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Mark your calendars!! The Regional Conference will be held on Saturday, September 23, 1995, at Governors State University in University Park, IL.
IN MEMORY

Judy Stabell, daughter of member Marge Elliott, wrote to say that her mother passed away on April 15, 1995. Marjorie Marie Anne Elliott was born February 21, 1928, to Hector and Aurelia (LaValle) Guimond. She married Eugene Elliott on June 28, 1945. Genealogy was one of her hobbies as well as sewing, painting and craft work. She battled long with her emphysema but died peacefully in her sleep. We extend our sincere sympathies to the members of her family who were so good to pass along this information.

QUARTERLY/NEWSLETTER EXTRACTIONS

Passenger & Immigration List

If you discover a reference to your family in Filby's Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, it is possible to get a copy of the original source. The Burton Historical Collection at: The Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202, maintains all sources indexed in Filby's. You must cite the source number. They charge $2 postage and handling plus twenty cents per page copied. Ozarks Genealogical Society, Jan. 1995.

Free Ohio Land Search Available

In Ohio, Land Office research services are free of charge. Thomas E. Ferguson, the Auditor of State considers such services a taxpayer service. Copies are provided at cost.

To begin your search: If you have early Ohio ancestors who may have received their land from the federal government, write to the Auditor, who will search the index of land patents and record books for original entries under the surname you provide. The service is free. The Family Tree, Vol. VI No. 1, February/March 1995.

Norwegian Help Available

The Norwegian-American Historical Association offers help for those researching in that field. If you would like information as to schedule, fees, services available, write to 1510 St. Olaf Ave., Northfield, MN 55057. Charges for staff research are $10 per hour for member and $20 per hour for non-members. Copying fees vary and translators can be suggested. The Family Tree, Vol. VI No. 1, February/March 1995.

1862 Homestead Act Information Available

If your ancestor obtained land under the 1862 Homestead Act, or bought land from the government, the application is sure to be on file. These files hold a four-page questionnaire filed by the applicant (among other papers). Included are the names of family members and other data. Write to Civil Archives Division, National Archives and Records Service GSA, Washington DC 20409. The Family Tree, Vol. VI No. 1, February/March 1995.

Canadian Research

The National Library of Canada is the official custodian of Canadian newspapers. Most newspapers from Canada are available from inter-library loan by writing 395 Wellington St.

GENEALOGY SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

Genealogical D.A.T.A. Workshop

The Fox Valley Genealogical Society is presenting a series of lectures by Fran Carter on September 16, 1995. Mrs. Carter, professional genealogist, teacher and author of more than 16 books, will lecture on the following topics: Documentation, Analyzing your Research, A Time line is Necessary, American Church Records.

The workshop will be at the First Christian Church, 24W530 E. 75th St., Naperville, IL. Cost of the workshop will be $15 for members of FVGS, $17 for non-members, $20 for all registrations received after Sept. 2 or at the door. Registration includes lunch.

For a registration brochure, write to Fox Valley Genealogical Society, 705 N. Brainard, Naperville, IL 60563 or call (708) 355-1525 or (708) 896-2826.

LAGESSE/DAGESSE FAMILY HISTORY

Richard Barrie writes that the Lagesse/Dagesse Family History will be available late summer, 1995. It includes all descendants of David Lagesse (1840-1860) and Marguerite Dumas, early farmers in St. George/Bourbonnais area. They were parents of 17 children, many descendants residing in Kankakee County. For further information, write Richard at Box 45, Turton, SD 57477.

GREAT & GREAT, GREATS

Seeking information leading to the family of Francis BULLEIGH/BOULE/BOULET. Francis married Adelaide Bergeron Ducros dit Lantemer 04 Sep 1858. Adelaide Bergeron also used the name Lagis as a given name. Adelaide was born 06 Jan 1827 Montreal? Canada; her parents were Eloi Bergeron and Marie Adelaide Marcotte. Adelaide married Louis Ducros 1847 in Canada. Louis died 16 Oct 1857 in Kankakee Co./St. Anne. The family used both Ducros in and Lantemer as surnames and some of the children used Ducrow in Kansas. Louis and Adelaide had 7 children all born in IL. Problems occurred since and Bulleigh family followed Father Chiniquy and in 1880 moved to Kansas. Please contact Clophos Bulleigh, 3000 Arthur St., NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418-2204.

1883 KANKAKEE COUNTY ATLAS

Copies of the reprint of the 1883 Kankakee County Atlas are still available. Cost is $22.00 plus $3.00 if shipping. This atlas contains 169 pages of township maps, views and portraits, biographical sketches, and history on Kankakee County and its earliest residents. This is one of the best sources for early history from the Indians, early explorers and first white settlers in the area. Atlas is 11" x 17" leaetherette bound with a new surname index by page as well as column. Don't miss this opportunity to have this atlas in your collection!
### 1880 Kankakee County Marriages

*Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.*

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*Correction from Ames to Hertzog in January 29, 1880, Gazette under "Rockville".*

### 1880 KANKAKEE COUNTY BIRTHS

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**Gazette date.

1880 KANKAKEE COUNTY DEATHS

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette (publication date in parentheses).

(15 Jan 1880) to Kankakee, Jan. 6, of heart disease, John White, aged 70 years.

(15 Jan 1880) In Cabery, Jan. 5, of scarlet fever, Mrs. Anna M., wife of William Straight, aged 18 years.
(15 Jan 1880) In Momence, Jan. 2, Mrs. Helena Dorothea Deerson, aged 77 years.

(22 Jan 1880) In Cabery, Jan. 9, of scarlet fever, Sarah wife of John Minnick, and daughter of Samuel Taylor.

(22 Jan 1880) In Chebanse, Dec. 17, of typhoid pneumonia, Selma Shockhold, aged 14 years, 10 mos.

(22 Jan 1880) In Manteno, Nov. 22, of heart disease, Henry Laverdiere, aged 62 years.

(22 Jan 1880) In Manteno, Dec. 6, of peritonitis, Zephirin Dandurand, aged 24 years. (22 Jan 1880) In Manteno, Dec. 10, of peritonitis, Marie Deslauries, aged 13 years. (22 Jan 1880) In Kankakee, Nov. 1, of typhoid, Emma Patton, aged 10 years.

(29 Jan 1880) The youngest child of G. A. Harrison died this morning, aged about one year. We sympathize with the parents as this is the second one they have lost since being residents of our town (Waldron).

(29 Jan 1880) In Quincy, III., at the residence of her parents, on Maine street, Jan. 20, at 9 o'clock p.m. Miss Hattie H. Moore, aged 23 years and 5 months.

(29 Jan 1880) In Cabery, Jan. 21, Frank Wilbur Lester, aged 6 years.

(29 Jan 1880) In Kankakee, Dec. 19, of Abcess, Aaron Greenly, aged 30 years.

(29 Jan 1880) In Kankakee, Dec. 26, of cerebro spinal meningitis, Charles Silk, aged 15 years.

(05 Feb 1880) In Salina, December 31, of abcess, Herman Nackner, aged 69 years.

(05 Feb 1880) In Limestone, Jan. 25, of typhoid fever, Effie A. Richmond, aged 12 years, 7 months.

COUNTY COURT - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, January 8, 1880.

Final certificate of naturalization issued to James Molgard.

