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### SYNOPSIS OF MEETINGS

## May 2, 1987

We currently have 52 paid members. Some of the topics at the upcoming September 26 workshop will be: Newspapers, Castle Garden, Courthouse Records, Publishing Your Family History, Foreign Research Writing, and Genealogy and Health History. A lunch for the workshop will be catered by the Culinary Arts Dept. at Joliet Jr. College. There will be three sessions per time period and four time periods. Our society will be in charge of exhibits.

A motion was made to purchase two Sharpe portable copiers for use in copying courthouse records. The Memorial Fund left by Reggie Cahan will be used toward these copiers. A committee was formed for the purpose of copying the Clerk's records consisting of Nelda Ravens, Cindy Schultz, Marge Smith and Eileen Tallman.

The Program was a video tape on "Missing Ladies in Your Pedigre".

## May 2, 1987. Board Meeting

We now have a surname index for Volumes 1-15 of the The-A-Ki-Ki. A discussion was held on whether this index should be published and at what price. A notice will be run In the August Issue of The-A-KI-KI to see what kind of interest there would be in this index.

An article will be published In May of 1988 by the Illinois State Genealogical Society on genealogy collections in public libraries in the state. President Karen Buren will make up an article on our collection.

### June 6, 1987

The June Meeting was a picnic at President Burden's home. A sample of the Maternity BVM Death Record Book was passed around. This book Is currently being printed. An attempt will be made to get permission to publish the marriage records for both Maternity and St. Rose.

Registration for the September 26 workshop will be \$15 for sponsoring society members registering before Sept. 1. After Sept. 1, registration will be \$20 for non-members and \$18 for members.

The program was a tape on Wisconsin Genealogical Research.

## A NAME FOR MARY

Taken from The Daily Journal, February 20, 1987

It was on a trip to Ireland several years ago that I became a feminist - in the truest sense of the word.

It happened on a chilly and drizzly day in a small graveyard in County Down. Unlike its American counterpart, there were no wide sweeps of lawn and flower beds, no winding roads, no sheltering trees and discreetly placed benches to offer the Illusion of life and hope. Such grass as there was in this cold and windswept place grew in sparse battered clumps in the shelter of the tall weather beaten headstones.

We were there, with our children, to visit the resting place of their paternal ancestors. We had made our way to several family stones, the names all but obliterated by the harsh gales that lash this coastal inlet off the Irish Sea. My daughter, Mary, and son, John, moving down the path past their own ancestors, called our attention to a stone that read "John and Mary Sloan". Another son, farther afield, called, "There's a whole row of Johns and Mary over here". Counting the preponderance of Johns and Marys became somewhat a game among them - to lighten the gloomy mood of the day, no doubt.

But as they wandered off to another area of the churchyard, I found myself examining the names on the stones more carefully. Slowly, I became aware of the profusion of information about each John - his birthplace and date, and often his parents' names - but there was nothing about his wife, Mary, except the date of her death. The history of her family lay buried with her, lost to any descendant who might come this way in search of information about his or her family roots.

We had been fortunate. An old family will had provided the names and locations of the people we sought. But what of all these others, I wondered. Finding ancestors in Ireland can be a particularly frustrating process, thanks to Oliver Cromwell, the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth, who laid waste to Ireland in the 17th century. At that time, all Irish birth and death records were destroyed and any such records forbidden for many ensuing generations.

I stood there almost overwhelmed by the sense of loss I felt. Each of these women had a place in time, a family. They had laughed, cried, lived and loved - and disappeared into history without a trace. Since then, I have urged every woman who will listen to make certain that her maternal family names remain a vital part of her records. In my own family, each of my grandsons carries the name of a female ancestor: Allain, Colgan, Burke, O'Sullivan - proud names all, of grandmothers, great-grandmothers, who family names will remain an ongoing testimony of their place in our lives.

And in hearing their names repeated, my thoughts often return to those unidentified Marys In that Irish grave ard. And my heart is warmed by the thought that somewhere beyond this far-flung universe and the limits of time, they know that they are remembered.

# GROVE ANCESTORS

We recently received a letter from Mrs. Vivian Weiss of Beecher, Illinois, who purchased a copy of the 1860 Census Book. On page 65, family number

837, is listed the family of Henry W. Burton, his wife Mary A. (Grove). Also listed as living in the same household were her two sisters and two nephews, which are listed as Grave and should be Grove.

Mary A., Sarah, and Virginia C. Grove were sisters, and were daughters of Windle Jr. and Jane (Bowles) Grove or Groves. They came to Kankakee Co. from Putnam Co., Indiana, but they originated from Augusta Co., Virginia. Their grandfather, Windle Grove Sr. was in the Revolutionary War from Augusta Co., Virginia. The two nephews, Elija and William Grove, were the orphaned sons of the Grove sisters' brother George Grove, and came to Kankakee Co. to live with their Burton aunt & uncle.

Mrs. Weiss is interested in locating any descendants. Anyone having information can write her at RR 2, Box 72, Beecher, IL 60401.

### COURT NOTES

Taken from The Kankakee Gazette, September 24, 1874

#### Jury Trials

Verdicts in the following cases were returned by Jury last week, as follows:

The People vs. Simon Allard and Stanislaus Gagnier; not guilty.

Geo. H. Andress vs. J. G. Laird; verdict for plaintiff for \$325.

F. L. Merrick vs. Elnathan Wright; plaintiff's damages assessed at \$167.70.

Peter Bonvalet vs. James Read; verdict for \$36.

H. W. Rogers et. al. vs. E. Lewis; plaintiff's damages assessed at \$182.

Joseph Guertin vs. Stephen Raymond; not guilty.

Etinne Raymond vs. Jos. Guertin; plaintiff's damages assessed at \$36.

Mary M. Downing vs. Frank Brosseau; plaintiff's damages assessed at \$5.

## General Notes

The People's docket will be taken up this morning.

George Fry, who was indicted for horse stealing has been identified by O. E. Atwood, of Blue Island, Cook County, as the person who recently attempted the summary disposal of Mr. Atwood's family by putting morphine in the coffee pot. After his trial in the Kankakee circuit court on the indictment he will be taken to Cook County to answer to all charges of poisoning.

Fry is a young fellow, 18 or 19 years of age, smooth faced, and is not unprepossessing in appearance.

The argue has our friend Dick Richardson in chancery last Saturday and he looked as glum as a Juryman.

The only amusing feature of last week's business was Lake's arraignment of Chicago Board of Trade operators. He says that of the 1300 members, about ten are wealthy, about 100 have some money, and the rest are thieves! Did Lake ever get 'bit?" is the question.

