

Articles of the Incorporation of the Town of Edenville.
Marshall County, Iowa.

Filed for Record March 16th, 1882, at 5:45 P. M. o'clock.
L. Jennings, Recorder Marshall County, Iowa.

In the Matter of the Incorporation of the Town
of Edenville.

Record Entry.

And now to-wit: March 28th 1882, Comes A. C.
Lowrey, and files petition for the Incorporation
of the Town of Edenville. And on the same day,
A. Rhodes, A. White, H. W. Weeks, Chas. Cuny and
David Thorn are appointed commissioners.

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Petition of Citizens asking for the Incorporation
of the Town of Edenville.

In Circuit Court of Iowa in and for Mar-
shall County Iowa.

In the matter of the Incorporation } March Term
of the Town of Edenville in said County } A. D. 1882,

To the Honorable Circuit Court D. D. Miracle
sole presiding Judge.

We, the undersigned, citizens and
qualified electors of the town of Edenville in the
County of Marshall and State of Iowa do most res-
pectfully represent to this Honorable Court, that we
are residents of the Township of Eden, County of Marshall
and State of Iowa, and that our several places of resi-
dence is on Section number Nine (9) Township Eighty
two (82) Range Twenty (20) West of the 5th P. M. of Iowa
in the county aforesaid. That for the better protection
of our person and property we most respectfully ask that
this Honorable Court appoint commissioners to take the
sense of the voters residing in said section number nine
aforesaid and if consistent with the views of a ma-
jority of the voters, resident in said Territory. That
it be incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa,
with all the rights and privileges therein. That we
desire to include in our said territory—the whole
of Section Number Nine (9) Township Eighty Two (82)
Range Twenty (20) in said County, and be known by

2 the Incorporate name of Edenville. That there are
 now Three Hundred and Twenty four persons, resident
 of said Territory. a plat of which is hereto annexed, and
 made a part hereof

Edenville, Marshall County.

March 11th 1882.

1	M. Brewer		
2	P. D. Chamberlain	33	J. E. Darling
3	W. L. Webster	34	Anthony Rhodes
4	J. N. White	35	H. M. Weeks
5	D. O. White	36	David E. Garris
6	J. B. Wilson	37	David S. Thorn
7	R. E. Scott	38	W. Vandermost
8	H. C. Betty	39	A. Webster
9	J. W. Barke	40	Wm C. Weeks
10	G. M. Stevens	41	John B. Burger
11	Alfred White	42	Joseph Garris.
12	R. Otjenhouse		
13	A. Bowman		
14	W. P. P. Brewer		
15	R. M. Sanders.		
16	J. F. Bates		
17	Wm Cummings		
18	J. W. Garris		
19	C. P. Ravidson		
20	E. W. Kendall		
21	Wm A. Laines		
22	George Ogan		
23	J. D. Swanner		
24	George Hidy		
25	C. C. Schults		
26	S. C. Brown		
27	George L. Nason		
28	John T. Roberts		
29	John Barber		
30	Charles Curry		
31	Frank Loums		
32	S. W. Thomas.		

Names of Residents and No. in Family.

A. White	7	Chas. Curry	2
D. C. White	5	M. F. Willis	2
J. N. White	2	James Webster	4
E. H. Barber	8	M. Vaughan	5
D. Bowen	0	C. W. Allen	1
L. Bainbold	1	L. W. Thomas	3
R. D. " "	1	Wallace Allen	5
L. C. Brown	3	J. H. Bingham	7
J. F. Roberts	3	Geo. Eyckman	4
A. Haines	6	W. C. Weeks	6
W. H. Hollingsworth	4	W. S. Weeks	1
Geo. Moser	0	C. A. Weeks	1
R. Engelmeyer	1	Geo. Sherman	2
George Ogden	6	E. C. Newell	1
William Cunningham	1	A. Vandermast	3
A. N. Walsten	1	J. J. Bates	1
A. Gilmore	2	A. Rhodes	4
Lizzie Snell	1	R. E. Scotten	2
Louis Agas	8	Alonzo Webster	4
E. W. Kendall	6	J. J. Kramer	9
Philip Sanders	3	M. Bremer	6
Peter Walter	4	C. C. Barber	5
Chas. Lundgren	1	C. R. Bairdow	3
J. Hoggander	4	W. L. Webster	4
R. L. Carlson	1	D. Thorne	8
John Anderson	1	C. Warner	1
James Doughty	7	Jos. Lacey	3
R. Sanders	6	Dell Ashley	1
John Barber	2	R. E. Miller	5
D. Garris	3	D. Nelson	1
E. A. Scott	5	John Miller	1
Eliza Cunningham	1	C. C. Fish	8
Joseph Garris	2	J. M. Rhodes	5
John Garris	2	B. Libbie	1
Sarah Rachel & son	2	John Jones	1
Chas. Gage	1	W. A. Haines	2
Henry Wilson	5	D. R. Chamberlain	7
J. E. Darling	4	J. D. Rhodes	1

