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MEETINGS - January, February, and March meetings will be held the fourth Saturday in the month at 1:00 P.M. at the Lincoln Public Library, 725 Pekin St., Lincoln, IL Meetings for April and following months will be held at 7:30 P.M. on the third Monday in the month, unless otherwise specified, at the Oasis.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Greeters should plan to be at the meeting early to welcome members and guests. Please mark your calendar and bring a friend.

- Jan. 26--Dorothy Gleason Mar. 23--Lester & Mildred Wickline
Feb. 23--Virginia Johnson Apr. 15--Nova Coseboon

PROGRAMS for 1991

- Jan. 26--Going through new books at the Library
Feb. 23--Program by Paul Gleason
Mar. 23--Not confirmed
Apr. 15--Not confirmed

DUES

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Membership dues for 1991 are now due. If dues are not paid by Apr. 1st, you will not receive the April Quarterly. Membership Application is included on the following page.

QUARTERLY is published in January, April, July, and October by Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society, P.O. Box 283, Lincoln, IL 62656. Membership dues in the Society are: \$8.00 annually for single members; \$9.00 for family (2 Members only) plus \$1.00 for each additional member in excess of 2 persons; \$5.00

for student; \$15.00 for contributing membership; and Life Membership \$100.00. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your membership card. Yearly dues are from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. DUES NOW DUE FOR 1991.

We welcome your Bible and church records, school and court records, family records, and stories, also your ancestor charts. Anyone who has any material they would like to submit for our next Quarterly--April--please send to Viola Richert, R.R. 1, Box 40, Beason, IL 62512. We encourage you to help us. Back issues of Quarterlies are \$2.00.

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LIBRARIAN

Our Society library is in the home of our Librarian, Lucille Henrichsmeyer, 817 Decatur St., Lincoln, Ill. 62656, Phone (217) 732-4435. She has a microfiche reader with microfiche of Illinois Marriages and the Joseph Brown Turner collection from Delaware which includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, N. Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia. She has the new 1990 edition of Illinois Marriages. Also, she has microfiche on records in Germany, England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. Also, she has Quarterlies from our Society and other Societies in and out of state, and some books.

The library facilities are available to all members Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 5 P.M. Also, the material available may be used at other times by phoning Lucille for an appointment. It is hoped members will use this material in their research. Please give Lucille a call.

PIONEER CERTIFICATES

Pioneer Certificates are available from Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society. If an ancestor of yours lived in Logan County any time from its beginning up to and including 1880, then you are eligible for a certificate (you need not have ever lived in Logan County). The Certificates are \$5.00 each, printed on parchment-look paper. Proof your ancestor lived in Logan County can include county records, marriage licenses, death certificates, county histories, Bible records, cemetery records, census records, etc. Each generation must be proved. A common mistake is lack of proof that the ancestor was in the County. Be sure to include everything and follow directions. To obtain an application, enclose SASE. Write: Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society, Attn. Pioneer Certificate, P.O. Box 283, Lincoln, Ill. 62656.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

SYMPATHY is extended to Bernadine Montgomery, Lincoln, on the loss of her brother, Wayne Voyles, Beason, on Jan. 5, 1991.

GET WELL WISHES are extended to Omer Henrichsmeyer, Lincoln, who fell and fractured his knee-cap.

GET WELL WISHES are extended to Jane Whiteman, Lincoln, who fell and sprained her ankle.

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Mildred Wickline, Lincoln, for her dedicated work with the American Red Cross. She is Chairman of the Logan County Chapter and maintains a hotline for military families out of her home 24 hours a day every day. For the past three decades this has been operated out of the Wickline home.

LOGAN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FINANCIAL REPORT
Year--1990

Balance January 1, 1990

\$4117.54

	<u>Receipts</u>		
Dues--1989	\$ 16.00		
Dues--1990	606.00		
Dues--1991	157.00		
Dues--1992	9.00		
Life Membership	100.00		
Total Dues		\$888.00	
Query		3.00	
Research		17.25	
Family Group Sheets		7.60	
Atlas Sales		860.00	
Postage--Atlases		52.00	
Postage		1.00	
Donation		9.00	
Pioneer Certificate		5.00	
Back Quarterlies		70.00	
Postage on Back Quarterlies		10.00	
1880 Census		35.00	
Quarterly		2.00	
Total Receipts		\$1959.85	6077.39

DISBURSEMENTS

Donation to Senior Citizens' Center			
Six Meetings	\$ 90.00		\$ 90.00
Quarterly Expense:			
Stencils, Paper, Ink, Correction Fluid	69.79		
Postage on Quarterlies	176.25	\$246.04	
Postal Cards, Stamps & Stamp Pad		70.71	
Rubber Stamp		10.58	
Annual Report		5.00	
P. O. Box Rent		28.00	
Ledger Sheets		6.00	
Logos Associates--Directory of Major Illinois Foundations		40.85	
Programs		50.00	
Subscription--Genealogical Helper & Handy Book		37.95	
Lincoln Public Library--Microfilm Project		100.00	
Atlas Expenses:			
Printer's Costs	\$3600.00		
Postage for Mailing	28.80		
Mailers	10.00		
Refund on Atlas	30.00	3668.80	
1880 Census Costs:			
Reduction	34.00		
I. S. G. S. Syllabus Ad	12.00		
Ad--Everton--Genealogical Helper	15.00	61.00	
Canon Copier--First Installment		350.00	
Tip--Pig Hip Restaurant, Broadwell, Ill.-			
Route 66 and History of Pig Hip Restaurant		30.00	
Total Expenses		4794.93	
Balance January 1, 1991		\$1282.46	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

I want to take this opportunity to inform our membership, of the tireless work performed by our Secretary, Lucille Hendricksmeier, in researching and putting together our 1880 census. This two volume edition is well done, and she is to be complimented on her dedication to see to its publication. We have numerous copies now for sale. We also have the Logan County Atlas. Thank you Lucille from all of us.

Some work has also been done on our 1870 Census. Two of our members were working on it, but were forced to stop due to health reasons. During the Genealogical Conference in Effingham, the Shellhammers of Illiopolis, agreed to finish this work for the society. Hopefully our weather will clear soon so we can deliver the research already finished.

I would also like to thank the chairpersons of our various committees who have given of their time and effort to help us in all our projects. The Wicklines in their research, and Viola Richert in all her work getting our quarterly together, and Jane Whiteman in helping with the quarterly and services as treasurer.

Thanks to all those loyal members who try to make all meetings. A successful organization needs the help and support and dedication of all its membership. It would help if more of our members would make an extra effort to support us at our regular meetings. We need you all to get our projects accomplished. Strive to make that one of your committments for 1991.

Best wishes for the coming year.

May we see you at the Library Feb. 23rd. 1:00 p.m. and March 23rd, same place and time.

Virginia Johnson - President

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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

DIRKS, Mrs. Dorothy J., R.R. 1, Box 44, Athens, Ill. 62613
HARTSEEL, Mrs. Bernice, 3340 W. Shoff Circle, Peoria, Ill. 61604
HENESSEE, Ms. Jean, % Harold Vaughn, 5331 Lawndale, San Angelo, Tex. 76903
MARX, Mrs. Tabitha, 61 E. Parka Lane N., Orem, Utah 84058-7803
O'CONNOR, Mr. Edward G., Apt. 202, 325 Erie St., Three Rivers, Mich. 49093-2170

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SMITH, Mrs. Dorene M., Rt. 2, Box 134, Mt. Pulaski, Ill. 62548

Please notify Viola Richert of any errors or changes in name or address.

CONFERENCES

April 27 -- 1991 ISGS Spring Workshop, Springfield, Ill.
Oct. 25-26 -- 1991 ISGS Fall Conference, Champaign, Ill.

QUERIES

Freeman NORMA J. FREEMAN, 124 Lupoyama Circle, Lakeport, CA 95453
Ward Turner This new member for 1991 is researching these names.
Lucas Branson Would appreciate exchange of correspondence.

 FRANCES C. ELIADES, 3113 Olympic, Bakersfield, CA 93308-1532
Snyder/ Would like to contact descendents of Uriah Snyder/Snider d.
Snider 30 Aug 1887 Mt Pulaski, Logan Co, IL where he had lived for
 ca 30 years, b. PA. Wife's name was Mary (?), children include
 Albert b. ca 1850; Fannie b. ca 1858; Clarence T. b. ca 1862;
 probably others. Uriah Snyder had brother Ephraim Snider (1818-
 1900) who lived near Waynesboro, Franklin Co. PA.

Manley MRS. ARMAND R. VILLARREAL, Route 2, Box 620, Bartlesville, OK 74003
Hayes Grandfather Lafayette Smith mar. Grandmother Lula M. Manley
Smith ca 1896; my father Arnold L. Smith born Decatur, IL, Macon Co.
Shannon May 1907. Probably older child deceased. Gr par divorced 1910.
 Father of Lafayette may have been William. Grandmother Lula
 born in Lake Fork, Logan Co. April 1880; her par. were George
 Manley and L. Jane Hauer. Would appreciate any info.

Ross CARRIE JOHANN, 2929 275h St, #103, Zion, IL 60099
Penny Searching for information on the son of James Crowdson ROSS and
 Jemima PENNY. Born ca 1848. Resided in Logan Co. IL

Henessee JEAN HENESSEE, % Harold Vaughn, 5331 Lawndale, San Angelo, TX
Newman 76903. Would appreciate exch of info on mother Maud "Mae"
Flynn Newman born Chicago ca May 1901

Hill MRS. THELMA C. HILL, 11825 Washington Bl. Sp. 9, Whittier, CA
Manion 90606-2617 This member is researching these names. Also there
Hensley are other names in the family for exch of info.

Allison BETTY J. RATZMAN, N 6525 Austin Rd. #203, Spokane, WA 99208
Stapleton Interested in exch of info with anyone descending from the
Musick Rachel Virginia Allison b ca 1840, who married Thomas Young in
Logan Lincoln, Logan Co. IL 1858. Rachel died in 1914 in Lincoln
 area.

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THE LETTER "E"

Someone has advanced the opinion that the letter "E" is the most
unfortunate character in the English Alphabet because it is always out
of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger, and in hell all the time.
But I call attention to the fact that "E" is never in war and always
in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease,
and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no meat, no bread, no
life, no heaven; it is the center of honesty, makes love perfect, and
without it there would be no editors, devils or news or PETERS SHELLS
which were sold in the store of Geo. L. Carter in Lincoln, Nebraska.

.....from the files of E. McElhaney.

SOURCE: LINCOLN EVENING COURIER 27 JAN 1927

MT. AIRY SCHOOL RISES FROM 70 YEAR OLD RUINS

Rural school days of before the Civil War, when teachers received \$25 a month; the days when school rooms were heated by wood burning stoves, (coal was unheard of) were recounted last night at the program dedicating the new Mt. Airy school building in Aetna Twp., which has arisen Phoenix-like from the foundations of the 70-year old building that had been served by nearly a half hundred teachers.

The first Mt. Airy school house was erected in 1856, and a history of the old school was read by Mrs. Harless McKinley, wife of one of the present directors.

U. G. Hoffman, assistant state superintendent of public instruction, delivered the dedicatory address, speaking on "Mental Development," and directing his remarks especially to the school pupils.

E. H. Lukenbill, county superintendent of schools, spoke on "Essentials of a Good School," and commented at length upon modern school facilities, both as to buildings and education.

Miss Esther Arnett, present teacher, gave a history of the new school building, upon which construction started last Aug. 18. The building was occupied the first of this year.

The new Mt. Airy school is a modern one-room frame building with all rural school conveniences. It was built by John Maus, Chestnut contractor, at a cost of approximately \$4,000. Men of the school district hauled the materials and helped dig the basement, thus saving a big labor and haulage cost.

In addition to the talks on last night's program, music was furnished by the Mt. Airy community orchestra, there was singing by the school, and a solo by Miss Doris Aughenbaugh.

OLD SCHOOL'S HISTORY

Read by Mrs. Harless McKinley: "The old school house was built in the year 1856. The directors at that time were Uncle Billy Donnan, Uncle Mason Laughery, Col. Braucher and Uncle Blan Whitaker. The first teacher was Elijah Mardin. The salary was about \$25 per month. One of the first pupils was T. F. Whitaker.

They did not have desks when they first built the school house; instead the children sat around tables on benches without backs. At that time they had two terms of school each year, a winter term of six months, then a month's vacation followed by a summer term of three months.

They burned firewood and the first record of buying coal is in 1891, when they bought a new coal stove, a bucket and four tons of coal for \$31.

On July 4, 1868, they had a picnic for the school children and hired the Mt. Pulaski band to play.

In 1895 the school house was moved from near the road to the back of the school yard and remodeled. They made it wider, removed the lobby, putting the door on the east side of the house, put in a new floor and put on new weather boarding. The directors at that time were Henry Donnan and L. W. Fletcher.

Since that time it has been remodeled twice. The building was used for school seventy years from 1856-1926. In the summer of 1926 it was voted to build a new school house.

In comparing records, we find Uncle Blan Whitaker on the first school board and his grandson, Frank Whitaker, on the last school board. The other two directors are Harless McKinley and Ora Donnan. In the seventy years there were at least 44 teachers. They were: Elijah Mardin, W. D. Leather, James H. Kyner, Miss Mattie Trimble, John Kent, George Watson, James B. Geer, Marcellus Piatt, Thomas B. Piatt, Emma Fleming, L. E. Hartcort, Mr. Dresback, Jennie Eckert, J. W. Clark, Lou Foreman, Sam Porter, Florence Whitney, M. R. Walker, G. E. Clark, Alonzo Clem, William Buchanan, Lucy Tutewiler, Mr. Brewster, Neva E. Turner, Mabel Mills, Bertha Mills, W. H. Carson, Mertis Whitaker, Clara Scott, Mary Joseph, Flora Graham, Will Lakin, Miss O'Marra, Ed Dillard, Clara M. Irwin, George Leimbach, Albore Tune, Norma Piefer, Mae L. McAfee, Grace Downey, Ida Blough, Lela Moore, Mary Sparks, Lola A Hahn, Ruth Smallwood, and Esther Arnett."

My mother, Mrs. Harless McKinley, was Grace Downey who taught at Mt. Airy from Sept 1913 to May 1915, and because she became engaged to Harless, the board of directors put in her contract: "not to marry during school term." When my parents married in 1916, they moved into the William McKinley farm home which was the closest home to the school house. I remember Miss Lola Hahn of Mt. Pulaski "roomed and boarded with us." She was my first grade teacher. Miss Ruth Smallwood was my second grade teacher and Esther Arnett was my teacher in the third, fourth and fifth grade. The new school house had a storm cellar at the north end of the basement and I remember we went into it during the tornado, on Tuesday, April 19, 1927, in which two boys were fatally injured in Chestnut.

Our home burned to the ground the day after school was out at the end of my fourth year in school, May 2 1928. During that summer we lived in the new Mt. Airy School building. When school began, we moved into the old school building at the back of the school yard. On Thanksgiving Day, I was washing dishes in the building as it was being moved across the field on rollers to the site where our home had burned.

One day in the summer of 1990, I drove past the site of the Mt. Airy School which had been used as a residence since the schools were consolidated, and was surprised to find it had been torn down. Thus ended the story of one Logan Co. country school.

BOOK REVIEWS

by Mildred R. Wickline

History of Isaac, John, and Noah Wood Family by Betty Wood Houghton, N6140 Hwy. W, Portage, WI 53901. 1990 Hardcover. 176 pages with index. This is a very interesting book giving historical stories of her ancestors. The descendants of Isaac and Rachel Ramey Wood is detailed enough for a genealogist to find lots of facts but brief enough to enjoy a quick look. Betty has used records of government, libraries, published state and county histories, along with family records. The Woods were a deeply religious people seeking a new home for their family to come. English born Isaac Wood and Rachel Ramey Wood, French born Huguenot, raised and educated their 7 sons and 3 daughters. Isaac was/is Betty's ggg/grandfather. These people exhibited the leadership qualities and acquired skills necessary to live on the Virginia frontier. The men were militia-men throughout their lives. Bibliography is concise and appreciated giving her sources full credit. There are two indexes - different but helpful if you only have half of a persons name. The alphabetical listing and then the given name index was new to this reader. This book is easy reading, at one sitting, with enough facts and figures to keep one pondering for days. I hope you will find it so. Contact Mrs. Houghton for further information.

The Ancestors and Descendants of F. A. Marsh and Ivy Crites 1990. By William R. Marsh M.D., 2611 Apache Road, Grand Island, NE 68801. Hardcover. 8½X11 inches. 331 pages on acid-free paper. Index. \$25.00.

F. A. Marsh and Ivy Crites have over 260 ancestors that are known by name all the way back to 1620 and beyond. It will be a good reference book to have on your library shelf, if you have ancestors from England, Ireland, Scotland or Germany. Fifty-eight family names with two generations, at least. Thirty names familiar to this reader in Logan County area are: Bond, Brooks, Church, Conrad, Doggett (Daggett), Eddy Hart, Heath, Hyde, Janes, Long, Lord, Marsh, Montgomery, Moody, Mullins, Myers, Newcomb, Parker, Pearce (Pierce), Potter, Pyles, Rogers,, Rouse, Spencer, Steele, Sunderland, Tucker, Warren and Wickwire. The Crites family lived in Logan County in 1860-1870. Frederick A. Marsh was born 21 Nov 1871 in Nebraska, married Virginia Ivy Crites 19 Apr 1893. Dr. Marsh grants permission to photocopy and microfilm his work and hopes genealogists will find this book helpful. (It comes with one sheet of corrections.) Dr. Marsh's genealogy of his family began ten years ago. His interest in family could be medical or simply curiosity - does kinship have long term significance and what aspects of us can live on in our descendants and for how long? His findings are quite revealing and interesting in this day of genetics, genes and generation gaps. The physicians' view of his family tree is certainly refreshing but it does take a lot of reading to get to Ivy Crites and F. A. Marsh.

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1991 DUES?

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN LUCAS

I, JOHN LUCAS, of the County of Logan, State of Illinois, do make and publish my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is, to say:

FIRST, It is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid.

SECOND, I give, devise and bequesth to my beloved wife, Sarah Lucas, 1/3 of all my lands, containing about 767 acres, during her natural life, and one horse, one cow, one bed and bedding, and at the death of my said wife, all the property given to her, to my three sons, Thomas F. Lucas, Caleb H. Lucas, and John A. Lucas, and to their heirs and assigns forever.

THIRD, I give and devise to my oldest son, Thomas F. Lucas, the farm on which he now resides, situated and known as the John Turner farm, containing about 187 acres, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

FOURTH, I give and devise to my second son, Caleb H. Lucas, the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Se $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 35, Twn. 18N, Range 2W; the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 2 in Twn. 17; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5; W side of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 2, Twn. 17; 20 acres W side of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 2 in Twn. 17, containing 260 acres, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

FIFTH, I give and devise to my third son, John A. Lucas, the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 35, Twn. 18; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 3, in Twn. 17; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 2, Twn. 17; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 2, Twn 17; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 2, Twn 17, containing about 230 acres, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

SIXTH, I give and devise to my daughter, Jane Dalton, the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 2, Twn. 17, containing about 20 acres.

SEVENTH, I give and devise to my daughter, Sarah Lucas, the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 17, Twn 17, containing 20 acres; also my sons Caleb H. and John A. Lucas shall pay the above named Sarah Lucas, when twenty-one years old, four hundred dollars; one horse, saddle and bridle worth \$90.00, one milch cow, one bed and bedding, when eighteen years old and to her heirs and assigns forever.

EIGHTH, I give and devise to my three oldest daughters, Mary Birks, Elizabeth Scroggin and Hannah Reed, fifty dollars, to each one respectively, and to their heirs and assigns forever.

NINTH, I request that my beloved wife Sarah Lucas, live with my third son, John A. Lucas, and him support her, if agreeable to her wishes, in place of 1/3 of all of my real estate.

TENTH, I give and devise to my sons, Caleb H. and John A. Lucas, all of my personal property, money and notes, that are not otherwise devised and bequeathed, and Caleb H. and John A. Lucas pay all my just debts; they may sell the property and collect the debts any way they please.

LASTLY, I hereby constitute and appoint my three sons, Thomas F., Caleb H., and John A. Lucas, to be the executors for this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me made, and ratifying and confirming

this and no other to be my last will and testament. Said executors are authorized to act as executors without giving security to their bond as executors.

Probate Journal No. 1

July term, 1857

Estate of John Lucas (will). Caleb H. Lucas and John A. Lucas (minor) appointed executors of will of John Lucas, deceased. Bond of \$25,000.

The above John T. Lucas married Sarah Bowman. He was a son of Abraham and Marcey Kelsey Lucas.

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CORRECTION

In the Summer Quarterly, dated July 1990, in the article on French's Chapel, in the second paragraph, "They passed the first winter near the present village of Chestnut in what was then called Yankeetown" --it should have read, "___ in what was then called Hurricane Point which was renamed Yankeetown during the Civil War because most of the early settlers fought for the North."

In the sixth paragraph, Maurine Humphreys, daughter of David Humphreys and Mary nee French is mentioned.

The following is a copy of a letter written to her Grandmother Lavina "Vine" Humphreys in 1879 by Mary Bumgarner, who had just traveled from Ohio by wagon train to central Illinois, east of Elkhart.

December the 3. 1879

Dear Friend Vine

It is with pleasure this fine evening that I try to write a few lines. We got through safe and are all well and hope that this may find you the same. We was five weeks on the road and I was awful tired when we got here. We come through 73 towns and we met 81 moovin (sic) wagons a going west. We found the Beaver folks all well. Nancy Rader is dead. We was there on Sunday and she was as well as common and she died the next morning. She had another stroke of Palsy. Nan Brill had been there over 2 years when Mrs. Rader died and they got Nan to stay till they had a sale and they got Jane to stay with her. They had the sale last Tuesday. We got a set of chairs and a bureau and a side saddle and some apple butter.

Old Mr Armintrout is dead. He was so crazy they had sent him off before we came back and he was buried the next Friday after we came back. He was buried at the chapel. They are a going to have a sale next Friday week. Tell Martha Morgan that I haven't saw any of Joseph's folks but Miller and his family and Marcus at Armintrout's burying.

Well, Vine, both of my branny (sic) roosters and one of my pullits (sic) has died with the cholery. I have got 25 chickens and we have got a cow and we can get another cow of Cyrus for her feed and don't you think Cyrus give me a pig and Pa bought 2 of him. I

haven't been anywhere since we moved only down to Wesley Given and they have got a new dishwasher and that isn't but _____.

I was at Nancy Buse and took dinner and she thought that you might as well a come this fall to see her but I told her that you was a coming next fall. George Theobald and his Mary has went to Kansas. Snotty John had been out there 2 years. They started since we landed. You wondered if Bill Tailor was yet alive. He is and a living with Dillays and they are a doing worse than ever. I do not think that old Tailor will ever die for he has got the dry wilt and will last forever. I saw John McDonnel and Mahale and she looks like the corpse of a Katydid. I have been down to Robert Carson and Ellen is the same. She can complain as much as ever and Ida is a great big fat thing. I did not see Rob. He was down at Jim's a shucking corn. I hear that Jim has got a sewing machine and I know that Roseann will make her dresses nicer than ever. I am a going down some of these days and see if she has found the spoon yet. I haven't been on little Beaver yet. I have been in at Foster's once and they are all well but Mary Jane and she has her other arm broak (sic). Nancy is as big as Hannah. I saw old Pop __der at Nancy Rader's sale and she had as many questions to ask as ever.

We are a going on Henry Given place in the spring where Uncle Jim lived in the spring if we can not do any better. I was up to Henry Givens and they are the same as ever and they have the prettiest little girl that you nearly ever saw. I cannot write much this time but I will write more the next time. Tell David that he had better not put off comin back very long if he is a coming after Nan. There is some talk of her a marrying and he

had better come pretty soon. Please excuse poor writing and poor spelling. Please answer this if you can _____

from Mary Bumgarner to Vina Humphrey
Please direct to Picketon, Pike Co., Ohio

Submitted by Mrs. Alberta Lisk

Levine ("Aunt Virginia")



Grandma Humphreys.

Mt. Pulaski-- THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL MEDALS are very beautiful and will be held as valuable relics. On one side is a log cabin with the words "Boundless Prairies" above and "1836" below, with "Founded by Jabez Capps, Barton Robinson and Geo. W. Turely" surrounding it. On the other side is a beautiful building of to-day with the words "Mt. Pulaski Semi-Centennial Celebration" and "Happy Homes, 1886". Two thousand of these medals were disposed of at the low price of ten cents.

