

to have whiskey on all occasions and so father said he could not raise his barn without it. About that time a man by the name of George Coleman moved in and settled about four miles from us. He had whiskey for sale for labor and so we procured three gallons from him. As he was very fond of it himself he concluded to help us home with the article, but it was all drank on the road and never reached my father's house, so he had to raise his barn without it.

The first death in the township was the late Hugh Davis, father of Robert and Joseph Davis. He was killed by the falling of a tree. The first sermon I heard in this township was in old Mr. Comstock's barn on lot 13, on the 3rd concession. It was preached by a Jeffries, a Christian Unitarian minister, who turned out to be an impostor. Previous to this I think some Methodist ministers from London Township had preached in the Scatcherd neighborhood and formed a class and John Scatcherd and wife had opened a Sunday School in their house, the scholars coming to it from many miles around. Many years after this I met a lady who informed me that she would never have been able to read the Bible had it not been for that Sunday School. The first ministers that came were two Baptist missionaries, Elders Maybee and French, sent by some Christian ladies of the Township of Oxford. They were paid in socks, mittens and some home-made clothing. Their labors were rewarded by a Baptist church being formed of several persons in the Vining settlement and Solomon Vining finally became their minister. The first sermon I heard of them was