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QUARTERLY / NEWSLETTER EXTRACTIONS

Word is that the PBS series "Genealogy" is due to air starting in January 1997. Check your local listing for the time and dates. *Shawnee Newsletter*, *September*, *1996*.

Passenger Ship Information

If you are looking for information or a picture of a passenger ship, try writing to the following:

Mariners' Museum Newport News, VA 23606 Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, CT 06355 Peabody Museum, Salem, MA 01970

Be sure to include the year of arrival as when a ship went out of service, another ship may have been given the same name. RCSB, Mar/Apr. 1996

Genealogy Libraries

About 40,000 volumes of published and unpublished family histories comprise a significant part of the collection of the DAR Library in Washington, DC. Many of these are not available anywhere else.

Immigration Information

An informative booklet that may be obtained from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services is the "Genealogical Correspondence Resource Guide" and should be ordered from the Immigration Forms Center, Williston, VT 05495. It provides researchers with information on how to find records on everything from ship manifests to head tax certificates, from federal court addresses to what the naturalization requirements were before 1906. *Jot from the Point, Vol.*)0(11, No. 35

Dutch Ancestors

Looking for your Dutch ancestors? Help may be available at the Herrick Library, Holland, MI 49423. The Library has a computerized list of Netherlands residents who emigrated to the United States in the last century. Write for information and include a SASE. *Central IL News, May/June 1996*

White People Marry Indians

The white people who married Indians were not listed n the U.S. Census records if the marriage took place in Oklahoma, Arkansas or Missouri before 1889, because they were considered pat of the Indian Nation they married into. Starting in 1906, all Indians had to fill out a claim including children, parents, grandparents. birth, death. etc. The National Archives in Washington DC has these application to the Court of Claims. *The Southern Genealogist Exchange Quarterly, Vol. 36, No. 155, Sept. 1995*

Homestead Records

There are seven states (not identified) where homestead records were cross indexed by landowner names. If your ancestor acquired land under the 1862 Homestead Act, or bought it from the government, his application is probably on file. Files include a four page questionnaire filled out by the homesteader listing names of family members and other personal information. Write to: Civil Archives and Records Service, GSA Washington DC 20409. Give your ancestors' full name and any other pertinent information. *The Illuminator, Vol. 12, No. 3. 1996.*

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Just a reminder that this is the last quarterly for the year. Membership renew is at the beginning of each new year, so please fill out the form at the back of the quarterly with all pertinent information plus the query you'd like run in next year's quarterly!

GENEALOGY SEMINARS / CONFERENCES

Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois, will offer a series of genealogical workshops in the Spring of 1997 as follows:

Genealogy on the Internet (7 Mar 1997)
PAF for Macintosh (11 Mar 1997)
Land Platting Software (12 Mar 1997)
Putting Your Genealogy on the Internet (13 Mar 1997)
More Genealogy on the Internet (14 Mar 1997)
Personal Ancestral File (IBM) Extended Workshop (20-21 May 1997) Genealogy on the Internet (combines two previous courses 22-23 May 1997)

All workshops are presented by Michael John Neill, MS, faculty member at Carl Sandburg College and the Genealogical Institute of Mid-America.

The Lake County Genealogical Society and College of Lake County will sponsor a genealogical workshop on Saturday, November 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The theme is "Pitfalls and Promise in Family History Research". Speakers are Hank Z. Jones and Karl Moore. Location: College of Lake County, 19351 W. Washington St., Grayslake, IL 60030, C-Wing, Lower Level. For information write: Carol Knigge, Chairperson, 1996 LCICS Workshop, 8206 Penny Lane, Richmond, IL 60071.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The society sold publications and attended many of the sessions at the Regional Conference held at Governor's State University in September. The following are some tips from the conference:

Learn geography to explain the movement of your ancestors. Check all possible maps in the same time period as your ancestors. Check Gazetteers for information on the town size and location where your ancestors lived. Two great sources for maps are the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee and the Newberry Library in Chicago.

If your searching for an ancestor who served in the British Military, the Newberry Library has many of the Directories of Officers, 1790's through 1830's. The LDS have microfilmed many of the army lists such as Officers Service Records 1771-1919, Volunteers Documents 1760-1872. Regional Description Books, Pensions Paid Overseas and Pension Records. Be sure to look for LDS information under "Great Britain" and not "England".

COMPUTER SOFTWARE NEWS

Family History Composer is a new software utility for the Macintosh. It can transform genealogical data from your GEDCOM file into a family history focused on your direct ancestry (or any relative in the database) This software doesn't follow the well known Register format. which was designed to treat all of the descendants of an individual. It's arranged to focus on your direct ancestors, or optionally on those of a relative of yours. For a limited time this software is being offered for \$49. Contact Paul R. Swan, Cygnal Software, 1225 Vienna Dr. #986, Sunnyvale, CA 94089 (408) 734-4130.

Ken & Lynn Root operate a computer bulletin board system that offers several features including: Tafel Matching System (TMS) site, the "Who's Got What" database, genealogical file echos and the amateur FIDOnet mail system. Tiny Tafel files are stored from people that place them on the system and a worldwide search can be done for others that have information that may link. To obtain a search report one must submit a list of what they have. Submissions and requests must be submitted via special software available on their system. The genealogical file echoes contain worldwide access to software, most of which is freeware and shareware.

The system is free of charge, except the phone call. To reach the system, a computer and modem along with terminal software is needed. The system telephone number is 708/543-4629 and operates 24 hours per day 7 days a week. Settings needed are 8 bits, No parity, and 1 stop bit. ASCII, ANSI and AVT/0 display modes are supported as is IEMSI.

GREAT & GREAT, GREAT

Searching for the wedding date and month of marriage of Viola Trimble and John Charles **Livengood** (pa. John Trimble and Martha Jane Ruggle). Contact Ella Livengood, 2633 W. Manhattan. Wichita, KS 67204.

