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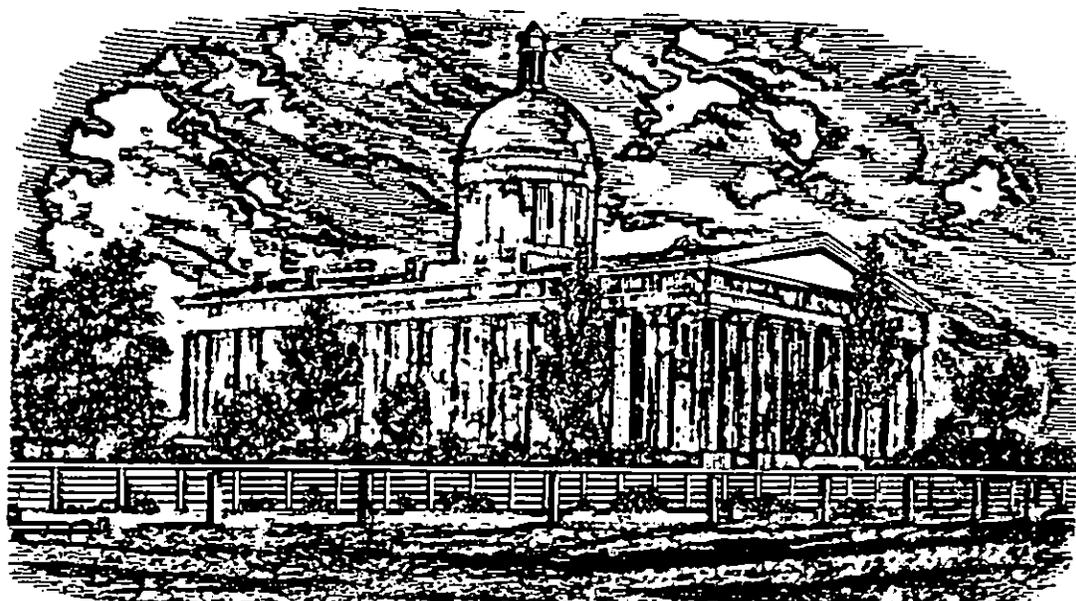
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WABASH COUNTY, organized in 1835, was named from its situation on the principal river in the State. It is bounded north by Kosciusko, east by Whitley and Huntington, south by Grant and Miami and west by Miami, and it contains 426 square miles. The civil townships are Chester and Pleasant in the north, Lagro and Noble in the centre, and Liberty and Watts in the south. The population in 1840 was 2,756; at this time it is estimated at about 14,000.

There are no high or steep hills in the county, though the land is rolling or undulating near the Mississinewa, Salamonie, Wabash and Eel rivers, and their numerous branches. At the heads of the streams the land is generally level, and there are many large bottoms on the rivers of the same character; but as a whole, the face of the country of Wabash county is very pleasantly diversified. North of Eel river are about 40 sections of barrens, intermixed with small prairies; the bottoms are at least 75 sections, the balance is heavy timbered forest land. The settlements in general are so recent that the surplus products exported give but little evidence of what the county is capable of producing. They have not heretofore exceeded \$65,000 a year. Within five years they will probably be five-fold that amount.

There are in the county seven grist mills, 13 saw mills, 31 stores, eight groceries, 10 ware-houses, one printing office, nine lawyers, 21 physicians, 12 preachers, 11 churches, of which three belong to the Methodists, two to the Christians, three to the Baptists, two to the Presbyterians, and one to the Catholics. The mechanics are 60 carpenters, 40 shoemakers, 12 Blacksmiths, 15 tailors, eight cabinet-makers, four chair-makers, two wheel-wrights, three mill-wrights and three wagon-makers. The taxable land amounts to 217,029 acres.

WABASH, the Seat of Justice of the county of the same name, is situated on the north bank of the river, 90 miles north-east of Indianapolis, 48 south-west of Fort Wayne, and 32 east of Logansport. It was first settled in 1835. The situation is very pleasant, partly on the first and partly on the second bottom, elevated near 40 feet above the first. It contains about 200 houses of which one-fourth are brick, and 1,000 inhabitants.



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