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QUARTERLY/NEWSLETTER EXTRACTIONS

Military Pension Records:

The first U.S. Military Pension Law was passed in 1792. It provided aid to disabled veterans who had served in the Revolutionary War Later pensions were extended to anyone who had served. In 1818, a veteran had to prove actual need; in 1820, a veteran had to provide need and submit a schedule of his estate, perhaps a copy of a deed showing that he had disposed of all his property. All veterans were granted pensions after 1828.

The 1836 Widow's Act provided that the widow of a Revolutionary War veteran could claim his pension. The widow had to prove relationship and establish that they had been married before the war ended. After 1854 widows were eligible for a pension regardless of the date of the marriage. Many widows who were eligible did not apply.

The Remarried Widow's Index is arranged alphabetically by the name of the remarried widow. Part 1 covers 1861 and before. Part II covers the period from the Civil War to World War I. Information given includes the name of the remarried widow, name of the veteran. the unit in which he served and his file or certificate number . Also, look under "M" for "Mrs." as when the clerk was not sure of a woman's first name. sometimes they would file them there. A pension claimed on behalf of a minor child included proof of the child's age and birth date. *Fields Family Findings Genealogical Newsletter*.

Civil War Union Army Medical Records:

Medical records of drafted and rejected men of the Civil War are available in the National Archives under Group Record #110. These records are arranged by Congressional Districts as of 1863. All men, whether drafted or rejected for the Union Army, should be found as recorded in the *Medical Register of Examinations*. The Family Tree. Vol. VII. No. 3.

Looking for a Ship Name?

If the person whose ship you are looking for became naturalized, then you should be able to find the name of the ship from that person's naturalization papers. (Remember. women became naturalized citizens with their husbands prior to 1923.)

If your ancestor was naturalized prior to 1906. you may have to search several places before you find naturalization papers. Before that date. a person could apply to a local, state or federal district to become naturalized. Contact the local courts, state courts and federal district courts in the area where your ancestor lived. In some cases, the court will still have the records, in others. the records may have been transferred to a local library or archive. Federal District Court Records may have been transferred to the National Archives

After September 27, 1906, copies of naturalization papers were sent to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Washington. DC. If your ancestor was naturalized after this date, you can write to INS, 425 Eye Street. NW, Washington, DC 20536. *The Family Tree. Vol. VII. No. 3.*

Great Newspaper Collection in Wisconsin

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has the second largest collection of newspapers in the U.S. - surpassed only by that of the Library of Congress. It is national and spans the period from the 17th century to the present. More than 4000 titles are included and many are microfilmed and available by interlibrary loan. *The Family Tree, Vol. VII. No.* 2

Another Way to Decipher Tombstones

The best way to read those hard to read tombstones is with a mirror! A compact mirror or a cheap 5 x 7 one will do. Hold the mirror to the side of the transcription and reflect the sunlight onto it. The cross light picks up everything. It doesn't damage the stone. With thanks to Nancy Sorells, via V. Zimmerman. The *Family Tree, Vol. VII, No. 2.*

Crete Township Among First Settled Areas

Strategically located on the old Sauk Indian trail leading west. Crete township was one of the earliest areas settled by pioneers from the east. Farmers and tradesmen to do the necessary work for the farmers, such as cobblers. blacksmiths, and other artisans, had journeyed by Conestoga wagon from New England and other eastern sections to buy land to which the Pottawatomie Indiana had relinquished their claims for \$1.25 per acre

Thom Grove, the first settlement in the township, was established in 1833 by Major Price. William Osborn, and Asa Dade. A large party of settlers followed the next year.

Beebe Grove in the eastern part of the township was settled in 1835. This settlement was a stop on the mail route from Joliet to Crown Point, Indiana. Among the early settlers were Minorrie Beebe. for whom the grove was named and whose home served as post office, and Samuel Cushing, whose home served as post office, and Samuel Cushing, who home was one of the prominent stations in the underground railroad.

Wood's Corners was settled by Willard Wood in 1836. He came from Vermont and became the area's first shoemaker, taught the first school, and built Wood's Tavern. the area's first frame building and first public house in 1848. Hewesburg was settled by Lunan Hewes in 1836. Another small settlement. Ednor. was noted for its water power sawmill

Steger was founded in 1890 by John V. Steger, who owned and operated the village's one business, the Steger piano factory. German immigrants were prominent among the early settlers, including John 0. Meier, John 0. Piepenbrink, William Rinne, and John Diersen, all of whom arrived from 1848 to 1852.

The Chicago, Danville, and Vincennes railroad was built in 1869 by Joseph E Young of Crown Point, Indiana, who bought the depot grounds and some 70 acres of land in the township. The first newspaper in Crete, the Enterprise, was published in 1878 by Charles E. Carter. *Will Grundy Quarterly, Volume XV. No. 4.*

BUCKINGHAM CHURCH HOLDS FINAL SERVICE

Taken from the Kankakee Daily Journal June 26, 1997.

Although the doors of the Buckingham United Methodist Church will close Sunday. the small congregation is determined to keep the ministry of the 116 year old church alive through joining other community churches and using the proceeds of the church building sale to benefit several non-profit organizations.

Although it was a very tough decision, the members decided in January to close the doors of the church on the last Sunday in June. Over the years the membership has gradually decreased to the point where only about 20 people attend services every Sunday. The deciding factor in closing may have been because no children attended Sunday School this past fall

In an effort to further preserve the memory of the church, the congregation has carefully chosen several organizations to receive the proceeds once the building is sold for the asking price of \$52,900. After all bills are paid, the sale proceeds will be divided between the Herscher United Methodist Church; Harbor House in Kankakee. a shelter which offers a full range of family violence programs; Hospice of Kankakee Valley, dedicated to helping terminally ill people and their families; Baby Fold in Normal, a United Methodist home for children; Cunningham Homes in Bloomington, a United Methodist residential facility for troubled and abused children; Redbird Mission in Kentucky. a United Methodist Mission in the Mountains of Kentucky and Evenglow Retirement Lodge in Pontiac.

The first church of Norton Township appears in public records in 1869 as leased to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The church, which became known as "Brown's Church" is believed to have been the parent of the present church. When the railroad arrived in Buckingham, several area churches merged and Brown's church was moved from rural Buckingham into town.

The "Buckingham Charge" first appeared in the minutes of the old Central Illinois Conference in 1881. The Rev. Joe Bell served as the first pastor. At the turn of the century, the congregation had grown tremendously and a new church was built at the church's present location for a mere \$175 to accommodate the flourishing membership. Under the leadership of the Rev. O.A.H. DeLaGardie. the new church was dedicated May 28. 1899.

For over 50 years, members of the Buckingham United Methodist Church gathered in this building to share their faith. enjoy fellowship among family and friends. celebrate life's many milestone and offer condolences during difficult periods or their lives.

National Genealogical Society Conference in the States

The Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies will host *Explore Your Heritage at the Rocky Mountain Rendezvous* from May 6-9, 1998 in Denver, Colorado. For further information, write to: NGS '98 Conference Registration Brochure, 4527 17th St, North. Arlington, VA 22207-2399. tel. (703) 525-0050. fax (703) 525-0052. E-mail: 76702.2417@compuserve corn.

KVGS WEBSITE

Find an Old Friend

Looking for an old friend, college buddy or a lost relative? You can now search the entire U.S. phone book on the Internet World Wide Web for free at these two locations: http://www.switchboard.com and http://www.whowhere.com. The latter service also offers the option of searching on the phone number for the name and address. *The Family Tree. Vol. VII. No. 2.*

K.V.G.S. Home Page

If you're trying to locate our society home page. use **http://www.rootsweb.com/—ilkankak.** You can also find this page by going to a search engine and entering "Kankakee Genealogy".

Find Your Ancestors Online at Ancestry HomeTown (www.ancestry.com)

Discovering your family roots is easier and more fun than ever thanks to the new Ancestry HomeTown from Ancestry Publishing. Ancestry HomeTown Genealogy Library offers the Web's largest collection of freely searchable genealogy data. including the 51 million-name Social Security Death Index. The site also offers low-cost subscriptions to the Web's fastest-growing library of genealogy databases and reference materials. Ancestry currently adds one new database of genealogical records to the library each weekday.

Other features include:

HomeTown Community Tree, a freely searchable database of pedigree information contributed by genealogists worldwide.

Ancestry Times. a weekly electronic newsletter featuring columns from three recognizable names in online genealogy.

HomeTown Mall, a secure online mall where visitors can shop for genealogy books, magazines CD-Roms and software

HomeTown Travel Bureau containing searchable, annotated links to hundreds of other important genealogy sites.

