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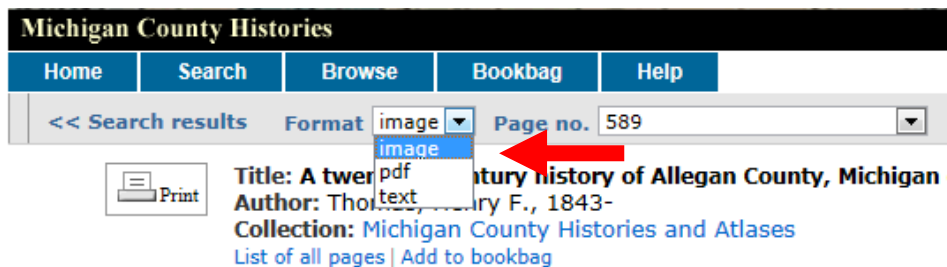
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[page 397] GEORGE T. **IVES**, successfully engaged in farming and stockraising in Gun Plains township, Allegan county, represents one of the old and prominent pioneer families of this section of the state. His paternal grandparents, Friend and Harriet (Warner) **Ives**, were among the earliest settlers of Allegan county. The former was born in Plymouth, Connecticut, December 22, 1790, and in early life traveled extensively through Maryland and Virginia in the sale of Yankee clocks. Later he removed with his family to Lebanon, Columbia county, New York, the family home being established among the religious sect known as Shakers. In 1818 he removed to Medina county, Ohio, settling near Cleveland. He here entered a farm, which was partially cleared, and he further developed and improved the property, built a log house, in which the family lived in true pioneer style, and there engaged in general agricultural pursuits until 1833, in which year he made his way to Allegan county. His farm was located near the village of Plainwell, in what is now Gun Plains township. There had [continued on p. 398] – [NOTE: This was copied & pasted into this document, using the “Text” format. – LK 2015.]