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Frank Rogers
 Rob Kitchen
 Wm Westfall
 C. Kesser
 H. C. Betty
 J. B. Wilson & family

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J. S. Booth

A. M. Weeks

W. L. McDonnell

J. R. Dimming

John D. M. Dowell

Geo Hidy

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State of Iowa }
 Marshall County }

M. A. Bremer & D. C. White
 each being sworn each for himself deposes and
 says that they made the foregoing Enumeration of
 inhabitants now residents on Section Number Nine (9)
 Township Number Eighty two (82) Range Twenty west
 of 5 P. M. of Iowa in Marshall County, Iowa, and that
 the numbers set opposite the names set fourth is
 the actual number of residents in said District as
 here set forth. That the whole number of residents
 in said District are three Hundred and Twenty
 four (324).

Further Deponents saith not.

Signed

M. A. Bremer.

D. C. White.

Sworn and Subscribed before me & in my
 presence by the said M. A. Bremer and D. C. White
 this 24th day of March 1882. Witness my hand
 and official signature the day and year above written.



Alfred White

Notary Public

Notice of Election to Incorporate the Town of
 Edenville.

Whereas at the March Term of the Circuit
 Court of the State of Iowa within and for the County
 of Marshall, a petition and plat was presented to
 said Circuit Court signed by forty one electors
 residents of Section Number Nine (9) Township Num
 ber Eighty two (82) Range Twenty (20) west of the 5th
 P. M. of Iowa, Marshall County, Iowa, asking said
 Circuit Court to appoint commissioners to hold an
 election and take the vote of the resident qualified
 electors of said District Aforesaid for or against the

dated March 28-1882.

C. H. Brock - Clerk.

Incorporation of the Town of Edenville as platted
as aforesaid. Whereas at said March term
of said Circuit Court aforesaid and on the
14th day of March V the second day of said term
the undersigned were duly appointed by said Court
as commissioners to take the vote of the qualified
electors residing within the boundary limits of
said section Number nine (9) Township Eighty
two (82) Range Twenty (20) West of 5th P.M. of Iowa
as platted as aforesaid for or against the Incorporation
of the said District.

Now therefore we the undersigned commissioners
do hereby give notice to the qualified electors of the
of the District aforesaid that an election to Incorporate
will be held at the school house in Edenville on the
12th day of May 1882 between the hours of nine o-
clock A.M. and six o'clock P.M. at which all qual-
ified electors of said district are entitled to vote.
The ballots cast at said Election shall be for
Incorporation or against Incorporation.

Edenville, Iowa, April 18-1882.

Charles Curry

Alfred White

H. M. Weeks

David S. Thorn

Anthony Rhodes

Commissioners.

Edenville, May 12-1882.

This is to certify that in pursuance to a notice
issued from the Circuit Court in and for Mar-
shall County & State of Iowa, to the qualified Elect-
ors of certain Territory described in said notice
the following named persons were appointed com-
missioners to hold an election within said des-
cribed territory for the purpose of voting upon the
question of Incorporating the same. The said
Election being called at the school house in Eden-
ville in Marshall County and State of Iowa at
9 o'clock A.M. on the 12th day of May 1882 the
said commissioners, Alfred White, Anthony Rhodes,
Chas. Curry, David S. Thorn and H. M. Weeks have

met at the above named place and at the time specified did organize by choice of Alfred White as chairman of said board and Alfred White, Charles Curry and David Thorn as Judges of said election and Anthony Rhodes and H. M. Weeks clerks of election did adjourn to the office of Hager and Metz in Edenville, Marshall County Iowa, and after qualifying in the manner prescribed by law did open the polls and take the vote of the qualified electors of the territory named in said notice, issued by said Circuit Court, (said territory being section Numbered Nine (9) Township Numbered Eighty Two (82) Range Twenty (20) West of 8th P. M. Iowa) for - against Incorporating the same.