1880 KANKAKEE COUNTY MARRIAGES

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

Bride	Groom	Where From	Date
Auger, Harriette E.	Mollett, Ado1phi	Bourbonnais	16 May 1880
Paul. Rozilla (Mrs.)	Craddock, James H.	Manteno/Kankakee	19 May 1880
Boudreau, Malvina	Richard, George	Pilot	09 May 1880
Galligar, Mary A.	Winship, Chas. A.	Chicago/Providence, I	RI 23 Feb 1880
Mather, Martha E.	Montague, Joseph A.	Norton	06 Feb 1880
Schubert, Barbara	Speicher, Joseph	Kankakee/Herscher	25 May 1880
Regnier, Mary D.	Cole, Peter F.	Kankakee	08 Jun 1880
Sonna, Victoria	Valkman, Stanislaus	Momence	12 Apr 1880
Fortner, Ella	Wetzel, Thomas	Rockville	01 Jun 1880

1880 KANKAKEE COUNTY BIRTHS

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

Son/Dau.	Parents	<u>Date</u>
Daughter Son Son Daughter Son Son Son Son	John J. Mayhurst, Momence F. H. Bauermeister, Yellowhead John Ohm, Sherburnville John Fearns, St. Anne F. G. Hattendorf, Grant Park Fred Kraft, Kankakee H. Furhman, Kankakee	01 May 1880 18 May 1880 19 May 1880 26 May 1880 08 May 1880 12 May 1880 21 May 1880
Son Daughter Daughter Son Son Daughter Daughter	H. Kaiser, Kankakee Adam Lockie, Manteno Daniel Sims, Manteno Moses Brais, Manteno Samuel Thurston, Manteno ? Bonceau, Manteno J. L. Reed, Rockville	03 May 1880 11 May 1880 05 June 1880 01 Jun 1880 09 May 1880 09 Apr 1880 19 May 1880
Son Son Daughter Son Daughter Daughter Son Son Son Son Son Daughter	Albert Meyers, Norton Randolph Anderson, Kankakee Julien Spooner, Kankakee Clovis Brouillet, Kankakee E. Francoeur, Otto Mac Dreer. Limestone George Foudreau, Kankakee Louis Bertron, Kankakee P. Simoneau, Limestone G. Boudreau, Bourbonnais Pat O'Reiley, Kankakee Napoleon Reeves, Kankakee	10 Jun 1880 16 May 1880 19 May 1880 14 May 1880 10 Jun 1880 17 Jun 1880 19 May 1880 24 Apr 1880 24 Apr 1880 24 Apr 1880 16 May 1880 23 May 1880

1880 KANKAKEE COUNTY DEATHS

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

(27 May 1880) In Ganeer, April 16, of erysipelas, Jason Johnson, aged 14 years.

(27 May 1880) John B. Cyrier, a well-known merchant at Bourbonnais, died on the 13th inst. After several weeks' illness.

(03 Jun 1880) In Yellowhead, May 10, of consumption, Mrs. Mary E. Murley, aged 30 years.

(10 Jun 1880) A young man, aged 17 years, Orin Cooley, son of Eli Cooley, of Manteno, was drowned in Kankakee river, in Rockville, last Saturday afternoon. He was bathing and attempt to swim across the river, but was washed under the stream about a quarter of a mile and was unable to reach the shore. Up to Monday morning his body had not been recovered. The accident occurred between the high bluffs on the river, in a deep water and a swift current. We are informed by A. E. Nichols, who furnishes us this information, and who saw young Cooley struggling, but was unable to rescue him, that this is the seventh case of drowning at that place within his recollection.

(17 Jun 1880) In Rockville, February 12, of croup, Alvina Black, a girl.

(17 Jun 1880) In Otto, May 18, of consumption. Eliza wife of Patrick Burk, aged 20 years.

(17 Jun 1880) The Reaper death has made his presence felt in our community during the past week, removing from their accustomed place among us two well-known citizens, viz; John Rondy and Frederick Tupper.

John Randy, the dry goods merchant, died at Colorado Springs on Thursday, June 10, of consumption. The disease fastened itself upon him in the form of a bronchial complaint abut two years ago, but up to last January he was able to attend to his business affairs. When his condition became critical and his family and friends took the alarm he started about six weeks ago, for Kansas. After remaining at Emporia a short time he went to Newton and was there told by a former consumptive that Colorado Springs would cure him. Thither he repaired but the sudden change to a cold temperature brought a congestion and he died at four o'clock Thursday morning, a few days after his arrival there. Upon the receipt of the telegrams announcing his rapid decline Alfred Pallissard, his brother-in-law and clerk, started for Colorado Springs, but did not reach his destination until Saturday, having been unavoidable detained n the road twenty-two hours. The remains arrived in Kankakee Tuesday evening at six o'clock. Mr. Rondy was born in Shelby, Ohio of German parentage. In 1870 he was a pupil in the Laird school in this place. About three years ago he entered business for himself and built up a successful trade. He was but 30 years at the time of his death, and leaves a wife and two children. He was upright in all his dealings and thoroughly respected by all who knew him. His parents who reside in Crestline, Ohio. were present at the funeral.

Frederick Tupper, whose bent and aged form has been familiar to our citizens for many years, died suddenly last Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, of heart disease. Only the afternoon preceding he was up town, conversing with his acquaintances, though in an enfeebled condition. He came to Kankakee from Schnectady, NY in 1855. For the past seven years he has not reposed his body upon a bed. owing to asthma. He leaves four sons and three daughters. two of the latter in New York. His remains were taken to Schenectady for burial last Monday morning.

(24 Jun 1880) In Gardner, June 11, of consumption, Herbert M. Coles, aged 26 years.

(24 Jun 1880) "Billy" Lewis, as he was familiarly called, died at his farm a few miles southwest of this city last Tuesday after a long illness. He was a well-known character here, having been in the employ of the Illinois Central as car repairer for about 25 years. He owned the first building erected on East avenue, where he kept a restaurant for awhile. He was possessed of considerable real estate and leaves his family in good circumstances. His age was in the neighborhood of 60.