IRAD Holdings

Information about the Illinois Regional Archives and the database of IRAD holdings are now available on the Secretary of State's Home Page. The address for this site is: http//www.sos.state.il.us. If you wish to go directly to the IRAD database and link to the search screen. use this longer address: http://www.sos.state.il.us/depts/archives/data_loc.htrnl.

Roots-L

A genealogical mailing list with a surname list of 200,000 surnames for the over 25.000 people researching them. Address/Location: www.rootsweb.com/roots-I.

Family Chronicle: The Magazine for Families Researching their Roots

This magazine was launched in 1996. The glossy, full-color magazine is filled with advice and information to help amateur genealogists with research challenges. Check it out on the Internet at http://www.family.chronicle.com/-magazine/.

Ancestry News

This is a new monthly newsletter by Ancestry, the publisher of *The Source. Land & Property Research. Turbo Genealogy* and more. Visit their web site at **http://www.ancestry.com.**

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Just enter the address in the USPS Internet site at **hftp://wwp.usps.gov** and if it's in the database. vou will have it in an instant.

Internet Addresses:

hftp://www.funeralnet.com/ - funeral home directory.

Http://users.aol.com/knedeke/tod.htm#index - index of world wide cemeteries.

Http://www.berkshire.net/ags/ - gravestone studies,

Http://www.islandnet.com/beefa/homepage.html - British Columbia cemetery finding aid.

Http://islandnet.com:80/ocfa/ - Ontario cemetery finding aid.

Http://www.jewishgen.org/cemetery/index.htm - preservation of cemetery records.

Iroquois Co. Genealogical Society, Sept. 1997.

KVGS MEETINGS & NEWS

At the September meeting Karen Burden presented a program on Emigration from Wurttemberg.

The first of a 3 part video on Ellis Island was shown at the October meeting. The other two parts will be shown next year.

The society has released several new publications this year including:

Limestone Cemetery Book	\$6.00 plus \$2.00 P&H
Ancestor Book #1	Betourne/Bergeron - \$10 plus \$2.50 P&H
Ancestor Book #2	Hebert/Abair - \$10 plus \$2.50 P&H
Ancestor Book #3	Charter Members plus Current Members Charts A thru M - \$12 plus \$2.50 P&H Member
Ancestor Book #4	Charts N thru Z - \$10 plus \$2.50 P&H \$10 plus
Pilot Township Cemetery Book	\$2.50 P&H

Ancestor Book #4 and the Pilot Township Cemetery Book will be available by December 1. All orders will be filled as soon as books are available.

1880 KANKAKEE COUNTY MARRIAGES

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

Duportier. Josephine Foisie Amos St. Anne 17 Aug 7 Beaubien, Ida Pallissard, Alfred S. Chicago/Kankakee 09 Sep 7	
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Beaubien, Ida Pallissard, Alfred S. Chicago/Kankakee 09 Sep	880
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Schultz. Bertha H. Smith, Charles N. Manteno/Peotone 15 Sep	880
Long, Mary A. Rouse, Benj. F Indianapolis/Rockville 15 Sep	880
Johnson. Mattie E. Wheeler, Arthur Palmyra, NY/Pilot 17 Jul 1	880
Kent, Mary E Austin, Charles Momence 15 Sep	880
Bryon, Cordelia E. Gilbert. Edgar M. Kankakee 15 Sep	880
Jarvis, Lydia J. Clift, Eugene G. Birmingham/Pontiac MI 04 Sep	1880
Klopp, Mary Umbach, John Kankakee 26 Sep	880
Olson, Albertina Ayres, Isaac D Pilot 19 Sep	880
Broadbend, Elizabeth Schultz. Gustav Mona, IL 24 Sep	880
Hallock. Mrs. Lizzie White. John Lake Village. IN 23 Sep	880
Langlois. Victorine Bissonette, Arthur Manteno/Ganeer 21 Sep	880
Bourell, Sophreno Brule, Flavien Manteno/Sumner 26 Sep	880

1880 KANKAKEE COUNTY BIRTHS

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

Son/Dau.	<u>Parents</u>	Date
S o n S o n Daughter Daughter Son S o n S o n Daughter Daughter Daughter Daughter Son Daughter Son Twin Girls Son	Edward Stevenson. Kankakee Chas. Mark Sherman, Kankakee Eli Dandurand. Rockville Fred Thurston, Manteno Pierre Leclare. Rockville Joseph Longtin, Manteno Joseph Storrs, Yellowhead Joseph Babin. Aroma G. W. Rice. Momence Frank Chester, Limestone Walter Lawless, Essex Daniel Callahan, Essex Carl Oersel, Kankakee Carl Neumann, Kankakee Joseph Gregoire. Ganeer	15 Aug 1880 26 Aug 1880 21 Jul 1880 30 Jul 1880 28 Jul 1880 24 Jul 1880 08 Aug 1880 12 Sep 1880 23 Aug 1880 08 Aug 1880 24 Sep 1880 13 Sep 1880 08 Sep 1880 02 Sep 1880 25 Aug 1880

1880 KANKAKEE COUNTY DEATHS

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

(09 Sep 1880) In this city, Sept. 6, John T. Smith, aged 65 years. Funeral this morning at ten o'clock at the First M.E. Church, under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity.

(16 Sep 1880) In Kankakee, Aug. 30, Hedwig Sauer, aged 11 days.

(16 Sep 1880) At the Illinois Eastern Insane Hospital. Aug. 16, of old age. Elias Butler, aged 70 years.

(16 Sep 1880) In Kankakee, Saturday morning, September 4th, Alice. daughter of Joseph and Philomene Gelino, aged 17 months.

(16 Sep 1880) In this city, Sept. 6, John T Smith. aged 65 years. Funeral this Thursday morning at ten o'clock at the First M.E. church. under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity.

- (23 Sep 1880) In Kankakee, Aug. 16, of cholera infantum, Jessie Steinburger, aged 9 months.
- (23 Sep 1880) In Yellowhead. June 29, of old age. Miss Effia Starkey, aged 78 years.
- (23 Sep 1880) In Momence. July 24, of congestion of the lungs, Edith May Hayhurst, aged 7days
- (23 Sep 1880) In St. Anne, Sept. 1. of gastritis. Ambrose Allan, aged 56 years.
- (23 Sep 1880) In Chebanse, Sept. 16. of consumption, Dr. James C Thompson. aged 50 years.
- (23 Sep 1880) In Momence. Aug. 8, of gastric ulcers, Mrs. Eliza Parmley, aged 49 years.

(23 Sep 1880) In Kankakee, Tuesday morning, 21st, Mrs. Lydia McLean, widow of the late Enos McLean, aged 62 years.

(07 Oct 1880) In Limestone. Sept. 24. of inflammation of the bowels. Mary Abby. aged six weeks.

COUNTY COURT - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 16, 1880.

Peter Callahan. Claims allowed: John B. Bachus, \$17.50; Philip Kirk, \$25: Pat Garrity, \$10.99; P. H Kelly. \$9: Holmes & Colby. \$16.90; John Ambrose. \$1; L. H. Goodrich, \$3.77; Barney Callahan, \$20; Wm. Eversole, \$8.60: Bernard Callahan, \$22.15. Proof Publication; sale bill approved.

Wm. Lewis. Will admitted.

Final certificates of naturalization issued to James H. Murch and Frederick Bremer.

John Casper. Sale of personal property ordered.

Report of guardian of minor children of Francis Marcotte approved.

Abram J. Young, Avery S. and Abram J. Young appointed administrators.

Peter Klehn appointed guardian of minor children of John Casper in bond of \$6000.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 23, 1880.

Final certificates of naturalization issued to Charles Bliss. Frederick Lorenspach and Wilhelm Schultz.

Verdict of insanity against Joseph Little and J. W Botsford, both of Waukegan, Lake county.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 30, 1880.

C. C. Ainsworth. Decree of sale of real estate ordered

Fred Meyer. Claim of Edward Myer for \$5.05 allowed; claim of Henry Peters disallowed; claim of Sophie Meyer withdrawn

George J Smith. Administrator's report approved.

G. C. Medbury appointed guardian of Emma E. Medbury, in bond of \$3,000.

Conservatorship of Isaac Thompson. Decree of sale ordered.

Estate of A. J. Young. Avery S. And Abraham J. Young appointed administrators in bond of \$5,500.

Nineteen certificates of naturalization have been granted during the past week.

BUCKINGHAM - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 9, 1880.

