

Lake County, Register of the Squatters' Union, July 1836

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The land that would become Lake County was first opened to white settlement after the 1832 federal treaty with the Potawatomi. The area was surveyed in 1834, and by 1836 the Indiana legislature had divided the entire territory north of the Kankakee River into two portions: Porter County and the future Lake County, which was itself divided into three townships.¹ Lake County was formally established on February 15, 1837.²

In the meantime, settlers were arriving in Lake County in significant numbers, beginning in late 1834. However, a delay by the federal government in offering the land for official sale meant that these settlers held no legal title to their lands. Rumors of land speculation also meant that when the land did go up for sale, its price could be forced above the standard government price of \$1.25 an acre and settlers could be outbid in their attempts to purchase the land they had worked so hard to improve.³

Understandably concerned, the settlers met at the home of Solon Robinson on July 4, 1836. The meeting of these so-called “squatters of Lake” resulted in the formation of the Squatters' Union of Lake County, an organization of residents determined to secure their claims on the county's public lands. A formal constitution was drawn up and signed by nearly five hundred men.⁴ The constitution included a declaration of rights and purpose, stated who was eligible for membership in the group, established the duties of the group's board and its register, established the procedure for making and recording land claims, listed punishment for fraud, and declared under what circumstances claims could be challenged.⁵

The union was primarily concerned that claims should be made by those who were serious about settling in the county: “Every person who braves all of the dangers and difficulties of settling a new & unimproved country is justly entitled to the privilege heretofore extended to settlers by congress, to purchase their lands at a dollar and a quarter an acre.”⁶ Those who were not already living in the county or who were not members of the union were required to first sign and agree to the constitution; once that was accomplished and a claim made, the settler had thirty

days to move and establish a home on that claim. The union also resolved to aid at land sales only those who were actual settlers, not speculators, and that they would “use [their] endeavors to advance the rapid settlement of the county, by inviting [their] friends and acquaintances to join [them].”⁷ In addition to its constitution, the group began keeping a detailed register of land claims in the county.

Ultimately, the union’s efforts were successful. A union member was appointed to bid for the land in each township on behalf of its claimants, and when the land sale finally was held on March 19, 1839, “the impression was strongly made that no speculator should overbid a squatter, and the moral force of the fact that five hundred determined men had decided upon that question, was sufficient.”⁸

The Manuscript Section of the Indiana Division of the Indiana State Library holds a photostat copy of the constitution and claim register of the Squatter’s Union. The register is a valuable source of information on early settlers in Lake County. When making his or her claim, each settler was required to register the location of the claim, what type of land the claim consisted of, when the claim was settled, where he or she was originally from, and whether or not he or she had a family. This information was no doubt intended to determine whether the claimant actually meant to settle in the county permanently. Claimants would also make payment to the union, which then held the payment in trust until the formal land sale occurred. The register was updated continually as claims were sold, given up, or otherwise transferred and disputes over particular claims were resolved by the union’s appointed arbitrators.

The register entries for the month of July 1836 have been transcribed for this article. The entries have been standardized for consistency, as the order of information in the original document varies depending on who was recording the claims at a particular time. Editorial additions and corrections are indicated in brackets; original notes made by the record keeper are placed in quotation marks. As always, the researcher is encouraged to consult the original document.

Notes

1. Weston A. Goodspeed and Charles Blanchard, *Counties of Porter and Lake, Indiana* (Chicago: F. A. Battey and Co., 1882), 405; T. H. Ball, *Encyclopedia of Genealogy and Biography of Lake County, Indiana* (Chicago: Lewis Publishing, 1904), 4–5.
2. Ball, *Encyclopedia of Genealogy and Biography of Lake County*, 6.
3. Goodspeed and Blanchard, *Counties of Porter and Lake*, 405–6.
4. *Ibid.*, 409; Ball, *Encyclopedia of Genealogy and Biography of Lake County*, 12.
5. Constitution of Squatters' Union, Squatters' Union of Lake County Papers, 1836–1838, Manuscript Section, Indiana Division, Indiana State Library.
6. Article I, Constitution of Squatters' Union.
7. Article III and VII, Constitution of Squatters' Union.
8. Ball, *Encyclopedia of Genealogy and Biography of Lake County*, 12.