(24 Jun 1880) James Armstrong, boss carpenter for the Kankakee line between this city and Lafayette, was drowned in the Iroquois river at Iroquois station, last week. He was using a pike pole to dislodge some driftwood around one of the bridge piers, when the pole slipped and is supposed to have hit him in the head and stunning him, as he hade no effort to save himself after falling into the water. Mr. Armstrong was a sober man and a good mechanic, and was to have been married next week to the lady with whom he boarded in this city. The body had not been recovered up to Tuesday night last.

(24 Jun 1880) On Monday evening coroner Licht was called to Grant Park to hold an inquest upon the body of Mrs. Fred Holzman, the wife of a grain buyer at that place. who had been killed by the cars. The testimony brought out the following facts:

About half past one Mrs. Holzman, carrying an 18-month old boy in her arms and leading a girl of four years, attempted to cross the track at the Chicago & Eastern Illinois road just behind a caboose. At that instant three detached cars came flying down the track from the engine and collided with the

caboose with such force as to send it suddenly backward several feet. Mrs. Holzman was struck and knocked down, but the little girl, having been urged ahead, escaped. Mrs. Holzman had her collar bone broken and her breast crushed in. She lived only 20 minutes. The infant had its right leg cut off between the ankle and knee. It will probably live. Mr. Holzman was at St. Anne, on his way to the Cincinnati convention in company with August Herbert. He was telegraphed to and an engine sent to bring him back. His grief almost amounted to insanity. He said he had a presentiment of something wrong soon after leaving home, and except for his companion's arguments would have returned at once.

The jury, of which E. W. Sines was foreman, returned a verdict censuring the railroad employee for carelessness.

COUNTY COURT - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, May 27, 1880.

Barton, Bros. & Peck. Assignee's report approved; pet. To sell real estate and assets at private sale granted.

Final certificate of naturalization issued to J. D. Schouble.

A. White. Will proven.

Judgment for delinquent town lots and lands, for taxes of 1879 and back taxes.

Sarah C. Chatfield. Rept. appd.

W. C. Richards. Admr's rept. of sale of claims appd.

W. F. Dennis. Claims alld: John Deerson, \$45; H. M. Keyser, 5; S. O. Duvall. 3; Wm. Astle, 12.81; T. M. Stratton, 5.40; L. B. Clark, 10.60; claims of Stephen and C. G. Dennis set for hearing at next term.

J. B. Cyrier. Widow apptd. Admr. in bond of \$5,000.

Frank B. Aldrich. Claim alld: P. Webler, \$442.44.

G. R. Letourneau gdn ad !item minors; sale of real estate ord.

A. G. French appd gdn Liggie Herring in bond of \$2.500.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, June 17, 1880.

Final certificate of naturalization issued to Robert Nixon.

John Casper. Christian Hecht appd. Administrator in bond of \$7,000.

EAST OTTO - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, June 17, 1880.

William Huckins, while plowing corn was very suddenly overcome by the rush of blood to the head and fell senseless to the ground, where he was son found and carried to the house. He soon regained his reason and it is thought that he will permanently recover from the attack.

Joseph Huckins has returned from Watteson with a pretty sore looking face. He thinks that his cancer is about curd, but will go back on Tuesday to have it re-dressed.

We now boast a new bridge 78 feet long, and completed in a workmanlike manner.

BUCKINGHAM - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, June 3, 1880.

- J. C. Pulver and wife, of Piper City, are visiting Mr. Conrow.
- T. S. Church is in town again for a few days. He will take in a few towns on the Wabash, with his line of samples.

The operator from Irwin was in town Saturday, the guest of Sam, our railroad agent here.

Mr. and Mrs. Worthing, of Minooka, father and mother of Mrs. H. S. Worth, are in town visiting friends.

Bob Campbell is kept quite busy along the line of different stations, giving the boys an occasional holiday. Bob likes that business and makes a No. 1 agent and operator. which speaks well of the thorough drill Mr. Crawford has put him through for a few months.

As a Beardsley takes an equal partnership with R. C. Breese June 1st, in the dry goods and grocery business.

Daniel Dailey has his new house nearly ready for the mason work.

I.P. Farley is putting the finishing touches to his large residence which was built by Mr. O'Hara, of Piper City.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, June 10, 1880.

Geo. Louden's father stopped in and took the folks by surprise. Mr. L. Is from near Buffalo, N.Y., and is well pleased with George's prospect and everything in general.

Rev. Wilson has two brothers from Wheeling, West Virginia, visiting with him. Both are ministers of the M.E. church, one a presiding elder.

H. M. Cook and wife took in Chicago last week to sort up on dry goods.

Theodore Smith was fortunate enough to get a seat in the great convention in Chicago one day last week

Dr. Farley came down on the freight the other night from Cullom and fell asleep and was carried to Herscher. Looks rather suspicious, but then we know it's all straight.

E. Colby was startled by hearing a racket in the kitchen among the canary birds. Investigating he found a huge milk snake in one of the cages which had gobbled a young bird and was after No. 2. The most singular part o it is, how did the snake get in the cage? It was suspended from the ceiling, some distance from the wall. The snake had to climb up a smooth wall along the ceiling and drop into the cage. This is no "Snake story," as we can get authority.

Misses Green and Stansbury are taking a week's vacation and visiting friends at Waldron.

As a Beardsley graces the counter at Breese's or Breese & Beardsley's now. Well, they are a couple of good looking boys.

SHOOTING OF OWEN MINK

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, June 3, 1880.

On last Thursday afternoon, somewhere near the supper hour, Dr. Andrew Melville, for ten years past a prominent physician of Peotone, and Owen S. Mink, an equally well-known business man of the same village, engaged in an altercation on the street near Dr. Melville's office, and in ten minutes Owen Mink was added to the long list of victims to the wicked practice of carrying a revolver.

