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PEDIGREE CHARTS

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- 1. Russell Allen BURMEISTER
 - b. 27 July 1904 Morgan Co., Ill.
 - m. 15 July 1923
 - d. 25 October 1953 Allen Park, Mich.
- 2. William Robert BURMEISTER
 - b. 31 March 1879 Arcadia, Ill.
 - m. 2 January 1901
 - d. 20 February 1937
 Jacksonville, Ill.
- 3. Ida Mae SETTLES
 - b. 5 December 1881 Cass Co., Ill.
 - d. 25 May 1948

 Jacksonville, Ill.
- 4. Charles John F. BURMEISTER
 - b. 24 November 1836 Prussia, Germany
 - d. 1 June 1897

 Jacksonville, Ill.
- 5. Minnie C. M. BUCHIN
 - b. 9 January 1843 Prussia, Germany
 - d. 13 December 1899 Jacksonville, Ill
- 6. Andrew Jackson SETTLES
 - b. 16 October 1861 Pekin, Ill.
 - m. 26 January 1881
 - d. 17 March 1931 Phila Twp, Ill.
- 7. Lavinia D. DOLHITE
 - b. 24 October 1863 Whitehall, Ill
 - d. 3 July 1940 Phila Twp, Ill.

- 10. John BUCHIN
 - b. 1 April 1809 Prussia
 - d. 5 April 1887
 Woodson Pct, Jax, Ill
- 11. Eida
 - b. 1809 Germany
 - d. 9 February 1886
- 12. Edward D. SETTLE
 - b. 1823

Marion Co., Mo.

- m. 25 November 1849
 - d. 1 March 1894 Cass Co., Ill.
- 13. Elizabeth A MILLER
 - b. 27 October 1831 Missouri
 - d. 1 June 1915 Virginia, Ill.
 - 14. Andrew Jackson DOL(L)HITE
 - 15. Rhody (LANDERS)
 - b. 1842- Ill. or Ind.
 - d. Cass Co. Ill.
 - 24. Henry Settle
 - b. 1780/90 Virginia
 - d. 1846

Marion Co., Mo

- 25. Nancy LEAR
 - b. 1796 ca Ky
- 26. William R. MILLER
 - b. 1811 Ky
 - m. 1830 Mo.
 - d. 1860
- 27. Louisa RACKEBY (RACKEBA-RACKERBY)
 - b. 1810 Old Va.
 - d. 1905 Ill

Mrs. Carl Forsbery 1920 Woodard Road Elma, New York 14059

- 1. Esther E. FIELD
 - b. 23 August 1912 Flint, Mich
 - m. 17 May 1947 Buffalo, NY
- 2. Frank M. FIELD
 - b. 4 May 1887 Michigan
 - m. 21 September 1909
- 3. Rose M. JENKINS
 - b. 1 April 1889 Indiana
 - d. 11 November 1962
- 6. Nimrod F. JENKINS
 - b. 22 July 1852 Michigan
 - m. 11 October 1883
 - d. 26 August 1925
- 7. Isabel KENRICH
 - b. 16 February 1956
 - d. 29 June 1928
- 14. Solomon KENRICH
 - b. 7 August 1833 Mahoning Co., Ohio
 - m. 18 October 1854 Momence, Ill.
 - d. 20 January 1915
 Bloomington, Ill.
- 15. Maria Abigail BENNETT
 - b. 5 January 1836
 - d. 17 June 1873 Momence, Ill.
- 28. Isaac KENRICH
- 29. Migdelena DOSEMAN (DUSTMAN)
 - b. 1 July 1814
 - d. 27 July 1882
- 30. James BENNETT
- 31. Abigail _____

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- 1. Zelda Ellen Case
 - b. 4 September 1911 Aroma Twp, Kankakee Co., Ill
 - m. 4 April 1931
- 2. Harry CASE
 - b. 12 June 1885 Aroma Twp, Kankakee Co, Ill
 - m. 8 February 1911
 - d. 2 September 1966 Kankakee, Ill.
- 3. Stella Pearl VICKERY
 - b. 15 December 1890 Aroma Twp, Kankakee Co., Ill
- 4. Villiam H. CASE
 - b. 22 September 1862 Aroma Twp, Kankakee Co., Ill
 - d. 24 February 194W St. Cloud, Minn
- 5. Cora A. DENTON
 - b. 6 April 1863
 - d. 12 November 1890 Aroma Park, Ill
- 6. Franklin P. VICKERY
 - b. 4 October 1853 Troy, New York
 - d. 18 February 1939 Aroma Park, Illinois
- 7. Phoebe Ellen ROBERDS
 - b. 31 December 1855 Marian, Indiana
 - d. 26 April 1908 Aroma Park, Ill,
- 8. Lucius M. CASE
 - b. 23 September1810 New Haven Co., Conn.
 - m. 1846
 - d. 4 July 1896 Aroma Park, Ill

- 9. Olive JOHNSON b. 1818
 - New York
 - d. 1912
 - Aroma Park, Ill
- 10. Erastus DENTON
 - m. 29 October 1854
 - d. 1877
- 11. Melvina STONE
 - b. 2 August 1836 Irving, New York,
 - d. 17 June 1922 Aroma Park, Ill
- 12. David VICKERY
 - b. 7 December 1809 Mass (?)
 - m. 11 October 1832
 - d. 3 September 1872

Aroma Twp, Kankakee Co, Ill

- 13. Ruth HOXIE
 - b. 26 January 1815
 - d. 9 April 1885

Aroma Twp, Kankakee Co, Ill

- 14. Phineas ROBERDS
 - b. 25 September 1810 bur. Marian, Ind.
- 15. Elizabeth
 - b. 13 January 1826 bur. Sheldon, Ill
- 16. Grove CASE
 - b. 1773
 - d. 1852

Conn

- 17. Alana BANDELL
 - b. 1781
 - d. 1865
- 18. Samuel JOHNSON
 - b. 1778

Conn.