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CLAIM NO.	CLAIMANT NAME	DATE OF REGISTER	RANGE	TOWN	SECN	QUAR	½ QUAR	¼ QUAR	FAMILY ?	WHERE FROM	WHEN CLAIMED; WHEN SETTLED	LAND TYPE
1	Charles H. Paine	July 4, 1836	9	34	36	SW			Y	Painsville, O[hio?]	Settled Mar. 183[6]	Open barrens
		"	9	33	1	NE	E	N			[Not listed]	[Not listed]
<i>Note: "This claim transferred to [Pety?] S. Mason by purchase Aug 15th 1836 (See Release from C. H. Pane to L[---] Mason)"</i>												
2	Thomas Brown	July 4, 1836	9	34	27	SW	W		Y	Montgomery Co.	[Claim] made Nov. 1834	Prairie
		"	9	34	23	NW	W	N				Timber
		"	9	34	27	SW & SE	North fraction on Cedar Lake					[Not listed]
<i>Note: "intending to settle"; "Reclaimed at No. (802)"</i>												
3	Jacob L. Brown	July 4, 1836	9	34	27	NW	W		Y	Tippecanoe Co.	Claimed Nov. 1834; settled Nov. [---]	Prairie & barrens
		"	9	34	23	NW	W	S				Timber
		"	9	34	27	NW & NE	Two fractions on Cedar Lake					[Not listed]
<i>Note: "Held by purchase of Ch[---]"; "1837 July 18th—Transferred for \$300 to Harvey Ball, of City West, who will occupy the claim this fall"</i>												
4	Benjamin Brown	July 4, 1836	9	34	23	NE	W		N	[section missing]	[section missing]	Timber
		"	9	34	27	SE	W. S. fraction			"	"	Prairie
<i>Note: [mostly marked out and illegible] "reclaimed [---]"; "intending to se[ttle] [---]"; "Reclaimed No. (802)"; "The South 40 of the 80 [---] Sec. 23 claimed by 640 as forfeited [---]"; "The North [40 of the 80 {---} Sec. 23 claimed by] 770 [as forfeited] [---]"</i>												
5	Thomas H. Brown	July 4, 1836	9	34	34	NW	W		N		[---]	Prairie
		"	9	34	34	SE	Two fractions				Nov. 1834	Timber, "between the above 80 and Cedar Lake"
<i>Note: "intending to settle"; "[date illegible on copy] Reclaimed by Jonathan Gray, who will immediately occupy it"</i>												

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6	Wm. Clark	July 4, 1836	8	34	8	NE			Y	Jennings Co.	[Claim] made Nov. 1834; settled Feb. 1835	Prairie
		<i>Note: Lot is "except 40 acres"; "(transferred to Solon Robinson, Feb. 1835—see his registry)"</i>										
		July 6, 1836	8	34	21	NW	E	N				Timber
		<i>Note: "Relinquishes Timber and enters jointly with Thomas his Son West ½ N. W. of Sec. 18 Aug. 22"</i>										
7	E. J. Robinson	July 4, 1836	8	34	6	SW			Y	Jennings Co.	May 1836	Open barrens & pine
		"	8	34	18	NW	W	S				Timber
		<i>Note: "settled"; "Wellington & Clark"</i>										
8	John Keller	July 4, 1836	8	33	7	NE	E		N	O[hio?]	Nov. 1835	Timber
		"	8	33	17	NW	W					Prairie
		<i>Note: "Resident"; "Nov. 26 Sold and transferred to Asa [Northern?] of Genesee Co. Ny."; "June 13—Transferred to Eph. Cleaveland, to be occupied this summer"</i>										
9	J. P. Smith	July 5, 1836	8	34	15	NW			Y	New York	Claimed July 4 [1836?]; settled July 5 [1836?]	Open barrens & prairie
		<i>Note: "intending to settle"</i>										
10	James Anderson	July 5, 1836	8	34	15	SW			Y	New York	Claimed [July 4 1836?]; settled [July 5 1836?]	Open barrens & prairie
		<i>Note: "intending to settle"; "Nov. 22 Transferred to M. B. Crosby, together with the 40 acre lot on NE ¼ 21"</i>										
11	[Ithomer?] Cobb	July 5, 1836	8	34	22	NW			N	New York	Claimed [July 4 1836?]; s[ett]led [July?] 5 [1836?]	Open barrens & prairie
12	George Parkinson	July 5, 1836	8	34	22	SW			N	New York	Claimed [July 4 1836?]; settled [July?] 5 [1836?]	Open barrens & prairie