The Gazette gleans the facts of the sad occurrence from Dr. Scobey, of this city, who went to Peotone on Friday to attend to some of Dr. Melville's patients, and from persons residing in the neighborhood of Peotone. For some time "bad" blood has existed between the Doctor and Mink. The Doctor is a leader of the temperance forces at Peotone and has been instrumental in bringing prosecution against liquor dealers of the village for alleged violations of the law. Mink, though a temperate and peaceable man, was a representative of the liberal classes and did not hesitate to condemn the Doctor's action.

On Thursday the two met and quarreled. The Doctor went home, got his revolver, cleaned it and fired it off several times and proceeded to his office with the weapon in his pocket. On the way their he got into a controversy with a friend of Mink, and Mink hearing high words between the two, shouted to his friend to "mash the Doctor". The latter passionately replied - "Perhaps you think you can mash him!" A challenge of this kind was sufficient to bring about an encounter, under the existing state of feeling, and the two met, passed some hot words and then Mink knocked the Doctor down. One informant says Mink knocked the Doctor down twice, another adds that he struck the Doctor several blows after the latter was prostrate. At all events as soon as the Doctor could get upon his feet after Mink had been taken in charge of a justice, the Doctor drew his revolver and with deadly aim put a bullet into Mink's body just under the heart. The victim sank to the sidewalk and by the time he could be carried into a drug store he was dead. Dr. Melville at once proceeded to his house, bade his wife good bye and hitching up his own team started in charge of a constable to Joliet.

The state of feeling between the temperance and anti-temperance factions, already bad enough, will be aggravated by this occurrence, though no sensible person will find anything in the circumstances of the affray to justify so deliberate a murder. Dr. Melville has been a man of intemperate habits, but for several months has abandoned the use of liquor and been an active temperance artisan. He is a man of passionate nature, and some even think his mind is at times affected. Mink was well liked by the people, and his store was a popular trading place for the country folk. He, like other German citizens, used beer but was not immoderate in his indulgence. He was a plain-spoken man,

not given to thinking particularly whether his words pleased or not. He was about forty years old and leaves a wife and one child.

FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES IN SPRINGFIELD

Taken from ISGS Newsletter, Vol. 17, No. 5.

Illinois State Historical Library, Old State Capitol, Springfield, IL (217/524-6358)

This library is open 8:30 to 5 p.m. weekdays. Resources include an extensive collection of county histories with an every name index, the largest microfilm collection of Illinois newspapers in the state; an index to obituaries; a large manuscript collection including many family papers; and many publications including family histories and books donated by D.A.R. & the State Genealogical Soc.

Illinois State Archives, Norton Bldg., Springfield, IL 62756 (217/782-4682)

The archives are open 8 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and 8 to 3:30 Saturdays (except holiday weekends). Major holdings include: state censuses (1820-1865); federal censuses (1818-1920); military records from the Revolutionary War through World War I; records from state and federal veterans' homes in Illinois; records of the sale of public domain lands; the Statewide Marriage Index; and IDPH death indexes and death certificates 1916-1940's.

Illinois State Library, 300 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62701 (217/782-7596)

The library is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Official publications of state and federal government are housed in the State Library. The library also maintains and loans via interlibrary loan a large quantity of census microfilm. Of particular interest are the large holdings of county histories, Illinois county plat books, Sanborn atlases and other maps.

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY

Taken from Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, Volume 24, No. 10.

The following information was forwarded by the Illinois State Historical Library concerning their search policy.

Non-Illinois Residents

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1) Request no more than **four (4) searches per letter.**

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- 4) Give **specific** information. Requests must provide the individual's full name and exact date and place month, day, and year as well as city and county of the event in question. Please be sure to type or print legibly.
- 5) If you do not have specific information needed for a reasonable search by our staff, you may borrow our newspapers on microfilm via interlibrary loan through your local library to do your own search.
- 6) If our seach is unsuccessful, you will be notified of that fact.
- 7) Each letter of request **must include** a self-addressed stamped, business-sized envelope.

Illinois Residents

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ROCKVILLE - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, June 10, 1880.

Benj. Goodwin and Dr. Magruder attended the convention at Chicago last week. The Doctor thinks there are some pugilistic delegates in attendance.

Billy Lancaster, who has been away for several months, is again in our midst, just the same as ever.

Eugene Shreffler and Frank Grimes went to Chicago last week to purchase two new instruments for the temperance cornet band.

The Star band has reorganized and is prepared to furnish excellent music, under the leadership of James D. Durham.

Dr. David Redman has just returned from Missouri. He reports things generally in a flourishing condition there.

Mr. & Mrs. Tudor have gone - we believe to Waukegan.

ESSEX - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, June 3, 1880.

Miss Belle Shimmin is teaching in district No. 9. H. C. Paddock was visiting the schools in Essex last week. He gave us a call but your correspondent was away.

The McLane boys went to Buckingham last week with their Marseilles corn sheller to shell corn for Jas. Capen & Co. The same firm also had a Joliet sheller at work, and as the boys always want to know which has the fastest horse, they thought it a good time to see which was to take the lead. At half-past one on Thursday afternoon both machines were ready for action and away they went. During the afternoon the McLane boys had to pull up and re-set. At half-past six they reckoned up the afternoon's work and found that the Joliet sheller was still 41 bushels in the rear. So much for the Marseilles sheller.

Wm. Gronso has built another addition to his already fine house.

Henry Riegel's house is looming up. It will be a fine structure when completed.

We are truly living in an age of progression. D. Rankin has put up a creamery at Essex. He furnishes the farmers with a can for the purpose of holding the milk, and each morning sends a cream-wagon through the country to gather up the cream and pays at present 17 cents per pound, butter being worth but 12 cents per pound. They even do the skimming. This dispenses with a great amount of labor for the housewife. No churning to do, no milk to skim, no pans or crocks to wash, save one or two cans as the case may be. Thus we see that this country is no longer what a woman once termed it' "A paradise for men but a perfect h--II for horses and women." Women are, and always were, a sort of secondary affair, but their time seems to be now at hand. The next want is a dish-washing machine, and then there'll be peace at home.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, June 24, 1880.

Samuel Kriebel is undoubtedly the happiest man in Essex. A little girl recently put in her appearance at his house. It's nice to be a daddy.

