

PLYMOUTHS AROUND THE WORLD



From the beginning of the seventeenth century, seafarers and travellers from Plymouth in England carried the name of Plymouth, and also the names of Plympton and Devonport, now communities within the city, and even Eddystone, after the lighthouse, around the globe.

Today, many communities in the USA are Plymouths, the first in Massachusetts from where migrants subsequently carried the name across the country. There are others in Australia, Canada, the Caribbean and New Zealand, where New Plymouth was founded by migrants who had actually lived in Plymouth, England.

AUSTRALIA

Devonport: Tasmania

Located on the north coast of Tasmania, this area was originally settled in the mid-nineteenth century, with the city itself developing from the 1890s. Today Devonport (pop. 25,000) is a busy working port with ferry links to the mainland.

Plympton: Adelaide

Founded in 1836, Adelaide (pop. 1.1 million) stands on the Gulf St Vincent on the south coast of South Australia. South of the city centre is the Anglican parish of Plympton, made up of four precincts: Plympton, South Plympton, North Plympton and Plympton Park.

Plympton: East Fremantle

An historic district in East Fremantle, a southern suburb of Perth, Western Australia. The Plympton precinct today consists of worker's cottages largely established between 1890 and 1910.

CANADA

Plymouth/Plymouth Park: Pictou County, Nova Scotia

Plymouth (and Plymouth Park; these place names have been used interchangeably for many years) is a small rural community on the outskirts of Stellarton with an agricultural and mining heritage, although the Westray mine was closed in 1992 following an explosion in which 26 miners were killed. The community dates from 1783 when Colin McKenzie, a Scottish immigrant, was granted 350 acres on the East River. The settlement was originally known as Irishtown, but was changed to Plymouth in 1873 when Irishtown and Churchtown merged. Although now indistinct communities, both Plymouth and Plymouth Park had recorded populations in 1956 of 291 and 157 respectively.

Plymouth: Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia

Yarmouth County, on the southern tip of Nova Scotia and dating from 1836, is split into two municipalities. The small mining community of Plymouth, which dates from 1758, is in Argyle Municipality (pop. 8,500), and is about half a mile from the town of Wedgeport up the Tusket River. The banks of the river are the only known habitat of the Plymouth Gentian flower.

Plympton: Digby County, Nova Scotia

Digby County, located on the south west coast of Nova Scotia and founded in 1837, is split into two municipalities. Plympton, on the coast, and nearby Plympton Station (pop. 375) are in the Municipality of Digby (pop. 8,200).

Plympton-Wyoming: Lambton County, Ontario

The municipality of Plympton-Wyoming (pop. 7,100) on the shore of Lake Huron close to the border with the USA, was created on 1 January 2001 with the amalgamation of the village of Wyoming and nearby Plympton Township, which dates from at least the early nineteenth century. On 30 May 1849, the County of Lambton was officially declared to include 10 Townships, one of which was Plympton.

THE CARIBBEAN

New Plymouth: Abaco Islands, The Bahamas

New Plymouth (pop. 500) was founded in 1783 in the aftermath of the American Revolutionary War by loyalists from the Carolinas. Located on the eastern shore of Green Turtle Cay, the largest of the Abaco Islands in the Bahamas, today New Plymouth is a popular holiday resort. The town has a small public library, established during the nineteenth century and one of the first in the Bahamas.

Plymouth: Tobago, West Indies

Amerindians first settled on Tobago in about 6,500 BC, with Europeans moving in from the early part of the seventeenth century. The population of Trinidad and Tobago is about 1.3 million, and that of the smaller island of Tobago about 50,000. Plymouth is a historical town on the north coast of the island, and home to an annual carnival.

NEW ZEALAND

Devonport

Devonport (pop. 18,000) is part of North Shore City, Auckland, on the North Island of New Zealand, and is almost entirely surrounded by the sea. Maori settlements in the area date from the mid-fourteenth century, whilst European colonisers moved in during the mid-nineteenth century.

New Plymouth

From 6 February 1840 until September of that year, more than 500 Maori and 200 Pakeha Chiefs signed the Treaty of Waitangi, effectively consenting to New Zealand becoming a British colony. In anticipation of the treaty, the Plymouth Company of New Zealand was formed at a public meeting held in Plymouth, England, on 25 January 1840, to enable people from Devon and Cornwall to set up a colony in New Zealand. The first ship to leave Plymouth, "William Bryan", sailed on 19 November 1840 with 148 passengers led by George Cutfield, a former naval architect in Devonport Dockyard, landing at a bay in Taranaki on the west coast of North Island on 31 March 1841.

