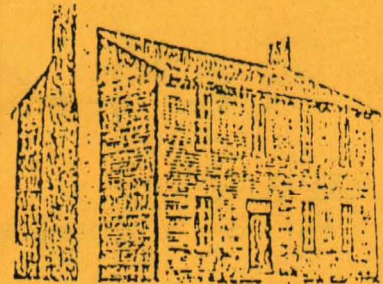


LOGAN COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL
AND HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 283
LINCOLN, ILL. 62656



Postville Courthouse

QUARTERLY

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WINTER QUARTERLY

January, 1992

1992 Officers

Lester Wickline,
Corresponding
Secretary

Jane Whiteman,
Treasurer

Lucille Hen-
richsmeyer,
Recording
Secretary
(Deceased--
2-13-92)



1992 Officers

Dorothy Gleason,
2nd Vice Pres.
& Membership
Chairman

Mildred Wickline,
1st Vice Pres.
& Program
Chairman

Virginia Johnson,
President

7-15-91

Group of
Society mem-
bers at pic-
nic held at
Kickapoo Creek
Park



MEETINGS at 1:00 P.M. on the third Saturday during January, February, and March at the Oasis, Logan County Senior Citizens Center, 501 Pulaski St., Lincoln, Ill. Meetings for April and following months will be held at 7:30 P.M. on the third Monday in the month at the Oasis, unless otherwise specified below.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

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

Jan. 18--Dorothy Gleason

Mar. 21-- Winifred Golden & Barbara Johnson

Feb. 15 - Paul Gleason

Apr. 20--Dorothy Dirks & Loretta Cline

PROGRAMS for 1992

Jan. 18 - Bernie DePuy, Lincoln--Speaker - Trip to Hawaii and slides

Feb. 15 - Paul Gleason, Lincoln--Speaker - American History Month, World War II

Mar. 21 - Herman Dammerman - Tax Records; Mr. Harris - Salvation Army, Share Foods; Mr. Sumrall - Library Merger

Apr. 20 - Dorothy Dirks, Athens -

NOW DUE

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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A Membership Application follows on the last sheet of this Quarterly.

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. If dues are not paid by April 1st, you will not receive the April Quarterly.

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, 1992-- 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.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

ARRINGTON, Mrs. Marie K., R. 3, Box 118, Broadway, VA 22815-9012

JOHNSON, Mrs. Barbara, 106 N. Groves, Box 259, Middletown, Ill. 62666

POLLACK, Mrs. Helen V., 2704 Olympic Drive, Bakersfield, Cal. 93308

THOMPSON, Mr. Joe, 813 "G" St., Port Townsend, WA 98368

TOBIN, Mr. & Mrs. James E., 352 S. John St., Farmer City, Ill. 61842

TROTT, Mrs. Barbara, 3635 Rosehaven Place, Titusville, Fla. 32796

THOMSEN, Mrs. Jolene S., has joined with her husband, Roland S. Thomsen, in a family membership, P.O. Box 175, Round Lake, Minn. 56167

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BELDEN, Mrs. Stanley, 5000 Graceland Blvd., Apt. 205, Racine, WI 53406-3665

COPELAND, Mr. Donald Sheldon, 1208 E. Grove St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701-4263

REINSTATED

Allen County Public Library, 900 Webster St. Fort Wayne, Ind. 46801-2270

SHELLHAMMER, Mrs. Sandra S., German Prairie Farms, Illiopolis, Ill. 62539 (P.O. Box 48)

NEWS OF MEMBERS

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Mildred Wickline, Lincoln, who celebrated her 70th birthday on Jan. 10th.

SYMPATHY is extended to Omer Henrichsmeyer and family on the loss of their wife and mother, Lucille Henrichsmeyer, on Feb. 13th. Lucille was Recording Secretary of our Logan County Society for the past eleven years. She was also Historian for the Illinois State Genealogical Society for about three years. She will be missed by all.

SYMPATHY is extended to Virginia Johnson, Lincoln, on the loss of her sister, Ruth Krutsinger Cunningham, Anna, Ill. on Feb. 28th.

GET WELL WISHES are extended to Lester Wickline, Lincoln, who had eye surgery recently.

GET WELL WISHES are extended to Loretta Cline, Middletown, Ill., who has been ill recently.

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PROJECT OF LOGAN CO. SOCIETY

The major project of the Society is to publish an update on the burials in Logan County Cemeteries. In 1967, a Sesquicentennial Memorial Day Committee was named to continue with the cemetery project in Logan County.