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9, 10, 11, 12	J. P. Smith, James Anderson, [Ithomer?] Cobb, & George Parkinson	[---]	[---]	[---]	21	NE				New York	Claimed [July 4 1836?]; settled [July 5 1836?]	Timber
		<i>Note:</i> “[---] To be divided by agreement in equal [---] by E. & W. lines—each taking the part [---] his name” [illegible due to tear in paper] “J. P. Smith—North part, James Anderson—Next; [Itho?] Cobb—Next; George Parkinson—South”										
13	Hiram S. Pelton	July 5, 1836	8	34	7	SE			N	New York	Claim made Ju[ly 5 1836?]	Open barrens, timber, & prairie
		<i>Note:</i> “intending to settle in the fall”; “[date illegible] This claimant agree[s] to divide this claim equally by an E. & W. line & give the north half to Clark in exchange for half his claim (see No. 20). This claimant taking that part of Clark’s prairie quarter which lies on the West side of the state road and an equal share of his timber”										
14	Margaret Clark	July 5, 1836	8	34	18	NW	E		N	Jennings Co.	Claimed Dec. 1834	Timber & barrens
		"	8	34	5	NE	E					Prairie
		<i>Note:</i> “intentions unknown—Resident”; “Relinquished null and void”										
15	Wm S. Hunt	July 5, 1836	8	34	21	SW			N	Wayne Co. In.		Timber & prairie
		<i>Note:</i> “blacksmith—intends to settle immediately”; “Held by purchase of James Farwell July 5 th ”										
16	J. W. Holton	July 6, 1836	8	34	5	SE			Y	Jennings Co.	Claimed Nov. 1834; settled Feb. 1835	Prairie
		"	8	34	13	NE	E	N				Timber
		<i>Note:</i> “settled”										
17	Simeon L. Perry	July 6, 1836	8	34	4	SW	W		N	Bartholomew Co.	Mar. 1835	Prairie
		"	8	34	13	NE	E	S				Timber
		<i>Note:</i> Claim made “by J. W. Holton”; “intends to settle in the fall”; “Nov. 1 By order of the arbitrators this claimant relinquishes the East ½ of the above ¼ and takes the West ½ of the S.E. ¼ of Sec. 6—same town”										

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18	Hiram Nordyke	July 6, 1836	9	34	23	SE	W		N	Tippecanoe Co.	Claim made May [183?]	Timber
<i>Note: "Settled in county sometime"; "Aug. 2 Decided against this claimant by Arbitrators"</i>												
19	Joseph C. Batton	July 6, 1836	9	34	23	SE	E			Boone Co.	Claimed May 1836	Timber
<i>Note: Claim made "by Hiram Nordyke"; "intends settling within 2 or 3[---]"; "Aug—Decided against this claimant by Arbitrators"</i>												
20	Thomas Clark	July 6, 1836	8	34	5	NE			N	Jennings Co.	Resident since Feb. 1835	Prairie
		"	8	34	18	NW	W					Timber
<i>Note: "Jan. 28 This claimant agrees to divide this claim in the manner expressed in Claim No. 13 Timber Lot Relinquished and enter East ½ of NW ¼ 18 jointly with Wm. Clark his father. Aug. 22 This claimant taking the south 40 acres"</i>												
21	Henry Wells	July 6, 1836	8	34	8	SW			Y	Michigan	Claim made Nov. 1834; settled Dec. 1835	Timber & prairie
22	Russel Eddy	July 6, 1836	8	34	8	SE				New York	[Dec. 8, 1838?]	Prairie
<i>Note: [Much of this entry crossed out and illegible.]</i>												
23	Ambrose Eddy, Wm. & Thomas Clark	July 6, 1836	8	34	9	SW			N	New York	Made by [---]	Prairie & timber
		October 13, [1836?]	8	34	18	SW	E	N			June 1836	
<i>Note: "Regd by H. Wells"; "June 16 Reclaimed as a non-resident forfeited claim by E. Saxton"; "Sold and transferred to Lewis Manning. Settled on it Nov. 20th." Ed. note: [The claims of Ambrose Eddy and William and Thomas Clark are entered in same section of record.]</i>												
24	Russel Cook	July 6, 1836	8	34	6	NE			N	New York	Claim made June 1836	Prairie
<i>Note: Claim made by "Russel Eddy and registered by H. Wells"; "Oct 1st This claim not being improved by Cook is taken by Daniel T. Whitten, single, intends occupying imed[iately] No. 243"</i>												