Over the next two years a further five ships, "Amelia Thompson", "Oriental", "Timandra", "Blenheim" and "Essex" made the same journey, whilst the "Brougham" delivered immigrants from Wellington. Although the Plymouth Company merged with the New Zealand Company of London in 1842, the community that grew up in the bay was named New Plymouth, and the main thoroughfare was, and remains, Devon Street. Today, New Plymouth is a thriving port with a population of 49,500. New Plymouth District has a population of 77,000, whilst 103,000 live in Taranaki Province.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

There are more than 60 identifiable populated places across the USA that are known as Plymouth, and two that are Plymptons. They include counties, townships, cities, towns, boroughs, villages and other communities recognised by the US Census Bureau, plus a number of unincorporated places that have very small populations but are nevertheless discernable communities.

Political sub-divisions and other populated places in America

There are many types of political sub-division in the United States, certainly the 50 states themselves plus the District of Columbia. The county is the primary sub-division within 48 of the states. Typically, county government is responsible for policing, social and child welfare, planning and zoning, economic development, some employment, training and education services and water quality.

Counties are further sub-divided, but not necessarily in the same way throughout America. Counties in most states contain townships (sometimes known as towns) that cover a large area and are often square or rectangular parcels of land. Townships in the majority of states are incorporated, meaning that they are organised and recognised under state law as political units and have proscribed powers and functions including road maintenance, building permits and settling local disputes.

Other examples of incorporated places are cities, towns (not to be confused with townships), villages and boroughs, mostly identified as MCDs (minor civil divisions). Some of these communities may be situated within township boundaries, indeed they often have the same name, but they are politically independent in terms of municipal government and are recognised by the US Census Bureau as separate entities. Some small cities, towns and villages within township boundaries are unincorporated and have no municipal functions.

The US Census Bureau has since 2000 assigned larger unincorporated population areas that have no political or legal functions as CDPs (census-designated places). These are typically areas of concentrated populations, housing and commercial activity defined in cooperation with state and local officials.

Plymouth City: Amador County, California

Plymouth (pop. 1,000), an incorporated city 30 miles east of Sacramento, dates from 1852 when mining prospectors established a camp (Pokerville), before moving a mile to the permanent Puckerville in 1855. The name Plymouth was used for the first time a year later for a quartz mill, whilst the settlement itself became Plymouth in 1871, named after the Plymouth Mine Company, a gold mining concern. The last of the mines closed in the late 1940s, and today, Plymouth City, the "Gateway to the Shenandoah Valley", is renowned for its wine production.

Plymouth Township, Plymouth and East Plymouth: Litchfield County, Connecticut

Plymouth Township, a political sub-division of Litchfield County, dates from 1728, was incorporated in 1795, and has a clock making heritage. The three largest communities in the township are Terryville, Plymouth Village and Pequabuck, whilst East Plymouth is a neighbourhood in the north east quarter of Terryville on the eastern edge of the township. Terryville has a population of 5,400, whilst a further 12,000 live elsewhere in Plymouth Township.

Plymouth: Kent County, Delaware

Plymouth is a small unincorporated housing development located just south of Viola and north of Felton on the South Dupont Highway, five miles south of Dover, the State capital.

Mount Plymouth and Mount Plymouth Lakes: Lake County, Florida

Mount Plymouth (pop. 2,800), thirteen miles north of Orlando, is identified as a CDP (census-designated place). Two miles south along the Mount Plymouth Road is the small community of Mount Plymouth Lakes, on the shore of Lake Lerla. The area is served by the Lake County Library System.

Plymouth: Orange County, Florida

Plymouth is an unincorporated neighbourhood in the north west quarter of Apopka (pop. 31,000), which is in turn a suburb in the north west quarter of Orlando. The region is within the Orange County Library Service.

New Plymouth City: Payette County, Idaho

The New Plymouth Society of Chicago founded New Plymouth Farm Village, an agricultural community, in the late-nineteenth century. The community was officially incorporated as a village in 1908, when it became New Plymouth, and incorporated as a city in 1948. Today, New Plymouth City (pop. 1,400) is served by the Armoral Tuttle Public Library.

