

# *ISCHUA VALLEY*

## *HISTORICAL SOCIETY*

### **AN EXAMPLE OF PIONEER THRIFT AND INDUSTRY -- SLAB CITY**

This is but a memory, as no sign, no photographs nor description nor remnant of the place remains. The location was on a road leading from Franklinville to Cuba. Turn right at the Roy Lane farm on the Lyndon Road, and the next left hand road not far from the farm home of Huson Case in his youth. This takes you through the "Slab City" community. A century and a half ago a sawmill was in operation in this neighborhood, and as the early settlers were short of cash, they used the slabs sawed from the outside of logs, that were waste, for wood in the home fireplace. The slabs were rough bark on the outside, irregular in width, length and thickness, with ragged edges. All buildings were made of this timber, and it made a very grotesque group of buildings – houses, barns, sheds, hog pens and poultry houses. All homesteads were similar. The name of the group, "Slab City" was most fittingly given. The buildings have been gone for generations but the name remains.

This description was taken from the Journal of Roy VanHoesen.

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