State of Iowa }
Marshall County } I, Anthony Rhodes clerk of election do solemnly swear that I will impartially and to the best of my knowledge and ability perform the duties of clerk of the election, and will studiously endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit, and abuse in conducting the same.

Signed

Anthony Rhodes.

State of Iowa }
Marshall County }²⁰. I, Alfred White, Chas. Curry, David Thorn, Judges, and H. M. Weeks, Clerk, do solemnly swear that we will impartially and to the best of our knowledge and ability perform the duties of Judges and Clerk of the Election and will endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit and abuse in conducting the same.

I. S. Thorn }
Alfred White } Judges
Chas. Curry }
H. M. Weeks - Clerk.

I do solemnly swear that the above oath was administered to Alfred White, Chas. Curry, David Thorn and H. M. Weeks.

Anthony Rhodes.
Clerk.

Tally List.

*Filed May 15-1882.
C. H. Brock
Clerk.*

1	Thomas Wilson	40	J. D. Rhodes
2	George Ogan	41	William Hager
3	Anthony Rhodes	42	S. M. Dumbold
4	Charles Curry	43	David Garris
5	Jos J. Garris	44	John Waugerman
6	Kewel	45	A. Dalburn
7	H. M. Weeks	46	J. B. Ingersoll
8	David Thorn	47	D. C. White
9	J. M. Rhodes	48	F. J. Willis
10	Wm Weeks	49	W. Vanthrin
11	James Davis	50	Jacob Waugerman
12	John A. M. Donnell	51	J. C. Charublain
13	William Hollingworth	52	J. N. White
14	Jos. Lacy	53	J. D. Smith
15	J. M. Cure	54	Peter Halter
16	J. J. Roberts	55	George Bidy
17	C. H. Metz	56	George Engler
18	C. P. Baird	57	Robert Kitchen
19	Ralph Sanders	58	Nathan Haines
20	Mathew Brown	59	John Garris
21	L. W. Thomas	60	Asa Vandermost
22	W. L. Webster	61	J. M. Ridgway
23	J. B. Darling	62	A. C. Ashley
24	Wm C. Cummings	63	S. W. Allen
25	B. W. Kintall	64	J. S. Booth
26	Frank Rogers	65	James Daugherty
27	R. E. Scotter	66	John Gruber
28	C. C. Barber	67	Alfred White
29	Wm McDowell	68	S. C. Barner
30	Wm Johnson	69	F. Willard.
31	R. B. Wilson		
32	Henry Wilson		
33	R. E. Miller		
34	Willis Brewer		
35	J. W. Barber		
36	J. H. Berger		
37	R. Engelman		
38	Henry Scott		
39	F. S. Kramer		

For Incorporation, —

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Against Incorporation,

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The whole number of votes cast were 69.
There were Forty-Eight Ballots cast for Incorporation.
There were Twenty-one Ballots cast against Incorporation.

We, the undersigned Judges and Clerks of said election hereby certify that the foregoing is a true return.

Signed

Anthony Rhodes } Clerks.
H. M. Hicks }

Charles Cury } Judges.
Alfred White }
D. S. Thorn }

Notice of Incorporation.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the Circuit Court of the State of Iowa in and for Marshall County on the 14 day of March A.D. 1882. An Election was held under charge of commissioners appointed in said order by the residents of Section Number Nine (9) Township Eighty-two (82) North of Range Twenty (20) in said County and State on May 12th 1882 at said time and place, the vote of the resident qualified Electors was taken as shown by the returns of said commissioners now on file in my office, for and against the Incorporation of the town of Edenville, and the result was in favor of Incorporation by a vote of forty eight in favor thereof and Twenty one against Incorporation. You are further notified that when the Incorporation of the above described territory is complete it will be classed as an "Incorporated Town" and be known as Edenville. In witness thereof see my hand and seal of said Court, Done at Marshalltown, Iowa this 28th day May A.D. 1882.