Plymouth Village: Hancock County, Illinois

Plymouth (pop. 560), an incorporated village approximately 200 miles south west of Chicago, dates from January 1836. Hancock County's first tavern was licensed in Plymouth in 1838. The village is served by the Plymouth Branch of the Greater West Central Public Library District, based four miles away in Augusta.

Plymouth City: Marshall County, Indiana

Plymouth City (pop. 9,850), situated 100 miles north of Indianapolis, dates from 1826 following a treaty with the Potawatomi Indians. Plymouth was incorporated as a town in February 1851, and as a city in May 1873.

Plymouth City: Cerro Gordo County, Iowa

Plymouth (pop. 430) is an incorporated city in rural Cerro Gordo County 7.5 miles north east of Mason City and 1.5 miles north east of Plymouth Junction railroad crossing.

Plymouth County: Iowa

Plymouth County (pop. 25,000) was established on 15 January 1851 with the founding of Wakham County in the area of Michigan Territories that was populated by the Yankton (Sioux) nation. In 1853 Wakham was renamed Woodbury County, and the first settlers of European origin arrived in 1856. On 12 October 1858 Plymouth County was organised and ceded from Woodbury. The original county seat was Melbourne; the present county seat, since 1872, is Le Mars.

Plymouth Township: Plymouth County, Iowa

A village called Plymouth, later becoming a city, was founded in 1857. The following year, Plymouth County was reorganised into political sub-divisions, one being Plymouth Township, which contained within it's boundaries the village of Plymouth. Plymouth Village/City has long since become extinct. Plymouth Township has an agricultural heritage, and has a population of 1,100, most of whom live in Merrill City (pop. 750). A small library in Merrill City serves the people of Plymouth Township.

Plymouth Village: Lyon County, Kansas

First settled in 1857, Plymouth (pop. 100), probably named after Plymouth, Massachusetts, is a small rural village about seven miles west of Emporia, the County capital.

Plymouth Township: Russell County, Kansas

Plymouth Township is a political sub-division in Russell County in the heart of Kansas. Migrants from various parts of America settled the area during the nineteenth century, and the county as a whole has a quarrying and agricultural heritage. Plymouth Township has a population of 320, whilst the largest community within its boundaries is Dorrance City (pop. 200). Plymouth Township is located about 10 miles west of Russell, the County Seat.

Plymouth Village City: Jefferson County, Kentucky

Plymouth Village (pop. 200), an incorporated city, is now a suburb of Louisville (pop. 260,000).

Plymouth Township and Plymouth Village: Penobscot County, Maine

Plymouth Township (pop. 1,250), incorporated on 21 February 1826, was named after Plymouth, Massachusetts. The largest community within the township is Plymouth Village, on the northwestern shore of Plymouth Pond.

Plymouth County: Massachusetts

Plymouth County (pop. 473,000) dates from 2 June 1685 when Plymouth Colony was divided into three counties; the others being Barnstable and Bristol. The county seat is Plymouth (see below).

Plymouth Town: Plymouth County, Massachusetts

Known as America's Hometown, Plymouth in Massachusetts is the site where in 1620 the Pilgrim Fathers founded the Plymouth Colony. However, the name Plymouth was known in the area prior to 1620. In 1607 a Charter granted the Plymouth Adventurers' Company in Plymouth, England rights to colonise and trade in what is now Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and New England. Although no actual settlement took place until 1620, John Smith of the Virginia Trading Company in Jamestown surveyed the area in 1614, recording the location of "Plimouth".

The Pilgrim Fathers were a group of Puritan religious separatists, many of whom had left England for Leyden in Holland in 1607. Although accepted in Holland, by 1620 and on the eve of the Spanish-Dutch war, which threatened Spanish intolerance, the group decided to manage their own destinies without prejudice in the New World. 102 Pilgrims sailed aboard the Mayflower from Plymouth, England on 6 September, reaching what is now Cape Cod Harbor on 19 November and landing two days later at what is now Provincetown. Bad weather stopped them from progressing to their intended destination, either the mouth of the Hudson River or Chesapeake Bay in Virginia.

