

First Settlers

Rev. Alphonse J. Morrison

Rev. Alphonse John Morrison, after whom the town of Morrison was named, was born in Ohio in 1817. He was a student at Oberlein College in Ohio, and later was admitted to the Methodist Wisconsin conference. He was one of the first Methodist circuit riders to minister to the people of Wisconsin. He married Harriet Adeline Worth at Starksboro, VA in 1844. They came to Wisconsin in 1851 and settled in what is now Morrison. He was one of DePere's first schoolmasters. After leaving Morrison, he moved to Wrightstown where he was postmaster. From Wrightstown the Morrison's went to Omro, WI, where Mrs. Morrison died in 1893. A newspaper clipping mentions that Mrs. Morrison, a Quakeress, lived in Ohio where her home helped to compose the famous "underground railroad" by which escaping slaves were assisted to Canada in slavery times.

In 1911, at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Hattie Burnette Craig, Alphonse Morrison died. He was 94 years old.

James Clark

James Clark, farmer and dairyman, in the town of Morrison, was born in 1827 in Prescott, Canada. In 1849, he came to northern Wisconsin, and settled in Morrison around 1852. He developed a farm of 160 acres, where he lived for 7 years. He then moved to a farm in section 5, where he built a brick residence and substantial out-buildings. In 1858 he married Mary Ann Cleary. They had 9 children. Throughout his life, he held different town and county offices. He died in 1895 in DePere, where he retired when he sold his farm.

John Clark

John Clark, farmer and dairyman of Morrison, was born in 1825 in Prescott Canada. At the age of 23 he came to this country, following the vocation of a sailor with Chicago as headquarters. In 1849 he moved to northern Wisconsin. He then settled in section 18 of the township of Morrison, on 160 acres, in 1852. He married Eleanor Hartnett in 1852. They had seven children. He held different offices at different times in the town. He sold his farm to John Lemke, and moved to Oshkosh where he died in 1896.

Philip Falck

Phillip Falck, who in his lifetime, was one of the leading pioneers and merchants of Morrison township, was born August 9, 1818 in the village of Kondersheim, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany.

In 1837 Phillip came to New York with his father and mother. He proceeded to Albany, and begun a business peddling goods through the land from a pack on his back. He decided to come to Wisconsin where homes were cheap. He virtually walked from New York to Milwaukee with a pack on his back, selling goods along the way. In early 1843 he reached Germantown and built a log home, and lived there with his friend Frank Snyder, until he married Catherine Hagen in 1847. Catherine was born in 1828 in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and settled in Germantown in 1843. They moved to the Town of Morrison in 1855 and bargained for 200 acres of land with Mr. Morrison. He cleared 12 acres to build a log home. He tilled the land, but it did not produce enough for his family, so he opened the first store in the township out of his home. He built other additions to his home for the store and finally built a detached store. Phillip and Catherine's children were as follows: Jacob, Phillip, Frank, George, Peter, Mark, Catherine, John, Daniel, and Louis. He lived in the township until his death in 1889. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery.



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