THE PROCESSION last Wednesday was a beautiful and attractive one. Heading the procession was the log cabin of fifty years ago and the comfortable home of to-day, by Sayder Bros. Then followed the magnificent floats of Beidler & Sons, Martin Bros., Reinheimer Bros. & Lesem, Fowler & Hager, Zeiss & Bekemayer, E.A. Danner, C.F. Schafer & Co., Snyder & Vonderleith, Mt. Pulaski Tile Co. the Blatz Bottling Co., Illinois Central R.R. Co., Singer Sewing Machine Co., Emil Miller and H.F. Lushbaugh. The display both day and night was very favorably commented upon by strangers and proved very creditable to Mt. Pulaski's enterprise.

Last Wednesday the steam chest in which the meat was prepared for the semi-centennial attracted the attention of the vast crowd present.

The principal orators of the semi-centennial were Judge James H. Matheny, of Springfield, Rev. Mr. Black, of Douglas County; Mr. J. P. Hefferman, of this city; Col. H.C. St. Clair, of Kansas; Hon. Wm. M. Springer, of Springfield; Capt. J. H. Howell, of Bloomington, member of congress from this district. The address of a historical nature delivered by Major M. Wemple was an eloquent and interesting one. The welcome address by Dr. J.H. Beidler was a production of merit and the immense crowd of people who listened to its delivery are free in expressing their opinions that no welcome address was ever delivered in this town in a more proper way.

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June 15, 1990

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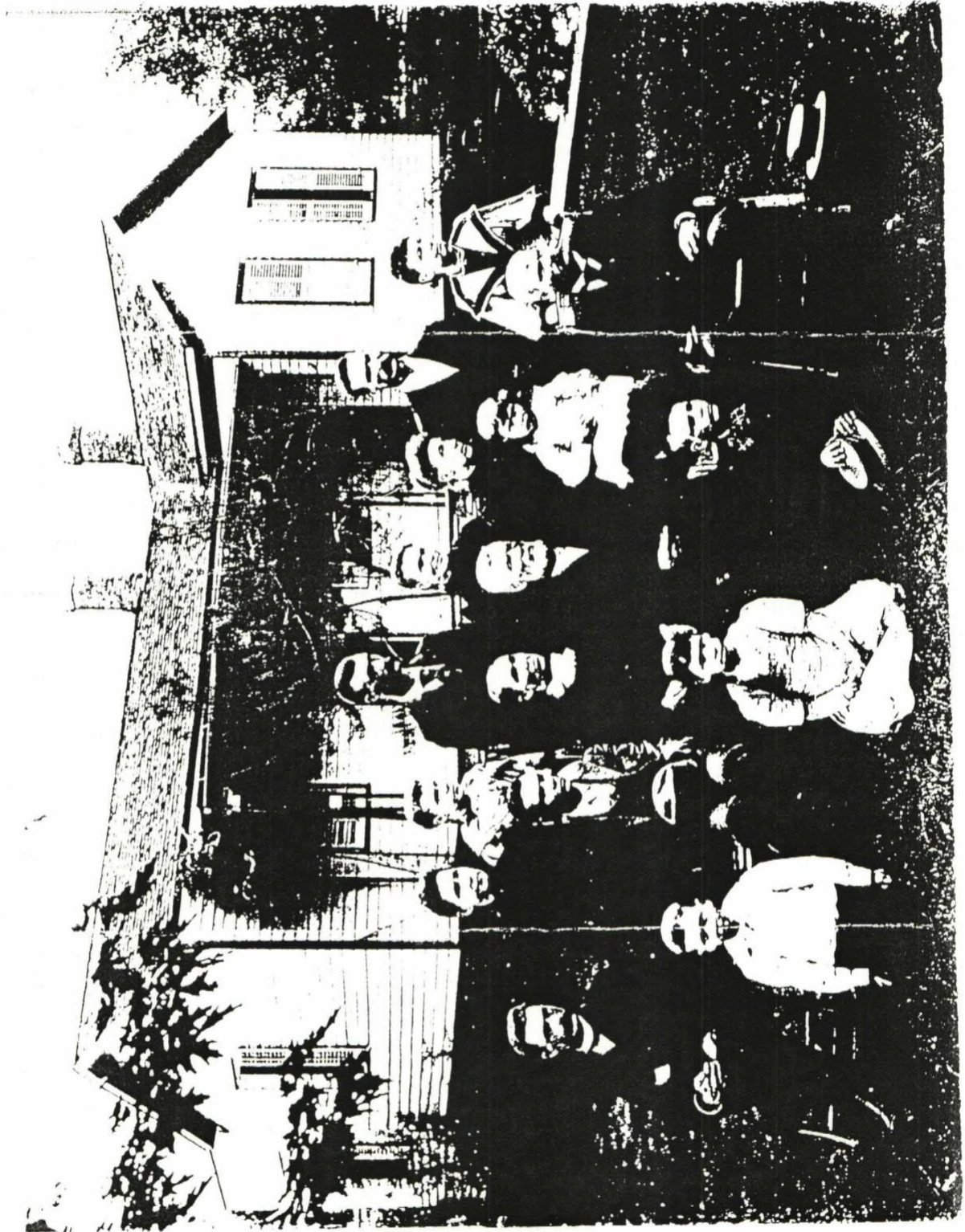
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I like to live in a little town
Where the trees meet over the street
And you wave your hand and say "Hello!"
To everyone you meet.
I like to pause for a minute or two
Outside the grocery store
And share the friendly gossip
Of the folks who live next door.
For small town life is interwoven
With the friends you learn to know,
Till you feel their joys and sorrows
As they daily come and go.
I'm content to live in my little town
Where homes and happiness blend
Where a stranger's a stranger only a day
And after that he's a friend.

--Author unknown

Note from Gaynel Gorman: On the back of the picture there is writing in pencil. This is what I could make out: Taken June ---, Will and wife, J----, wife, baby, Kay, Al and wife, Wood. My mother's maiden name was Wood.



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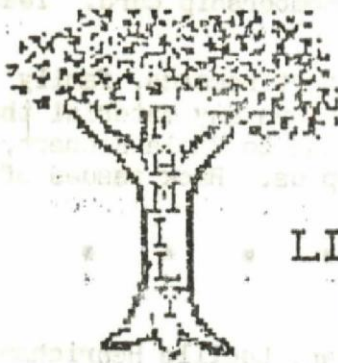
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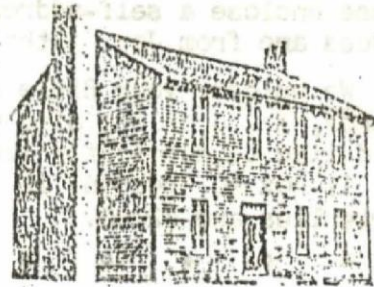
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MEETINGS - The May 20th meeting will be held at 6:30 P.M. with a BBQ lunch served by Paul Gleason before the meeting, at the Oasis. The following meetings will be at 7:30 P.M. until further notice, third Monday in month, at the Oasis, Logan County Senior Citizens Center, 501 Pulaski St., Lincoln, Ill., unless otherwise specified below.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Greeters should plan to be at meeting by 7:00 P.M. to welcome members and guests. Please mark your calendar and bring a friend.

- Apr. 15--Nova Coseboon & the Wicklines June 17--Lucille Henrichsmeyer & Omer H.
 May 20--Paul Gleason July 15--Annual picnic

PROGRAMS for 1991

- Apr. 15--Show and Tell
 May 20--Catherine Sloman will speak about the Horse Preacher
 June 17--Mr. Richard Sumrall, new librarian of Lincoln Public Library, Speaker
 July 15-- Annual picnic at Kickapoo Creek Park

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your membership card. Yearly dues are from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

We welcome your Bible and church records, school and court records, family records, and stories, also your ancestor charts. Anyone who has any material they would like to submit for our next Quarterly--July--please send to Viola Richert, R.R. 1, Box 40, Beason, IL 62512. We encourage you to help us. Back issues of Quarterlies are \$2.00.

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LIBRARIAN

Our Society library is in the home of our Librarian, Lucille Henrichsmeyer 817 Decatur St., Lincoln, Ill. 62656, Phone (217) 732-4435. She has a microfiche reader with microfiche of Illinois Marriages and the Joseph Brown Turner collection from Delaware which includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, N. Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia. She has the new 1990 edition of Illinois Marriages. Also, she has microfiche on records in Germany, England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. Also, she has Quarterlies from our Society and other Societies in and out of state, and some books.

The library facilities are available to all members Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 5 P.M. Also, the material available may be used at other times by phoning Lucille for an appointment. It is hoped members will use this material in their research. Please give Lucille a call.

PIONEER CERTIFICATES

Pioneer Certificates are available from Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society. If an ancestor of yours lived in Logan County any time from its beginning up to and including 1880, then you are eligible for a certificate (you need not have ever lived in Logan County). The Certificates are \$5.00 each, printed on parchment-look paper. Proof your ancestor lived in Logan County can include county records, marriage licenses, death certificates, county histories, Bible records, cemetery records, census records, etc. Each generation must be proved. A common mistake is lack of proof that the ancestor was in the County. Be sure to include everything and follow directions. To obtain an application, enclose SASE. Write: Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society, Attn. Pioneer Certificate, P.O. Box 283, Lincoln. Ill. 62656.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

SYMPATHY is extended to Lester and Mildred WICKLINE, Lincoln, on the recent loss of Lester's sister-in-law, Mrs. Harold Wickline, Decatur, Ill.

THE COURT HOUSE BURNS

One of the most tragic things that can happen to the genealogist researcher is the burning of the court house.

The first destructive fire to occur in the new town of Lincoln took place on the night of April 15, 1857, and consumed the most important edifice in the town, the county court house.

The fire broke out at midnight and when discovered was so far advanced that the building burned to the foundation, including all the county records, except three or four books in the circuit clerk's office. So suddenly did the fire start and so rapidly did it progress that incendiarism was suspected, but the origin of the fire is unknown and the charge was never substantiated.

All books, papers and records in the other offices were totally destroyed. The books that were saved were rescued by J. C. Webster, newly elected Circuit Clerk. He was assisted by one Thomas Lane, of Springfield. Mr. Lane was in the caboose of a south bound freight train about one o'clock in the morning. He asked the conductor to hold the train and then ran over to the court house, rushed in and grabbed two books. He attempted to enter the second time but the heat was too intense. He added later, "I wasn't thinking so much of the court records as I was of myself. I owned 160 acres of Logan County land and I was afraid if the books were burned I might have trouble with my title. The man I bought the land from lived in Germany. I understand I did not get the right book".

The fire was disastrous in several ways. Titles of Logan County land are defective to this day by reason of the fire. The early history of the county was destroyed. The court house had not yet been paid for. John T. Jenkins, County Clerk, lost many thousands of dollars in uncollected taxes. George Musick, sheriff and exofficio tax collector, stood charged with nearly \$17,000 of taxes for the year. However, the General Assembly, in 1859, passed a special act directing the Logan County Court to release him from any liability on the charge.

A new court house was soon erected on the foundation of the old one, at a cost of about \$15,000 and was ready for occupancy in June of 1858. Separate offices for the county and circuit clerks were built to the north and south of the main building and were ready for use in October, 1857.

LOGAN COUNTY COURT HOUSES

By the year 1845, the settlers in the southeastern part of the county began to agitate the removal of the county seat from Postville (Lincoln) to Mt. Pulaski. Mt. Pulaski had become a town of three hundred people and excelled Postville in commercial importance. While further from the geographical center of the county, it was closer to the center of population as the southern part of the county had settled more rapidly than other sections. Also, there was talk of organizing a new county out of portions of Logan, Sangamon and Macon Counties, with Mt. Pulaski being the center, and removing the county seat to Mt. Pulaski would help this plan. The constitution of 1848 prohibited the organization of new counties until a certain number of inhabitants were in the prescribed limits, and this ended the plan. It came too late to help Postville. Postville had never secured the county seat by popular vote, but had been proposed by county commissioners, one of whom was opposed to the Postville location. The Mt. Pulaski proprietors figured that a popular vote would give Mt. Pulaski the choice for the county seat. As a result

of their agitation an act was passed by the General Assembly on February 23, 1847 providing for an election to be held for that purpose. (The name of Postville had been changed by legislative act to that of Camden, but it was never known by that name.) The act also provided that in case the vote was in favor of Mt. Pulaski, they would be required to erect a "good and sufficient court house for the use of the county", the same to be erected on the public square. The election resulted in a majority voting in favor of the move.

The new court house was erected as required, and it is still standing today in a state of good preservation and is a state historic site.

A subscription paper was passed among Mt. Pulaski residents to defray the expenses of the court house and about \$2,700 was raised. The county added another \$300, and citizens donated time and assistance in erecting the building.

The building faced west, was two stories in height above the basement line. The lower floor was utilized for offices and the upper floor was to be the court rooms. Abraham Lincoln was a frequent visitor, and was on either one side or the other on every important case tried.

On removal of the records from Postville the county commissioners sold the Postville court house to Solomon Kahn for \$300, who opened up a stock of merchandise in the building. It was also used as a post office. Mr. Kahn purchased additional lots owned by the county, and since all had been originally donated by the Postville proprietors, the previous owners sued the county for the value of the property, saying such proceeds should revert to the original owners. After considerable legal litigation the Supreme Court ruled against them. Abraham Lincoln was attorney for the county.

Some years later the court house was sold and the logs were converted into railroad ties and used in the construction of the Chicago and Alton railroad.

COUNTY SEAT BACK TO LINCOLN

The year 1851 marked the coming of the railroad to Logan County, and this changed conditions. The Chicago and Alton railroad, first known as the Alton and Sangamon railroad, was completed in 1852, and preparation was made to extend it on north to Bloomington. This would put Lincoln in the geographical and population center and again agitation began to move the county seat back to Lincoln.

Colby Knapp, member of the Legislature, secured a passage, going into effect on February 14, 1853, which provided for another election for moving the center of government back to certain prescribed lots (in Lincoln) and if approved owners of the land would convey at least ten acres of land suitable for public buildings and grounds, and to erect upon said property a suitable building, and all records be removed to said location.

In 1853, the proprietors, Robert Latham, Virgil Hickox and John D. Gillett, of this new location, now known as Lincoln, conveyed to the city county blocks 6, 16 and 25, the same being approved by the county court. Block 16 is the court house square and 6 and 25 are the two parks, Latham Park to the north and Washington Park (now Scully Park) to the south.

Upon a majority approval of the move, work began on the new court house which was ready for occupancy in 1854. (Note: this is the court house that burned).

It was a two story structure, built in the center of the square, seventy-five feet in length and forty-five feet wide and thirty feet high. A fence was built around the court yard with an entrance on the Kickapoo stree side.

George W. Turley and others from Mt. Pulaski filed a court bill seeking to restrain the building of county offices on the new location on the ground of certain legal technicalities. The presiding judge ruled otherwise and the ruling was upheld by the Supreme Court. In 1857 Mt. Pulaski donated the old court house there to the Board of Education to be used forever for school purposes.

As has been previously stated, on the night of April 15, 1857, this new court house burned to the ground, and with it were destroyed substantially all of the records of Logan County.

THE FOURTH COURT HOUSE

Soon after the fire, arrangements were made to erect a new court house. In the meantime court was held in the new Christian Church on Pekin Street. The new building was to be built upon the foundation of the old one, to be of the same size, with the superstructure being brick. The front entrance was to open on Kickapoo Street and the rear one on McLean Street.

The new building was completed in June 1858, at a cost of about \$14,514.73. After the building was completed four entrances were made in the surrounding fence, and in 1884, the fence was removed, adding much to the improvement of the location.

By the year 1901 great concern was felt about the dilapidated condition of the building, and the Grand Jury recommended construction of a new one.

At the December term, 1902, a Court House Building Committee was appointed. It consisted of H. P. Purviance, chairman, O. M. Kiest, secretary, J. C. England, E. B. Nicholson and Patrick Ryan, with L. B. Stringer as attorney. They were to receive plans and advertise for building bids. On December 22, 1900, the bid was awarded to J. M. Deal, of Lincoln. W. A. Corwine was made Superintendent of Construction.

The cornerstone was laid on September 21, 1902, and the building was formally dedicated on November 9, 1905, at a total cost of \$205,000.

The building was constructed of Cleveland sandstone, in classic design, with four entrances, and surrounded by huge columns twenty-five feet high, holding aloft pediments bearing carvings representing the State seal of Illinois. The structure had a basement and was three stories high, topped with a huge dome covered with copper, fifty-two feet in diameter and sixty feet high from base to summit. The dome was surmounted by a lantern, nine feet in diameter and eighteen feet high. On top of that was a thirty foot flag pole. Elevation from the ground to top of the pole was 135 feet. One each side of the dome was a huge clock, nine feet in diameter.

This court house is still in use and is an impressive sight in its well landscaped location. Today the dome is electrically illuminated at night and is a beautiful sight.

THE PRESS

The first newspaper published in Illinois was the KASKASKIA HERALD in 1814. The second paper was the SHAWNEETOWN EMIGRANT, published in 1818. By 1835 there were eighteen weekly newspapers in the state. The first daily was published in Chicago in 1839. The first paper published in Sangamon County, of which the present Logan County was then a part, was the SPECTATOR, established in 1826. The first edition of the SANGAMO JOURNAL appeared November 31, 1831, and has continued until the present time and is now known as the ILLINOIS STATE JOURNAL and has been published daily since 1838. The ILLINOIS STATE REGISTER was first established at Vandalia and followed the capitol to Springfield in 1836 and has been published daily since 1849. (Ed. Note: The JOURNAL and REGISTER were later combined and is now published as the ILLINOIS STATE JOURNAL-REGISTER).

The first attempt to publish a newspaper in Logan County was by S. B. Dugger in Atlanta, Illinois. It was known as THE LOGAN COUNTY FORUM and first appeared in August of 1855. Mr. Dugger discontinued the paper in 1858.

The next newspaper venture was the LINCOLN HERALD established February 1, 1856 in Lincoln. After four weeks the office and fixtures were disposed of to Joseph Reed and E.S. Austin, who printed the paper under the name of ILLINOIS CITIZEN until May 1, 1856. At that time the name was changed to HERALD FREMONT. Later the name FREMONT was dropped and LINCOLN inserted, the paper then becoming the LINCOLN HERALD, a daily paper later combined with the DAILY NEWS and known as the DAILY-NEWS HERALD.

The LOGAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT was established in 1856 and sold in 1864 and the name changed to LOGAN COUNTY COURIER. It was again sold in 1865/1866 and merged with the LINCOLN HERALD.

Other papers were the LINCOLN INTELLIGENCER, 1866 - 1869; LINCOLN STATESMAN, 1868, sold in 1875 and eventually became the LINCOLN TIMES; the JOURNAL, began in December 1873, was sold in the same year, combined with the DAILY NEWS and became the LINCOLN TIMES; LINCOLN TIMES, 1873, was under several ownerships and in 1903 was consolidated with the COURIER and became the TIMES-COURIER; SHARP'S WEEKLY STATESMAN, 1874, in 1877 became the LOGAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN; the LOGAN COUNTY BEE 1877, discontinued the same year; the LOGAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN, 1877, consolidated in 1879 with the LOGAN HERALD; the SENTINEL, 1878, discontinued the same year; the LINCOLN COURIER, 1890, a weekly, semi-weekly and daily. The weekly COURIER absorbed the LINCOLN TIMES and the name changed to the LINCOLN TIMES-COURIER; the LABOR-ADVOCATE, 1894, discontinued same year; ILLINOIS VOLKSFREUND, a german newspaper beginning in 1874 was later changed to VOLKSBLATT in 1876. Several other newspapers were attempted but lasted only a short time.

The ATLANTA ARGUS, PUBLISHED IN Atlanta, Illinois, beginning in May 1869, continued for several years but is no longer published. The first newspaper in Mt. Pulaski was the MT. PULASKI SENTINEL, established in July, 1870. In 1871 the name was changed to the MT. PULASKI OBSERVER. In July 1873, the paper was sold and became the DOLLAR STAR, later the MT. PULASKI STAR until October 1876, when it was discontinued.

The MT. PULASKI CITIZEN appeared in 1876, was sold and became the MT. PULASKI TIMES in June 1882 and in 1885 it was combined with the MT. PULASKI CITIZEN, becoming the MT. PULASKI TIMES-CITIZEN, The paper was discontinued in 1889.

The MT. PULASKI REPUBLICAN was established in August, 1884, and in 1866 sold to S. Linn Beidler and became the MT. PULASKI NEWS. The MT. PULASKI TIMES was

established in 1902, and in 1906 was absorbed by the MT. PULASKI PRESS. For several years the paper appeared as the MT. PULASKI TIMES-NEWS, A WEEKLY PUBLICATION. (Today, 1991, Mt. Pulaski is the only other Logan County town that publishes a newspaper. It continues to be a weekly paper and is known as THE WEEKLY NEWS. All other county papers have ceased publication).

The EMDEN NEWS was established in Emden in 1895; MIDDLETOWN JOURNAL in 1901, ceased in 1904; the MIDDLETOWN LEDGER in 1904, now discontinued; the LATHAM GRAPHIC in 1891, long discontinued.

TERMS THEN AND NOW

Stepmothers were sometimes called mother-in-law. Cousins could be relatives of any type, sometimes even close friends. Jr. written after a man's name did not necessarily mean a name the same as his father, it might be an uncle or older cousin. Housekeeper once meant property owner and could be used for a male as well as a female. Inmate, as found in the Pennsylvania Archives, refers to a man living in the home of another person but not necessarily in an institution. Freeman meant a young man not yet married. Domestic once meant housewife but not necessarily the servant. Mister was a title used only for men of wealth and/or education. Gentleman frequently referred to a retired man.

(Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage - Greene Co. Historical & Genealogical Society)

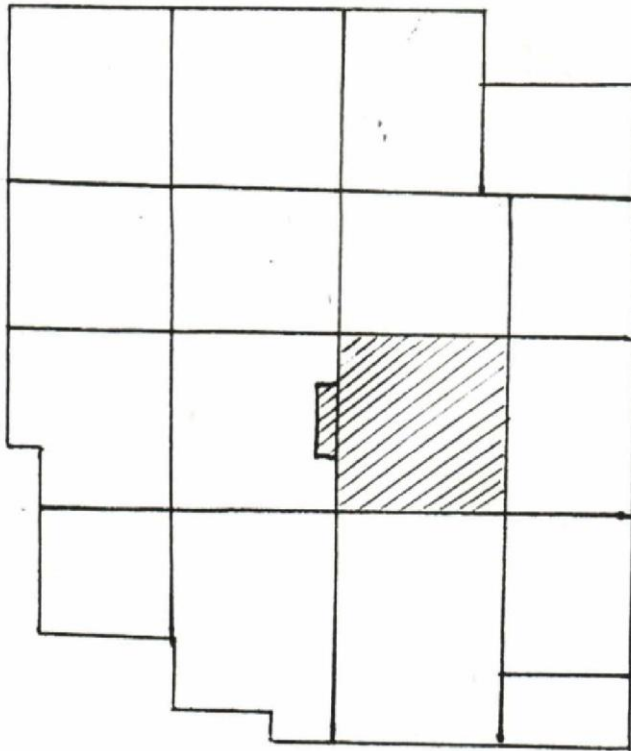
ANCESTRAL MATHEMATICS

(Copied from Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin, Spring 1984 issue.)

Ancestors are one thing we all have in common; in 10 generations, we have over a thousand of them; in 20 generations we each have a million of them. As there could not have been enough people living to give us all different ancestors, it stands to reason that you may be sitting next to your twentieth cousin four times removed, without knowing it.

Generation	Number in each	Total
1	2	2
2	4	6
3	8	14
4	16	30
5	32	62
6	64	126
7	128	254
8	256	510
9	512	1,022
10	1,024	2,046
11	2,048	4,094
12	4,096	8,190
13	8,192	16,382
14	16,484	32,764
15	32,768	63,532
16	63,536	131,068
17	132,072	262,140
18	262,144	524,284
19	524,288	1,048,572
20	1,048,576	2,096,148

CHESTER TOWNSHIP



LOGAN COUNTY

Chester township lies in the southeast quarter of Logan County. It is a full township of thirty-six sections. Its main highway is Route 121 and is crossed by the Illinois Central Railroad, earlier known as the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville line. There are no towns in Chester township, but there is one station, Chestervale. A grain elevator and township building are located here. The township lies in a farming community.