Quite an emigration to the far west this fall. The Potter brothers. John Thomas and Oscar. have gone to Dakota. They intend to stake out their claims and then work on the railroads with their teams. after putting up about 100 tons of hay. James Neer and James Townsend also went to Dakota and homesteaded a quarter section each and timber claimed each an additional quarter

- W. F. Hendrix and wife have taken a trip to Kansas to visit their daughter, Mrs. Laws. Theodore Smith has taken a trip to visit a daughter and taken in Minnesota scenery.
- A. J. Young was buried last week. He had not been in good health for some time and finally he became a great sufferer until his death Dr Farley got permission to hold a post modem and found the stomach covered with cancers. Mr. Young was an old settler, honored and respected by all who knew him.

George Williams met with an accident last week in mowing the weeds around his shop with a machine. The machine clogged and in backing up the seat gave way, pitching him over backward and backing the machine upon him. severely injuring his back

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 23, 1880.

Mrs. Williams has returned from Kansas where she has been visiting her two sons. Mrs. Shaw is visiting in Kansas with George Curtis, her son.

We attended services at the Hubbard school house Sunday evening. Rev. Wilson preached a short sermon. At its close "Jersey Blue" grabbed Miss Olson by the hand and was married before he knew it. We offered our congratulations with a host of other friends. Now. my boy, don't let Mrs. J.B. monopolize all your time. but give us the usual news from our town. After the cost of the services Mr Singleton. of Momence, gave a little talk on temperance.

EAST OTTO - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 30, 1880.

Mr. and Mrs. Streete have just returned from a visit to Mazon. They report things in a prosperous condition

Mrs. Butler and her son Wellington, are visiting relatives at Milford.

A dead beat was caught while in the act of stealing some clothing from Mr. Milk's store, in the day time. He had stolen quite a number of things in town, and would give them to another fellow who would dispose of them the best way he could.

Some of the farmers are improving the present good roads, and are hauling coal from the beds near Braidwood

A barn occupied by Mr. Hammond, near Melvin church. was burned last week. A small colt was also burned in the barn.

ROCKVILLE - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 16, 1880.

The Grimes brothers have built a nice barn 26 x 34 which adds much to the looks of the farm.

Xavier Frazer is building a neat little dwelling on the site of the one burned last spring.

Homer Castle is building a handsome dwelling also. which is to be one of the finest and largest in our town.

Deb. Robinson has moved onto Sam Marshall's farm, in the town of Wesley, the later having gone to Wilmington in order to give his children a better chance to gain an education.

Hugh Lancaster, Will Lancaster, Josie Rouse, W. H. Dawson and others. took in Cincinnati with the excursionists.

Mrs. Benj. Goodwin is near Chicago undergoing a surgical operation. She has a cancer in the bottom of one of her feet and this is the second attempt at taking it out.

Al. Moore. of Kansas, together with his wife and cousin. are visiting relatives and friends in Rockville and Limestone.

Fred Mann teaches in No. 10 again

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 7, 1880.

Benj. F. Rouse and Mary Long were made one a couple of weeks ago. "Long" may you live and have a "Rouse"-ing time.

Charley Dawson and wife. of Durand. spent two weeks visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity. He ministerial field this year is in Ogle county.

Dan Durham is building a residence near Benj. Goodwin's.

"Lud Sampsell is building a house on his farm in Iroquois county.

Mrs Hugh Lancaster and Mrs. Thos. Magruder are visiting at Wolcott, Ind.

Mrs. Benj. Goodwin is again at home and it is hoped that her cancer is permanently cured.

Thomas Murphy has purchased the farm at present occupied by Fred. Williams.

ESSEX - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 9, 1880.

D. B. Reid's hotel in Essex is complete and will be known by the public as the Wabash House.

Fred Albert is building an addition to his house. Size 16 x 24 feet. H. L. White is also building a house 16 x 24 feet.

On the 1st inst., at the residence of the bride's parents. Mr. Edgar Webster. of Braidwood. and Miss Dora Scroggins, donned the matrimonial harness, and together intend to plot life's dreary way Mr W. is employed as engineer in Braidwood on a switch machine. They have our best wishes in life.

John White's children are still very sick with scarlet fever.

Mrs. M J. Shelly has returned from the East, after a stay of nearly three years

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 16, 1880.

The McLane brothers are shelling corn in Essex for Wm. Odell at \$1.40 per hundred bushels, delivered at the dump.

One day last week August Smith took a load of corn into the elevator at Essex and through neglect or some mistake the dump was left open and one of the horses went down into the hopper. No particular damaged was done, with the exception of the harness being cut considerably.

Aunt Lib has started her sorghum mill and is turning out a fine quality of molasses.

Samuel Kriebel and family will start for Juniata. Neb., next Wednesday. where they will abide in the future.

C. E. Albert is building a large addition to his store

The teachers have nearly all been engaged for the winter Miss Nellie Scroggins teaches in district No. 2: Belle Shimmin, No. 4: S. M. McLane. No. 7: Miss Swife in No. 9. The wages vary from \$25 to \$35 per month

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 7, 1880.

Business is booming in Essex. C. E. Albert has recently added \$2,000 worth of goods to the large assortment which he already had in store. D. Rankin is also replenishing his store. The shipping business is also on the increase. Coal, stone and sand are being shipped to other parts of the country where nature did not provide the inhabitants with those necessaries.

Quite a number of Essexites are working on a railroad which is being built by the C. A & St. L. R. R.. from Braidwood to Coal City. Wages for man and team \$3 per day

Mr and Mrs Reigle went to Chicago and bought a lot of furniture to put in that new house.

W. Denning and wife, of Kansas. were in this vicinity recently visiting friends.

PILOT - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 7, 1880.

Phil Karcher's new building looms up conspicuously. When completed it will be one of the best in town. John Slater and Sinclair Inkster are the builders.

About one hundred persons listened to R. E. Hoyt's greenback speech, and of these less than half a dozen were Weaverites. Mr. Hoyt advocated his cause in an able manner. but we have heard of "no converts yet"

The Rev. A. C. Olson is the proud father of a daughter.

School in the Hubbard district closed on Friday. The scholars had a picnic in Anderson's grove on the last day and enjoyed themselves very much. The teacher. Miss Annie Mansfield. did much to make it pleasant.

011ie James and Charlie Bowlby start for Valparaiso today to attend school. The young folks gave 011ie a surprise on Friday night which was well attended.

Luther Randolph and wife from Centerville, Indiana, have been visiting Mrs. R.'s parents. Mr. and Mrs. John Merrill. of our town.

Eben Hills and family have gone to Wisconsin near Beloit to see his father who is lying very ill.

We have just learned of the death of Mrs. Owen Mansfield. late a resident of Milk's Grove township. but who lived in Pilot many years. Her disease was consumption, we believe. She will be buried tomorrow at the Pilot town house

SACRED HEART MISSION, HOPKINS PARK

Taken from the Lisieux News, May, 1997.

Sacred Heart Mission was started in September 1939 by sister Mary Adelaide Gagnon SSCM and Rev. T. U. Demarais. They were assisted by the associate priests from Saint Patrick's in Momence, the Claretian Priests from St. Jude Seminary. and other Sister Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary especially those who were already fully employed at Saint Patrick Academy Boarding and Day School for both grade and high school students.

This poor black mission had only two Catholics so every weekend, evangelization and catechetical instructions were in order for different home sites. Then in the summer, three all day vacation school centers had class. activities and food

The first Mass was offered by Father Demarais on the feast of the Holy Rosary, 1939, in the public school and continued there until the church was built. Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch gave permission to purchase land for a church on June 30, 1941. Labor and finances were provided by the generous people of St. Patrick Parish in Momence, from Chicago, and from Hopkins Park itself.

Easter Sunday. 1942. the first Mass was offered in the new church. With the help of volunteers and donations, the building has undergone many renovations and improvements and it is still being used! Father Demarais and his associates continued to serve Sacred Heart until 1968 when Fr. Joseph Buters was appointed the first resident pastor. Father Butters was followed by Fathers John Kosmal in 1974. Anthony Taschetta in 1977. Denis White in 1982 and James Heramb in 1987. Father Denis White returned in 1995 but is pastor at Saint Patrick's and now resides in Momence.

KANKAKEE COUNTY SCHOOL RECORDS

The following records are from *Examination of Teachers in the Public Schools* (a register of applicants for schools) The following abbreviations were used: ed. = educated: ps = public schools.