Caleb Wells. Will admitted. Caleb J. Wells appointed in bonds of $500.

Wm. A. Chatfield. Administrators report approved.

Wm. S. Keyes of Cabery was adjudged insane by a jury, but upon motion the verdict was set aside and a new trial allowed. Continued to 20th inst.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, January 29, 1880 (Probate).

John White -Lucy White appointed administratrix in bond of $4000. L. B. Cobb, Jacob Myers
and Edwin Woodard appointed appraisers, and appraisement, etc., approved. Private sale of
personal property ordered.

Clarence L. Graham - Viola L. Graham appointed administratrix in bond of $3500. F. A. Young,
B. F. Brady and Bliss Sutherland appointed appraisers.

James Byrns - Claim of McCormick Bros. disallowed. Claims allowed: Geo. Huckins, $122.18;
G. V. Holing, $232.15, for use of S. H. Byrns; G. V. Holing, interest, $460; T. Holing, $311.
Executor's report approved. Decree allowing executor to borrow $5,000 and to sell certain real
estate named in petition.

Alfred Deslauries - Prayer of petition refused.

James S. Bird - Claim of C. M. Hawley dismissed for want of prosecution.

F. Basselman - Estate declared settled.

Martha Galbraith - Executor's report approved.

C. C. Ainsworth. Claims allowed: Jacob Hess, $4.85; H. M. Keyser, $8; Solomon Kenrick, $3.

Final certificate of naturalization issued to Louis Clodi. Carl Libbie - Inventory, etc., approved.

Patrick Riley and Jonathan Rice - Estates declared settled.

S. L. Knight - Appraisement bill approved.

Guardianship Sarah C. Hawkins. Inventory approved.


Frank Aldrich - Appraisement bill app'd.


Etienne Brosseau - Bond and inventory approved.

Guardianship heirs Emanuel Reed. Mary E. Taylor appointed guardian in bond of $4000.

Assignment Barton Bros. & Peck. Bond of assignees approved.

Final certificate of naturalization issued to Ambrose Hill.

Louis Stettling - Frederick Stettling appointed administrator in bond of $5000. G. W. Conklin,
Wm. Moat and Simpson Swihart appointed appraisers.


Charles W. Pratt adjudged insane.
John R. Griffin and Sam Seroy, Sr., have formed a partnership in the blacksmithing business. Both are good workmen and deserve patronage.

Albert A. Ayres has moved onto the old Carpenter farm, one-half mile south of Herscher, which he will work next season.

"Burr" Clemmonds is located on the Orent P.M.'s farm.

Jacob Conrow, who sold out a few weeks since, will leave soon for Nebraska.

"Brink" Serrine and lady were up from Rantoul last week on a short visit.

Young "Hank" Holmes put in an appearance a few days ago from Kansas, where he has been for the past year. The young lady with him is his bride, and of course he has our congratulations.

Miss Minnie Vining, of east Otto, was in town last week among friends.

We were pleased to receive a call from W. H. Wilmot, of Deerfield, Lake Co., last Monday. "Wall" is the same as of old - a jolly fellow.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Olson, with Master Johnie, are visiting relatives in Chicago. They attended his brother's wedding on New Year's day.

Dr. Taylor, of Kankakee, gave one of his interesting talks at the Hubbard school house, on Sunday, the 4th inst. The Dr. is a pleasant gentleman and entertained his audience in an agreeable manner.

Martin Enders has moved his stock of goods in the building lately occupied by Dr. Caldwell. The location is a fine one, and he will expect increased trade.

Bowlby Penfield will open a hardware store in Ender's old stand. They will also sell agricultural implements.

Noah Stebbins, a watchmaker and jeweler, opens up today in Herscher's grain office.

David Drury, of Kendall county, is visiting relatives here.

Eben L. Hills will go to McHenry county this week. He will return by way of Sandwich, visiting friends in that locality.

Azariah Buck has just received the "Economy" portable hay press for use on his farm. He has four hundred tons.

Dr. Caldwell informs us there is considerable sickness hereabouts. He has all he can attend to.
Ernest Eastwood returned last Wednesday from a visit to relatives in LaSalle and DeKalb counties.

Mrs. Geo. A. Hubbard, who has been confined to her bed for two weeks, is now lying in a precarious condition. Dr. Watson of Cabery has been attending her. The services of Dr. Scobey, of Kankakee, were called last Saturday.

Miss E. A. Herdman, who has resided here and in Kankakee for a few years past, will leave for Sterling, Nebraska, to-night. She will stop there with her brother until the first of May, when she will go to New Zealand via San Francisco.

Nearly $500 have been subscribed toward the erection of a church building in Herscher to be used by the Presbyterians. Mrs. I. H. Stone is actively engaged in the work of soliciting subscriptions.

Mr. Joseph Holmes has decided to try Kansas as a dwelling place. He will ship his goods to Columbus, Cherokee county, on to-morrow night. His family will not leave until Thursday.

A young lady of this place took a dose of laudanum by mistake one day last week. As soon as it was discovered she was given salt, mustard and other emetics and antidotes. As she is still alive it is safe to say the antidotes did their work. Considerable anxiety was felt for her for a time, however.

**BUCKINGHAM - 1880**

Wm. Keys, of Cabery, was taken to Kankakee on Saturday night for safety. He has been drinking very hard of late, and seems to want to lay out some of his family. Mr. Keys is a blacksmith and a good workman, but has been going downward for some time.

Dr. F. L. Green has gone to Pennsylvania to see his old home and friends and will stay about two weeks.

It’s a girl this time at Brees’ house. Bob says they are getting along nicely.

Miss Mary Moran went to the hub last week and got a certificate to teach school. She will teach near Cabery in Ford county if they will accept her certificate.

F. S. Church is in town again straightening up his affairs before starting out with samples for the Weber boot and shoe house.

P. Riggs, of Lyons, NY, was visiting with his brother R. M. Riggs last week.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, January 22, 1880.**

Miss May Stansbury is taking a two weeks’ recreation by visiting friends in Kankakee and Waldron.
Dr.. Fowler, brother of Mrs. Houghton, spent a few days in town last week.

Ransom Babcock, of Galesburg, is visiting his nephew, C. W. Fulford.

Richard Bowers, of Syracuse, and Mr. Linford, of Ransom, Ill., were the guests of C. Bowers for a few days.

Rev. William Cummings, with wife and babies, are visiting old friends and relatives.

W. L. Hendrix received a dispatch stating that Mrs. Davidson was very sick at Angola, Iowa, and he has gone to see her.

Uncle L. Coleman is quite low in health. It is feared he will not recover.

Aleck Scott, one of our blacksmiths, met with an accident a short time since. While shoeing a horse the horse kicked a nail into his finger tearing it badly.

Geo. Cullom is getting out material for a new building to be put up in Alida for Jerry Dailey, who will use it for a billiard hall.

W. L. Conrow starts west for the benefit of his health. Mr. C. is very low and failing fast in this climate.

Pete Wagner, of Cabery, was in town Saturday drumming up a new petition for a license to keep a dram shop. He got 54 names, they say. Tis looks bad for a town with a Murphy club who meets in full force every Sturday night, but we suppose free beer will get lots of names to most any kind of a petition. We hear of lots of the boys who had the nerve to say no.