- d. 4 July 1891
- 19. Elizabeth STEELE
 - b. 1778

Conn

- 22. Harry Stone
 - b. 1810

Vermont

- d. 6 June 1862
- 23. Julia TAYLOR
 - b. 1809

Vermont

- d. 1895
- 32. Elisha Case
 - b. 1747
 - d. 1808
- 33. Judith ____
- 64. Abraham CASE
 - b. 20 August 1720
 - d. 18 March 1800
- 65. Rachel ____
- 128. Bartholomew CASE
 - b. October 1670
 - m. 7 December 1699
 - d. 25 October 1725
- 129. Mary HUMPHREY
 - b. 1699
- 256. John CASE
 - b. 1616
 - m. 1657
 - d. 21 Feb 1703 or 1704
- 257. Sarah SPENCER
 - b. 1636
 - d. 13 November 1691

Harold E. Smith

Route #1 - Box 344

St. Anne, Illinois

- 1. Harold Everett SMITH
 - b. 7 November 1907

Aroma Twp, Kankakee Co, Ill

- m. 4 April 1931
- 2. Calvin SMITH
 - b. 25 February 1878

Aroma Twp, Kankakee Co, Ill

- m. 28 January 1903
- d. 27 September 1963

Kankakee, Ill

- 3. Hettie JONES
 - b. 19 June 1883 Sherburnmille, Ill
 - d. 2 November 1959 Kankakee, Ill
- 4. Thomas SMITH
 - b. 7 November 1836 Maine
 - m. 22 December 1862
 - d. 31 August 1918 Aroma Twp, Kankakee Co,Ill
- 5. Harriet M. VANDERKARR
 - b. 21 January 1845 Illinois
 - d. December 1910
- 6. Everett JONES
 - b. 7 April 1861
 - m. 14 September 1882 Kankakee, Ill
 - d. 14 August 1936 Holiday, Missouri
- 7. Enola HAYHURST
 - b. 17 September 1864 Momence, Ill
 - d. 12 December 1938 Holiday, Missouri
- 8. Aaron SMITH
 - b. 1792

England

- m. 5 January 1826
- 9. Content CLEVELAND
 - b. 18 March 1799 Embden, Maine
 - d. 12 December 1875 Aroma Twp, Kankakee Co,Ill
- 10. Jacob VANDERKARR
 - b. New York
- 11. Irene VICKERY
 - b. New York
- 12. Demont J. JONES
 - b. 29 February 1820
 - m. 16 March 1852
 - d. 20 June 1888

- 13. Jane P. WALDRON
 - b. 14 September 1826
 - d. 8 January 1905
- 14. John B. HAYHURST
 - b. 8 January 1837
 - Sherburnville, Ill
 - m. 8 January 1857
 - d. 11 May 1921
- 15. Mary Ann FARRINGTON
 - b. 27 January 1837
 - d. 27 October 1901
- 28. Lilliam HAYHURST
 - b. 26 August 1814
 - m. 24 January 1836
 - d. 9 November 1891
- 29. Susannah PERRY
 - b. 15 August 1818
 - d. 7 February 1905
- 56. John HAYHURST
 - b. 27 October 1789 Penn.
 - d. 9 November 1857
- 57. Nancy INKS
 - b. 16 August 1791
 - d. 30 October 1876

Charles H. Regnier 378 South Alma

Kankakee, Illinois 60901

- 1. Charles Harold REGNIER
 - b. 18 December 1909 St. Anne, Ill
- 2. Elmer REGNIER
 - b. 7 June 1889

Papineau, Ill

- m. 31 October 1908
- d. 23 May 1972

Kankakee, Ill

- 3. Milliam Marie CHAYER
 - b. 7 Nay 1892

Kankakee, Ill

d. 10 March 1967

Kankakee, Ill

- 4. Joseph REGNIER
 - b. 10 March 1862 Papineau, Ill
 - m. 24 July 1881
 - d. 7 June 1944 Kankakee, Ill
- 5. Melinda DURAND d. 1899 Kankakee, Ill
- 6. Charles CHAYER
 - b. 2 April ??
 Beaverville, Ill
 - m. 1874 (?)
 - d. 12 February 1930 Kankakee, Ill
- 7. Delphine PRINCE
 - b. April 1868

Princeville Quebec Canada

- d. 26 February 1928 Kankakee, Ill
- 8. Julian REGNIER
 - b. September 12, 1824
 L'Acadie, Canada
 - m. 1856
 - d. December 31, 1900 Kankakee, Ill
- 9. Clarissa Delude LE BEAU
 - b. 14 March 1835 Canada
 - d. 1919

St. Anne, Ill

- 10. Moise DURAND
- 11. Rosalie PATNAUDE

d. 1927 Bradley, Ill

- 12. Francis CHAYER
 d. St. Anne, Ill
- 14. Pierre PRINCE

 b. Princeville, Canada
 d. 1899

 Kankakee, Ill
- 15. Anna
 - d. 1910 Kankakee, Ill.

- 16. Benoni REGNIER
 - b. 28 October 1797
 - m. 11 October 1819
 - d. before 1837
- 17. Marguerite GIROUX
- 24. Francis CHAYER

Mrs. Marie B. Vickery Route #2 - 226 St. Anne, Ill. 60964

- Debra Kay VICKERY
 17 December 1967
 Kankakee, Ill
- 2. Patrick Samuel VICKERY
 b. 15 August 1931
 St. inne, Ill
 m. 5 November 1966
 St. Anne, Ill
- Marie Beatrice STEVENSON
 b. 3 September 1941
 St. Anne, Ill
- 4. John Harm VICKERY b. 23 February 1873 St. Anne, Ill
 - m. May 1913

Kankakee Co, Ill

- d. 25 June 1954 St. Anne, Ill
- Pauline Mildred FURMANEK
 b. 2 November 1891
 Arstria, Poland
- 6. James Benjamine STEVENSON

b. 24 March 1906 St. Anne, Ill

m. 23 July 1931 Chebanse, Ill

- Alice Minnie Salina HASELOW
 25 July 1909
 Chebanse, Ill.
- 8. Levi Culver VICKERY
 - b. 8 March 1838

Renssalear Co, NY

- m. 12 March 1871 Kankakee Co, Ill
- d. 18 January 1894
 - Kankakee Co, Ill

- 9. Julia Caroline KIBBONS 25. Belle ____ b. 15 September 1847 Iroquois Co, Ill 26. Sidney BENJAMIN d. 6 March 1920 b. 30 October 1845 St. Anne twp, Kankakee Co, Ill Odessa, Canada m. 21 November 1865 10. Andrew FURMANEK Iroquois Co, Ill b. Poland d. 11 June 1927 d. Poland St. Anne, Ill 11. Phyllis SOKOLOWSKI 27. Eliza DAVID b. Poland b. 4 December 1848 Seneca Canada d. 26 January 1915 12. James STEVENSON b. 1 October 1863 St. Anne, Ill Pershire Co, Scotland m. 31 July 1880 26. John HASELOW Danville, Ill b. 19 July 1856 d. 7 March 1942 Germany m. 27 January 1884 Kankakee, Ill d. 13 February 1937 13. Lovina BENJAMIN Kankakee, Ill b. 15 March 1868 29. Minnie GENSCHAW Aroma Twp, Kankakee Co, Ill d. 20 December 1946 b. 6 December 1862 Kankakee, Ill Germany d. 13 July 1950 14. Charles William HASELOW Chebanse, Ill b. 26 December 1887 30. Folten BECHTEL Chebanse, Ill m. 14 April 1909 b. 9 July 1859 m. 23 September 1886 Chebanse, Ill d. 11 July 1941 d. 15 October 1943 Kankakee, Ill Chebanse, Ill 15. Clara Amy BECHTEL 31. Salina A. DEMARSE b. 14 March 1887 b. 7 October 1870 Clifton, Ill d. 5 June 1929 d. 6 November 1972 Kankakee, Ill 52. Elija BENJAMIN 16. David VICKERY 53. Cynthia b. 30 January 1810 m. 11 October 1832 54. William D. DAVID
- 17. Ruth HOXIE
 - d. 9 April 1885 Kankakee Co., Ill