RECORD OF THE EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR TEACHERS

Name of Candidate	Ade	Nativity	Date of Certificate	Remarks
Annie E. Conrow			Dec. 07, 1877	Norton
Kate D. Gill			Dec. 12. 1877	Norton
Fannie E. Beardsley	19	Aroma. IL	Dec. 18, 1877	Waldron
Sylvester C. Meecham	21	Louisiana	Dec. 20. 1877	Bourbonnais
Cylvosiol C. Modellam		Louidiana	200. 20. 1011	Has taught 4 mos.
Flora E. Stough			Dec. 21, 1877	Mailed Momence
Sadie H. Stough			Dec. 21, 1877	Mailed Momence
George A. Kelley	43	New York	Dec. 22. 1877	Has taught 10 years
James P. Bishop	27	Illinois	Dec. 22, 1877	Has taught 7 years
Ferdinand Gimmard	17	Bourbonnais, IL	Dec. 29. 1877	Refused
Jacob Foster Smeltzer	30	Manteno, IL	Dec. 29, 1877	Taught 2 years
Frank Chester	37	N.Y.	Jan. 05, 1878	raagiii = yoaro
Robt. 0. Evans	37	Ohio	Jan. 12. 1878	
Jemima Atchison	14	Indiana	Jan. 12. 1878	Not old enough
Dora Sammons	24	New York	Jan. 12, 1878	Waldron
Georgiana Agnes Decker	18	Illinois	Jan. 12, 1878	Chebanse
Anthine Courville	20	Illinois	Jan. 12, 1878	Manteno
William L. Conrow	38	New Jersey	Jan. 12, 1878	Norton
Joseph N. Hood	21	Bourbonnais. IL	Jan. 14. 1878	
Mary Krollmann	20	Illinois	Jan, 19, 1878	1st Application Limestone
Miss Flora Robb			Jan. 26. 1878	Endorsed from Mrs. McIntoch/Wilmington to Mar 16. 1879
Miss Nellie A. Mann	19	Rockville. IL	Jan. 26. 1878	Rockville, Kankakee
Miss Clara Mann	17	Rockville. IL	Jan. 26. 1878	Rockville. Kankakee
Miss Lizzie Webster	18	Lisbon. Illinois	Jan. 26, 1878	Norton
Miss Emma McKee	17	Illinois	Jan. 26, 1878	
Mr. Avery K. Carmichael	29	Penn.	Jan. 26, 1878	Aroma, IL. 4 years Graduate Asbury Institute
Miss Mina Beebe			Jan. 26. 1878	Renewal for one year Momence. IL
William H. Jackson	21	Kankakee Co., IL	Jan. 26, 1878	Withdrawn
Agnes Brown	18	Illinois	Feb. 02. 1878	Chebanse P.O.
Mattie Buchannon	19	Kankakee Co., IL		
Sarah Hanlen		Illinois		Taught 7 mos.
Ella Linchan	20	Kankakee Co. IL	Feb. 02. 1878	Trial/Finishes Feb. 8. 1878
Miss Mary E. Smith	19	Vernon, Ohio	Feb. 11, 1878	Res. Ashkum, taught 21
Miss Belle Farley	16	Illinois	Feb. 11, 1878	Given on act. of pre. experience 9 mo.
Miss Mary J. McGivney	18	Illinois	Feb. 16, 1878	No previous experience
Mr. William S. Dilley			ear from date from l	•
Mr. Harry H. Bird	20	Manteno. IL	Feb. 16, 1878	Refused
Miss Frankie Hamilton	18	Kankakee, IL	Feb. 16, 1878	
Miss Alice Baker	16	Kankakee Co , IL	Feb. 16, 1878	
Miss Annie J Mansfield	16	Pilot, IL	Feb. 18, 1878	Made trial on act. of age P 0. Salina. IL
Miss Flora Robinson	17	Kankakee, IL	Feb. 23, 1878	
Miss Ida J. Hertz	19	•	,	Renewed for 1 year
Miss Etta Payne	17			Renewed for 1 year
Miss Alice Brainard	21			-
Miss Lucretia Dugan	18			

Name of Candidate	Aqe	Nativity	Date of Cert.	Remarks
Miss Nellie M. Peters	17	Manteno, IL		
Miss Ada McElvain	17	Rockville, IL		
Miss Mabel Parker	16	Janesville, WI	Feb. 23, 1878	
Miss Henrietta Evans	18	Sumner Center, IL	Feb. 23, 1878	
Mr. Chas. N. Dawson		,	Feb. 23, 1878	Renewed for one year from date.
Miss Alice M Chester	17	Limestone, KKK. IL	Mar 21, 1878	
Miss Nellie M. Peters	17	Manteno, KKK, IL	Mar 02, 1878	
Miss Agnes M. Hall	16	Altorf, Illinois	Mar 02, 1878	
Miss Lucy White	18	Greenwood, IN	Mar 02. 1878	Taught 8 mo.
Miss Ida E. Haughn	21	Manteno, IL	Mar 02. 1878	Taught 5 mo.
Mr. Harrison J Kimmison	20	Jackson Co OH	Mar 02, 1878	
Miss Lillian Danforth	17	New Hampshire	Mar 02. 1878	
Augustus C. Schreife	20	Germany		Refused
Miss Dimmis Stevens	18	Manteno, IL	Mar. 02, 1878	
Miss Jennie Stevens	19	Manteno, IL		
Mr. W. Henry Wilson	19	Illinois	M 00 4070	T
Miss Katie Hertz	15	Kankakee. IL	Mar. 02, 1878	Too young, examined only for report.
Miss Elizabeth Schafer	20	Iroquois Co IL	Mar. 02, 1878	
Miss Mary Byrns	18	Kankakee Co., IL	Mar. 02. 1878	
Miss Hattie M. Hull	19	New York	Mar 02. 1878	
Mr Charles J Culver	27	Hartford, NY	Mar. 09, 1878	5 1 1/ D 0
Mr J. S. Hixson	00		Mar. 09, 1878	Endorsed from Dupage Co.
Mr. Henry F Cook	20	Illinois	Mar. 09, 1878	To be mailed to Momence
Miss Kittie Mathewson	17	Lockport, IL	Mar. 09, 1878	
Miss Lucy May Rice	19	Manteno. IL	Mar. 09. 1878	
Miss Abbie H. Wright	18	Manteno, IL	Mar. 09, 1878	
Miss Paulina Burchard	17	Central America	Mar. 09, 1878	
Mr. Schuyler Rutherford Mr. Allen P. White	18	Indiana	Mar. 09, 1878	
	19	Pennsylvania	Mar. 09, 1878	
Mr. Henry W Laverly Miss Jennie Cooper	18	Kankakee, IL	Mar. 09, 1878 Mar. 09, 1878	
Miss Alta Evans	19	Nalikakee, IL	Mar. 09, 1878	
Miss Kittie Ma	19			
Mr. Frank Gilkerson	19	Illinois	Mar. 09. 1878	
Mrs. Lucy M. Gibson	26	Elgin, IL	Mar. 11, 1878	Taught about 25 mos.
Mr. Gabriel Dugaw		Illinois	Mar 16, 1878	Taught 10 months
Miss Nettie Mateer	4.0		Mar. 16, 1878	Renewal of Miss Sinclair
Miss Emma Lovering	18	Worcester. MA	Mar. 16, 1878	
Miss Lucy H. Bixby	17	Kingston. IL	Mar 16. 1878	Linear and a Caraba Affa
Miss Flora A Cook			Mar. 16, 1878	Upon examination by Miss Sinclair
Miss Hattie Wiltse?			Mar. 16. 1878	Renewal
Miss Maggie Seward			Mar 16, 1878	Renewal
Miss Lizzie E. Vining	20	Kankakee, IL	Mar. 16, 1878	Taught 6 terms
Miss Gertrude Delamartre	17	Salina, IL	Mar. 16, 1878	
Miss Effie C. Vining	16	Kankakee Co., IL	Mar. 16, 1878	
Miss Hattie M. Wheeler	39	Joliet, IL	Mar. 16, 1878	Taught 20 terms
Miss Nettie B. Hawkins	17	Limestone, KKK. IL	Mar. 16, 1878	
Mr Chester A. Stetson	19	Aroma. IL	Mar. 16, 1878	
Miss Jennie Price		NY	Mar. 16, 1878	Graduate Oswego Normal

