

Anton Baumgartner
Dec. 3, 1812 – Jan. 15, 1893

Anton Baumgartner, a pioneer of 1848, was born in the Canton of Glarus, Switzerland, in November 1812. There he was reared to agricultural pursuits. When a young man, he learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed in his native country until 1848. He made the voyage to America in a sailing vessel, landed at New Orleans and proceeded up the Mississippi river to Galena, where he hired a team with which to complete the journey to Green County. He settled in the town of Washington, moving into a log house owned by his brother-in-law, Jacob Marty, located on Section 9. The following fall he bought sixty acres on Section 28, where he built a log house, into which he moved the next spring. He improved this place, purchased more land, and in 1868, erected a frame house.

He was married to Magdaline Marti on 14 Jun 1833 in Canton Glarus, Switzerland. They were blessed with nine children, seven of whom are now living - Magdaline, John, Ursula, Euphemia, Anton, Anna and Jacob. Mrs. Baumgartner died in 1877, and soon after, Mr. Baumgartner went to live with his children. He lives at present with his son-in-law, John Jenny, in Mount Pleasant. Their son, Anton Baumgartner, was born in the Canton of Glarus, Switzerland, in January, 1847, and was very young when his parents came to America. He grew to manhood in the town of Washington, and was educated in the district school. In August 1869, he was married to Mary E. Clayton, and after marriage, remained on the homestead four years. He then bought his present farm on Section 26. He has built a good frame house and other buildings. They have five children - Arthur, Henry, Clinton, Weltha, and Bessie.

Jacob Baumgartner, youngest son of Anton and Magdalina Baumgartner was born in the town of Washington, April 13, 1834. He obtained his education in the public school, and in 1878 was married to Libbie Clayton, a native of Washington [Township]. He then settled on the old homestead where he now resides. Mr. and Mrs, Baumgartner have two children - Winnie and Willie. [1884