Pioneer Origins

- The Beloit Journal, 1848  "Our friend, George Stearns, Esq., has, for the curiosity of the thing, busied himself lately in gathering up sundry statistics of our village. Below will be found a summary of his gleanings:

Number of males............................ 895
Number of females.......................... 783
Total ............................................. 1,678

"This is the number contained in the limits of the village merely. In the entire town there are now some considerable over 2,000. The population of the village at the present time falls only 100 short of the number in the whole town at the time the census was taken last spring.

"The following relative to the places of birth will show the composition of a Western town: born in New York, 555; Vermont, 111; Massachusetts, 70; Rhode Island, 15; Connecticut, 34; New Hampshire, 91; Maine, 46; Pennsylvania, 71; Ohio, 85; South Carolina, 1; Indiana, 17; Michigan, 13; Kentucky 10; Maryland, 10; Illinois, 52; New Jersey, 4; Virginia, 8; Missouri, 1; Wisconsin, 214; New Brunswick, 2; Ireland, 17; Wales, 14; England, 67; Germany, 23; Scotland, 22; Norway, 40; Mexico, 2; Canada, 92; Sweden, 1; Florida, 1"