

ROAD MAP OF OHIO COUNTY, INDIANA

ADOPTED DECEMBER 5-1966

SHOWING:
 COUNTY ROADS & THEIR NAMES, STATE ROADS & THEIR NAMES.
 TOWNSHIPS—SECTIONS—CITIES—TOWNS—
 CREEKS—RIVERS—CHURCHS—CEMETERIES—
 COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT RURAL WATER SYSTEM.

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COUNTY ORGANIZATION

From the organization of the State, in 1816, to 1844, Ohio County was a part of Dearborn County. Col. Abel C. Pepper went to Corydon (then the Capital of the State) in 1817, with a petition, asking for the organization of a new county, with Rising Sun as the county seat; but it was not until after nearly thirty years of effort on the part of Rising Sun citizens, that an act was passed, on the 4th day of January, 1844, organizing the county.

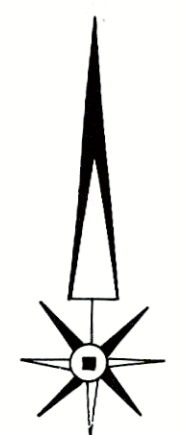
It is a doubtful question whether the organization of Ohio County was constitutional. The Constitution of Indiana provided, in 1844, that no new county should be formed out of an old one containing 400 square miles or less. It was claimed that Dearborn County did not contain over 400 square miles; but the citizens of Rising Sun made out, by coming to the center of the Ohio River, that Dearborn contained 494 square miles. They so presented it in their petition to the Legislature, which body, believing it, passed an act, January 4th, 1844, organizing the county of Ohio, containing four square miles. The county once formed, it was easy to enlarge it, as there was nothing in the Constitution forbidding the taking for one county and adding to another. Accordingly, the Legislature of 1845 took from Dearborn County eighty-six square miles, and added to Ohio County, thus giving it an area of ninety square miles.

The first county officers were: Clerk and Recorder, James H. Pepper; Auditor, Samuel F. Covington; Treasurer, M. Lamden; Sheriff, James B. Smith. The County Commissioners were: William A. Powell, John Bennett, and Morris Merritt, who met June 3rd, 1844.

The foundation for the first court house was laid in June, 1844, by the Masons. Col. Abel C. Pepper delivered the address on the occasion, laid the first stone, and pouring it, declared it "laid according to the ancient custom."

A jail was built, in 1850, at a cost of \$6,000.

The first Judge of the Circuit Court was Hon. Miles C. Eggleston; Associate Judges, Thomas H. Gilmore and Samuel Fulton. The court was held in December, 1844. It is acknowledged by all citizens of Ohio County that it is more indebted to Abel C. Pepper than to any other man. Col. Pepper was for a long time Indian Agent, and superintended the removal of the Potawatomies and Miami beyond the Mississippi. He was once United States Marshal for Indiana, and, in 1850, a member of the Constitutional Convention, and assisted in the formation of the new State Constitution. He died in Rising Sun in 1860.



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- UNIMPROVED
 - GRAVEL
 - BLACKTOP
 - STATE
 - SCHOOL
 - CHURCH
 - CEMETERIES
 - CHURCH & CEMETERY
 - COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS
 - RURAL WATER LINE