MOMENCE - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, June 24, 1880.

There were just 1039 inhabitants within the corporate limits of the village of Momence.

Someone stole K. Clapsaddle's cultivator out of his field. It was tracked as far as Waldron where the clue was lost.

H. D. Worcester has gone on a three months trip to Colorado.

PILOT - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, May 27, 1880.

John S. Brazier, Jr., teaches the school in the "town house" district. Miss Dora Samons teaches in Amidon's district. Miss Mary Mansfield teaches in district No. 2, town 29. Miss Amy Trescott teaches in district No. 1, town 29.

Rev. Theodore Brooks and wife, of Paw Paw, Mich., have been visiting their relatives, John S. Brazier, Sr. Mr. Brooks has received a call from a church at Eagle Mills, near Troy, N.Y., and will take charge of it after a short vacation.

Mrs. C. Lash received a very severe accident lately. While in the smoke house, standing on a box, reaching after meat, she fell on a pointed stick which punctured the abdomen and tore the lining of the stomach. It is doubtful whether she recovers.

George Borris, a clerk in J. H. Buck and Bro.'s store, while "fooling" around the cars Wednesday night in some way slipped and fell, dislocating his ankle, and, it is thought, fractured the bone. The strangest part of the thing is no assistance was rendered him till the next morning, and the limb was very badly swollen, then and the operation was painful.

The Good Templars are talking of having a strawberry festival soon. Let all lovers of the fruit look out.

Mr. Miller, a former resident of this town, is staying with his son-in-law, S. E. Comstock. He speaks very highly of the climate of southeastern Nebraska.

FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. & MRS. P. M. WRIGHT

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, June 3, 1880.

Mr. & Mrs. P. M Wright, of Manteno, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on

Wednesday, May 26th, at Manteno. Phineas Milton Wright and Abigail Howes were married in Ashfield, Massachusetts, Wednesday the 26th of May, 1830, which the bride said was a perfect day.

The venerable bride and groom looked like a well preserved couple that time had gently dealt with. They were surrounded by three sons and their wives, an unmarried son and twelve grandchildren, besides relations and friends from Chicago, Lee Center, Kankakee and Manteno. The pleasant company numbered more than 50 persons.

They spent the first thirty-five years of their married life in Franklin and Berkshire counties, Mass., the remainder in Manteno. There have been only two deaths in their family, their second son (Philetus), dying in infancy, and Edwin H., the oldest son of E. Wright and their oldest son of E. Wright, and their eldest grandchild, two died five years ago last March. Had he lived, he would have celebrated his 23d birthday on this occasion.

(Further information on gifts and entertain listed in the article.)

CENSUS TAKING

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, June 3, 1880.

The census enumerators commenced their work on the 1st inst., and will have until the 1st of July to perform their duties. The compensation in Kankakee will be 2 cents per name; in villages with less than 2,000 inhabitants 2 1/4 cents. For each farm listed, 12 1/2 cents. For each death reported, 5 cents. For each manufacturing institution 15 to 25 cents. The pay, however, is not to exceed \$4 per day. Any person refusing to answer the enumerator's questions is liable to a fine of \$10 to \$100.

MANTENO - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, June 17, 1880.

The body of Orrin Cooley, was found last Friday. It was so decomposed that it was only recognized by one of his fingers which had been smashed.

Lockie & Euziere are building a large barn - size 68 x 72. Milo Peters had the contract for putting it up.

Dr. Ellinwood has gone to Chicago to attend the meeting of the National Eclectic Medical association.

Eli Viall went to Onarga last Monday and it is expected that when he comes back he will bring a better half.

The Rev. G. W. Winslow, who has been having a vacation for the last five weeks, will return to his duties next week.

Presiding Elder Jewett preached a very eloquent sermon in the M.E. church last Sunday morning.

Miss Nellie Peters is just recovering from quite a severe illness. Mrs. Daniel Sims presented her husband with a bouncing baby girl last Saturday evening.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION

A special thank you is extended to Norma Meier, who donated the following books to the collection:

1895 History & Genealogies of Madison & Hancock Counties, Indiana Warrants & Surveys of the Province of Pennsylvania, 1759 Milford & Vicinity, Sesquicentennial Souvenir Book, 1830-1980 1850 Census of Kane County, Illinois
1986 Kankakee City Directory
Sesquicentennial of Newton, Indiana, 1876-1976
Connecticut Nutmegger, Vol. 1-14 (1968-81)

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Grand Prairie Lutheran (Norweigan) Cemetery, Pilot Township



Hattie May, Dau. Of H. & M.G. Charlson born 24 Jan 1889, died 10 Jan 1890



Petter D. Petersen, born Apr 10, 1834 died 11 Jan 1894



Ole J. Hill, born 13 Jan 1827, died 03 Jan 1892



God will name these six infants of Ole T. And Ingebo "Tofte" Isaacson, 1893 - 1902



Iver Erickson, born June 29, 1836, died Mch. 17, 1894

There are three districts in this township. The school funds of the township amount to \$2,001.60, arising from the sale of the northeast quarter of section 18 of the same town and range; this tract of land having been set apart for school purposes.

The treasurer is Otto Hoevet, and the trustees are Frank A. Oster, George Lyon and Samuel Greep.

YELLOWHEAD.

(Township 32, Range 14 East.)

The first school was taught by A. M. French, in 1837, in a lob-cabin on the northeast quarter of Section 26, on the land of Mr. Squires. Mr. French was succeeded by Eliza Hurley (Mrs. Jessup.) Part of this time the school was held in a granary, 10 by 12 feet, and one term was taught in a room of Paul Hathaway's house. Rev. N. L. Coffinberry was one of the early teachers of Sherburnville. The first schoolhouse in Sherburnville was built of split logs in 1847, at a cost of \$2.80 in .cash, that amount being paid for sash and glass. The township of nine districts has a school fund of \$900.00. The treasurer is Ed. C. Curtis. This township includes the schools of Grant Park and Sollitt. The Grant Park schools are comfortably housed in one building with three teachers in charge. The schools offer two years of a high school course.

