



# Vignettes of History

## Eagan Was Once Part of Mendota

What is now known as Eagan township was once a part of the town of Mendota.

According to the Rev. Edward C. Neill, compiler of the "History of Dakota County," Eagan was formerly a part of the town of Mendota as established by the county commissioners on April 6, 1858.

A couple of weeks later--on April 20, 1858--the county commissioners formed a township consisting of sections thirteen to thirty-six inclusive in the present town of Eagan and called it Montgomery.

This action apparently was considered unsatisfactory as the commissioners reconsidered and repealed it at the same meeting.

By a special act of the state legislature during the winter of 1861, the town of Eagan was detached with its present limits from Mendota. The population was reported by the census of 1880 was 642.

The first meeting for the purpose of organizing the town was conducted April 3, 1860 at the house of Michael Comer in the northwest quarter of section 25. Robert O'Neill was chosen moderator and Comer clerk.

At an election which followed, township officers were chosen for the following year.

Named were Patrick Eagan, James Collar, Robert O'Neill, supervisors; Michael Comer, clerk; Thomas Fannan, assessor, William Duffley, treasurer; Michael Kirby and William Harper, justices of the peace; Patrick Mooney and Louis Sansoucey, constables; Patrick Eagan, Anthony Devitt, and Michael Cain, road overseers.

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