Upon the organizations of townships in 1867, Chester's first elected officers were:

- Supervisor: Michael Hinrichson
- Clerk: Jeremiah Matthews
- Assessor: Jacob Baker
- Collector: John E. Downing
- Highway Commissioners: Daniel French, William Layman and P. C. Bowen
- Justices of Peace: I. T. McCoy, J. P. Evans
- Constables: Lemuel Spangler, John Stewart.

TOWN OF MADISON

There were two towns by the name of Madison laid out in Logan County, then a part of Sangamon County in the year 1836. One was located in what is now Chester Township, on the east half of the northeast quarter of section 27, on the Lincoln-Mt. Pulaski road, near what was afterwards known as Yankeetown.

The town was laid out by one William Carpenter, and was surveyed April 11, 1836 by T. M. Neale, County Surveyor of Sangamon County. The chain carriers were recorded as being Alex Morrow and William Vandeventer. The town contained nineteen blocks. The plan not proving successful, the plat was vacated by the proprietor some six years later. When township organization was adopted, the township in which the proposed town was located was called MADISON, but was subsequently changed to CHESTER. There is a cemetery (Bowers-Templeman) upon the old site.

HISTORY OF LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
L. B. Stringer 1911

CHESTER NEWS ITEMS

John Vandeventer erected a mill on Salt Creek in the southwestern part of what is now Chester Township.

Township ledgers for Chester Township, beginning in 1867, are in the township building at Chestervale.

A sparrow bounty of 2 cents per bird was paid from 1898 to 1901.

Lucille Hardin of Fair school represented Chester Township in the county spelling contest in 1913. The winner will receive a New International Dictionary valued at \$12.00.

Mrs. Fern Sparks Gasaway (a current member of the Logan County Society) was the teacher at Sugar Grove school during the year 1920-21. Her sister, Norma Sparks, was teaching at Pegram school the same year.

There were seven rural schools in Chester Township: Primm, Pleasant Grove, Sugar Grove, Industry, Doolittle, Layman and Fair.

There were five churches in Chester Township: Union Christian, Layman M. E. Church; Pleasant Valley M. E. Church; United Brethren and French's Chapel M. E. Church.

John Downing entered land in the township about 1820; Preston Pendleton and Nicholas Moore about the year 1828.

Samuel Evans settled on Salt Creek in Chester Township. He later moved to Lincoln where he established a ferry on Salt Creek at the place where the covered bridge stands at the foot of Union Cemetery hill. This ferry was famous in early times. Mr. Evans, his wife and three children are buried in Union Cemetery, Lincoln, Illinois.

EARLY CHESTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

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| Henry P. Purviance - Clara L. Denny | William T. Barnard - Elizabeth Row |
| James McCabe - Emma Horney | Samuel Evans - Jane Boyd |
| Richard H. Templeman - Mary Shoup | Milton L. Holler - Mary J. Brucker |
| Peter Sandel - Marie Lineweber | John Lachenmeyer - Magdalena Rentschler |
| David Gehlbach - Anna Sandel | Wm. Matthews - Mary Hubley |
| William Walter - Mary Hubley | James Primm - Maria Russell |
| Philip C. Gehlbach - Adolphine Krusemark | Charles Rickey - Mary Babcock |
| Christian Mauer - Nellie Gehlbach | Martin Spitley - Burbena Frank |
| William Dittus - Emma Mohr | David C. Turley - Elva Oltz |
| Frederick Mauer - Marie K. Hahn | Joseph C. Webster - Mary Ayers, |
| Wm. Sidney Whitaker - Lucetta Wigginton | Christina Warner |
| | Fred Wilmert - Elizabeth Armbrust |

Logan County
Township Organization

Filed in Auditor's Office
March 16, 1867 and
recorded in T. O. record
pages - 211, 212 & 213.

O. H. Muier
Auditor

To

The Honorable, the County Court of the County of Logan
The Undersigned, Commissioners, appointed by said Court
at the December Term thereof A. D. 1865, to divide said County of
Logan into towns, agreeably to the Statute, to provide for
township organization, respectfully report, that they have
performed the duty assigned to them and have divided
said County into towns and given them names that, as
follows, to wit

All that territory known and described, as
follows, to wit

All that territory known and described by government survey
as Township Number Ninety (119) North of Range 3rd West
(2) West. 3rd & 4th N. is erected into a town to be called the
Town of Madison

all of which is respectfully submitted

A. C. Sains
H. C. St. Clair } Commissioners
L. H. Dana }

Resolved Feb'y 28th 1867

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

EARLY CHESTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

BENJAMIN F. BAKER

Benjamin F. Baker, residing on section 30, Chester Township, was born in Shelby County, Ohio, in 1831. His parents, George and Susannah Baker, were natives of Virginia, but removed to Ohio with their parents when they were children. They were married near Springfield, Clarke County, Ohio, and in 1852 emigrated to Morgan County, Illinois, and in 1854 came to Logan County, and settled on Salt Creek, in Chester Township, where they lived until their deaths. Fourteen children were born to them, ten sons and four daughters. Eight of the sons and two daughters survive, and all are residents of this county except the eldest, Philip, who lived in Barton County, Missouri, and the third son, Samuel, who is also in Missouri. Benjamin F. Baker came to this township with his father in 1854, and has resided here, with the exception of two years spent in Broadwell Township, and one year in Minnesota. July 28, 1861, he married Mrs. Mary Jane Scroggin, widow of William Scroggin who died in 1858. Mrs. Baker's maiden name was Mary Jane Greenslate. She was a native of Kentucky, born April 17, 1839. Her father was one of the pioneers of Logan County. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have six children--Sarah S., George m.; Melissa I.; Lucinda C.; James W. and Emory A. Mrs. Baker had four children by her former husband, of whom three are living--Amos F., John A., and James W. Mary E. died in infancy. John Greenslate, father of Mrs. Baker, was born in Lexington, Kentucky, in 1801. He was married at Portsmouth, Ohio, to Sarah M. Oliver, in 1826. She was born in Lewis County, Kentucky, in 1808. After their marriage they settled in Greenup County, where four of their children were born. They then removed to Alton, Illinois, where another child was born. The family lived in Sangamon County three years and then moved to Mt. Pulaski, Logan County, where the father died in 1845, and his widow later married a Mr. Bedinger. She died in Chester Township, March 8, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Greenslate had eight children, all of whom are deceased except Mrs. Baker. George died in 1862 while serving as a soldier in the war of the Rebellion; Lucinda, widow of Jackson Kelly, afterward married John Napier and died in 1875; Mary Jane, now Mrs. Baker; Silas M. died of cholera in 1851 in his eighteenth year; Sarah E. died in 1857, in her twentieth-first year; William M. died in his eighth year in 1849; James C. was killed in the battle at Shiloh in 1869, and Cynthia Ann died in 1844 in her eighth year.

LORENZO D. DOWNING

Lorenzo D. Downing resides on the northwest quarter of section 22 in Chester Township. His farm contains 354 acres. He also has forty acres of timber elsewhere in the county, eighty acres in Mt. Pulaski Township, and eighty acres in Laenna Township. He made his first improvements on his place when he settled there in 1856. Mr. Downing was born in Mt. Pulaski Township, December 27, 1829, a son of one of the pioneers of Logan County. His father, Robert Downing, settled in what is now Chester Township in 1822. He now lives in Mt. Pulaski at the advanced age of ninety-two years, having been born in Pennsylvania, December 2, 1793. He is not only one of the earliest settlers, but is the oldest resident of Logan County. His wife died in May, 1882, aged eighty years. Of the eleven children born to Robert Downing and his wife, seven are now living. Two of the sons, Alexander and Henry Clay, served in the 106th Illinois Infantry in the Civil War. The former now lives in Lincoln, and the latter contracted a disease while in the army and died at the home of his brother, Lorenzo D., before the close of the war.

In 1854 Lorenzo D. Downing married Angeline E. Shoup, daughter of Squire John Shoup. She died October 28, 1854, and in 1856 Mr. Downing married Sarah, daughter of James Shoup. Mrs. Downing died February 7, 1874, and on January 5, 1876, Mr. Downing married Nancy Ann Hainline, daughter of Caleb Hainline, an early settler of Tazewell County. Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Downing have four children living--Ellen, wife of William Milner, of this township; William, John M. and Flora B. They have lost several children--Franklin, Mary J. Milton H., Ivy and Carry.

ANDREW B. HAGEMAN

Andrew B. Hageman settled on his place in section 24 in 1865. He came here from Pike County, Illinois, and bought the land of David Current, of Atlanta. He was born in Somerset County, New Jersey, April 4, 1824, a son of Isaac and Maria (Vandever) Hageman, who were also natives of New Jersey. In 1838 the family moved to Fulton County, Illinois, being among the pioneers of that county. The family went as far as Wheeling, Virginia, in wagons, several other families accompanying them. There Mr. Hageman resolved to finish the journey by water to avoid the rough roads through Ohio and Indiana, and arrived here with his family several weeks before the rest of the emigrants who had come the entire way by wagon. Isaac Hageman was a mechanic, and could readily turn his hand to any kind of mechanical work. He settled in the village of Fairview, Fulton County, Illinois, and was one of the first mechanics of that place, and lived there until his death. They had a family of eleven children, Andrew being the youngest. Six of the sons grew to maturity and all became mechanics. The following children yet survive--Isaac, of Fulton County, Gertrude and Peter, living in New Jersey; and Maria, living in Fulton County. William died in Seward County, Nebraska, in 1884; Vandever died in New Jersey; Sarah died in New York City; Cornelius was killed by being thrown from a horse in New Jersey when he was seventeen years old; Simon V. went to Oregon in 1848, where he was killed by Indians in Oregon wars.

Andrew B. Hageman was married November 13, 1845, in Fulton County, Illinois, to Miss Sarah Ross, and in April 1850 moved to Pike County, Illinois. February 14, 1865 he moved to Logan County with his family, and settled on the farm where they now reside. Mrs. Hageman was born in Cuyahogs County, Ohio, in 1827, a daughter of R. J. and Anna (Hovey) Ross. She came with her parents to Fulton County in 1843, living there until 1849. They came to Logan County in 1863. Her parents later moved to Texas, where they died. Mr. and Mrs. Hageman had eleven children, of whom seven are still living--Russell B., in Piatt County; Annie M., married Nelson Combs and died October 17, 1873, leaving one child; Eva. Simon V., died December 10, 1882, leaving a wife and two sons, Oscar and Silas, who live with their grandparents; Andrew J., in Ford County, Kansas; Lizzie, at home; Albert G., of this township; Emma, Emma, at home; Margaret, died aged four years; Sherman, at home; Mary, died in childhood, and Phoebe C. at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hageman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was reared a Democrat, but is now a Prohibitionist, being the first to vote that ticket in Chester Township.

ANDREW LAYMAN

Andrew Layman, youngest son of Henry and Elizabeth (Kretzinger) Layman, was born in Mason County, Illinois, April 14, 1852. He married Blanche Pegram, who was born in Pike County, Illinois, in 1834, a daughter of Alexander and Martha (Ward) Pegram, the father a resident of Lincoln and the latter deceased, dying December 1, 1876. To Mr. and Mrs. Layman were born four children--Ward E., Nellie M., Beulah B. and Clifford A., the latter dying in infancy. Mr. Layman

is at present living on the northwest quarter of section 14, Chester Township, where he has a fine farm containing 380 acres, situated on sections 11 and 14. William Alexander Pegram, father of Mrs. Layman, was born in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, January 16, 1824. When he was ten years old his parents, William and Sarah E. (Walker) Pegram, came to Illinois, but family residing in Carrollton. Mr. Pegram, after his marriage with Martha Ward, located at Montezuma, Pike County, Illinois, where he engaged in the mercantile and grain trade. In 1857 he came to Lincoln, and a year later he settled on a farm on section 11, Chester Township, where he lived until 1869, when he returned to Lincoln, his present home. He had twelve children by his first wife--George R., died aged one year; Virginia died at the age of seventeen years; Blanche, now Mrs. Layman; Carrie E. married Andrew Armstrong, and died at the age of twenty-four years; Wo; ;oa, A/ died at the age of ten years Lincoln C. married Irene Curry, and lives in Lincoln; Mary E. married William Curry, and lives in Dakota; Edith, at home; John M. died in infancy; Helen P., Virginia, and Samuel M. Mr. Pegram was married to Sarah Martin, his present wife, in February 1885.

GEORGE LAYMAN

George Layman, who is one of the prominent citizens and representative farmers of Chester Township, is the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Kretzinger) Layman, who settled in this township in 1866. The parents were natives of Virginia and of German descent, the father born in 1801. They were reared and married in their native State, and in 1836 removed to Union County, Ohio, where Mr. Layman cleared and improved a timbered farm, living there seven years. He then sold out and came to Illinois, locating near Palestine, but the following year he removed to Parke County, Indiana. In 1846 the family returned to Illinois, locating in Mason County, where Mr. Layman purchased and improved a farm which was the home of the family about twenty years. Henry Layman came to Logan County in 1866, and with his sons, Samuel and George, bought a tract of about 600 acres of land. The father made the homestead on the northeast quarter of section 15, where he lived till his death, in 1868, and where his widow still resides. Henry Layman and wife had a family of nine children, of whom five sons and two daughters are living. Two daughters are deceased. Samuel, the eldest son, lives near Salem, Oregon; Isaac and Lewis live in Champaign County, Illinois. George Layman, the second son, was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, July 26, 1835. On May 30, 1861, he married Elizabeth Plaster who was born and reared in Illinois, the date of her birth being November 5, 1843. Her parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Plaster, were early settlers in Illinois, and are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. George Layman have three children--Mary, wife of Charles Blackburn; George Edgar, lost his sight in May, 1884; and Louis Wolf. George Layman has a fine farm in section 14, Chester Township, containing 320 acres, where he resides. His farm shows good care and is under fine cultivation, and his residence and farm buildings are extremely good. His land, when he first located here in 1866, was wild prairie land. Andrew, the youngest son of Henry Layman, resides on the northwest quarter of section 14. The two surviving daughters of Henry Layman are Delilah, who lived on the homestead, and Mary, wife of William Young, living in Champaign County, Illinois.

CHESTER TOWNSHIP CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

BOWERS-TEMPLEMAN CEMETERY
Section 27

DOWNING, Robert
Pvt. Ohio Mil. War of 1812
Immigrated to Illinois and
settled on Salt Creek in
1822
b. Dec. 3, 1793
d. June 14, 1887

DOWNING, Jane Morrow
d. May 16, 1882
aged 80 yrs. 22 da.

DOWNING, Henry Clay
Co. D 106th Ill Vol Inf
d. Oct. 11, 1864
aged 28 yrs 1 mo 12 da

DOWNING, L. D. (Lorenzo D.)
1829 - 1916

DOWNING, Angeline Shoup, wife of L. D.
d. Oct. 28, 1854
aged 24 yrs 9 mo 15 da

DOWNING, inf. son & dau of L. D. and Angeline Shoup
d. Oct. 26, 1854

DOWNING, Sarah shoup, wife of L. D. Downing
d. Feb. 7, 1874
aged 42 yrs 3 mo 6 da

DOWNING, Edward F. (Franklin?)
b. Feb. 18, 1857
d. April 19, 1875

DOWNING, Mary J. dau of L.D. & S.
b. Feb. 16, 1862
d. Oct. 14, 1874

DOWNING, Ivy M. dau of L. D. & S.
d. Jan. 13, 1873
aged 6 mo 2 da

DOWNING, Milton H., son of L. D. & S.
b. Sept. 10, 1861
d. Nov. 13, 1878

DOWNING, Nancy Ann Hainline, wife of L. D.
1838 - 1926

DOWNING, Carria A. dau of L. D. & N. A.
d. May 26, 1877
aged 1 mo 21 da

MILNER, Ellen Downing wofe pf wrp.
d. June 23, 1932
aged 72 yrs 10 mo 6 da

MILNER, William
d, Hab, 20, 1940
aged 88 yrs 11 mo 16 da

HAGEMAN, Andrew B.
d. Mar 5, 1903
aged 78 yrs 11 mo a da

HAGEMAN, Sarah C.
d. Aug. 1, 1906
aged 78 yrs 8 mo 3 da

HAGEMAN, S. V.
d. Dec. 10, 1882
aged 32 yrs 4 mo 2 da

HAGEMAN, Mary E. dau of A. B.
d. Apr 5, 1872
aged 5 yrs 5 mo 14 da

BAKER CEMETERY

CHESTER TOWNSHIP SECTION 24w

LONGACRE, Louis died April 18, 1883, aged 41 yrs 2 mo
EDWARDS, Hannah wife of John Edwards died Nov. 26, 1847 aged 21 yrs 2 mo 24 da
BAKER, Minnie G. dau of J. J. and B. Baker
died Dec. 17, 1871 aged 3 mo 3 da
BAKER, George B. Oct. 4, 1808 - Sept. 19, 1881
BAKER, Susannah wife died Dec. 11, 1874 aged 76 yrs 7 mo
BAKER, Peter, son of G & S died at Pine Bluff, Arkansas Jan. 24, 1865
Civil War Veteran

(These are the only remaining and identifiable graves)

The plat map of Chester Township shows three unidentified cemeteries. All were probably small, private burying grounds.

One is located in Section 29 and consists of only one stone, located on a farm some distance from any road. The inscription reads as follows:

Charlie E.	Horace
Died June 1, 1862	Jan. 6, 1857
Aged 3 yrs 6 mo	Aged 8 mo 1 da
Sons of M. and E. Hinrichsen	

Another is shown just south of Lincoln, Illinois, along the Primm Road in Section 7. Nothing remains of this one.

Another was located in Section 3 near the Chester-East Lincoln Township boundard line.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1991 DUES?

DANIEL ISGRIG FRENCH

Daniel Isgrig French was born January 2, 1831 in Miami County, Ohio, a son of Asa and Hannah Clark French. He died February 17, 1896 near French's Chapel, Logan County, Illinois.

In 1836, with his parents, he moved to Logan County, Illinois. He was married three times, first to Hannah Downing in 1855. She died May 4, 1856, leaving one son. He then married Mary Augusta Alexander, who died February 21, 1865. Of this union one daughter is living. He married Susan Bunfield September 26, 1866, who survives him with eight of her nine children..

He was converted in 1858 and united with the church. He helped to erect and sustain by his presence, prayers and means, the chapel of the family name. He filled every official position in the church, and was an earnest Christian. His last words were parts of a song that he often sang in good health--"How happy are they in whom their Savior obey".

Children of Daniel and Hannah Downing French:

1. John Winans French, Sept. 30, 1855 - January 18, 1940.

Children of Daniel and Mary Alexander French:

2. Nancy Caroline French, Dec. 18, 1860 - November 22, 1934

Children of Daniel and Susam Bunfield French:

3. Myrtus Belle, b. 1867, married Edgar Fairfield
4. Edgar Ellsworth, b. 1869, married Martha Oglesby.
5. Alfred G., died in infancy
6. Harrison Ward, b. 1874, married Mayme Schrader
7. Anna Elizabeth, b. 1876, married Palmer Fairfield
8. Orpheus Ezekiel, b. 1878, married Hallie Nicholson
9. Susan Adelyne, b. 1880, married Francis Marion Lawken
10. Edith Lavasa, b. 1882, married Hiran Huff
11. Sylvester Earl, b. 1884, married Hildur Johnson.

ASA FRENCH

Asa French was born in Ohio, where he was reared and married Hannah Clark. He remained in Ohio until 1837, when he came to Logan County, Illinois, with his family, passing his first winter near the present village of Chestnut. In the course of the following winter and spring he entered about 500 acres of land in Section 36, Chester Township. Here he made his homestead and resided until his death. The French family were formerly from New Jersey, but settled in Ohio at an early date. Asa French was a man of sterling character and a consistent member and leader of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, he was a Whig. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. French, of whom all but one son grew to maturity. Of the family three sons are living--Daniel, John C. and Ezekiel. They are all living near the old homestead where their father settled fifty years ago. Those deceased are--Nancy, who married Robert Applegate, and died aged about thirty years; Phoebe J. married Joseph Barnes and died about twenty-seven years; David B., died in boyhood, and Sarah W., died aged about seventeen years.

--HISTORY OF LOGAN COUNTY, Illinois, 1886

EARLY LOGAN COUNTY CHURCHES

For a number of years after the first settlement in Logan County there were no church buildings. Services were held in a variety of places, the log cabin of the early settler being the usual place. Barns built with large threshing floors were often used and school houses were built to be utilized for religious services and purposes. In good weather preaching frequently took place out of doors under the shade of a tree, or in the timber. Services were of the camp meeting order, and would often last for several weeks.

The itinerate preacher was necessary under such circumstances. Church organizations were few in membership, widely scattered and of little financial means and unable to support a settled preacher. The circuit plan was the vogue and ministers belonged to the 'travelling connection'. Their preaching was doctrinal, argumentative and often severe. Where doctrine was concerned they were of deep convictions and they made no apology for them.

The first pioneer preachers who came through early Logan County were those who followed a circuit over the whole state. They were large of the Methodist persuasion, although the Baptists were the first to establish regular preaching points in the county. The Christians, or Disciples, also obtained a foothold during the early 1830s. Probably the first preachers here were Michael Mann and Hiram Bowman. Michael Mann came from Ohio in 1826 and Hiram Bowman came from the same state about two years later. Both settled in what is now Atlanta township. The oldest continuous church organization in Logan County was organized by them in 1830 and was known as the Big Grove Baptist Church. (This church will be featured in a later article on Atlanta township)

Prior to 1830 there were practically no church organizations in the county, although services had been held at the residences of old settlers in the Lake Fork country before that time. (See Lake Fork Church of Predestinarian Baptists, Vol. X!, No. 4, Logan County Quarterly, 1990). Mrs. Mary Buckles, in a letter to the Old Settler's Association in 1885, recalls a three day service held under the trees in their neighborhood by A. J. Kane, whose headquarters were in Springfield. Services were also held in the Musick neighborhood on Sugar Creek, southwest of Lincoln, Illinois, for a number of years by two preachers of what was known as the "new light persuasion" and whose names were Hughes and Black. During the thirties various denominations began to be active and church organizations began to spring up in numerous parts of the county.

The first church of the Christian, or Disciple denomination and perhaps the first in Illinois north of the Sangamon River, was organized in 1838 in what is now Eminence township (see Quarterly Vol. X, No. 1, 1988).

At one time there were five rural churches in Chester township. Today these churches are non-existent and the buildings no longer remain.

THE CHURCH THAT WAS

(Chester Township)

NEW UNION CHRISTIAN CHURCH:

The New Union Christian Church in Chester township was incorporated on January 6, 1875, with Monroe Shoup, Eli Fletcher and Jerome Shoup as trustees. Services had been held in the school house, however, many years prior to this date. In 1875 Peter Arnfeldt donated land in Section 25 to the society upon which a church edifice was erected that year at a cost of \$1,800. Elder Henry Wright was the first pastor. Elder John England was for a number of years identified with the church as a minister. The congregation is without a pastor at the present time (1911).

LAYMAN M.E. CHAPEL:

Layman's Chapel, located in Section 14 of Chester township, was an appointment of the Lincoln Circuit. The original class was organized in the fall of 1866 in the Layman school house by George and William Layman and their wives. The first pastor was S. E. Pendleton, with Samuel Johnston as assistant. The present site of the church was deeded to the society by Samuel Layman on September 1, 1869, and the present church building, known as Layman's Chapel, was erected. The corner stone was laid in the summer of 1869 and dedicatory services occurred the following September. Rev. William Crain delivered the address.

Trustees at the time of the dedication were William Layman, John W. Stewart, William Moore, William A. Pegram, Andrew B. Hagerman and Samuel Layman. Layman's Chapel has always been a part of the Lincoln Circuit.

PLEASANT VALLEY M. E. CHURCH:

The Pleasant Valley M. E. church probably enjoys the distinction of being the oldest continuous Methodist society in the county. It is said to have been organized in 1835 at the house of James Downing on Salt Creek, and later met at the homes of David Laughery and Nicholas Moore. The congregation met in private homes and in the school house until 1875, when a church building was erected in Section 35 in Chester township and on the Lincoln-Mt. Pulaski road. The building is 30x40 feet in dimensions and cost \$2,100. It was dedicated November 21, 1875 by Rev. W. R. Goodwin, of Lincoln.

Trustees at the time were George Mantle, John E. Downing, George Ripley, James Downing, John Valentine and Rudolph Krise. It was a part of the Mt. Pulaski circuit.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH:

A church society of the United Brethren in Christ was organized in the Pleasant Grove school house in Chester township by Rev. Lewis D. Ambrose in 1856. In 1867, the society erected a brick church on the Lincoln-Mt. Pulaski road in Section 26 of Chester township, at the cost of \$2,000. The trustees at the time were Lewis D. Ambrose, D. D. James, Zimri Lawrence, Robin Bowers, W. H. Kretzinger and G. W. James.

