

Introduction

The following is an index to the 1903 Plat Book of Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties, published by Consolidated Publishing Company. Besides listing in alphabetical order all property owners, it locates churches, schools, cemeteries, post offices, lakes, stores etc. The information was extracted into a database by Rhea LaCross and was organized and formatted by Lorrie LaCross for publication in 1996. The revised index was completed by Lorrie LaCross on 2008.

The alphabetical surnames index refers to page number in the original book, county, township, range, section, last name, first name, business or government entity and an indication (x) of a building or residence on the property. The page numbers refer to the names in the original book. There are lists of property owners in the original book (pages 85 to 104) that were not replicated here. Names were written exactly as in the original work. While many misspellings were noted, no attempt was made to change the original information. On occasion an alternate spelling was suggested. As with searching any old records creative spellings of surnames was noted so search carefully, also using possible alternatives made on name sounding. It is suggested that researchers use the County and township maps with the section number to locate the property.

History

Alpena County: The first permanent settlers arrived in the area between 1835 and 1855. In 1840 Alpena County was attached to Mackinaw and in 1853 to Cheboygan. In 1857 Alpena County was organized and the whole county was called Fremont Township, changing in 1859 to Alpena Township. The second township, Ossineke, was organized 2 Feb 1867. The county saw a major reorganization of Alpena Township providing for the establishment of Long Rapids and Wilson Townships in 1873. Eight years later Green Township was organized with Maple Ridge Township following two years later in 1883. The last to be established was Wellington Township in 1912 out of Long Rapids Township. That township is not represented in this plat book.

Montmorency County: Originally called Cheonoquet County in 1840, this name was changed to Montmorency County in 1843 and was attached to Mackinaw County. In 1853 it was attached to Cheboygan County for one year. It was attached to Alpena County 7 Feb 1857. While the land was platted in a survey of 1839, with corrections in 1840 and 1850, it was not until the 1880's that families began homesteading the land in Montmorency County. In 1881 it was organized as a separate County with three townships, Montmorency, Rust and Briley. The townships of Albert, Hillman and Wheatfield were added in 1901. Wheatfield was later changed to Vienna Township.

Presque Isle County: Prior to the first settlers arriving between 1860 to 1868, Presque Isle County, a French word meaning "almost an island", was originally attached to Mackinaw County in 1841 to Cheboygan County in 1853 and to Alpena County in 1858. In 1869 the County separated into Presque Isle Township and Rogers Township and attached to Alpena County. Presque Isle County was organized as a County in 1871. By 1903 the townships of Bismark, Case, Moltke, Belknap, Metz, Rogers, Oqueoc, Bearinger Allis, Presque Isle and Posen had been added. All are represented here.