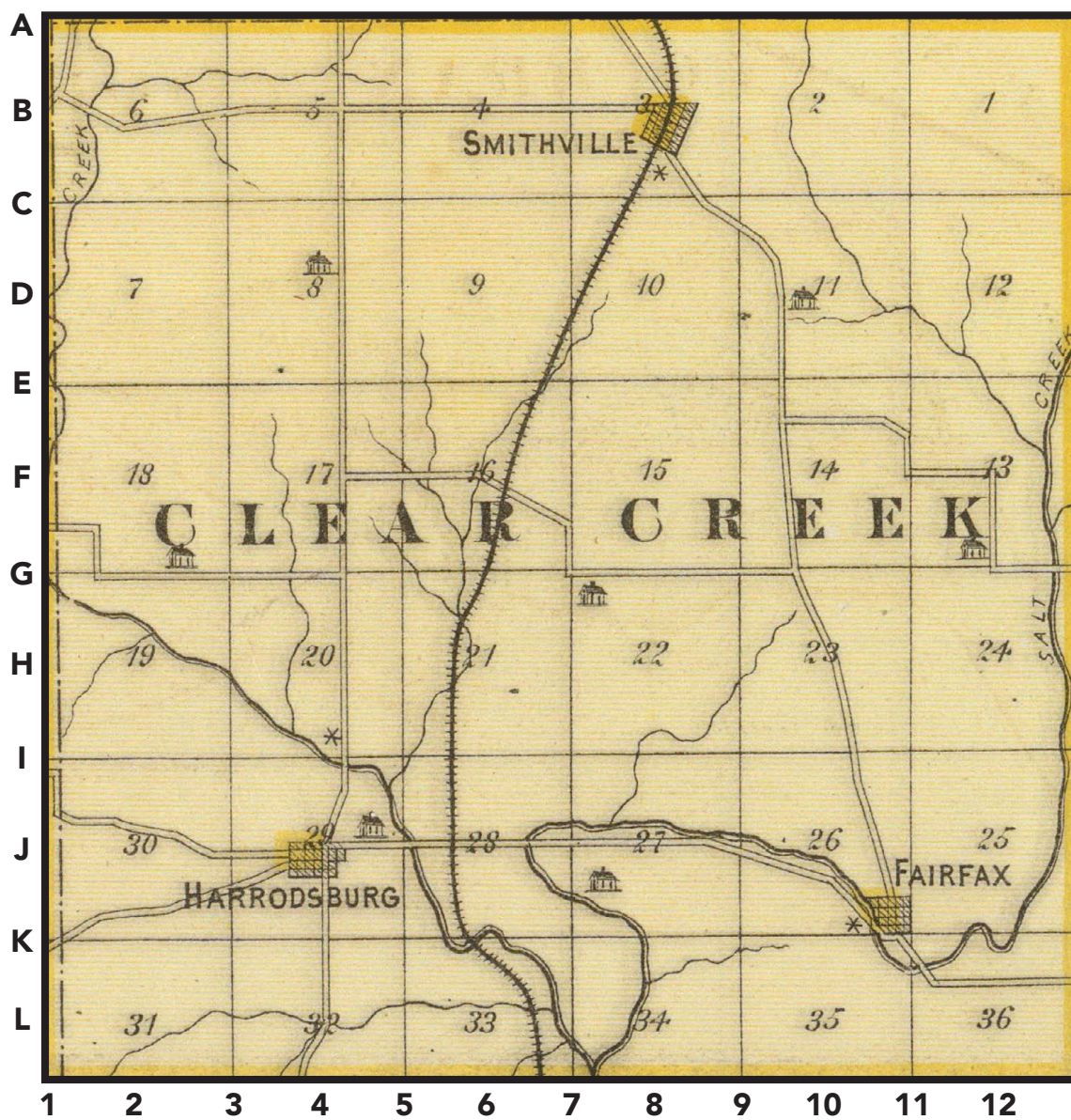




# 2022 MONROE COUNTY FIELD NOTES: HARRODSBURG

A virtual dig for early 19th-century landmarks and people: 1816-1876



**1811** Native Americans fight Kentucky Rangers at Cedar Bluffs (A1)

**1815** David McHolland settles near Col. John Ketcham's place. (B2)

**1816** Bartlett Woodward returns to township, this time not as a scout. He becomes county commissioner. (L2)

**1816** Jonathan Lindley begins to buy Sec. 20, 29, 31 when the county is still part of Orange County. A Quaker, Lindley left North Carolina with his family and freed slaves about 1811. (J4)

**1816** William and Anthony Chambers and the Buskirk families arrive and establish homes in Harrodsburg. (J4)

**1835** Joseph Streaun/Strain, the son of an Irishman, arrives with wife Eleanor and eventually clear the land with their 13 children. Their grist and saw mill provide ties for the railroad. They also built flat boats to transport goods using the creeks until they reached the rivers south to New Orleans. (F4, H4)

**1836** Town platted as "New Gene" or "New Jane" but changed name to Harrodsburg. Some settlers were from Harrodsburg, KY. Alexander Buchanan established the town with surveyor John Sedwick. (J4)

**1836** Church of Christ is organized and a store opens to sell liquor. (J4)

**1840** A log house is built to hold school. (J4)

**1844** Urmeys family opens a store. (J4)

**1846** Alex Sutherland arrives and successfully ships hogs, corn, wheat, and other goods with his popular flat boats. (J6)

**1850** Cumberland Presbyterians hold their first meeting at the schoolhouse for the first time. (J4)

**1851** Josephus Urmeys buys out his brother so that he can take both reins of the mercantile business and soon begins to partner with Peter Carmichael (the ancestor of composer Hoagy Carmichael). (J4)

**1852** Alex Sutherland and Dougan Jones ship pork to New Orleans. (J5)

**1854** A Methodist Society is formed as the railroad is built. (J4)

**1855** Mr. Strain sues Mr. Chambers, claiming deprivation of riparian rights of Chambers dam on Clear Creek. (I4)

**1860** The brick home at 9212 Gore Road is built and occupied by a blacksmith. The house still stands in 2022. (J4)

**1861** Urmeys & Peter Carmichael build a pork packing house and trade livestock. When business fails, the town never recovers. (J4)

**1863** During the Civil War, Alex Sutherland breaks the law in Monroe County for "harboring a negro." The outcome of his case is unknown, but Alex is a traveling merchant, who owns flat boats and has many friends along his routes as he transports goods south, including to New Orleans, Louisiana. (J6)

**1865** Woolen Mill is built; other uses of the building include manufacturing handles, washing machines, and an opera house. (J4)

**1869** Dodd & Stephenson sell liquor, paint, oil, lamps, and tobacco. (J4)

**1870** Peter Carmichael is forced to sell the Woolen Factory. (J4)

**1870** Church of Christ built as a Greek Revival at 9202 1st Street. (J4)

**1873** Franke & Sparrow buy Woolen Mill and make jeans, flannels, blankets, and more. (J4)

**1875** Alec Chambers builds his beautiful red brick home and white trim (Gothic Revival) on Gore Road. (J4)

**1876** Indiana Atlas published, showing Clear Creek Township in the map above with the significant and competitive towns of Smithville, Harrodsburg, and Fairfax, which is now under Lake Monroe. (K11)

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