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As many of you already know, Karen Burden died on Sunday, March 28, 1999. Her sudden illness and death came as a great shock to all of us and she will be greatly missed. Karen joined the genealogy society in 1979 and served as our President from 1983 through 1991. Through her work serving as reference librarian, she was able to make the Kankakee Library the state's first district genealogy library. She also obtained on behalf of the library matching grants to increase the size of the genealogy collection. The society presented her with an honorary life membership in 1982 for all her hard work and she continued to serve as Vice President, Program Chairman, and Librarian for the collection until the time of her death.

## Karen Burden, Bourbonnais librarian, active volunteer

Karen Lynn Burden, 52, head librarian for the Bourbonnais Library who was known for her excellent summer reading programs, died Sunday (March 28, 1999) at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington after a short bout with cancer.



Miss Burden

She also had been an active volunteer for several community groups.

A 30-year resident of Kankakee, Miss Burden became the head librarian at Bourbonnais in April 1990 in the new facility on John Casey Drive. She formerly had been reference librarian at the Kankakee Public Library for 11 years.

Children will recall her animated stories during fun times at the library.

Many library patrons have marveled at how she always made story hours fun — even during the summer when children had other things on their minds.

Schoolteachers from Bourbonnais elementary and other school districts recommended her excellent summer reading program to bridge them over until the fall in maintaining numerous skills.

Friends remember her as outgoing and always busy, out and about promoting the library programs and genealogy.

Her lifetime was focused on helping people, and having an excellent handle on the library, enhanced those efforts.

She always looked forward to the challenges of teaching children and adults to love reading and books.

A former teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School, she was a graduate of Concordia Teacher's College in River Forest.

A former Cub Scout Den leader, she was active in many volunteer and civic organizations.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Otto-Argo Funeral Home, Danvers, and from 1 p.m. Wednesday until the 2 p.m. services at Zion Lutheran Church in Danvers. Pastors Frank Zimmerman and Park Peters will officiate.

Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery, Pekin.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. April 11 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee, where she was a member. She was Sunday School superintendent, on the Board of Parish Education and president of the Lutheran Women Missionary League.

Miss Burden was born Dec. 23, 1946 in Peoria, the daughter of Lawrence and Evelyn Burden. Her father is deceased. Her mother resides in Mackinaw.

Also surviving are two sisters and one brother-in-law, Kay L. Wheat of Hartsburg and Karla J. and Larry Hasler of Stanford, Ill.; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Lawrence A. and Helen Burden of Morton, Randy K. and Rebecca Burden of Pekin and Harlan R. and Barbara Burden of Mackinaw.

She was vice president of the Kankakee Valley Genealogy Society and president of the church's bowling league in Kankakee.

## QUARTERLY/NEWSLETTER EXTRACTIONS

### Watch that "Double s"

Modern English usage began in England about the 15th or 16th centuries, replacing Norman-English. It was during this modern period that writers began using a form which extended above and below the writing line known as "the leading s". Many people today would mistake this form for an "f" in writing, identifying "mission" as "mifson" or "Clarisse" as "Clarifse". *Tree Topper, Dec. 1998.*

### Civil War Battles

Ever wonder how Civil War battles were named? Seems the Union Army named battles after bodies of water in the area, and the Confederate Army named them after road junctions, landmarks, and towns. Bays, creeks, lakes and the like were nothing new to the mostly rural-dwelling Southerners, but urban landmarks were to them. The opposite was true of the Northerners, pointing up once again a major difference between the urban North and the rural South. For an example, the Battle of Shiloh Meeting House and the Battle of Pittsburgh Landing are one and the same battle. So are the Battles of Sharpsburg (town) and Antietam (creek), and Battles of Manassas (town) and Bull Run (creek).

### 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 Indians had relinquished their claims for \$1.25 per acre.

Thorn 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 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 O. Meier, John O. 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 Gen. Society Quarterly, Volume XV, No. 4.*

## Great Lakes Mariners

Perhaps your ancestor was a Great Lakes mariner? A great new site on the Internet offers help regarding resources and material pertaining to ancestors who were involved with shipping on the Great Lakes, both from the U.S. or Canada. Whether they owned or worked on a ship, were dock hands, shipyard workers, lighthouse keepers, U.S. Coast Guard or Merchant Marine personnel, this is a god site to visit. "Help Finding Your Ancestors of Great Lakes Shipping" at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~migls/archives.html>.

## Photographs at Denver Library

The Denver Public Library has opened a site containing more than 50,000 photographs, some dating back to the 19th Century, from its Western History/Genealogy Dept. The collection includes photos of the 19th Mountain Division ski troops, Native American pioneers, early railroads, mining and other images. By the end of the year 2000, the library plans to expand this offering to 95,000 photos. All the pictures can be viewed on-line at no charge. Those who want high quality, 8x10 reproductions of any photo can purchase them for \$14.00. To have a look at the Denver Public Library's on-line collection: [gowest.coalliance.org](http://gowest.coalliance.org) or [www.denver.ib.co.us](http://www.denver.ib.co.us)

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## Illinois State Archives Accessions Cook Co. Births & Deaths - 1871-1915

The Illinois State Archives Regional Depository at Northeastern University in Chicago will have indexes and microfilm of records for Cook County births and deaths for the date span 1871 through 1915. For their search policy see the Secretary of State's website at: [www.soc.state.il.us](http://www.soc.state.il.us) or contact the depository at: IRAD Ronald Williams Library, Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago, IL 60625-4699, phone: 773/794-6279. *Christian Co. Gen. Society, Vol. XVI, No. 1, Spring 1999.*

## Definitions of Early Immigrant Groups

**Hessian** - German troops used by the British in the Revolutionary War. Many of these men deserted and remained in America.

**Huguenot** - French Protestants that fled from persecution, mainly from 1865 onward. They first went to Prussia, the German Palatinate and then came to America. Those in the French West Indies escaped to the southeastern coast of America. Others went to England and Ireland.

**Mennonite** - A Swiss Protestant group formed in 1525 and migrated to America by way of Alsace, England and Russia. They primarily settled in Kansas, Pennsylvania and Minnesota.

**Moravian** - The United Brethren is a Protestant group formed in Bohemia about 1415 and spread to Poland, Prussia, Germany and England.

**Palatines** - In 1688 Louis XIV of France began persecuting German Protestants from the west bank along the Rhine River. Queen Ann of England helped a group to come to America in 1708. More than 20 arrived in New York in 1710 and settled along the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers.

**Quaker** - The Society of Friends was formed in England in 1648. Early restrictions brought them to New Jersey in 1675 and some 230 English Quakers founded Burlington, NY, in 1678. William Penn was granted the territory of Pennsylvania in 1681 and within two years there were about 3,000 Quakers living there.

**Scots-Irish** - The descendants of the Presbyterian Scots that had been placed in the northern counties of Ireland by British rulers in the early part of the 17th century. Most came to America from 1718 until the

Revolution. They settled in Pennsylvania first, then moved south and then westward to the frontier.

**Walloon** - From southern Belgium, the language of the Walloons is a French dialect. Cornelia May of Flanders, Holland, and about 30 to 40 families came to America in 1624 and established Fort Orange. This town is now known as Albany, NY.

*Ogle County Gen. Society Newsletter, Volume 18 No. 1*

### **Colonial Occupations**

The following is a list of some little-known Colonial occupations along with their modern-day meanings:

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Colporteur     | Peddler of books      |
| Stuff gownsman | Junior barrister      |
| Pettifogger    | Shyster lawyer        |
| Boniface       | Innkeeper             |
| Periginator    | Itinerant worker      |
| Duffer         | Peddler               |
| Manciple       | Steward               |
| Snobscat       | Repaired shoes        |
| Hatcheler      | Combed or carded flax |
| Webster        | Operated looms        |
| Vulcan         | Blacksmith            |
| Tipstaff       | Policeman             |
| Whitwing       | Street sweeper        |
| Chiffonier     | Ragpicker             |
| Bluestocking   | Female writer         |
| Rattlewatch    | Town watchman         |
| Crowner        | Coroner               |
| Tide Waiter    | Customs inspector     |
| Scrutineer     | Election judge        |

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### **NEW PUBLICATIONS**

#### **St. Thomas Catholic Church, Underhill, Vermont**

St. Thomas Marriage Repertoire, St. Thomas Catholic Church, Underhill, Vermont, 1869-1991, compiled by The Vermont French-Canadian Genealogy Society, P.O. Box 64128, Burlington, VT 05406-5128 is now available. These church records contain 143 pages, wire bound, priced at \$30 plus \$5 P&H.

#### **Tahquamenon Tales - Experiences of an Early French Trader and His Native Family**

This soft bound book by Timothy J. Kent vividly brings to life the daily activities of a French trader of the 1600's and his woodland native family. The tales fill 225 pages including 135 photographs, many in full color. Order from: Silver Fox Enterprises, P.O. Box 176, 11504 U.S. 23 South, Ossineke, Michigan 49766. Prepaid \$19.95 U.S. or \$27.95 Canadian plus \$4 US or \$6 Canadian for shipping.

## GENEALOGY SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

### Meet Me in St. Louis:

The Federation of Genealogical Society & St. Louis Genealogical Society are hosting this program on *The People of America* on August 11-14, 1999, in St. Louis, Missouri. Further information can be obtained by writing to Fed. Of Gen. Societies, P.O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940.

### Sixth Annual Genealogical Institute of Mid-America

This institute is sponsored by the Illinois State Genealogical Society and the University of Illinois at Springfield. Location: University of Illinois at Springfield. Fee \$350 which includes course syllabus, 3 general sessions, refreshments, 3 dinners, a reception, a banquet and parking. Three courses: I & II -Family History Research Principles, Standards & Sources; III - The Shaping and Expansion of America to the Mid-19th Century. Registration should be mailed to Bursar, University of Illinois at Springfield, P.O. Box 19243, Springfield, IL 62794/FAX 217/206-7279.

