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PARTRIDGE, THOMAS C.

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Thomas C. Partridge the first discoverer and founder of the townsite of Fair Haven was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1815. His parents moved to Trumbull county, Ohio. In the fall of 1854, he came to Minnesota and built a house in Minneapolis. The next spring he traded his house for a farm, nine miles northwest of Minneapolis, which he farmed for two years. In the spring of 1856, he, with a few men discovered Fair Haven, and located it as a townsite, and had it surveyed and platted that summer. In the fall he brought up his wife and family, consisting of Payson P., Cecil, Florus and daughter Valona. Mr. Partridge was a Free Baptist. He built a large log house and that winter religious meetings were held in his house, and for many years he preached in that and surrounding towns. He took a great deal of interest in town and school boards and used his influence for an economical management of public affairs. His daughter Valona married J. B. Vandervort May 23, 1866. Florus B. Partridge married Miss Anna Hurtz October 3, 1880.

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TAKEN FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

Enumerated on July 11, 1860 By -- C. Grandelmeyer

Post Office -- Fair Haven

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Thomas C. Patrick (Thomas C. Partridge)	Age 45
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Born	Pennsylvania

Caroline C. Patrick	Age 37
Sex	Female
Occupation	_____
Born	Connecticut

Pasen P. Patrick	Age 16
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farm Laborer
Born	Ohio

Velina M. Patrick	Age 13
Sex	Female
Occupation	_____
Born	Ohio

Cecil C. Patrick	Age 10
Sex	Male
Occupation	_____
Born	Ohio

Florus B. Patrick	Age 7
Sex	Male
Occupation	_____
Born	Ohio

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE
FOR THE THOMAS C. PARTRIDGE BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK B. PAGE 220

James B. Vandervort and Velona M. Partridge

Married at Fair Haven, May 23, 1866

By: Rev. Thos. C. Partridge

Witnesses; Caroline V. Partridge and Payson P. Partridge

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK F. PAGE 510

Florus B. Partridge and Anna B. Kerz

Married at Fair Haven, September 5, 1880

By: Rev. Abraham Schoemaker

Witnesses: J. B. Vandervort and V. M. Vandervort

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1902 A 12 PAGE 5 3

Thomas Erollo Partridge Born in Pennsylvania August 26, 1815

Died October 4, 1902

Age 87 years 1 months and 8 days