The most resigned and complacent man on Jury has thus far proved to be John McKinney. If there is one thing he likes rather than another, it is sitting on a two week's panel!

There are cases in court which are not brought for trespass by neighbor's cattle; but as yet they haven't come to the surface to any alarming extent.

Thus far there have been no "furrin" layers in attendance. Our home Jurists have only each other to rail at.

Judge Starr has a deserted look which even the cares of business does not wholly dissipate. His wife and family have been absent for some time, and he drifts about like a ship without a rudder. We hope soon to see that board knocked off the gate and the house once more thrown open to the sunshine; then the Judge will feel more like his natural self.

The grand Jury, on last Friday, amused themselves by passing upon the Beecher case. Twelve were for conviction, five for acquittal and one undecided. The entire panel was not present. This settles the business!

#### THE-A-KI-KI INDEX

We now have a surname index for Volumes 1-15 of the The-A-Ki-Ki. This index is approximately 90 pages and could be duplicated at an approximate cost of \$10. Anyone interested should write to the attention of Karen Burden, Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society, 304 S. Indiana Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901.

## COUNTY COURT - SEPTEMBER TERM

Taken from The Kankakee Gazette, October 1, 1874.

The county court opened on Monday, the 21st ult. The following business was transacted up to Saturday night last.

Estate of George B. Wakeman. Petition to sell real estate; report approved; proof of service on all defendants; Wm. Potter appointed guardian ad litem for Charles Wakeman, minor; rule on all defendants to answer. Answer of guardian ad litem filed; default as to other defendants; decree entered.

Est. Mary A. Sibley. Ordered that executor settle and adjust his accounts under section 35, statute of wills, and pay over whatever balance may be found in his hands and file in court a new bond In such penalty and with such security as may be approved by the court, by the first day of next term.

Est. Frank Enos. Proof of publication made; claims allowed to amount of \$152.20.

Est. John Baum. Letter of administration de bonus non issued to H. J. Ballard; bond in the sum of \$8,000 approved.

Est. Michael Broderick. Inventory and appraisement bill approved; report approved.

Est. Mary Lamb. Claims allowed to amount of \$53; continued for hearing and proof of claims.

Est. Henry Pfingston. Petition to sell real estate. Summons ordered to October term.

Est. Mary Smith. Claims amount of \$56.50 allowed.

Guardianship of Leah Hertz, Benjamin Hertz, Peter Hertz, and Joseph Hertz. Report of guardian filed.

Guardianship of Albert Rasicatt, a minor. Discharge granted N. Langilier as guardian.

Est. Henry Hawker. Will admitted to probate; Adam Funk appointed administrator upon giving bond in sum of \$6,000; inventory and appraisement approved; order to sell personal property.

Est. Catharine Hawker. Same as above. Est.

James Crozier. Claim of \$2 allowed.

Est. Nathaniel S. Storrs. Report of sale approved; sale approved and deed ordered.

Guardianship of the Heirs of George W. Vankirk. Slocum Wilbur discharges as guardian with proper showing of full settlement with the heirs.

### COUNTY NEWS

Taken from The Kankakee Gazette October 22, 1874.

<u>Momence:</u> The Reporter says "Frank Majowiscz's house is nearly completed." The completion of the house and the pronunciation of that name will be simultaneous.

Ralph Parsons reports that there is not enough water in Beaver Lake to water a goose.

Arthur J. Byrns had a span of horses and a wagon stolen from him Tuesday night at St. Anne.

James Mix has again commenced work on his new barn, on his farm north of the village.

Robert Gibson has a new dwelling house nearly completed on his farm just west of the farm of Milton Butts.

Mr. Duvall has bought his lumber and got it on the ground for his new livery stable, and the hands are at work on the job.

G. S. Blakeslee & Co. are building a hay barn at Collins station  $72 \times 36$  feet and 24 feet high. Lewis B. Clark is doing the job. It will be in operation soon.

The revival at the Baptist church is being attended with good results.

<u>Grant Station:</u> A seven year old son of Chas. Shoaltz, died last week of injuries received by a runaway.

Fred Schneider, P. H. Burchard's hired man, was considerably bruised last week by the running away of a team.

The new school house is up and enclosed. It occupies a sightly place. From the roof you can see St. Anne, the court house at Kankakee, and Bourbonnais Grove.

The wife of C. C. Campbell is very low with typhoid fever. Her husband devoted nearly his whole time taking care of her.

Dr. Keyser was at Grant, Saturday, to look after the engineer who was injured by the smash up last week Wednesday. The doctor thinks that some of the bones about the pelvis or hips were fractured.

We saw a good looking boy unloading corn at the warehouse. He said he was the son of Esquire Little of Sumner. The corn was of this year's crop, of excellent quality, large ears and the young man said it yielded from 25 to 40 bushels to the acre. Price 50 cents for 75 lbs.

P. H. Burchard, the butter maker, was awarded the first premium at the St. Louis fair for the 'best 10 tubs or firkins not less than 400 pounds net, made from one dairy in the Western States.' He also took the premium of \$25 offered by the Lindell hotel for the best twenty-five pounds of butter.

Chebanse: J. P. H. Trescott is preparing the foundation for a new dwelling house.

Quite a pleasant time was enjoyed by the colored population Wednesday night with the "heel and toe."

Coal can be obtained at Chebanse for \$3.50 per ton.

## COUNTY COURT - OCTOBER TERM

#### PROBATE

Taken from The Kankakee Gazette November 5, 1874.

Estate Ira W. Smith. Claims allowed to amount of \$113.95.

Estate of Wm. Heyer. Proof of publication and notices for adjustment.

Estate Aime Dupuis. Celina Dupuis appointed Admx. on filing bond in sum of \$5000. Proceedings in vacation approved.

Guardianship of Samuel A. and Mary E. Dutcher, George N. Dutcher appointed guardian; bond with securities in sum of \$4000.

Estate of Samuel Hanna. Nelson Seager and B. G. Lee appointed administrators on filing bond in sum of \$2600; John T. Parker, Simpson Swikart and W. S. Campbell appointed appraisers; proceedings in vacation approved.

Guardianship of Herbert, Alma A., Jennie and Leveret Sibley. Report of guardian showing final settlement with Herbert and Alma, who have attained their majority, and amount on hand belong to the other two wards approved.

Estate of Mary Smith. Administrator's report approved.

Estate of E. C. Colstock. Publication of final report for approval ordered.

Estate of Henry Hawker. Claim of C. D. Trimble for \$40 allowed.

Estate of Julien Boudreau. Publication of notice for final settlement and discharge of administrator ordered.