C. H. Brock

Clerk of Circuit Court
aforesaid.

Troaf of Publication.

I, J. W. Merrill publisher of the "State Center Enterprise" a weekly newspaper of General Circulation Published in Marshall County, Iowa, on my oath say that the attached "Notice of Incorporation" was published in

said paper. Two consecutive weeks commencing^{9.}
on the 26 day of May 1882 and ending on
the 2nd day of June 1882.

J. W. Merrill.

Sworn to and subscribed by J. W. Merrill
in my presence this 5 day of June A.D. 1882.

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W. H. Hammond

Notary Public.

State of Iowa
Marshall County } ss.

J. C. H. Brock, Clerk of the
Circuit Court of Iowa in and for Marshall County
Certify the above and foregoing to be a full true
and correct transcript of all the filings and record
entries thereon in the matter of the incorporation
of the town of Edenville, Marshall County, Iowa.

including inclosing a plat thereof as full and
complete as the same remains of record in my
office. Witness my hand and seal of the

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Circuit Court hereto attached
Done at Marshalltown this 14th
day of July A.D. 1882.

C. H. Brock

Clerk.

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Marshalltown, Iowa

See next page for Plat.

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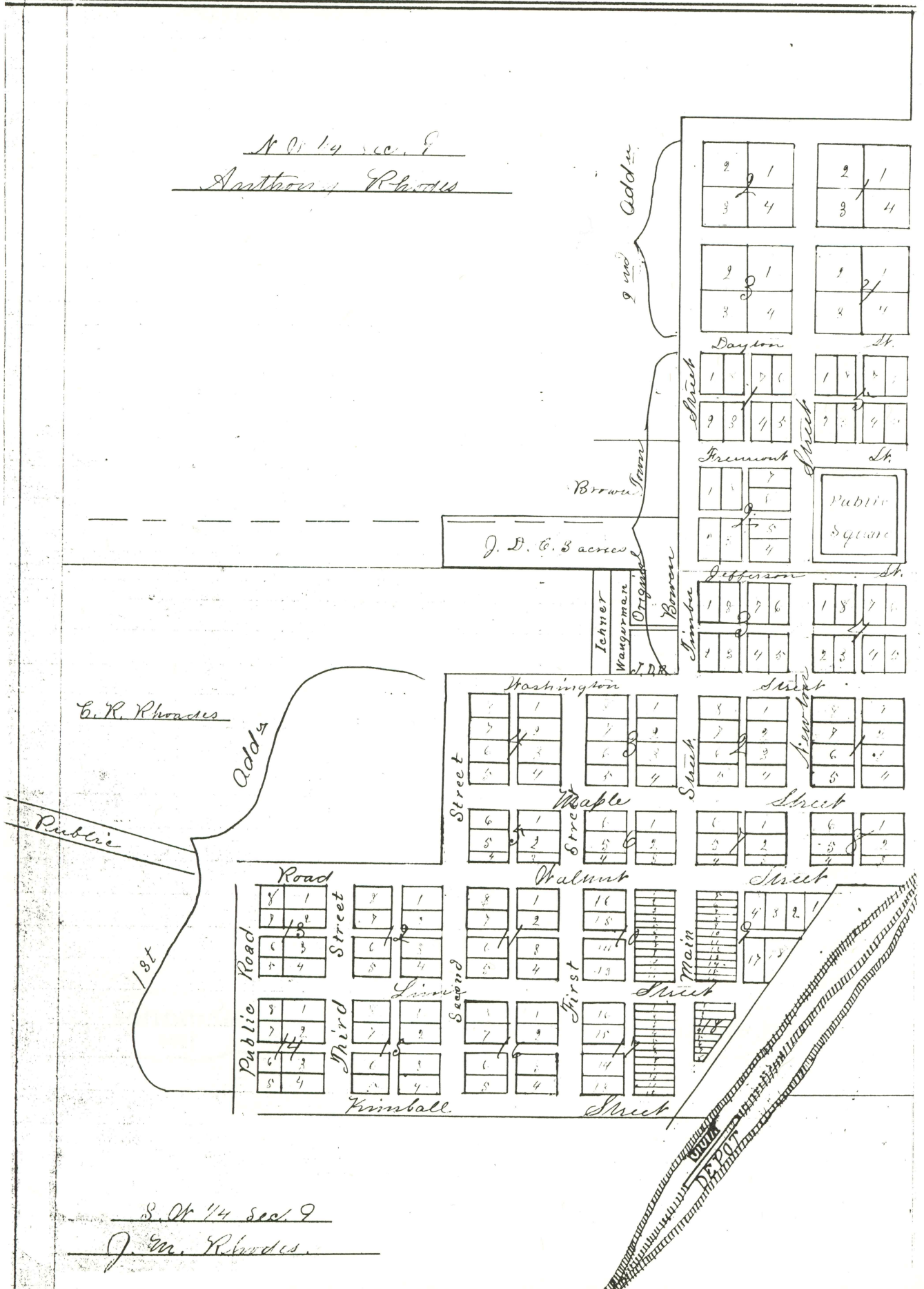
Memories