Sollitt has one building in charge of one teacher.

SUMNER.

(Township 32, Range 13 East.)

Byron McKinstry taught the first school here at Union Corners in 1851-1852, in the southeastern part of the town.

The township was organized for school purposes April 15, 1853, with Ezra Huntley, James E. Parmerley and Elisha Lewis as trustees, and. John Kile, treasurer.

This town has \$6,420.59 in school funds, with George Evans as treasurer, and W. F. Hamann, John Gamble and C. J. Martens as trustees.

MANTENO.

(Township 32 North, Range 12 East.)

Was organized for school purpose about 1850. A part of the school section lying within the limits of the village of Manteno gave a highvaluation to the school lands, thus

making the largest school fund in the county, \$12,250.52. Manteno has one school building, employs six teachers, and offers a three years high school course. The trustees are F. N. Wright, E. J. Viall and L. U. Smith. The treasurer is Leon Euziere, and there is a school fund of \$12,250.00. There are nine districts in the township.

ROCKVILLE.

(Township 32, Range 11 East.)

Christine McLaughlin taught the first school in this township in a log cat in built by the early settlers. Miss McLaughlin received \$1.50 a week, and her board. She was succeeded by Cordelia Mellen, in 1841.

Thirty years later, 1871, Fred L. Mann was the first teacher to receive 40.00 a month, a remarkable advance over the early salaries.

The early records of the township organization, in 1846 are lost.

Mr. John Mann was the first treasurer and A. C. ShreL°!er is the present treasurer. The trustees are H. Bisping and Myron Reed.

The school funds are \$1,421...,3 and there are eight districts, in the township.

MOMENCE.

(Township 31 North, Range 15 East.)

This township borders on the state line and contains two districts with a f and of \$1,416.15, obtained from the proceeds of the sale of the southwest quarter of section 33, township 30, north, range 14 west and situated in the town of Otto.

The treasurer is Walter S West and the trustees are Jens P. Peterson, A. P. Anderson and L. C. Johnson.

MOMENCE.

(Township 31 North, Range 14 East.)

The date of the organization of this township for school purposes is not known, but it is here that the second school of the county was taught in the loghouse of Enoch Sargeant, near the present city of Momence, by Miss Lorinda Beebe, in whose honor the first post-office of Momence township was named.

A. S. Vail, to whom the township is indebted in many ways, donated the first school-house

built in the eastern part of the county.

This township has five districts, and as many schools, with a fund of \$720.00. Lona Hopper is the treasurer.

MOMENCE UNION DISTRICT.

This district was organized under the private laws of 1869. It lies partly in the town of Momence and partly in the town of Ganeer.

It has three school buildings, employs fifteen teachers, and offers an excellent high school course.

GANEER.

(Township 31 North, Range 13 East.)

This township was organized for school purposes in 1847, and includes most of Ganeer and part of Aroma, and consists of nine districts. The first board of trustees consisted of Lyman Wooster, A. O. Clark and I. Stoddard. Bela T. Clark was the first treasurer. Colonel Wooster was the president of the board until 1863. The school funds amount to \$6,871.10, with Walter A. Brown as treasurer. The present trustees are Levi Haslett, Chester Metcalf and Alfred Styles.

There are six districts in this township.

BOURBONNAIS.

(Township 31 North, Range 12 East.)

In 1837, the first building erected for school purposes in the county was built by voluntary labor on the part of either Mr. Boltonhouse or Mr. Yeeder. It was of logs, and stood about one half mile so 1th of the present village of Bourbonnais, in the north part of the present village of Bradley.

One of the early teachers was M. 0. Clark, later a prominent citizen of Momence.

The date of the organization of this township for school .purposes is unknown, as the records are lost.

St. Viateur's college and the Academy of Notre Dame are located in this township. They, are spoken of at length in connection with the Catholic Church of Bourbonnais.

The funds of this township amount to \$1,645.00.

There are eight districts in the township. Joseph L. Boisvert is treasurer. The Bradley school in this township employs nine teachers and offers a high school course.

LIMESTONE NORTH PART AND WEST BOURBONNAIS.

(Township 31 North, Range 11 West.) This township organized for school purposes in 1846, or 1847, with James W. Van Meter as treasurer. The school land was sold for \$1.25 to \$2.00 an acre. Two school districts were organized. The first school was taught on the west side of the river by Miss Ann Hawkins, sister of Robert and Alanson Hawkins, at a salary of seventy-five cents a week and board herself. It is the opinion of many of our best citizens that the teachers of the early day invested heavily in government bonds, as no traces of hidden treasure are to be found in the ground near their late residences.

The first school house on the east side of the river was built of logs on section 23 in 1838, and was taught by a Mr. Prentiss, who later in the summer of 1841 taught in a log cabin on the farm of Samuel Dain.

The present treasurer is Merritt Wiley, in charge of the scho,1 funds amounting to \$1,029.70. The trustees are Alden Snyder, A. E. Anderson and Stephen Giroux.

SALINA.

(Township 31, Range 10 East.)

This township was organized for school purposes in 1853, although the records show that an election was held as early as 1851.

Among the first teachers were Phoebe Powers (Mrs. Palmer) and J. T. Smith.

The township contains six districts, with a fund of \$3,950.00, in charge of F. A. Chester, of Bonfield, treasurer.

The school in Bonfield employes two teachers.

ESSEX.

(Township 31 North, Range 9 East.) Was organized for school purposes April 30, 1856, with James Huston, Hamilton Keeney and Oristis Emory as the first trustees, and Ira C. Mosier as the first treasurer.

The school funds of this township of nine districts amount to \$2,761.86. Levi Gray is the treasurer, and D. E. Charter, Charles Richard and A. R. White, the trustees.

Both the Clark City and Essex schools have one building, and employ two teachers each.

LIMESTONE, OTTO AND KANKAKEE.

(Township 30 North, Range 14 West.)

