

James Crouch
July 13, 1801 - March 12, 1873

James Crouch came in 1844. He lived near Monroe until 1847, then located in this town on section 22. He has since died. Two of his sons now reside on section 22.

James Crouch was born in Virginia, June 13, 1801. He moved to Ohio when a young man, and settled in Ross county, where he was married to Nancy Thomas, also a native of Virginia. They remained in Ohio twelve years, then removed to Lafayette, Ind., where he engaged in running a ferry boat across the Wabash river, which he continued two years. He then moved to Warren county and bought land near Independence, where he improved a farm and remained until 1844. In that year he started, in company with three other families, for the Territory of Wisconsin. They traveled with teams, bringing their household goods with them, and camped on the way. He first settled three miles south of Monroe, where he bought eighty acres of land, and lived three years. He then traded for land on section 22, of the town of Washington, to which he removed in the fall of 1847. He built a log house which was his home for several years, when he built a frame house, in which he lived until the time of his death, March 10, 1873. Mrs. Crouch died April 10, 1881. Five children were born to them, four of whom are now living—William R., Martha, now the wife of James Waite, of Iowa; Samuel T. and Elizabeth, wife of John Gange, living in Dakota. It was mainly due to Mr. Crouch's efforts that the M. E. Church was established in the town of Washington. He also took an interest in the cause of education, and was influential in establishing a good school in the town.

NOTE: Interred in the Union cemetery.