1890

One cent candy, Uncle Tom's Cabin - Tent Show, Ice
Cream Parlors, Millinery stores.

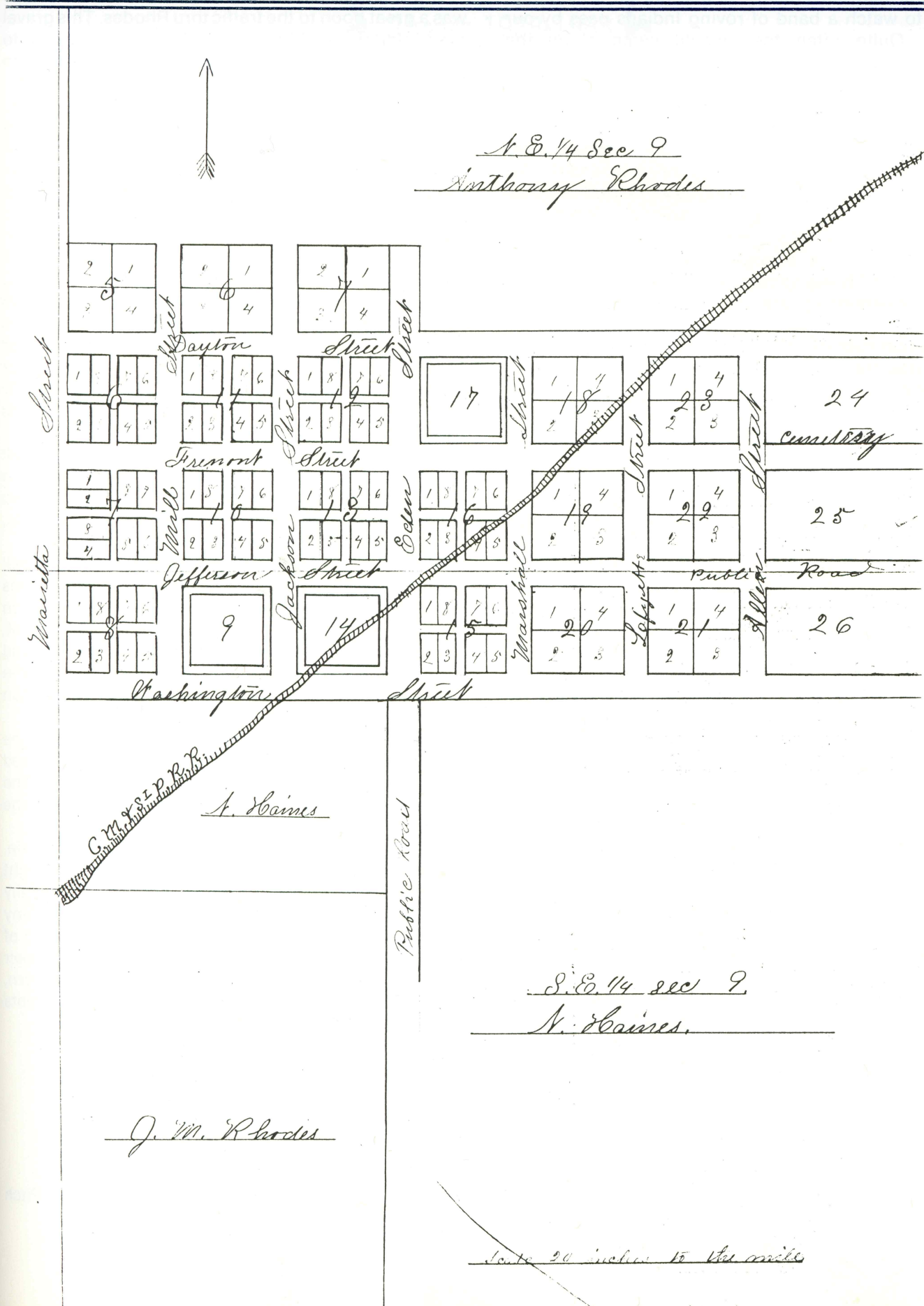
Taxes for 1889 - \$3.58; One Turkey - \$1; Oil Meal - \$5.50
per ton; Buggy Whip - 75¢.