The "Monitor" has removed to the building formerly occupied and owned by the Misses Guer & Stansbury. John will now have no one to disturb him in his meditation. We look for something lofty in the shape of editorials now. Let her flutter, my boy.

Walt. Montieth has put in a new front to his meat market and it looks quite Hobby.

Saturday and Sunday was the first quarterly meeting for the year at the M.E. church; Elder Brown in attendance, who preached Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Cummings preached in the evening. Elder Brown was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Houghton.

Rev. Mr. Wilson intends to hold protracted meetings this week, weather and roads permitting.

We noticed Mr. O. Donnell, formerly an old resident of Essex and Salina, in attendance at the quarterly meeting.

The scarlet fever is still raging in the village of Cabery.

W. W. Beebe realized $26 for two veal calves shipped to the Chicago market. Price, 10 cents per pound.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, February 5, 1880.

W. L. Hendrix has returned from Iowa, and reports Mrs. Davidson, his daughter, in very low health. It is quite doubtful if she recovers.
W. L. Conrow writes from Chattanooga, Tenn., that his health does not improve very fast. His physician advises him to leave soon unless there is a change for the better.

We see by the Monitor that Charles McGregor has left for parts unknown. John, you are in the mist. Charlie is a good boy and has a good record in Buckingham. He informed us he expected to go to Iowa.

E. Colby and wife have been spending a few days in Chicago visiting friends and returned today.

Joe Smith takes Charley McGregor's place in the drug store.

Old Uncle Dailey has gone back to the farm and has leased his house to A. Beardsley.

Jno. Kral and Miss Nellie Banks will be married to-morrow. Uncle Banks has laid in provisions enough for a brigade for the occasion. Guess we will go.

Lucius Coleman, father of Semer Coleman, of this place, and Amos Coleman, of Gardner, died on Jan. 31st, aged about 80 years. Uncle Coleman lived in Kankakee for several years, but declining in health the boys induced him to come out into the country and stay. Until recently he has born his age remarkable well, but we noticed he failed rapidly the past few months. He suffered but little and passed away easy and happy. Mr. C. has been a member of the Baptist Church for upwards of 50 years and was firm in faith to the last. Although sorry to part with an old friend, we could not expect to retain him much longer. Four score is a ripe old age, which few of us can hope to attain. Rev. Dye preached the funeral sermon at the house. The services were brief but to the point.

ESSEX - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, January 8, 1880.

Mrs. Genett Gronso has gone to New York on a visit.

Perry McMann, of Kansas, is back again.

Who are going to be postmasters at Jackson and Norton? is what agitates the minds of the people at present. We understand that Charles McGregor has applied for the Norton postoffice and Ed. Albert for Jackson; both good men.

The depot at Jackson is finished.

D. Rankin has moved into his new store and is now ready for business.

Ed. Albert is putting up a good substantial building, 22 x 40. Ed. says he will keep a little of everything.

Geo. Hanford has put us scales and is now building corn cribs at Norton. No sign of any building at Norton yet, except the grain offices, corn cribs and depot.

On New Year's Day the Zoal Sunday school held its annual election. The following officers were chosen for the term of one year: Superintendent, C. Boyer; assistant, A. Rieke; secretary, H.
Riegle; treasurer, I.G. McLane; librarian J. Kriebel.

There is strong talk of building the Plymouth, Kankakee & Pacific railroad next spring, and also of a branch from Verona (25 miles northwest from here) to connect with the Chicago & Strawn, to run by the way of Braceville through the corn fields.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, January 28, 1880.

The name of the new station in this town has been changed to Essex! Now do you hear that in your ear! They say they have it solid this time.

Freight is now carried on the Chicago & Strawn railroad. It is shipped south to Strawn from here.

Some people were so anxious to see the train go by that they were obliged to cut down some of their trees to see the cars. Well, it looks strange to see the cars running through the corn field.

Flora Charter is on the sick list with diphtheria.

Mrs. C. Gronso is sick with intermittent fever and ague.

Dean Royce has recently returned from Wisconsin, where he had been visiting his friends. He thinks that country much healthier than this. We don’t doubt it.

Mr. Unz has a novel way of doing his churning. He has a small tread-power, the churn attached to it by a tumbling rod, and his large dog, which he brought from Kentucky last fall, gets on the power and away it goes. It is great sport for the dog, and he is very ambitious. The boys say they are relieved very much since the dog does the churning, as they have a great deal of it to do.

Ed. Albert has gone to Chicago to buy a stock of goods to start business in Essex.

Mr. Unz went to work last week and leveled the roads along his farm with a plank. He got them nice and even, ready for a freeze-up, but the dickens of it is, it won't freeze worth a cent.

Samuel Kriebel started for Nebraska on the 22d inst. with a view to locating.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, February 5, 1880.

Joe. Hanswirth and Frank Crater started for Denver, Col., last Monday. Frank will remain there and Joe will stay there about two weeks, possibly all summer.

The farmers are beginning to pick up their men for spring’s work. Wages range from $15 to $19 per month. We have heard several say if they could not get $20 per month they would go west. Well, go ahead.

J. W. McLane, of Kankakee, is in this vicinity visiting his friends and peddling pictures, but he seems to think it is up-hill business.

Two carloads of stock were shipped from Norton last Monday. Mr. Shelby buyer.

Mr. Hanford’s store at Norton is up. It makes quite a show in that small town.
If the roads don't soon get so people can haul coal the Konklin shaft will be obliged to quit work as they are blockaded with coal.

It is reported that Hank and Libby Shultz are going to Iowa this spring to inherit some property which their uncle left to them who died this winter.

Ed. Albert has his new store chuck full of goods. The rear end is fitted up for post office department.

Mr. Conroy, of Washington territory, lectured at the Underwood school house last night. His object is to give the people some information of that country. We were not present and did not get any of the particulars. He intends to lecture at the Centre school house some time next week.

Corn has taken a tumble; only 34 cents.

MANTENO - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, January 15, 1880.

The schools commenced again today. Mr. Bishop, teacher in the grammar department, was compelled to resign his position on account of poor health. Miss Griffin, of the primary department, takes his place, and Mrs. Bishop the tatter's place in the primary.

Miss Maggie Gilkerson is sick with the diphtheria.

Miss Hattie Bonsil, who left here last spring in very poor health, for Newark, NJ, has returned, looking well and seems to be greatly benefited by the trip.

The new elder, S. A. W. Jewett, preached at the M.E. church last Sunday morning.

The boiler belonging to Lockie, Euzier &Co.'s warehouse and flouring mill is undergoing a general patching and will not be ready for use some days yet.

EAST OTTO - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, January 22, 1880.

Mr. Joseph Huckins shipped his cattle to Chicago last week and received $4.60 per hundred. This is not so bad considering how some cattle have been selling. Mr. James Barnett took a carload and only realized about $3.50. This shows that it will pay any farmer to prepare his cattle for market before sending them there. Some refuse to do this on the plea that corn is so high that it will not pay, but they could make much greater profits in this way. Mr. John Franklin, also, sold his cattle about a week ago and received something over $2200. This does not seem as though he has any reason to complain of hard times. If he will give us the money we will agree not to say "hard times" for one whole year.
Mrs. Eva Evans, of Onarga, has been visiting at her father's, Mr. R. Havens, for the last week. She is a former resident of this place, and will ever be remembered by her many friends.

