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James J. SOULE and Fannie M. THOMPSON

James J Soule came to the county in June, 1848, and first stopped at Rockbridge, where he worked in a saw-mill. He also run lumber on the Pine river. About two years after settling in the county, in partnership with W H Joslin, he purchased of James Baxter a claim in town of Henrietta, and engaged in making shingles.

Nov. 2, 1851, he married Fannie M Thompson, daughter of Aaron B and Lydia Thompson. On the 22d of the same month, they went to Henrietta and made a settlement with the nearest neighbor three miles distant.

Two weeks later, they were driven away by the Indians, and removed to Rockbridge, where they lived until the following spring. Then in company with another family, they moved back to Henrietta, and resided there till the fall of 1852, then moved down Pine river. In 1855 they settled on Little Willow, and there lived for one year. Then removed to Yellow river, and a year later to Pine river valley, where the family has since resided. The farm is located on section 10, and consists of eighty acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Soule are the parents of eight children --- Harriet E, David F, Emma A, Louisa E, George W, Mary E, Luella and William F.

Mr. Soule was born in La Fayette Co., Wis., Feb. 1, 1828. He resided in his native county and in Jo Daviess Co., Ill., previous to coming to Richland. Politically he is a democrat. Mrs. Soule was born in St. Lawrence Co., NY, and accompanied her father to Richland county in May, 1851.