Among the members who have had charge of the church have been Lewis D. Ambrose, Mathiss Ambrose, George Keller, P. Brandenburg, John Watson, David O. Griffin, W. W. Nipple, William Mosier, James Young and B. F. Thrasher.

(HISTORY OF LOGAN COUNTY, by Lawrence B. Stringer)

HOME COMING AT FRENCH'S CHAPEL

The first annual French's Chapel homecoming was held on June 28, 1925 at the French's Chapel church. There were 125 present, including people from Springfield, Fisher, Jacksonville, Kenny, Stanford, Watseka, Lincoln, Beason and Mt. Pulaski. The morning program opened at 10:30 with singing "The Church in the Wildwood" and the congregation was led in prayer by Mrs. Addie England. Rev. McPhearson, superintendent of the Springfield district, delivered the address on "A Born Conqueror". At noon all went to the basement for a very fine dinner.

The program was again taken up at 2:30 p.m. and consisted mainly of talks by the visitors telling of their former experiences and early life at French's Chapel.

A very enjoyable time was held by all who announced the first annual homecoming to be a great success. Mrs. D. C. Humphreys read a history of French's Chapel which is given as follows:

Asa French settled in what is now known as the French's Chapel community in 1837, and preaching services were held in his cabin and continued there until the house now owned by his son, Charles French, was built in 1847. The resources for history for the first ten years are exceedingly meager. Even the names of the pastors during that time are not obtainable, though doubtless there are records of some charge with which we were affiliated that could furnish this information.

Those were the days of large circuits and this appointment may have been in the Springfield or Delavan mission which was organized by Peter Cartwright in the early thirties.

The first pastor whose name we have was Brother Estep who preached in 1845 or 1845. Brother Ichabod Miller was pastor about 1856 or 1857; perhaps about the time Bro. Barthels was serving his pastorate in Mt. Pulaski.

In 1867 Greenberry Garner started to raise subscriptions for the purpose of building a church, but before the work was finished Garner was moved to a new field of service. After his removal the enterprise languished and not much was done for a year or two excepting a kiln of brick was burned and sold to raise money.

The building was finished during the time of D. A. Grimes and R. G. St. Clair, his assistant, and was dedicated on Sunday, September 11, 1870 by presiding Elder Hiram Buck. The church was packed to the doors that day, and the pulpit served as seats for the score of smaller children.

The last service in the house was August 21, 1870. Brother St. Clair preached his first sermon in the church on October 16, 1870.

For two years French's Chapel was in the Lincoln Circuit. With this exception French's Chapel has been a part of the Mt. Pulaski Circuit throughout its history.

The Sunday School was organized soon after the church was built and has continued until the present time. In April, 1907, Mrs. H. B. Montgomery organized the Ladies' Society which is still in a prosperous condition. In

1904 Rev. T. W. Greer organized our Epworth League. In 1923 a basement was built at a cost of \$1,200.

EARLY FOUNDING RECALLED:

French's Chapel, Old Landmark, Closes

French's Chapel, 81-year old Logan Methodist church and county landmark located just off the Primm road on Salt creek, seven miles south of Lincoln and five miles east of Broadwell, has closed its doors for good.

Sunday, June 3, marked the end of its services and ended the final chapter of a history which had its beginning approximately 100 years ago when the Asa French family moved into the area from Ohio.

TWO LINCOLN descendants, Edward French, 82, of 411 South Kickapoo street, and Mrs. Minerva Downey, 82, of 203 Fifth street—grandchildren of Asa—recalled briefly Wednesday its founding.

It was through the French family that the church was planned and built. Prior to its construction, the old French homestead across the road, with a special sleeping room reserved for the pastor, served as a meeting for worship. Three brothers, Daniel (father of Mr. French), Rekiel (father of Mrs. Downey), and John, had the major role towards its construction, according to Mrs. Downey. When dedicated in 1870, the church took the name of French's Chapel.

Mr. French stated that when his grandfather settled the area,

he bought the land from the government at \$1.25 an acre. As the area increased in population, the church was built simply out of a need for one. Mr. French gave poor attendance as the reason why the church has now been closed.

Mrs. Downey recalled the story of how "Aunt" Sara Norton, who lived near Chestnut, saved money in a large jar to go towards construction of the church. Upon her death, it was this money with which the church received its start.

THE BUILDING which now stands is the original. However, it was raised and a basement added. One of Mrs. Downey's prize possessions is a sampler made by her

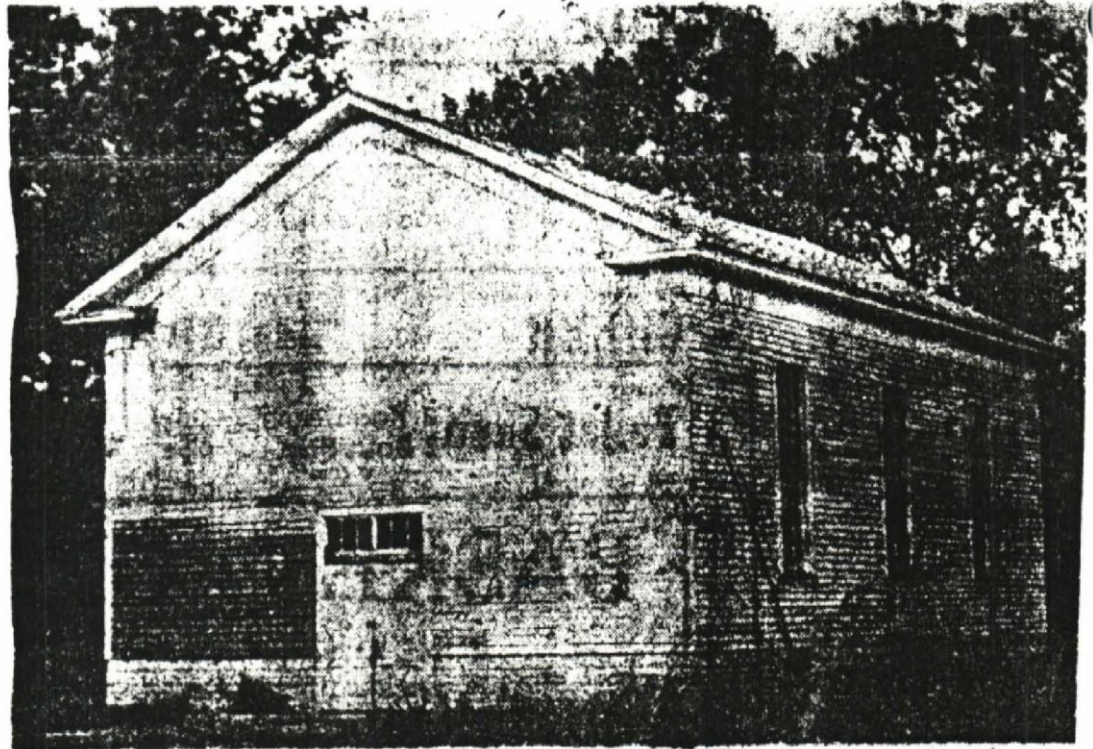
daughter, Mary Reeder of Maywood, Ill., depicting the original, unraised church.

The church ground is owned by Charles French, of Lincoln.

Mr. French stated that he has attended services regularly. He moved to Lincoln six years ago from the country. Mrs. Downey also attended regularly until recently. Mrs. Mary Humphrey, at the age of 88 and a sister of Mrs. Downey, remained one of the active leaders of the church to its closing.

The Rev. Charles H. Hawn, who is also pastor of the Elkhart Methodist church, has been serving as French's Chapel pastor for the past year.

LOGAN CHURCH COMPLETES SERVICE 1957



FRENCH'S CHAPEL, old Logan landmark . . . doors locked for good. This church, founded by the Logan family, has been in service since 1870. [Courtesy: Newhigh]

CONFERENCES

- May 18 ---Palatines to America - German Genealogy Seminar in Bellville, IL
For information, call (309) 691-0292
- June 8 --- Sangamon Co. Gen. Society sponsoring a book review at Centennial
Building, Springfield, IL Several speakers available.
- 15 --- Orphan Train Riders Gathering in Bloomington, IL Information from
OTHSA, 4912 Trout Farm Rd., Springdale, AR 72764
- 23/30 - The Roots of Illinois, an institute for K-12 teachers and others - The
Illinois Heritage Assn. and the University of Ill. - information
from Ms. Pat Miller, Ill. Heritage Assn., 602 1/2 E. Green St.,
Champaign, IL 61820
- Aug. 15/17- FGS 1991 Conference at the Allen Co. Public Library in Ft. Wayne,
Ind. Information from Curt Witcher, Conference Chairman, Allen
Co. Public Library, 900 Webster St., Box 2270, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
46802-2270
- Oct. 25/26- ISGS Fall Conference in Champaign, IL
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NOTICE

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY TO CLOSE ON SATURDAY

Beginning in April, the Illinois State Historical Library will be closed
on Saturday due to budget cuts.

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THE MYSTERY OF JAMES KING WINTERRINGER

James King Winterringer was born at Lincoln, Illinois, on 7 Oct 1874. His
mother died when he was a baby and his father died before he was of school age.
He was raised by Ralph and Dora Lee Riley at Topeka, Kansas, and he kept the
Winterringer name. As a young man, James worked in California, Old Mexico, and
Oklahoma. He was married at Kingfisher, Oklahoma, to Grace Irene Maddox on 14
Sept 1902. James King Winterringer died 21 Dec 1936 at Drumright, Oklahoma. If
he knew who his parents were, he never told anyone and none of his descendants have
been able to solve the mystery.

Submitted by Betty L. Winterringer, 927 Central Ave. SW, LeMars,
Iowa 51031

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WORLD WAR I REGISTRATION

At the time of World War I men born between 1873-1900 were required to register.
If you want to know the information on the registration forms for someone in your
family, send the following information: person's name, city and/or county at time
of registration, fee of \$5.00 to:

National Archives, Atlanta Branch
1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point, Georgia 30344

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QUERIES

We invite anyone to place a Query in our Quarterly. Queries are free to Society members, as space permits, and for non-members there is a fee of \$1.00. Please enclose a SASE for a reply.

- Manley MRS. ARMAND R. VILLAREAL, Route 2, Box 620, Bartlesville, OK 74003.
 Hayes Grandfather Lafayette Smith mar Grandmother Lula M. Manley ca 1896;
 Smith my father Arnold L. Smith born Decatur, IL, Macon Co. May 1907.
 Shannon Probably older child deceased. Gr par div 1910. Father of
 Lafayette may have been William, Grandmother Lula born in Lake
 Fork, Logan Co. April 1880; her par were George Manley and L. Jane
 Hayes. Would appreciate any info.
 NOTE: This is a reprint from Winter Quarterly due to misspelling
 of Hayes.
- Hammon MARILYN HAMMON ROGERS, SE 1145 Kamiaken, Pullman, WA 99162
 Weaver Grandfather Charles Lucian Hammon born 22 Sept 1898 in Lincoln, IL.
 His par Jacob and Margaret are listed in the 1870 Census of
 Chester Twp. of Logan Co. Please send info.
- Henessee JEAN HENESSEE, 5331 Lawndale, San Angelo, TX 76903
 Newman Need info on the Homes Newman family, wife Augusta. They lived in
 Chicago area 1900-1940. Where did they go? Children are Fred,
 Gladys, Lillian, Maudmae, Carrie and Mildred.
- Marx TABITHA MARX, 61 E. Park Lane N., Orem UT 84058
 Whitehead Seek info on Henry Whitehead born IL bur Lincoln, wife Minerva
 Thompson born 6 Aug 1836 in England mar after death of Henry to John C.
 Bunkard Thompson and moved to Fayette Co. IL bur there. Henry's children
 born in yrs 1860 to 1868 include Sarah, "Neil", Melissa and James
 born 14 June 1868 in Logan Co. Girl named Mary Bunkard bur
 next to Minerva is connected somehow. Please write.
- Donovan CATHERINE GROVER, Rte 3, Box 301, Great Bend, KS 67530
 Power Please send infor on desc of James Power b July 1820 or 26,
 Dodson Waterford or Wexford, Ireland, and Joanna Donovan b. Cork Ireland.
 Simmons They had children, Walter, Stephen, Leo, Patrick, Mary, Edward,
 Block Margaret, James, George and Cahterine. Walter and Sephen raised
 their fam. in and around Lincoln, IL.
- Lassen DALLAS D. LASSEN, 29 Lake Point Circle, Daytona Beach, FL 32124
 Clem Seek info on John H. Lassen b. 1890-91, Carter Co. MO liv in
 Hershey Mt. Pulaski, IL to 1934. Geo. Washington Clem b. Ohio 1831 died
 Fletcher Clark Co. IL. Mary LeFever Clem b. Ohio 1835-36 died 1911 Clark
 Myers Co. IL.
- Wood GAYNEL GORMAN, 127 S. 4th St. O'Niel, NE 68763
 Johnson Need info on John and Lilly (Johnson) Wood. Their son John moved
 to IA, his son William is my grandfather. All corres appreciated.
- Manley MRS. APRIL RUYGT, 3549 Willis Dr., Napa, CA 94558
 Seek info on Dorphus Manley born 1846 in Ohio. Will corres on
 research of the Manley lines.

(more queries on page 37)

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Hampton MRS. SUSAN HAMPTON-BICE, 12724 Yorba Linda SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123
Miller Seek info on Joseph Hampton b. 7 June 1845, Tazewell Co. IL,
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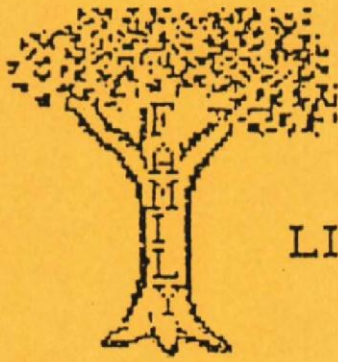
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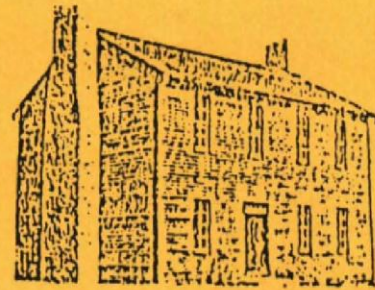
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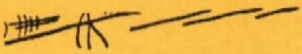


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The Bridge



An old man going a lonely highway,
Came at the evening, old and gray,
To a chasm, vast, deep and wide,
Which he must cross without chart or guide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream held no fear for him,
But he paused when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your time in building here
Your journey ends at the close of day;
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide—
Why build this bridge at eventide?"

The traveler raised his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path we come," he said,
"There follows after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.

"This chasm has been naught to me,
But to that fair youth a pitfall may be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend, I'm building the bridge for him."

—Author Unknown.

MEETINGS at 7:30 P.M. until further notice, third Monday in month, at the Oasis, Logan County Senior Citizens Center, 501 Pulaski St., Lincoln, Ill., unless otherwise specified below.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Greeters should plan to be at meeting by 7:00 P.M. to welcome members and guests. Please mark your calendar and bring a friend.

- July 15--Annual picnic at Kickapoo Creek Park
- Aug. 19--
- Sept. 16--Jane Whiteman and Viola Richert
- Oct. 21--Emily McElhaney

PROGRAMS for 1991

- July 15--Annual picnic at Kickapoo Creek Park, Lincoln, Ill.
- Aug. 19--Eddie A. Dirks, Athens, Ill.--Speaker. Will present Menard County Published Resources for Genealogy Research and some of his experiences with German Research
- Sept. 16--Winifred Golden and Loretta Cline, Middletown, Ill.--Speakers. Will present the Knapp/Chesnut/Becker library and museum project and the relationship to the Knapp family of Logan Co., Ill.
- Oct. 21--Not confirmed
- Nov. 18--Annual dinner meeting

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THANK YOU

A special thank you is extended to Catherine Sloman of Pawnee, Ill., for her donation of the book "Horse Preacher" to our Society Library.

Also, a special thank you is extended to John P. Schmid, 615 Edgewood St., Englewood, Cal. 90302, for his donation of the book about the Wachter and Buttell families in Logan County, Ill., to our Library.

"Research is the process of going up alleys to see if they're blind."--Marston Bates
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ILLINOIS INFANTRY VOLUNTEERS, 7th REGIMENT

ROBERT S. WHITEMAN (Lincoln)

The thin columns of gray haired veterans have closed up again and they still march to meet the inevitable end, while R.S. Whiteman, comrade of them all, has dropped from the ranks and gone into the endless bivouac of the resting dead. After an illness that had racked his body since May 30, he succumbed to complications of old age and passed away Aug. 24, 1912.

Funeral was at the Middletown Methodist Church Sunday at 2 p.m. Rev. T.L. Knotts of Sharpsburg officiating. He was laid to rest in Irish Grove Cemetery. Menard County Capt. A.D. Caldwell and a squad of veterans of the G.A.R. from Lincoln bore the flag, and paid honors to the departed, at the church and grave. The local Court of Honor Lodge performed memorial ceremonies.

The attendance was such that the Church could not accommodate the huge crowd. Rev. Knotts preached to the living a sermon for the dead.

Out of town relatives present were his brother H.N. Whiteman and wife, J.M. Whiteman and wife from Lincoln and Beason. His sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis of Danville, his niece, Mrs. William Ellis of Beason, and his nephews Clarence and Paul Whiteman of Beason. All the children were present, as well as many other relatives.

Robert Samuel Whiteman was born in Bluffton County, Indiana, Jan. 1, 1847. He was a son of Everett and Harriet (Jennings) Whiteman. While a small lad, he came with his parents and located near Lincoln.

When the War broke out, he was so enthused with the martial order that he enlisted in Co. H 7th Ill. Inf. Jan. 27, 1863. He served with them till the end of the War and was mustered out at Louisville, Ky. July 17th, 1865 with rank of corporal.

On Oct. 18, 1865 he married Charlotte Watkins, daughter of Moses C. Watkins, ceremony in Lincoln, Illinois.

For five years they lived near Hoopston and then removed to Mitchel County Kansas and lived there for three years. They then came back to Illinois in 1873 to Middletown and have lived in this vicinity since.

The deceased was village post master from 1889 to 1893. He was serving his second term as police magistrate at the time of his death. For a number of years in the 1890's he was a general merchant in Middletown, and thus with his real estate transactions accumulated for he and his wife a sufficiency of worldly goods.

He was a public spirited citizen and foremost in promoting plans in the interest of old soldiers. He was a member of the Court of Honor and his wife will be the beneficiary of \$2,000 policy of that order.

His surviving relatives are the following children:

1. Belle E. Flathers - Chicago, Illinois
2. Charles Whiteman - Middletown, Illinois
3. Joe Whiteman - Middletown, Illinois
4. Jacob Whiteman - Middletown, Illinois
5. Minnie Rose - Iowa Carydon
6. Grace Lynch - St. Louis
7. Henry Whiteman 18 Infantry Fort McKenzie, Wyo.

There were 3 other children-- Florence, Jessie and an infant all deceased.

The brothers and sisters are H.N. Whiteman of Lincoln, Elizabeth Lewis of Danville, Jacob Whiteman of Beason, George Whiteman of Waterloo, Iowa. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved wife and relatives.

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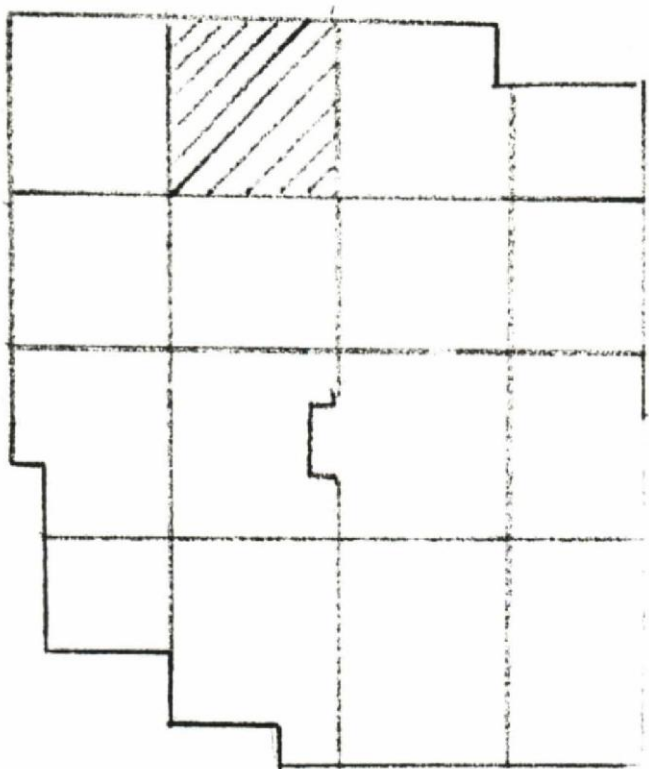
Oct. 25-26---Ill. State Gen. Society Fall Conference at Chancellor Hotel Convention Center, 1501 S. Neil St., Champaign, Ill. - Doorways to the Past. Some of the topics are: Grants for individuals and groups; What is in the University of Illinois Archives; Cruising down the river on flaboats on the Ohio; Conservation of your papers and documents; and others.

SOURCE OF MAIDEN NAME

Deeds: In the lower left hand corner of most deeds, you will find signatures of two to four witnesses. The first one is always from the husband's side. The next one is always from the wife's side. That is to protect her 1/3 dower right under the law. Nothing you ever use will give greater clues to maiden names than witnesses to old deeds.

Mortgages: In the 1800's and before, it was traditional when the daughter got married, as a part of her dowry, for the father to either cover the loan or carry the note for his son-in-law. If you know the husband's name but not the wife's maiden name, find out to whom they are making their mortgage payment. About 70% of the time, it will be her father.

ORVIL TOWNSHIP



Logan County

Hartsburg

Junction of Route 121 and County Road 18, between Lincoln and Emden.

Population: 379

Founded: 1872

Other attractions: Scully Prairie

Emden

On County Road 20, just south of Route 136 and west of Route 121. Northwest of Hartsburg.

Population: 527

Founded: 1872

Historical interest: Named for Emden, Germany, former home of many of its immigrants; Teis Smid, a key settler, invented the plow and sold it to John Deere; preserved Illinois Central depot; Community House; Hardware Company; Bethel Church.

Special events: Homecoming (July)

Orvil township is in the northern tier of townships of Logan County, and is bounded on the north by Tazewell County. Sugar Creek flows along its southern border. The township is crossed diagonally by the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville (later Illinois Central) railroad, and has two stations, EMDEN and HARTSBURG, within the township. Much of the land in Orvil township is owned by William Scully, of London, England, and is rented to tenants.

(1886 HISTORY OF LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS)

Until January 31, 1847, when Tazewell county was created, the northern tier of townships (Prairie Creek, Orvil, Eminence and Atlanta) were "left out in the cold" as far as county government was concerned, and were included in what was then known as "unorganized territory". This condition remained until February 15, 1839 when Logan county was created by Legislative act. In 1840, the Legislature detached from Tazewell county the three townships now known as Prairie Creek, Orvil and Eminence and added them to Logan county.

Up until the year 1832 records show no government claims to lands located in Orvil township. The first land patent issued in Orvil township was to John Reed in 1835. While settlers began to arrive in 1824, the greatest influx came during 1835 and 1836.

Early land entried in Orvil township were:

- 1835: Edward Quisenberry, Berry Musick, Daniel Lantis, John Reed, Nathan Sprague, Abner Chapman, Nathaniel Bullock, J. R. Tolbott, James W. Berry, John T. Bird and Charles B. Francis.
- 1837: Robert Musick.
- 1841: Andrew D. Bruner.
- 1846: James Musick, Samuel Altic
- 1848: Joseph Reed.
- 1849: David Bowles, Joshua Houser, Milder Kitchell, James Wilson, Rpbert Wo;spm. James Houston, Jefferson Bruner, Isaiah Atteberry, William B. Miller
- 1850: George W. Edgar, James A. Barrett, Daniel P. Bryan, James Cunningham, Charles Thompson, William R. Shirley, William Scully, John Houser, James R. Martin, George Ryan, John C. Rees, William J. Silvers, William P. Miller.

In the latter 1870's there began a great influx of German immigrants who left their homeland to escape compulsory military duty. Many of these families settled in Orville township and their descendants remain there yet to this day.

