

her three daughters, Amy, Sarah and Eliza; also, William C. Wierman and Susan, his wife, and their children, Esther Mira, and Sarah Catharine; Eliza S. and Charles T. Lundy coming with them. The two last named, and Susan Wierman, children of Benjamin Lundy, all settled near Clear Creek, from Adams Co., Penn. Edward G. and Abbey Potts and their children, Alfred, Oliver G. Franklin, Mary, Lindley, Edith Ann and Jesse N., were among the early settlers. These Friends held a meeting for Divine Worship, at the home of Sarah Wierman, in the year 1839, in a small log house, standing east of the bridge, on land now owned by John Swaney. It was subsequently held alternately at the dwellings of Jehu Lewis and Geo. Griffith. The dwelling of the former was located about one-half mile east of the Hennepin and Magnolia road, on property now owned by the heirs of Herman Price. The residence of the last named was a few rods north of the present brick dwelling of Lydia Griffith. James Bellanger, of Fulton Co., Ills., met with them at intervals, which strengthened and encouraged them in their efforts, he being a minister.

"In the fall of 1839, Henry Mills and Esther, his wife, came from Washington Co., Penn., he being a member of Westland Monthly Meeting, and she a member in Ohio. They had been married but a short time; the journey was made overland in a covered wagon. They settled on a farm previously purchased by his father Joseph Mills. The following spring Joseph and Sarah Mills, his wife, moved to the settlement of Friends, near Clear Creek, with their five minor children, viz., Mary Ann, Pusey, Abel, Sarah Elizabeth and Martha; Eli Raley and his daughter, Elizabeth, came at the same time, joining the little band, all from Washington Co., Penn., members of Westland Monthly Meeting. Joseph Mills was a minister, though not recommended. Their right of membership had been transferred to Honey Creek, Ind.

"Isaac Griffith and Eliza S. Lundy were the first of the little colony to be united in marriage. The marriage was solemnized at the house of Stephen D. Mills, a Justice of the Peace, near Florid, in Putnam Co., in 1838. The first death in the colony was that of Sarah, wife of George Griffith, in 1838. The second was Edith, wife of Wm. Hoyle, in 1840.

"In 1841 Jehu Lewis and Joseph Mills were appointed to attend Honey Creek Monthly Meeting, Vigo Co., Ind., near Prairieeton, seven miles south-west of Terre Haute, in 2nd mo. of that year, for the purpose of making a request for the establishment of a Meeting for Divine Worship, also a Preparative and Monthly Meeting. As the membership of some Friends of Clear Creek was there, the request for the Monthly Meeting must pass through the Monthly to the Quarterly Meeting. When the time came to start on the journey of more than two hundred miles, and to be travelled on horse back, Jehu Lewis declined to go. Joseph Mills started alone. At that inclement season, to start on such a journey alone, through a strange country, indicated full confidence in the wisdom of the undertaking. On the journey much open country was travelled over, and after falling in with a person, who, like himself, was on horseback, they came to an eight mile prairie without a residence. The severity of the weather compelled them to ride briskly, travelling that distance in forty-five minutes, his companion freezing his ears. The next matter claiming our attention is the record of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, viz.: "At a meeting of Friends held at Clear Creek school-house, in Putnam Co., Ills., the 4th of 11th mo., 1841, the following minute was presented by a committee from Blue River Quarterly Meeting, viz.: In the report from Honey Creek Monthly Meeting, Ind., dated 2nd mo. 13th, 1841, we find the following request: Friends of Putnam Co., Ills., request the privil-