### Taking Advantage of Your Computer

This is a 4-session workshop presented by Michael John Neill, MS. Advanced registration, with payment of a \$50 fee, is required. For more information, contact Julie Slack, Office of Continuing Education, University of Illinois at Springfield, P.O. Box 19243, Springfield, IL 62794-9243.

### Ancestors on the Move - Studies in Immigration and Migration

1999 Fall Conference of Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Naperville, Illinois, on Saturday, September 25, 1999. Speakers include Sandra Hargreaves Luebking (Coming to America & Census Strategies for 1880-1920), Virginia Less (Germanic Migrations East into Russia), Marian Richter Schuetz (The Ellis Island Experience). FVGS Webmaster David Reedy will present a computer software comparison program. Location: Grace United Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Rd., Naperville. Cost is \$22 for non-members and \$18 for FVGS members. For further information, write Fox Valley Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5435, Naperville, IL 60567-5435; phone 630/369-0744; E-mail fvgs1@aol.com.

## KVGS WEB NEWS

University of Montreal database (to be available May 1): <http://www.genealogy.umontreal.ca>

Website for families *Girouard, Brindle, Meunier & Pare*: <http://pierre.girouard.com>

Illinois State Historical Library: <http://www.state.il.us/hpa/lib>

Ye Old Genealogy Shop: <http://www.yogs.com>

Higginson Genealogy: <http://www.higginsonbooks.com/genbooks.htm>

Steamship Historical Society of America Collection: <http://www.sshsa.org/>

## GREAT& GREAT, GREAT

Regarding the **Brownell/McKinstry** query run in the February issue, the correct address of Karen Nilsen is 2918 Mill Rd., Doylestown, PA 18901.

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Seeking death information on Mathilda (Margaret) **Boisvert Mear**, d. 1874; husband was Jacob Mear. He may have worked for railroad in area 1850's-1860's. Contact: Robbin **Wheatley**, 1169 Millview Dr., Batavia, IL 60510.

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If anyone knows the parents of Samuel **Oakes** and his wife Grace **Hammond** or John Sullavan **Day** and his wife Anna **Overholt**, I'd be interested in knowing where and when they were born. Contact: Cora Oakes, 223 Westwood Oaks Ct., Kankakee, IL 60901.

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Searching for the marriage record of Joseph **Belleau** and Julia **Guay**, married February 29, 1876. Contact: Frank & Myrna Schosser, 10720 Miller Barber, El Paso, TX 79935, email myrnas@aol.com.

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- a. Seeking information on descendants of Sarah R. (Miller) **Hendrix**, b. 1871 IL dau. of George W. Miller, Jr., & Mary Jane **Moats**. Married Walter Hendrix; died 1912. Children: George W., Altra L. McKinley b. 1896 & Velma, b. 1903.
  - b. Seeking information on Martha (Miller) **Hymes**, b. Abt. 1826 Ireland. Came to America abt. 1829 with parents George & Elizabeth **Miller**. Lived in Ashland/Wayne Co., OH, until 1854 then moved to Kankakee. Children: Lydia (Hymes) Hawkins, Margaret Hymes & James Hymes.
  - c. Seeking information on Isabella (Miller) **Paxton**, b. 1843, Wayne/Ashland Co., OH, d. 1913. Youngest dau. Of George & Elizabeth **Miller** of Ireland. Married B. F. (Frank) Paxton abt. 1878. Children: Emmett, Ernest & Marshall Paxton
  - d. Seeking any information on Edward **Reilly** b. Abt. 1815 County Meath, Ireland. Worked in the coal mines in Braidwood with brother Patrick in late 1860's. Was living in Union Hill, Norton Twosp., Kankakee Co., 1880.
  - e. Seeking information on Nora (Maher) **Reilly** b. Abt. 1833 Ireland to Lawrence & Catherine (Breen) **Maher**. Came to America during famine, stayed in Boston about 3 yrs.; came to Chicago with brother Tom where Nora worked with Sisters of Mercy, then they moved to Elgin then Elwood. Nora md. Patrick Reilly in 1860; she d. 1915 Reddick, IL.
  - f. Looking for pictures from GAR Sedgwich Post No. 205, 1900-1916 with Frank E. Meadin in picture.
- a-f: Contact Fran Saucedo, 12706 Sand Piper Dr., Live Oak, TX 78233. \*

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Searching for any information (particularly birth and death records) on Albert **Bentz**. His parents were George & Anna Marie. He was born abt. 1859 (possibly Joliet) and died abt. 1900. He was listed in the

1896 Bradley City Directory as running a saloon. He married Rosa Ella **Merillat**. They had 5 daughters, Clara, Ethel, Minnie, Rose & Santa. Contact Sandy **Bolin**, 1475 221st St., Garvin, MN 56132.

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What happened to Jonas Howe? In the 1860 census he was living in Kankakee County, IL, with his wife Hannah, son Jonas H. Howe and the son's wife Sarah C. In 1870 census he was not listed, just his wife, son Jonas H. And Jonas's wife and two sons. Contact Mabel **Fennimore**, P.O. Box 452, Wrangell, AK 99929.

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Searching information on the family of Thomas **Thompson** and Anna **Hansen Thompson**, Danish immigrants. Thomas had been a cavalryman in the Danish army. After immigrating, they moved to DeSelm in Kankakee Co. in 1886 and lived there on a farm (possibly as tenant farmers) until approximately 1894. Their children born prior to this time: Andrew Peter, Antoinette Hildegard and Kate; attended Bloom School. Children born while they lived here were Rose, b 1886, Anne, b. 1889; Thomas, b. 1892; Nicholas, b. 1893 who soon died. A second baby named Nicholas was born in 1894 and also died as an infant. Both of these infants are said to have been buried in a graveyard adjacent to the Bloom school, in possibly unmarked graves. The Thompsons were Catholic and probably attended a church in the area. Thomas applied and was granted U.S. citizenship. In 1894, the family moved to East St. Louis area of St. Claire Co., IL. Anne died in childbirth two years later and Thomas killed following that in a railroad accident in Joliet, IL. The orphaned children were then placed in the Angel Guardian Orphanage in Joliet, Illinois. I would appreciate any help or suggestions or suggestions on this family. Contact: Judy Thompson-Steinkamp, 456 Jenny Lane, Elizabeth, IL 61028-9398, E-mail njsteinkamp@internetni.com.

## 1881 KANKAKEE COUNTY MARRIAGES

### Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

| Bride                | Groom                | Where From            | Date        |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Lowan. Louisa        | Gicht, Eronhard      | Kankakee              | 17 Apr 1881 |
| Lore, Mederia        | Surprenant, Casimer  | Kankakee              | 17 Apr 1881 |
| Kertz, Annie         | Graus, Henry         | Momence               | 20 Apr 1881 |
| Dickey, Alcesta      | Hayhurst, James      | Yellowhead/Morocco IN | 13 Apr 1881 |
| Clark, Eunice        | Pemble, Stephen C.   | Yellowhead            | 17 Apr 1881 |
| Kluckholn, Amelia C. | Buente, August H.    | Norton/Magnolia IA    | 20 Apr 1881 |
| Barland, Annie       | Plant, Ferdinand     | Kankakee/Bourbonnais  | 14 Feb 1881 |
| Murphy, Dora         | Prue, Z. L.          | Chebanse/Alfa, IA     | 17 Apr 1881 |
| Mason, Grace         | Crowther, Thos. A.   | Chicago               | 19 Apr 1881 |
| Spinard, Mina        | Cheffre, Chas.       | St. Anne              | 15 Feb 1881 |
| Snow, Mary H. (Mrs.) | Noel, Crist          | Manteno/Papineau      | 26 Apr 1881 |
| Bute, Elizabeth C.   | Freeman, Chas. A.    | Kempton               | 27 Apr 1881 |
| Schotte, Helena      | Stalzenbach, Eckhart | Sumner                | 20 Mar 1881 |
| Richards, Evelyn     | Cummins, David       | Essex/Chicago         | 01 May 1881 |
| O'Connors, Johanna   | Maley, Philip        | Irwin                 | 21 Apr 1881 |
| Roisie, Georgiana J. | Dawson, Wesley A.    | Rockville             | 03 May 1881 |
| Kurtz, Emma          | Uhrhammer, Wm.       | Momence               | 03 May 1881 |
| Lamphier, Ida B.     | Adams, Brainerd W.   | Manteno               | 23 Apr 1881 |
| Lane. Emma E.        | Conant, Herbert E.   | Momence/New Haven Vt  | 10 May 1881 |
| Gerard, Louise A.    | Hohmann, Philip      | St. Anne/Grant Park   | 26 Apr 1881 |

## 1881 KANKAKEE COUNTY MARRIAGES

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.**

| <u>Son/Dau.</u> | <u>Parents</u>                 | <u>Date</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| S o n           | Henry Claus, Grant Park        | 17 Feb 1881 |
| Daughter        | Edward L. Eagan, St. Anne      | 31 Mar 1881 |
| Son             | Charles B. Blaisey, Sumner     | 27 Mar 1881 |
| Daughter        | H. Ostrander, Yellowhead Noel  | 23 Mar 1881 |
| Daughter        | Riendeau, Rockville Francois   | 05 Mar 1881 |
| Son             | St. Jean, Manteno Laurent      | 12 Apr 1881 |
| S o n           | Suprenant, Manteno Edmond      | 10 Apr 1881 |
| S o n           | Raymond, Manteno Nathan        | 10 Apr 1881 |
| S o n           | Nibbs, Sherburnville Jacob     | 14 Apr 1881 |
| S o n           | Omes, Sherburnville Peter      | 08 Mar 1881 |
| Daughter        | Omes, Sherburnville Henry      | 03 Mar 1881 |
| Son             | Allen, Rockville               | 08 Apr 1881 |
| Daughter        |                                | 08 Apr 1881 |
| Son             | John Odette, Kankakee R.       | 19 Feb 1881 |
| Daughter        | B. Hawkins, Kankakee Peter     | 02 Apr 1881 |
| Son             | Frederick, Kankakee Adam       | 11 Apr 1881 |
| Daughter        | Zopf, Kankakee August Niemitz, | 17 Apr 1881 |
| Daughter        | Kankakee Edward Lynch,         | 17 Apr 1881 |
| Son             | Kankakee Chas. Schneider,      | 01 Apr 1881 |
|                 | Kankakee                       | 17 Apr 1881 |
| Son             |                                | 17 Apr 1881 |
| Son             | C. Lankowski, Kankakee         | 19 Mar 1881 |
| Son             | John Bott, Kankakee            |             |
| Son             | F. X. Muller, Kankakee         | 09 Apr 1881 |

## 1881 KANKAKEE COUNTY DEATHS

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

(28 Apr 1881) In Manteno, April 12, of consumption, Mrs. Josephine B. Smith, aged 67 years, 7 months.