Will Sammons has been thinking of going to Nebraska this winter, but owing to the bad condition of the roads for the last two weeks he has been unable to haul his grain to market, and has given up going.

Mrs. David Sammons has been very sick for some time but now seems to be improving slowly. Messrs. George and Guy Huckins took about seventy-five head of cattle down to Buckley to winter but they brought them home last week. I guess it was rather an expensive trip as the roads were very bad.

Mr. Peter Enos is still very sick in the south. There is probably no chance for his recovery.

*Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, January 29, 1880.*

Several are on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Guy Huckins has several friends visiting at her place.

Miss Eliza Huckins, of this place, but teaching near Papineau, spent Saturday and Sunday with her folks. Miss Huckins is well known as a first-class teacher, and is now teaching her fifth term in that place.

Mr. Zeno Streeter took his cattle to Chicago last week and received $4.25 per hundred.

Mr. Peter Enos, a resident of this place, has returned from the south. His health is reported to be no better. He is now at his brother's, Mr. R. H. Enos, of Kankakee, but they think of bringing him to his place this week.

Mr. John Whitehead has returned from Indiana, where he has been for the last ten weeks. He went there on a mule and assisted in driving some cattle. When asked how he liked to ride a mule he answered that it made him think of the story about the old woman. "When she would she would, and you might depend upon it, and when she wouldn't she wouldn't and that was the end on it.

Miss Clara Schrader, of Chebanse, has returned from Valparaiso and is spending a week with her friends. The building in which she was rooming was burned just before she left, but fortunately no lives were lost.

Mr. Snyder has rented the old Everitt farm and will take possession of it about the first of March. We will be pleased to welcome him to our town for we think he will make a good citizen.

In spite of the mud, ninety-seven were present at our debate. Twenty-nine of them were female. You see they will come if they have to come on foot.

Saturday found us in Chebanse, and Mr. Wright invited us down to see the new hall. We pronounced it a complete success and think it much of an improvement to the place. Disinterested parties inform us that Mr. Wright has been to much expense in preparing this building and now offers it for the use of the citizens. They ought to appreciate this favor.
Wellington Butler has returned from Milford where he has been spending several weeks with his brother.

Mr. Shyke's youngest son has his arm broken while playing leap-frog.

SALINA - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, February 5, 1880.

Andrew Kasper started for Iowa last week. Rumor says he is going to marry. "Bill" Koon is a daddy.

At the lawsuit that Messrs. Paddock and Richardson attended last week, "Dan" quoted Alexander Selkirk 'til 8 o'clock.

Mr. Adam Umbach has given up farming as a "bad job" and gone back to Kankakee. Mr. Theo. Dufford moves on his place.

Josh Gray has purchased the Kamps' place where he is going to move in a few weeks.

KANKAKEE - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, February 5, 1880.

Peter Enos, brother of R. H. Enos, of Kankakee, died at the tatter's home last week of consumption. He was an old resident of this county, and had lived near Chebanse for a number of years. We have no further particulars of his life.

Thirty marriage licenses were issued last month in this county. The oldest couple were 63 and 50 years of age, respectively, and were trying their luck for the second time, having been divorced from each other a while ago. The youngest couple were 19 and 17 respectively. The average ages of the contracting parties were 27 and 22 - a very sensible and wholesome age.

Mr. Smith Reynolds, is lying dangerously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charley Johnson.

James Paddock is now in the grain inspector's office in Chicago. His family is with him in the city.

A Mr. Case, a carpenter on the South Side, is said to be one of the heirs to an estate of $13,000,000 left by a man who committed suicide recently in Cleveland.

George R. Letourneau, of Bourbonnais, will take a trip to Kansas this week. He and a couple of other residents of Bourbonnais own a planing mill at Concordia.

THE BONVALLET ASPARAGUS CANNERY AT WICHERT, ILLINOIS

The following pages contain articles and information on the Bonvallet Family which were sent in by Kenneth Bonvallet of Westerville, Ohio.
Asparagus Growing and Packing a Success in Illinois

At Wichert, Ill., straight south of Chicago, is located the Bonvallet asparagus plantation and cannery, where many, including old experienced packers, will at least be mildly surprised to learn that what is pronounced by many in position to know one of the best, if not the finest quality of domestic asparagus sold on the American market, is grown and packed.

The Bonvallets; P. A., the father, and Albert P. and Paul, the sons, are products of France, which may in a measure account for their ability to produce a food product of such unquestioned merit as is possessed by the asparagus packed at Wichert under the family name. The paternal Bonvallet was a business man in Paris when he decided to 'leave his native land and cast his lot in America; the sons were then, in 1864, in their infancy. Mr. Bonvallet, senior, first started in business in New York, and shortly after decided to go west, and went to St. Anne, Ill., when he lived a few years and finally moved to the present location in 1868, the object in view being live stock raising and to establish a vineyard, which was done on quite a large scale. In 1871 the first acre of asparagus was planted. Tire results being satisfactory, the plantation was extended, and for many years grapes and asparagus were the principal products of the farm. After the panic following the Columbian Exposition the asparagus shipping business became unsatisfactory and experiments in canning were commenced. After three or four years of perseverance satisfactory results were at last attained, so that in 1897 a small canning plant was established, and about 5,000 cans were put up the same season, and readily sold to W. C. Schimpferman Co. The following season the pack was increased about four times, and all was easily disposed of to a leading Chicago jobbing house.

Following the 1898 pack, the asparagus fields about all over the country were overrun with rust, practically wrecking the growing business and reducing
the Bonvallets' 1899 output to about 8,000 cans, about a third of their expected pack. Notwithstanding that for the next three or four years the output was small, the sturdy Frenchmen kept right on. They worked incessantly to eradicate the disease that had attacked their fields, all the while planting more fields. Their efforts bore fruit, evidenced by the again gradually increasing production, which this season reached a total of 1,200 cases, 450 of which were individual cans, weighing 9 ounces each, packed four dozen to the case, and 750 cases of larger sized cans, packed two dozen to the case. And there are prospects for doubling the pack next year, for there is a larger demand for the goods than the Bonvallets have as yet been able to supply. At present the entire output is handled by Rockwood Bros., Chicago. The grades packed are: Extra large peeled, extra white, prime white, points or tips; both in white and green, individuals, and white and green cut tips, which are packed in the ordinary No. 2 round cans, the others being put up in the regulation square asparagus can.

Paul Bonvallet, who was in Chicago on business a few days since, says that their goods are put up for the most part by hand, although they will probably install machinery in the new factory which they contemplate building in another year or two. He takes a pardonable pride in that their goods bring the highest market prices from a class of consumers who are nothing if not discriminating. The asparagus is grown on a strain of seed developed by the Bonvallets themselves. It is called 'Bonvallet Giant' and is sold in Chicago at Vaughn's Seed Store.

Speaking of the suitability of the soil about Wichert for asparagus-growing and of the danger from the rust disease, Mr. Bonvallet, said to The Canner:

"Our asparagus is grown on high, sandy soil, but it is quite probable that the lower ground, when properly drained, will raise a fine quality. We were invaded by the rust in 1893, and the effect was very severe. It cut the following crop, that of 1899, about three-quarters. However, there were some different strains or varieties of asparagus that had been planted for experimental purposes which had been very successful in raising fine grades, and among these there were a number of varieties that proved to be rust-resistant. I mean by this, that the rust would not affect all the varieties alike. From that time there were efforts made to conquer the rust, and we cooperated two or three years with the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station to control the disease by spraying with a resin Bordeaux mixture. Although it is successful in a small way, it has not proven to be practical on a large scale here as well as in the Eastern states."