b. 26 January 1815

d. 3 September 1872

Kankakee Co, Ill

- - d. 10 April 1915

b. 1 October 1820

d. 27 March 1901

- 56. John HASELOW
 - b. 1830 Germany
 - d. 1906 Chebanse, Ill
- 57. Fredericka BOETTCHER
 - b. 1833 Germany
 - d. 1889 Chebanse, Ill
- 58. Willian, GENSCHAW
 - b. 27 January 1839
 - m. 1862
 - d. 3 May 1911 Chebanse, Ill
- 59. Minnie DORNBOCK
 - b. 21 December 1837 Germany
 - d. 4 September Chebanse, Ill

- 60. Jacob BECHTEL
 - b. 18 December 1816
 - d. 2 February 1895
- 61. Elizabeth BAKER
 - b. 7 December 1821
 - d. 30 July 1908
- 62. Joseph DEMARSE
- 63. Rosalee PARDY b. 25 October
- 115. Anna F. BOETTCHER
 - b. 1813

Germany

d. 1889

Chebanse, Ill

MOMENCE OF THE OLD FRONTIER

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CHARLES MAFFETT'S WOODEN STOVE

Sometime during the sixties there appeared one day at Last Avenue and Court Street, in the City of Kankakee, where the Legris Brothers' bank now is, a man with a curious creation in the way of a stove with a wooden jacket. The stove was thus displayed that the public might give it "the up and down" and "the once over," and at the same time learn of its manifold advantages as set forth by its owner and manufacturer, Mr. Charles Maffett, Esq. The very novelty of the thing enlisted public interest in a day when stoves lacked, generally much of the perfection attained in this day. A day or so later, Charles Maffett himself, appeared with the new invention on the streets of Momence. Mr. A. B. Jenkins, now of Morocco, Indiana, as a boy, recalls the incident and Maffett's slogen, viz: "A pound of hay will feed ten men!" The stove was viewed by hundreds of people, some few of whom doubtfully acknowledged that it had merit, while the greater number looled upon the maplewood box, said to be a stove, as the product of a brain seized with a mild and harmless dementia.

The truth is, the originator of this stove, an old man and a floater whom Maffett had taken pity on and given asylum in his own home, instead of being demented was, in reality, so far in advance of him that he had the idea of the "fireless cooker" all but perfected. This product of the old Inventor's brain was, after all, merely a wooden box supplied with an inner compartment or double lining of tin of sufficient capacity to hold a gallon or so of water. This water was previously heated and poured into the compartment and, in order that the water might be kept hot, there was provided at one side, a small fire-box where a fire of chips could be kept going. We are told that this device, popularly dubbed "the wooden stove," cooked many articles popular in the culinary economy of that day and did it beautifully. Apparently there was no question as to the excellence of the products turned out by the wooden stove, but, for all that, the purchasing public of Kankakee and Momence was wary amd cautious to a degree that rendered it's sales almost nil.

A few, however, more courageous than the rest, bought stoves and used them successfully. We wish it were possible to give the reader some sort of description of this early-day innovation in stoves. Unfortunately there is no cut or picture of it extant. Mr. Charles Sherman and the late John Plummer, both old-time residents of Kankakee, recall perfectly the advent of Maffett's wooden stove, each witnessed public demonstrations of it, but neither could recall its structure other than that it was a box-like affair supplied with a water compartment of tin. The thermos bottle and the fireless cooker are indispensable adjuncts of almost every home in this day of the twentieth century. The late Elbert Hubbard, speaking of the scientifica developments of the century which have contributed most to the comfort and pleasure of living, recons the development of the thermos principal as among the greatest.

How strange that an old man, homeless, friendless, wandering up and down the world without a dollar should have touched, in his peripatetic exile, upon an idea so pregnant with possibilities! Strange, indeed, that his idea of half a century ago, should have approximated in its important details, the fireless cooker of today. Strange, too, was the insistent idea of the inventor, when seeking for a name for this new creation, to call it a stove. The public of that day could not reconcile the idea of a stove that was worth while, with a mere box of wood lined with tin. Stoves, as the public regarded them, were constructed of iron and never of wood. This stove of Maffett's therefore, lacked in the elements of successful construction. Ideas are stubborn things and hard to combat. Though the products of the wooden stove were excellent beyond any question, still, the public had the doubts; at all events it was unconvinced, and such as were "......convinced against their will, were of same opinion still!"

Messrs. Mateer & Scovill who, at that time, operated the Kankakee planing mill, were deeply interested in this novel invention, and, after having made numerous experiments with it, entered into negotiations with Maffett for the right to manufacture and sell the stove.

It is said that they secured the rights to sell the same in the state of California. This stove was supplied with a high-sounding, flamboy-ant title which, unfortunately, did not long survive and is therefore lost to us in this day. The venture of Messrs. Mateer & Scovill, sad tto say, did not prove a success, largely for the reason that Californians were just as skeptical, bone-headed and perverse as the "Suckers" of Illinois. Apparently, all this invention needed to put it over, was an up-to-date demonstrator and advertising man of the twentieth century type.

KANKAKEE COUNTY'S FIRST SCHOOL TEACHER

Kankakee county's first school teacher was an energetic, vivacious little Miss of tender years, comparatively, who accompanied the families of A. S. Vail and Orson Beebe to the banks of the Kankakee in the year 1836. She was Miss Lorain Beebe, sister of Orson Beebe and Mrs. A. S. Vail. While the others set themselves to the task of building a home in the virgin wilderness, Miss Beebe helped her sister keep house and devoted part of her time to teaching school. This first school was held in a room of Asher Sargeant's cabin, the first human habitation built on the site of Momence, and was opened in the winter of 1837. This first school teacher in the first school in Kankakee county, had two pupils. They were the children of Asher Sargeant, who thus shares honors with Miss Beebe in the matter of inaugurating education in the wilderness in that he furnished the schoolhouse and the pupils. This first attempt at school teaching was subject to interruptions on account of the weather. She taught only three hours a day and only on such day when she was enabled to cross the Kankakee on the ice. The school curriculum of that day embraced only the "three R's," and they were enough. The pioneer mothers of that day saw to it that their daughters were brought up to a course of domestic science, right in the home, under their own eye and tutorship.

