

LINN TOWNSHIP.

BAUM, FRED, retired; born in Columbiana, Ohio, May 14, 1828; he learned the harness making trade, and also carriage trimming and painting; in 1853, he went to civil engineering on the Ohio & Indiana, now the Ft. Wayne & Chicago R. R.; he helped make preliminary survey of portion of the road, and afterward had charge of and completed the fourth division, from La Fayette to Vanwert; he came to Iowa, and arrived at Marietta, this county, April 13, 1855, and engaged in general surveying and showing lands to settlers, and he had several narrow escapes from freezing to death while out on surveying expeditions; then he engaged harness making; he made the first horse collar made in this county; also painted and trimmed the first carriage in this county, and run the first engineers' level in this county, and took the first ambrotype and daguerreotype in this county. He was elected County Surveyor; held the office of City Assessor from 1869 to 1875. Has been in poor health for two years past. Married Rachel Dixon, from Columbiana, Ohio, March 21, 1851; she was daughter of John, and granddaughter of Joshua Dixon, founders of Columbiana, Ohio; they have three children—Theron S., Ella and Frank.