprung up.

The first school-house was built at Lovelton. The township has three school-houses and school districts.

Lovelton, the only village, contains the post-office, a store, blacksmith shop, shoe shop, grist-mill turning-mill, and about twenty dwellings.

The present justice of the peace is S. J. Hulbirt; supervisors, John Hope and R. Adams.

NORTH MORELAND TOWNSHIP.

NORTH MORELAND township formerly embraced Monroe and Eaton and part of Franklin. It has 892 inhabitants, chiefly engaged in lumbering and farming. The valuation of the township is \$234,000, and it contains three post-offices. It is divided into five school districts, with prosperous schools and good school-houses. The average attendance is 200.

John Dymond made the first settlement at Keelersburg about 1800. In a short time, however, he removed to Dymond Hollow. Dr. Reuben Montrose settled in 1807 on Sickler hill, and some years later in the "Greene woods," on the farm where James Bersteder now resides. About this time the Fuller, Rogers, Strong and Whitlock families settled near Centre Moreland; Mr. Rogers on his present place, Mr. Strong further east, and Mr. Whitlock near the residence of Horton Wood; the house of Mr. Fuller was where Mr. E. Reeves's now is.

In 1809 Asa Keeler settled at Keelersburg, and from that time took an active and important part in the formation of the township. He was born in Ridgefield, Conn., in 1780, and learned the harness maker's trade. He came to this section in 1795, and worked at different places on the river. In 1807, at Great Bend, he married