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Miss Alice M. Scott	22	Vermont	Mar 22 1979	From previous examinations
Miss Edith Bloom	22	Vermont	Mar. 23, 1878 Mar. 23, 1878	Renewal from Miss Sinclair
Mr. John M. Haines	22		Mar 23, 1878	Renewal from Miss Sinclair
Mrs. Belle M. Haines			Mar. 23, 1878	Renewal from Miss Sinclair
Sister St. Alexandra			Mar. 23, 1878	Renewal from Miss Sinclair
Sister St. Peter			Mar. 23, 1878	Renewal Hom Wiss Sinciali
Rev. John N. Harmon	29	Chatham Co., NC	Mar. 23. 1878	Taught 28 mo.
Miss Louise E Krollrnan	24	Illinois	Mar. 23, 1878	Taught 3 yrs.
Mr. Alfred Scott	20	Alexandria, MO	Mar. 23, 1878	Taught 2 terms
Miss Fannie E. Kelly	18	Will Co IL	Mar. 23, 1878	raught 2 terms
Miss Marion Wallwork	18	Illinois	War. 20, 1070	
Miss Louisa Gleason	20	Illinois		
Miss Della Brockway	17	Pennsylvania	Mar 23, 1878	
Miss Mary Kennedy	17	Illinois	Mar. 23, 1878	Trial
Miss Ada Moran	17		Mar. 23, 1878	
Mr. Jacob Buente	24	Kankakee Co., IL	Mar. 23, 1878	
Miss Ella Smith	30	rtamanoo oo, 12	Mar, 23. 1878	
Miss Nellie Crosswell	00		Mar. 23. 1878	Renewal of cert. of Miss
				N. M Sinclair
Miss Sylvia Hoag	18	Momence IL	Mar. 23, 1878	
Miss Laura A. Sutherland			Mar. 23, 1878	Renewal
Miss Annie Gipf	19	Kankakee, IL	Mar. 23, 1878	
Miss Jennie Metcalfe		,	Mar. 25. 1878	Renewal
Miss Netta Jaquish			Mar. 25. 1878	Renewal
Mr. John Brady	21	Iroquois Co IL	Mar. 26, 1878	
Miss Lydia Cooper	22	Kankakee Co IL	Mar. 26, 1878	Taught four yrs.
Mr. Orin B. Streetor			Mar. 26, 1878	Renewal
Miss Rose A. Taylor	19	Chillicothe, OH	Mar. 29, 1878	
Miss Mary A. Choate	18	Michigan	Mar. 29. 1878	Withdrawn
Miss Ella M. Wilkinson	21	Illinois	Mar. 29. 1878	
Mr Geo W. Schrader	16	Chebanse, IL	Mar. 30. 1878	Educated at Chebanse
Miss Mary E. Porter	18	Galesburg. IL	Mar. 30, 1878	Educated at Chebanse
Miss Clara Schrader	18	Chebanse. IL	Mar. 30, 1878	Educated at Chebanse
Mr. Sidney R. Mullen	19	Michigan	Mar. 30, 1878	
Miss Sarah Yeomans	20	Chebanse, IL	Mar. 30. 1878	Educated in public schools
Miss Kate Munger	16	Chebanse, IL	Mar. 30, 1878	Educated in public schools
Miss Nettie Haslett	17	Sumner, IL	Apr. 01, 1878	Educated in Momence PS
Miss Mary Jane Mullaney	22	Chicago/Manteno	Apr. 01, 1878	Trial - educated in PS
Miss Ada A Dishardas	00	Maritaria II	A 04 4070	Taught 7 mo.
Miss Ada A. Richardson	23	Manteno, IL	Apr. 01, 1878	Educated in PS
Ma John D. Davings	00	O:t	A = = 04 4070	Several terms
Mr. John B. Deuings	28	Switzerland	Apr. 01, 1878	Ed. Cantons College Switzerland
Miss Ettie A. Case	16	Momence, IL	Apr. 01, 1878	Ed. Kankakee PS
Miss Clara Thompson	10	Momence, IL	Apr. 02, 1878	Renewal of Miss Sinclair
Miss Emma Savory	23	Pennsylvania	Apr. 04, 1878	Taught 3 terms
Wild Cavory	20	i Cilisyivailla	Apr. 04, 1070	Ed. Hillsdale MI
Miss Cora M. Walters	17	Norton, IL	Apr 04, 1878	Ed. Dist. Sch. Norton
Mr. George Van Doren	16	Norton, IL	Apr. 04. 1878	Ed. Mendota. IL
Miss Anna Goodspeed	19	Cabery. IL	Apr. 04 1878	Ed. PS Illinois
Miss Jennie B. Montieth	18	Norton, IL	Apr. 04, 1878	Ed. PS Illinois
Mr. George Smith	18	Norton, IL	Apr 04, 1878	Ed. PS Illinois
Mr. Robt. Campbell	20	Norton. IL	Apr. 04. 1878	Ed. PS Illinois
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Name of Candidate	Age	Nativity	Date of Cert.	Remarks
Miss Pauline Bryant Miss Sarah M. Richards	25 25	Penn./Norton, IL IN/Momence, IL	Apr. 04, 1878 Apr. 06, 1878	Ed. Susquehanna Col. PA
Miss Emma Henry Mr. Wesley M. Woodward			Apr. 08, 1878 Apr. 08, 1878	Renewal Renewal
Miss Kate A. Thrasher			Apr. 08, 1878	Endorsed from Ford Co. Ex. Sept. 5. 1878
Miss Minerva M. Porter	20	Mich./Momence, IL	Apr. 08, 1878	Ed. Indiana
Miss Kate Woodward	22	IN/Willmington, IL	Apr. 08, 1878	3 terms; PS IL
Mrs. Margaret Durham	37	Tenn/Kankakee, IL	Apr. 08, 1878	2∖3 mo.; Jackson, TN
Miss Emily Woodruff			Apr. 10, 1878	Endorsed from Grundy Co Exp. October 27, 1878
Miss Etta Brassard			Apr. 11, 1878	Renewal
Miss Lena C. Corkill			Apr 13, 1878	Endorsed from Grundy Co. Exp. Oct. 4, 1878
Mr. Alfred Styles	28	Mich./Momence. IL	Apr. 13, 1878	9 mo. exp ed. PS
Miss May A. Kerwin	21	Mass./Chebanse	Apr. 13, 1878	2 yr. 3 mo. exp ed PS
Miss Mary Hargrave	26	Canada/Eldridgeville	e Apr. 13, 1878	17% ma exp. N. Ind.
Miss Martha Baldwin	20	IL/Aroma	Apr. 13, 1878	5 mo. exp PS Kankakee
Mr. Addison Krieble	20	Penn/Gardner	Apr. 13, 1878	2 mo. exp PS Gardner
Miss Mary Dutcher	18	I N/Momence	Apr. 13, 1878	PS Illinois
Miss Alice M. Chester	19	IL/McDowell Farm	Apr. 16, 1878	Examination several weeks

To be continued

KANKAKEE COUNTY IRAD RECORDS

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Assessors Book	1851-1920
Circuit Court Dockets	1871
Probate & County Court Files	1853-1900
Probate Dockets	1866-1869
Manteno Birth Certificates	1864-1926

ARMY LIFE DURING WORLD WAR I

Excerpts written by Bernie Murphy and submitted by Harlan and Pauline Murphy.

On September 20. 1917, I left Kankakee, Illinois, to begin my army life, we arrived in Camp at Des Moines. Iowa, on the same day. When we got there we was taken to the barracks, we had no beds to sleep on and had no blankets to cover with until about midnight. The Lieutenant called us to go and get some blankets this was good news to us as it was getting cool without cover.

On May 14, 1918, we sailed from New York at 11:30 a.m. This day was my first time on the water, the first day did not bother me, but after than I was sea sick for the rest of the trip. On the morning of May 23rd, the boat was at a standstill in a bay we could see land, and several boats were around us. We was

waiting for the tide to come in so we could get up the river to Bordeaux. We landed in Bordeaux at 6:30 p.m. On Decoration day (May 30th), there were a bunch of men taken from each Company to parade in Bordeaux.

We left this camp on June 3rd for we did not know where. we was put on French cars for two days. Then we stopped at a small place and hiked a ways and camped with the 108th Eng. This was the first of our Div. We hd saw since we had landed. On June 21st we moved again. this was a two day march: on June 22 we reached our billets. This was in a small town named Yaucourt. We was getting closer to the front. we could hear the guns roar.

On July 19th, there was a school started in Allonville I was assigned to attend. This lasted until Aug. 4th. On the day we moved into this town, a German plane discovered us and Jerry shelled the town but he did not do any damage. We left this place on Aug. 4th for Cammon on the Somme River. We stopped overnight there and the next day we moved to Conta. We stayed in Conta until Aug. 8th. When we left there stayed overnight in some woods near the trenches. On Aug. 9th I and three more boys was sent to the trenches to get the locations of them so we could act as guides for the Company.

