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ORGANIZATION OF MARION TOWNSHIP

The last addition to the organized towns of Saginaw County was Marion, (this history published by Seaman & Peters, Publishers, Saginaw Michigan in 1918) which was set off as a separate township on April 5, 1880.

Like Chapin and other western townships, it is a fractional township, and forms a Congressional with the addition of twelve sections of lands in Gratiot County. The land was heavily timbered at that time, but the soil was rich and developed rapidly under the energetic efforts of the early settlers.

The resolution of the Board of Supervisors reads: "That the township number 40, North of range 1, East be, and the same is, hereby erected into a township to be called and known by the name of Marion. The first township meeting of said township shall be holden on the first Monday of April 1880, at the house of Loren A. Paul; and that Daniel A. Paul, Daniel Walsh and Malcolm McInnis, be, and they are hereby, appointed inspectors of said township meeting, whose duty it shall be to preside at such meeting, and exercise the same powers as the inspectors of any township meeting."

With authority thus granted Daniel Paul was chosen moderator; Thomas Kernohan; and Donald Welch and Finlay McInnis, inspectors of election. The following officers were thereupon elected: Daniel Paul, supervisor; Thomas Kernohan, clerk; Finlay McInnis, treasurer; William Crittes, William Irwin and Donald Welch, justices of the peace; John B. Stewart, road commissioner; Isaac Hodson, drain commissioner; Cyrus Fauble, school - superintendent; John B. Stewart, school inspector; and Van Patten, Albert Northrup, Lorin Paul, constables.

At the time of the organization there were two saw mills in operation within the boundaries of Marion, namely, the stream mill of Barnum & Whitmore, which was started in 1870, and a portable mill of Daniel Paul. When the available timber became exhausted these industries went out of existence, and farmers were obliged to haul their lumber from Saginaw City to