



Township 10 Range 12.

The first settler in this Township was Samuel Thomas, who came in the spring of 1818. A. Heald came the same year. In 1819 came F. M. Belt. In 1820, Jacob Bowman, Martin Bowman, Silas Eldred and Mrs. Ruth Eldred. In 1821, David Pearson, J. B. Eldred, Caroline Black, Daniel Morfoot Jonas Ward. In 1822 William, Thomas and David Black, Peter, Thomas and Robert Hobson. In 1825, John E. Williams, and in 1827, Thomas J. Carlin. The first birth was Mary A., daughter of

Samuel Thomas, in 1819. This Township is surpassed by few in the state, in fertility, improvements and general location. The Chicago, Alton and St. Louis Rail Road passes through it from North to South, and Carrollton, the county seat, is situated in its centre. It is well watered and timbered, and is unusually favorably adapted to stock raising.