"So the only remedy for rust at the present time is planting rust-resisting varieties and preventing the infection of the plant early in the season by destroying all wild asparagus growing along fences or edges, and all such places where the rust develops early in the spring, and then spreading over the cutting beds later in the season. This year the rust has been less in evidence than at any time since its appearance at Wichert. It seems that the dry spring was unfavorable for the development of the disease."

The attack of the rust (Puccinia Asparagi) is misunderstood by many. It does not directly affect the young shoots, but dwells on the foliage in summer, thereby weakening the plants and decreasing the following crop.

**System of Packing Apples.**

The Webster Preserving Co., Webster, N. Y., has been working a large force in its factory on apples and Bartlett pears, and in a description of the process of canning apples the Webster Herald says:

"The company has been installing a system of conveyors and at the present time it approaches perfection. It has taken time and much labor to make the necessary alterations but the company has been amply repaid for the great success of their efforts to introduce modern methods in their work."

"By this system of conveyors, endless belts and endless chains, the apple is in constant motion from the time it is put on the paring machine until it is canned ready for shipment. The apples after dropping from the machines will be carried in a conveyor to a washing tank and from there to the trimming table where any portions of the skin remaining will be removed and the apple cut in quarters. As the cans are filled they are carried on the endless belts to the cappers and then on cleats fixed to an endless chain, through a long tank of boiling water, the revolving of the cans as it touches the bottom of the tank insuring even cooking of the contents. As it emerges from the tank the can rolls down a long chute to the laborers and after being labeled is placed in a shipping case and wheeled on trucks to the car on the private track of the company, about 20 feet from the cooker. Although this whole operation is performed on one floor the apple will
THE BONVALLETS


They died respectively in 1929, 1941, and 1938. Father and mother died in 1909 and 1908, almost a year apart, in July and August. Albert and Paul were born in Paris (France), Leon and Louis in St. Anne township.

The father, P.A. Bonvallet, was born on April 1, 1829, near Vtiny-le-Francois (Department of Marne) in the province of Champagne in France. This section was the scene of most of the famous Battle of Champagne in 1914. He worked at the butcher trade with his father till he came of age. In 1848, when that year's revolution broke out in Paris, and most of the country towns' militia companies were moving toward the capital to restore order, PAB, who had joined such a company, directed his steps toward Paris, the travel being on foot or by canal, whatever was at hand. When the city was reached, the fight was over.

After a short stay looking the ground over, PAB concluded to make it his home. After being mustered, he returned to the capital city and secured a job in the meat market business and a year or so later he was called to the army and in about a year was released upon payment, as was the custom at that time.

It was in 1852 that the time came for PAB to paddle his own canoe. His father and mother having come to the capital city, they together mediated a system of cheap restaurants which met with great success. It consisted of serving meals at rock bottom prices in dean and orderly kept places, giving the best quality of food for the prices, so that folks of most moderate means could be catered to in respectable ways. The result was highly profitable.

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In 1860, he came to America to look the country over and was favorably impressed with it, but the year after, the Civil War broke out. On his return from America, he, having acquired a snazzy little fortune, took interests in different businesses. He built an apartment building, tried farming, etc. In 1864, in August, along with mother and my older brother, he sailed for America.

The trip across the ocean took three weeks. After looking around the country, father nearly was caught in one of Jesse James raids in Missouri. On return to New York City, he opened a meat market in 6th Ave. near 5th Ave., then by 14th St, then the classiest part of the city.

After a year or so, he disposed of his market and made another attempt toward the west and landed in Kankakee and St. Anne.

My father bought several pieces of property which he sold later, but the house and lot that he acquired from the Paillard family was kept. There were 21 (acres?) and house. The house was moved to a 160 (acre?) parcel 7 ½ miles north east of town. This was in 1868. The house was remodeled in 1882 and is still standing (1952).

The history of the Bonvallet family cannot be reached very far in time. The most remote ancestor was the Frenchman, Pierre Bonvallet, who came to St. Anne township. The father, P.A. Bonvallet, was born on April 1, 1829, near Vitry-le-Francois (Department of Marne) in the province of Champagne in France. This section was the scene of most of the famous Battle of Champagne in 1914. He worked at the butcher trade with his father till he came of age. In 1848, when that year's revolution broke out in Paris, and most of the country towns' militia companies were moving toward the capital to restore order, PAB, who had joined such a company, directed his steps toward Paris, the travel being on foot or by canal, whatever was at hand. When the city was reached, the fight was over.

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A NOTED INHABITANT

The condition of the land in the northeast part of St Anne township as well as some of the neighboring townships of Gainer and Pembroke resulted in some settlements of a few unprofitable farms with fair buildings. The settlers were depending on herding of cattle and on prairie hay land mostly. Most of those lands are valuable since the present farming elements (?) learned modern ways of agriculture and some lands that needed draining were drained. In the meantime, from the 1860's to the 1900's those lands and farms were objects of trading. Some pieces of property were exchanged for some Chicago lots of Likewise value. Once a farm was traded for a Chicago Board of Trade ticket and so forth all the way along, so there were many new comers and goers.

Among the new comers, a family named Fuller came in 1871 to settle down on the Ainslie's farm about two miles north of Wichert, having traded with the then occupant Ainslie some pictures of that city which was of much interest to her and was her hope to go there on a trip some day. Most likely, she did not expect of going there as a queen of the theater as she eventually did. Her personality was a drawing card. Many young men of St Anne and vicinity of that time ever remembered her. 'In the fall of that year'77, part of the family returned to the city that Loie could resume her dramatic studies. Frank Jr. with his wife and little girl remained till spring when Frank Sr. put his hand trickster, he tried at beekeeping, cattle pasturing, peanut raising, and kept a meat market in town for a while. He also worked in Chicago. We were without news of him a while. Finally heard that he died in the county hospital where he had registered on an assumed name. That was in 1876. We heard nothing much of his family. His daughter became a leading school teacher, so we heard the same that the son had a yen for poetry. A great poet of the name of Bonvallet has not materialized thus far. So he stayed with us mostly. He helped the family to establish the plantation. He was a good and intelligent worker. He was quite a help. He was entertaining in company. He sang and told stories and was an inveterate joker.

VARIOUS DOINGS OF FAB IN AMERICA

Early in 1865, my father with a Gaul of the trade took a notion to open a baby packing plant for the processing of sausage, tripe, pickled pig’s feet, etc. They were at the corner of State St and Division. Father was doing the buying of lot trimmings which could be had awfully cheap, and a person knowing good cooking and how to process it into valuable dishes could fetch good prices. The other fellow was such a cook but was not a good businessman. He fed the poor French too liberally, making them work on meat whether they knew about meat or not, no system. He would have his way about it; my father did not do business that way. During that time a French newspaper was started here and father got a finger in the pie. The editor was Lou Frechette, the well-known Canadian poet. After six months or so, father was back home. At that time, he was on his trip to France.