The following year, in 1831 Miss Beebe went to "Upper Crossing," one mile above the present city of Momence, and there taught school in a room of the William Lacy log cabin, built there in 1833, the first habitation on the Kankakee in eastern Illinois. Here were located the Grahams, the Nichols, the Hills, the Dutchers and the others with families of small children sufficiently numerous to make a school of creditable proportions. Miss Beebe lived on the south side of the river and the school house was situated on the north side. She daily ferried herself across the river and back and at the same time took the small children of the south side with her, over and back again at the close of school. At this time, seventy-eight years ago, there still remained a village or two of the Pottawattomi in the near neighborhood of "The Crossing." They mingled on terms of friendly intimacy with the settlers, these children of the forest, who, though, possessed of a keen, childish curiosity, were silent and uncommunicative. Often the orderly decorum of the school room was disturbed for a half-hour at a time when a prowling Indian would take it into his head to make them a visit unannounced. Sometimes he would take up his station outside the door. More often he would appear at one of the windows and peer stolidly into the room, his features set and immobile, unflinching and apparently unconcerned although the eyes of teacher and pupil were focused upon him. It was useless to speak, for our primitive friends who thus

thought well enough of civilzation to call now and then, were deaf to all questionins and dumb to a hopeless degree when it came to giving expression to their thoughts.

Miss Beebe's righteous indignation was early aroused at the manner with which the white man plied the savage appetite with liquor. There was the case of "White Pigeon," a local Pottawattomie chief who was a royal good fellow when sober, but a raging demon when loaded with liquor, despite the pacific quality suggested by the title "White Pigeon". She one day sought Joe Barbee, a half-breed, who often served the little pioneer community of Momence and along the river as mediator and minister extraordinary at such times when the Pottawattomi, encamped along the river, imbibed too freely of liquor. He was quite a diplomat and his persuasive arts were often employed, and with good effect, in quieting an Indian surcharged with vile liquor. Miss Beebe remembered that often when "White Pigeon" went on a "High Lonesome," Joe Barbee, of Indian Garden, was sent for post-haste to stay with him until he sobered up. She met up with Joe one day and charged him with this unusual message: "Joe, I want you to tell White Pigeon for me, the very next time you see him, that he is not to drink any more liquor! Now, don't you fail me! Be sure and tell him."

Several days later, when she chanced to meet Joe Barbee again, she asked if he had delivered her message.

"Yes," he answered.

"Well, what did he say," she asked, rather impatiently.

"Well, when I told him he said: "White man make um, Indian drink um! White man no make um, Indian no drink um!"

Miss Beebe, school teacher though she was, pondered long and thoughtfully over this message which was the essence of courtesy, directness and brevity. But the more she pondered it the more clearly she realized that White Pigeon, by one brief stroke, had closed the "booze" question as between the two for all time.

In 1839 Lorain Beebe taught school in the Beebetown settlement on the Kankakee. In the year 1840 she went down on the Iroquois river to the settlement known as "Bunkum," in Iroquois county. Tt was while teaching there that she met Dr. David Lynds, whom she afterwards married. They made their home on a farm on the south side of the Kankakee near "Upper Crossing," where the Tiffany Brick Works are located today. There were other honors that fell to the lot of Lorain Beebe Lynds other than that of being the first school teacher. When Uncle Sid Vail finally landed a postoffice at his tavern at the settlement a name for the office became a paramount necessity. He named it "Lorain," after his niece. Uncle Sid Vail was a whig in politics and Dr. Lynds was a democrat. Congressman "Long John" Wentworth, of Chicago, was also a

democrat who admired Vail personally, but damned his politics. As a matter of good political strategy he deposed Vail as postmaster and gave the job to Dr. Lynds. Lynds moved the office to his place near the "Crossing" and naturally retained the name of "Lorain" as bestowed by Mr. Vail, since the lady had become his wife. Lorain Beebe Lynds was not only the first school teacher, but the first postmistress on the Kankakee in eastern Kankakee county, at that time known as Will. The first official cognomen Momence ever enjoyed was that of "Lorain." With the passing of the postoffice, so passed the name to another field, to supercede for all time the varied titles by which the upper ford had been known for a generation—"Upper Crossing," "Hill's Ford and "Westport." The place has vanished but the name remains—the name of "Lorain."

From the days of Lorain Beebe's first efforts at teaching school on up to 1850, efforts had been put forth by the settlers to effect some kind of an organization. In the late forties John Strunk, the miller, and William Chatfield were serving as school directors. early part of the day summer school in 1050 was taught by a Miss Marks, who afterwards became the wife of Dr. Lane. She had some trouble with the pupils before the expiration of the term, and the directors hired Miss C. A. Curtis, sister of Elon and Leroy Curtis, to close the term. Jas. Bennett, who had come to the country that year, was engaged to teach the winter term. There was a squabble over the propriety of scripture reading in the school which came near preventing his appearance as teacher in this school. So, you see, this question was a serious one as far back as seventy-five years ago. The school room, was about 16x20, seats were made of puncheon slabs, flat side up, with holes bored in the corners for the wooden legs, and one desk was made of boards wherein were stored the written copies, etc. The pens used in the school were made of goose quills by the master. Among the pupils in attendance at this school were: B.F. Gray, Helen, William and Mary Strunk, James, Martha, and Jan Chatfield, Lewis, Fred and Amelia Clark, Harden and Martha Vail, and many others from the families of the VanKirks, Grahams, Edwards, Fenders, Chamberlains, Motts, etc. This school in 1850-1 is said to have had about fifty pupils.

Lorain Beebe Lynds, the pioneer blazer of educational trails in Kankakee county, lived to see the primitive log cabin of one room give way to a stately edifice of stone and brick, the city high school, where hundreds of the city's youth are daily taught by an efficient corps of instructors. She lived to see the development of a land and a people whose chief bulwark is education, on which hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent. When later on, the city of Momence built another school building, this time on the south side of the river and near the old home of Mrs. Lynds, it was given the name of "The Lorain School," in honor of a well-loved citizen thus distinguished as Kankakee county's first school teacher. She lived to be ninety-three years old, retaining her brightness of mind and keenness of intellect—a frail human link which a breath might dissolve—that for so long bound the yesterday of the "border" with the luxurious era of today.

