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HISTORY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

Washington County is situated in the southern tier of counties, and is bounded by Lake Michigan. Organized 1838. Area 578 square miles. Population about 25,000. It is a fertile country, with rolling prairie, sandy ground, crystal lakes, winding streams, and ever flowing streams of pure water. It possesses a great variety of Nature's beauties, and is an admirable whole. Settled as a few years ago, and the difficulties incident to pioneer life, it has rapidly advanced to a high degree of civilization. The various parts of the county, give the character of the whole. The people are generally intelligent, enterprising and industrious. Agriculture is the chief occupation of the people. There are several large Mills, Flour-mills, Machine Shops, and other manufacturing establishments, and in other occupations.

Soils. The county is situated in the drift region, underlain by limestone. The soil is a rich, deep, brown, and is three feet deep, with a stratum of reddish clay, or sand, about two feet thick, under which is usually found gravel. The lands adjoining the streams are generally fertile, but very fertile of excellent quality and easily drained. An official analysis of the gravel and clay gives 11% water of absorption 14% to 18%, organic matter 14, silica 40 to 45, iron and aluminum 3 to 4, lime 1 to 2, magnesia 1 to 2, etc., are fully represented. This is one of the best soils, and capable of yielding great crops. Extensive beds of pure iron ore are found in various parts of the county. Gold-bearing stone is also found in East Troy and Cherry. Resources—Fur-bearing—Beavers, Muskrats, Badgers, Mink, Otters, Coon, Skunk, Fox, and other animals. Game—Wild Turkey, Quail, Pheasant, and other birds. Fish—Walleye, Rock Bass, Catfish, and other fish. Lumber—Hardwood—Oak, Hickory, Elm, Ash, Maple, and other trees. Softwood—Spruce, Fir, and other trees. Manufactures—Flour, Saw-mill, and other industries. Transportation—Railroad, and other means of travel.

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