THE SCULLY LAND

Probably the most extensive land owner in Logan County was the well-known Irish landlord, William Scully, who owned, at the time of his death, some 30,000 acres of Logan County land. He came to this country in 1851 for the purpose of investing money in land. He inspected land from Philadelphia westward and decided that Central Illinois had the "richest land in the world".

In 1853 Mr. Scully came to Logan County, and, building a house and barns, intended to make this area his home. He brought with him several Irish families, but they did not remain long upon his land. The following year he brought his wife to America, and then began an intensive system of land drainage with open ditches. Bad weather and illness forced him to take his wife back to Europe, where she later died. Mr. Scully then gave orders to his agents to dispose of his holdings here. A considerable amount of land was sold, but the beginning of the Civil War slowed the sales. At the close of the war, returning soldiers created a demand for land to rent and Mr. Scully ceased selling and began renting his property. In 1870 Mr. Scully embarked again on an improved drainage system which is still in use today.

In 1885, Mr. Scully came under much criticism because of what became known as "the Irish tenantry system" upon his Illinois holdings. Objections came because of his ownership of so much land, in view of the fact that he was an alien and had never become a naturalized citizen. Criticism also came from the fact that he simply leased the land to tenants who had to make all of the improvements, such as houses, barns, fences, etc. at their own expense. At the expiration of their leases, if they left the place, they were allowed nothing for such improvements, but took the chance of selling them to their successor on the land. The tenants also paid the taxes upon the land and the land rented for cash rent..

Such criticism did not seem to carry much weight as they were always in great demand. A number of Scully renters made enough money to purchase their own farms.

In the beginning most of Mr. Scully's tenants were Irish, but they moved on, and later tenants were of German and Holland descent. Today, a large portion of Orvil township residents are of German nationality.

William Fogarty and his brother-in-law, John Hickey, were the first two Scully tenants.

HARTSBURG

David Harts founded Hartsburg in 1871. It was surveyed on January 22, 1871 by Thomas G. Gardner, of Pekin, Illinois. At the time it was just a small settlement with only a few houses in 1876.

The first laws of Hartsburg were passed January 19, 1887, and the village was organized under general law on December 20, 1886, with the following officers: President: John A. Hogus; Clerk: John R. Barnett; Treasurer: C. Van Gerpen; Trustees: Cornelius DeVries, Samuel Mangas, L.O. Brady, R. P. Nall and David Stewart. Mr. Hogue was the first mayor.

The first house was constructed by P.P. Brady. Mr. Mangas invented and manufactured the first two Mangas cultivators. The first blacksmith was a Mr. Jennings, and Claus Van Gerpen was one of the first cobblers. The first school house was built in 1876, and burned in 1893. School was then held in the town hall and the Christian Church. A high school was built in 1920, with two pupils in the first graduating class. They were Ural Seitzer and Clarence McManaway.

The first telephone exchange was established on June 29, 1907, with S. J. Woland as the first president. A post office was established October 19, 1871 with Preston O. Brady as postmaster. The first bank was organized in 1901 by Claus Van Gerpen.

--Hartsburg Centennial Book, 1871-1971

HARTSBURG CHURCHES

A congregation known as the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Hartsburg was organized in 1879. Members met in the Union Church (later the Christian Church) until 1904, when they erected their own building. The church, with a membership of 60, was dedicated October 2, 1904. The first board of trustees included Isaac Sherwood, John Barley, M. M. Kendrick, Olander Holt and Charles Robinson. In 1939 this congregation united with the Grace Methodist Church, forming the Hartsburg Methodist Church.

The first Methodist Church in Hartsburg was organized in 1875. Before the erection of a building services were held in Mangas Hall. When that burned services were held in the Christian Church until a building was erected in 1878. Stewards were Harm Streetmeyer, Claus Classen, and Jacob Oltman. Trustees were Simon Niehbuhr, MEINERT Ubbenga, Henry Klockenga, Sweeter Wiggers and Haem Streetmeyer. The church clock was given by Rinehart Jewelers of Lincoln. The bell cost \$74.68. Both are being used in the church today.

In 1885 a few German settlers of Hartsburg met with Pastor Reinhold Lange of Emden and organized St. John's Lutheran Church. A formal constitution was adopted on June 28, 1885 and was signed by eleven men, namely: Cornelius DeVries, Krlene Janssen, Tonjes Meyer, Peter Remmers, Fred Manninga, Hinricus Ahrens, Harm Alberts, Christian Haman, Gottlieb Schlipp, Hand Boege, and Hinrich Ruehaack. Although the church started with but few families, at the time of the Hartsburg Centennial membership stood at 391 baptized and 296 confirmed members.

The Hartsburg Christian Church is the oldest house of worship in Hartsburg, and possibly the oldest building outside of two or three rooms of some of the early homes. The origin of the church was at the settlement south of Hartsburg known as Musickville, located on the banks of Sugar Creek. About the time the village of Hartsburg was laid out, a few God-fearing citizens felt the need of a house of worship and were instrumental in moving the building from Sugar Creek to where it

now stands today. Two dates still remain unknown--when was the building erected in the Musick settlement, and when was the building "pulled in the snow" to the village of Hartsburg?

(HARTSBURG CENTENNIAL BOOK 1871-1971)

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EMDEN, ILLINOIS

Emden is located fourteen miles northwest of Lincoln, Illinois, and its inhabitants have their roots in Germany. The town is located in a rich farming area and populated with people of German lineage.

Its sister town is Emden, Germany, located on the Ems River in Ostfriesland. Emigration to this country began about 1848. Many of the emigrants landed on New Orleans and then came north by way of the Mississippi River.

Among the emigrants was a young blacksmith named Teis Smid. For such there was an abundance of work and good pay. He wrote to his father to come and to bring the rest of his family, and all of his relatives. By the time they arrived in 1849, young Teis Smid found many opportunities around the city of Peoria. At that time all the land was prairie and early settlers found the sod would not yield to the existing plows. With this in mind, Teis Smid made plows that would handle such soil. The news of the new plow quickly spread and soon the demand was greater than the supply. Teis wrote back home and asked that workers of all kinds be sent to work for this new enterprise. They came by the hundreds. The plow factory was moved across the river to Pekin, Illinois. In 1865 Teis Smid went back to Germany to recruit more workers, offering to pay their fare in advance and guaranteeing them well paying jobs.

Between the years 1865 and 1870, the emigrants from the villages of HAMSWEHRUM, UPLEWARD, GROOTHUSEN, and others was so great that they lost one-third of their population.

Since many of the newcomers were not fit for factory work, Smid helped them start farming. About forty miles south of Pekin and in Logan County, an Irish speculator by the name of William Scully, had acquired several thousand acres of land for which he sought tenants. Anyone wishing to farm had the opportunity to do so as Smid helped everyone and was responsible for their welfare.

In 1872 a railroad from Pekin came south through Logan County. The first locomotive to come down the railroad had the name TEIS SMID in large letters on its side. The first town along this railroad was named Emden, with Hartsburg following. Both communities were totally Ostfrieslanders, and for many years the only language spoken was low German.

The plow factory started by Teis Smid was later sold and became the John Deere Plow Company, known to every continent in the world.

(Emden Centennial Book)

The area now occupied by the village of Emden was originally owned by William Scully. He acquired it from the U. S. government in June of 1851. On May 3, 1860, Mr. Scully sold this land to James Okey Johnson, and the first home built and occupied was by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Snyder. Later, Mr. Johnson sold 70 acres to John M. Gill. This is now the east part of town. The west side also belonged to Mr. Scully and in 1860 he sold this 70 acres to Robert Watts. After two more sales it became the property of John Gills, who caused the town to be surveyed on June 15, 1871, and dedicated on June 24, 1871. It was surveyed by Thomas Gardner and contained

thirty blocks. The village of Emden is located in Orvil Township, county of Logan. Mr. Gill sold the property by acres rather than by lots and by 1873 he had disposed of most of the property. In subsequent years nine additions have been added. They carry the names of Malone, Ven Buenning, Luebbers, McCormick, Rademaker and Hildebrand acres.

The first store in Emden was built by B. F. Burnett, who also was the first postmaster.

(Emden Centennial Book)

The first official records for Orvil Township began in 1867. They name the following officials:

Supervisor: Thomas Quisenberry; Clerk: Ed Barnum; Assessor: F. S. Musick;
Collector: M. A. Miles; Highway Commissioners: Henry Musick, William Miller, R. R. Hatfield; Justices of the Peace: Norman Sumner, Preston Brady.
Constables: E. Woland and E. B. Ashley.

Pursuant to school laws in 1855, eleven school districts were formed. They were Lone Tree, Musick, Fairfield, Hartsburg, Richland, Pleasant Valley, King, Emden, Fairview, Bethel and Young America.

The Boynton M. E. Church was organized in May 1871 and observed its 75th anniversary in 1946. It was closed January 1, 1962, and the building taken down in 1968.

The Emden Christian Church was the first religious building in town, 1873. In 1888 members from other Christian churches organized the church in Emden, with Luke Bennett and E. L. Carnahan as elders, and G. W. Miller, J. L. Searle and E. Carnahan as deacons.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church was organized on November 14, 1879, when eight men met at the home of Peter Horn. Those present to sign the constitution were John Wiebers, Peter Wiebers, Anton Ricken, Haem Rohlf, John Timon, Sr., Harm Onnen, Jacob Reinholtz and Peter Horn. The first church was built in 1886 and the congregation consisted of seven families. A larger church was built in 1901, and eleven months later was destroyed by a storm. St. Peter's belongs to the American Lutheran Synod.

The Union Presbyterian Church was composed of several Protestant denominations, each group using the building according to their own doctrine and practices. Among the charter members were Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Howser, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Chenoweth, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gilchrist, Mr. and Mrs. David Gilchrist, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Quisenberry, Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham; Mr. and Mrs. James Hitchell and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Adams. In 1859 the members of the Methodist and Baptist chapters sold their interest to the church to the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and on April 5, 1859, the following trustees were elected: I. S. Chenoweth, T. H. Quisenberry, and S. C. Hayes. The church membership merged with the First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln in 1865.

The Zion United Methodist Church was a group of German immigrants who met at Neibuhr School in which they had been meeting for some time to hold religious services.

ORVIL TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES

HARTSBURG UNION was originally known as a Presbyterian cemetery and was organized in 1874 . William Scully gave two acres of land from an 80 acre lease, making a graveyard of two acres. In 1825 it was enlarged another six acres. Mr. Scully, a large landowner who leased his land to his tenants, brought workers from Europe to this country, and when they died, Mr. Scully buried them in this place. One early stone reads 1828 and was inscribed Foortman. The first to be entered in the cemetery when it became Hartsburg Union was a Mr Rhiney. Many baby graves are in rows in the older section. Perhaps this could have been from an epidemic which proved fatal to the little ones.

The ornamental iron fence and gate which enclosed the eight acres have been removed. Many tall evergreen trees have been cut down because of maintenance problems. There are two entrances, one to the south and one in the center.

Hartsburg Union cemetery is located in Section 29 of Orvil Township, It is a large cemtery still in use and is maintained by the Logan County Cemetery Association. All burials in this cemetery have just recently been brought up-to-date by Emily McElhaney and her co-workers.

MUSICK CEMETERY is located just on the south side of Sugar Creek. It is situated on a high rise of ground, which is quite abrupt. It is a small plot. Most of the stones seems to be intact, although there are some spaces where the head stones seem to be missing. The stones that can be read give a burial date as early as 1846. This is that of Robert Musick who was the second family to settle in what is now Logan County. His wife, Sarah, is buried next to him.

BETHEL CEMETERY and Bethel Church are located on the same plot of ground in Section 1 of Orvil Township. It is located four and one-half miles east of the town of Emden. Many pioneer families are buried here, continuing on to the fifth and sixth generations. This cemetery is still in use.

RESEARCHING IN VIRGINIA:

Don't forget that Virginia was once thousands of square miles larger than it is today. Virginia's boundaries changed after the Revolutionary War, after the Civil War and in certain instances during the Colonial period. In researing your Virginia ancestors, keep these changes in mind because Virginia at one time included the following territories:

Indiana, from 1785-1816
Kentucky, from 1775-1792
Missouri, from 1775-1792
Illinois, from 1781-1818
West Virginia, from 1769-1863

North Carolina, from 1728-1803
Ohio, from 1720-1802
Pennsylvania, from 1752-1796
Tennessee, from 1760-1803

(Pioneer Pathfinder, Vol. XIV, # 1 via Northwest Iowa Gen. Society July 1990)



CONTESTANTS IN COUNTY SPELLING MATCH

EVERY TOWNSHIP IS REPRESENTED HERE BY THE TOWNSHIP CHAMPION

Top Row—Alma Morscheck, Ralph Hamil, George Stoll, Harold Hawes, Donald Agnew, Lois Sullivan.
 Middle Row—Wilhelmina Uhle, Marguerite Humphreys, Irene Reiterman, Edna Anderson, Dora Taylor, Mildred Kromminga
 Bottom Row—Katharine Stumpf, Pearl Westlake, Mary Danaher, Florence Gasaway, Naomi Downing.

County Spelling Match

The third Logan County Spelling Contest was held in the Circuit Court room at Lincoln on Saturday morning December 6th. Each township in the County was represented by its champion speller. The contestants, whose picture appears above, were as follows:

Township	Pupil	School
Lake Fork	Irene Reiterman	Colvin
Laenna	Florence Gasaway	Latham
Aetna	Pearl Westlake	Chestnut
Oran	Lois Sullivan	Beason
Atlanta	Harold Hawes	Atlanta
Mt. Pulaski	Naomi Downing	
Buchanan		
Chester	George Stoll	Industry
East Lincoln	Wilhelmina Uhle	
		Lincoln
Eminence	Dora Taylor	Eminence
Elkhart	Donald Agnew	Elkhart

Broadwell, Marguerite Humphreys,
 Honey Hook
 West Lincoln, Ralph Hamil, Lincoln
 Orvil, Mildred Kromminga, Hartsburg
 Haribat, Mary Danaher, Constant
 Corwin, Edna Anderson, Middletown
 Sheridan, Katharine Stumpf.

New Holland
 Prairie Creek, Alma Morscheck,

Hopewell
 The contest was written only One hundred words were pronounced for all to spell. Three pupils missed no words, namely: Donald Agnew, Harold Hawes and Mary Danaher. Twenty-five words were then pronounced to these three contestants: of these Donald Agnew and Harold Hawes missed none. Ten words were given to these two boys and no words were missed. Ten more were given them and Donald Agnew missed none and Harold Hawes,

one Donald Agnew was declared the winner of the contest and Harold Hawes was awarded second place. The former will be Logan County' representative in the State Spelling Contest at Springfield on December 30th and the latter will be our alternate.

Each pupil in the contest received a Webster's Secondary School Dictionary valued at \$1.50. The winner of the county match received a New International Dictionary valued at \$12.00.

The pupils in this contest showed surprising skill in their ability to spell both common and difficult words. The plan of school, township and county contests has proven worth while. More interest has been taken in the so-called "lost art" and better spelling in the first eight grades is in evidence everywhere. May every teacher continue to keep the good work going.

CASE NO.

APPLICATION FOR SEARCH OF CENSUS RECORDS

RETURN TO: Bureau of the Census, PO Box 1545, JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47131

\$ _____ (Fee)

- Money Order
 Check
 Other

PURPOSE FOR WHICH RECORD IS TO BE USED (MUST BE STATED HERE) *(See Instruction 1 on the reverse side)*

FULL NAME OF PERSON WHOSE CENSUS RECORD IS REQUESTED

FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME MAIDEN NAME (If any) PRESENT LAST NAME NICKNAMES

DATE OF BIRTH (If unknown, estimate) PLACE OF BIRTH (City, county, State) RACE SEX

FULL NAME OF FATHER (Stepfather, guardian, etc.) FIRST MARRIAGE (Name of husband or wife) YEAR MARRIED (Approximate)

FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER (Stepmother, etc.) SECOND MARRIAGE (Name of husband or wife) YEAR MARRIED (Approximate)

Please give FULL name of husband or wife of person whose record is requested.

GIVE PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR APPROPRIATE CENSUS DATES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS 1 AND 5)

CENSUS DATE	NUMBER AND STREET <i>(Read instruction 3 first)</i>	CITY, TOWN, TOWNSHIP <i>(Read instruction 3 first)</i>	COUNTY AND STATE	NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM LIVING <i>(Head of household)</i>	RELATIONSHIP OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD
JUNE 1, 1900 <i>(See instruction 2)</i>					
APRIL 15, 1910 <i>(See instruction 3)</i>					
JAN. 1, 1920 <i>(See instruction 2)</i>					
APRIL 1, 1930 <i>(See instruction 3)</i>					
APRIL 1, 1940 <i>(See instruction 3)</i>					
APRIL 1, 1950 <i>(See instruction 3)</i>					
APRIL 1, 1960 <i>(See instruction 3)</i>					
APRIL 1, 1970 <i>(See instruction 3)</i>					
APRIL 1, 1980 <i>(See instruction 3)</i>					

Names of brother and sisters

I certify that information furnished about anyone other than the applicant will not be used to the detriment of such person or persons by me or by anyone else with my permission.

- If the census information is to be sent to someone other than the person whose record is requested, give the name and address, including ZIP Code, of the other person or agency.
- This authorizes the Bureau of the Census to send the record to: *(See Instruction 4)*

FEE REQUIRED: See Instructions 5 and 6 on the reverse side.

A check or money order (**DO NOT SEND CASH**) payable to "Commerce - Census," must be sent with the application. This fee covers the cost of a search of not more than two census years about one person only.

Fee required \$ **25.00**

_____ extra copies @ \$2.00 each \$ _____

_____ full schedules @ \$6.00 each \$ _____
(for genealogy)

TOTAL amount enclosed _____ \$ _____

SIGNATURE - **Do not print**
(Read instruction 7 carefully before signing)

NUMBER AND STREET

PRESENT ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER *(Include area code)*

IF SIGNED ABOVE BY MARK (X), TWO WITNESSES MUST SIGN HERE

SIGNATURE SIGNATURE

NOTICE - Intentionally falsifying this application may result in a fine of \$10,000 or five years imprisonment, or both (title 18, U.S. Code, section 1001).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Application on the reverse side of this sheet is for use in requesting a search of the census records and an official copy of the personal information found which includes age, place of birth, and citizenship. This application should be filled in and mailed to BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, PO Box 1545, JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47131, together with a money order or check payable to "Commerce — Census."

Birth certificates, including delayed birth certificates, are not issued by the Bureau of the Census but by the Health Department or similar agency of the State in which the birth occurred. In most Federal Censuses, the census takers obtained the age at the time of the census (**not the date of birth**) and place of birth (**state, territory, or country only**) of individuals. Copies of these census records often are accepted as evidence of age, citizenship, and place of birth for employment, social security benefits, insurance, and other purposes. *Since the*

place of birth and citizenship were obtained only on a sample basis during the 1960, 1970, and 1980 Censuses, this information will not be shown on transcripts for those years.

If you authorize the Bureau of the Census to send your record to someone other than yourself, attention is called to the possibility that the information shown in the census record may not agree with that given in your application. The record must be copied exactly as it appears. Censuses are taken primarily for statistical, not legal purposes, and the records exist only on microfilm. Therefore, the Census Bureau is not in a position to make changes in them even though it realizes that enumerators may have been misinformed or made mistakes in writing down the data they collected. Those agencies that accept census transcripts as evidence of age, relationship, or place of birth usually overlook minor spelling differences, but would be reluctant to consider a record that was changed years later at an applicant's request.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

► 1. Purpose

The purpose for which the information is desired must be shown so that a determination may be made under 13 U.S.C. 8(a) that the record is required for a proper use. For proof of age, most agencies require documents closest to date of birth, therefore we suggest you complete information for the two earliest censuses after date of birth.

► 2. Censuses 1900—1920

A system for filing names by sound is available for these census years. Information can be furnished in many instances when only the following information is given:

The name of the person about whom the information is desired.

The name of the city or county and State where the person resided.

The name of the head of the household with whom this person was living on the various dates of these censuses.

Additional information such as the names of brothers and sisters is helpful if it can be furnished.

► 3. Censuses — years 1910—1930—1940—1950—1960—1970—1980

The potential for finding an individual's census record is increased when the respondent provides thorough and accurate address information. If residing in a city at the time these censuses were taken, it is necessary to furnish the house number, the name of the street, city, county, and State and the name of the parent or other head of household with whom residing at the time of the census. If residing in a rural area, it is **very important** to furnish the township, district, precinct or beat **and** the direction and number of miles from the nearest town.

► 4. Confidential information given to other than person to whom it relates

(a) Census information for the years 1900 and on is confidential and ordinarily will not be furnished to another person unless the person to whom it relates authorizes this in the space provided or there is other proper authorization as indicated in 4(b), 4(c), and 4(d) hereof.

(b) Minor children

Information regarding a child who has not reached legal age may be obtained upon the written request of either parent or the legal guardian.

(c) Mentally incompetent persons

Information regarding persons who are mentally incompetent may be obtained upon the written request of the legal representative supported by a certified copy of the court order naming such legal representative.

(d) Deceased persons

If the record requested relates to a deceased person, the application must be signed by (1) a blood relative in the immediate family (parent, brother, sister, or child), (2) the surviving wife or husband, (3) the administrator or executor of the estate, or (4) a beneficiary by will, or insurance. In all cases involving deceased persons, a certified copy of the death certificate must be furnished and the relationship to the deceased must be stated on the application. Legal representatives must also furnish a certified copy of the court order naming such legal representatives; and beneficiaries must furnish legal evidence of such beneficiary interest.

► 5. Fee required

The \$25.00 fee is for a search of not more than two suggested censuses about one person only. The time required to complete a search depends upon the number of cases on hand at the particular time and the difficulty encountered in searching a particular case. The normal processing time would require from two to six weeks. Since the fee covers return postage, do not send stamped self-addressed envelope with the application.

Not more than two censuses will be searched and the results furnished for one fee. Should it be necessary to search more than two censuses to find the record, you will be notified to send another fee before further searches are made. Tax monies are not available for the furnishing of the information. Accordingly, even though the information is not found, if a search has been made, the fee cannot be returned.

► 6. Full schedules (For Genealogy)

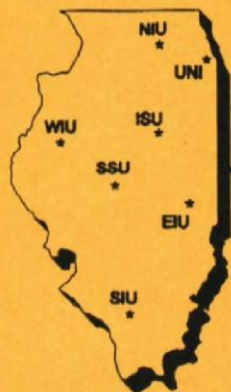
Upon request, a full schedule will be furnished. There is an additional charge of \$6.00 for each full schedule requested. The full schedule is the complete one-line entry of personal data recorded for the individual. The name of the head of household may also be shown, but the names of other persons will not be listed.

► 7. Signature

In general, the signature should be the same as that shown on the line captioned "full name of person whose census record is requested." When the application is for the census record concerning another person, the authority of the requester must be furnished as set forth in instruction 4 above. If signed by marking (X), please indicate the name of the person whose mark it is and have witnesses sign as instructed.

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Family Research Tips

Family History Resources in the IRAD System

Many of the local government records collected by IRAD offer a rich source of information on our ancestors. The following list suggests some of the ways in which various types of IRAD records may be used by family historians.

■ Births

To find date and place of birth and names of parents.

Birth Certificates (Beginning 1877)

Birth Registers (Beginning 1877)

Delayed Birth Certificates

■ Deaths

To find date, place, and cause of death, or place of burial.

Death Certificates (Beginning 1877)

Death Registers (Beginning 1877)

Probate Records

Almshouse/Poor Farm Records

Cemetery Records

Coroner's Inquest Records

■ Marriages

To find date and place of marriage, age & residence of bride & groom, consent of parent in case of minors.

Marriage Certificates

Marriage Applications (Beginning 1877)

Marriage Record

Marriage Licenses

■ Divorces

To find date of dissolution of marriage and divorce proceedings and agreements.

Chancery Court Cases

Chancery Records

■ Residence

To find place & duration of or changes in residence.

Assessors' & Collectors' Books

Voters' Registration Records & Poll Books

Deed Records

Naturalization Petitions & Affidavits

■ Real Property

To find amount, location, & value of real estate owned; to find sale or mortgaging of property or division among heirs.

Assessors' & Collectors' Books

Deed Records

Tax Sale Records

Probate Records

Mortgage Records

■ Personal Property

To find types of personal property owned, assessed valuations, mortgages, inventories & sales of estates.

Assessors' Books

Estate Appraisalment & Inventory Records

Estate Sale Records

Chattel Mortgage Records

■ Naturalizations

To find date of naturalization, age, nationality, date of emigration, place of residence in this country.