TWO PIONEER CRONIES

Pierre Brassard, several of whose sons are prominently identified with the business interests of Momence today, and Frank Longpre were hunting partners years and years ago when the great marsh country east of Momence was in its prime. Pierre Brassard died many years ago, but Frank Longpre survived and passed on only recently at the ripe age of ninety. To begin with, there was a racial bond which held them firmly for both were Canadians, and both had the Canadian's inborn instinct for the out of doors, the open trails and the flyways of the feathered hosts of the upper air. Both were at home either in the "blind" or beside the wilderness campfire. Each had confidence in the other born of many a campaign together on the upper reaches of the Kankakee or in the Beaver Lake country of eastern Indiana.

In time they became indispensable to one another. No one ever surpassed Pierre Brassard with the shotgun. A was an artist—a master in the art of shooting. No one ever equalled Frank Longpre in the art of calling geese in the days before the mechanical "squawker" was devised. In this he was a past—master. Frank Longpre'a voice, like John McCormick's, was his fortune and, in some respects, showed more cultivation than did that of McCormick. To Pierre Brassard, out on the flyway, it was "the sweetest story ever told," when Frank Longpre was "going good." Working thus together, they made unusual bags of game.

The story is still told of them that one day while returning from the region of Beaver Lake with a load of game they had killed, they noticed, as they drew near the river, numbers of ducks and geese circling over an openwater space which appeared inthe river's frozen surface. The air was black with geese and, although they had a load, their hunter's blood thrilled at the prospect. They stationed themselves by the river and Frank Longpre began to "honk." Swiftly the game began to circle to the lure, and as fast as they came within range, Pierre Brassard dropped them. It was little better than slaughter, but such an opportunity was not be passed by. An hour passed at this point and they had gathered in so many geese that they were nonplussed as to what disposition to make of them, for their light wagon was so loaded that not another carcass could be made to stick on. Pierre Brassard finally hit upon a scheme.

"Francois," said he to Mr. Longpre, "wat you say-we hang 'em up on de limb of de tree, and den we come back tomorrow and get dem, hey?" So the geese were hung up in the trees along the river bank according to Pierre's suggestion, hung by their legs high up where the prowlers of the forest could not got at them. And when they had finished the job, they beheld with satisfaction in this out door cold storage the forms of one hundred and thirty-five black Canadian geese! As they resumed their journey towards Momence, presently Pierre Brassard began to chuckle. "Hey, Francois! By jack! I tell you wot we do wit de boys on de ville; we will mak de grand bet dat we get de mos' geese tomorrow--we bet our

jack-knives against theirs--an all we have to do is jes' pick de geese off de roos' on de limb!" And he dug his companion in the ribs with his elbow and the two laughed long and heartily, these two old boys of the wilderness, who thus conspired quietly and put up a job on the rest of the hunting fraternity.

AROMA TOWN'S "BEST MAN"

Gus Wiley, who built the first white man's habitation in the timber on the Kankakee at Aroma, and who, some years later, in company with Alvin Wilbur, laid out the townsite of Aroma in 1852, was a character. His people, when he was born, unthinkingly imposed a burden on the name of Wiley by naming him Augustus M. The fates decreed, however, that in the pioneer community in which he lived, was to be known as "Gus," and also as "Aroma's Best Man." The "Best Man" of the pioneer days was he who was rated as being able to lick his weight in wild-cats, and successfully uphold the dignity and reputation of the community against attack from interlopers from the outside. Wiley was not only a good shot with the old flint-lock rifle, but he was a terror with his fists. He was a consistent and satisfactory performer in the matter of a rough and tumble, such as was the vogue in the days of the border. A digress from the lines of the story long enough to say that the Pacifist is distinctly a twentieth century product. He is the product of our latterday prosperity--the more or less pampered child of fortune--reared in luxurious ease. The red blood of pioneer days has been so watered, so diluted and thinned apparently, that the iron of the old days has gone out of it entirely. Such a deterioration of the race made possible the winning slogan of a presidntial candidate not so long ago -- "he kept us out of war!"

Wiley was a terror and a bear-cat but not of the swashbuckling, insinuating, overbearing type. He had to be stepped on first but, when ever that happened, the response was instantaneous, magnificent. In the days of the old frontier, men stood four-square on their rights, their honor and their reputation, more especially if "that reputation" credited them with being "the best man" in the township. A story illustrating the spirit of the age, is told of grandfather Isaac Legg, who came from Putnam county, Indiana, to Chicago in 1833, and who moved from there to Aroma township sometime in the late thirties. He was on his way to town one day on horseback, while still residing in Putnam county, Indiana, when he chanced to fall in with a stranger. They rode along together and talked of many things, when the stranger chanced to let drop the statement that he was "the best man" in his community. Grandfather Legg lost no time in letting the stranger know that he was the "best man" in his bailiwick, and then and there the two slipped from their horses and went at it. Grandfather Legg succeeded in putting it over of his adversary in this instance, after which they remounted their horses and proceeded on their way.

Mr. Martin Van DerKarr relates a story of Gus Uiley in his palmy days. On one occasion, while in Kankakee, Wiley was partaking of an oyster stew in a restaurant, when a Frenchman, from Bourbonnais, somewhat the worse for liquor, walked into the place and inquired, in a loud voice; "Is dat bully from "Roma, wat dey call Wiley, on dis place?"

Wiley was ''on dat place," and so informed him, at the same time asking what he wanted of him. "Sacre, I show you who is de bes' man! I am de bully from Bour-bon-nay, by gar!" Wiley explained briefly but quietly that he was, at that moment, trying to get all the pleasure and satisfaction possible out of his oyster stew; that he would be through in a moment, and if the "Bully from Bour-bon-nay" would not intrude his presence but kindly wait for him on the outside, he would be glad to accommodate him. And then he added significantly: "A bowl of oysters costs twenty-five cents, and I like 'em hot. The pleasure of lickin' you won't cost a damn cent."

