

NOTES ON THE FARM AT SALT AIR, OHIO.

The Village of Salt Air, where the farm is located, was named after a small town of that name near Birmingham. This was founded by one Sir Titus Salt, who introduced the Alpaca Industry into England, and built this village for the workers in his factory.

A descendant of his, Edward C. Salt, came to the United States in 1790 and settled on the Ohio River near the present village of Rural. He had two sons, John and Edward, Jr., of whom the former built the house in 1814, of bricks burned on the place, and lived in it.

These two brothers operated a meat packing business and built a smoke house which still stands, and a building in the rear of the residence, which has since been removed and wherein they rendered their labor.

Each Fall they built flat boats on the river on which they carried their merchandise to the New Orleans' market. There they sold their flat boats and walked back to their farm, this they did thirteen times. On one occasion, just before the battle of New Orleans, General Jackson had raided the country through which they had to travel and they were unable to obtain food for three days, and nearly lost their lives.

Edward Salt, Jr., had a son, George W. Salt, who had a son, William C. Salt, who is now living at the age of ninety-six in Madisonville, Cincinnati. From him the above history of the house was obtained.

John Salt had a son, Edward W. Salt, who married one Anne Justice and lived in the house for a number of years. It was then occupied by a son of Edward and later by a Mr. Cruppenbacher, who had married one of the daughters in the Salt family. He made some alterations in the house and was planning considerable improvements when he died. His widow continued to occupy the house until its sale to W. S. Morris about six years ago from whom it was purchased by the present owner, E. E. Hardcastle.