

REDMAN, Eli, the father of the large Redman fam. whose home was near old Dresden in the early days, settled first at Sterling, Ill. His first wife died and he m. Katherine Owen. Mr. Redman d. 1862 and in 1867, with her five boys and three girls, they came to old Dresden, stopping with a family named Mead. Soon after they built a home. This was the first house to be built on what came to be known as Irish Ridge. Hon. H. W. Redman was about 27 when the family came to Dresden. They moved to Montezuma in 1875. Not many settlers were in Deep River at that time but there were the Morgans, the Myerlys, Charles and Tom Harris and the Dodds. There was a large family of the Redmans and the Scovils. Theophilus Craver was another old timer in that section. Of the eight Redman children only two are living, a sister, Mrs. Sharp, and Sam. The first death was in 1876, one of the girls, wife of W. H. Kimberly; the next, Mr. Scovil, a brother, Mark, died 1886; the next to go was Mrs. Scovil in the '90s. One of her children is now living in Newton. Frank Redman died in Tama. Ob. 1929