ville was formed December 17, 1851, with Alanson Skinner, Henry Lord, William Lord, Lewis Maynard, George Brown, and Ueman Russ, trustees. In 1852-3, they erected a church in the village of Brown ville.

Cape Vincent.

This town was named from its principal village, and the latter from Vincent Le Ray, a son of the landholder, who owned, at an early day, this town and many others in the county. It was erected from Lyme, April 10, 1849, embracing all west of a line running from the mouth of Little Fox Creek, N., 48° £., 646 chains; thence N. 57° £., 235°56 chains, to the town of Clayton. The first town meeting was directed to be held at the house of Jacob Berringer, at which the following officers were first elected: Frederick A. Folger, supervisor; John W. Little, clerk; William H. Webb, superintendent of schools; J. Berringer, Augustus Awborton, Barney W. Payne, justices of the peace; E. Clement, collector; John H. Lawton, Adam A. Gray, assessors; Buel Fuller, commissioner highways; Francis A. Cross, overseer of poor.

The Supervisors have been, in 1849, F. A. Folger; 1850-1, Robert C. Bartlett; 1852, Charles Smith; 1853, Otis P. Starkey.

This town is the oldest in settlement in the county, Carlton Island having been occupied by a British fort for a long period before the adjacent country had been purchased and colonized. As the title of this island possesses considerable interest, we will give in this connection some details that were not noticed in the chapter on titles. The island was reserved by the state, in their cession to Macomb.

A military bounty, or class right, was issued to Wm. Richardson, a sergeant in the New York line of the revolutionary war. Matthew Watson and William Guillard became the purchasers of this right, and on the 2d of October, 1786, located the same on Carlton Island, generally. The land commissioners sanctioned this location, but inserted the condition that it should be void if the island in the division should fall to Canada. Guillard sold his right to Watson, who died leaving three children, John, Margaret and Jane, two of whom (John and Jane) died without issue, leaving their sister Margaret their heir-at-law, who married one Jacob Ten Broeck, and these sold their right to Charles Smyth.

This subject came before the legislature in 1821, and from the report of the committee,* it appears that previous to, and since 1786, till 1812, the island had been held by the British, so that

* Atremblv Papers, Miscellaneous Vol. XI, P. 264, Secretary's office.