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Estate of Mary A. Sibley. Report of executor's approved. Executor's resignation accepted on his turning over to the court the full amount in his hands. Appeal of Messrs. Orr and Loomis granted.

## COUNTY COURT - CRIMINAL

Taken from The Kankakee Gazette November 19, 1874.

People vs. Henry Blank, information for selling liquor. Case dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

People vs. Alex McKay, resisting an officer. Same order.

People vs. Battise Jennesac, assault with deadly weapon. Same order.

People vs. Henry Blank, indictment for selling liquor. Dismissed by States Attorney.

Same indictment for selling liquor. Defendant pleaded guilty to six counts. Judgment of \$10 for costs under each count.

People vs. August Myers and Albert Dehn. Indictment for selling liquor. Defendants plead guilty. Judgment of \$25 and costs, and stand committee until paid.

People vs. Henry Blank. Information for selling liquor. Dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

People vs. Henry Birr. Information for selling liquor to an inebriate. Same order.

People vs. Henry Kurrash. Information for selling liquor to an inebriate. Same order.

People vs. Andrew Herscher. Information with intent to commit bodily injury. Same order.

People vs. George Kelly. Recognizance, bastardy. Death of child suggested.

Jury discharged and proceedings closed.

### COMMON LAW

John Anderson vs. J. M. Kinney impleaded with S. Jessup; assumpsit. Continued.

S. R. Moore vs. S. B. Connelly; assumpsit. Continued.

John Anderson vs. J. M. Kinney and S. Jessup; assumpsit. Continued.

Jule Chause vs. Joseph Delude; assumpsit. Continued.

Trustees M. E. Church, Aroma, vs. Geo. W. Legg. Continued.

Absalom Bomboy vs. R. D. Sherman; replevin. Continued on plaintiff's motion and at his costs.

Dale & Durham vs. A. Holcomb. Cont.

- J. B. Martin, Jr., vs. Hypolite Sennesac and Cogitant Bissette; assumpsit. Dismissed by plaintiff.
- C. H. Beckwith & Sons vs. Louis Fortin; assumpsit. Continued by plaintiff.

Village of St. Anne vs. Joseph Thyfault; appeal. Verdict of guilty with penalty of \*5. Appeal granted.

Martin Vandekarr vs. Thomas Smith; assumpsit. Verdict for plaintiff in damages of \$25; judgment on verdict.

Henry Duncan vs. Richard Templeton; appeal. Verdict for plaintiff in damages of \$25; judgment.

Philonise Bastien vs. George Huckins; replevin. Dismissed; plaintiff returns property.

Henry Vasburg vs. A. Holcomb and A. Hirst; appeal. Appeal dismissed for want of prosecution.

Hall, Kimback & Co. vs. N. Bergeron; assumpsit. Judgment for plaintiff of \$73.20.

Jacob F. Miller vs. Ira C. Mosier; appeal. Jury failed to agree and discharge.

Joseph Nehls vs. J. F. Klein; appear. Continued.

F. J. Bristos vs. A. Condee; appear. Continued.

John Bilyard vs. Jefferson Petro; appeal. Appeal dismissed for want of prosecution; proceedendo to Justice.

- A. S. White vs. W. A. Ott; appeal. Continued.
- H. Bailey & Co., vs. Ed Paco; assumpsit. Continued.

Chester McDermott vs. Leonard Aldrich; appeal. Verdict - defendant guilty of detention and damages one cent; Judgment on verdict.

Peter Bonvalet vs. James Read; trespass. Transferred to circuit court by agreement.

Wm. Lewis vs. Frank Gerrard; trespass. Dismissed by plaintiff.

People, use of Kelly & Co., vs. Phillip Wamback, Henry Licht and Adam Zinkann; plea of debt and damages. Dismissed as per stipulation on file.

Harris Stevenson vs. B. Jennesac; trespass. Continued by plaintiff.

C. P. Ackaros vs. Simon Hay; appeal. Continued by agreement.

Dennis O'Brien vs. J. E. Langlois; replevin. Continued.

Jas. A. Chatfield, Administrator estate W. A. Chatfield, deceased vs. Francis Fowler and Slocum Wilbur; assumpsit. Default for want of plea; Judgment for plaintiff of \$266.66.

N. Bergeron vs. McFall & Kelly; appeal. Appeal discontinued for want of prosecution; proceedendo to Justice.

In the matter of a petition of Christian Stravlow; notice for a ditch. Court finds the proposed work will be useful for the drainage of the lands described, and appoints Hiram Titcomb, A. W. Pratt and David Scott commissioners.

## PROBATE

Estate of Lewis A. Aldrich. Cynthia Aldrich appointed administratrix; appraisers appointed; inventory and appraisement bill approved.

Estate of Samuel Hanna. Inventory, appriasement and sale bill approved.

Guardianship of Peter and Leah Hertz, minors. Report of Josph Shreffler, former guardian, showing balance in his hands of \$88.28 1/2. Amount ordered over to John T. Smith, present guardian. Shreffler's report and settlement approved.

Estate of Hubert Banning. Report of administrator approved, showing balance In hand, after paying widow's award, of \$280.46. Further time for settlement of estate.

Estate of 0. S. Whitehead. Claims to amount of \$86.22 allowed.

## COUNTY COURT - PROBATE

Taken from The Kankakee Gazette December 3, 1874.

Est. Michael Broderick. Petition to sell real estate; process ordered.

Est. Henry Hawker, deceased. Claims allowed to the amount of \$62.77.

Est. Catharine Hawker, deceased - claims to the amount of \$346.95 allowed.

Est. of Silas J. Garret, deceased. On showing of the administrators it is ordered that they pay 76 percent on all claims of the seventh class.

Est. of George B. Wakeman, deceased. Administrator's report of sale of real estate filed and approved.

Court adjourned until third Monday in December.

# COUNTY COURT - DEC. TERM - PROBATE

Taken from The Kankakee Gazette December 31, 1974.

Guardianship of Calvin D. Hanen. Thomas Hanen appointed guardian at the request of the aforesaid minor. Sarah Jane Sutton, former guardian, ordered to make report.

Est. Julian Boudreau. Final reports made and administrator discharged on payment of fees.

Est. Margaret Wilcox. Zenas Stevens appointed administrator; appraisers appointed, and all proceedings in vacation approved. No property having come into the hands of the administrator, he was discharged at his own request.

Est. Mary Smith. Claims allowed to amount of \$59.30.

Est. L. A. Aldrich. Sale bill approved.

Est. D. H. Watson. Inventory approved.

Est. Peter Labarge. Notice for final settlement ordered published.

Est. Robert McElroy. Will admitted to probate; Julius Taylor appointed executor in bonds of \$5,000; appraisers appointed and all proceedings in vacation approved.