"The Bully from Bour-bon-nay" was not to be put off. He became increasingly boisterous and finally insisted that Wiley did not dare to come outside. Seizing a favorable opportunity, Wiley rose suddenly from the table at which he was sitting, grabbed the bully by the scruff of the neck with his left hand, while his right sought a death-grip on the seat of his trousers. "The Bully from Bour-bon-nay" cut a ludicrous figure thus propelled from the rear by Wiley's giant frame. Straight towards the open door they headed, and, as the Fenchman went through, the velocity of a body failing in space was augmented, at least on the start, by a terrific kick, which landed full and fair. "Now," said Wiley, "you set down and be ca'm. If there's anybuddy you'd like to bid good-by, you'd better do that, too; I'll have them oysters licked up in jist a minute." Wiley returned to the table and resumed the interrupted meal. When he had finished, he paid for it, and then leisurely betook himself to the outside.

In the meantime, the Bully from Bour-bon-nay, whether from the effects of a partial sobering up or a brief interval spent in serious reflection, was not nearly so anxious to annihilate the Bully from "Roma as he had been. Rather, he desired him as an ally--a friend. He made a proper apology to Wiley for disturbing him while at his meal in the restaurant, acknowledged that, as a bully, he had no business with "The Bully from "Roma," and, as evidence that the amende honorable on his part was genuine and sincere, invited him to go across the street to a "hard liquor palace" and seal the friendly covenant with a drink.

There was a saloon in that day on Court Street where the Fina building now is, and thither they made their way. Not one but many drinks were partaken of during the sojourn of the party there, and under the stimulus of the liquor the Fenchman's drooping courage revived and again became formidable. However, there was this difference in his attitude towards Wiley; instead of wanting to fight him, Wiley had become his especial protege whose reputation was as sacred a thing as his own. He had suddenly switched from antagonist to protector. Turning to the mixed crowd in the saloon, he screamed at the top of his voice: "Hey, you mushrats! Dis ees ma fren, Monsieur Wiley; les de Bully from "Roma! Me? I'm de Bully from Bour-bon-nay! Anyone wat lay one 1-e-e-tle finger on him--sacre battan-'es get hees eyes scratch out, so!" And suiting the action to the word, his face was contorted in an awful grimace, and the extended arms and hooked fingers were truly suggestive of the cruel claws of the wild-cat.

And that was as near as the Bulliesof "Roma and Bur-bon-nay ever came to a mix-up.

Mr. William Spence, a Kankakee resident who knew Wiley well, recalls that on one other occasion Wiley was sought by a neighborhood bully, "a youth to fortune, and to fame unknown," whose only claim to a niche in the hall of fame of that day, was by reason of the sound thrashing Wiley gave him. From Wiley's house, at Aroma, there was a path that led through the thick underbrush to a favorite fishing-hole on the river. Wiley was an enthusiastic fisherman in a day when fishing on the Kankakee was worth while, and scarcely a day passed that he did not traverse this wilderness path with his hickory fishing-pole. The unknown bully laid in wait for him one day on this path and, as he appeared, stepped out in front of him and blocked the way. "Are you Gus Wiley?" asked the stranger. "I am," said Wiley; "what can I do for you?''

"I'm going to give you a lickin'," said the stranger seriously.

"All right," flashed Wiley, "off with your coat!"

The stranger pulled his coat. "Why don't you pull yourn," said the stranger, as Wiley threw down his fish-pole and stepped up to him with his coat on. "It's too much trouble fur nothin'" replied Wiley, "git up yer hands and look out fer yourself!" The bout was fast and furious, most too fast and decidedly too furious for the youthful stranger who did not long stand up under the vigorous gruelling of this backwoods giant. The fellow was only too glad to acknowledge, finally, that his ideas as regards to licking Wiley had undergone a radical change in the space of five minutes—that he might have been in the right place but the wrong pew. It wasn't Wiley he was looking for after all; it was a fellow who looked a good deal like him! He had done his bit but was conscious of a strong desire "to pass the torch to other hands" before he had fairly got started. And Wiley, after a few sage remarks by which youth might profit, picked up his fishing-pole and went his way to the old fishing-hole on the river.

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REETZ, Aug. (T. COOK) Ch Laura, Frank, Jesse, Anna, August, Ernest, Edward, James, Wilda; "Walnut Grove Farm" Milford R6 Ash Grove Sec35 R13W T460a Lida PRUITT and Dr. RUSSELL (1910)

REETZ, Frank (Mamie RILEY) Ch Harold, Bernard; Milford R6 Ash Grove Sec14 R13W T400a Mrs. Jose WASHBURN (1881)

REEves, C. W. (Anna mayhew) Ch Wendell; Milford r6 Milford Sec20 T120a S. M. BARNES (1893)

REEVES, J. (Ella HARNES) Ch Jessie, Phoebe, James, Nora, William, George, Forest, Charles; Milford R6 Milford Sec29 0102a (1869)

REEVES, Oliver (Maud COBB) Ch Desmond, Nathan; Sheldon R3 Sheldon Sec24 T240a Ethel BISSELL (1873)

REEVES, Stanley (Cora MARTIN) Ch Orville, Stephen, Harold, Marjorie; Milford R6 Ash Grove Sec22 R13W T200a L. V. LOCMAN (1891)

REEVES, W. A. (Lue LESTER) Ch Stanley; Milford R5 Milford Sec22 T200a Eliza GOLDSTEIN (1870)

REGAN, Mike Jr. Milford R3 Stockland Sec2 T200a Mike REGAN Sr. (1893)

REGNER, J.A. (Pauline LEVEQUE) Ch Donald, Vernon, Lucile; Donovan R3 Beaver Sec7NE T157a Miss Cecile NOURIE (1891)

REGNIER, C. T. (Leonie POINBERT) Ch Laura, Eddie, Alma, Clarence, Melissa, Leona, Horace, Virginia; Martinton R2 Martinton Sec3 0112a (1872)

REGNIER, E. C. (Ursula DIONNE) Ch Albert, Isabelle, Delphine, William, Alfred, Leo, Wilford, Cecil, Ambrose; "Park View Farm" Beaverville Papineau Sec36 0151a (1867)

REGNIER, Helaire (Leona DENOYER) Ch Gerald, Juliette; Donovan R3 Beaver Sec17 T151a A. B. REGNIER (1895)

REGNIER, Horace (Leona LAWRENCE) Ch Oral, Mabel; Clifton R1 Chebanse Sec34E T284a Henry TATRO (1900)

REGNIER, H. A. (Rosella LAVOIE) Ch Marie, Louise, Amanda, Bernice, Thresa; Donovan R3 Beaver Sec17 T397a Wm. FLEMING (1875)

REGNIER, H. T. (Cora LAREAU) Ch Leroy, Marselle, Armel, Birdella, Raymond; Beaverville R1 Beaver Sec28 T160a J. LAREAU (1882)

REGNIER, Lawrence (Zella FORTIN) Ch Madeline, Ennis, Romane, Laurine; Martinton R2 Martinton Sec10 T120a J. S. BUDREAU (1889)

