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As it is not possible to index all the thousands of names that appear in such a book as this, it is necessary to set up some fairly consistent principle of selection, one which will combine maximum usefulness with maximum interest. This index, therefore, attempts to include the following: (1) All names of pioneer homesteaders whose names appear on the homestead maps of the several townships; (2) all names of early settlers who founded families, or stayed long enough to have significant influence on their townships; and (3) early county officers or founders of major pioneering businesses (for example, the first blacksmith in a community). Beyond these three basic principles, we have attempted to include the earliest businesses and professional people, and teachers in individual districts—if mentioned in the text rather than in our detailed listings. For pioneer historical interest, we have

indexed every personal name in the "Early History" chapter and every name in the early-history section of Geneva. Outside those sections, the names of pioneers are set in bold-face type in the text, and these are all indexed. Some other names will of course appear; these are primarily those of persons who, though figuring only slightly in the text, had significant or interesting experiences. For example, a person who was neither a "pioneer" nor the founder of a family may have left us an account of a blizzard or a storm—or may have survived, or perished in, some disaster such as a tornado.

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