

previous year in Hancock County, home of the family would be at Fort Findlay."

The Morelands were the next family to settle in Findlay Township, the two sons, William and Jacob, having come out with the Shirleys from Ross County in the spring of 1821. They cleared a small patch of ground, put in a crop, and erected a cabin on the southwest quarter of Section 17. In the fall the whole family, consisting of the parents and two sons and four daughters, removed to this county. The father, William, Sr., built a cabin on the north bank of the river, a little northeast of the dam which crosses the stream at Findlay, and all of the children lived with him except Jacob, who kept "bachelor's hall" in the cabin up the river, on what is now the Aaron Baker farm. This tract was soon afterward entered by John P. Hamilton, and when the latter came out in the spring of 1822, Moreland was compelled to remove from the land which he had improved with the intention of entering it when able to do so. William Moreland, Sr., was one of the judges at the elections held in Findlay Township in 1823 and 1824, being elected overseer of the poor in the latter year. In 1824 he was assessed for one horse and three head of cattle, but he never owned any land, and after residing in the county about eight years he removed to Michigan. In October, 1823, Jacob Moreland entered the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 1 north, Range 11, and settled upon it. He is found assessed in 1824 with four head of cattle. On May 4, 1826, he was married to Sarah Poe (a niece of Jacob Poe) by Robert McKinnis, justice of

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