Est. Medard Martin. Claim of J. E. Labrie for \$247.24 allowed.

Est. WM. Rantz. Final report made and administrators discharged.

Est. Sarah Chatfield. Administrator's report approved.

Est. Frank Enos. Claims to amount of \$217.33.

Reports of administrators of estates of Bela T. Clark and Thomas Muncey approved.

Est. Wm. Patterson, claim of \$325.31 allowed.

Est. Michael Broderick; petition to sell real estate to pay debts. H. Church Todd appointed guardian ad !item for minor heirs; decree for sale entered.

Est. John Baum. Statement filed by James Chatfield administrator of WM. Chatfield's estate in regard to the business of Wm. Chatfield as administrator of John Baum's estate.

### THE ICE HARVEST

## The Largest Crop Ever Gathered at This Point

Taken from The Kankakee Gazette January 14, 1875.

It Is a lively scene that meets the eye of the reporter as he sets foot on the river, near the railroad bridge. At intervals, for a distance of half a mile up the river are large gangs of men and teams at work getting out the annual supply of an almost indispensable luxury.

The crop of 1874-5 will be the largest ever gathered at Kankakee. About 200 men and 40 teams were at work last Tuesday. The entire amount cut will aggregate at least 25,000 tons - an Increase of 50 percent; over any previous year. The ice is of magnificent quality - solid and without a flaw to mar its crystalline clearness, and at present it is from 14 to 18 inches thick.

T. Sproat & Son are the heaviest local dealers. They have 75 men and 15 teams at work under the able supervision of Chas. Hilliker, their foreman, and will pack at least 8,000 tons in the three large houses on the south side of the river. Possibly a still greater quantity will be put up - the surplus to go into sheds; but this is not yet a definite conclusion. The work of running the Ice into the house Is performed with great rapidity. A continuous line of teams Is in motion up an inclined plane, grappling and pulling 1200 pounds at each load. About 1200 tons per day are gathered and housed, and the work will probably be completed today.

The Messrs. Sproat will do a local as well as a foreign business the coming season, and promise to bring prices down to a fair basis. Small consumers have heretofore been compelled to pay one cent per pound, which is altogether too much. A revolution in prices is prayed for and expected by our citizens.

Under the direction of Camden Knight, the Illinois Central railroad company is doing a big business this year in shipping our beautiful "Kankakee Ice'. We are not prepared to give an exact estimate of the quantity to be shipped, inasmuch as orders are coming in all the time and the supply will be made to equal the demand. Mr. Knight informs us that he is shipping 25 car loads of ten and eleven tons each per day. Probably no less than 10,000 tons will be shipped altogether. On Tuesday he had 22 teams and about 50 men at work. The Ice is all hauled from the river to the depot, a distance of nearly half a mile. All the available teams in town are either at work for the Central or Sproat & Son. Mr. Knight is also shipping on his own account.

Radeke & Beckman are also on hand, as usual, with a gang, filling their large house at the foot of Dearborn Avenue, with ice for brewing purposes and the local trade. They have 15 men at work and will harvest 2500 or 3000 tons.

S. Zepf & Son have already filled one house on the north bank of the river and are hard at work packing the old Shavlo house on the South Side. They had 22 men employed last Tuesday and said they intended to get out 2500 tons.

Geo. Diehl has filled his brewery Ice house, which contains about 600 tons. Several private parties have also put up an aggregate of about 1000 tons.

The ice crop this season is a "big thing" and will prove a material aid in affording relief to the laboring classes and keeping money in circulation Among our merchants.

### ST. ANNE OLIO.

Taken from The Kankakee Gazette, March 26, 1874

Hereafter the C. L. & C. pay car will pass over the route and pay off employees about the 20th instead of the 5th.

Some of our farmers have begun to plow. Our farmers have raised corn and oats; and oats and corn ever since the county was settled. They think of changing and will try flax and wheat this year.

The people of St. Anne have nominated town officers as follows: L. Mallioux, supervisor; Ed. Paro, town clerk; Thos. Hanan, highway commissioner; M. Drollette, collector; G. Fortier, constable.

N. Bastien & Co. have moved their goods into Mr. Allie's new building on Chicago Avenue. The arrangement is only temporary; as soon as they finish remodeling and repairing their old storeroom they will go back to their former quarters; and Mr. Allie's building will be used for a billiard hall.

St. Anne is to have a business directory published. Part of the horrid ditch on Chicago Ave., in which horses were obliged to stand while hitched to the racks, has been covered by a substantial plank frame.

Our railroads are doing a good business in both passenger and freight carrying. Kankakee River ice is going both south and east. Livestock is occasionally shipped also.

Our people feel a dearth of religious influence. Rev. Mr. Auger, of the Baptist church, is in Canada, and Rev. Mr. Chiniquy is in the British Isles. Most of our teachers and scholars, too, are beginning to feel "jolly" over the prospect of a speedy "cessation of hostilities." Applicants for summer schools are thicker than - than - than potatoe bugs!

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Esq., who owned and conducted the same until the 1st of April, 1856, when it was purchased by Mr. Daniel S. Parker, now deceased. Some of the early num. bars were printed in Chicago -- the infant town not yet furnishing a floor upon which to place a printing press. These impressions were procured at the Evening Journal office, from which office were also obtained the types and press upon which the Gazette was printed for some time after it came in. to the hands of Mr. Parker. After the issue of six numbers from the Evening Journal office, the Gazette'e materials were shipped here, and there being yet no roof ready for their reception, Mr. Chester pre-empted a small port. ion of terra-.firma under the spreading branches of an accommodating oak, where the first actual edition of the Gazette was struck off in Kankakee, many person looking an with eyes full of wonder, witnessing for the first time in their lives the operation of the "art preservative." It was better than a full-blown show to those who had never before beheld the mysterious workings of the printing-press, upon which human progress so largely depends, and to whose power the world so wondrously seems to moves

Mr. Chester was not a practical printer, but a ready writer and made a goo journalist. He was engaged in real estate matters, and gave only a general editorial supervision to his paper, leaving the issuing and business management to other hands. Among the number who se operated the Gazette may be mentioned J. C. Lyman who was succeeded by J. M. Brown, who in turn was succeeded by Messrs. Grooms and Leonard. When Mr. Parker took possession of the office and issued his first number. April 2nd, 1856, there was a list of 500 subscribers. He remained sole proprietor of the Gazette until April, 1866.

