

named Joseph, who came with him to Hancock, whence most of the family removed to Indiana.

John and Elizabeth Gardner and family settled on the site of Maple Grove Cemetery late in the fall of 1822. The parents were Pennsylvania-Irish and had a family of four sons and three daughters when they came to this county. The Gardner boys, Jonathan, John, William and Joseph, are remembered as well-developed specimens of physical manhood, who had few superiors in the backwoods sports of pioneer days. The father entered over 200 acres of land in Findlay and Liberty Townships in 1821 and 1822. John and Joseph Gardner married, respectively, Susan and Elizabeth Moreland. In 1828 John Gardner, Sr., sold his land near Findlay and soon after removed to Lagrange County, Ind. The whole Gardner family left the county soon after this time, some of them settling in Indiana and others in Michigan. At the second election, held in Findlay Township in April, 1824, John Gardner was elected one of the two fence viewers; and the same spring was assessed for two horses and four head of cattle. He was also a voter at the first county election in April, 1828, and the family were residents of the county about seven years.

Joshua Hedges came from Fairfield County, Ohio, to this township in September, 1824, and settled north of the river on Section 11, where he had entered about 160 acres of land March 28, 1822. Mr. Hedges was born in Virginia May 24, 1793, and removed to Fairfield County, Ohio, with his parents when quite small, where he grew to manhood and, April 13, 1815, was married to Miss Hannah Reese, also a native of Virginia, born in September, 1796. They had a family of one son and five daughters when they came

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