On 21 December the Pilgrim Fathers stepped ashore at Plymouth Rock, and there, with later arrivals, built their Plymouth Colony, which lasted until 1692 before being absorbed into the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Today, Plymouth Town, similar to a township in terms of land area, has a population of 51,700. The urban Plymouth Town conurbation is further enhanced in population size by two CDPs (census-designated places): Plymouth Village (pop. 7,700) and North Plymouth (pop. 3,600).

Plympton Town: Plymouth County, Massachusetts

Plympton (pop. 2,640), having similar characteristics to a township in terms of land area and originally the western edge of Plymouth Town, Massachusetts, was incorporated as a town in its own right in 1707.

Plymouth Township and Plymouth City: Wayne County, Michigan

Plymouth Township, a political sub-division of Wayne County, is 20 miles west of Detroit and one of the oldest settlements in Michigan. Land acquired from the government in 1824 was first settled the following year, including a small village within the township. Prior to 1827 the township was referred to as "Town One South, Range Eight East" and then Joppa, and the village as Podunk. At a meeting in February that year, settlers chose the name Plymouth for the township, rejecting Pekin

and LeRoy, because early settlers came from Massachusetts, whilst the village became Plymouthville. In 1898 the township was split into two, the northern portion becoming Northville. The village of Plymouthville overtime became Plymouth, was incorporated as a town in 1867 and as a city in 1932. Plymouth City has a population of 9,200, whilst the remainder of the township is recognised as a CDP (census-designated place) and has a population of 28,000.

Plymouth City: Hennepin County, Minnesota

Site of a fifteenth century Sioux settlement, Europeans first settled the area in 1852, whilst Plymouth itself dates from 1855. Plymouth was incorporated as a village in 1955, became a Statutory City in 1974 and incorporated as a city on 1 January 1993. Plymouth City (pop. 66,000) is 10 miles north west of Minneapolis.

Plymouth Village: Jefferson County, Nebraska

Plymouth Village (pop. 480) is a rural community 84 miles south west of Omaha City. The town's present site is three miles north east of it's original location. "Old Plymouth" was founded in 1872 by farming settlers of English descent from New England and named after Plymouth, Massachusetts. When the Rock Island Railroad decided not to build a siding in "Old Plymouth", because it sat too low in Cub Creek, the post office and other businesses moved north, so affecting the town's demise. All that remains of "Old Plymouth" is the graveyard. Most of those who settled in the new Plymouth Village, founded in 1892 and incorporated in 1894, were of German origin, and their descendants make up many of Plymouth's present day population.

Plymouth Township, Plymouth and West Plymouth: Grafton County, New Hampshire

Plymouth Township (pop. 6,000), on the Pemigewasset River 112 miles north of Boston, is a political sub-division of Grafton County. First settled by migrants from Plymouth, Massachusetts, chartered in 1763 and incorporated in 1791, Plymouth township annexed land from the neighbouring townships of Hebron in 1845 and Campton in 1860. The township, a popular holiday destination known as "The Gateway to the White Mountains", includes the communities of Plymouth Village (pop. 3,500), identified as a CDP (census-designated place), and the much smaller West Plymouth.

Plymouth Township, Plymouth Village and South Plymouth: Chenango County, New York

Plymouth Township (pop. 2,050), a political sub-division of Chenango County located about 150 miles north of New York City, was formed on 7 April 1806 from part of neighbouring Norwich Township. The area that became Plymouth Township was first settled by French immigrants in 1784, hence the township at one time being known as Frenchtown, Franktown and Francistown. Two communities within the township are Plymouth Village (pop. 675), formerly known as Frankville, and the smaller South Plymouth, formerly known as Frinkville.

Plymouth Township and Plymouth Town: Washington County, North Carolina

Plymouth Township (pop. 7,500) is a political sub-division of Washington County. The largest community within the township's boundaries is Plymouth Town (pop. 4,100), a port about 250 miles east of Charlotte on the Roanoke River close to the Albemarle Sound. Plymouth Town, formerly known as Plymouth Landing, a port regularly visited by sailors on ships from Plymouth, Massachusetts, was established in 1787 and incorporated in 1807, the first in Washington County.

Plymouth Township: Grand Forks County, North Dakota

Plymouth Township (pop. less than 100) is situated about 20 miles north west of Grand Forks City.

