

this time his second wife died, and he married for his third wife a widow lady by the name of Record, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Heaton. From Indiana he removed to Illinois and settled near Joliet, where he lived for a short time, when he again moved and took up his residence in Rock Island county, in an old block house built by an Indian chief, Black Hawk. He raised one crop at this point and then removed to a point on Henderson river, about three miles northeast of Oquawka, where he made his final settlement and home. The place has ever since been known by old settlers as the "Old Pence Farm." This was in 1829 that he made his last settlement. In 1830 the county of Warren was organized, and Judge Pence was elected commissioner with Adam (Sandy) Ritchie, and John B. Talbott. Warren county was then divided into two election precincts: the

In order of date, the next town laid out in the county was the town of Shokokon, upon the Mississippi river, about five miles below the city of Burlington, Iowa. The original proprietor of this town was Robert McQueen, who laid it out July 16, 1836, on the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 27, T. 9 N., R. 6 W., as will be seen by referring to the records of Warren county, Vol. II, p. 344. John B. Talbott was employed as surveyor. Although a fine and fertile country lay adjacent to this town, it did not prove a success. The river at this point proved to be