

# **Biographical Sketch of Stephen Mack Jr.**

From the sign outside Hononegah & Stephen Mack Jr. home

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Stephen Mack, a fur trader who lived among the Potawatomi and Winnebago Indians in the Rock River Valley, is generally considered to be the first white settler in Winnebago County. In 1829, Mack laid claim to property near the mouth of the Pecatomica River and platted land there for a frontier settlement, a site that eventually included several cabins, a store, a log tavern, and Mack's own two-story classical revival house. After the Rock and Pecatonica Rivers proved to be unnavigable, Mack's settlement disappeared.