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when Wm. F. Keady bought a half-interest in the office, and was a joint partner in the concern until November, 1867, when Mr. Parker again became sole proprietor by buying back Mr. Keady's interest. He published the Gazette free that tint on until the 1st of June, 1868, when Charles Holt bought out the entire establishment, and has continued ever since its editor and owner• The Gazette has been a Republican paper since 1856, and is one of the ablest of its class. It is a 32-column folio sheet.

The next paper started here was The Kankakee Democrat, in the spring of 1856, by Cyrus B. Ingham and Wm. H. Austin. These gentlemen had published the Democrat but a short time when Mr. Ingham retired from the concern, and Mr. Austin managed it alone for a few issues, then took James Green as partner. After the issuance of about twelve numbers by this firm, C. A, Lake bought the entire interest of the office, but conducted the Democrat only a brief time before he received B. F. Fuller as an equal partner. This partnership soon came to an end by Mr. Lake selling out to Mr. Fuller, who conducted the paper for the balance of the "Buchanan and Breckenridge" campaign of 1856. December 25th of that year, W. H. Bristol purchased a half -interest, and the next April bought Mr. Fuller entirely out, from which time he published the Democrat until July let, 1859 when he sold out to Jerome Be and Gabriel B. Durham. By then it was published until the summer of 1862, when, owing to the enlistment of both these gentlemen in the Union army, the Democrat was discontinued, its affairs fully adjusted at the time. The paper was always conservatively democratic, and firm in its patriotic devotion to the cause and interests of the Union.

"Le Journal de L'Illinois" came next. The first number of this paper was issued Jan. 2d, 1857, by A. Grandpre and C. Petit. After about two years, Le Journal was transferred to Chicago, and from there to Watertown, N. 39, where it was discontinued in 1868. Mr.Grandpre returning to Kankakee. On the 9th of December, that year, A. Grandpre & Cod issued the first number of their new paper, called "Le Courier de L'Ouest," and published it until July 7th, 1869, when this paper was also discontinued, (owing to political complications which rendered the act advisable and proper). On the 14th of the same month. Mr. Grandpre commenced the publication of "Le Courier de L'Illinois," which he has continued to this date. Dr. Thyfault was editor of this paper for ace two years after it was started, and Mr. G. Demers is its present editor. It is Republican in politics, and is esteemed one of the beat conducted French journals in this country.

About the 20th of October, 1862, Cyrus B. Ingham brought out the first number of The Kankakee County Union, a 28-column paper, Democratic in politics, and intended as a substitute for The Kankakee Democrat, which was discontinued two or three months previously. Mr. Ingham made a very creditable paper, which was alive to the local interests of the city, and accomplished much good in this community during the three years that it was published. Sheppard P. Smith was for some time associated with Mr. Ingham in the editorial management of the Union. Mr. Ingham is now editor and proprietor of the Jim River Advocate, published at Firesteel, Dakota Ter.

On the 11th of April, 1866, N. H. Taylor commenced the publication of The

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Kankakee Journal, devoted to home interest, and Republican in politics. The Journal was published until the spring of 1868, when it was "stopped," and Mr. Taylor soon after bought out another paper called The Kankakee Review, under the proprietorship of T. M. Kelly. June 7th, 1869, W. F. Keady, formerly of the Gazette, purchased the entire interest of the Review, and on the 9th issued his first number. He published the Review until July 21st '69 when its name was dropped and that of The Kankakee Times substituted. The paper was also enlarged from a 28-column to a 32-column folio. Nov. 1st '69, Mr. Keady admitted his son Geo. B. Keady as a partner, and Nov. 15, 1870, Geo. B. Keady & Co. came into control of the Times, and no change has since been made. The Times, previously Republican, favors the principles and measures now advocated by the Independent party, and is very justly considered an able and fearless exponent of that party's cause. It is, besides, an excellent local paper.

The last paper, but not the least, is The Kankakee Herald. The first number was issued early in September, 1872, by Messrs. W. W. Gibson and H. L. Henry, in the interest of Horace Greeley for the U. S. Presidency, on the Liberal ticket. In the spring of '73 Dr. Gibson sold out his interest to Mr. Henry, who has successfully conducted the paper to the present time. The Herald is the largest sheet published in the county, being a 7-volume quarto. It is Democratic in politics, is well edited, and receives a liberal patronage from the rank and file of its party friends in the city and county, and from the business community as well.

The first annual review of the business interest of Kankakee was made by the writer in the winter of 1856-7, almost twenty years ago. The population

was then estimated at 2,500 souls, though only a little more than three years after the city was platted. That review embraced, in part, the following data:

Amount of receipts for dry goods, groceries, drugs, lumber, &c., sold in Kankakee City (as then called) during the year 1856, as carefully ascertained

Dry Goods --- \$285,477.76 Clothing -- \$22,000 Groceries and Provisions --\$43,000 Hardware -- 53,100 Boots and Shoes - - -\$24,000 Drugs and Medicines -- 17,000 Farming Implements -- \$25,000 Cabinet Ware -- 19,000 Lumber, &co -- \$58,044.50 20,000 Stone, Lime, &c All other branches of trade -- \$45,469.43 Brick -- \$2,800 Land and Lots sold by Thos. H. Perry & Bro.: R. R. Lands -- \$47,217.99 Kankakee City Lots -- \$54,352.11

Kankakee Freight and Passenger Business:

Receipts for Freight received by I. C. R. R. -- \$31,763.50

Freight Forwarded \$23,642.99 Passenger Fare -- \$18,000

Total ...... \$789,378.28

At the same time the business places of this city were:

Dry goods stores, 14; grocery and provision stores, 8; hardware stores, 4; drug stores, 4; banks of deposit, 2; cabinet ware-rooms, 3; marble works, 1; sash and blind factories, 2; harness shops, 3; stone quarries, 2; livery stables, 2; blacksmith shops, 5; plow factory, 1; farming mill factory, 1; gunsmith shops, 2; millinery shops, 3; jewelry stores, 2; clothing stores' 4; bakeries, 3; meat markets, 2; lumber yards, 5; wagon shops, 2; brickyards, 1; newspapers, 3 -- two English and one French.

The amount of all grains shipped from this point in that year was, in round numbers, 398,786 bushels. Lumber received was 3,750,000 feet, besides lath,

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shingles, post, &c. Stone and lime, brick, sand, &c, shipped to other points along the C. R. R. amounted to above 100 car loads.

