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SMITH, JOHN G.

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John G. Smith was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1834, and worked on a farm until the fall of 1855, when he came to Minnesota. In the spring of 1856 he was one of the first to discover the place where the village of Fair Haven now stands, and took a claim May 28, about one mile north of it. He has resided on this farm ever since. He was married in 1871, and has ten children living. He has been a member of the town board several years, and was prominent in town affairs. He came from the Wester Reserve, Ohio. When he lived there Garfield was their representative in congress. At a time when congress had voted a censure upon Joshua Giddings, Mr. Smith took an active part in the canvass for his re-election and at one time drove him twelve miles to speak at a mass meeting. Mr. Giddings was elected to congress that fall.

TAKEN FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

Enumerated July 13, 1860 By -- C. Grandelmeyer

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Alanson Smith	Age 56
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Born	Massachusetts

Almira L. Smith	Age 56
Sex	Female
Occupation	_____
Born	Connecticut

John G. Smith	Age 26
Sex	Male
Occupation	<u>Farmer</u>
Born	Ohio

Alvira N. Smith	Age 20
Sex	Female
Occupation	_____
Born	Ohio

Wallace A. Smith	Age 17
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farm Laborer
Born	Ohio

Mary Smith	Age 14
Sex	Female
Born	Ohio