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For many years Indians from the Indian reservation in Tama County continued to make their trek every year to Clear Creek. An early resident wrote that when she first married (1890), "It was not an uncommon sight to watch a band of roving Indians pass by our place. Quite often they would camp along the roadway, under some large maple trees east of our house. They would bring their ponies into our barnyard to water them from our well and get water to use in camp. One evening we went to their camp. The men would talk to us and tell us of their roving trips into the timber west of Rhodes to gather herbs to dry for medical purposes. One evening as we neared camp we saw an Indian woman scraping something resembling a chicken. But when we got close enough we discovered it was a large turtle. She washed and scraped until it was as clean as any chicken could be." This movement apparently continued until at least 1900.

The first mention of a better light than a candle and lamp was recorded April 27, 1899. "Everyone went to Mackey's last night to see the new gas light." Older residents of our town remember when gas street lights were from the business district north to where the Methodist Protestant Church used to stand. (Fremont Street)

At one time there was a sorghum mill located in section 33, run by a family by the name of Kennedy, located three miles south of the west edge of Rhodes. In the 1874 census, there were 30 gallons of sorghum made in the township that year.

After the railroad came into existence and had passenger service, residents of this community turned more to their county seat of Marshalltown. But it was not until roads were improved that the people turned to Marshalltown as their trading center as well as a place to transact business.

The turn of the century found Edenville as a growing, thriving village with a population of 476 and the township population of 1, 126.

Various improvements were being made, as in 1901, stone crossings were put on the streets and large tiles placed to take the heavy rains away.

A small park was made at the west end of the depot by the railroad.

The rural residents of Eden Township were thrilled, in December of 1901, with Rural Free Delivery that brought them the convenience of mail delivery to their farmsteads.

Major grading was done, in 1915, on the Skunk Creek hills, one mile east of Rhodes, the work being done by the county steam shovel. The work took two months and 9,000 cubic yards of dirt was moved.

In 1915, drilling of the town well and the installation of the water tower brought town water to almost every home in the community and any farm within the city limits. Many ladies thought their days of carrying water from the family pump for the laundry was over, but not so. The iron content of the town water was so high that many clothes were ruined, before the return to the

family water supply. It was several years before chemicals were added to the water to make it useable for human consumption and for the laundry.

The E.C. Trail was brought up to grade in 1922 and was a great boon to the traffic thru Rhodes. This gravel road started in Eldora, ran thru Bear Grove to Melbourne and Rhodes, on to Collins and ending in Colfax.

The Diagonal, now Highway No. 330, going from Des Moines to Marshalltown, brought controversy between the farmers and the Department of Transportation over cutting through the farms. This road did reduce the miles and is now in the process of being regraded and resurfaced. With these highways and hard surfaced roads, the community has been made more accessible to larger town and cities, as Marshalltown, Ames, Newton and Des Moines. Because of increased mechanization on farms, job opportunities have to be sought in these larger towns with their factories, offices, stores and etc. Faster transportation, better roads and employment in other towns, has changed Rhodes from a staid family oriented community, to one of mobility, with residents traveling daily to their jobs.

The residents were very sociable and interested in all types of clubs, organizations and entertainment, such as the annual Eden Fair, dances held in the Opera House, baseball, Chautauqua and Lyceum, movies band concerts and ice skating.

Rhodes was known for its highly ranked baseball team and during the summers in the teens, crowds would gather every Sunday at the baseball diamond or the old fair grounds at the north end of Main Street. Free outdoor movies were shown every summer and held once a week in the open area just south of the Opera House. In the late 30's and 40's paid admission movies were held in the Opera House.