On the let day of April, 1864, the following report was furnished to the writer by D. G. Bean, then U. S. Assistant Assessor for the 13th division of this congressional district, showing the business, educational and religious status at this time:

Dry goods and grocery stores, 35; furniture stores, 3; drugs stores, 3; breweries, 3; agricultural warerooms, 2; hardware stores, 3; banks, 3; boot and shoe stores, 6; watch, clock and jewelry Stores, 3; hotels, 4; tanneries,

2; harness shops, 2; marble works, 3; livery establishments, 3; photograph galleries, 3; millinery stores, 4; 1 flouring mill; 1 book store and newsroom; 8 churches; 2 collegiate institutions; 5 public schools; 5 grain warehouses; 2 dentists; 7 physicians; 12 lawyers; 3 bakeries; 3 printing offices; 2 atome quarries; one broom factory, one cooper shop, &c., &c. These figures speak for themselves, and indicate the extensive progress the city made from 1856, when the first annual review of its business was written.

A word with regard to what is known as the Kankakee Mill Co. may be proper here. This company was organized in 1841, when David Perry and Philip Worchester built the first dam across the Kankakee river two miles below this city, just back of the present village of Bourbonnais, but only a saw mill was erected at the time. James M.\_Perry subsequently assisted in making the improvement, residing for some time at that point, with his family. Thos. R. Vanmeter, in consideration of furnishing the mill site with three acres of land on the east side of the river, and hauling timber, was to own onehalf the property. Sometime after this Thos. R. sold his interest to Daniel T. Vanmeter, who in 1850, sold out to Wm. Durham, and in '53 the grist mill was begun, but was not finished until 1855, during which year Messrs. Perry and Worcester were bought out by-Isaac N. Dickson and Algy Dean. The latter gentlemen, in connection with Wm. Durham, carried on business there until the summer of 1859, when the dam was razed and the large frame grist mill removed to its present location in this city, the new dam being built to meet the exigency. This dam is 520 feet long and has a head or fall of 10 feet, which affords one of the best water powers in the State, considerable use of which has already been made by various manufacturing concerns, including the paper mill. erected in '72 by Messrs. Crawford, Bonnfield and Cob\*, and which manufactures from 18 to 20 tons of straw board and wrapping paper per week; also the doable flouring mill, that grinds from 20 to 23 thousand barrels of flour per year; also the woolen mill of Troupe & Mc Colloh, that has an immense amount of machinery and does an immense business, also the oil works of H. Baily & Co; that turn out from 350 to 400 gallons of oil daily, when fully operated, and from three to four tons of oil cake. The ivory bottom factory, owned by Messrs. Nichols and Joiner, which was destroyed by fire last spring was furnished with water power by the Kankakee Mill Co.

Mr. Dean sold out his share to Durham & Dickson in '63 and Mr. Durham sold out to James McGrew and Samuel D. Kenaga in '67, and Mr. Kenaga, some time afterwards, disposed of his interest to Mr. McGrew who, in partnership with Mr. Dickson, has carried on the milling business for several years past.

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Mr. Dickson has new retired and Mr. McGrew is in the flouring business alone, The Kankakee woolen mill has been in operation since '66. Its weaving capacity is 100,000 yards of cloth annually, besides spinning 25,000 lbs. of yarn and doing a vast amount of custom work. A part of the works was burned last spring which the proprietors with commendable zeal have restored better form than ever. The oil works were erected in '67 by A. H. Moore and E. C. Holmes. The ivory button factory of Nichols & Joiner was built in 1872-3, and did a large annual business in manufacturing and trade. Mr. Nichols has recently completed a new factory, not so extensive as the first, and has commenced the manufacture of buttons as before the fire which swept his former establishment away in an evil hour.

The Northwestern Button factory, which manufactures cloth and leather buttons, was put into operation in 1874 by Bonfield, Kenaga & Co., and doing a flourishing business. The goods manufactured here are of the best, and meet with a ready and extensive sale.

The original Kankakee Planing Mills were built and the company incorporate in 1866. J. C. Mateer and R. O. Scoville were the principal members of the incorporated firm. These mill were totally consumed by fire on the 10th of July, 1874, but the works to a large extent were promptly rebuilt, and business was resumed early in the following year, after only a few months detention. The aggregate loss to the company by this fire was not far from \$23,000, covered by an insurance of only \$9,500.

The manufacturing interest of Kankakee are certainly many and considerable, but there is room for increase. Within the last three years the city has

the following accessions: Two button factories, one knitting factory, the gas works, Sutton & Co.'s foundry and machine shop, and the paper mill, which last commenced operations in October, 1873.

While these improvements have been made, the railroad facilities of Kankakee have also increased, and are increasing still. The Chicago, Lafayette & Cincinnati Road has been built within the same time, giving shippers a favorable outlet for their commodities to the Eastern cities and the Atlantic seaboard. The Western Extension (or Kankakee & Gardner R. R.) will open a western outlet and an iron highway to the rich coal-fields lying about 25 miles west of us. This Road will soot be completed, as the work upon it is being pushed with vigor.

Another element contributing to the progress and prosperity of this city is, that it is the central point or commercial capital of a very large scope of country, which is rich in fertility and abounds with the staple products of agriculture. The grain trade here is always extensive. This is emphatically a great grain centre -- the most important one, in fact, between Chicago and Cairo, on the Chicago Branch of the Illinois Central.

The ice business too has become extensive and profitable, thousands of tons of ice being stored for hems use, while untold quantities are shipped to obi% her points, even to New Orleans. The principal storers, dealers, and shippers of ice are Fred D. Radek., Zopf, and the Illinois Central R. R. Co. The building of the substantial iron wagon bridge across the river, in 1870, at a total cost of about \$18,000, has facilitated the business very greatly, enabling the "ice gatherers" to ply their trade in an extensive way

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on the south side. Several large ice-houses have been erected there since the bridge was built, while it has accommodated thousands of farmers who come to town from that direction.

There are also two very large breweries located here, doing an enormous business. At the brewery owned by F. D. Radeke, no less than 10,000 bushels of barley are consumed yearly, and 4,000 barrels of beer manufactured. That known as Diehl's brewery does about the same business.

The lumber business in Kankakee has always been one of the leading interest of the place, as also one of the most valuable to the community at large. Stone, lime, bricks and sand, are valuable, we know; but lumber, as a building component, is ever essential. A city cannot be built without it. Since May, 1861, E. G. W. Reitz & Bros. have been the principal dealers, and from that year to the present time have sold over fifty million feet of lumber in this city alone, They are also very extensive manufacturers and dealers in this material in Chicago. The lumber interest here is now represented by Reitz & Bros., A. E. Davis & Co., and John Kruse, and all are doing a large and lucrative business.

The coal interest, also, has grown to large proportions, and many thousands of tons of all kinds of coal arm sold annually. The coal trade in this city is now carried on by D. C. Taylor, J. F. Gouger, and C. M. Johnson.