New Plymouth: Vinton County, Ohio

New Plymouth (pop. 1,000) dates from about 1838, and was named by settlers from New England after Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Plymouth Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Center: Ashtabula County, Ohio

Plymouth Township (pop. 2,100) is a political sub-division of Ashtabula County situated two miles south of Ashtabula City and about 175 miles north east of Columbus. The first log cabin in the area was built in 1805, although Plymouth Township was not formed until 4 July 1838, separating from Ashtabula Township. Two very small unincorporated communities within Plymouth Township are Plymouth and Plymouth Center; the Township Hall and fire department are located at Plymouth Center.

Plymouth Township and Plymouth Village: Richland/Huron Counties, Ohio

Plymouth Township, about 70 miles north of Columbus, is a political sub-division in Richland County. Land in the area was first surveyed in 1807, settled in 1815, and organised as Plymouth Township on 12 February 1818. In the north of the township is Plymouth Village, part of which lies in New Haven Township, Huron County. Plymouth Village was once known as Paris, and, although already a community of 16 log cabins, was not laid out until 17 May 1825. Plymouth Township has a population of 2,160, of whom 1,000 live in Plymouth Village on the Richland County side. A further 850 live in Plymouth Village across the border in Huron County.

South Plymouth: Fayette County, Ohio

South Plymouth (also known as Plymouth) was founded in 1841. The 1881 History of Fayette County refers to Plymouth as the being the oldest village in Jasper Township (Jasper being one of ten political subdivisions of Fayette County), and of having two blacksmith shops, one wagon shop, one store and one church. The population of Plymouth in 1881 is recorded as "perhaps fifty or seventy-five"; today, according to the Rand McNally Commercial Atlas (2002), the population of South Plymouth is 20. South Plymouth is about eight miles north west of the County Seat, Washington Court House.

Eddystone Borough: Delaware County, Pennsylvania

The first land patents for the area that is now Eddystone were issued in the mid-seventeenth century to Swedish immigrants. Later settlers from Britain included William Simpson who moved his print works, William Simpson and Sons, to the area in 1868. In 1874 Simpson renamed the plant Eddystone Print Works after the lighthouse off Plymouth UK, passed by Thomas (William's son) on his way home from a tour of Europe. The then thirty-six factory tenement homes became Eddystone Village, for which Simpson built the Lighthouse Hall, a towered structure that included a library and meeting room, opened in August 1880. On 17 December 1888 Eddystone Village was incorporated as a Borough. Eddystone (pop. 2,500) stands on the north shore of the Delaware River and today is part of the greater Philadelphia conurbation.

Plymouth Township, a political sub-division of Luzerne County formed on 28 December 1768, settled the following year and named by migrants after Plymouth, Massachusetts, has a mining, milling and agricultural heritage. The largest community within the township, which lies on the northern shore of the Susquehanna River, is Plymouth Borough, the site of a former Shawnee community and originally known as Shawneetown. Plymouth Borough, incorporated in 1866, lies within the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre conurbation, approximately 80 miles north of Philadelphia. The population of Plymouth Borough is 6,500, whilst a further 2,100 live within Plymouth Township.

Plymouth Township and Plymouth Meeting: Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

Plymouth Township is a political sub-division of Montgomery County situated eight miles north and on the fringes of Philadelphia. Plymouth Meeting, identified as a CDP (census-designated place) is the largest community within the township. The population of Plymouth Meeting is 5,600, whilst a further 16,000 live in Plymouth Township.

The township was established on 5,000 acres of land in what was known as Philadelphia County, purchased on 13 March 1686 from William Penn by James Fox and Francis Rawle. These two men led a group of Quakers from Plymouth, England, sailing on the "Desire", creating a settlement on 5 May that year. The land, they reckoned, was "...the most convenient place for water for the encouragement of the woollen manufacture, intended to be set up by them..." (Pennsylvania Archives). They named the township Plymouth, after the Plymouth in England from which they came; and the community in which their meeting-house was built (originally James Fox's house), Plymouth Meeting. This small group of Quaker settlers had difficulty establishing a woollen industry, and by 1701 many had moved into Philadelphia. However, Welsh Quakers bought the settlement, retained the Plymouth name, and built a permanent meeting-house shortly after.