(28 Apr 1881) In Manteno, April 5, of consumption, Dennis Houran, aged 37 years, 6 months.

(28 Apr 1881) In Manteno, April 4, of cerebro-spinal-meningitis, Mrs. Cizaire Agagnier, aged 59 years, 9 months.

(28 Apr 1881) In St. Anne, April 8, of scarletina, Harvey Allard, aged 4 years.

(28 Apr 1881) In Pilot, April 20th. George Cooley, aged 95 years and 29 days. Mr. Cooley was born on the 22d of March, 1786, in the town of Grandville, Handen Co., Mass. He was brought up by Presbyterian parents. He lived on the homestead farm until the year 1827, then moved with his family consisting of wife and nine children, to Rochester, N.Y., thence to Chili, where his wife died. Mr. Cooley was of industrious habits, of speculating tendencies. He was unyielding to his enemies and benevolent to the poor. Generous to moral society and a hater of fanatical excitement, a lover of truth and a kind master to all domestic animals, a great admirer of God's most noble animal, the horse. His religious sentiments were a belief in one God, a universal ruler; in politics a democrat, and never voted any other ticket; tenacious

to earthly life until his last sickness in which he seemed reconciled to die. His death occurred at the residence of his son, F. H. Cooley, where the last four years of his life were spent.

(05 May 1881) In Kankakee, April 7, of typhoid fever, Margaretta Becker, aged 5 years and 6 months.

(05 May 1881) In Waldron, April 8, little Mabel, daughter of J. W. And Mattie Corliss, aged 11 months and 5 days.

(12 May 1881) May 2, Mrs. Mary A. Rouse, wife of Benj. Rouse, was called from earth to the "unknown beyond" on Friday of last week. She was a young woman of refined habits, pleasant manners, and altogether agreeable. To know her was to love her, for she was certainly loved by all who know her.

Her death was very sudden and unexpected and was a severe blow upon her husband to whom she had been married less than a year. Five days prior to her death she was in her usual state of health.

Upon being asked, "Are you willing to die?" she replied, "yes, if my time has come I am willing." She was converted to the christian religion at the age of 12 years, we are told, and all seem to unite in the belief that Mary is now at rest "Where the surges cease to roll." The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Hanstine, at the Altorf school house, after which her remains were interred in the cemetery at "Uncle Dan." Vanmeter's.

(12 May 1881) At the residence of her mother, in the town of Otto, May 3, Mabel Hobbs, in the 20th year of her age.

(12 May 1881) In Chebanse, April 29, Mrs. Leona Beardsley, aged 77.

(12 May 1881) In Sumner, April 24, Robert Riley, aged 22 years.

(12 May 1881) In Momence, April 20, Mrs. Eliza Kirby, relict of James Kirby, aged 76 years.

## **COUNTY COURT - 1881**

### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, May 5, 1881.**

Naturalization papers have been issued to eleven persons since last report.

E. B. Warriner appointed guardian Ebenezer Dickenson, bond \$2000.

Claim of S. W. Dennis against estate W. F. Fennis for \$109.60 allowed.

J. H. Perry appointed guardian de bonis non of Wiehelmina Roeth, bond \$2500.

H. Breedy appointed administrator estate Chas. Moellmann, bond \$2500. Leave to sell personal property.

Claim of McElheny, W. & Co. Against estate John Pastorel disallowed.

Peter Fena appointed guardian Frank Clodi, bond \$2000. Report sale real estate Joseph and Eudalie Soulinaer approved. Widow appointed executor estate Josephus B. Smith, bond \$20,000.

Claims Allowed.

Estate Victor Reinisch. Peter Brosseau, \$17.

Bernard Mullaney. Arthur Rigg, \$20.

C. Chipman. J. Gelino & Bro., \$7,.64; R. J. Hanna, \$8.53; Smith & Johnson, \$15.84; C. W. Knott, \$71; Wm. Frith, \$44.

Margaret Hubert. W. A. Laflen, \$5; Dr. Bergeron, \$4.50; C. Chiniquy, \$10; L. Goodchild, \$100; A. Grandpre, \$2.25; A. Bouchard, \$208.

#### Estates Settled.

Mathias Clodi; Cecelia Clodi; Lansen West; guardianship Minor heirs Laurance King; guardianship Ida Blood; Hamilton Perry; guardianship Albert C. And Nathaniel Northman and Isabel Shreffler; guardianship Lilly Woodford; guardianship William and Albert Harris; Robert Fulford.

#### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, May 12, 1881.**

Estate William Allers. William and Henry Allers appointed administrators in bond of \$24,000.

#### **EAST OTTO - 1881**

#### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, April 28, 1881.**

McCuen and Sands have purchased a new seeder, ten feet long, with which they sowed forty-five acres in one day. Who can beat it?

Daniel Havens has returned from his visit to Onarga. He does not seem to gain strength very fast.

Mrs. Dr. Farley has been visiting the past week at Zeno Streeter's.

Miss Julia Havens will return from Onarga this week and has been engaged to teach in district No. 2.

Joseph Vallencourt has returned from the sugar camp five miles up the river where he has made nearly 1000 pounds of sugar.

Zeno Streeter is putting up a new windmill at home.

#### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, May 12, 1881.**

Isaac Smith is fixing his well and a building for the speaker to stand, and will soon have his grove rigged up in first class order. The pump is of his own make and is of iron.

Robert Smith has rented his farm and intends to spend his time painting and fixing up his place.

Jessie Smith. who has been attending school at Valparaiso for the last six months, returned home quite sick with the lung fever.

## **MANTENO - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, April 28, 1881.**

Mrs. Houran buried her 7 months' old baby last Thursday.

Mrs. Craw, Miss Ellie Brockway and Mr. and Mrs. Mattie Barnard, of Fowler, Ind., are visiting in town.

Five old ladies visited at the M.E. parsonage Tuesday, April 19th. Their united ages were 368 years, 8 months and 22 days. The average was 73 years, 8 months and 22 days. The oldest was 78 years and the youngest 65 years old.

## **WALDRON - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, April 28, 1881.**

A. M. Hawkins and wife leave today for Kokomo, Ind., where they will reside for a while. Sorry to loose them.

Wint Skelly has bought the property of W. G. Swannell on First street for \$400.

Almon Lowe has got well enough to get out on his crutches.

Squire Jenks, of Lafayette, is at the Pullman club house.

Frank Byers caught a loon on one of his fish lines last week and sent it by express to Adams Earl, of Lafayette.

Gruver has still got his corner on eggs. Farmers are busy at work sowing oats.

Miss Dale Warner has returned once more to Waldron.

Village election passed off quietly last Tuesday; only 31 votes were east. We have again this year a temperance board of trustees.

B. W. Adams and Miss Ida Lamphier of Manteno, Ill., were married at the residence of Joshua Rakestraw on last Saturday evening, April 23.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, May 5, 1881.**

New arrival at J. H. Francis' last week. It is a girl and weighs 12 pounds. J.

H. Rhodes, of Indianapolis, Inc., is up fishing. Glad to see you Jim.

J. w. Sherwood and party, of Indianapolis, were us fishing last week. They caught some very fine fish. They stopped at the Webster House.

## **LOCAL BUDGET - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, May 12, 1881.**

J. H. Fellows has purchased a residence lot in the second ward and expects to build this season.

Rush Bird, of this city, a member of the Kankakee & Seneca surveying party, fell twenty feet from a tree the other day and sprained both wrists. The Kankakee & Seneca surveying party concluding their labors last Saturday and this week the grade stakes will be located. The selection of the north (Braceville) or south (Gardner) line has not yet been determined upon. The first letting of construction contracts will be for the first five miles at each end of the line.

Hordes of tramps are running over the county, and Kankakee seems to be, just at present, in their direct route of travel - if their apparently aimless wanderings can be dignified by such a characterization.

Smith & Johnson have commenced the erection of a hay barn on their warehouse premises, which will be 50 x 70 feet, with 18 foot posts. It will be furnished with one of Dedrick's best steam presses, and will give the firm first-class facilities for handling hay in a speedy and workmanlike manner.

James Lillie, the asylum contractor, has been sadly afflicted in the death of two children, one a girl between three and four years of age, the other a baby of eighteen months, within the past few weeks. The baby died last Thursday after eight weeks' illness, and was taken to Fort Wayne for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Lillie have lost nine little children during their wedded life.

## **ROCKVILLE - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, April 28, 1881.**

Business has opened up in earnest since spring has put in its appearance. Quite a large acreage of oats will be sown this spring.

School commenced last Monday in district No. 10; Carrie Cooper, teacher.

Benj. Goodwin bought of Sampsell Bros. 73 head of stock hogs, paying \$11 per head for them and sold to the same parties 60 acres of land for \$41 per acre. Mr. Goodwin has also contracted for three car loads of hogs at \$6 per hundred to be delivered next October. The hogs are to be good straight hogs, none of them to weigh less than 300 lbs.

Fred Thompson and wife arrived last Saturday for a short visit and to attend to business pertaining to their farm.