The building known as the High School, a magnificent atone and brick structure, four stories in height, with the basement, and one of the finest and most imposing school edifices in the State, was erected in 1869, at a coat of about \$55,000, including the site, walk, fences, bell, furniture, playgrounds, cisterns, outbuilding, &c.

The old court house -- now so called in contradistinction to the new -- was burned on the 5th of October, 1872, but fortunately the public records were saved. It was rebuilt the next yeas, better and in improved form, principally by the insurance companies who sustained large losses on the building, they preferring to do so in lieu of paying those losses, which amounted to over \$25,000. The new court house, like the former one, stands in the centre of a large and splendid square, which has a higher elevation than any other site in the city. The grounds are ornamented with fine walks abd beautiful shade trees, which are fit accompaniments to the sightly edifice that lifts its stately dome far above them and above the surrounding city -- an object of interest that may be seen for many miles around. It is built with the celebrated Kankakee limestone, and is without doubt the best appointed count house in Northern Illinois. The basement, strong and massive, is the county jail,

The First Methodist Episcopal church is also massive and imposing edifice, which cannot fail to attract the attention of a stranger; but it is a matter of regret that it has been permitted to become so much dilapidated exteriorly as to be less an object of interest than it was when first built in 1867. Other churches have their claims to notice and admiration, such as the First Baptist, St. Paul's (Episcopal), German Lutheran, German Catholic, German Reformed, and the new, beautiful and stately St. Rose (R. C.) now about completed and which will cost from \$25,000 to \$30,000. It may be stet.. ed here that perhaps no place in the West is better supplied with churches than Kankakee according to its population, there being 13 in all.

It may also be stated that perhaps no place in the western country is more

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liberally supplied with schools than Kankakee, considering its population. As it has been called a "city of churches," so may it appropriately be called a city of schools. With regard to what is termed the public schools of Kankakee, as they are now graded and systematized, controlled by an interested board of education which employs none but the ablest talent for the departments of instruction, it is believed they will compare favorably with any schools to be found in any of our western cities.

The High School building will accommodate from 1,500 to 1,800 pupils to rooms and seats. The course of studies extends over a period of four years and embraces all the higher English branches usually taught in high schools, together with French, German and Latin. The attendance, enrollment etc., for the year 1876, as furnished by Superintendent Rowell, are as follows: number between 6 and 21 years of age, 1,802; number enrolled in schools, 1,000; average daily attendance, 621. The total value of the school property of Kankakee is not far from \$55,000.

There are also in the city several church or parochial school, so called, as follows: The Brothers of the order of St. Viateur opened a school here about six years ago, in connection with St. Rose (Catholic) church. It is named the Catholic Parochial Brothers' school. All the branches of a English education are taught, as also the languages. The attendance per term averages from 75 to 100. It is an excellent educational institution, and receives, as it deserves, a generous patronage. J. C. Whittaker, S. V., is at the head of the school, and is a ripe scholar and a devoted teacher.

A similar school is connected with the German Catholic church, which has a

good reputation for the thoroughness of instruction imparted. The number of pupils in attendance is about 75.

Another parochial school is that of the German Reformed church. It was first opened some six years ago, and is now under the efficient management and tutorship of Rev. Hugo Stamer. It is distinctively a German school, yet includes English reading, writing and speaking.

The German Lutheran church also sustains a school of its own, which has an average attendance per term of 100 to 125 pupils. Mr. Wm. Schmidt is the principal of this school. The forenoon exercises are exclusively conducted in German, those of the afternoon in English.

St. Joseph's is one of the most prominent educational institutions in the city. The building is very large and commodious, being three stories high, not including the basement, and built at a cost of over \$40,000. This excellent seminary for young ladies was founded in 1865 and incorporated in 1874. It is directed by the Sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame. Many of the most accomplished young ladies of the city are graduates from St. Joseph's Seminary.

And, finally, we come to that deservedly popular and flourishing institution which has so intimately allied itself with the public interests of intelligence, morality and refinement in this city: -- The Kankakee Ladies' Library Association. It was organized in the fall of 1872, and incorporated in February, 1876. It was originated and has been entirey managed by the ladies of this city, and its success was evident from the commencement. The Secretary of State gave it as his opinion, when its charter was issued, that

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this was one institution of the kind in the State that is exclusively managed by ladies, so far as his knowledge extended. The library now contains 700 volumes, all of which are standard and choice. The present officers of the Association are as follows:

Mrs. A. E. Rowell, President; Mrs. Joseph Rickey, Vice President; Mrs. H. C. Clark, Secretary; Mrs. Dr. Way, Treasurer; Mrs. H. Loring, Librarian; Mrs. James Dickson, Ass't Librarian.

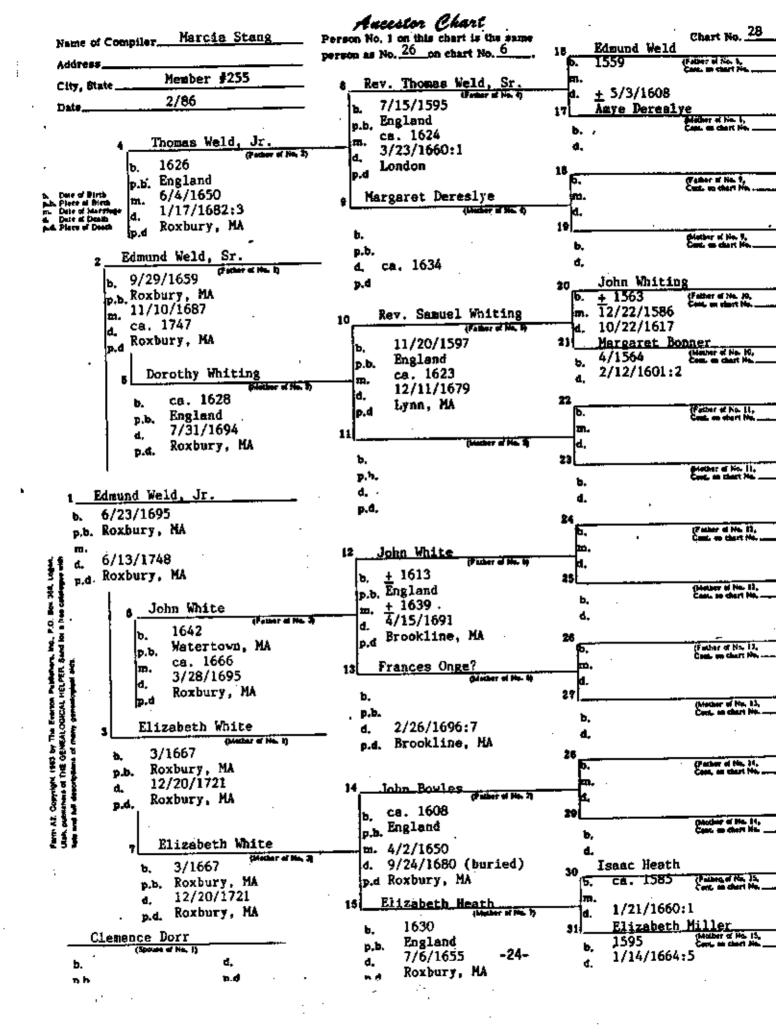
The Association is governed by 15 Directors, who are chosen annually by the stockholders. It is in a very prosperous condition, with a bright prospect of accomplishing much more than was expected when it was organized.