On the 16th we went to the front line and remained there for three days. arriving at Mouline woods on the 20th. This was where the Div. Was getting together. We left Mouline woods on the 24th and went to Amiens and entrained for the American sector. Arrived at Legna on the 25th and marched to a small town called Franviller. At this place I left the Co. To attend school again. The school was to be held at Luxenville but, on arriving at this place, we found no school as it had moved to another place.

On the night of Sept. 5 we began to move to the front. We had just got started when a truck came along and run into us; I was run over by it. I was then sent to the hospital and stayed there till Oct. 5th. I then started ut to find my Co. Of which I had no trace of. I found an officer and twelve men that was looking for the same outfit I was. so we traveled together.

On Oct. 15th, I found my Co. It sure seemed good to me to be back with them again and to get some mail from home as I had not got any mail for a long time. On the morning of Oct. 16th. I was sent with three other boys from my Co. To go to the front line on patrol duty. We had just got to the lines when the Germans begin to shell it. They had thrown over quite a number of shells. but at last they got one to close and got me and my pardner. I was sent to the first aid station. From there I was sent back to a field hosp. And then to a base hospital at Vichy. I remained there until Nov. 15th. On Nov. 15th. I left Vichy enroute for the U.S. but owing to the base ports being full. we was stopped of at Base #7 near Tours and spent Thanksgiving Day there.

We were in hopes of reaching the states by Xmas. but we had given up all hopes then but on Dec. 8th we left #7 bound for Brest. We arrived there Dec. 9th. We remained in the hosp.. There for six days. On the 15th we went on board the Geo. Washington. This was the ship the President came to France on. it was on a Sunday morning we sailed from France.

The morning of Dec. 23rd we could see land, and n the evening we sailed into the harbor at Hoboken N.Y. We did not get off the boat that night. but on the morning of the 24th we was taken off the boat and put in ambulances and taken to a hosp.. In N.Y. city. The people of N.Y. was good to us. They would come in autos and take us out for rides around the city. I remained in N.Y. until Jan. 9th, 1919, I was then put on a red cross train with a bunch of wounded soldiers and taken to Camp Grant to be discharged.

I taken the first examination for my discharge on Jan. 12th and received my discharge Jan. 18. 1919. We could then come home and believe me we sure did come home.

EXPERIENCES OF YOUNGEST CO. L MEMBER

GEORGE SPARROW OF CHI-CAGO, ASSIGNED WITH KANKAKEE SOLDIERS

TELLS A THRILLING TALE

Tells of Battles Through Which 129th Infantry Participated; Personal Experiences

(Special to Republican).

New York, Feb. 3 .- One of the youngest veterans of the war in George Sparrow, who just arrived in this city from Prance, Sparrow, who, after serving two years in the worst fighting of the war, is 17 years old, and enlisted at the age of 15, with the consent of his father, James H. Sparrow, 600 South Carpenter St., Chicago, He lad tried to enlist at the tender age of 4, but even his strapping build could not get him in, and he had to wait for his chance to go over. He is now in Debarkation Hospital No. 3. recovering from shrapnel wounds in his left shoulder and knee.

Member of Co. In.

Telling of his experiences in the war, he said: "I sailed last November for France with the 129th Regiment, 33rd Div. Co. L., and arrived in Bordeaux on the 24th. We proceeded to Yorcourt, where we trained for two weeks with the British. We moved to Breton Woods, where we were in the reserve trenches, with the Anzacs, the finest fighters in the world.

I was in a distant dug-out, and, one day, while my company was moving ahead, I was sleeping in my dugout and not awakened. Early morning I woke up to find myself alone, no human being in sight. I ran ahead positive that if the Americans moved .they moved ahead, and met a platoon of Anzacs. I had to cross a stream and tried to jump it. I landed 2 feet short of the edge and fell right into the liver. The soldiers, laughted, but took me into their barracks, where I spent the rest of the night and dried my clothes. They asked me to join their force, but I thanked them and continued in my search for my company. Soon after I found them, whereupon I got a lecture but no punishment due to confusion of orders.

Moved to Alberts Front.

We were then moved to the Alberts front, where we held a position near a French "L" track, long since unused, and which the Germans had bathed in gas. We held the lines until the Tommies came and attacked. Our regiment was sent to the Argonne woods on the 1st of September. My duties were changed to that of stretcher-bearer, a job just as dangerous and twice as responsible as that of "Dough boy."

In the Argonne Drive.
The great drive started on the
26th, and we begun immediately with
hig advances and big casualties. On
the 26th, we were between Hill 204

hig advances and big casualties. On the 26th, we were between Hill 304 and Dead Man's Hill, in a forest. Then for no apparent reason, our company was ordered to drop out of the ranks and stay in the gully, while the 316th, 317th and 318th went on to the battle. We slept that night in that gully, with the shells bursting all around, but believe me, we slept after the hiking and fighting we did that day. The next day it rained and we could not advance in time to relieve other companies, but we pushed ahead rapidly. In fact we found out that we went too rapidly, and fell into a trap at Horseshoe Bend, a hell of a machine gun nest. We retreated into the woods with many casualties and stayed there 5 days.

Acted as Streacher Bearers.
Oct. 2nd, while the 132d was making an attack, we were ordered to advance 30 miles in one hour and bring up the necessary ammunition.
We went so rapidly that one man dropped, and a Kankakee lad, Edward T. Bellison, and myself stayed behind as stretcher-bearers and helped him along.

We stayed all that night without protection and there I saw Co. K gassed so severely that 250 out of 250 were blinded by the mustard gas, and it was piteous the way they were crying and suffering, eaten up by that deadly gas. The 132d did not get ammunition, it was impossible to fulfill that order. Meanwhile my company ahead had gotten in the range of our own fire and quickly retreated. In two days, we caught up to the rest, with our wounded man, and we went luto reserve trenches for three days. There 1 missed my pack, and went back for it without leave. For this I lost my position as stretcher-bearer and went into the ranks with the Kankakee boys with Corp. Enders, also of that city, the best corporal in the army. On the 10th of October, we moved in support of the 199th which had not with a perious obstable inthe steel. The rinner heeded four ruides to station the oncoming pla-

toons in their positions and I was chosen for my platoon.

Shell Wounds Kankakeeans. As I stood against a tree with my pal, Johnny Murphy, of Kankakee, a shell burst right, behind me. I knew it was coming, but I had no time to move, and the fragments finished me. I was hit in the shoulder on the left side and a piece landed in my left knee. Murphy was hit in all the fingers of his right hand. I walked back to the R. A. P. where I was treated. Then from hospital to hospital antil I came here. I am now feeling in good health, and expect to see Chicago soon. I am glad I went, and had my education on the battlefield, and expect to stay in the army."



Finding such strong opposition to this bill bymembers of the legislature from various districts desirous of securing the hospital, a new bill known as House Bill No. 658, with several changes and broader in scope, was prepared and introduced March 24, 1877, and after a long struggle was passed by the state senate May 5, 1877, and by the house May 19, 1877, as mended by the senate.

The bill creating the institution was pushed through the house by D. C. Taylor, J. A. Joplin and C. Secrest, representatives of this district and through the senate by Senator Thomas P. Bonfield.

May 25, 1877, the legislature authorized Governor Cullom to appoint a board of seven commissioners to select a suitable location for a hospital to be known as the Illinois Eastern Hospital for the Insane, and in accordance with said resolution commissioners were named as follows:

John H. Adams, of Freeport, Stephenson county; William A. McConnell, of Richmond, McHenry county; A. P. Bartlett, of Peoria, Peoria county; Dr. William M. Garrard of Lawrenceville, Lawrence county; Myron C. Dudley, of Naperville, DuPage county; Dr. Joseph Robbins, of Quincy, Adams county, and John Thomas of St. Clair county.

Among the towns considered were: Gilman, Danville, Paxton, Tuscola, Pontiac, Paris and Kankakee. Kankakee with its river and exceptional shipping facilities was chosen as the most desirable location.

Great credit is due the committee of citizens of Kankakee, and their assistance was invaluable to the members of the Legislature from Kankakee in finally prevailing upon the commissioners to locate the hospital at Kankakee. The members of the committee were: Thomas P. Bonfield, D. C. Taylor, Emory Cobb, Andrew Kerr, G. V. Huling and James N. Orr.

Through the efforts of the state board of charities, the general assembly was induced to adopt the cottage system of buildings, or detached wards, so successful in Gleel, Belgium.

The first board of trustees consisted of J. H. Clough, president, Cook county; William Red-dick, La Salle county; and W. F. Murphy, Douglass county. Col. Haswell C. Clarke of Kankakee was secretary and treasurer of the board.