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25	James Knickerbocker	July 7, 1836	9	34	24	NE	W		Y	New York	Claimed July 5, 1836	Timber & barrens
		<i>Note: "Family resident since May '36"; "Nov. 4 Withdrawn by Knickerbocker and entered by Daniel Tyler, family & setler"; "Nov. 23 Transferred by Tyler to Daniel May, Benj. Albee & Aschel Albee"</i>										
26	John T. Knickerbocker	July 7, 1836	9	34	26	NE	SW fraction "abutting on the Lake"		N	New York	Claimed May 1836	Timber & barrens
		April 22, 1836	9	34	26	NE	E	N				
		<i>Note: Claim made "by James K.r."; "[date illegible] Transferred to James Westbook Feb. 27, 1837 See memora[ndm] from James Knickerbocker"; "Claimed by right of [---] and a forfeit by Claim 34"</i>										
27	Harvey C. Knickerbocker	July 7, 1836	9	[33?]	1	NW			N	New York	Claimed Mar. 1836	Prairie & creek
		"	9	33	24	NE	E	N				Timber
		<i>Note: "intends settling in the fall"; Claim made " by James K.r."</i>										
28	M. C. Farwell	July 7, 1836	8	34	20	NE	E			Thornton, Ill[inois?]		Prairie & timber
		"	8	34	21	NW	W					Timber
		<i>Note: "Held by purchase of [O.] L. Robinson"; "Oct. 26 Transferred to G. C. Woodridge—resident—settled May '36. This claim and No. 335 is held in partnership."</i>										
29	David Horner	July 7, 1836	9	34	33	NW				Tippecanoe Co.	Claimed Nov. 1834; settled Nov. 1835	Prairie & open grove
		"	9	34	29	SE	E	S				Timber
30	Isreal S. Taylor	July 7, 1836	9	[35?]	10	NE			N	Pennsylvania	June 1836	Prairie
		August 1 [1836?]	8	34	19	SW	W	N			Claimed Aug. 1	Timber
		<i>Note: "by A. Taylor expected immediately"</i>										

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31	Wm. Taylor	July 7, 1836	9	33	11	SW				Pennsylvania	June 1836	Prairie
		August 1 [1836?]	8	34	19	SW	W	S				Timber
		<i>Note: "Nov. 28—on Trial of disputed claim to this timber lot at [C. Lolley] Between John Mason & Wm. Taylor the Board of Arbitrators d[eci]ded that the claim belongs to William Taylor & the parties divide the [---]"</i>										
32	Calvin Lilley	July 7, 1836	9	34	23	SW	E	frac-tion	Y	South Bend	June 1, 1836	Timber
		<i>Note: "Oct. 30 This claim is altered by direction of the arbitrators so that the claimant now holds the south fraction of this section abutting on Cedar Lake and containing about [1]0 acres"</i>										
33	Samuel Hutchins	July 7, 1836	9	34	13	SE			Y	Laporte	July 2, 1836	Prairie barrens, timber, & marsh
		<i>Note: "family—resident since 10 June"; "Oct. 18 This claim is transferred to (see No. 323) Jame Knickerbacker & by him to the present claimants"</i>										
34	Antony Phillips & Horrace Spencer	July 7, 1836	9	34	23	SE	E		N	Phillips: South Bend; Spencer: Pennsylvania	Claimed June 1 [1836?]	Timber
		<i>Note: "Aug. 2 Decided against Nordyke—This quarter is also registered by Hiram Nordyke July 6—See No. 252 & 523. Reclaimed by order of the arbitrators"</i>										
35	Calvin Lilley & A. Taylor	July 7, 1836	9	32	12	NW			Y	Lilley: South Bend; Taylor: Pennsylvania	Resident June 1836	Prairie & outlot—mill seat
36	Calvin Lilley & A. Taylor	July 7, 1836	9	33	11	NE						Prairie
37	Wm. Lilley	July 7, 1836	9	34	26	SE			N	South Bend	Resident since June 1836	Openings & timber
		<i>Note: "This claim is entered by mistake & is relinquished, being held by"; "[March] 2 This [claim] entered to H & A Edgerton"</i>										