Naturalization Papers

Declarations of Intention

Naturalization Records—Petitions/Final Papers

Soldiers' & Minors' Naturalization Records

■ **Estates**

To find date of death, details of will, names & relationship of heirs, guardians appointed for children, widow's portion of estate, settlement of estate, & results of contested estates.

■ **School Attendance**

To find age, grade, residence of children.

■ **Court Actions**

To find involvement in civil, criminal, or chancery cases.

■ **Paupers**

To find name, age, residence, occupation, birthplace of paupers; death or place of burial may also be recorded.

■ **Professions**

Records usually include names, residence, date of certification; teachers' records often give age, residence, education; miners' records give age, years worked in mines; licenses may establish rates for lodging, food & drink or ferriage.

Wills

Probate Record

Guardianship Records

Widow's Relinquishment & Selection Record

Probate Files

Chancery Court Records (Contested estates)

Common School Schedules

School Pupil Registers

Civil Law Cases & Records

Criminal Law Cases & Records

Chancery Law Cases & Records

Plaintiff & Defendant Indexes

Almshouse/Poor Farm Registers

County Home Hospital & Cemetery Records

County Board Minutes & Proceedings

Professional Registers (Most beginning 1877)

Physicians, Midwives, Nurses, Dentists,

Optometrists, Veterinarians, Architects

Teachers' Records

Miners' Examining Board Records (1908-)

Officials Oaths & Bonds

Election Records

Tavern, Grocery, Ferry, Dramshop Licenses

County Lists Available: Not all of these types of records are held for every Illinois county. Listings of county, township, and municipal records held at the depositories are available upon request. The lists are sorted by county, office, and title. Please limit requests to **five (5) counties** at a time. County listings and additional information about the IRAD System may be obtained from: **Information Services/IRAD; Illinois State Archives; Springfield, IL 62756. [Telephone: (217) 785-1266]**

Reference Hints: Sometimes family history researchers give too little or too much information for IRAD staff to initiate a meaningful search. Observing the following suggestions will help IRAD staff to provide faster and clearer reference services:

- * **Provide necessary information.** Consult the IRAD Research Policy Sheet for specific information necessary to conduct a search of the IRAD holdings. Provide any additional information which might narrow the search such as township or precinct of residence.
- * **Write a clear, concise letter.** Do not send pages of detailed information about your family and ask us to "please forward any information on these individuals." Never send a pedigree chart and ask us to fill in the blanks! **Ask specific questions.** What exactly do you wish to know about a particular ancestor?
- * **Proofread.** Read your letter (or ask someone else to proofread your letter) so that errors and oversights are corrected.
- * **Print or type.** Print the surname of the subject being researched or, better still, type your inquiries, if possible. Also print or type your complete return address on each letter.
- * **Mention previous correspondence.** If you have corresponded with us before, please refer to your previous letter(s). This will prompt us to check our files and avoid any duplication of research.
- * **Refer to other sources consulted.** Mention Illinois State Archives, county office, and other sources already searched so that we do not recommend those sources again.

GERMAN RESEARCH

Did your ancestors come to Logan County from the following German villages in the parish of Mulsum II, Stade, Hanover, (very close to Hamburg); Aspe, Dinghorn, Elmermoor, Elmerschierl, Essel, Groos-Fredenbeck, Klein-Fredenbeck, Gruendorf, Hesendorf, Hobenmoor, Horn, Kutenholz, Luehnenspecken, Mulsum, Sadersdorf, Schwinge, Wedel or the farms of bullenholz and Hemelingbostel? Member, Shirley Siems Terry, 301 Almond Court, San Ramon, CA 94583, will check the 1000 page Ortssippenbuch for this parish if you will send SASE and \$1 for each name to be checked. Must have some dates and pertinent info to work from.

GENEALOGY AT WORK

In our research department we receive many requests for families that have had Logan County as their home. We try to answer these requests as quickly as time will permit. We received the following letter that we would like to share:

Dear Mr. Wickline:

25 July 1991

Thank you for the information on my great grandfather John Burns.

I would enlist your aide in finding out where my paternal great-grandfather was in 1870, in Logan County.

His name was Jacob Roads. His family first moved to Logan County in 1859. His brothers David, Joseph and John Rhoades or Rhodes came then.

In 1864 other members of the family moved to Logan County. They all came from Champaign County, Ohio.

The matriarch of the family Rachel Brock Rhodes, her crippled daughter Mary A., possibly the John and Sarah Rhoades Wikle family, too. Also, Jacob Roads wife Sarah, may have come with their children; Cicely, Osceola and Deamar. Jacob was serving in the Union Army, 95th Ohio Infantry. He apparently came after his discharge from the army in August 1865.

I cannot find them listed in the Logan County 1870 Federal Census.

I do know that their youngest child Minnie B. was born in 1878 in Illinois

If you could help me I would be so appreciative. Thank you again, your Society is really super. Sincerely, Nona Rhoades McGrath.

Remarks such as these make research seem so worthwhile. Most of the answers that I write, I hope will lift the spirits of the one asking for information on their ancestors, to where they can complete their genealogy. So keep your queries coming we will do the best we can with what we have.

"Summer is that time of year when thousands of otherwise normal citizens are overcome with the urge to rush out to the great forests and mountains of America and get themselves lost."

QUERIES

Lester L. Wickline, Query Editor

We invite anyone to place a Query in our Quarterly. Queries are free to Society members, as space permits, and for non-members there is a charge of \$1.00.

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| HOLT, TIBBS
WESTMORELAND
SHORES, SMITH
MIDKIFF | MRS. LOIS YOSHIOKA, 12914 Blue Bonnet Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375 Seek info Henry Clay Tibbs b. 1836 KY mar Arminta C. Smith (cir) 1858, had twelve children, of whom Naomi b. 1863 was my gmother. Will ans all corres. |
| KIME (KEIMES)
PASSWATER
HENDRICKS | MRS. BETTY SCRUGGS, 713 E. Strong Pkwy, Grand Prairie, TX 75050 Need info on children of Henry Kime (Kimes) rev sol bur in Zion cem, Lincoln, b. 1750 d. 22 Aug 1833, esp. Anna Margaret besides 5 girls and 2 boys. |
| SIEMS
EITZEN, FIEGE
GERDT | MRS. SHIRLEY SIEMS TERRY, 301 Almond Ct. San Ramon, CA 94583 Calling all SIEMS as compiling book with Roots III of different American lines from dozens of Northern German towns..Claus Siems from Mulsum, Hannover lived in Logan Co. cir 1867 til 1876. Info req on Lincoln furniture house of Deming & Bree where Claus Siems worked as cabinet maker. Pleas ans soon. |
| SCHLAGER
SULLIVAN
FERGUSON
FOLKMAN | MRS. E. JUNE SCHLAGER, 296 Lafayette Dr., Roseville, CA 95678 Search for info on par. of Mary Adelaine Ferguson Sanard (Sehner) - rel of Job Sullivan |
| HALL
HAYDEN | ARTHUR K. HALL, 317 S. Fifth St., Burlington, IA 52601 Searching for info re marriage of Isaac K. Hall to Eliza Jane Stone Hayden, mar occurred in Logan Co cir 1861 to 1865 will ans all corres. |
| TUCKER
BATTERSHELL
ALLISON
HINKLE, BELT | JOHN R. ROHDE II, 7121 Brentwood Drive, Boise, ID 83709 Need info on fam mbrs who resided in Logan Co last half nineteenth century. Any record of death of Osborn Tuckers' first wife Cynthia Battershall between 1850-1860? What was maiden name of June Tucker who mar Osborn cir 1860? Is there verification of mar in Logan Co of Sarah Tucker and Silas Allison in 1858? |
| THOMPSON | MRS. MARIE K. ARRINGTON, Rte 3, Box 118, Broadway, VA 22815 Seek info on Thompson fam in Logan Co Francis Thompson b. 1809 d. 1864 mar. Mary A. Counts 1826, d. 1888 bur near Elkhart in Latham-Thompson cem. will ans all corres. |
| MOORE
MASSENGILL | MRS. PAULINE BUCK, 502 S. 5th St., Milbank, SD 57252 Seek info on Fieldon Moore b. 1867 Warren Co. IL d. 1886 Warren Co. buried Middletown cemetery, Middletown, IL He is son of J.J. and Betsy Massingill Moore. Any assist will be appreciated. |

QUERIES (contd)

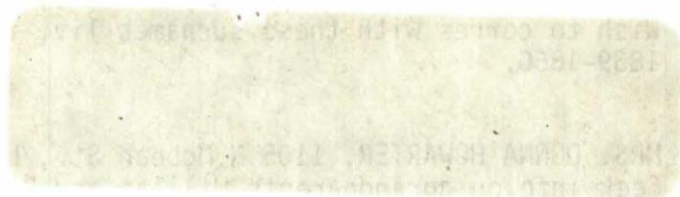
- PLUMMER NORMA N. TRACY (nee Jewell), P.O. Box 52, Yountville, CA
 SPRUGEON 94599 Seek info on Frederick Plummer mar Elizabeth
 Spurgeon had dau Martha June b. 1867 Elkhart, Logan Co.
 Believe Martha youngest of 2 or 3 sisters. Please write.
- DYER JEANETTE PERSINGER, 778 W. 1800 So., #130, Hurricane, UT 84737
 Need info on Winnie Stewart Dyer b. 1811 d. 1891 bur.
 Roach cem Atlanta Twp., mar George Dyer b. 1800 d. 1875.
 Will answer all corres.
- MILLER RUTH A. MILLER, 303 E. Sycamore St., Normal, IL 61761
 Seek info on Miller fam of Jessamine Co. KY moved to Logan
 Co. IL cir 1900. Jessie and Malinda listed 1910 census in
 Atlanta Twp. Their children are Fred, Vergie, Savilla,
 Lillian and Cecil. Will answer all corres.
- FLETCHER VALDA LUCAS FLETCHER, 1240 Sandy Hill, W. Covina, CA 91791
 LUCAS Seek info on Waddell fam liv in Logan Co. cir 1800s
 WADDELL ggmother Judith Waddell bur Lake Bank cem. Mar Allen Lucas,
 fa was Thomas Waddell. Need name of mother and other info
 of Waddells'
- SLATTEN HELEN M. RAMPA, 7665 Chestnut Lane 43 BE, Edwards IL
 61528-9622 Charles Lee Slatten son of Joseph and Elizabeth
 Slatten b. 6 June 1854 Atlanta, Logan Co. IL, mar. Hattie
 Shoemaker 11 June 1876 at Beacon, IA. When did Joseph move
 to Atlanta, Joseph was b. 1826 Morgan co. IL Elizabeth born
 1831 in Ohio. Other children were Sarah Ellen and Stephen
 A.D. Will ans all corres.
- HOGAN MRS. REBECCA L. HOGAN, 2130 W. Dell Dr., Alton, IL 62002-6944
 PHILLIPS Seeking info on Joseph Phillips and fam. Joseph b. 1852
 in IN d. cir 1926 Atlanta, IL wife Martha J. ??, had 5 boys
 and 1 girl. Please write.
- ARCHER MS. VIRGINIA ARCHER, 13741 Earlham Dr., Whittier, CA 90602
 McDANIEL Wish to corres with these surnames liv. in Logan Co. cir
 McDONALD 1839-1860.
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- MAYER MRS. DONNA HOWARTER, 1105 N. McLean St., Lincoln, IL 62656
 Seek info on ggrandparents William and Bessie Elmore Mayer
 lived in Mason City area, are they related to Mayers
 settled in Mt. Pulaski?
- SCROGGIN MRS. ESTHER BOND, 11723 W. 27th St., Lakewood, CO 80215
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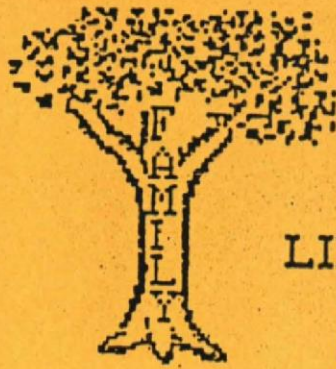
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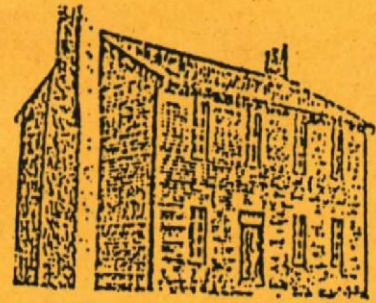
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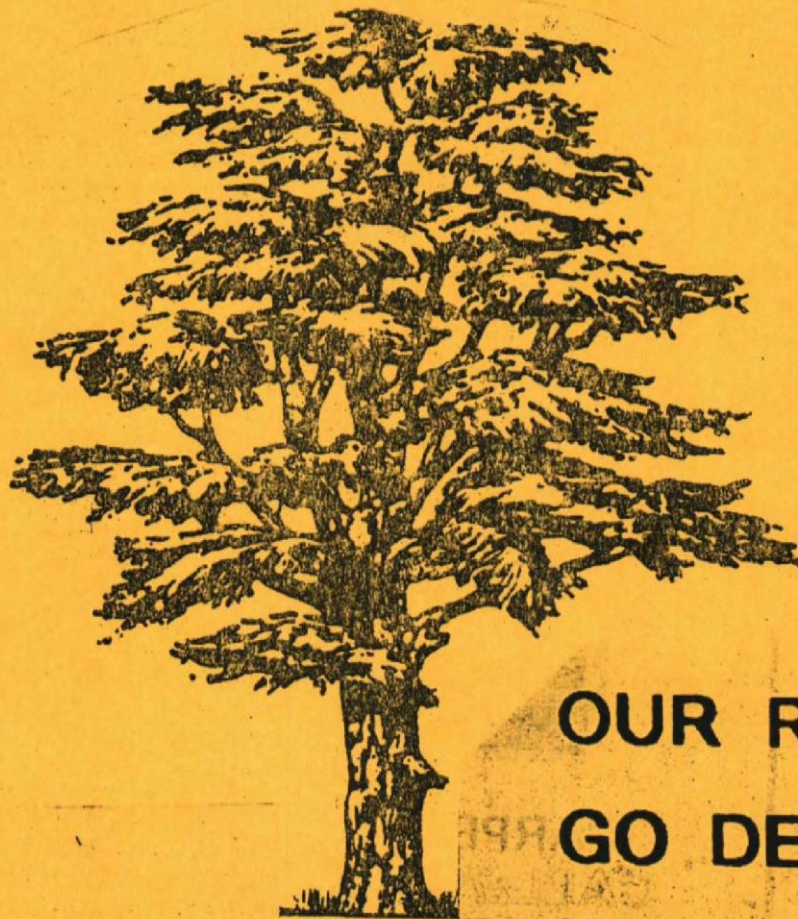
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends:

We have nearly completed another year of work. This year we have published our 1880 Census. We also are still selling our Logan County Atlas. This book includes "three in one". It is a must for Logan Clunty "roots". Not only are there pictures and maps shown, but also sketches of early residents. Order forms for both are in this issue.

We desperately need workers in our society. If we are to grow we need more volunteers, some who will be greeters and/or hostesses, program speakers, writers and researchers for our quarterly. I know we have members who have these talents. Won't you share them with us? We would also like your input on the kinds of programs you would like.

It takes every member to make our society grow. The officers and the board are appealing to you for help.

Our Thanksgiving Meeting is coming up. Won't you volunteer to help in this meeting and those in 1992? Every member try to find a new member!

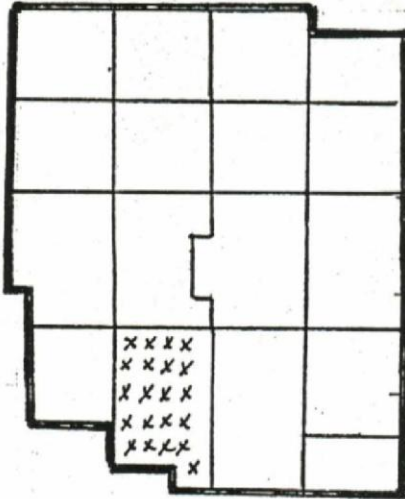
WE NEED YOUR HELP

Officers are working long hours
To bring good programs to you,
Won't you give us some time
So we can do other things too ?

We need new smiling faces
Ready to tackle the crowd,
With lots of vim and vigor
Making voices heard all around.

Come and join in the venture
Get in with both hands,
Give us your two cents worth,
And we can all join in the band.

.ginny john



Elkhart

On Interstate-55 between Broadwell and Springfield

Population: 493

Founded: 1855

Historical interest: Elkhart Hill site of first white settlement in this section of Illinois; home of John Dean Gillett, "Cattle King of America"; Captain Adam H. Bogardus, "Wing Shot Champion"; John Dean Gillett Memorial Chapel (St. John the Baptist Chapel), Elkhart Cemetery; Elkhart Hill; Governor Richard J. Oglesby's tomb; only privately owned bridge over public road.

Cornland

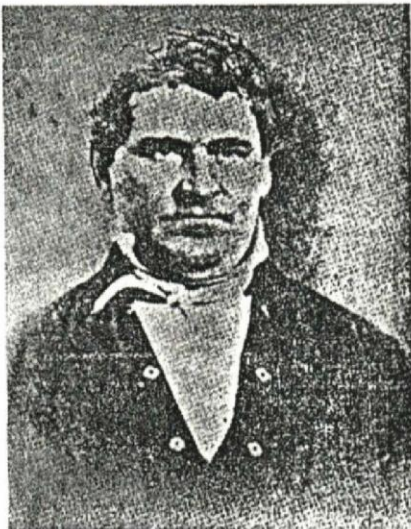
On Route 54 southwest of Lake Fork

Population: 150

Founded: Laid out and surveyed in 1871

Historical interest: Every building damaged or destroyed by a tornado April 19, 1927.

Other attractions: Church windows



John Shockey
Founder of Elkhart City

In the early 1859's, John Shockey came to this land and fulfilled all his dreams by founding the village of Elkhart City.

John married Catherine Monn in Pennsylvania in 1830. They became the parents of seventeen children: John, Jr., Daniel, Christian, Susan, Jeremiah, Lydia, Marion, Cyrus, Henny, Catherine, Margaret, Isaac, Abraham, Samuel, Martha, David and Jacob.

John died at the age of 53, leaving behind him land that he donated to the village for new schools, churches and businesses.

After arriving in Elkhart he began buying land, acquiring some 5000 acres in Logan County. He drew the plans for Elkhart City, and also built the hotel known as the Elkhart House.

Catherine Shockey died in November, 1858, and John died in November, 1859. Both are buried in Elkhart cemetery, at the top of the hill.

--Elkhart Centennial Book 1855 - 1980

--Shockey Family, by Gwen Suttory Rosenfeld

The Village of Elkhart City

LOCATION

Almost in the center of the state of Illinois, nestled on the western slope of a long wooded hill, stands the village of Elkhart City. It was founded as a village in 1855 and this year will celebrate its first century of existence.

The village derives its name from this beautiful hill. It was named Elkhart City to distinguish it from Elkhart Hill.

INDIAN LORE

Tradition among the Illinois Indian tribe relates that the beautiful daughter of a chief of the Illinois tribe known as "White Blossom" had two lovers, one a warrior of the Shawnee tribe from the banks of the Ohio and the other a warrior of her own tribe, the Illinois. After this situation had gone on for some time and during one of the annual hunting trips of the Illinois, the two warriors demanded that "White Blossom" decide which one of them she would take in marriage. An elk passed nearby and "White Blossom" said that the warrior who could pierce the heart of the elk would be the one she would marry. Both warriors shot their arrows and the Illinois warrior's arrow pierced the heart of the Elk. In a short time they were married and took the Elk Heart as their totem or family badge. The Elk Heart was marked with indelible color on the bodies of each of their children and their children's children and so on down until it became the mark of the Illinois tribe.

Not very much is known about the tribes that dwelt there, but on the eastern slope of the hill is found a village site, which due to the great number of stone relics found, is thought to be the site of Illinois Indian village. This is probably true, as this was the Illinois Country before the coming of the Kickapoos.

In about 1763 the Kickapoos started to move down from the great lake region into central Illinois. They had a village on the Elkhart Hill which was somewhat connected with their capital village that stood near where Lincoln now stands.

On July 30, 1819 the Indians ceded this land to the United States and started to move out. By

1836 there was but a few Indians left in Illinois. Thus passed the last Indians from the Elkhart Hill.

It might be added that the "old Indian trail" from the "Big Salt of Kentucky" to the chief camping grounds of the Potowatomies on the Mississippi, passes over Elkhart Hill and traces of it may still be found on the upper ridge of the hill.

Joseph Trotier, a French Creole of Cahoki, visited Elkhart Hill around 1810.

Frederick Ernst, a German, related in 1819 that Elk Heart hill was a most agreeable and advantageous place and that he found sugar trees four feet in diameter.

The Elkhart hill is part of the Buffalo Hart Glacial Moraine. This moraine runs a distance of about fifteen miles from Mt. Auburn to Elkhart. It is covered with about 12 to 15 feet of loess or soil with great underlying drift of clay, sand, gravel, and boulders intermingled.

FIRST WHITE PEOPLE

Probably the first white people to see the Elkhart Hill were Anne Gilham and her children. James Gilham, Sr. lived on the frontier of Kentucky in 1790 on their small farm. One day while he and his son Isaac were working in the field some Kickapoo warriors who lived at the Elkhart and Salt Creek villages captured his wife and three small children.

The warriors took them captives to the capital village on Salt Creek. On their way they passed the Elkhart Hill probably stopping at the Kickapoo village there. Later Gilham purchased his family back from the Indians. In 1815 Anne Gilham obtained a grant of land of 160 acres from Congress as an honorable testimonial of the suffering and hardships in her captivity with the Indians.

FOUNDING

In 1855, the village was laid out by John Shockey of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, who at one time built a large frame hotel. It stood on the northside of the street, one block north of the present business district.

It burned on May 24, 1889. J. R. Saunders built about the same time a brick building for a store, in which he opened the first stock of goods in Elkhart. This building stood just south of the present Lanterman store facing the depot. It collapsed a few years ago with age. A few goods were for sale in the old warehouse prior to this but no regular stock was kept.

In 1858 John Gibbs erected a warehouse. Shockey's addition of 16 acres was added to the original town in 1858. It was surveyed by County Surveyor Conaway Perce on April 11, 1855. Christian Shockey and John Rinehart were chain carriers, William F. G. Elkin and A. E. Constant were witnesses to the survey. Rigney's addition was laid out in 1863 and Thompson's addition was added in 1865.

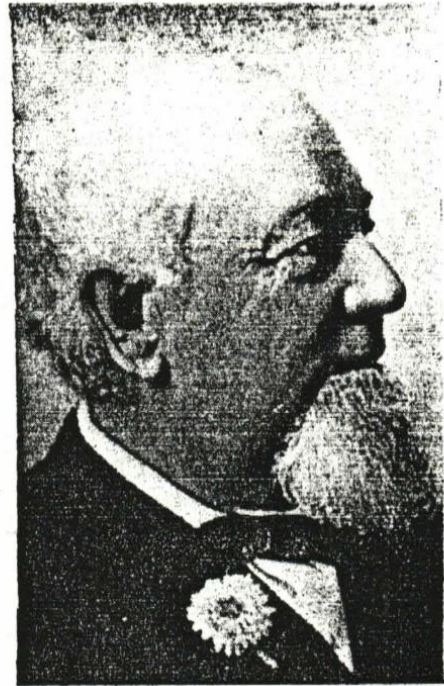
INCORPORATION

The town was incorporated February 22, 1861. The first officers were James Rigney, president; Wm. Helm, clerk; T. H. Cantrall, treasurer; L. D. Dana, justice; Martin Buzzard, constable; A. H. Bogardus, C. B. Taylor, David Lippot, and Luther Wood.

JOHN D. GILLETT

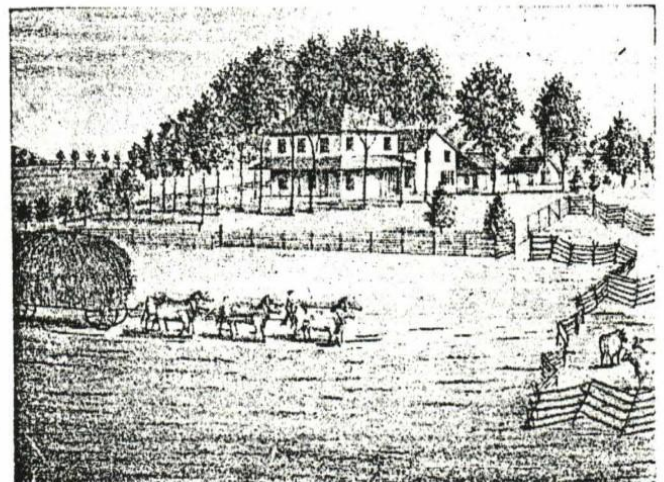
For many years Elkhart was one of the largest shipping points on the C. & A. railroad, due to the large stock raising farms of John D. Gillett. Mr. Gillett was called the "cattle king" of the world.