In 1875 he went on trip to Florida with the thought to settle there. The winters of 72, 73, and 74 had been so rigorous that some trees and vines were killed, and this discouraged him somewhat and caused him to seek a more favorable climate, and at that time there was much talk about Florida. He started one day in October on the Illinois Central to Cairo and river boat to New Orleans and Gulf steamboat to Cedar Key and Tampa, then a city of about 8000. St Petersburg was in the distant future and not thought of. He got a claim from the government along the Manatee River. There were habitations scattered mostly along the river. Hunting and fishing were most plentiful. There were many fields and fruit trees that grew with little care after planting. But the country was far from healthy. Father had put up little shelter and next he had malaria fever, so he time back home. Yet he had not given up going there. Not being able to sell property here, he derided to stay here.

Aunt Augustine married a smart ate who was the cause of grandfathers loss of fortune, yet he had courtesy enough to leave this world where he had been of such uselessness. and no one would ___ the upbringing of two sons and was successful. He started as cashier in a well-known society elite restaurant of Paris and after 20 years or so, became the manager.

A last word about Uncle Charles Bonvallet who also came to America. He lived with us most of the time. I remember him well. He was an entertainer and I liked him so much. He was born in about 1831. He followed the meat trade with his (and my) father as a boy. When they moved, he found employment after a while started for himself in the eating house business, got married, and went on.

But the business and the marriage, well it did not jell, that’s all. He carried on a few years but could last not much longer. He had two children: one girl, one boy. One day he flew the coop. He was heard from in South America. While my father was in France his last time in 1867, he returned and my father took him here with him. He tried many things. He was a sleight of hand trickster; he tried at beekeeping, cattle pasturing, peanut raising, and kept a meat market in town for a while. He also worked in Chicago. We were without news of him a while. Finally heard that he died in the county hospital where he had registered on an assumed name. That was in 1876. We heard nothing much of his family. His daughter became a leading school teacher, so we heard the same that the son had a yen for poetry. A great poet of the name of Bonvallet has not materialized thus far. So he stayed with us mostly. He helped the family to establish the plantation. He was a good and intelligent worker. He was quite a help. He was entertaining in company. He sang and told stories and was an inveterate joker.

The new family consisted of the father Frank R., the mother, a son also named Frank, a daughter Loie 15, and a boy Bert about 10. The father was a jack of all trades and somewhat a master in trading real estate, not highly principled: he admitted he would have sold you a lot in Lake Michigan if you would buy. In contrast, Frank Jr. 23 and married and Loie were exceptionally gifted artists. He was an accomplished violinist from which my brother Albert acquired much musical knowledge. Loie became a world known dramatist and dancer. The folks visited our place several times. My father talked to Loie about Paris and showed her pictures of that city which was of much interest to her and was her hope to go there on a trip that year. Most likely, she did not expect of going there as a queen of the theater as she eventually did. Her personality was a drawing card. Many young men of St Anne and vicinity of that time ever remembered her.

In the fall of that year’77, part of the family returned to the city that Loie could resume her dramatic studies. Frank Jr. with his wife and little girl remained till spring when Frank Sr. put his talent into use and passed it out to an Irishman named Bradley who after a year or two passed it on to another person and changed hands on and on after year after year and finally acquired by a South Water Street man named C.B. Chapman, a worthy counterpart of Frank R. Fuller in real estate dealings. I intend to write more about Chapman, who sold the place to a Chicago broken down politician named Charles Griebnow, who dumped it over to a Chicago man named Sundmacher, who lived on a few years but at present the right parties seem to have hold of it.

To conclude the tale of the Fullers, it remains to say that the whole family were back to Chicago in spring of 78 and sejours in the neighborhood became past history. Few years later, my brothers AI and Paul called on Miss Loie and were welcome. Then she was studying grand opera singing. On the last page of this copy book is stuck a dipping from "When Chicago Was Young" by Hermia Clark, which mentions her ups and downs and her tremendous success when she took up her serpentine dances so called, and became a world artist performer. She gave command performances before most imperial and royal courts of Europe and was in touch with the cultural lights of the time. She died in 1928.

Frank Jr., a virtuoso on violin, travelled with some theater troupes as musical leader many years thereafter. Once, I got out of the Public Library her book entitled "Fifteen Years of a Dancer’s Life." It is quite interesting, especially to one who knew her although I was only ten years old when she was our neighbor.
Photographs on this page and next are from the Mount Airy Cemetery in Ganeer Township.

Lucretia, wife of J. W. Titus
Died June 27, 1858, Aged 30 Ys. 2 Ms. & 5 D

Jennie L. Dixon, wife of W. J. Dixon
Died Dec. 22, 1897, Aged 50 yrs.
Jerome M., son of P. & N. White
Died Mar. 6, 1857, Aged 7 Yrs. 10 ds.

Sarah A., wife of David Shrontz
died Oct. 22, 1886, aged 77 yrs. 2 mo. 27 ds.

John Shoub, died Aug. 31, 1849
Aged 27 Ys. 6 Ms. & 6 Ds.

Geo. M. Massey, died Sept. 5, 1881
Aged 65 Y. 7M. & 2 D.
C.S.V. D.D., professor of philosophy, history of philosophy, literary criticism and oratory; Rev. W. J. Bergin, C.S.V. A.M., professor of philosophy of history. Academic department: Very Rev. M. J. Marsile C.S.V., professor of belles lettres and dramatic art; Rev. J. P. O'Mahoney, C.S.V., professor of higher mathematics and prefect of studies. C. T. Morel, M.D., professor of natural sciences; Rev. W. Suprenant, C.S.V., professor of Greek; Rev. W. J. Bergin, C.S.V. A.M., professor of Latin; Rev. L. Goulette, C.S.V., and Mr. G. Martineau, professor of music; Col. B. Shiel, instructor in practical tactics; Rev. A. St. Aubin, C.S.V., instructor in swordsmanship. St. Viateur's college counts among its alumni one bishop, The Rt. Rev. A. J. McGavick, D.D. Upwards of one hundred and fifty priests went forth from its halls, and hundreds of eminent lawyers, successful physicians and progressive business men obtained their college education at St. Viateur's. These men, as well as the young ladies who receive their education in the many Catholic academies of Kankakee county, are every day proving by the tenor of their lives that the ideals which guide and inspire them are the best safeguard of the individual, the family and the nation.

From its humble beginnings in the sixties Notre Dame academy has grown into a noted school of music, of domestic economy and the various branches of academic courses. In the last few years there has been an average attendance of eighty-five pupils yearly at Notre Dame of Bourbonnais. Besides these two educational institutions of higher learning, Bourbonnais has two parochial schools taught by Brothers and Sisters, having an average attendance of one hundred and ten children.

Father Beaudoin, who is still living and enjoying the quiet of well earned rest in Bourbonnais, resigned his charge in 1900 and was succeeded by the Very Rev. C. Fournier, C.S.V., who is now pastor of Bourbonnais and provincial superior of the community of St. Viateur's.

