TOWN OF MAYVILLE and Surrounding Area 1875

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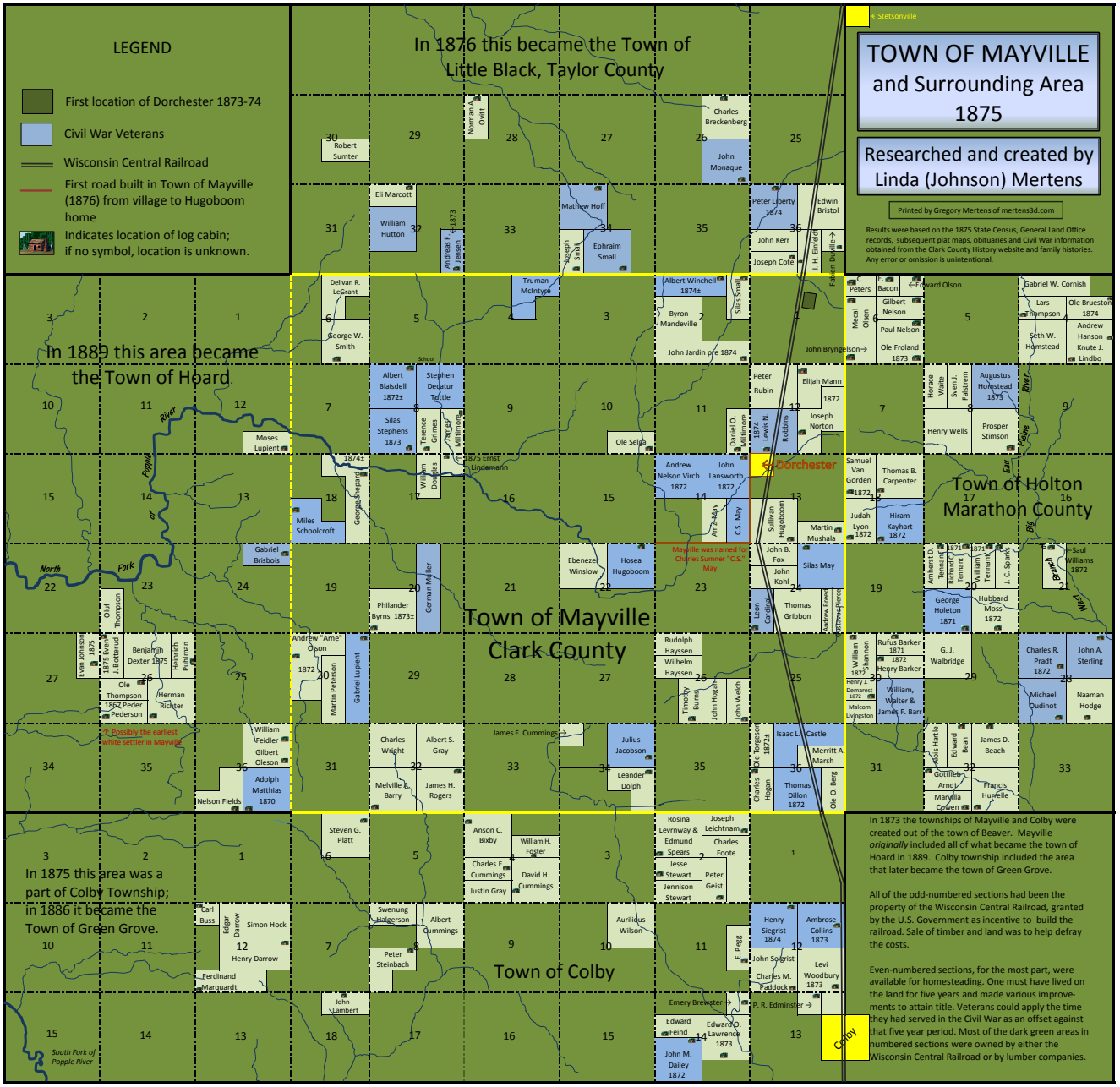
Results were based on the 1875 State Census, General Land Office records, subsequent plat maps, obituaries and Civil War information obtained from the Clark County History website and family histories. Any error or omission is unintentional.

LEGEND

- First location of Dorchester 1873-74
- Civil War Veterans
- Wisconsin Central Railroad
- First road built in Town of Mayville (1876) from village to Hugoboom home
- Indicates location of log cabin; if no symbol, location is unknown.



In 1873 the townships of Mayville and Colby were created out of the town of Beaver. Mayville *originally* included all of what became the town of Hoard in 1889. Colby township included the area that later became the town of Green Grove.

All of the odd-numbered sections had been the property of the Wisconsin Central Railroad, granted by the U.S. Government as incentive to build the railroad. Sale of timber and land was to help defray the costs.

Even-numbered sections, for the most part, were available for homesteading. One must have lived on the land for five years and made various improvements to attain title. Veterans could apply the time they had served in the Civil War as an offset against that five year period. Most of the dark green areas in numbered sections were owned by either the Wisconsin Central Railroad or by lumber companies.