Overseers of highways are more interested as a class this year than they were last year, for which they deserve credit. The probabilities are that the commissioners will be petitioned for a road on the west line of the J., B. Chevalier reservation the present year.

Bennie Goodwin is at home from San Francisco, Cal., to visit his father's family for two or three weeks. After which he will return to San Francisco accompanied by his uncle, Hiram Goodwin, who has placed his farm under the management of Geo. D. Goodwin, so George tells us.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, May 12, 1881.**

Fred Mann, Jr., received a severe kick from a horse one day last week, which rendered him unconscious for some time, and spoiled his watch for all time to come. He was in the act of leading a team into the barn, and another horse was in his way which he slapped with a halter rein. The horse retaliated by kicking with both feet, striking him on either side. He is gaining slowly, I learn, and it is hoped that he will soon be out among us again.

Sam Bilyard lost his three-year old black mare yesterday. She had lung fever.

Ben. Rouse will go to Indianapolis this week. Abe Clark will soon occupy the "Deb." Robinson house.

William Tallman has really got the finest stock of hogs, of any farmer we know of.

Sunday school was organized at the Lancaster school house yesterday with Thos. Magruder superintendent; O. Lancaster, secretary and treasurer; and W. H. Dawson chorister.

**ESSEX - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, April 28, 1881.**

The school elections last Saturday were pretty well attended. District No. 6 elected C. W. Keepers as director; district No. 9, Jno. Rothlesberger.

The past week has been a remarkably good one for school ma'ms. You could look in almost any direction and see one making her way forwards a school director's residence.

Ella Truax teaches in No. 5, Carrie Swift in No. 6, and Samuel McLane in No. 9, this summer. The other districts have not been heard from.

Miss A. J. Corkill has left the teachers' ranks and assumed connubial responsibilities. We hope that she will be as successful in teaching one scholar as she was in teaching the many which have been under her present name, and the 14th inst was the memorable day. Her future place of abode is Braidwood.

J. C. Lutz, of Gardner, sold what is known as the Bradbeer farm in Essex to Jas. Savage at \$34 per acre. The Kankakee & Seneca railroad is now agitating the minds of our people. The main question is, where will it be located? Some of the parties who are interested in the affair were through here this week and were going towards Seneca. The people of Greenfield township called a meeting for next Tuesday evening to talk the matter over. They seem to be very anxious to have it run through Gardner.

The people in some of our school districts are beginning to have an idea that six months' school in a year is not sufficient. They have put the matter to a vote and have concluded to have from seven to nine months school in a year. We are now in a fair way of advancing the youths of our land educationally.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, May 5, 1881.**

Wm. Odell & Co. Are shelling their corn at Essex. J. Wheeler, the man who is doing their shelling, has discarded his six-holed spring-sheller and horse-power and is getting a cylinder sheller from Decatur and a steam engine from J. I. Case, Racine Wis., to do the work.

J. C. Lutz, of Garner, is running four butter-wagons this season. One of them goes through the western part of this town. He is at present paying 23 cents per pound for fresh butter.

D. Rankin, of Essex, has started his creamery. He is sending out three teams to gather the cream.

Mrs. G. Biglaw has gone to Okean, Arkansas, to visit her friends previous to going to her new home in Northern Nebraska.

A freight train on the Wabash killed two cows for Daniel Sinnott last Saturday and one for C. Gronso the same day. That makes two cows and one heifer that they killed for Mr. G. since Jan. 1st, 1881. He has got one cow left.

S. S. Kimball's drugstore is in full blast.

Ren. Olmstead sold his farm to a Mr. Abell from one of the Eastern States, at \$41 per acre.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, May 12, 1881.**

H. T. McLane will change his profession as lightning stringer and take up an agency for J. I. Case & Co., of Racine, Wis., to sell threshing machines; salary \$50 per month, traveling and hotel expenses paid. I wish his success.

John Manegold, formerly a resident of Essex, and of late years a saloon keeper in Gardner, died on 3d inst; disease, brain fever. His remains were interred in the Wright cemetery in Essex.

I. Wheeler has moved his steam sheller to Reddick. Mr. Odell will shell about 12,000 bushels now in that place.

**PILOT - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, May 5, 1881.**

Mr. John Blair has one swarm of bees left on hand out of fourteen he had last fall. A hard winter on bees.

Charlie Johnson has recently put in a new Howe scale at his grain office.

Miss Nellie Hill, of Ridgeville, will teach in the Hubbard district, commencing today; Miss Dora Sammons has opened up already in the Centre district; Miss Louisa Colman the Diefenbach school; Miss Annie Kane the Gunnerson school, Miss Amy Frescott the Frink school. Miss Sarah Richards will teach in the Amidon district unless the district is divided, (which is now strongly talked of.) If so, she will teach in Herscher, and another teacher will probably be hired for the remaining portion of the district.

Thomas Christopher's little girl, about a year old, who had been sick for some time, was buried on Tuesday last.

**NORTON - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, April 28, 1881.**

Frank Strickland, the Buckingham clothing merchant, has removed to Saunemin on the Wabash Road.

James Nees has rented his farm here and will spend the summer on his farm in Dakota. He left this morning.

Mrs. James Fleming, who has been quite ill for some time past, is improving.

Henry Swartout met with quite a serious accident last Thursday. While sowing oats he was thrown from the seeder, and striking on his head and shoulders was so severely strained that he has been unable to work since. Although he is fast getting better.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, May 12, 1881.**

Superintendent Paddock held examinations of teachers at the Campbell school house in Buckingham district last Wednesday.

Louis Oulmonn is building a fine residence in Buckingham. E. Colby has moved to Chicago.

Mrs. Jane Preston is very sick with measles. Chas. Agor had them bad but is recovering. With the little folks the disease assumes a milder form and they get along nicely.

Alex. Halpenny is the father of the first child and also the last born in Buckingham. The first is a boy, the last is a girl. He is entitled to the prize lot.

An effort is being made to have our town divided. It is too big to be handled easily by one man, or there is dissatisfaction in regard to distribution of the town offices, or something, it is not quite clear what; anyway somebody thinks he is to be benefited by a division. I don't think the project will succeed.

I was misinformed in regard to James New having gone to Dakota. He failed to start as was expected, but did start this morning.

Sunday, May 1st, the Rev. Mr. Burt preached to an attentive and appreciative congregation in the Eldridgeville church. A Sunday school is to be organized in Reddick next Sunday. It will be held in the building formerly occupied as a saloon. No saloon but a Sunday school. Reddick is to be congratulated.

## **THE BUILDING BOOM - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, April 28, 1881.**

W. H. Hamilton & Son have nearly forty carpenters in their employ.

Green Bros. have taken the contract for building a residence for Bert Nichols, on the corner of River street and Indiana avenue. The structure will be in modern style, with swell front, and will cost about \$2300.

Charley Swannell is moving the Dr. Way house to the four lots (for which he paid \$1000) north of E. C. Holmes, on Indiana avenue.

A. G. French is remodeling his residence in the third ward by adding a new bath room, kitchen and pantry.

H. Loring will raise the roof of his dwelling and made other improvements which will add to its size and convenience.

Gerard Volkmann is building a two-story residence, 20 x 32 upright, for D. H. Amman, on Indiana avenue. near the river, at a cost of \$1600.

John Lacily and D. Ducharne are putting up small dwellings near the C., I., St. L & C track.

Work has been commenced on W. G. Swannell's building, east of the Earthquake block. It will be of brick, one story in height, 30 x 60, and will contain two store rooms.

F. Crawford will soon begin the erection of a two-story brick business store, with basement, 24 x 90 on the lot adjoining Pratt's. The contract has not yet been let.

Judge Orr will soon occupy the fine location on the corner opposite the Earthquake block with a brick building, one story high, 58 x 60, containing three store rooms.

### THE NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM - 1881

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, April 28, 1881.**

Walter Hatch has been hard at work with a good force of men during the past week putting up the telephone poles, of which there are about 125. Twenty miles of wire are already here with about fifteen more to come. The work of stringing the wire will be prosecuted as rapidly as possible. New subscribers to the exchange are being added from time to time and the enterprise will undoubtedly prove a financial success.

### SALINA - 1881

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, April 28, 1881.**

A Sabbath School has been organized at Grange hall with the following officers: T. Stroud, superintendent; Mrs. A. B. Henry, assistant; E. Powell, secretary and treasurer; C. Henry, assistant sec'y; A. Van Deusen, chorister; Miss G. DeLamarter, organist.

### "ACROSS THE POND" by Jim Birkenbeil

This is a new column I have been asked to author on immigration and passenger ships. I will try to help in your research quest as well as gaining more experience in my own research. In this first article I would like to give you a little background on why I started this type of research, since many of you perhaps started for the same reasons. I started about eighteen years ago, working on what is now called Genealogy (I didn't know this name meant "a recorded history of a person's ancestry"). One day I asked my mother and father if they knew from what country our family surname BIRKENBEIL immigrated. The answer was "we don't know". Your grandfather came from Prussia, but we have no idea what part. So in my late thirties I started researching, thinking it would be great for my daughters and I to find out where the name BIRKENBEIL originated. I began as a novice detective trying to find a starting point. I knew we were from Germany, but I did not know the village. One day I was looking through a box my mother used for storing pictures, letters and miscellaneous information. While looking through this box, I found a funeral card of my grandfather's brother. At the bottom of the card was a publisher's name and this was my starting point. I wrote away to find the location of Weis, Germany, the publisher's village. The response gave me the location of this town, which turned out to be Heimbach-Weis, a village outside of Neuwied, Germany, on the banks of Rhein River. Assuming (I know you shouldn't do this) our family was always Catholic, I wrote to the parish in Weis, Germany. I received a very informative letter from the parish secretary, stating the BIRKENBEIL surname had been in the area for five generations and possibly

more, since the parish records only went back to 1786. That was my start in genealogy. Since that time my interest has turned to the immigration and passenger ships that brought our ancestors to the United States. This article will continue with the research of passenger ships and hopefully help you "cross the pond". Here are a few web sites that may possibly help:

Cyndi's List-Ships, Passenger List and Immigration: [www.CyndisList.com/ships.htm](http://www.CyndisList.com/ships.htm)

Passenger & Ships Lists: [www.netmender.net/genealogy/passlist.html](http://www.netmender.net/genealogy/passlist.html)

Passenger Ships: [Ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/GLA/Genealogy/ship.htm](http://Ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/GLA/Genealogy/ship.htm)

## KANKAKEE COUNTY SCHOOL RECORDS

The following records are from *Examination of Teachers in the Public Schools* (a register of applicants for schools). The following is continued from the last quarterly with the following abbreviations: ed. = educated; ps = public schools. (Nativity lists first location where teacher was born and second current residence.)

| <u>Name of Candidate</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Nativity</u>        | <u>Date of Cert.</u> | <u>Remarks</u>                                 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| R. A. Beebe              |            |                        | 03 Jul 1880          | Endorsed from Iroq. Co.                        |
| James S. Kelley          | 17         | IL, Buckingham         | 13 Jul 1880          | PS                                             |
| Uldaric Revard           | 15         | Canada, St. Anne       | 24 Jul 1880          | 5 yrs., Kentland, Ind.                         |
| Herburt E. Taylor        | 17         | IL, Kankakee           | 31 Jul 1880          | Underage, Kankakee HS                          |
| William O Wright         |            |                        | 04 Aug 1880          | Renewal                                        |
| Abraham Halleck          | 20         | IL, Lake Village, IN   | 21 Aug 1880          | 2 terms, Normal, Danville                      |
| Aaron Good               | 27         | IL, Dwight             | 28 Aug 1880          | 12 mo., NW Col.                                |
| John S. Hixson           | 25         | IL, Salina             | 28 Aug 1880          | 5 terms, NW Col.                               |
| John W. Bartholomew      | 22         | Ind., Buckingham       | 28 Aug 1880          | PS                                             |
| Samuel McLane            |            | IL, Gardner            | 28 Aug 1880          | Valparaiso                                     |
| Lafayette H. Perry       |            |                        | 28 Aug 1880          | (former exam)                                  |
| Duncan S. McGlashen      |            |                        | 28 Aug 1880          | "                                              |
| George D. Blake          |            |                        | 28 Aug 1880          | "                                              |
| Jared S. Johnson         | 20         | IL, Deselm             | 28 Aug 1880          | DS                                             |
| Arthur Byrns             |            |                        | 28 Aug 1880          | Re-issue                                       |
| William F Cummings       | 18         | IL, Kankakee           | 06 Sep 1880          | Renewal, 2 terms. KPS                          |
| Zephyr Berard            | 19         | IL, Bourbonnais        | 11 Sep 1880          | Renewal, St. V. Col.                           |
| Frank Van Doren          | 21         | IL, Buckingham         | 11 Sep 1880          | D.S.                                           |
| Wm. W. Miller            | 23         | Ind., Pilot Grove Ind. | 11 Sep 1880          | 12 mo., Danville                               |
| Sylvester C. Meehan      |            |                        | 11 Sep 1880          | Renewal                                        |
| William D. Edmunds       | 21         | IL, Gardner            | 28 Sep 1880          | 4 terms, Gardner                               |
| Lewis W. Baxter          | 25         | Florida, Essex         | 28 Sep 1880          | 2 terms, PS                                    |
| Wm. Henry Wilson         | 21         | IL, Kankakee           | 02 Oct 1880          | Reissue, 2 terms, PS                           |
| Alfred Styles            | 31         | Mich., Momence         | 05 Oct 1880          | 8 terms, PS                                    |
| Augustus C. Schreipe     | 22         | IL, St. Anne           | 15 Oct 1880          | 3 terms, Kankakee                              |
| James A. Combs           | 26         | Ind., Valparaiso, Ind. | 15 Oct 1880          | On diploma & institute work 7 yrs., Valparaiso |
| Thomas Canavan           | 24         | Penn., Manteno         | 18 Oct 1880          | Renewal, 1 yr., D.S.                           |
| Huthine? Courville       | 23         | IL, Manteno            | 23 Oct 1880          | Renewal, 6 yrs., D.S.                          |
| Wm. C. Kendall           |            | Momence                | 23 Oct 1880          | Renewal                                        |
| David R. Stover          | 31         | Penn., Buckingham      | 28 Oct 1880          | 7 terms, Normal Penn.                          |
| John M. Stokes           |            | Kankakee               | 30 Oct 1880          | Reissue                                        |
| A. D. Mainville          |            | Bourbonnais            | 30 Oct 1880          | On diploma                                     |
| Thomas Deveny            |            | Bourbonnais            | 06 Nov 1880          | On diploma                                     |
| Henry S. Randall         | 27         | NY, Buckingham         | 12 Nov 1880          | 7 terms, PS NY                                 |

| <u>Name of Candidate</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Nativity</u>    | <u>Date of Cert.</u> | <u>Remarks</u>              |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Eugene Farley            | 26         | IL, Buckingham     | 12 Nov 1880          | 1 term, Normal Valparaiso   |
| James R. Neer            |            | Buckingham         | 12 Nov 1880          | Reissue, 18 terms           |
| John W. Paddock          | 21         | IL, Kankakee       | 13 Nov 1880          | Oral, Kankakee              |
| Clarence B. Williams     | 20         | Wis., Buckingham   | 27 Nov 1880          | NY                          |
| Thos. Mulvihill          | 19         | Ireland, Peotone   | 27 Nov 1880          | PS                          |
| Alfred Allard            | 21         | Canada, St. George | 27 Nov 1880          | 6 yrs., Canada              |
| Alonzo W. Mercer         | 31         | Ohio, Kankakee     | 27 Nov 1880          | On former examination       |
| Frank E. Gilkerson       | 21         | IL, Manteno        | 27 Nov 1880          | 1 term, Monmoth Col.        |
| Willam L. Wright         | 21         | NY, Chebanse       | 27 Nov 1880          | Jordan Adc.                 |
| Charles D. Henry         | 21         | IL, Salina         | 11 Dec 1880          | Reissue, 2 terms, Kankakee  |
| George S. Congdon        | 21         | IL, Chebanse St.   | 20 Dec 1880          |                             |
| John F. Mullaney         |            | George             | 22 Jan 1881          | Upon former record          |
| Lennington Small W.      |            |                    | 22 Jan 1881          | Reissue                     |
| Henry Jackson Claire     |            |                    | 12 Feb 1881          | Renewal                     |
| A. Orr                   | 18         | IL, Kankakee       | 12 Feb 1881          | Kankakee                    |
| Forrest W. Beers         | 18         | IL, Grant Park     | 12 Feb 1881          | PS                          |
| Joseph E. Babin          | 31         | Canada, Belle Park | 18 Feb 1881          | Renewal, 15 terms           |
| Chas. F. Haney           |            | Peotone            | 18 Feb 1881          | On college record           |
| Geo. W. Sayan            | 31         | IL, Waldron        | 26 Feb 1881          | 2 1/2 yrs. PS               |
| Isaac Congdon            | 19         | IL, Chebanse       | 26 Feb 1881          | Chebanse                    |
| Edward H. Riggs          |            | IL, Waldron        | 12 Mar 1881          | Renewal                     |
| Isaac Congdon            | 19         | IL, Chebanse       | 12 Mar 1881          |                             |
| Irwin P. Hodge           | 19         | NY, Kankakee       | 26 Mar 1881          | 4 mo., NY                   |
| Elmer Hawker John        | 19         | IL, Salina         | 26 Mar 1881          | Kankakee PS                 |
| Small                    | 23         | IL, Kankakee       | 26 Mar 1881          | Kankakee PS                 |
| Oscar Pottes             | 21         | IL, Buckingham     | 01 Apr 1881          | PS                          |
| Winfield Scott Armitage  | 19         | IL, Buckingham     |                      | PS                          |
| Millard S. King          | 18         | IL, Buckingham     | 01 Apr 1881          |                             |
| James Reilley            | 19         | IL, Buckingham     | 02 Apr 1881          | Renewal                     |
| John S. Brazier Jr.      | 22         | NY, Herscher       | 08 Apr 1881          | 17 mo., Paw Paw, Mich.      |
| Irvine P. Hodge          | 19         | NY, Kankakee       | 09 Apr 1881          | 4 mo., NY PS                |
| William H. Thurston      | 20         | IL, Manteno        | 11 Apr 1881          | Manteno PS                  |
| Wright, Frank            | 19         | IL, Manteno        | 11 Apr 1881          | Manteno PS                  |
| Charles Peters           | 19         | IL, Manteno        | 11 Apr 1881          | Manteno PS                  |
| Fred Holmes              | 19         | IL, Manteno        | 11 Apr 1881          | Manteno PS                  |
| Henry H. Mather          | 22         | IL, Joliet         | 22 Apr 1881          | Valparaiso                  |
| Abram S. Mather          | 26         | IL, Grant Park     | 22 Apr 1881          | Reissue, 1 term, Valparaiso |
| Rev. Placide Boudreau    |            | Canada, Kankakee   | 23 Apr 1881          | Reissue, Can. Univ.         |
| William H. Gardner John  | 46         | Penn, Chebanse     | 23 Apr 1881          | 10 terms, PS                |
| Darby                    | 49         | NY, Kankakee       | 23 Apr 1881          | PS                          |
| Lycurgus Gilfillan       | 18         | Vt., Manteno       | 28 May 1881          | Vt.                         |
| Frank E. Gilkinson       | 22         | IL, Manteno        | 28 May 1881          | 2 terms, Monmoth            |
| J. Edgar Shaw John       | 24         | Ohio, Grant Park   | 04 Jun 1881          | Valparaiso                  |
| M. Cann                  | 18         | IL, Aurora         | 11 Jun 1881          | St. V. Col. Bourbonnais     |
| L. S. Rowell             |            |                    | 25 Jun 1881          | On former record, many yrs. |

Examined 5 for first grade, 49 for second grade, refused 18

On examination - 5, first grade; 31, second grade; renewed 4, first grade; 16, second grade

Endorsed from other counties - 1, first grade; on diplomas - 4, 1st grade

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## DIOCESE OF JOLIET CELEBRATES 50TH YEAR

The Diocese of Joliet will launch a year of activities to celebrate its 50th anniversary. An outdoor Mass and festival will be celebrated June 27 at St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center and Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville. A Jubilee Mass and dinner to close the year will be held Oct. 13, celebrating Bishop Imesch's 25th anniversary as bishop.