First organized for school purposes in 1856. H. Colby, A. Mills and G. G. Barber were the first trustees, and E. B. Warriner the first treasurer.

The first woman school-treasurer in the county, Mrs. C. T. Scott, was unfortunate in the loss of \$1,500.00, in school funds, which she had on deposit in a bank in Kankakee, which became insolvent. The loss was sustained by Mrs. Scott, and not by the district, a fact which attested her courage and integrity.

This township of nine districts has a fund of \$10,021.20, the second largest in the county. The Chebanse schools, which are employing four teachers, will be spoken of in the History of Iroquois county.

AROMA, OTTO AND KANKAKEE.

(Township 30 North, Range 13 West.)

In 1836 the first school taught in Kankakee county was opened by Miss Stella Ann Johnson in this township. It was located in a log cabin belonging to Chesley Rakestraw, on Todd's knoll, on the north bank of the river, a short distance northwest of the present site of the village of Waldron.

Miss Johnson received for her services the munificent salary of \$1.00 a week and "boarded around."

April 9, 1853, this township organized for school purposes, with Alvah Webster, George Cooper and A. M. Wylie as the first trustees, and James Byrns as the first treasurer. Later Mr. Byrns was one of the first sheriffs of the county.

The present school treasurer is Henry Y. Swan, who has charge of \$7,086.83 of school funds. The trustees are J. J. Walters, O. N. Case and O. L. Day.

There are nine districts included in this township.

The Waldron school has one building and employes two teachers.

ST. ANNE, AROMA AND GANEER.

(Township 30, Range 12 West.)

Contains eight districts, with a school fund of \$3,680.00. William Storrs is the treasurer,

and Ray Seeley, William Cahill and Len Wet-

more are the trustees.

PEMBROKE.

(Townships 30 North, Ranges 10 and 11 West.)

These townships are joined for school purposes, and have no school funds. They own, however, the southeast quarter of section 33, township 30 north, range 14 west, in the Town of Otto, this tract having been set apart as school land for fractional town 30, Range 10 West. From this property the school fund derives an annual income of about \$600.00. Town 30, range 11, retains its school lands in Pembroke, and derives an annual income of \$250.00 from the rental of 640 acres. The total value of these unsold lands should range from \$25,000.00 to \$28,000.00, and when sold will create a fund much larger than that pf any township in the county.

In Pembroke there are three districts, one of which has two schools.

The treasurer is Charles B. Kile, and the trustees are Samuel Templeton, Carl Yonke and John Yonke.

NORTON.

(Township 30 North, Range 9 East.)

Organized for school purposes in 1860. Previous to that a school was taught in the granary of Joseph Smith by Miss Luce. The first trustees were James Glass, Joseph S. Smith. and E. C. Colestock. James E. Armitage was the first treasurer.

The present treasurer is W. V. States, and the trustees are J. F. Hosier, Edric Reed and Frank Flanagan.

The township has school funds to the amount of \$4,040.00.

The Buckingham school occupied one building and employs two teachers.

Reddick has one school building and employs three teachers, offering a two years' high school coprse.

PILOT.

(Township 30, Range 10 East.)

This township was organized for school purposes July 30, 1855, with Azatiah Buck, John Darby and K. I. Cook as trustees, and Nathan Lewis as treasurer. It has nine districts, one of which is a joint district.

The school land was sold in 1856 for \$6,-230.60.

The present treasurer, Azariah Buck, succeeded in recovering \$622.27 that for years was reported as lost.

The present trustees are Jacob Rheinhart, Joseph Clodi and Frederick Herscher.

The Herscher school employs four teachers and offers a thre?, years high school course.

OTTO

(Township 29, Range 14 West.)

Of the schools of this township, but two are in Kankakee county.

While a part of the village of Chebanse is in Kankakee county, the school building is in Iroquois county.

There are four teachers employed. The treasurer is R. J. Eye rley, and the trustees are Martin Gross, J. C. Beardsley and John Fleming.

The school funds of township 29, arising from the sale of the school lands, are' reported by the treasurers to the superintendent of their respective counties of Iroquois and Ford; The territory lying in Kankakee county represents but one third of the several congressional townships.

NORTON.

(Township 29, Range 9 East.)

This township possessed no school buildings until 1866, when it was divided into three districts, a sod school house was built, and Miss Ada Strickland was installed as teacher.

Patrick Whalen is the present treasurer; and P. Colthurst, D. A. Bush and H. Reising are the trustees.

OTTO AND AROMA.

(Township 29, Range 13 West.)

The Streeter school is in the southern part of the county. Mr. Orin Streeter, later prominent among the teachers, studied and taught in this school.

There are three schools in this township. The treasurer Albert J. Butler. The trustees are L. C. Schultz, T. B. Switzer and John Ha zl ow.

ST. ANNE.

(Township 29, Range 12 West.)

The village of St. Anne lies in this township. There are two school buildings, employing seven teachers. A three years high school course is offered. Moses Chartier is the treasurer.

PEMBROKE.

(Township 29, Ranges 10 and 11 West.) This township contains two districts. Hilaire Lambert is the treasurer, and E. Francouer, Edward Herscher and Amos Fortin are the trustees.

CHAPTER XVIII

County Teacher's Institutes—Instituted in 1856 by Chas. R. Starr—Continued With Increased Helpfulness to Present Time.

The first Teachers' Institute of Kankakee county was held in October, 1856, by Charles R. Starr, the second school commissioner of the county, Jonathan Barnett, secretary.

Few institutes were held regularly until the superintendency of Rev. John Higby, 1865-1869. in July, 1873, Miss Nettie M. Sinclair (now Mrs.. W. F. Kenaga,), was appointed by the board of supervistors to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. F. W. Beecher, the county superintendent, this appointment making her the first woman in the state of Illinois to hold the office of county superintendent of schools. In the following fall she was elected to a full term of four years.