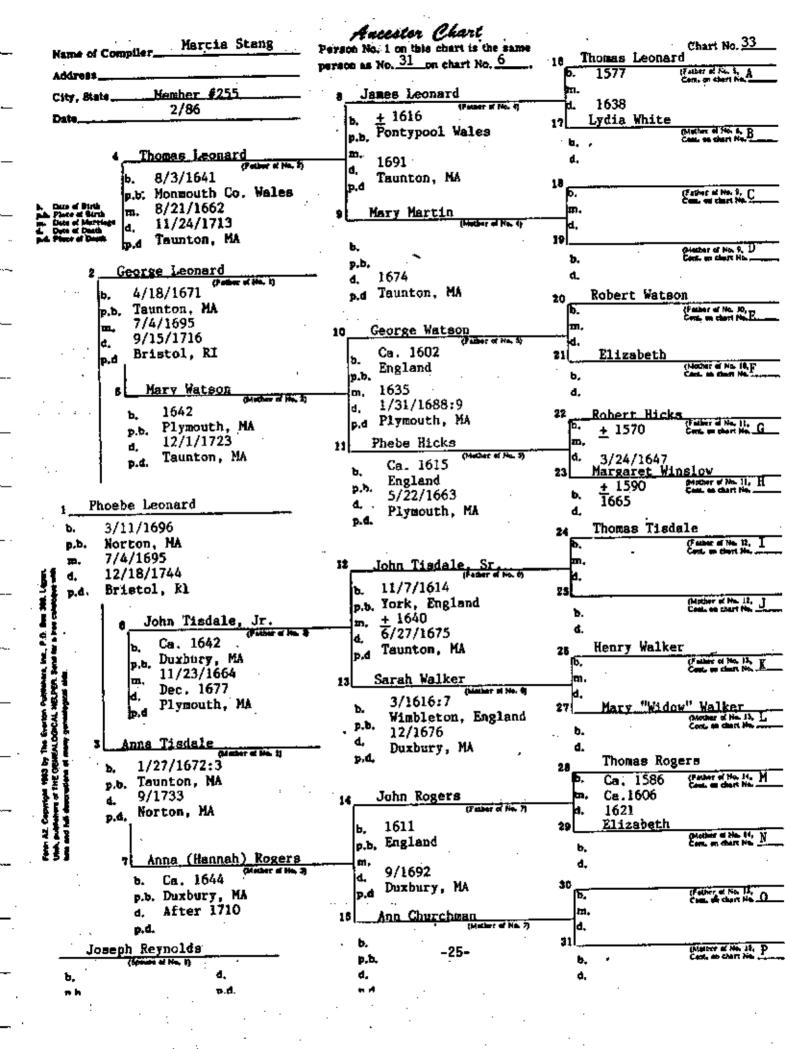
Having now presented a plain, unvarnished and straight-forward statement of matters and things connected with the past history and present condition of Kankakee, we think her claims to recognition as one of the thriving, enterprising and progressive cities of the Great West will be at once admitted without argument or a doubt. Her future looks bright and cheering. Her days have been burly ones, but full of promise and fruition. And they are

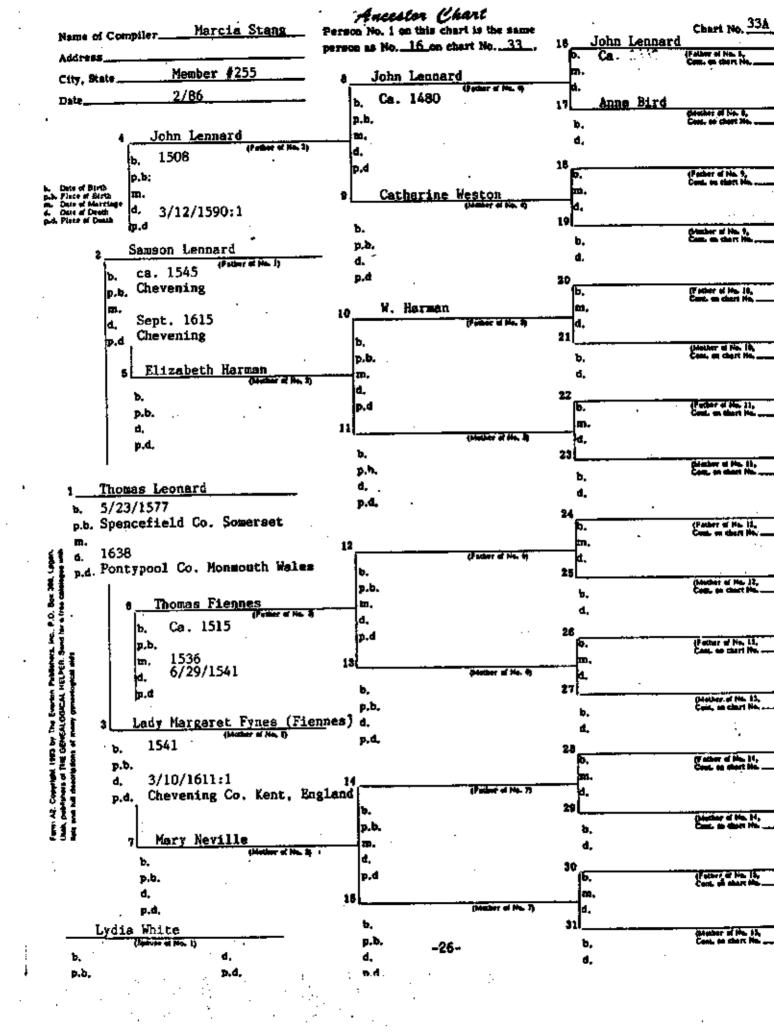
the same common days in the march of time and progress in which larger cities have grown up to their proud stature in the green prairies and by flowing waters of the Western Land, and in whose advancing footsteps, so to speak, she is fast traveling onward to be like them in the days to come. -- Who can doubt it?

KANKAKEE, ILL, Oct. 18, 1876.

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