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38 & 39	Solon & Milo Robinson	July 7, 1836	8	34	8	NW			Y	Jennings Co.; New York City	Claimed Oct. 1834; settled Nov. 1, 1834	Prairie, barrens, & [water?]
		"	8	34	7	NE					Claimed Nov. 1835; settled Nov. 1, 1835	Marsh & lake
		"	8	34	7	SW	E					Timber
<i>Note:</i> Made in partnership; "Forty acres in a piece 40 rods wide across the south part of N.W. qr. Sec. 8 was transferred to Wm. Clark, in Feb. 1835, in exchange for the same quantity of Prairie off the north end of his quarter, and the transfer is hereby confirmed"												
40 & 41	Wm A. Purdy & Peter Stainbrook	July 7, 1836	8	34	29	SW			Purdy: N; Stainbrook: Y	Purdy: New York; Stainbrook: Fountain Co.	Purdy: Claimed and settled Jan. 1836; Stainbrook: Claimed Jan. 1836; settled June 1835	Prairie
		"	8	34	30	SE						Timber & barrens
		[July] 16 [1836]	8	34	19	NW	W	S				Timber
<i>Note:</i> "The above parties agree to divide this land in the center East & West"; [the timber tract only] "This claim is changed & reentered see No. 326"												
42	L. A. Fowler	July 7, 1836	8	34	10	NW			Y	M. T—	Claimed July 3, 1836; settled Nov. 1, 1834	Prairie & creek
<i>Note:</i> "Transferred to No 196"												
		[July 7, 1836]	8	34	7	SW	W	N			Claimed and settled Nov. 1834	Timber

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43 & 44	Wm. Crooks & Saml. Miller in co.	July 11, 1836	7	35	6	SW			Y	Montgomery Co.	Claimed June 1834; settled Nov. 1834	Timber & mill seat
		"	7	35	6	SE					Claimed June 1834	Prairie
45	John G. Forbes	July 11, 1836	7	35	36	SE	W		Y	O[hio?]	Claimed Nov. 1835; settled Dec. 1835	Timber
		"	7	35	36	SW	E					Barrens
46	Washn. Williams	July 11, 1836	7	35	24	NE			Y	Laporte	Claimed June 1835; settled Feb. 1836	Barrens, timber, & lake
47	Rodney Dunham	July 11, 1836	7	34	1	NE			N	O[hio?]	Claimed Dec. 1835; settled 1835	Barrens
48	[Barnolla?] Bunnel	July 11, 1836	7	35	25	NW	W		Y		Claimed Jan. 1836; settled May 1836	Timber
		"	7	35	26	NE	E					Barrens
49	John Wolf	July 11, 1836	7	36	24	NE			N	O[hio?]	Claimed Oct. 1835	Timber & barrens
		[July 21, 1836]	7	36	24	NW	E					Prairie
		<i>Note: "July 21 This ½ qr is relinquished & the entire N.E. qr held" [referring to Range 7, Township 36, Section 24, NW, East]</i>										
		[July 21, 1836]	7	36	14	NW	W	N				Timber
50	E. S. Wolf	July 11, 1836	7	35	[---]	NE	E		Y	Ohio	Claimed Nov. 1834	Prairie
		July 21, 1836	7	36	15	NW	E				Claimed July 1836	Timber

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51	John Lyons	July 11, 1836	7	36	15	SW			N	Ohio	Claimed Feb. 1836	Timber & barrens
<i>Note: "Sep. 28 Transferred to John Harrison"</i>												
52	James P. Connett	July 11, 1836	6	36	8	SE	W		Y	Ohio	Claimed Oct. 1834; settled Apr. 1836	Timber
53	Isaac [Z?]ane	July 11, 1836	6	36	26	SE	W		N	Ohio	Claimed June 1836	Timber
54	Wm. Hurlburt	July 11, 1836	6	36	18	NE			Y	Ohio	Claimed May 1834; settled June 1835	Timber & prairie
55	Dan. Turner	July 11, 1836	7	35	2	NW	W		Y	Montgomery Co.	Claimed May 1834; settled Apr. 1836	Timber
		"	7	35	1	NE	W					Prairie
56	Preston Blake	July 11, 1836	7	35	11	SW	E		Y	Ohio	Claimed and settled May 1834	Prairie
		"	7	35	2	SW	E					Timber
57	John Wood	July 11, 1836	7	35	21	NE			Y	Massachusetts	Claimed and settled June 1835	Timber & mill seat
58	G. H. Phillips	July 11, 1836	8	36	23	NE			N	New York	Claimed July 1836	Timber & marsh
59	J. Benson Curtis	July 12, 1836	[8]	34	9	NW			N		Claimed Nov. 1834	Prairie
		"	[8]	34	21	NW	E	S				Timber
<i>Note: "June 14th 1837 Transferred to Wm Sherman, of East [---] U.C. to be settled upon this fall."</i>												