"Celebrating Church, Creating Community" is the theme for the 1998-99 Jubilee. The youngest of six dioceses in the State of Illinois, the Joliet diocese was formed in 1948 from four counties which had been part of the Archdiocese of Chicago (DuPage, Will, Kankakee and Grundy counties), Kendall County from the Diocese of Rockford, and two counties from the Diocese of Peoria (Ford and Iroquois).

At the time the diocese was formed, Joliet was the smallest, comprising approximately 90,000 Catholic people in seven counties. Today the Diocese of Joliet has more than 535,000 Catholics in 127 parishes and mission communities. It is the second largest diocese in the state, next to Chicago.

## BOOKS IN THE KVGS GENEALOGY COLLECTION

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|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 929.2<br>KOU | Koutnik, Dorothy King, <i>Church - Lake - Lee - Love</i> , 26 p.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 929.2<br>KUH | Kuhn, David, <i>The Kuhn (Coon) Family of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania</i> , 1956                                                                                                                                                           |
| 929.2<br>LAF | Laforest, Thomas, <i>Our French-Canadian Ancestors</i> - Palm Harbor, FL: LilSI Press, c. 1983.                                                                                                                                               |
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## KVGS MEETING & NEWS

The February meeting was held at the Recorder of Deeds office. This office is located in the County office building at 189 E. Court St., Kankakee. and the hours are from 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. All records and books are open to the public and you can expect to find the following:

- Judgments recorded against property
- Mechanics Liens (labor and materials used to improve property)
- Municipal liens (usually sewerage liens)
- Listing of all separations and discharges from the armed services
- Release of Mortgage Books
- Daily Entry Books
- Financing Statements (liens on personal property)
- Miscellaneous Index
- Liens for the State of Illinois and U.S. Dept. of Treasury
- Tract Books showing every conveyance or encumbrance (lien) recorded pertaining to property (this record indicates a true chain of title to each piece of property in county)
- Recorded maps and plats of subdivisions of the entire county

The Recorder presented us with the following Kankakee County facts:

Kankakee County was formed in February, 1853. The land was taken from Will and Iroquois Counties. An election was held June 21, 1853, to decide the location of the New County Seat. The old city of Momence and the new city of Kankakee both wanted it, but the City of Kankakee managed to get 250 votes and won the election.

Kankakee owes much of its start and early growth to the Illinois Central Railroad, built in 1853. By 1858, the population had grown to almost 5,000 people. Between the years of 1833 and 1835, the first settlers came and settled in the Aroma Park, Momence, Exline, Limestone and Rockville areas.

The first post office of Kankakee County was established at the Dr. David Lynds home in the Momence area at the upper crossing of the Kankakee River. Dr. Lynds was the first postmaster. In 1836, the first school was opened in Kankakee County. It was a short distance northwest of the present town of Aroma Park. Miss Stella Ann Johnson was the first teacher.

Father Lalumiere held the first religious service at Bourbonnais in June, 1837. The first church was built by Father Pontanisee, a priest in 1841, on the site of the present rectory of Maternity Church. It was known as St. Leo's.

In 1865, St. Viator's College of Bourbonnais was founded, the first institution of higher learning in Kankakee County. The first newspaper was printed in August, 1853. Augustin Chester was the first editor in Kankakee County. The first Mayor of Kankakee to be elected was William G. Swannell in the year 1865.

The county's first courthouse was erected in 1854-55. It burned in 1872, but the county records were carried to safety. In 1873, a second structure of similar size was erected on the same site. The present courthouse was started in 1908 and finished in 1911. It was built by contractor William F. Stillwell. Several months after the new county was created, the first election was held. The first elected officials were: Philip Worchester, County Judge; Henry S. Bloom and Orson Beebe, Associate Judges; George M. Stowell, County Clerk; George W. Byrns, Sheriff, and Paul Hathaway, County Treasurer.

The six original township supervisors who made up the Board of Supervisors were from Yellowhead, Momence, Bourbonnais, Limestone, Rockville and Aroma. Since that time, eleven more townships have been added to Kankakee County by the changing of boundaries. The natural resources, fertile soil and early development of the Kankakee area led to a strong agricultural economy. However, Kankakee has always had many industries. Several companies established in the late 1800's still operate in the Kankakee area.

The growth of Kankakee has been steadily upwards since 1858 when we had a population of 5,000 to over 102,926 in 1980.

(Bear in mind that records in this office are in date sequence and not alphabetical order.)

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A videotape entitled "The Irish in America, the Long Journal Home" was presented at the March meeting. The April meeting featured an audiotape on "Major Manuscript Sources for French-Canadian Genealogists".

The May meeting will be a cemetery walk at Shrontz Cemetery. For out of town members, the society is in the process of rewalking the townships in the Northeast Cemetery book in order to list the graves in true sequence, add cemetery maps, correct any errors and divide into township books.

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A special thank you needs to be extended to Nelda Ravens for completing and distributing the membership booklets. Thanks also to Jim Birkenbeil, who will be filling the Vice President vacancy for the remainder of this year, and Tammy Nietfeldt, who will be corresponding secretary. Marge Ryan continues as social secretary for the society.

A thank you also needs to be extended to Peg Paschke, who has redone the index to the 1900 and 1915 Kankakee County Atlas to one master list instead of separate lists by township.

The society has many computer projects in the works. Any member who is computer literate and willing to work on these projects should contact Marcia Stang. Progress has been made on the Master Cemetery List. The following townships have been completed or are in the process of being completed: Manteno, Rockville, Limestone, Aroma, St. Anne as well as Mound Grove & Mt. Calvary Cemeteries. There are still several townships left so contact Marcia Stang if you can work on one of these. We still need volunteers to help transcribe the 1855 and 1865 Kankakee State Censuses as well.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee has contacted the society inquiring about the direction they should take to preserve their records, which date back to the 1850's. The society has volunteered to copy and publish these church records if allowed. We'll keep you posted of further developments after the church has had a chance to decide.

mence; Gibbs, James B., Sumner; Putnam, William H., Essex; Van Pelt, John, Essex; Van Pelt, Aaron, Essex; Warren, John, Essex; Warren, William, Essex.

#### ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH ILLINOIS INFANTRY.

This regiment was organized at Pontiac, in August, 1862, Col. George P. Smith, of Dwight, commanding.

When mustered into service September 8, it consisted of five companies from Livingston, four from Scott, and one from Rock Island county, nine hundred and twenty-seven officers and men reporting at Louisville, Kentucky.

This regiment became a part of the Army of the Tennessee. and was with Sherman from Chattanooga to Savannah, and on to the north.

After the Grand Review it was mustered out in Chicago, June 10, 1865. Kankakee county had but one representative in this regiment, Charles Wykes, of Norton, who died at Nashville, Tennessee, February 15, 1864.

#### ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVENTH ILLINOIS INFANTRY.

This regiment was organized at Camp Fry, Chicago, and mustered into service for one year, February 18 and 19, 1865, Colonel H. F. Sickles commanding.

The companies composing it were from the following counties: Company A, Winnebago; Company B, Whiteside; Company C, Kendall and La Salle; Company D, Cook; Company E, Stephenson; Company F, De Kalb; Company I, Lake and Whiteside; Company K had twenty-seven men accredited to Kankakee county.

This regiment arrived at Dalton, Georgia, February 27, 1865; was on guard duty in that vicinity, and on several occasions was detailed to march against and dislodge bands of guerrillas that infested the surrounding country.

During the entire war it served almost exclusively on guard and bureau duty.

The men in its ranks from Kankakee county were as follows: Achilles Chiniquy, captain; Charles A. Chiniquy, first lieutenant; Amiot, Alonzo, St. Anne; Boule, Edward, St. Anne; Bourgeois, Moses, St. Anne; Boisert, August, St. Anne; Brouillette, Andrew, St. Anne.

Courville, Frank, St. Anne; Cyr, Henry, St.

Anne; Duby, Joseph, St. Anne; Dellibac, Ed-

ward, St. Anne; Fortier, Elroy, St. Anne; Fouche, Phillip, St. Anne.

Hay, Gilbert, Aroma; Fortier, Peter, St. Anne; Gillette, Constant, St. Anne; **Long**, William, St. Anne; Lottinville, Thomas, St. Anne; Lorimer, Peter, St. Anne.

Mortelique, Gilbert, St. Anne; Martin, Edward, St. Anne; Martin, Severe, St. Anne; Morrow, Aleck, St. Anne; Manny, Edward, St. Anne; Manny, Napoleon, St. Anne.

Paradis, Misseal, St. Anne; Perriessult, St. Anne; Reed, William, Kankakee; Regnier, Joseph, St. Anne; Sigo, Louis, St. Anne; Sigo, Marshall, Aroma; St. Peter, Moses; St. Peter, Joseph.

#### ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH ILLINOIS INFANTRY.

This, the last regiment to be called into the United States service from Illinois, was mustered in for one year April 4, 1865, Col. Albert T. Smith, of the regular army, commanding. Many of its officers and men had seen service in other organizations. Its mission was to guard and care for government supplies in the closing scenes of the war in Tennessee and vicinity, and it was mustered out September 20, 1865.

John Tunnison; from Kankakee, late captain of Company G, Twentieth Illinois Infantry, was commissioned major. Charles A. Shroyer, of Aroma, was commissioned captain of Company A, and Henry J. Allen, of Manteno, was commissioned captain. William Craib of Manteno, was first lieutenant; Narcisse Reeves, second lieutenant.