Major J. R. Willet of Chicago was selected

as the architect and the first buildings were erected in 1879 by Contractor James Lillie of Kankakee, and since that time constant additions have been made until at present there are on the grounds twenty cottages for the use of the patients, besides eighteen wing or main building wards, and fifty-two other buildings for various purposes.

Dr. Richard S. Dewey was the first superintendent. receiving his appointment August 13, 1879, and to him was entrusted largely the perfection of the cottage system.

There is but little restraint in use throughout the hospital and the classification of patients is easily effected by assigning them to different cottages. The diversion of the mind in household duties affords healthy employment to many of the inmates of the cottages, on the male as well as on the female side of the institution. The different industries, such as the making of brooms, scrub brushes, harness, the caning of chairs, repairing of shoes, printing, etc., gives employment to a number of the inmates aside from those who work in the garden, farm, hot-houses and on the lawn. The hospital is well equipped in every way for the care of the -inmates.

The farm consists of one thousand acres, one hundred fifty acres in lawn and the balance in farm and garden. The garden is very productive and furnishes a large part of the vegetables which are required at the institution

There is a library of three thousand volumes, with the leading magazines, which furnish abundant reading material for the patients, and a medical library of 1,312 books.

The grounds have a beautiful frontage on the Kankakee river and are among the handsomest of those of any public institution in the United States.

The first patient was admitted to the institution December 4, 1879. The total number of patients in the institution January 1, 1880, was 23; January 1, 1884, 500; January 1, 1888, 1,556; January 1, 1893, 1,850 and at the present time nearly 2,300.

A handsome chapel and amusement hall has been added. The lower portion is used for dancing hall and gymnasium; the upper portion for chapel and theatre, is furnished with the latest pattern opera chairs, and has a

seating capacity of 950.

The competent and efficient medical staff consists of the superintendent and eight assistant physicians.

A well equipped pathological laboratory and an elaborate X-ray machine afford facilities for scientific research.

Dr. Dewey as superintendent was succeeded by Dr. S. V. Clevenger, March 8, 1893, and he by 1)r. Clarke Gapen, appointed July 12, 1893, and remained in charge until March 26, 1897, when Dr. William G. Stearns took charge and held the office until February 1, 1899. Dr. J. C. Corbus was appointed superintendent at the latter date and is the present incumbent.

The board of trustees at the present time (1905) is composed of the following: Almet Powell, Iroquois county, president; C. E. Robinson, Kankakee county, and Patrick Whalen, Ford county. C. R. Miller. secretary and treasurer.

CHAPTER XXIV.

Agricultural Fairs—Kankakee County Agricul tural Society Organized 1856—Kankakee District Fair Organized June 8, 1891—Its Officers.

The Kankakee County Agricultural Society was organized in 1856, and the honor of suggesting the formation is probably to be credited to Elkanah Gay of the township of Rockville. The first officers of the society were:

President, Charles Dashiell.

Vice-President, R. H. Enos.

Treasurer, C. R. Starr.

Secretary, J. M. Perry.

Executive Committee: Russell Seager, H. S. Bloom, J. B. Hawkins, H. R. Titcomb, Ezra Huntley, Jr., Francis Seguin, J. E. Labrie, .T. W. Schobey, D. T. Van Meter, John Kile, W. Haslett, R. Ashley, L. Gubtail, Lyman Wooster and .T. W. Burgess.

The aggregate amount of cash premiums offered the first year of the existence of the society was \$125, the highest and only premium of five dollars being offered for the best five acres of winter wheat.

At the first fair Mrs. Helen Paddock received a diploma for the best roll of butter and the best lace work, and Mrs. Annie Warner a diploma for the best hand-made suit of boy's clothes, the suit being for James W. Paddock, now clerk of the senate of this stale. Originally there were sixty life members.

In 1882 the fair was having a hard struggle for existence. Milo Barnard of Manteno was president and H. S. Bloom of Kankakee the secretary. Through their efforts about one hundred additional life memberships were subscribed for at \$15 each, which paid the encumbrance on the fifteen acres of ground, which then constituted the fair grounds. Although the mortgage was paid the fair continued to struggle for existence for many years.

To avoid contracting indebtedness all premiums were offered with understanding that the expenses of each fair should be paid out of the receipts and the remainder should be divided pro rata according to the premiums awarded. Under this arrangement for many years usually only a percentage of the premiums offered were paid, ranging from 40 to 90 per cent. The management of the fair was vested in its officers and an executive committee consisting of two from each township. These officers and committee were elected on the fairgrounds during the afternoon of the second day of the fair, and every person purchasing a family ticket and all life members were entitled to vote at this election.

In 1890 after a spirited contest, the young men carried the election, electing Len. Small, president: William Cooper, vice-president, and Leon Hay, secretary. They immediately went to work to place the fair on a sound financial basis and organized a stock company of \$3,000 capital, divided into shares of \$15 each and invited each life member to exchange his life membership for a share of stock in the new organization, which a large majority of them did. Largely through the efforts of the secretary, Leon Hay, the additional stock was subscribed for, and on March 27th, 1891, the society was incorporated, and on June 8th organized as the Kankakee Fair Association: The

following officers were elected: Len. Small, president; William Cooper, vice-president; Leon Hay, secretary; I. B. Hanna, treasurer, Milton C. Grimes, superintendent, and G. W. Barnard, Azariah Buck, T. C. Schobey, D. S. McKinstry, and D. C. Taylor, additional directors. The first fair under the new organization proved a financial success. All premiums were guaranteed to be paid in full.

Cash to the amount of \$1,000 was received from the sale of stock and \$1,200 spent in remodeling what is now the old agricutural hall. The total reciepts of this fair, aside from the sale of stock, amounted to \$2,500, and the premiums and all other expenses, aside from improvements, \$2,350.

In September of the same year, the capital stock of the association was increased to \$5,000. The next year additional improve. ments were made. The receipts and disburesments of the Kankakee Fair have steadily increased from year to year. In 1902 the name was changed to the Kankakee District Fair Association and the territory made to include all counties in Illinois and Indiana bordering on Kankakee county. The capital stock was also increased to \$10,000. During the past six years \$16,000 have been expended for improvements, including the enlarging of the fairgrounds by the purchase of ten acres of land.

The Kankakee District Fair is now the most prosperous, strongest financially and best attended of any fair in its class in existence to-day.

The present (1905) officers are: T. C. Schobey, Union Hill, president; William Cooper, Kankakee, vice-president; Len. Small, Kankakee, secretary; W. J. Brock, Kankakee, treasurer; D. S. McKinstry, Kankakee, general superintendent.; C. R. Miller, Kankakee, superintendent races and attractions. Additional directors, Emory Cobb, Fred Mann and James Garrett.

The total amount paid in premiums, attractions, permanent improvements and other expenses was \$14,070.42; gate receipts were \$11,067.35; total receipts, \$15,537.22.

CHAPTER XXV.

Kankakee County Gives Her Quota to Nation's Defense—History of Companies Organized in Kankakee or in Which. Her Defenders Were a Part.

CIVIL WAR.

The conspicuous valor of the rank and file who represented Kankakee county in the Civil war must fire the pride and appeal to the gratitude of all who now or ever shall dwell within these boundaries. With their knapsacks across their backs its volunteers strode through the greatest battles, undertook the longest marches. met the demands of the greatest emergencies. and were officered by as noble and skilled disciplinarians as any who helped to maintain the unity of the nation.

The firing upon Fort Sumter, which ushered in this second greatest event in American history. which now has become fixed and immovable in its settings of military genius, enormous fatality, and many sided significance, aroused nowhere keener indignation than in Kankakee county. Enthusiastic meetings were held in Kankakee and many other towns, people professing different creeds, different shades of political belief, and occupying different places in the world of labor and influence, uniting unanimously upon the common ground of the Union's integrity. Irrespective of the men who went to Chicago and Joliet to enlist, and were credited from those centers, the roster of the war contained the names of seventeen hundred and sixty-four men from Kankakee county, represented in forty-two regiments. The least number in any regiment was one, and the greatest number four hundred and two-the Seventy-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

The first soluier to enlist from the county was Alfred (Fred) Bernier, private, and later sergeant in Company C, Nineteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Fred was a whole souled, merry boy, popular at home and in tented field, and as brave a lad as ever shouldered a musket. He was a little fellow, and as his feet were too small for the regulation army shoes, he wore those made by Fluke of Kankakee in violation even of the command of so grim and relentless a soldier as General Hancock.