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60	W. A. W. Holton	July 13, 1836	8	34	6	SE	E		N	Jennings Co.	Claimed Dec. 1835	Barrens & marsh
		"	8	34	5	NW	W				" "	Prairie & creek
		"	9	34	13	NW	E	N			[Claimed Dec. 1834]	Timber
		<i>Note: "Nov. 27 This timber claim is transferred to [Tunis?] H[ulis?], in exchange for an undivided half of the south half of the S. E. ¼ of Sec. 18, T. 34, R. 8"</i>										
61	Harriet Holton	July 13, 1836	8	34	5	SW			Y	Jennings Co.	Claimed Dec. 1834; settled Feb. 1835	Prairie, barrens, & marsh
		"	9	34	13	NW	E	S			[Claimed Dec. 1834]	Timber
		<i>Note: "widow"; "Nov. 27—Same transfer as above"</i>										
62	Robert Hamilton	July 13, 1836	9	33	25	SW			Y	Lagrange Co.	Claimed and settled June 1835	Prairie & timber
		<i>Note: "This claim is held by regular purchase of Lyman Wells who claimed and settled the same as above."</i>										
63	S. P. Stringham	July 13, 1836	9	34	36	NE			Y	Vermilion Co., Illinois	Claimed Mar. 1835; settled May 1835	Prairie
		February 14, 1837	8	34	31	SW	W	N				Timber
64	Leonard Stringham	July 13, 1836	9	34	36	NW				Vermilion Co., Illinois	[Claimed Mar. 1835]	Prairie & timber
		<i>Note: Claim made "by S. P. Stringham"</i>										
65	Leonard Trover	July 13, 1836	9	34	25	NW			N	Vermilion Co., Illinois	Claimed May 1836	Timber & barren
		<i>Note: Claim made "by S. P. Stringham"; "Nov. 7 Transferred by S. P. Stringham, to John Carpenter, of Chenango Co. N.Y."; [indicates Carpenter will settle "next spring" and has no family]</i>										

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66	David Campbell & H. D. Stringham	July 13, 1836	9	34	24	SW			N	Campbell: Vermilion Co., Illinois; Stringham: Laporte	Claimed Mar. 1836	Timber & lake
		"	9	34	25	SE					" "	Prairie & barrens
		<i>Note: Made in partnership "by S. P. Stringham"; "May 6th The part of this claim belonging to Campbell is transferred to Jacob Lemmon"</i>										
65"+	Wm. Hammliton	July 13, 1836	9	33	25	SE	W		N	Lagrange Co.	Claimed July 1836	Prairie
		"	9	33	26	SE	E					Timber
		<i>Note: Claim made "by Robert Hamilton"</i>										
66"+	Thomas Childers	July 13, 1836	9	32	1	NW	W		Y	O[hio?]	Claimed Mar. 1835; settled Apr. 1835	Prairie
		"	9	32	2	NE	E				" "	Prairie, timber
		December 10 [1836?]	8	32	5	SE	W	N				
		<i>Note: "Transferred to Wm. Wells, see No. (744)"; [appears to reference only Dec. 10 claim]</i>										
67	Clark P. Lavalla	July 13, 1836	9	32	1	NW	E		Y	Montgomery Co.	Claimed June 1836	Prairie
		"	9	32	2	NE	W				" "	Prairie, barrens, & creek
		January 2 [1837?]	8	32	5	SE	W	S				Timber
		<i>Note: Claim made "by Thos. Childers"; "See number 745 for reentry"</i>										