Besides examinations of teachers and visiting schools, county institutes were held annually, the largest one in the county at that time, being in 1877. Township conventions of schools, where teachers and classes assembled, and recitations were conducted, as in everyday session—not in a competitive but in an exhibitive spirit—were held, arousing much interest. At this time the board of supervisors had the power to limit the year's work, and fixed it at 150 days per annum, including the institute work.

It will be noted that the appropriations for institute expenses were small.

Miss Sinclair was followed by Henry C. Paddock, who was especially successful in conduct. ing normal drills at the summer institutes.

rile institutes were continued with increasing attendance during the administration of Mrs. Lucretia Dye and Fayette S. Hatch.

During the superintendency of James H. Peterson, the regular monthly institutes were improved by the introduction of section meetings.

The present superintendent, John D. Cokely, in place of the monthly meetings of teachers, inaugurated, in 1902, semi-annual meetings in addition to the regular summer institutes. For these meetings, held two days each in November and April, the board of supervisors has appropriated \$100.00 annually, to secure lecturers and educators from the State Normal.

The large attendance at these meetings has proved the superiority of this system over that of the monthly meetings.

At the summer institute, held in 1905, the number of instructors was 5 and the attendance 225. A special teacher of music was engaged for the first time, to give instruction of especial value for the rural schools.

Evening lectures and musicales have added to the social features of the institute work.

In general, the educational work of the schools of Kankakee county is of a very high grade, a number of teachers attending, in addition to the county institutes, the summer sessions of the State Normal schools at Bloomington and De Kalb.

Mr. Cokely has introduced the State course of study in the rural schools, thus unifying the work.

He expects to institute uniform quarterly examinations of the pupils, leading up to a central eighth grade examination and graduation.

There is considerable discussion of the question of consolidation of the district schools, for the better equipment of teaching corps and buildings, such as has been inaugurated with marvelous success in Ohio, Indiana, and in some parts of this state, not only in township high schools, but more particularly in the ungraded schools. It is to be hoped that some of the townships of this county will soon adopt this system of central township schools. The chief obstacle, however, is that of the roads.

The fact that Kankakee county is making such progress in education demonstrates to the tax-payers and patrons of the schools the advantage of having a practical teacher as superintendent.

CHAPTER XIX.

Railroads—Devoted to the Developments of the Local Railroads, Beginning the Illinois Central Which Put Down the First Rails in 1853.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.

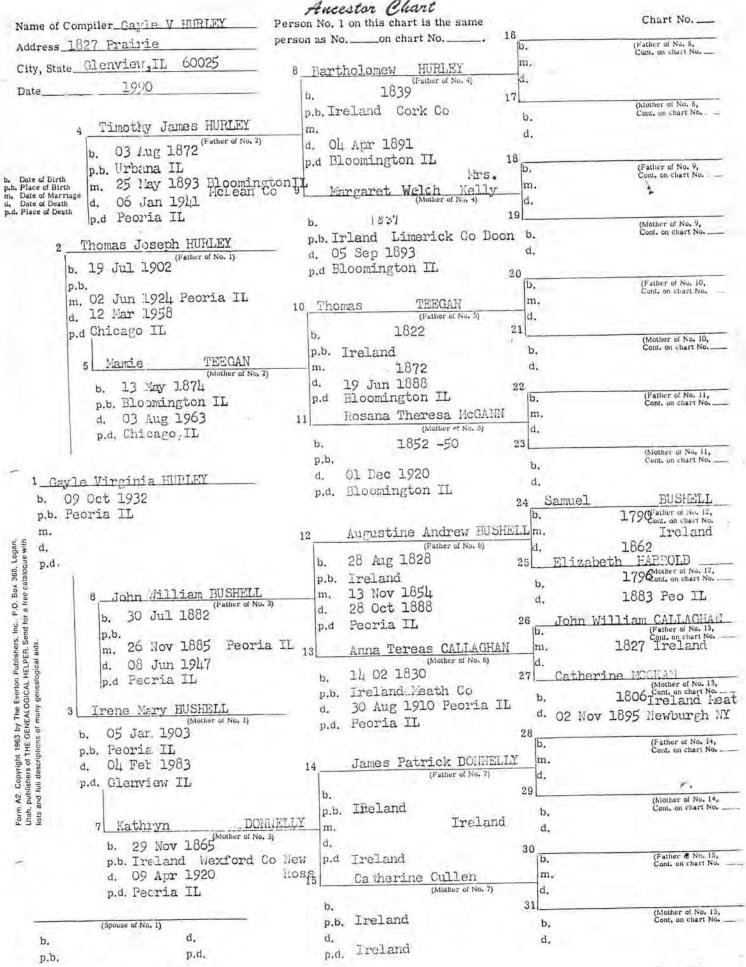
Stephen A. Douglas introduced into the United States senate the bill which finally became a law on September 20, 1850, granting to the state of Illinois every alternate section of land within a strip six miles wide on each side of the main track and branches, the sections so allotted being designated by the even numbers to aid in the construction of the Illinois Central railroad. This road was to be constructed from the southern terminus of the Illinois and Michigan canal to Cairo with a branch to Chicago and another by way of Galena to a point on the Mississippi river opposite Dubuque, Ionia. In lieu of any lands embraced in this grant, which might have been sold or pre-empted, the company was entitled to receive an equal quantity of land, to be selected from tl e public lands within fifteen miles of the line of the road, on either side. This selection was% o be made by agents appointed by the governor. The lands reserved by the government with in the six-mile strip were not to be sold by the government for less than double the minimum price of other public lands. The road was to be begun simultaneously from both extremities of the main line and if not completed within ten years the grant was to be forfeited.

The conditions of the grant were accepted and on February 10, 1851, the act passed by the Illinois legislature incorporating the Illinois Central Railroad company was approved by the governor and became a law. The interest of the state was protected by appropriate guarantees that the main line of road would be completed in four years and the branches in six years. This time was afterward extended six months, although it was found afterwards to be unnecessary, the work being completed within the time limit originally specified. Provision was made that the lands granted were to be exempt from taxation until sold and conveyed by the railroad company. It was later claimed, and justly so, that this provision of the law was retarding

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