John D. Gillett was born at Fair Haven, Conn., April 28, 1819. He was a descendant of a family of Huguenots which were driven from France by religious persecution and sought refuge in England and in 1631 emigrated to the United States and settled in Lebanon in what was then the colony of Conn. His father, Eliphaz, was captain of the brig "John" of which he was sole owner and was engaged along West Indies coastwise trade. He was born in 1791 and married Amarilla Sanford. Five children, two sons and three daughters were born to them. Both his grandfathers were soldiers in the war of the Revolution. When John was three his father died and he was reared by his widowed mother and went to Lancasterian school at New Haven. When he was 17 he sailed to Georgia and spent two years in the mercantile business and afterwards returned to New Haven and attended Pearl's Academy six



John D. Gillett

months. In the fall of 1838 he started for Illinois, going by steamboat to St. Louis, by stage to Springfield, and then on foot to Bald Knob where an uncle resided. He immediately began to work on the farm receiving at first \$8 a month. In 1840, after spending two years at Bald Knob, he came to Logan County and improved a farm in Elkhart Township, residing there 28 years. This farm is now operated by Albert Johnson and it lies just north of Cornland.



Willow Point Farm

In 1868 he moved to Elkhart Hill. By 1852 he owned some 12,000 acres of land and in that year with R. B. Latham entered about 7,000 acres more. At his death he owned 16,500 acres of land.

He raised some of the finest stock cattle in the United States. He was engaged extensively in shipping fine stock in European markets. He was a Republican in politics but never held any political office.

On May 31, 1842 he was married to Miss Lemira Parks. Her father, Elisha Parke, settled in Logan County in 1837 and built the first jail in Logan County. Mr. and Mrs. Gillett had eleven children: S. Emma who died young, Anna S., Grace, Eliphaz Parke who died at 4 years, Lemira Nina, May, Kate, Jessie Dean, John Parke, Ada and Charlotte Lancroft. The family were members of the Episcopal Church in Springfield. The old house in Elkhart was destroyed by fire in February, 1871. A new one was built which is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Drake.

John D. Gillette died at Mackinack Island August 27, 1883.

GROWTH OF TOWN

When the town was laid out all of the business establishments faced the railroad. One of the first buildings was a brick building erected by J. R. Saunders and he offered a general stock of goods. Saunders also had the first post office in his building and he was the first postmaster and railroad agent. John Shockey erected a large frame hotel later known as the Cordell House. Quite a number of houses were built the same summer and until 1862 the town grew very rapidly. "Since 1862 the growth of the town has been slow. The trade is, however, good, and supports a number of excellent stores" (History of Logan County 1878).

BUSINESS MEN OF ELKHART — 1885

Thomas Brennan	General Store
Hughes & Taylor	General Store
S. B. Hunter	Groceries
John Hardesty	Groceries
William Dolvin	Groceries
Lanterman & Smith	Groceries
Z. T. Taylor	Druggist
L. W. Hess	Furniture Dealer
Jacob Blenz	Meat Market
Joseph Cordell	Elkhart House
H. H. Pankey	Saloon
Frank Smith	Saloon
Robert Kennedy	Saloon
John Gibbs	Grain Merchant
A. Armington	Grain Merchant
David Lippott	Blacksmith
Thomas Brennan	Postmaster
C. P. Briggs	Station Agent

LATHEM GRAVE YARD

The Latham Grave Yard is the oldest cemetery in Logan County. The first grave being that of Emily, wife of Richard Latham who was buried in February 1826. James Latham was buried June, 1826. When Robert Latham sold the surrounding land to Francis Thompson, April 25, 1850, he excepted "nine rods square, for a grave yard and making James Latham's grave the center".

In the 1870's the Thompson family decided an addition to the Latham Grave Yard of about one-fourth acre on the east side.

There are about 100 marked graves in the cemetery, and it is still used occasionally. The Logan County Reconditioned Cemetery Commission of the Board of Supervisors now takes care of it.

(Elkhart Centennial Book 1855-1955)

LATHAM, Robert

Kime 5. 1868
ae/ 69 yr. 5 mo. 12 da.

LATHAM, Emily, wife of Richard

Feb. 17, 1826
ae. 27 yr. 6 mo. 2 da.

LATHAM, James

d. Dec. 4, 1826
ae. 58 yr. 1 mo. 14 da.
First settler in Logan County,
in the spring of 1819.

LATHAM, Mary, wife of James

d. Aug. 11, 1847
ae. 75 yr. 6 mo. 18 da.

THE LATHAMS

It was in September 1819 that James Latham moved from Union County, Kentucky, and came to Elkhart Hill. The country had not been surveyed, consequently he was an original squatter sovereign.

James Latham was of Scottish descent. He was born October 21, 1768. He was engaged in farming in his native state. On June 21, 1792 he married Mary Briggs of Virginia. They had ten children all of whom were born in Kentucky.

James Latham built the first cabin on the hill. It stood where Governor Oglesby's first house stood. It was a double cabin with a passage between and a fireplace at each end. It was the first cabin built north of Springfield in Illinois.

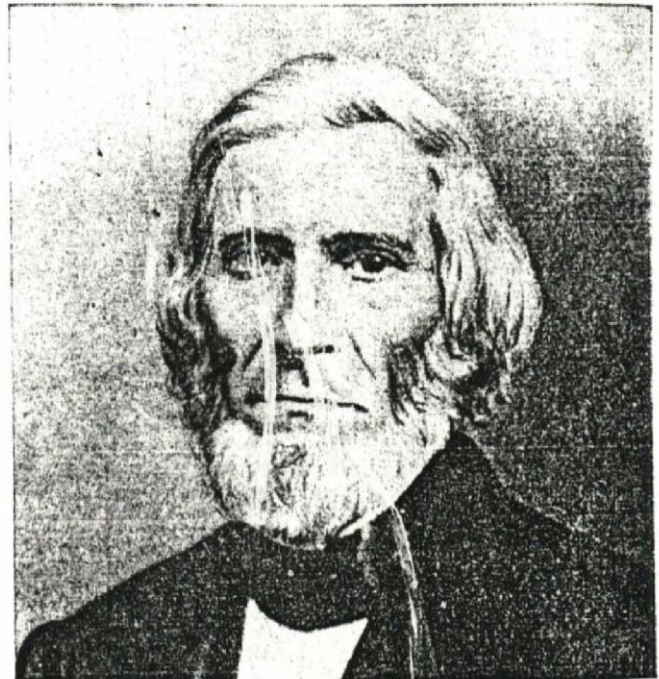
When the lands were brought into market, some years after his first arrival, he entered nearly all the timber land of Elkhart Hill consisting of about a section.

In 1823 James Latham and his son Richard built a horse mill at Elkhart, which was the first mill built north of the Sangamon River. It was an ordinary horse mill but required four horses to run it and was a great convenience to the early settlers. Prior to this they were compelled to go to Edwardsville, a journey of a hundred miles. This was the first of about four different mills that stood between the house of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Christian and the highway. The last mill being destroyed by fire in 1875. The late Mrs. Christian's house was the miller's home.

James Latham was appointed in 1824-25 by President John Q. Adams as Indian agent at Fort Clarke (now Peoria) and so moved his residence from Elkhart to Fort Clarke. He remained at Fort Clarke until his death two years later. His remains were returned to Elkhart and buried in the family cemetery on the hill. His family returned to Elkhart and took up residence in the old house.

Besides the Latham family, at Elkhart Grove, several other families came, remained for a short time, and then moved on to other settlements. Mr. Latham had several cabins built near his home which he rented to persons moving into the country until they found a permanent location. Among these may be mentioned the Stephenson family who afterward moved to Sangamon County. A family by the name of Lackland, from Tennessee, lived in one of these cabins. Mr. Glover operated a small farm for a while. John and Henry Crumbau rented land for two years and then went to McLean County.

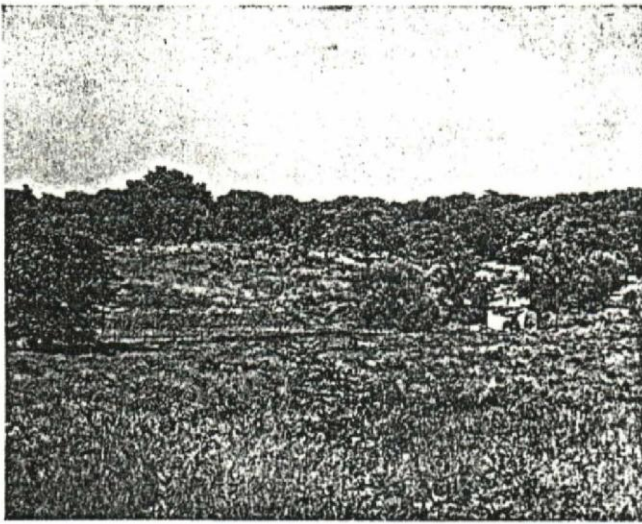
The early settlers did not value the prairie lands because they had no suitable means of cultivation. They usually made their homes near timber land and water; for the timber provided materials for homes, fuel, and protection from the weather. The springs here at Elkhart Grove were an inducement for them to settle here. To supply clothing, fields of flax and cotton were raised and spun by the women. Shoes were a luxury and were often carried instead of being worn as they walked to assemblies. Boys wore trousers and hunting shirts of buckskin. At first money was almost unknown and all things which they termed "luxuries" were obtained by barter. Their daily life was very simple. The staple article of food was corn meal. Before mills were built, the women "grated" their corn with a piece of tin or it was prepared in Indian fashion. In some settlements, for many years, a stove was unheard of.



Richard Latham

KENTUCKY HOUSE

Richard Latham, who came with his father to Elkhart Hill in 1819 and entered land for himself in Section 18 of what is now Elkhart Township, built what was known as the "Kentucky House". This was a huge frame structure of two stories with a two story porch on the front. The old "Kentucky House" was an important stop on the Edwards Trace. When traveling the circuit, Abraham Lincoln, John T. Stuart, Stephen A. Douglas, David Davis, Stephen T. Logan, and

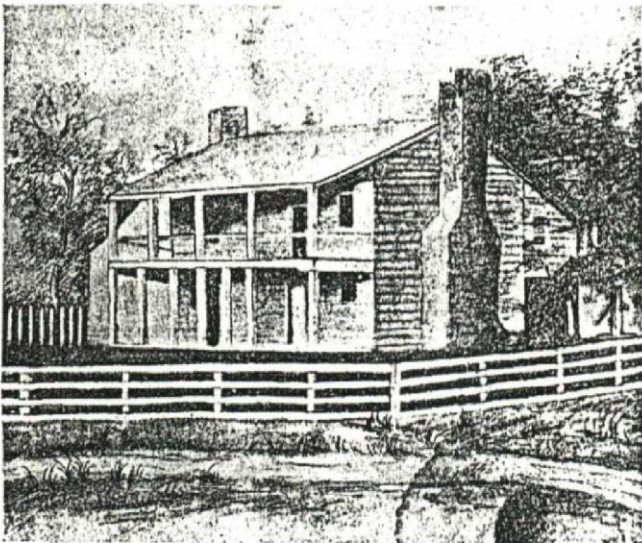


Site of James Latham cabin

other lawyers often stopped here. It was also a stop on the early "stage routes" from Springfield to Bloomington. Travelers were received with true hospitality. Latham ran this hotel until 1853, when he sold it and his farm land to John Shockey thus bringing an end to the Latham family at Elkhart Hill. The "Kentucky House" was destroyed by fire in 1876.

THE EDWARDS TRACE

Governor Edwards of the Illinois Territory made an expedition against the Kickapoo and Pctawatomie Indians in October of 1812. The route he followed from Cahokia to Lake Peoria became known as "Edwards Trace." It is probable that he followed a very old Indian trail. A more accurate description of the route says, "It

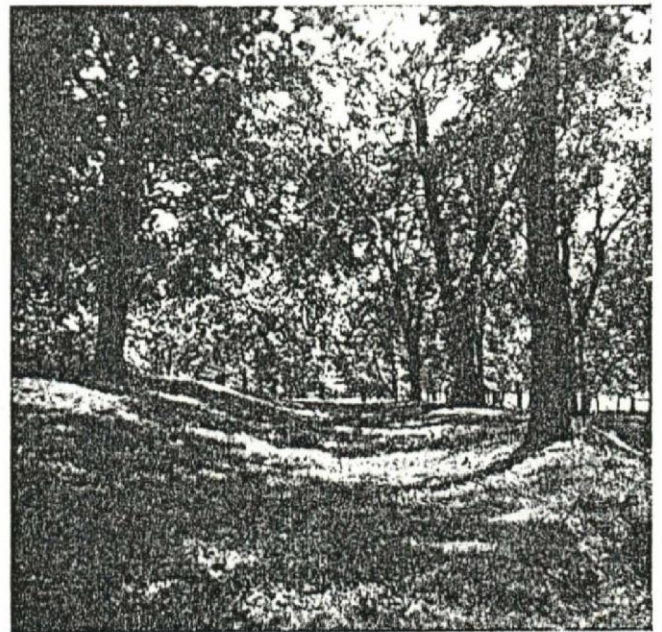


Kentucky House, Elkhart Hill

passed upon the west side of Cahokia Creek, thence to the Macoupin, which was crossed near the present site of Carlinville; thence north easterly, crossing the Sangamon below the junction of the north and south fork, east of the present capital of the State; passing Elkhart Grove, crossing Salt creek not far from the present city of Lincoln, and thence in a northward direction striking an old deserted Kickapoo village on Sugar Creek, and thence north west to Lake Peoria."

Later in 1825 the County Commissioners of Sangamon County (which then covered a large portion of central Illinois) laid out a "county road" following this old trace and it then became known as the "Fort Clark (Peoria) Road." Today U. S. Route 66 from St. Louis to Lincoln follows close to the Old Trace and from Lincoln to Peoria Route 121 follows the trace.

Traces of this trail may still be seen today on the Elkhart Hill. This is the only place in its more than a hundred mile length that traces can be found.



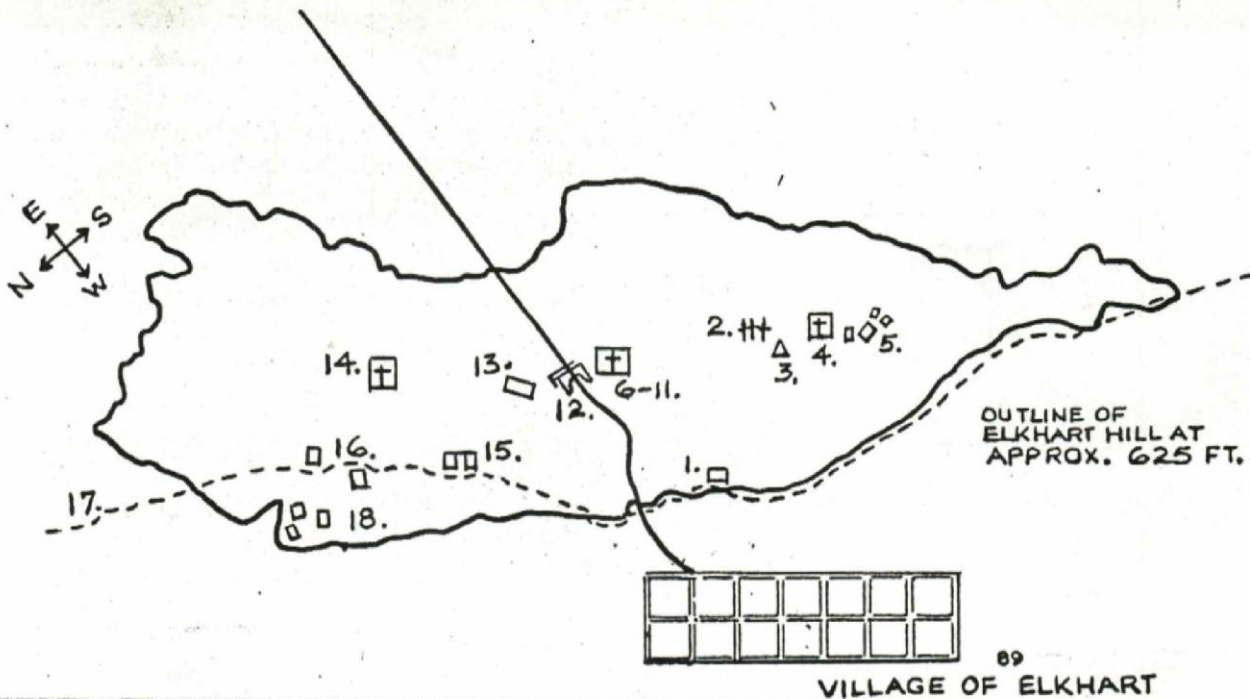
The Edwards trace

TOWN SITE

A town site at Elkhart Hill was planned at one time by Acquilla Davis but nothing came of it.

In 1853 the Chicago, Mississippi (now Gulf, Mobile, and Ohio) Railroad Company was being built and reached Elkhart Grove first of August 1853.

As soon as the railroad had been completed to this point, an old horse-mill in Springfield, owned by Seneca Woods, was brought up by William Mozee and placed here for a warehouse. This was in the spring of 1853.



Elkhart Historical Society Hill Tour



1. Site of Kentucky House

Built in 1928 by Richard Latham, son of James Latham. It is on the Edwards Trace and was the stopping place for 8th Circuit lawyers, such as Abraham Lincoln, John T. Stuart, Stephen A. Douglas, David Davis, and Stephen T. Logan. Latham ran this hotel until 1853 when the railroad came through, he then sold out to John Shockey and moved to Springfield. It was destroyed by fire in 1876.

On Dec. 5, 1854, Richard Latham sold to John Shockey nearly 1400 acres of land which was most of the South part (from blacktop) of the hill and all of the village. After Shockey's death it became the property of Edward Rigney who sold 1216 acres to John D. Gillett on Dec. 18, 1884, for \$48,600. Gillett had attempted to buy land ten years earlier but a lawsuit between John Shockey and James White, and Shockey's death prevented the sale.

2. Graves of Three Indians

Tradition says that a man and wife captured by Kickapoo Indians in Kentucky were being taken back to the chief village on Salt Creek when they reached this spot on Elkhart Hill—the Indians left their two captives here to go after wood and food for the night camp. While they were gone the woman who had a pair of scissors in her clothing cut herself and husband free. He took one of the Indian's guns and shot all three when they returned and thus they made their escape.

3. Highest Point on Hill

And the highest point in Logan County; Elevation—777 feet.

4. Old Shockey Cemetery

All except a few of the graves were moved to the Elkhart Cemetery at a very early date.

John Parke Gillett was given permission to remove some remains to the public part of Elkhart Cemetery on Jan. 5, 1892. It is assumed some unmarked graves may remain.

The town of Elkhart purchased two acres of ground from Edward Rigney July 14, 1864 for the Elkhart Grave Yard. A year later a plank fence was built around it. In 1866 the town paid for the first cut through the hill past the cemetery. May 1, 1874 an agreement was reached with John D. Gillett for addition to cemetery.

5. Home of John Dean Gillett

The original house had been built and was the home of John Shockey. Gillett purchased the estate from the Shockey heirs in 1868. After his death and his widow's it became the home of his son John Parke Gillett and after his death the home of grandson, Hiram Gillett Keays born at Elkhart, June 8, 1867 and his wife, Lucy Cecelia Herod. The Keays more than doubled the original house. After their death it was home of son John Dean Gillett Keays and after him Elizabeth Rogers Keays Drake and William McClellan Drake. It is now owned by their son and daughter.

6. St. John Baptist Chapel

Erected in 1890 by Lemira Parke Gillett in memory of her husband, John Dean Gillett. It was built by the Culver Stone and Marble Co. of Springfield, Illinois at the cost of \$10,000.

7. Grave of John Dean Gillett Cattle King of America

Came to Illinois from Connecticut in 1838 to work for his Uncle John Gillett at Bald Knob near Cornland. After two years he improved his own farm just north of Cornland where he remained 28 years. After the death of his Uncle John in 1848, John Dean Gillett managed the large land holdings of his uncle John's, Horace Hotchkiss and Smith Tuttle, his step-father, in Illinois. They had owned the town of "Commerce" which they sold to Joseph Smith, the Mormon Prophet who renamed it "Nauvoo." In 1864 John purchased the Shockey estate at Elkhart Hill but didn't move there until 1868. By 1874 he owned over 16,000 acres of land, 1200 head of cattle, 1000 hogs and a large number of horses and sheep and had 13 tenant houses.

His selective breeding of the Durham Cattle became Gillett's Breed and later "Short-horn." He died August 25, 1888. At his death he owned 23,000 acres of land, 2000 cows and 1000 steers. Mrs. Gillett died Sept. 21, 1901.

**8. Grave of John Shockey—
Founder of Elkhart**

Elkhart Cemetery laid 1864. First grave—Martin Gehr.

John Shockey was from Franklin County, Penn. He had the town surveyed April 11, 1855 and sold lots Nov. 30, 1855. He added 16 acres to original town in 1858. Rigney's addition in 1863, Thompson's addition in 1865. A post office was opened Dec. 8, 1855 with Wm. Rankin as first Postmaster. There have been additions by Drake and Harris since. The town was incorporated February 20, 1861. The Railroad reached Elkhart from the South August 1, 1853. Before that the Western Stage Company had coaches from Springfield to Bloomington on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and from Bloomington Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Fare was \$3.30 one way.

9. Tomb of Gov. Richard J. Oglesby

Three times Governor of Illinois. Maj. Gen. Civil War. U.S. Senator. Nominated Lincoln for President at Republican State Convention at Decatur, May 9, 1860. The Governor died April 24, 1899. His funeral was held April 28, 1899 with over 4000 in attendance including Robert Todd Lincoln son of the President. Internment took place in this vault May 8, 1899.

10. Grave of Capt. A. H. Bogardus

Born in Berne, New York September 17, 1833 his first public appearance was at St. Louis in 1868. He came to Illinois in 1856 and settled near Petersburg—in 1858 he moved to Elkhart where he lived until death March 23, 1913. His home was on the Elkhart Mill property with a private railroad siding. He appeared before Queen Victoria and traveled with Buffalo Bill's Show.

11. Grave of Thomas Alsop

Born in Penn. in 1815, came to Springfield, Ill. and was a watch and clock maker. Became Abraham Lincoln's neighbor next door north. He owned and operated Springfield Mill. In 1862 he became agent for Elkhart Mill. In 1875 he purchased mill from Edward Rigney and Addison Hickox. The mill was located just south of bridge over town branch. The home which was part of mill property later became home of Capt. A. H. Bogardus. He was Elkhart Postmaster in 1878. He died Sept. 26, 1891 in Cook County and remains returned for burial Elkhart Cemetery Sept. 29, 1891.

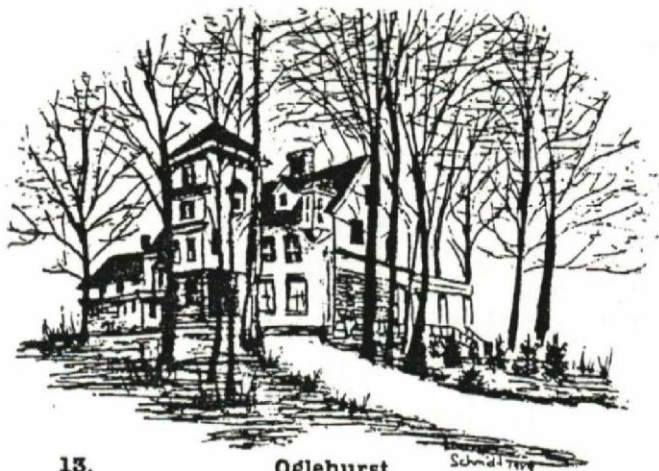
12. John Parke Gillett Memorial Bridge

Erected July 1915 by his sister Emma Gillett Oglesby. It replaced an earlier wooden bridge.

