

## Waukesha Co. 1880 Book

**JOHN BURDEN**, farmer; Sec. 24; P. O. Eagle; born in Cornwall, England, Aug. 25, 1816; son of John and Sorda (Roe) Burden; spent his early life in England, and married Miss Mary Ann, daughter of Thomas Mathers, in 1841; they came to America in 1857, with a family of seven children—John, Samuel, Mary A., Grace, Edward, William and Susanna (a twin born with William deceased); Celia, the youngest, was born in Palmyra, where the family lived for the first two years. Removing to the town of Waukesha, he paid \$50 down for 80 acres of land, this leaving him 25 cents; at the end of nine well-spent years, he exchanged farms with Hy Kipp, and by giving him a \$7,000 mortgage, obtained his valuable farm of 232 acres; Mr. Burden paid 100 cents on every dollar of this debt, and has just bought 128 acres more of W. B. Sprague; Mr. B. had to borrow \$12.50 in order to remove his family from Milwaukee to Palmyra, 23 years ago; his flock of over 200 merino sheep is second to none in the town, their average clip per head in 1879 being seven pounds. Mr. B. is a Democrat, his family attending the M. E. Church, Eagle.

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at Waukesha, and is a member of the Waukesha bar association.

**JOHN BURDEN**, a leading citizen and prominent agriculturalist of Eagle township, was the son of John and Loudeis (Roe) Burden. He was born in Jacobstow Cornwall, England, Aug. 25, 1816, and died on the old homestead in Eagle township, Aug. 12, 1881. He married Mary Ann Metters, of St. Giles parish, Devonshire, England. Married in England they remained there until 1858. In June of that year they arrived in Milwaukee, came on from that point to North Prairie, and then to Palmyra, Jefferson county, where they remained for two years, working on shares the farm of Edward Jolliffe. In 1861 they purchased a farm of 80 acres near Waukesha and later added 140 acres. This property was all wild land at the time of purchase, without even a log cabin on it. During a residence of nine years a good house and other necessary buildings were erected and other improvements made. He then traded this farm for one of 232 acres in the town of Eagle. Later 208 acres were