

Ballyduff Oct. 2nd 1905

Dear Sir

Most of the first settlers here came from
County Cavan, Ireland, and to perpetuate old
memories, called this place Ballyduff after a
place of that name in Ireland. My father
James Harrison came in here, in 1845, and
built the first house, of logs, on this corner left
a public house or hotel. For a short time the place
was called Ballyduff James or Bally-James-Duff
but it never was known by any name except
Ballyduff. The hill east of us was called Benson's
hill after Thomas Benson who died in 1904 at the
age of 97 years. From this hill there is good view,
on a clear day all the county for miles may be
seen including Lake Ouzog! The first settlers are
all gone, only one old lady, about 90 years old, &
she is not likely to be with us long. My father died
in 1854. There are no lakes or streams or creeks
the nearest is Pigeon Creek one mile west. It
has its source about 5 miles south of us I have
often dipped a pail into the spring from which
it starts. We have no village here just a street

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and Post-Office. There were a number of houses ~~in~~
one time but they were burned.

We have a cheese factory owned by David
Mathews. Albert Holmes is our merchant.

Isabella Harrison