REHBERG, Ed. (Louise PIEPENBRINK) Milford R2 Ash Grove Sec3 R13W L4E T120a Dora REHBERG (1884)

REHBERG, Ernest (Mary DELAHR) Ch Laverne; Milford R2 Ash Grove Sec3 R13W Lot 3W T120a Dorothy REHBERG (1885)

REICHERT, Bernhart Sr. (Anna KRELL) Ch Bernhart Jr., Edward, Theodore, Albert, Henry, Harvey, Emna, Lillie, Rosie, Mary; "Ever Green Stock Farm" Watseka R6 Iroquois Sec22 0224a (1887)

REICHERT, Bernhart (Ellen GAGNON) St. Anne R3 Papineau Sec29 T200a Herman SCHREIB (1892)

REICHES, Henry (Mandy SCHUMACHER) Ch Lorene, Gilbert; Cissna Park R1 Artesia Sec15e t120a K. REICHES (1914)

REICHES, John (Lena TESKE) Ch Matilda; Buckley R1 Artesia Sec22E 080a (1890)

REID, A. U. (Malbel LaVORE) Clifton R3 Milks Grove Sec1 T160a Mrs. D. MONROE (1884)

REID, Cecil (Clarabelle NICKERSON) Ch Vialta, Melba; Clifton R1 Chebanse Sec11 R14W T160a J. N. O'NEIL (1887)

REID, Jasper (Pearl HARRIS) Wellington R1 Prairie Green Sec19 Farm Hand G. W. Lockhart (1912)

REIGHEL, George H. (Sarah JOHNSON) Ch Herbert; Gilman R3 Douglas Sec29 R14W T200a Henry REIGHEL (1884)

REIKEN, Fred M. (Anna ORTMAN) Ch Celeste, Agnes; Ashkum R2 Ashkum Sec33 R14W T260a J. A. REIKEN (1889)

REIKEN, Mrs. M. (Mary POST) Ch Cassie, Henry, Emma, Nan, George, Fred, Claire, Ethel, Jessie, Eunice, Chester; Ashhum R2 Ashkum Sec31 R14W 0120a (1883)

REILLY, B.F. (Emma DEITER) Ch Bernard, Irving, Lester, Irene; Gilman R1 Douglas Sec9 R14W 080a (1871)

REILLY, Edward (Helen COTTER) Ch John, Katherine, Margaret, Timothy, Edward, Charles, Frark; Gilman R1 Douglas Sec4N R14W 0200a (1869)

REILLY, James A. (Mary BREEN) Ch William, Margaret, Marie; Gilman R1 Douglas Sec3 R14W 080a (1873)

REILLY, Thomas (Lettie REILLY) Ch Mary, Tom; Gilman R1 Douglas Sec3 R14W 080a (1871)

REINCHE, Frank (Lizzie COLOME) Ch Alvin, Harold, Marie; Chebanse R3 Chebanse Sec18 R14W T160a G. W. TRASK Est. (1902)

REINERS, Carl (Lena THEISFELD) Ch Fred, Anna, Maggie; Milford R4 Milford Sec6 082a (1875)

REINHARD, Philip L. (Anna LOHMANN) Ch Laura, Mattie, Ralph, Roy, Amanda Irene; "Dairy Farm" Pittwood R8 Middleport Sec4 012a (1883)

REINHARD, Roy (Helen McINTYRE) Watseka R4 Middleport Sec8 T112a George McINTYRE (1887)

REITZ, George H. (Dora COTTER) Ch William, Melvin, Arvie; Gilman R3 Danforth Sec21 R10E T190a George REITZ (1903)

REMMERS, John D. (Juanie BERGER) Crescent City R2 Crescent Sec3 T120a Decker & Johnson and M.Johnson (1898)

REMMERS, Remmer (Ollie BOMAN) Ch William, Catherine, Sophia, Mary John, Henry; Crescent City R2 Crescent Sec3 T120a Decker & Johnson (1874)

REMNERS, William H. (Ruth BENSCOCOTER) Ch Ashel; Watseka R3 Crescent Sec11 T160a R. W. HILSHER Est (1890)

RENICHE, Jesse (Phoebe BECK) Ch Roland, Dorine; "Sunnyside Farm" Clifton R2 Milks Grove Sec33 T160a M. J. and R. J. MARTIN (1909)

RENIER, Louis (Agnes FORTIN) Ch Lucile, Marcella, Annette; Beaverville Papineau Sec34 T200a Harvy BEYNOURIE (1883)

RENKEN, Albert (Petke LUCHT) Ch Alfred, Arehart, Edna; Milford R6 Milford Sec16 081a (1874)

RENO, Calix (Josephine BELLMAR) Ch Camile, Anna, Anetole, Eugene, Florence, Alfonse, Dona; St. Anne R2 Papineau Sec26 0174a (1859)

RENTSCH, John (Mary GUINGRICH) Ch William, Lena, Emma, Hilda, John, Rosie, Mary, Elmer; Cissna Park R3 Pigeon Grove Sec24 C200a (1896)

RENTSCH, William Cissna Park R4 Pigeon Grove Sec24 T120a John RENTSCH and Eberhart Bros. (1907)

RENVILE, Nicholas (Julia DETOUR) Ch Nicholas Jr., Verneal; Clifton R2 Milks Grove Sec27 Farm Hand F. P. Collins (1914)

RENZ, John Cissna Park R3 Pigeon Grove Sec16 080a (1878)

REPLEY, Charles (Rebecca EVANS) Ch Hazel; East Lynn Fountain Creek Sec35 T240a Geo. YATES and Frank REPLEY (1896)

RETHLAKE, John (Anna AHLERS) Ch Joseph, Bernard, Margaret, Harold, George; "Bushland Farm" Sheldon R2 Concord Sec19 T359a Mrs. Clayton DOWELL (1900)

REUSE, E. J. (Marie CHAPMAN) Ch Irene; Clifton R3 Chebanse Sec6 R14W T80a L. E. REUSE (1892)

REUTER, M. H. (Bertha OBERLADER) Ch Clarence, Anna; Milford R6 Ash Grove Sec23 R13W T160a H. SUMMERS (1916)

REUTTER, Charles (Viola MALATT) Ch Ruth, Dale; Cissna Park R4 Fountain Creek Sec29 T160a H. SUMMERS (1916)

REUTTER, Gottlieb (Mary RINGGER) Ch Marion; Cissna Park R4 Fountain Creek Sec18 T205a Christiana REUTTER