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68	Jane Holmes (widow)	July 13, 1836	9	33	36	SW	S		Y	Montgomery Co.	Claimed June 1836	Prairie
		<i>Note: Claim made "by Thos. Childers"; "divided thus by agreement"; "This claim has heretofore been held by a speculating claim made by A. Sergeant"</i>										
		June 10, 1837	9	32	11	NE	E					
		"	9	32	23	NE	E	N				
69	Jonathan Myrick	July 13, 1836	8	34	30	NE	E		Y	Ohio	Claimed June 1836	Timber
		"	8	34	29	NE	W				"	Prairie
		<i>Note: Claim made "by Elias Myrick;" "reclaimed by Elias Myrick for William Myrick See No. 207"</i>										
		October 28 [1836?]	8	34	30	NE	W				Claimed Oct. 25 [1836?]	Barrens
		<i>Note: Claim by "Wm. Myrick"; "Reclaimed by Elias Myrick for Wm. Myrick Dec. 13 See No. 207"</i>										
70	Henry Myrick	July 13, 1836	9	33	2	NE			N	Ohio	Claimed Sept. 1835	Prairie
		"	9	33	1	NE	E	N			Claimed July 12 [1836?]	Timber
		<i>Note: "June 28—Transfer this Prairie to James Westbrook & Stephen Smith—and now claim [---]"</i>										
		"	8	33	5	NW						Prairie
		<i>Note: "July 19 Re-transferd to 825."</i>										
71	Elias Myrick	July 13, 1836	8	34	29	NW			Y	Ohio	Claimed Nov. 1834; settled May 1835	Timber & prairie
72	Wm. Myrick	July 13, 1836	8	34	20	SW			Y	Ohio	Claimed Nov. 1834; settled May 1835	Timber & prairie

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73	Thomas Reed	July 13, 1836	8	34	20	NW			Y	Ohio	Claimed Nov. 1834; settled May 1835	Prairie & barrens
		"	8	34	19	NW	E	N			Claimed July 13, 1836	Timber
74	Lyman Martin	July 15, 1836	8	36	23	SE					Claimed July 1836	Barrens
75	John Harrison	July 15, 1836	8	36	13	SE					Claimed July 1836	Timber
		<i>Note: "Decided by arbitration to belong to Saml. Haveiland"</i>										
76	Sandford Edwards	July 15, 1836	8	36	25	NW			Y		Claimed July 1836	Barrens & marsh
		<i>Note: "Sep^r 28 Transferred to Geo. Earle, by direction from J. V. Johns"</i>										
77	J. V. Johns	July 15, 1836	7	36	19	SW						Barrens, marsh, & hills
		<i>Note: "Relinquished by the claimant"</i>										
78	Charles Fredrickson	July 15, 1836	7	36	19	NW	E		Y		Claimed July 1836	Timber
		"	7	36	19	NE	W				"	[Not listed]
		<i>Note: Claim made "by H. Fredrickson"</i>										
79	Oliver Crane	July 16, 1836	7	36	30	NE			N	Elkhart Co.	Claimed July 1836	Barrens & prairie
80	Abner Stilson Jr	July 16, 1836	8	36	25	NE			N	Elkhart Co.	Claimed July 1836	Barrens & wet prairie
81	Peyton Russel	July 16, 1836	7	36	30	NW			Y	"Micn" [Michigan?]	Claimed July 1836	Barrens
		<i>Note: Claim made "by A. Stilson"</i>										
82	L. Dille	[July 16, 1836]	9	34	35	NW		frac-tion	Y	O[hio?]	Claimed July 8, 1836	Timber & barrens
		"	9	33	2	SW	E				"	[Prairie]
		<i>Note: "by purchase of A. Campbel"; "June 14 leave of absence granted for 4 months from [---]"</i>										