The enlisted men from this county numbered fifty-nine, making a total of sixty-three Kankakee county men in this regiment. Those enlisting were as follows:

Ackers, William H.; Archambault, Lawrence; Baker, Henry E.; Baldwin, Francis A.; Bucklin, Sylvester; Burton, George W.; Bosworth, Moses; Boutellier, Emil; Brais, John; Brais, Thomas; Brogan, John H.; Brow, Joseph; Chatfield, W. S.; Deselm, John B.; Dumas, Peter; Delude, Eli; Danforth, Robert; Dion, Joseph; Elliott, Charles K.; Goodrich, Charles H.; Gerdes, William; Gunnison, Isaac; Grimes, George H.; Hayworth, William; Holmes, Henry; Hines, Oliver; Haiken, Harmison B.; Hertz,

David N.; Jenkins, George H.; Kreuger, Otto; Longevin, Arnie; Labourne, Benj.; Lamoile, A.; Louness, Isaac; Loomis, Deferiet; Latriononte, Joseph Miller; De Witt, C.; Marquis, Henry; Merrick, Albert L.; Moore, T. F.; Mesail, Jacob; Noble, Lewis G.; Ott, George K.; Paradis, Lucien; Provost, Arnie; Riggs, Porter; Roscher, Adolph; Renville, Ovid; Reeves, Narcisse; Smith, Peter; Swan, Henry; St. Germain, Louis; Supernant, Alphonso; Sampsel, O. J.; Slusser, Robert; Wadley, Russell; Weber, William; Weisse, Joseph.

#### FOURTH ILLINOIS CAVALRY.

The Fourth Illinois Cavalry was organized at Ottawa, La Salle county, Illinois, in August, 1861, was mustered into service September 26, 1861, and reporting for duty went into camp at Cairo, Ill. As was the custom in the early part of the war the regiment was divided, companies being sent here or there to dislodge small bands of Confederates, or upon tours of observation.

The regiment took part in the movement on Fort Henry and vicinity and in the capture of Fort Donelson.

Immediately after the surrender of Fort Donelson it moved out to Randolph Forges, encamping on the property of Hon. John Bell, head of one of the largest iron companies in Tennessee. Here it remained until ordered back to the Tennessee river, opposite the mouth of the Sandy, making camp on the farm of Major Gray, who had fought under General Jackson at New Orleans. After the battle of Shiloh, under command of General Sherman, the regiment was employed in scouting, and led the van in a raid on Purdy and the railroad, capturing a train of Confederate supplies, and destroying track and numerous bridges. It was with Sherman in Halleek's advance and capture of Corinth, and in August, 1862, was sent to Memphis, in September, 1862, going to Trenton on the Mobile and Ohio railroad, where it remained scouting until the movement down that line and the Mississippi Central began, striking Generals Price and Van Dorn. They followed Price and Van Dorn to near Coffeerville, where their Lieutenant Colonel McCullough was killed in a night attack.

From here they fell back to Water Valley, and after the withdrawal of General Grant to the line of the Memphis and Charleston railroad, were at Moscow, La Fayette and Collierville.

Companies C, G and E were sent to Bolivar, Tennessee, and after reporting to General Brayman, were sent on foraging expeditions in the surrounding country.

The necessity for foraging arose from the destruction of the federal supplies at Holly Springs, during the Van Dorn raid, in December, 1862.

The policy of the government up to this time was to furnish subsistence for the army by shipments from the north, and to take nothing from the surrounding country other than as necessity required.

Grant's large army from this time forward did not hesitate to acquire a large part of its subsistence from the neighborhood it was in, and this part of the country was the granary of the confederacy. The writer has vivid recollections of the strict orders against foraging up to this time, and also of the leniency shown the boys later on. Especially was this latter true if the boys were hungry (and who ever heard of a soldier who was not hungry?). They prized especially supplies fresh from the farm, with an occasional chicken, or a corncake such as the negro mammals so cheerfully baked for "Massa Linkum's boys."

In August, 1863, the regiment was again united at Vicksburg, from where it went to Natchez, their headquarters for scouring the country on both sides of the Mississippi for wandering bands of the enemy.

In the latter part of October, 1864, those of the regiment who had not enlisted as veterans, were ordered to Springfield, Ill., to be mustered out of service.

The regiment that left Cairo, in February, 1862, numbered about eleven hundred men, and when it was mustered out in Springfield, November 3, 1864, there were three hundred and forty men.

James McKinstry, of Sumner, of the Field and Staff, was commissioned battalion quartermaster.

The non-commissioned staff were as follows: William Crooks, William Shafer, who deserted August 23, 1862, and Joseph Archambeau. Company K, from Kankakee county, had the following commissioned officers:

Captains, Phillip Worcester and Henry C. Dashiell; first lieutenants, William L. Gibson of Ottawa (pro. Lt. Col.), William True, Henry

Dashiell and Henry Sirpless; second lieutenants, William True, David Jolly, of Ottawa; Henry C. Dashiell, Henry Sirpless, Samuel C. Harrison.

Names of the men who enlisted from this county were as follows: Acker, Chester S., Kankakee; Amiot, Frank, St. Anne; Arthur, Napoleon B., Limestone; Alloir, Simon, St. Anne; Atwill, John, Yellowhead.

Brayton, Robert J., Sumner; Boucher, Eli, Bourbonnais; Burton, William H., Kankakee; Breen, Samuel, Manteno; Beach, Lewis T., Limestone; Brayman, John T., Kankakee; Bastien, Napoleon, St. Anne; Bryant, George C. A., Yellowhead; Baker, Frank, Kankakee; Brown, Zeno, Momence; Barrington, Cornelius, Kankakee.

Dashiell, George F., Ganeer; Dashiell, Henry C., Ganeer; Danforth, Charles B., Kankakee; Grimes, William, Manteno.

Haworth, John, Aroma; Hope, Peter, Sumner; Herbin, Antoine, St. Anne; Henry, Samuel, Kankakee; Herriman, William J., Kankakee; Jarvis, Albert, Kankakee; Kurtz, Louis, Momence.

Lazard, Lavoy, Bourbonnais; Loomis, John W., Yellowhead; Loomis, William, Yellowhead; Loucks, Joseph W., Rockville; Lewis, Benjamin, Limestone; Lottinville, August, St. Anne; Lownes, Robert W., Rockville.

McKinnell, William, Ottawa; Moran, Nelson, Bourbonnais; Moore, John M., Manteno; Man-on, Joseph, Ottawa; Mason, Nazair, Kankakee; Morehouse, Zerah Z., Kankakee; Merwin, Eber S., Sumner; Medizcar, George, Kankakee; Mulaney, Patrick, Yellowhead; Nobles, John B., Kankakee; Odel, Alfred, Kankakee; Ostrander, John, Kankakee.

Peters, Henry H., Manteno; Parsons, Ralph D., Aroma; Paradis, Hubert, St. Anne; Peters, John, Kankakee; Pratt, George, Sumner.

Shed, Sheldon A., Yellowhead; Stives, Carlisle, Aroma; Shadley, James M., Kankakee; Sickles, William, Manteno; Surles, Henry, Rockville; Stevens, William, Kankakee; Smith, Jeremiah, Kankakee;

Timmons, Cyrus, Yellowhead; Tallman, Lucius, Yellowhead; Vayette, John, Yellowhead; Wiley, Joseph M., Kankakee; Woodward, William, Kankakee; Welch, Martin, Kankakee; Wells, Lewis N., Kankakee; Wadkins, William D., Sumner; Young, Edward, Yellowhead.

Archambeau, Joseph, St. Anne; Beach, Milesor Willis, Limestone; Brown, George W., Sum-

ner; Barnett, Jasper, Kankakee; Bellows, Albert, Sumner.

#### RECRUITS.

Clark, Joseph A., Kankakee; Carney, Henry, Sumner; Cybert, Milton, Limestone; Crooks, William, Essex; Exline, Albert S., Aroma; Fourchier, Augustus, St. Anne; Gleason, Oliver, Chicago; Gubtail, Martin, Kankakee.

Hammond, William, Manteno; Latoulip, Joseph, St. Anne; Lottinville, Samuel, St. Anne; Lemer, Joseph, St. Anne.

McKinstry, Horace L., Sumner; McQuigg, John, Aroma; Mead, Tobias, Kankakee; McDermett, John, Rockville; McKinstry, Joseph E., Sumner; McKinstry, Abner A., Sumner; Mellen, Lyman C., Aroma.

O'Connell, Patrick, Manteno; Provencal, De-los, St. Anne; Powell, Simon P., Limestone; Senesac, John B., St. Anne; Senesac, Cyprian, St. Anne; Scammahorn, Anthony, Kankakee; Smith, Cyrus, Rockville; Shafer, William, Kankakee; Skinner, Joel II., Kankakee.

Tatro, Eusebe, St. Anne. Peters, Nelson, E. Sumner. Wiley, Samuel J., Kankakee.

Those who enlisted as veterans are: Napoleon B. Arthur, Joseph Lemner, Nelson Moran, Joseph Manon, Ralph D. Parsons, Joel H. Skinner, John Vayette.

#### FIFTH ILLINOIS CAVALRY.

Composed principally of men from the east. south and central portion of the state, this regiment was organized at Camp Butler, in November, 1861, Col. Hall Wilson commanding. Its first service was in Missouri, but subsequently, under Generals Grant and Sherman, was in Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas, participating in many of the daring and effective expeditions that dealt such telling blows to the confederacy.

During the expeditions to Canton and Granada, Mississippi, it helped in destroying public workshops, railroads and bridges, and in capturing and destroying forty engines and three hundred and twenty cars.

Re-enlisted as veterans January 4, 1864, it was mustered out of service October 27, 1865, receiving its final pay and discharge October 30, 1865.

The men enlisting from this county were as follows: John Farrel, Thomas Lynch and John Reilly, all from the town of Momence, and who enlisted in October, 1864. The adjutant general's reports show no assignment to companies.