John Parke Gillett, only son of John Dean Gillett died at the age of 40 September 8, 1901. He left his estate which included his father's old home to his nephew, Hiram Keays, son of Emma Oglesby by her first marriage. A family lawsuit resulted which was carried daily in the Chicago Tribune. As the Court found in her son's favor, Mrs. Oglesby built the bridge as a memorial to her brother. One of the first poured concrete bridges in Illinois, it was built by Porter-McCully Construction Co. of Mackinaw, Ill. at the cost of \$2,029.80.



LATHAM DOUBLE CABIN



13. Oglehurst

Built in 1892 by Gov. and Mrs. R. J. Oglesby to replace house destroyed by fire. Gov. Oglesby died here April 24, 1899. Robert Todd Lincoln, son of the President was here for funeral as well as Vice-president Adlai D. Stevenson and other prominent men. Over 4000 persons were said to have attended.

This house replaced the original at Latham cabin site which burned March 2, 1891. A. G. Sampson an architect and builder made plans same day for a new Oglehurst which was rushed to completion so the family moved in December 1 the same year. After a storm damaged the house in June, 1907 Mrs. Oglesby had the house rebuilt during 1908 under the direction of George Helmle of Springfield, an architect and builder.

14. Latham Grave Yard

Oldest cemetery in Logan County. Emily, wife of Richard Latham first grave, buried in February 1826. Grave yard was laid out 9 rods square with James Latham's grave as center. An addition of 1/4 acre was added in 1870's by the Thompson family.

15. Site of James Latham Cabin

James Latham born October 25, 1768 in Virginia died June 5, 1858. First settlement in Logan County in February of 1819. This was a double cabin with a covered porch between and was large and roomy. James and Richard Latham built a horse mill here in 1823—the first mill north of Sangamon River. This was the first settlement north in the whole state of Illinois in 1819. Mrs. James Latham built a new house here in 1836, later her son Robert B. sold it in 1850 to Francis Thompson and his son, Gue F. sold it in 1885 to Gov. and Mrs. Richard J. Oglesby who used the old fireplace and chimney as nucleus for the new house, which burned in 1891. This was also the site of first farm sale in Logan County when the personal property of James Latham was sold in winter of 1826. Free whiskey was given out to those present and charged off as expense of sale. The first marriage in Logan County took place in the Latham cabin when their son Richard Latham married Emily Hubbard in September 16, 1824.

The area around this cabin was a camping ground for the pioneer because the timber offered shelter and fuel and the spring water. The old road goes through the area.

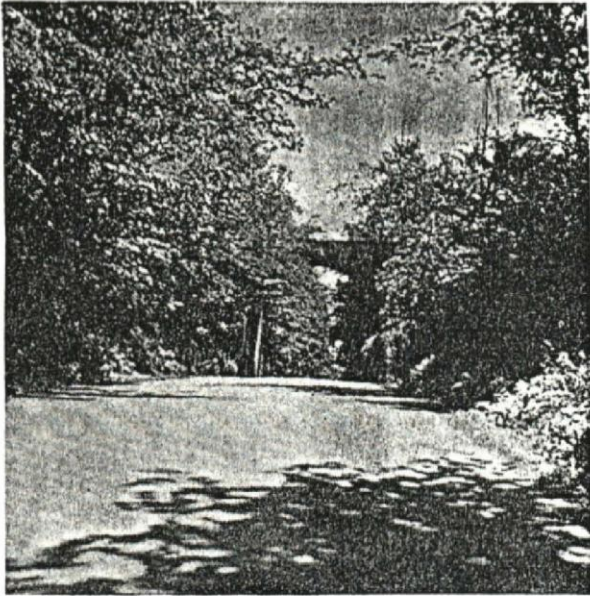
16. Site of Latham Rental Cabin

Erastus Wright, born 1779 in New England, came to Elkhart in 1821 and taught school in this cabin to the Latham children and others, thus it became the first school and Wright the first teacher in the County. He moved to Springfield and drove an Elk to a cart, which made him noted in the town. As an old man his Elk and Cart were struck by a train Nov. 21, 1870 killing him and the Elk.

17. Part of Edwards Trace

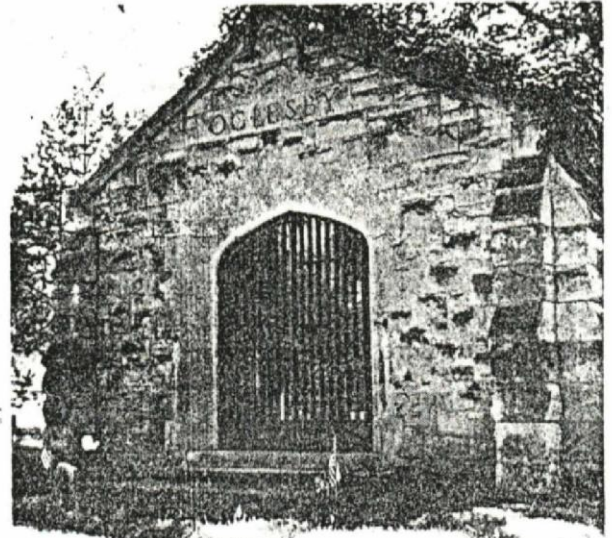
Laid out by Gov. Edwards and Army during the expedition against the Indians at Fort Clark (Peoria) in October 1812. Made a County Road in 1825 and later a State Road. The road ran from Edwardsville to Fort Clark (Peoria). This was the main road over which the pioneer traveled in settling central and northern portions of Illinois.

SCENES SHOWN ON TOUR



OVERHEAD BRIDGE LEADING TO CEMETERY

SCENES SHOWN ON TOUR

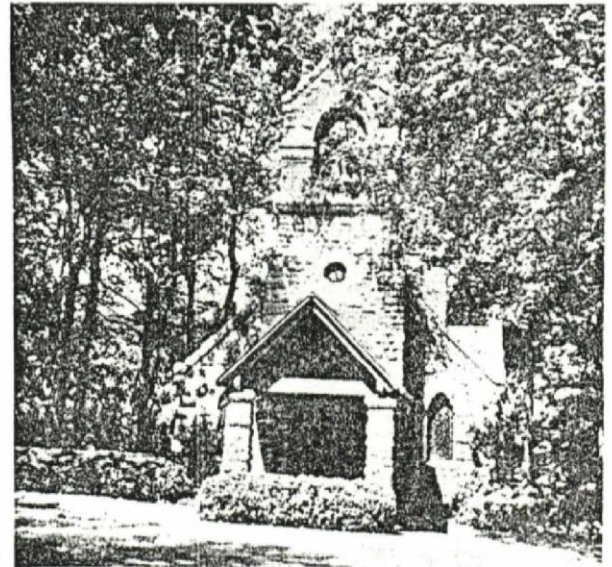


MAUSOLEUM OF GOVERNOR RICHARD OGLESBY



18. **Cro Hurst Farm**

Former home of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. McArthur. Mrs. McArthur, granddaughter of John D. Gillett is now the home of John Gehlbach. Original part of house built between 1836-1841 by John Latham. Became property of John D. Gillett in 1855 and on his death, home of Miss Jessie D. Gillett. Name of farm probably comes from G. R. Crow who owned part of farm in 1870's. A stop will be made here for you to see the beautiful grounds.



GILLETTE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHAPEL

St. John's Baptist Chapel is located in Elkhart Cemetery on Elkhart Hill. It is the only privately-owned and self-supporting church in the state.

The chapel was built in 1890 by Mrs. John D. Gillett in memory of John Dean Gillett. It has eighty acres of "glebe land" which supports it. It is made of stone in Old English style. The cemetery is joined with Oglehurst land by a bridge across the highway (see above picture).

The chapel has known both funeral and wedding services. Funeral rites were held here for Illinois Governor Richard J. Oglesby. He and Mrs. Oglesby are buried in a mausoleum near the chapel.

ELKHART CENTENNIAL TO BE EVENT OF '55

(From an undated newspaper article, COURIER, Lincoln, Illinois, 1955)

Citizens of Elkhart community are preparing for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town of Elkhart in 1855. A formal celebration is planned for next year.

Following is an advertisement appearing in the Illinois State Journal, November 10, 1855, and announcing the sale of lots in the proposed town. James T. Hickey, president of the Logan County Historical Society, has made the material available to the Courier.

SALE OF LOTS AT ELKHART CITY

"On Friday, November 30th, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 3 o'clock p.m. will be offered at public sale, to the highest bidder, a number of HANDSOME LOTS in the town of Elkhart, Logan County, Illinois.

Elkhart City is located on the St. Louis, Alton and Chicago Railroad. 15 miles northeast of Springfield on the west side of the Elkhart Grove and is one of the most delightful and picturesque situations in the west.

The town is surrounded by a large tract of fertile land and must from its location become the shipping point of a very large district which makes it one of the most desirable places for businesses on the road.

A good warehouse has been erected on the grounds, from which a large quantity of grain has been shipped to Chicago, and the business is rapidly on the increase. Terms made known on the date of the sale."

MUSEUM ACQUIRES LANDMARK PAPERS

(LINCOLN COURIER, Lincoln, Illinois Friday, September 13, 1991)

The original certificates for the first two land grants in Logan County--documents signed by President John Quincy Adams, the nation's sixth president from 1825 to 1829--have been added to the collection of the Lincoln College (Lincoln, Illinois) Museum.

The acquisition has been announced by James Hickey, Abraham Lincoln scholar and a member of the Lincoln College Board of Trustees. The two certificates grant a total of 389 32/100 acres on the north portion of Elkhart Hill to early settler James Latham. Latham filed claim for the land on November 18, 1824.

According to writer Barbary Hughett in the museum's fall 1991 newsletter, a rare manuscript dealer contacted Mr. Hickey, thinking he might be interested in the certificates because of the presidential signature. When Mr. Hickey saw the documents, he recognized that their value--especially to Lincoln College--lay beyond Mr. Adams's autograph. Dated April 15, 1825, the documents certify the first two grants for public land in what is now Logan County.

Mr. Hickey said "They're not in the best of shape--the writing is kind of faded". As to how they came to survive, Mr. Hickey said "The only thing I can guess, the last of Latham's descendants lived north of Latham Park and had a

big auction and a lot of things were sold out of the house. What is so amazing is that we had not known they existed."

It is not new information, but it was the very first settlement of Logan County. A lot of people have a lot of interest in the (Elkhart) hill, it is the same land which later became Oglesby property. The Elkhart cemetery is on this property.

The Lincoln College Museum remains a strong repository for Logan County historical material like the certificates. It contains documents dating back to the 1820's. Everything has just recently been completely catalogued, and a lot of people do not know that they have all that material. Many Logan County histories, atlases, early photographs and additional local research material is available to the public.

The museum is located at 300 Keokuk Street, on the college campus. Admission is free and it is open from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1.00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on weekends.

ELKHART TOWNSHIP

Elkhart Township comprises fifty sections of land in the southern tier of townships in Logan County, and is bordered on the south by Sangamon County. It is crossed by the Chicago and Alton and Illinois Central (now Amtrak) and I 55, old Route 66, passes through the township. The Lake Fork of Salt Creek flows northward through the township. Elkhart and Cornland are the only towns in Elkhart township. In the day of the country school the township had eight schools, namely, Northside, Cornland, Intelligence, Prairie College, Lakeside, Plainview, Elkhart and Sunnyside.

ELKHART

The village of Elkhart derives its name from the beautiful grove of trees near where it is located. This was the site of the first white settlement in what was later to become Logan County. This was the James Latham family who came to the area in 1819.

In 1855 the village was laid out by John Shockey, of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and who at once built a large frame hotel on what is now known as the Elwood corner. This building is still standing (1886) and is now occupied by various stores. J. R. Sanders built about the same time a brick building for a store, in which he opened the first stock of goods in Elkhart. Quite a number of houses were built that same summer, and until 1862 the town grew rapidly. Captain Saunders was the first postmaster and railroad agent, although his clerk, William Rankin, performed the necessary labor.

The village was for many years one of the large shipping points on the railroad. John D. Gillett, an extensive farmer and stock raiser, resides near Elkhart. Since 1862 the growth of the town has been slow.

Elkhart was incorporated February 26, 1861, by a special act of the Legislature. The first officers were: President-James Rigney; Trustees: Charles Elwood, M. Buzzard and A. Downing, A. Buzzard and J.R. J. Williams; Justice: L. D. Dana; Constable: Martin Buzzard; Treasurer: A. H. Bogardus. In the spring of 1885 the village- was incorporated under the general law of the state and the following officers chosen: Henry Stahl, C. S. Bridges, A. H. Bogardus, C. B. Taylor, David Lippet and Luther Wood.

The town was surveyed by County Surveyor Conway Pence on April 11, 1855, Christian Shockey and John Rinehart were chain carriers, William F. Elkins and A. E. Constant were witnesses to the survey, and the town was given the name of "Elkhart City" to distinguish it from Elkhart Grove and Elkhart Hill.

CORNLAND

The town of Cornland was laid out in 1871 by Joshua Day, soon after the completion of the Gilman, Clinton and Springfield, now the Springfield branch of the Illinois Central railroad. It was surveyed in August of that year by James M. Bourne and contained 16 blocks.

Joshua Day and Dr. Phinney opened the first store in the village, which was sold in 1873 to the Capps Brothers. Thomas Bell erected a grocery store in 1871, but discontinued business in 1873. R. W. Jess also opened a general store in 1871, but sold out three years later. Andrew Eilkinson was the first mechanic in town. A small grain elevator was erected in 1871, and was succeeded by a large elevator in 1876. A school house was erected in 1877. In 1875 the Methodists built a church and the same year the Christian society moved a church edifice into the town from a point three miles north of the town. Cornland is located in the southwest corner of Elkhart township and in 1911 had a population of about 150.

HISTORY OF LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS 1911
 HISTORY OF LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS 1886

MARRIAGES OF EARLY ELKHART TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS (not necessarily occurring in Logan County)

STAHL, Henry - Eliza Ebey (1860)
 SHOCKEY, John - Catherine Monn (1830)
 BOGARDUS, Andrew H. - Cordelia Deerstein
 LANTERMAN, Scott - Hulda Leach
 ADAMS, Chas. J. - Amanda Gehr
 GLEASON, Patrick - Honora Tierney
 TIERNEY, Michael - Catherine Walsh
 DRAKE, Zachary - Margaret Lockridge
 BARBER, Edwin - Jane Wilhite
 HUNTER, Samuel B. - Jennie Grogan
 LEACH, Adoniram J. - Mary E. Ross (1862)
 MCKIE, William - Jennie Blackstock
 WILEY, Fenj. F. - Sabra Freeman (1863)

OGLESBY, Richard J. - Emma Gillette Keays
 LAWRENCE, Theodore - Eliza Ann Tabor
 DOLVIN, William - Mary A. Smith (1867)
 ALLISON, Laban - Eliza King (1905)
 BOCK, Adam - Julianna Mohr
 BROEHL, Lewis - Matilda Hammon (1892)
 PERATT, John P. - Eliza J. Worrell
 LAFFEY, Patrick - Anna Connolley
 DAY, Joshua - (1) Hannah Wiley
 (2) Hannah Cheney
 MCENDRES, Geo. C. - Mary Claypool (1839)
 SHREVE, George W. - Adeline Drake
 BRENNAN, Thomas - Mary Kavanaugh

NATURALIZATION RECORDS CONTINUED

- CONNORS, James--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 293.
Date filed- August 17, 1891.
- CONRADY, Feeko--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 247.
Date filed- January 20, 1886. SEE ORIGINAL FINAL PAPERS.
- CONRADY, John--Naturalization Record of Soldiers & Minors, Volume B,
Page 544. Date filed- November 2, 1878. SEE ORIGINAL.
- COOK, John--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 36.
Date filed- March 28, 1860.
- COOK, Joseph--Age 30. Date of Birth- August 3, 1888, in North Shields,
England. Declaration of Intention, Volume 2, Page 205.
Date filed- July 6, 1918.
- COOMBS, James--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 301.
Date filed- November 1, 1890. SEE ORIGINAL PAPERS.
- COOPER, William--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 171.
Date filed- October 23, 1877. Final Record of Naturalization,
Volume A, Page 71. Date filed- October 25, 1879. SEE ORIGINAL.
- COOPER, William--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 83.
Date filed- December 10, 1888.
- COORTS, Roelf--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 296.
Date filed- October 1, 1892. Final Record of Naturalization,
Volume A, Page 346. Date filed- September 21, 1894.
- CORBITT, Michael--Declaration of Intention, on September 25, 1858.
SEE ORIGINAL.
- CORCORAN, John--Final Record of Naturalization,
Volume 1, Page 50. Date filed- September 21, 1860. SEE ORIGINAL.
- CORDIER, Jacob--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 206.
Date filed- October 23, 1880. Final Record of Naturalization,
Volume A, Page 134. Date filed- October 30, 1882. SEE ORIGINAL.
- COSTA, Joseph--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 242.
Date filed- June 3, 1877. SEE ORIGINAL INTENTION.
- COULAN, Dennis--Naturalization Record of Soldiers & Minors,
Volume 2, Page 313. Date filed- October 6, 1868.
- CRAMSHAW, Frederick--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 126.
Date filed- March 29, 1875. Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A,
Page 58. Date filed- November 4, 1878. SEE ORIGINAL PAPERS.
- CRANZ, Henry--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 87.
Date filed- October 18, 1862. SEE ORIGINAL.
- CRANZ, John--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 42.
Date filed- March 29, 1860. SEE ORIGINAL.

NATURALIZATION RECORDS CONTINUED

- CREMER, Ese--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 121,
Date filed- January 26, 1875. Final Record of Naturalization,
Volume 1, Page 244. Date filed- January 25, 1878. SEE ORIGINALS
- CHRISTIANA, Peter (SEE CHRISTIANS, Peter). Final Record of Naturalization,
Volume A, Page 346. Date filed- September 21, 1894.
- Cronin, John--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 147.
Date filed- October 14, 1868. SEE ORIGINAL.
- CROSS, John--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 269
Date Filed- January 19, 1888. Final Record of Naturalization,
Volume A, Page 293. Date filed- October 25, 1890. SEE ORIGINAL.
- CROSS, William John--Naturalization Record of Soldiers & Minors, Volume 2,
Page 390. Date filed- January 25, 1888. SEE ORIGINAL.
- CULL, James F.--Minor's Declaration & Final Oath on March 8, 1882.
SEE ORIGINAL ONLY.
- CUMSTAY, Peter--Age- 22. Date of Birth- January 15, 1887, in St. Helens,
Lancashire, England. Declaration of Intention, Volume 1, Page 65.
Date filed- November 21, 1909.
- CUNNINGHAM, James--Declaration of Intention filed on September 24, 1858.
Court Order Granting Citizenship filed on September 30, 1858.
- CUNNINGHAM, James, Jr.--Declaration of Intention filed on September 30, 1858.
Court Order Granting Citizenship filed on September 30, 1858.
- CUNNINGHAM, John, Petition and Record Volume 2, Page 76. Age- 60. Date of
Birth--July 10, 1852, in Gromore, Ireland. Date filed- January 18, 1915.
Also in Certificate of Naturalization, Volume 15698, Page 3. SEE ORIGINAL.
- CURPHY, Thomas--Declaration of Intention Volume A, Page 27. Date filed-
November 2, 1864.
- CURRIE, David--Final Record of Naturalization Volume A, Page 155. Date filed-
September 27, 1884. SEE ORIGINAL PAPERS.
- DAGEL, Gerore--Declaration of Intention & Final Oath- November 6, 1876.
SEE ORIGINALS.
- DAHM, Christian--Naturalization Record- Soldiers & Minors, Volume B, Page 541.
Date filed- October 28, 1878.
- DAHMM, John--Naturalization Record of Minors, Volume C, Page 201. Date
filed- March 11, 1892. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DALLMERTH, John--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 91. SEE
ORIGINAL.
- DAMMANN, F. A.--Declaration of Intention- October 19, 1864. SEE ORIGINAL.

QUERIES

Lester L. Wickline, Query Editor

We invite anyone to place a Query in our Quarterly. Queries are free to Society members, as space permits, and for non-members there is a charge of \$1.00.

- WILLIAMS MRS. CAROLYN MYERS BLUM, 911 Tara Hill-E, Hartford, WI 53027
 MYERS Gr grandmother Dora A. Williams b. in Logan Co. 1861 dau
 PLOWMAN. of Chester and Anna Williams, mar prior to 1882 to William
 BLUM Earl Myers. Their son Chester Earl Myers, my grandfather,
 born in 1882 possibly in Waukegan. Will ans all corres.
- PHILLIPS MRS. SUE YARBRO, Rt. #1, Box 90, Hillsboro, TX 76645
 HOOVER" Need info on gr grandparents and their parents all in Logan
 SHERIDAN County, chestnut are in early 1800. Ben Phillips b. 1860
 mar. Mary Florence Hoover b. 1863 in Ohio. Her par. were
 John Hoover and Catherine Sheridan. Please write.
- BARKER MRS. ANN H. BARKER, 15889 Hemlock Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022
 KAHN Need obit info on gr grandparents Solomon Kahn and Yette
 Aaron fr Wuerttenberg, Germany. July 1848 he purchased
 square block and courthouse in Postville. He was also
 second postmaster of Postville and Lincoln city treasurer
 1865-1885. Any newspaper obits available?
- MARTIN WILLIAM L. MARTIN III, 2554 Buttercup, Richardson, TX 75082
 RANDOLPH Need info on Samuel H. and Dannie J. J. Martin. Gr grand-
 CRAMER father Daniel studied law under William Patton Randolph in
 Lincoln 1859. They were Methodist Episcopal ministers.
 Mr. Randolph was chairman of bldg committee of M.E. church
 in 1872. Also need mor info on the Randolph family.
- NEFF MRS. BETTY JO KUBEK, 1030 Villa Vista, Colby, KS 67701
 UNDERWOOD Need info on Albert Lorenz Neff, Lorenz Neff (his father)
 KUBEK Rachel C. Neff (his mother who after his fathers death mar
 William L. Underwood), living near Broadwell in 1878.
- RAYBURN MRS. JULIE KOCH-MICHAEL, 2595 Burntfork Dr., Clearwater, FL
 KOCH Joseph Rayburn and wife came to Middletown area from 34621
 BOYCE VA, par. of my gr grandfather Logan Bird Rayburn b. 1820,
 fought in Civil War then went west on wagon train, retd to
 middletown and mar. Mattie E. Boyce. Grmother Anna Melinda
 mar. Dr. Wesley Koch, mayor and physician in Middletown.
 Need more info on early days of my family.
- EVANS Mary Anne Smith, 7384 Candlelight Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621
 HOUGHAM Need info on the Hougham fam. liv in Logan Co. o/a 1870.
 GORDON Greatly interested to find par. of Hannah Gordon Hougham
 and William H. Gordon. Will ans all corres.
- WILMERT MICHELLE WILMERT, 4604 Ironwood Way, Bakersfield, CA 93306-1322
 phone 805-872-5036 Need info on Franklin Wilmert mar. to
 Mollie Burger in Logan Co. He born Apr 1872 d. in 1966.

WADE MRS. JANET WADE, 9617 LaPosada, Oakdale, CA 95361
 Seek info on Wade family liv in Sangamon/Logan counties
 in early 1800. Need info on James, wife Rhody and children
 William J., Willoughby, Jesse and Celia. Will ans all corres.

LAPPIN MRS. CHARLES E. LAPPIN, 4450 95th Ave North, Pinellas Park, FL
 Seek info on Robert and Mary Lappin liv. in Logan 34666-5531
 Co cir 1854. Also bro Jacob and family. Any info will be
 greatly appreciated.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dorothy Gleason, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, with Nova Coseboon and Jessie Ruth Stogdell, present the slate of potential officers to be presented for election at the regular meeting of the Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society on Nov. 18th.

- President -
- 1st Vice-President and Program Chairman - Mildred Wickline
- 2nd Vice-President and Membership Chairman - Dorothy Gleason
- Recording Secretary - Lucille Henrichsmeyer
- Corresponding Secretary -
- Treasurer - Jane Whiteman

Though the Committee presents these members as potential officers, there is always an opportunity to make nominations from the floor. New officers will be installed at the Annual Meeting on Nov. 18th.

CONSTITUTION

A committee to review the Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society Constitution and By-Laws has been appointed. The following are serving on this committee: Lester Wickline, Chairman, Brenda Jones, Charles Spaugh, and Virginia Johnson.

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CONFERENCES

Oct. 25-26---Ill. State Gen. Society Fall Conference at Chancellor Hotel Convention Center, 1501 S. Neil St., Champaign, Ill. - Doorways to the Past. Some of the topics are: Grants for individuals and groups; What is in the University of Illinois Archives; Cruising down the river on flatboats on the Ohio; Conservation of your papers and documents; and others.

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