

The Terre Haute & Logansport, better known as the Vandalia, was completed from Logansport by way of Maxinkuckee lake, Plymouth and La Paz to South Bend, in the fall of 1883 and spring of 1884.

First Events.

The following are among the first things:

The first marriage license was issued June 21, 1836, to John W. Cruzan and Matilda Henderson. The marriage ceremony was performed by Wm. G. Pomeroy, justice of the peace.

The first representative in the state legislature was Joel Long, of Kosciusko county, Kosciusko and Marshall counties being then a legislative district.

John Dixon was granted license to vend merchandise in 1836, and was the first merchant. John Compton in 1836 was the first licensed hotel keeper.

The first estate administered on was that of Mary Pattengale, Adam Vinnedge, administrator, November 13, 1837.

The first letter of guardianship was issued November 14, 1836, to Thomas Robb, on the person and estate of his daughter, Nancy Robb.

The first judgment taken in the court was for \$331, in favor of Sidney Williams, of Green township.

The first saw mill was built in Plymouth by Milburn Coe, in 1837, on the west bank of Yellow river, about half-way to the north between what is now known as the Zehner's flouring mill and the mill dam above.

The first grist mill was erected by Timothy Barber in West township at the place known as the "Old Forge," at the west end of Twin Lakes.

The first lawyers were Gustavus A. Everts and R. L. Farnsworth, not long after the organization of the county. There was little law business here then and they soon left for La Porte or South Bend.

The first physician was Dr. Jeroloman, of Logansport, who had been sent here by the government to administer such medical aid as the Pottawattomie Indians might need. After the Indians were removed he returned to Logansport.

The first indictment by the grand jury was against Robert Beattie for selling liquor unlawfully.

The first white child born in the county was Cyrus Taber, in 1834, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Taber, who lived two miles south of Plymouth on the Michigan road, and who kept a tavern which he called Pashpo, in honor of an Indian chief by that name who lived in the vicinity. Cyrus Taber died several years ago.

For many years the distinction of being the oldest inhabitant of the county belonged to Robert Schroeder, of North township. Since his death a number of years ago, the honor seems to have fallen to Charles W. Morgan, also of North township, who came to the county and has resided here since 1834.

The first newspaper published in the county was the Plymouth Pilot, the first number of which was issued April 16, 1851, by John Q. Howell, editor and proprietor. Another paper prior to the Pilot—The Journal—was said to have been issued here, but diligent investigation has failed to obtain