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83	Robert Curren	July 20, 1836	7	36	17	SW			Y	Laporte Co.	Claimed July 17, 1836	Barrens
84	Peter Dunn	July 20, 1836	7	36	17	SE			Y	Laporte Co.	Claimed July 17, 1836	Barrens
85	Wm. Brown	July 20, 1836	7	36	17	NW			Y	Laporte Co.	Claimed July 17, 1836	Barrens
86	J. M. Dille	July 20, 1836	9	33	8	NE			N	Ohio	Claimed June 1836	Prairie
		May 30 [1837?]	9	33	18	SW	E	[---]				
<i>Note: Claim made "by L. Dille"; "Transferred Dec^r 29, 1837 to David J. Osb[urn?] See No 21"; "See No. 90 for article of partnership"</i>												
87	A. W. Dille	July 20, 1836	9	33	7	SE	E		N	Ohio	Claimed June 1836	Prairie, barrens, & timber
		[---]	9	33	17	SW	W					Prairie
<i>Note: Claim made "by L. Dille"; "(See No. 90)"; "This lot transferred to No. 717 May 30th [apparently referring to last entry]"</i>												
		[---]	9	33	8	NW	E					Prairie
<i>Note: Added when above lot transferred</i>												
88	Henry Farmer	July 20, 1836	8	34	27	NW			Y	Bartholomew Co.	Claimed Apr. 1836; settled July 1836	Prairie & small groves
		"	8	34	21	SE	W	N			" "	Timber
89	T. J. Dille	July 20, 1836	9	33	17	NW			N		Claimed June 1836	Prairie, barrens, & timber
<i>Note: Claim made "by L. Dille"; "See No. 90"</i>												
90	D. M. Dille	July 20, 1836	9	33	18	SE	S		N		Claimed June 1836	Barrens & timber
		"	9	33	17	SW	S					[Not listed]
<i>Note: Claim made "by L. Dille"; Regarding second claim: "Changed to the South half of these quarters by order of J. M. Dille agent"; "Note made June 7 1837. By article of agreement this claim & numbers 86, 87, 89, 92, & 717 are to be held in undivided partnership until titles are obtained and divided according to said article of agreement"</i>												

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91	G. W. Dille	July 20, 1836	9	33	2	SW	W		N		Claimed July 1836	Prairie
		"	9	34	24	NE	E	S			"; [settled]	Timber
		<i>Note: Claim made "by L. Dille"; June 4th Leave of absense granted fo[r] 4 months [---]"</i>										
		[July 20, 1836]	9	34	35	NW	S fraction on the lake					
		<i>Note: Claim made "by A. W. Dille [Sept. 14th?]"</i>										
92	Isaiah Shard	July 20, 1836	9	[---]3	17	NE	W		N		Claimed June 1836	Prairie & barrens
		"	9	[---]3	18	NE	E				"; [settled]	Prairie & barrens
		<i>Note: Claim made "by L. Dille"; "See No. 90 for article of [---]"; [additional faint handwriting illegible]</i>										
93	Jacob Wolf Jr	July 21, 1836	7	36	24	SE			N	Ohio	Claimed Oct. 1835	Prairie
		"	7	36	14	NW	W	S				Timber
94	Milton Wolf	July 21, 1836	7	36	25	SE	E		N	Ohio	Claimed Oct. 1835	Prairie
95	Josephus Wolf	July 21, 1836	7	36	36	NE			N	Ohio	Claimed June 1836	Prairie
		<i>Note: "by purchase"</i>										
96	Wm. D. Wolf	July 21, 1836	7	36	21	NE			Y	Ohio	Claimed June 1836	Timber & barrens
		<i>Note: "Sep. 28 Transferred to Christopher L. Davis"</i>										
97	Wm. Farmer	July 22, 1836	8	34	27	SW			N	Bartholomew Co.	Claimed July 1836	Prairie & pond
98	Joseph Paddack	July 27, 1836	7	35	25	NE						[Not listed]
99	Charles Walton	July 29, 1836	8	35	2	SW						Barrens & prairie
100	Isreal Coridel	July 29, 1836	8	35	35	SE						Barrens & creek (m[ill?] seat)

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101	Rufus P. Wells	July 29, 1836	7	36	17	NE					Claimed June 1836	Barrens & timber
102	Wm. S. Thornburg	July 30, 1836	8	35	12	NE			Y	Delaware Co.	Claimed June 1834; settled Dec. 1835	Prairie
103	Thomas Thornburg	July 30, 1836	8	36	36	SE			N	Delaware Co.	Claimed June 1834	Timber & prairie
		<i>Note: "The county [---] Thomas Thornburg [---]"</i>										
104	Horbesson Bones	July 30, 1836	9	34	[23?]	[N?]	E		Y		Claimed and settled May 1836	Timber & barrens
		Sept. 17 [1836?]	9	34	14	SW	E					Barrens
		<i>Note: "Relinquished as too much timber"</i>										
		November 28 [1836?]	9	33	3	NW	W					Prairie
		<i>Note: "Nov. 26 Relinquished"</i>										
		March 21 [1837?]	9	34	23	NE	E					
		<i>Note: [illegible]</i>										

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