In its martial annals the county arose to the standard preated by its fertility and established by such men as the Cavalier de la Salle and the bravest of the French-Canadian traders. These people found nothing to dwarf their ideals, but everything to feed and encourage them. And so it happened that one of the fairest counties within a state which sheltered the waking dreams of the Great Emancipator, absorbed somewhat of his singleness of purpose and his commanding intolerance of injustice. The stories told of its men in the midst of the fierce passions of war are not surpassed in pathos, nobility and courage. Their blood watered the battlefields of Donelson, Pea Ridge, Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, Murfreesboro, Resaca, Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Fort Blakely, Mission Ridge, Atlanta, Charleston, Gettysburg, and many others, and its soldiers were of those comprising the three great divisions of the Union side, the armies of the Tennessee, Cumberland and

Potomac. From every battlefield came the maimed and wounded children of the county, inciting fresh sacrifices and new determination, and the depleted ranks constantly were renewed by those who had staid at home to anxiously watch the conflict from afar.

Below, the names and equipment of the various regiments are given and their special work outlined. Some of the companies which won imperishable renown were almost wholly recruited from Kankakee county. It is forty years since the close of the war. The ranks of the veterans are fast thinning. The stories around reunion campfires are told in voices weak from the stress of many years, yet vibrant with the memories which surge and thrill. All good intent bath its compensations, and the graves in the local cities of the dead, the monuments which perpetuate human sacrifice and sublimity at Gettysburg, the unmarked

mounds at Andersonville, the crippled soldiers. orphaned children, widowed wives and desolate hearthstones, bespeak the innate sacrificial grandeur which illumines and partially redeems the hideous ingloriousness of war.

We remember as if it were yesterday, that, notwithstanding the heated difference of opinion of our citizens as to National politics, there were comparatively few who did not espouse with earnestness the cause of the Union. The following will suffice to illustrate the spontaneous and patriotic uprising of our people, and the rapidity with which all things military were conducted:

On the evenng of April 15, 1861, the following despatch was received by Gov. Yates:

"His Excellency, Governor Richard Yates,"

Springfield, Ill.

"Call made on you by mail tonight for six regiments for immediate service."

(Signed) SIMON CAMERON,

Sec'y of War.

On the same day Governor Yates issued his proclamation convening the legislature on the 23d, and naming as the subjects for its consideration the following:

"The most perfect organization and equipment of the militia of the State, and placing the same on a war footing and to render assistance to the General Government in preserving the Union."

In answer to the governor's call for six regiments, over ten thousand volunteers of the state tendered their services. There were no serviceable arms at the arsenal at Springfield.

April 19, 1861, Governor Yates was ordered to send as soon as mustered a brigadier general with four regiments to, or near, Cairo, Ill.

On the same date, Governor Yates ordered Gen. Swift, of Chicago, to proceed to Cairo as quickly as possible with as strong a force as he could raise.

Forty-eight hours after the receipt of the despatch by Gen. Swift, he left Chicago for Cairo with a force of live hundred and ninety-five men and four six-pound pieces of artillery.

April 24, 1861, Governor Yates telegraphed Colonel B. M. Prentiss, at Cairo, that the Steamers C. E. Hillman and John S. Perry were about to leave St. Louis with arms and munitions of war for the confederates.

On the same evening and the following morn-

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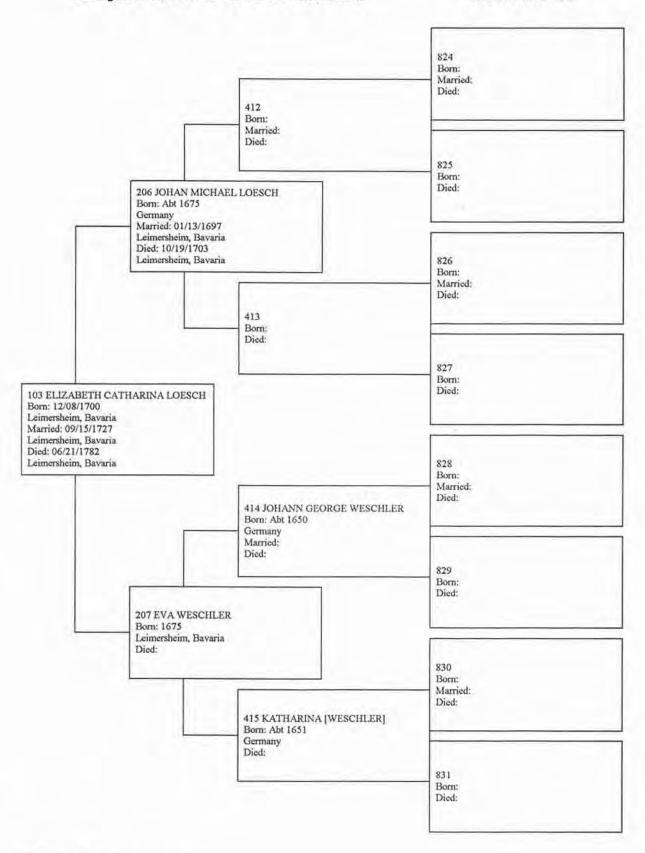
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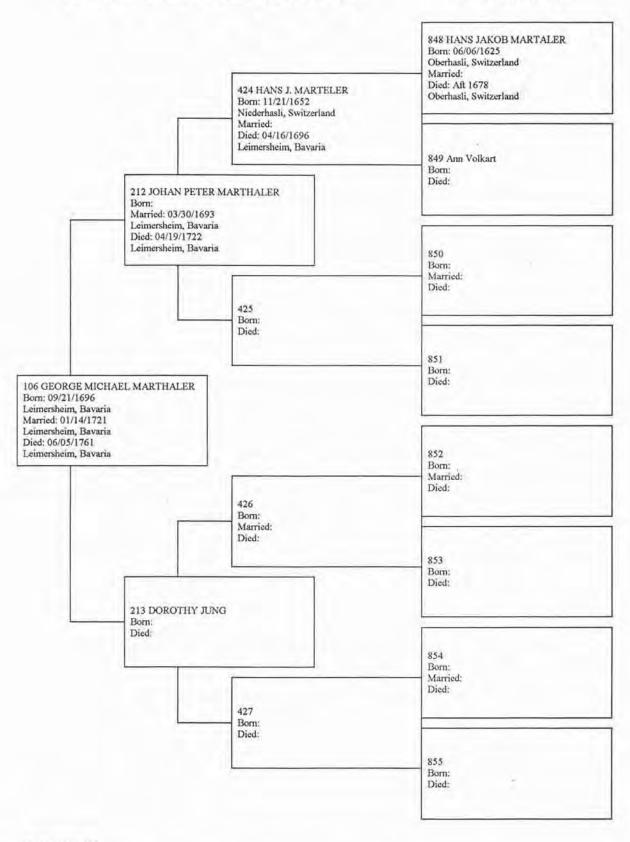
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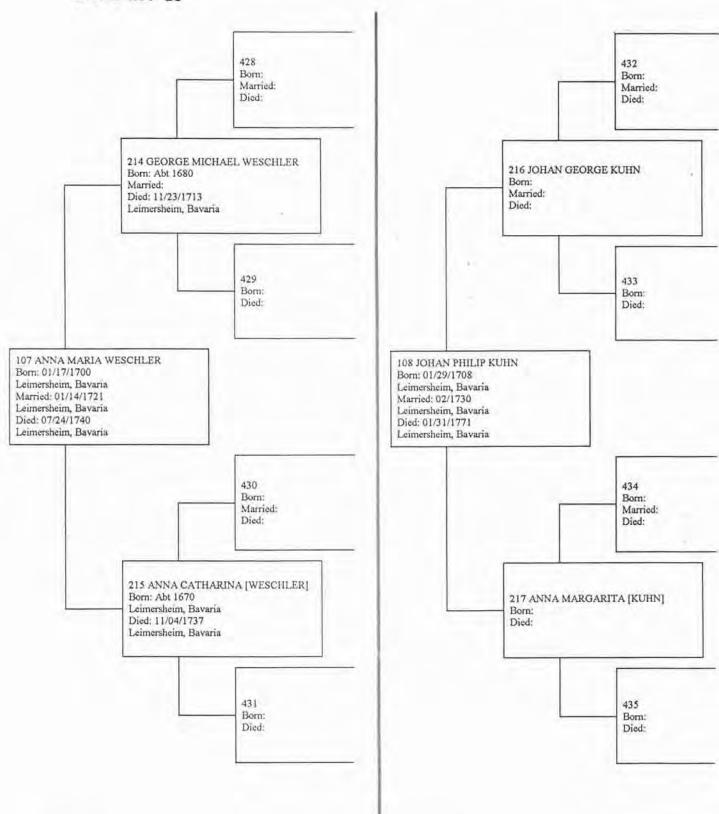


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