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BEDELL, MARK

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Mark Bedell was born in Addison county, Vermont, on February 22, 1828. In 1832, he moved with his parents to Ohio. In Cleveland, Ohio, Mark learned the blacksmith trade.

In 1850, Mark went to Wisconsin where he worked at his trade for many years. Afterwards he lived in Iowa and Illinois.

In 1853, Mark Bedell and Alma Armstrong of Oswego, New York, were married. They had four children. In 1881, three were living. They are Mary C., Charles W., and Helen J. Bedell.

In 1864, they came to Sauk Centre where Mark opened the first blacksmith shop. The first wagon and first plow in Sauk Centre were manufactured by him. He also purchased a valuable farm in Getty township.

Mark Bedell was a member of the School Board of Sauk Centre for two years.

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