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The considerations that led the commissioners to select Lincoln in preferance to the sites offered at Ashland, Milford. Camden and other points, were, first, the fact that in several preliminary surveys made from various points on the Missouri river from Plattsmouth down to Falis City all had this place as a common point. It was the natural railroad center, to all appearances, for the irregular parallelogram running west from Missouri, between the Platte on the north, and the Kansas or Kaw on the south, to the plains of eastern Colorado.

which all the salt springs of the state marriage he settled in St. Albans, Verthat gave promise of future importance mout, and became the father of a son, were located. It was generally believed Julius Dewen. The latter married that the salt manufacture alone would Emeline Sterling, Sept. 30, 1830, and build a stirring city. The third reason they removed from New York state to was that it was about as far from the Michigan, when their son, Julius Missouri river as it was advisable to go. Sterling was but a small boy. One of To take it twenty miles further west his ancestors, Nathaniel Morton, was would be to remove it from any immed- one of the first secretaries of Plymouth iate expectation of rail comunication, colony. and so increase the expense of building that it would be impossible to dispose of the lots or to erect a capitol with the of the 18th century proceeds within the two years, and bell came from Scotland and settled in hence the enterprise would fail. It was eastern Pennsylvania. His son, John furthermore generally believed that the Campbell, was born in York county, site selected was about midway between Penna. He married the western limit of arable land, and in 1775. There were nine children. it would be always the centre of pop- David, who married Annie Rea, was the ulation.

The legislature met in January, '96 in the new capitol, approved the acts of the commissioners without very much criticism, provided for the erection of a state university and agricultural college on the site reserved, and for an hospital on state lands secured by the commission on Yankee Hill, and ordered the sale of the remaining lots and blocks belonging to the state to furnish the funds for such buildings in connection with certain lands available for the purpose. They also made appropriations amounting to about sixteen thousand dollars for completing the capitol building with a dome, Campbell, and their youngest son, and for defraying the expense of extras ordered by the commissioners on the state house to make it comfortable and habitable. Several thousand dollars were used in grading the grounds, fencing the same, planting them with Harwood and Morton families will be trees, and erecting outbuildings, The noticed. Peter Harwood was of English total cost of the building, fittings and and Richard Morton of Scotch origin. grounds, is finally stated at \$83,000,

FAMILY HISTORIES.

HARWOOD- Zachariah Harwood, born in Hardwick, Mass., in 1742, was of Euglish origin, being of the sixth generation from the first representative of the family in this country, namely, Peter Harwood, who, upon crossing the Atlantic, settled in Concord, Mass. Zachariah Harwood lived to the advanced age of eighty years. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and spent his last days at Bennington, Vermont, where he died June 6, 1821. He married Lovina Rice, and their ror sprains, bruises, sore muscles after youngest son, Nathan Harwood, Sr., born Jan. 6, 1794, who married Nancy Dorrance in 1815, was the father of Nathan S. Harwood, of this city. Nathan Harwood, Sr., was a soldier of ton, Vermont, until 1825, when he emigrated to Ontario county, New York, and settled near Lake Canandaigua. There he lived until 1832, when he moved to St. Joseph county, Mich., 140-143 N Tenth St.

settling on land which is now on the borders of the town of Three Rivers, where he lived for twenty years, during which time Nathan S. Harwood was born. In 1855 the family removed again to Black Hawk county, Iowa, where the father secured a tract of land by a warrant received from the government in payment of his services as a soldier in the War of 1812. Here he spent the remainder of his life, his death occuring March 4, 1858.

MORTON-The first representative of the family of whom there has been preceived any authentic record was Richard Morton, a Scotchman by birth, a Puritan in religion, and a blacksmith by trade. He removed at an early day from Hartford, Conn , to Hadley, Mass., and thence to Hatfield, about 1668. One of his immediate descendants was Abner Morton, the paternal grandfather of J. The second consideration was the Sterling Morton, who was graduated at proximity of the great salt basin, in Dartmouth College in 1799, After his

> CAMPBELL-About the beginning grandfather of David A. Campbell, clerk of the supreme court of Nebraska. The Rea family is descended from Alexander Rea, who was born in Ireland about 1700. He emigrated to America and settled on the eastern shore of the Delaware, in New Jersey, in 1734. His son, Samuel Rea, born in the same year, was a colonel in the Revolution. Samuel's son, William, grandfather of David A. Campbell, was born in 1762; married in 1788 to Jane Mason. A daughter of Samuel Rea, Ann, married Rev. George M. Scott, and the late Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, wife of the president, was their grandchild. William Rea died in 1835, aged 72. There were nine children. Annie married David Newton Campbell, was the father of David A.

NOTE-A similarity between the Both settled at an early day in Massachusetts. The last days of Zachariah Harwood were spent in Vermont, and the grandfather of J. Sterling Morton lived in St. Albans, Vt. Nathan Harwood, Sr., moved to New York as did Julius Dewen Morton. From New York the Harwood family came indirectly to Iowa, while the Mortons settled in Michigan.

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