KANKAKEE

Bourbonnais was a flourishing village when Kankakee was little else than a sylvan wilderness. With the arrival of the Illinois Central railway, in 1855, dates the establishment of a colony on the hill of Kankakee, and to founding of the parish of St. Rose, of which Rev. Louis Cartuyvels was the first pastor. The parish of St. Rose for a long time embraced all the territory not only of the city, but of Goodrich, Pilot and Irwin, and the pastors of Kankakee attended these growing outlying congregations until they were assigned the pastors of their own. The order of succession of pastors in St. Rose parish is as follows, after Father Cartuyvels: Epiphane Lapointe, 1867; A. L. Mailloux, 1860; Jacques Cote, 1862; Jos. M. Langlois, 1864; A. Marechal, 1866; P. Paradis, 1871; A. D. Granger, 1884. The present spacious and substantial stone church was built by Rev. P. Paradis. The parish of St. Rose has a flourishing academy for young ladies with a yearly attendance of one hundred, and parochial schools for boys and girls, taught by Sisters, with an attendance of four hundred and fifty.

Immediately in front of St. Rose church, on ground donated by Rev. Father Paradis, stands the Emergency hospital, also in charge of Sisters. This prosperous institution is the outgrowth of the religious thought and civic enterprise of the people of Kankakee.

About twenty-eight years ago, when the German Catholics had become numerous enough, they founded the parish of the Immaculate Conception which, after the burning of the first church, replaced it by the present appropriate edifice under the pastorage of Rev. Father Sixt, The parish is now in charge of Rev. Father Danz. The parochial school for boys and girls, which dates from the establishment of the parish, is in charge of Sisters and has an attendance of eighty-four pupils.

Fourteen years ago the Irish Catholics built St. Patrick's church, under the pastorate of Rev Father Darcy, who was succeeded by Rev. Fathers Hackett, Whalen, and Aylward, all of whom are deceased, and finally by Rev. Father Bennett, the present pastor. The pastors of St. Patrick's church, with their assistants, have had charge of the Catholic inmates and attendants of the Illinois Eastern hospital, and also attended the Catholics of Bradley until 1904, when a new congregation was formed there and placed in the hands of Rev. F. Milot. A new church for this parish is to be erected in the summer of the present year; also within the limits of the city of Kankakee is the newly organized congregation of Polish Catholics who worship at St. Stanislaus' church. This parish
separated from the German parish of the Immaculate Conception in 1960, and erected a handsome frame building which serves the double purpose of church and school. The parish was organized by Father Kotecki and remained for two years in his charge and was succeeded by Father F. Nowacki and he in turn by Rev. Father Kwaklewski, the present pastor. The parochial school is taught by a lay teacher and has an attendance of forty pupils.

The Catholics of Kankakee display remarkable activity in their literary and dramatic clubs, and in their social and religious organizations for men and women. The Club Francais and the Knights of Columbus are two very thriving societies. The Union of St. Joseph, the Foresters and Lady Foresters are also very successful religious and charitable organizations, and have courts in all of the important parishes of the county. The college and convent education which a large portion of the younger generation enjoy in Kankakee and Bourbonnais renders them amenable to promoting and actively participating in dramatic and musical entertainments of the highest order, as well as keenly appreciative of the monthly lectures in English or French given yearly during the winter season.

ST. ANNE

The first Catholic church in St. Anne was built shortly after the arrival of Father Chiniquy, who in 1856 separated from the Catholic church. Thereafter there was no resident Catholic priest in St. Anne until 1871, and the faithful were attended either from Kankakee or St. Mary's, in Iroquois county, by the following priests: Rev. Fathers Lapointe, Cote; Ducroux, Gauther, Marechal, Boisvert, Kertson and Demers. Rev. M. Letellier became the first resident pastor in 1871, and built a stone church in 1872. The pastors who succeeded him were the Rev. J. Michaud, C. Goulet, A. Martel and Z. Berard, the present pastor. In 1893 the church was destroyed by fire and rebuilt the same season. Notwithstanding the losses sustained on the outgoing of the Chiniquy secessionists, the congregation of St. Anne and the French Canadian Catholics of Chicago and Kankakee county have, for the last fifteen years, made the shrine of "La Bonne St. Anne" a rallying point, meeting there in large and enthusiastic pilgrimages every year, on the 26th of July.

MANTENO

Humble, as were most undertakings in those days, was the beginning of the now prosperous Catholic congregation of St. Joseph, at Manteno. The worshipers met in a very small frame chapel, and were attended by the priests from St. George, and occasionally by missionaries from Kankakee and other localities. The priests who earliest ministered to the Manteno Catholics were Fathers Lapointe, Mailou, Paradis and Chiniquy. In 1876, Father Kertsen came as first resident pastor and under his administration a handsome frame church was built. Succeeding Father Kertsen in 1875 was Father C. Goulet who remained until 1879; Father Mevel was succeeded by Rev. A. L. Bergeron. Rev. F. X. Chouinard took charge of Manteno parish in 1884, and after the destruction of the church by fire in 1899, he was succeeded by Rev. O. R. Bourdeau, who built the present beautiful edifice in 1900. Father Bourdeau now proposes to endow the congregation with a fully equipped parochial school, to be erected the present year.

For a time attached to both Manteno and St. George, the once thriving congregation of Sumer was located seven or eight miles from either place. The well-to-do Irish farmers, who formed this parish of about fifty families, gradually sold or rented their lands and moved into the nearby town. There remaining but a dozen Catholic families in the parish in 1900, it was found necessary to close this church.

GOODRICH AND PILOT

The Sacred Heart church, of Goodrich, was erected in 1895 by fifty Canadian and Irish families, who of their own accord, withdrew from St. James' church, since 1860 located midway between Goodrich and Irwin. After the transfer of St. James' church to the town of Irwin, the newly formed congregation
of Goodrich was attended at intervals by Rev. Fr. Simard from Irwin. In July, 1899, Father J. Meyer became the first resident pastor of the Goodrich parish, having as an out-mission the German congregation of S.S. Peter & Paul in Pilot township, which, before this date, was attended by the pastors of the German Catholic church in Kankakee. St. James of Irwin, which also at one time was part of the congregation of St. James of Pilot, is a large and prosperous country congregation, which had for its first pastors the Rev. Fathers Goulet, Kertsen, LeVasseur, Therrien, and Simard. It was during the pastorate of Father Simard that a new church was built at Irwin, and the pastoral residence transferred there. Therupon that part of the original St. James congregation which resided on the Goodrich side decided to build the Sacred Heart church at Goodrich. St. James church of Pilot then had no farther cause for existence.

ST. GEORGE

St. George parish was one of the earliest centers of Catholic activity to become autonomous after detaching itself from the mother church of Bourbonnais. The fertile lands of St. George were settled by French Canadian colonists who, emigrating from St. George d’Henriville, Canada, gave to their pretty village and district the name of their mother country town. Mr. Hilaire Lanoue donated the site of the present church, which had for its earliest predecessor a small chapel. This humble edifice was replaced by a substantial cement structure which was destroyed by a cyclone in 1869, the very year of its dedication. The present beautiful stone church, which bespeaks the generosity of this sorely tried congregation, was built by Rev. Father Beaudry, who, succeeding Rev. Father Paradis in 1871, had his church ready for dedication in 1872. During the pastorate of Rev. J. Lesage a parish school was built in 1889, and placed in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph. In 1893 Rev. A. J. Labrie built the large entertainment hall, and in 1897 Father O. Bourdeau replaced the old parochial residence with the handsome “presbytere” which now completes the group of St. George’s church buildings. In 1904 Rev. Father Tardiff, C.S.V., made many extensive and needed repairs in the church, which, thus renovated has become one of the ecclesiastical gems of Kankakee county. Previous to 1854 the parish of St. George was attended by Father Mailloux and other priests from Bourbonnais. In 1851 Father Epiphane Lapointe came as resident pastor, and after him came the following in their order of succession: Father Paradis, 1860; Father Beaudry, 1871; Father Martel, 1879; Father J. Lasage, 1879; Father A. Lamtrie, 1889; Father Bourdeau, 1890; Father Chouinard, C.S.V., 1898; Rev. A. J. Tardiff, C.S.V., 1903.