REUTTER, Fred (Minnie ALT) Ch Helen; Cissna Park R4 Fountain Creek Sec17 T178a Rosie ALT (1890)

REUTTER, John (Anna VERKLER) Ch Orville, Earl, Paul, Edith, Virgil, Catherine; Cissna Park R4 Fountain Creek Sec5 T200a G. W. HOFER and Sophia STERTZER

REXER, Mike (Rozella JONES) Milford R1 Stockland Sec21 090a (1902)

REYNOLDS, C. W. Ashkum R3 Ashkum Sec18 R14W T80a H. REYNOLDS (1875)

REYNOLDS, Edward (Ellen Phalen) Sheldon R3 Sheldon Sec31 0174a (1875)

REYNOLDS, Henry (Margaret MERIGAN) Ch William, Clarence, Agnes, Josephine, Marie; Ashkum R3 Ashkum Sec24 R10E 0100a (1877)

BIBLE RECORDS

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FAMILY BIBLE

Wedding Gift from the Church in Schaffhausen, Switzerland Samuel Meyer and Barbara Pior (Peyer) Schleathean 26th Jaruary 1845

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- 1846, 28th September a girl is born to Samuel Meyer & wife--named Anna
- 1847, 2nd November--a boy, to Samuel Meyer & wife, named Alexander.
 Born 9:30 a.m.
- 1849, the 4th of August--Son named Samuel
- 1850, the 4th of January son died. Name Samuel.
- 1850, 10th of December--girl born--Marquerite--at 5 o'clock a.m.
- 1853, 22nd of January. Two sons, one named Michael, other Hans George (twins)

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- 1857, 11th of July (the hay month) Son, 2:30 in the afternoon, John.
- 1859, 25th of May-Daughter. Her name Magdalene. 11 a.m.
- 1861, 20th September, the Mother died. Her name was Barbara Peyer (or Pior). She was 43 years, 2 months & 12 days old. God gave her the freedom.
- 1863, 22nd December. Samuel Meyer died. He was 51 years old.

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- 1870, 28th of November, A girl, Rose born to Gottfried Vollmer.
- 1872, Emme Vollmer born Sept. 15th.
- 1874, Bertha Vollmer born May 30th.
- 1875, Bertha Vollmer died August 8th.
- 1876, Anna Vollmer, Born January 26th.
- 1876, Anna Vollmer died August 14th.
- 1877, Barbara Vollmer born December 2nd.
- 1880, Gottfried Vollmer born July 6th.
- 1883, Robert Vollmer born October 31st.
- 1885, Anna Vollmer died October 25th. The Mother. God gave her the freedom. She was 39 years and 4 months.
- 1910, Aunt Agnes died, September 29th. 70 years old.
- 1912, Aunt Magdalene died November 28th. 78 years old.

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- 1886, Gottfried Vollmer died December 1st (July 6th, 1880--Dec. 1, 1886.)
- 1927, Gottfried Vollmer (father) died Dec. 20, 81 years and 2 months.

After the death of Anna Vollmer, the sister, Marguerite Meyer, took the family (married her sister's husband, Gottfried Vollmer, and lived 41 years in a happy marriage with him. She died January 1st, 1931 and was believing in God (God wills.)

They rest now in quiet freedom. The love from us goes beyond death. See our heart still loves. They died much too early for us all and we stand here with tears in our eyes. God's plan was to take them and give them a better life. What God has done--it is well done.

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1930, Barbara, Vollmer, daughter of Gottfried, died October 16th.

(The Bible is in the possession of Grace Fay of Laclede, Missouri)

TO THE MEIER FAMILY TREE

Here's to the Meier Family;
The past, the present, the yet to be!
To the fathers who planted the family tree,
To the mothers who reared it carefully,
To the children who followed with loyalty
Their teachings good and true.

Here's to the Meiers of the past,
Long may their precious influence last.
Those pioneers of the family,
Who rooted deep the Meier tree,
With their trust in God and humility,
Their faithful toil and integrity,
Their persistence, faith and frugality,
Their patience, courage and sympathy,
They "builded better than they knew".

Here's to the Meiers of to-day,
Long on earth may be their stay.
A credit to the family,
Given to hospitality;
The trunk and branches of the tree,
Sturdy and strong, as any you see,
Reared in faith and honesty,
In Christian love and charity;
In the world, their part they do.

Here's to the Meiers yet to be,
The fruitage of the family tree,
Since, "by their fruitage you shall know"
May they ever fairer, better grow
Than the best of Meiers that we know;
And crown the family heritage so.
May they on to perfection goAnd the spirit of Christ, the Master, show,
And ever to Him be true.

So - here's to the Meiers, one and all,
Old and young, great and small,
May none disgrace the family name,
But ever true and loyal remain;
That others in the shade of this tree shall rest,
And there be conscious that they are blest,
Til the Master himself shall pleas - ed be
To begin "the life anew".

September 3, 1920 ----- Barbara Vollmer

THE BURIAL RECORD OF THE REV. CHARLES PASCHAL CHINIQUY contributed by

Mrs. James D. McGlynn, Royal Oak, Mich.

"Acte de Sepulture d'un Personnage Fameux."

"Ce seizieme jour de janvier, mil huit cent quatre vingt dix neuf est decede a Montreal, Que., a l'age de quatre-vingt neuf ans, cinq mois et dix sept jours, Charles Paschal Chiniquy, docteur en theologie, ne a Kamouraska, Que. Il fut pretre de L'Eglise Catholique romaine vingt cinq ans, et nomme par Elle I'Apotre de la Temperance. Il se convertit au protestantisme en mil huit cent cinquent neuf et resta fidele a la verite evangelique jusqu'a la fin. Il fut inhume le dix nouf janvier mil huit cent quatre vingt dix neuf, dans le cimetiere protestant, de Montreal.

JL. Morin Ed. A. Menaz

D. Cousserat Calvin E. Amaron, D.D.

J. Herdt ministre(1)

(1) Registre de l'eglise presbyterienne Saint Jean, Montreal, pour l'an 1899."

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CHINIQUY, Charles age 61 b. Can. CHINIQUY, Charles age 39 b Ill Euphemie " 36 b. " Rebecca " 2 b. Ill 11 Stella " 26 b " Albert " 33 b " 2 b. Ill. " 24 b " A minister with real estate valued Schneider, Tilly " 20 b " at \$9,600 and personal property of Chiniquy, Eddie " 38 b Can \$400. With them was a servant and Buttin, Jacob a gardner. 1870 census of St. Anne 1885 census, City Crookston (dw.94) Kankakee County, Illinois (fam.13) Polk County, Minnesota

Were the two Charles' related?