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**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. These latter entries are identified in the last column of the text as:

- B - Businesses when identified by the word Co.
- C - Churches
- G - Government, including post offices
- L - Lakes
- M - Cemeteries and other miscellaneous
- S - Schools
- T - Towns and Settlements

The alphabetical surname index refers to page number, county, township, range, section, last name, first name and an indication (x) of a building or residence on the property. The page numbers indicated in this publication refer to the plat maps reproduced in this book. Page numbers preceded by the letter L refer to the lists of names in the original book (pages 85 to 104) that were indexed but 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. Originally this was intended to be simply an index to the 1903 Plat Book. We later discovered the ability to reproduce the original maps, providing more information to the readers and searchers.

**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 Twp., changing in 1859 to Alpena Twp. The second township, Ossineke, was organized 2 Feb 1867. The county saw a major reorganization of Alpena Twp. providing for the establishment of Long Rapids and Wilson Townships in 1873. Eight years later Green Twp. was organized with Maple Ridge Twp. following two years later in 1883. The last to be established was Wellington Twp. in 1912 out of Long Rapids Twp. That township is not represented in this plat book.

**Montmorency County:** Originally called Cheenoquet 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. It was organized as a County in 1871. By 1903 the townships of Bismark, Case, Moltke, Belknap, Metz, Rogers, Ocqueoc, Bearing, Allis, Presque Isle and Posen had been added. All are represented here.
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Township 29 North, Range 6 East,
of the Michigan Meridian.

Scale: 2 inches to the Mile.
PLAT OF

WILSON

Township 31 North, Ranges 68 & 7 East.
of the Michigan Meridian.

Scale: 2 inches to the Mile.
PLAT OF

SANBORN

Township 29 North, Ranges 8 & 9 East
of the Michigan Meridian.
Township 32 North, Ranges 8 & 9 East of the Michigan Meridian.