MOMENCE

St. Patrick’s confirmation, of Momence, now numbering one hundred and sixty-five families, consisting of French Canadians, Irish and Poles, was organized in 1859 by Father Lapointe, then pastor of St. George, and remained a mission alternately attached to St. George and to St. Anne until 1890. The early missionaries made bi-monthly visits to Momence, at first conducting religious services in the home of one of the Catholic families. In 1863, under the direction of Father Paradis, then of St. George, the thirty families of eager Catholics scattered over the prairie resolved to build a church, for which lofts were hewn from the woods lining the river, and used for the foundation of their unpretentious frame structure. When Father Paradis was called to St. Rose of Kankakee in 1872, the mission of Momence passed into the hands of Rev. M. Letellier, pastor of St. Anne, who, having secured the good will of the C. & E. I. railway authorities, enjoyed that luxury of a hand car on which to make his monthly visits to the faithful of St. Patrick’s mission. From 1878 to 1886 the Momence mission was attended from St. George by Rev. P. Beaudry and Rev. J. Lesage, but when, in 1886, Rev. Z. Berard was appointed pastor of St. Anne, he was also given charge of Momence, and immediately commenced the erection of present church, which was completed in 1887. In 1890, the number of Catholic families in and around Momence having increased to one hundred, a resident pastor was appointed. Father George Kertaen, who resigned on account of sickness and old age in 1895. He was succeeded by the present incumbent, Rev. A. Labrie, who, beside building the fine Parochial residence, has purchased a spacious site for the immediate construction of
a Catholic school. The parish now numbers one hundred and sixty-five families, and it will not be many years before the present church will be replaced by a larger and better one, to meet the need of the growing population.

Owing to the brevity of space allowed him, and the stress of other occupations, the writer has been obliged to confine himself to a bare statement of the names and dates presented here. This summary document however, may be of interest to outsiders as well as to Catholics themselves, and will be of historical value to future students of the conditions accompanying the rise and early developments of catholicity in these parts. It would be easy to write a book of amusing and edifying incidents of important acts of hardships, and of quaint customs connected with the earlier days of Catholic life in Kankakee county. But all these attractive themes, among them the elaborate celebration of religious festivals, of patrons' feasts, the practice of family prayers, the total absence of divorce, the large families, the low percentage of crime, the civic virtues that distinguish Catholics in private and public life, must of necessity here be denied their deserved permanent recognition. So must such unfortunate events as the suspension of Pere Chiniquy, and his excommunication by Bishop O'Regan, the subsequent imprisonment of the too outspoken missionary, Father Brunette, in the Kankakee jail, and the permanent loss to the church of several hundred families which followed their own self appointed leader. Time heals many things, and the fifty years which have elapsed since these events transpired have restored the peace so favorable for the perfect development of religious possibilities and the full success of religious enterprises. The following resume is submitted with the view of offering the reader, at a glance, the information he may desire.

There are in all thirteen parishes. whose population is chiefly French, with a sprinkling here and there of Irish, German and Polish Catholics. There is only one distinctly English speaking parish in the county. There are two German congregations and one exclusively Polish church. Fifteen priests perform pastoral duty in these thirteen parishes, which comprise two thousand and fifteen families, or a total Catholic population of about ten thousand. The nine Catholic schools have a yearly attendance of about nine hundred children, and are taught by fourteen teachers who, with two or three exceptions, belong to religious communities. In addition, there are three academies for the higher education of young ladies, and one college with preparatory, academic and university courses for young men. There is a yearly attendance of five hundred at these several institutions, and fifty teachers are employed in the work of superior education.

CHAPTER XVI

Protestant Churches of Kankakee County—From Pioneer Days When the Trees Were the Temples of the Worshipers to Those of Handsome Edifices Fully Equipped for Services.

[Compiled by Rev. D. S. Phillips, D.D. from data furnished by present pastors and others]

Of all the Protestant bodies of Kankakee county, sketches of which are here given, the Methodists were first on the ground, and are in 1905 the largest in the sum total of statistics. Upon examination of the following it will be seen, that the total number of Methodist houses of worship in this county is eighteen; total membership, or communicants, 1866; total membership of Sunday schools, 2,215; total clergy, 14: aggregate expenditures or contributions the past year, $21,000; total value of all church property, including land, church buildings and parsonages, $140,200.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Kankakee

First Methodist Episcopal church, Kankakee, Illinois. It is certain that Elihu Springer, when pastor of the Peoria mission, in 1836, preached in a log house that stood in the center of Harrison avenue, east of the court house square. Between 1839 and 1843 this appointment was changed to the Bourbonnais mission, and in 1844 it was returned to the log house, then the home of Thomas Legg. The same year James Leckenby was placed in charge of the
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2 Pierre PARADIS-2151-------------------
BORN: 20 Jul 1604
PLACE: Notre Dame,Perche,France
MARR: 11 Feb 1632 --784
PLACE: Mathurin,Roussel,France
DIED: 29 Jan 1675
PLACE: St Pierre,Quebec Prov.,Canada

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4 Simon FORTIN-2176
BORN:
PLACE: --795
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4 Julien FORTIN-2172-------------------
BORN: 1599
PLACE: _France
MARR: 26 Nov 1619 --T93
PLACE: Notre Dame,de Vair,France
DIED: Apr 1617
PLACE: Notre Dame,de Vair,France

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BORN:
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1 Madeleine PARADIS-1900------------------
BORN: 3 Aug 1653
PLACE: Quebec,Quebec Prov.,Canada
MARR: 28 Nov 1667 --687
PLACE: VACNON,Quebec Prov.,Canada
DIED: Nov 1669
PLACE: l'Ange-Gardien,Q,Canada

8 Jean GUYON-2170
BORN:
PLACE: --792
MARR:
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DIED:
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6 Gervais LAVYE-2177
BORN:
PLACE: --796
MARR:
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DIED:
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3 Marie LAVYE-2173------------------
BORN:
PLACE:
DIED: Nov 1628
PLACE: Quebec,Quebec Prov.,Canada

7 Mathurine Robin-2171---
BORN:
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2 Nicolas GAMACHE-2174 --------------                     2 Francois BIVILLE-2178
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MARR: --794 MARR: --797  
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1 Genevieve GAMACHE-1913 ------------                   1 Francois BIVILLE-1910
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PLACE: St Illiers,la Ville,France PLACE: St Nicolas,Picardie,France  
MARR: --693 MARR: 26 Nov 1670 --351  
PLACE: PLACE: Quebec,Quebec Prov.,Canada  
DIED: 5 Nov 1709 DIED: 10 Jul 1675  
PLACE: l'Islet,Quebec Prov.,Canada PLACE: Quebec,Quebec Prov.,Canada  
Julien FORTIN-1912 -------------------                       Marguerite PACUET-1911 ---------
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3 Jacqueline CADOT-2175 ------------                     3 Jearne MAGNON-2179 -------------------
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