Plymptonville: Clearfield County, Pennsylvania

Plymptonville is a community just to the north of Clearfield Borough in Clearfield County. Plymptonville is identified as a CDP (census-designated place), and has a population of 1,000.

Plymouth Park: Dallas County, Texas

Plymouth Park is a residential neighbourhood of the city of Irving. Although 13 miles west of Dallas, the University of Dallas, Texas Stadium (home of the Dallas Cowboys) and Dallas/Fort Worth Airport all lie within Irving city limits. Plymouth Park was developed in the mid-1950s by the Mayflower Investment Co., and keeping to the colonial theme, has streets and drives named Pilgrim, Mayflower, Plymouth, Standish, Puritan, James, Boston, Colony, William Brewster and John Smith. The original development was to include 500 three-bedroom homes, but was revised to 1,200. A reasonable estimation of the population of Plymouth Park is 5,000-6,000.

Plymouth: Box Elder County, Utah

Plymouth (pop. 330), situated about 70 miles north of Salt Lake City, was first settled in 1869 when four houses were built around a square, hence it then being named Square Town. When the post office was established in 1874, the town was renamed Plymouth after a nearby large rock that was said to resemble Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts.

Plymouth Town, Plymouth, Plymouth Union and Plymouth Kingdom: Windsor County, Vermont

Plymouth Town, a political sub-division of Windsor County similar to a township in terms of land area, was chartered on 6 July 1761 as Saltash, then renamed in 1797. Within Plymouth Town are a number of very small communities that retain the name Plymouth, including Plymouth, Plymouth Notch (birthplace of President Calvin Coolidge in 1872), Plymouth Union and Plymouth Kingdom, whilst Saltash Mountain is the highest point in the town. Plymouth Town (pop. 560) has an agricultural, lumber and mining heritage and is located approximately 100 miles north of Boston. A very small library in the Tyson community has served Plymouth Town since 1888.

Little Plymouth: King and Queen County, Virginia

Little Plymouth (pop. less than 100) is situated about 30 miles east of Richmond.

Plymouth: Lunenburg County, Virginia

Plymouth (pop. less than 100), about four miles east of Victoria along the Poorhouse Road, is a tiny community of just a handful of buildings in a mainly agricultural and tobacco growing area.

Plymouth Park: City of Chesapeake, Virginia

Plymouth Park is an urban neighbourhood within the City of Chesapeake (pop. 200,000) in Virginia.

Plymouth: Benton County, Washington

Plymouth (pop. 220) is an unincorporated community approximately 150 miles south of Seattle on the north shore of the Columbia River. The community was founded in the early part of the 20th century, became a ghost town during the Great Depression, and was revived post-war with the building of the nearby McNary Dam.

Plymouth Township: Juneau County, Wisconsin

First settled in 1851 and organised in 1854, Plymouth Township, named after Plymouth, Massachusetts, is a political sub-division of rural Juneau County. Within the township's boundaries is Elroy, incorporated as a village in 1879 and as a city in 1885. The population of Elroy is 1,600, whilst a further 640 live elsewhere in Plymouth Township.

Plymouth Township: Rock County, Wisconsin

Plymouth Township, three miles west of the nearby city of Janesville and 60 miles west of Milwaukee, is a political sub-division of Rock County. The farming area, first settled on 31 May 1841 and organised on 8 March 1848, includes within its boundaries the villages of Hanover and Footville, both communities dating from the 1840s. The population of Footville is 800, whilst a further 1,300 live in Hanover and throughout the rest of Plymouth Township.

Plymouth Township and Plymouth City: Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

Plymouth Township, named after Plymouth, Massachusetts, is a political sub-division of Sheboygan County. Land in the area of the township was first made available for purchase in 1836, permanently settled on 8 May 1845, and organised on 3 April 1849. The first village in the township dates from 1848 on 80 acres in what is now Plymouth City located on the Mullet River. From 1851 the village was known as Quitquioc, changing its name to Plymouth the following year. Plymouth Village was incorporated as a city on 8 May 1877. Plymouth Township is a popular tourist destination, whilst Plymouth City is known as the Cheese Capital of the World, and as Hub City after its nineteenth century wheel factory and because of its location 50 miles south of Green Bay and 45 miles north of Milwaukee. The population of Plymouth City is 7,800, and a further 3,100 live elsewhere in Plymouth Township.