OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

FARMINGTON: 1824 - 1908 BRIEF HISTORIES & BIOGRAPHIES

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Introduction

Nathan H. Power, in collaboration with his good friend Governor Fred Maltby Warner, wrote seven brief histories helpful to Farmington historians. In addition to early Farmington, Power also wrote brief biographies of P. D. Warner, Fred Warner, and Dr. Wixom. The writer mentions the current date of 1921 in this collection of papers, just two years before the death of the former governor.

These articles were found pasted in an "Order Book" that also contained newspaper clippings written by P. D. Warner of early Farmington. Power's handwritten copy was transcribed, with the typed copy shown at the bottom of each page.

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patrons went in and out of its doors. What sights it has seen, what stories it could tell if it but had the gift of speech.--------- Stephen Page was the pioneer merchant of the town. His store stood on the North side of the street near where the Baptist Church now stands. Henry Miller opened another store soon after. James T Mead also ran a general store. It proved profitable and after a successful career he sold the business and went to Lansing where there was a wider field for his activities.

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This account of the journey from NY State to Michigan made in 1825 by Mr. Warner in company with his fathers family was written by himself. At the time of this journey he was only three years old. Unfortunately only part of the narrative has been preserved.——— My father Seth A L Warner left his house in the town of Hecton then Tompkins but now Schuyler County New York with his family consisting besides himself of my mother three children all boys of which I was the youngest and a maiden sister of my mother the latter part of March 1825.

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to an elevated plain with scattering trees and hazel shrubbery. Driving up under the protecting branches of a large oak we halted for the night. My mother was not a strong robust woman but of rather feeble health and seemed to realize more fully than others the many miles that separated her from the friends and associations of her life as they had been measured by the anxiety and weariness which had been experienced by her in her three weeks journeyings from a quiet home on the pleasant shore of a beautiful lake in the interior of New York to the unbroken wilderness of Michigan.

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occasion he was passing along the road where a barn raising was in progress. Just previous to his arrival a man had one of his toes crushed by a timber falling upon it. The Doctor was called in and having no surgical instrument to his liking called for a carpenter's chisel and with it and a mallet cut the toe off. He then bandaged it and the patient got well. He became widely known for his surgical skill and in the Civil War served his country well in treating the wounded and maimed. He died at Argentine Mich at an advanced age.

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The Village of Franciston Frammyton Villege vone menfinated in the moter of 1866 and 67. The first Christer election was reld man 6. 1867 and resulted In the elector of I Dean hamer as presedent form a Francield Colleck in La Webster. Conson of Chyes and cringe mattrews as huters motimer Sense was affinited Marshall and Honry Keley fined master. On the mining of Oc 1872 there occurred a disar fire which distroyed most the business Structures in the the Village Some of the buildings destroyed were a owned by P. Dean bonne Occupied by Porter - Shefraid of M. B. Selly the drug

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of Doctor Woodman. The Masonic Lodge room, and a millinery store owned by a Miss Pierman. The stores of Selby and Smith were erected in 1850 by Selby and Joshua Simmons. An irreparable loss was the destruction of the township records previous to 1872.——— Mr. Warner at once rebuilt upon his lots the substantial brick building now occupied by Fred Cook as a general store and Dickson and Hatten as a hardware store. For a number of years the village made slow growth, but with the building of the Electric Road in 1900 it began to show a substantial increase in the number of its inhabitants. This road coming

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from Detroit branches at Farmington junction one branch going to Pontiac by the way of Orchard Lake and the other branch going to Northville. Hourly service is given during most of the 24 hours. The frequency of this service together with its nearness to Detroit makes it an ideal suburban town. Its banks do a substantial business under a safe conservative management. When its new building is completed the Farmington State Savings Bank will have a home second to none for beauty utility and convenience. Hon. Fred M. Warner and his associates have spared no pains or expense in the construction of this building and when completed it will

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