

**County Ramblings White Oak**  
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What earthly reason could ever have induced the citizens to give that town such a name we are loath to guess. White Oak has a few trees bearing the name, but the timber of the town is anything else but white oak. The south and west side of the town are cleared up and it looks like an old country, but back from these it is almost one dense wilderness or forest of heavy timber. A few families have settled in the woods and commenced improvements, but it will be a great while before they get it cleared up like Stockbridge or Ingham. There are great encouragements, however, for the people to settle in White Oak. The land is as good as any other in the county when properly improved, and from what we saw of the crops should judge that the settlers were getting rich. By far the best farm that we saw was that of Mr. A. Hayner Esq., our present county Treasure. It is well cleared up, has good buildings, a fine orchard, and other improvements. There is but one Post Office in the town, not a village, or semblance of a village, no church buildings or stores. It will not be long however, until they get accommodations of this kind, for the people are the go-ahead kind.

Politically the inhabitants are also in the wilderness. They are democratic to the back-bone, and have never heretofore having much opposition they seemed to have no idea that Andrew Jackson is dead, but continue to vote for him. A few republicans have lately moved into that town and we expect to hear next fall of a great political reformation there.