Radio came to Rhodes in 1921 when the Supt. of the Rhodes School, W.B. Gregg, purchased a set, invited friends in to listen to the "Phantoms of the Air." The Rhodesites would take turns listening through the head set.

Band concerts were a part of the summer social life. Volunteer members of the band gave a Saturday night concert, to a town full, from a band stand usually situated on Main Street in the business district. Many sat in their cars, honking their approval at the end of each musical rendition. The children saved their money for this night when they spent it on popcorn, pop, candy or ice cream. Business establishments would stay open on Saturday night for business.



Halter & Bridle - \$4.50; Shoes - \$1.10 per pair; Pitc Fork - 40¢; One dinner - 25¢.

Rhodes 1928-1983

Mayor's Proclamation

To the people of Rhodes and Community:

Whereas, the continued depression has created a severe strain upon all classes of people and upon all kinds of business, including banks, and

Whereas, the welfare of the entire community is to a great extent dependent upon the continued and successful operation of the banks, so that they may continue to carry their loans without resorting to unduly severe measures of collection, and

Whereas, at no time within the memory of this generation has it been more essential to business men and farmers to have banks finance their operations, and

Whereas, such financial aid may be impossible if the depositors call for their money faster than the banks can make their collections, and

Whereas, it is desirable that the people of this community abstain from their usual employment to give thought and to counsel with each other for their mutual welfare and prosperity.

Now therefore, I, H. G. Buck, mayor of the town of Rhodes, Iowa, do hereby proclaim and declare Thursday, June 30, 1932, and each succeeding day thereafter for a period of one week ending Wednesday evening, July 6, to be a time of public holiday and that, during the whole of which, subject to further orders, all places of business thruout the said town shall be and remain closed except gasoline stations, food stores and drug stores may serve the absolute requirements of their clientele.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of said town to be hereunto affixed this 30th day of June, A. D., 1932.

(Signed) H. G. BUCK, Mayor

Interest was added to the town election in 1928 at Rhodes through a proposal to officially recognize the name of the town. The original name of Edenville never had been discarded, although the town had been known as Rhodes for many years. Another election in the history of Rhodes that is remembered, was the year of 1938, when there was an all women ticket. Two of the ladies, Ethel Luing and Betty Hildreth, gained seats on the council.

JOIN THE
NEW DEAL
VOTE A
STRAIGHT LADIES'
TICKET

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Tragedy was a part of the history of the town. On a summer evening in 1915, Everett Kelly went for a swim in the Rhodes pond, had cramps and drowned. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to find the body. Word was sent to the Indian settlement at Tama for divers. Cars ringed the pond with their lights shining on the water and in early morning, the body was found.

The Rhodes Pond played a big part in the recreational life of the people of Rhodes. In the summer, it provided swimming and fishing and in the winter, ice for local ice houses and skating. The gold fish (see Railroad history) in the pond multiplied and finally had to be seined out and supplied many farm stock tanks and family fish bowls.

✓ 10. #1340
Town Clerk, F.E. Bentley,
to
Town of Rhodes

CHANGE OF NAME
Filed for Record March 29, 1928 at 8 AM
Theresa Stepan - Recorder
Rose Rook - Deputy

INCORPORATED TOWN OF EDENVILLE, IOWA
Rhodes, Iowa, March 27, 1928

County Recorder
Marshalltown, Ia.

At a regular election of the qualified voters of the Incorporated Town of Edenville, Marshall County, Iowa held March 26th 1928. The following question "Shall the Proposition to change the name of "Edenville" to "Rhodes" be adopted" was carried, there being 141 votes in favor of the change 18 against the change and 3 spoiled ballots.

Will you please arrange your records accordingly and send me a receipt for my files.
(Clerk Seal Town) F.E. Bentley, town Clerk

STATE OF IOWA, Marshall County.
On the 28th of March 1928 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, with and for said county and State, personally appeared F.E. Bentley, to me personally known to be the identical person who executed the within and foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his voluntary act and deed.
Witness my hand and seal the date last above written.

(L.S.) L. A. Baie
Notary Public in and for Marshall Co. Ia.