#### SIXTH ILLINOIS CAVALRY.

Organized at Camp Butler November 19, 1861, this regiment was originally commanded by Colonel Thomas H. Cavanaugh, who resigned March 28, 1862, and was succeeded by Major Benjamin H. Grierson, of Jacksonville, who was promoted to brigadier general June 3, 1863.

The regiment, recruited mostly from the south central part of the state, served in the western portion of Tennessee and Mississippi.

April 16, 1863, with the approval of Gens. Hulbert and Grant, Col. Grierson proceeded with the Sixth, Seventh and the Second Iowa, from LaGrange, Tennessee, by way of Pontotoc, in the northern part of Mississippi to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, capturing and paroling five hundred men and officers, and destroying between fifty and sixty miles of railroad, telegraph, many important bridges, three hundred stands of arms and other confederate stores, and seizing one thousand horses and mules and valuable stores and live stock. About eight hundred miles were traveled in this expedition, and the soldiers were a number of times engaged with the enemy, having three killed, seven wounded, five left sick on the field and nine missing.

They arrived at Baton Rouge the 2d day of May after a continuous march of seventeen days.

While engaged in many of the most important cavalry expeditions throughout the western arm of the service, the regiment at all times acquitted itself with honor and credit and in its bravery was excelled by none. It was ordered to Selma, Alabama, where it was mustered out November 5, 1865, returning to Springfield, Illinois, for final pay and discharge.

Serving in this regiment from Kankakee county were the following: Corporal Judson A. Wells and George Wells of Company I, both from the town of Kaneer.

#### EIGHTH ILLINOIS CAVALRY.

The Eighth Illinois, known as the "Farnsworth Cavalry" was organized at St. Charles, Kane

county, and was mustered into service, September 18, 1861, with Colonel John F. Farnsworth commanding.

It was among the cavalry regiments of Illinois that served in the Army of the Potomac. Going into camp at Alexandria, Virginia, December 17, 1861, it was shortly afterwards assigned to General Stoneman's brigade, advancing with the army up the Peninsula, and seeing service at Gains and Malvern Hills, James river, Harrison's landing, captured colors at Monocacy Church, and capturing twenty prisoners at Barnesville.

Was also engaged at Sugar Loaf Mountain, Middle and South Mountain, and at Boonesboro, capturing two guns, killing and wounding sixty-seven, and taking two hundred prisoners. Was engaged at the Battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862, was in the advance of the Potomac, and was engaged with the confederate cavalry at Philemonte, Uniontown, Upperville, Little Washington and Amesville, arriving at Falmouth, the latter part of November, 1862.

Up to February, 1863, the loss of the regiment was twenty-seven killed, seventy-one wounded, and twenty missing.

In the campaign of 1863 the regiment participated in the following engagements: Sulphur Springs, Warrentown, Rappidan Station, North Neck, and Borstly Ford, Upperville, Virginia; Fairville and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Williamsburg, Boonsboro, and Frank-town, Maryland; Falling Water, Chester, Sandy Hook (near Culpepper), Brandy Station and many other engagements and raids. The loss to the regiment was twenty-three killed, one hundred and sixteen wounded and thirty-seven missing.

Many of the original members re-enlisted as veterans, the regiment retaining its organization, and was mustered out of service July 17, 1865, at Chicago, Illinois.

This was one of the three Illinois regiments which participated in the battle of Gettysburg, July 1 to 3, 1863.

To commemorate the valor of the Illinois troops engaged in this memorable battle, the legislature of the state of Illinois, on May 29, appropriated six thousand dollars to erect a monument on the Gettysburg battlefield, where the first engagement opened on the first of

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|  |  |  | J-B Leroux-Rousson-Cardinal      |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 02 Dec 1678*                | 16 |  |
|  |  |  | Died 02 Jul 1759                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Marr 13 Feb 1702*                |    |  |
|  |  |  | Louise Chaussé-Lauzet            |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 01 Jun 1682                 | 17 |  |
|  |  |  | J-B-Quenneville                  |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 13 Jun 1695                 | 18 |  |
|  |  |  | Died before 1742                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Marr 09 Nov 1717                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | M. Guilbert-Laframboise          |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 12 Dec 1701                 | 19 |  |
|  |  |  | Pierre Berthiaume                |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 08 Nov 1700                 | 20 |  |
|  |  |  | Died 23 Dec 1751                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Marr 08 Jan 1725                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | M-Isabelle Pepin                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 23 Sep 1701                 | 21 |  |
|  |  |  | Died before 1762                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Philippe Brunet                  |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 21 Aug 1702                 | 22 |  |
|  |  |  | Died 31 Jul 1754                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Marr 12 Nov 1725                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Suzanne Barbary                  |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 11 Jan 1706                 | 23 |  |
|  |  |  | Jean Charbonneau                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 26 Oct 1703                 | 24 |  |
|  |  |  | Marr 06 Nov 1724                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | M-Anne Charpentier               |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 31 Oct 1705                 | 25 |  |
|  |  |  | J-B. Forget-Despaty              |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 1679                        | 26 |  |
|  |  |  | Died 13 Aug 1733                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Marr 22 Nov 1700                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Jeanne Beaudoin                  |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 08 Aug 1682                 | 27 |  |
|  |  |  | Died 05 Feb 1753                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | J-B-Neveu                        |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 03 Apr 1697                 | 28 |  |
|  |  |  | Died 02 Dec 1755                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Marr 30 Jun 1734                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Catherine Thibault               |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 28 Mar 1695                 | 29 |  |
|  |  |  | Jacques Gaudin-Chattillon        |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 1705                        | 30 |  |
|  |  |  | Marr 01 Sep 1732                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | M-Anne Verdon                    |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 06 Aug 1710*                | 31 |  |
|  |  |  | Hubert Leroux                    |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 10 Dec 1717                 | 8  |  |
|  |  |  | in Lachine, Que.                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Marr 08 Jan 1742*                |    |  |
|  |  |  | in Sault-au-Recollet, Que.       |    |  |
|  |  |  | Antoine Leroux                   |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 21 Apr 1757                 | 4  |  |
|  |  |  | in Lachine, Que.                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Marr 12 Feb 1776*                |    |  |
|  |  |  | in Lachine, Que.                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Died 18 Feb 1825                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | in St-Benoit, Que.               |    |  |
|  |  |  | M-Anne Quenneville               |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 01 Mar 1722                 | 9  |  |
|  |  |  | in St-Laurent, M. Que.           |    |  |
|  |  |  | Died 25 Oct 1764                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | in Lachine, Que                  |    |  |
|  |  |  | Pierre Berthiaume                |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 13 Oct 1725                 | 10 |  |
|  |  |  | in St-François I.J.              |    |  |
|  |  |  | Marr 27 Jan 1755                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | in Montréal                      |    |  |
|  |  |  | M-Catherine Brunet               |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 1735                        | 11 |  |
|  |  |  | Died before 1776                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | M-Catherine Berthiaume           |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 26 Oct 1756                 | 5  |  |
|  |  |  | in St-Vincent de Paul, I.J.      |    |  |
|  |  |  | Died 12 May 1827                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | in St-Polycarpe, Que             |    |  |
|  |  |  | Hubert Leroux                    |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 1797                        | 2  |  |
|  |  |  | in St-Polycarpe, Que.            |    |  |
|  |  |  | Marr 26 Sep 1820*                |    |  |
|  |  |  | in St-Martin I.J.                |    |  |
|  |  |  | Died 29 Jan 1868                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | in St-Polycarpe, Que             |    |  |
|  |  |  | Dominique Leroux                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 1838                        | 1  |  |
|  |  |  | in St-Polycarpe Que.             |    |  |
|  |  |  | Marr 21 Feb 1860*                |    |  |
|  |  |  | in St-Polycarpe, Soulanges, Que. |    |  |
|  |  |  | Died 16 Sep 1903*                |    |  |
|  |  |  | in Marquette, Marquette, MI      |    |  |
|  |  |  | Henriette Perron-Denoyer         |    |  |
|  |  |  | spouse                           |    |  |
|  |  |  | Pierre-André St-Louis            |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born 30 Sep 1752                 | 6  |  |
|  |  |  | in Lachenaie, Que.               |    |  |
|  |  |  | Marr 08 Feb 1782                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | in c. LeGuay                     |    |  |
|  |  |  | Died 15 Jul 1830                 |    |  |
|  |  |  | in St-Martin, I.J.               |    |  |
|  |  |  | Isabelle St-Louis                |    |  |
|  |  |  | Born entre 1802-1805             | 3  |  |
|  |  |  | in St-Polycarpe, Que             |    |  |
|  |  |  | Died entre 1880-1885             |    |  |
|  |  |  | in Houghton Co., MI.             |    |  |
|  |  |  | M-Anne Neveu                     |    |  |
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|  |  |  | Marr 07 Nov 1757                 | 14 |  |
|  |  |  | in St-Laurent, Mont.             |    |  |
|  |  |  | Josephete Chattillon-Gaudin      |    |  |
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### INTERESTING FACTS

Even though Smith is the most common name in America, there has never been a U.S. President, Vice-President or U.S. Chief Justice named Smith.

The original name of San Francisco was Yerba Buena.

Before the term "Uncle Sam" was used, America was called "Brother Jonathan".

Why is Easter called "Easter"? Its name comes from Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring.

The tune of the famous song "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" is the same as that of the Dutch national anthem.

The "Star Spangled Banner" did not officially become the National Anthem until 1931. It wasn't made official by Congress till then - 117 years after it was written.

The first woman in a President's Cabinet was Francis Perkins, in 1933, who was Secretary of Labor under President Franklin Roosevelt.

The most densely populated U.S. state is New Jersey.

One man in history was both the son and father of a U.S. President. He was John Harrison. His father was the 9th President, William Henry Harrison, and his son was the 23rd President, Benjamin Harrison.

Three states in the U.S. are named after women - Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

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