There was concern about old, isolated cemeteries which were difficult to find. A news item states that Mrs. Edward Ginther, Mrs. Frank House, Mrs. Homer Alvey, and Miss Minnie DeHaas recorded forty cemeteries. Books of their research are in the Lincoln Public Library.

The goal of the local society is to publish a book on the cemeteries in Orvil and Prairie Creek townships in 1992. Researching has been started in Laenna township. Anyone who would like to help with research in a particular cemetery or in the township of same, should contact Emily McElhaney. Phone 217-642-5279.

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PUBLICATIONS

1880 Federal Census, Logan Co., Illinois - 2 Volumes, Price \$20.00 for the 2, including Mailing

Logan County, Illinois, Atlases - Combined 1873-1893-1910, Price \$35.00 plus \$3.50 Mailing

Heirship Records of Logan County, Illinois - Volumes I and II, Price \$3.00 per volume or both for \$5.00, Prepaid

CONFERENCES

Apr. 25 ISGS Spring Conference at the Centennial Bldg. Auditorium, Springfield, Ill.

ATTENTION

The following form letter, which may be duplicated, has been suggested by Zion Genealogical Society in an effort to petition our state legislators to amend the present law for restrictions Illinois places upon access to birth records, even those used for legitimate genealogical research. Mail the completed and signed letters to Governor Jim Edgar, 207 State House, Springfield, Ill. 62706, as well as to your own state senators and representatives.

_____, 1992

Honorable _____

Dear _____:

I am writing to urge your support in amending Illinois' Vital Records Act (*Ill. Rev. Stat. 1989, ch. 111 1/2 par. 73-1 et seq.*) in order to allow broader access to birth records sought by individuals for bona fide genealogical research. The State's present statute only allows a person to obtain his own and his child's birth record upon application. To obtain the birth records of our deceased ancestors requires a court order, a complex, expensive, and uncertain venture for the overwhelming majority of genealogists.

We recognize the State's interest in protecting the privacy interests of individuals, as well as limiting access to this record which could be used for illegal purposes. However, we believe these interests must be balanced against our individual need to determine our heritage through this essential vital record. In most cases, the birth records we seek are for our ancestors who have long since died. Thus, the need to protect their privacy interests is nonexistent. The possibility of using these particular historical records to establish a fraudulent identity or for other illegal purposes seems minimal, and could be virtually eliminated by less restrictive and expensive means than presently exist in the law. There also appears to be a "loophole" in the present law, in that a person who happens to work for the state, federal, or municipal government can obtain the birth record of any living or deceased individual for any reason, or for no reason at all. The gross inequality resulting from this seemingly irrational distinction begs for more equitable provisions in the law.

We urge that you support legislation amending the Vital Records Act relaxing the present restrictions on access to birth records sought and used for bona fide genealogical research. Several alternatives could achieve an equitable balance between the State's security and privacy interests and our need for these historical documents:

1. The birth record of a person's ancestor whose death can be proved (*e.g., by death certificate, obituary, etc.*) could be released to the decendant upon application, without court order. Rationale: Privacy interests of deceased individuals are nonexistent. If necessary, birth certificate could be identified with oversized lettering stating "DECEASED" to prevent fraudulent uses. (*see, e.g., Vital Records Act, sec. 73-25.1*)

2. The birth record of a person's ancestor born 100 or more years ago whose death cannot be proved could be released upon application, without court order. Rationale: Privacy interests of presumably deceased individual nonexistent. The aforementioned "DECEASED" label could be superimposed on the record to prevent fraudulent uses.

3. The birth record of a person's ancestor born less than 100 years ago whose death cannot be proved could be released upon order of court, utilizing a simplified "form" petition procedure upon payment of nominal court fees. Personal appearances by the petitioner would not necessarily be required.

Surely other options could be devised to achieve these results. As Illinois continues to grow in population and history, so does our need to establish our heritage and identity through the birth records of our ancestors.

Please contact me or the following liaison for additional information or testimony before the appropriate House or Senate committees:

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____

Sincerely,

cc:

LOGAN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FINANCIAL REPORT
Year--1991

Balance January 1, 1991

\$1282.46

Receipts

Life Members and Dues-1991	\$ 925.50	
Atlas Sales	350.00	
Sales 1880 Census and Postage	522.50	
Sales Heirship Records	80.00	
Postage on Atlas	14.00	
Donation on Copier	25.00	
Dues--1990	8.00	
Dues--1992	197.00	
Donations	60.50	
Quarterlies	22.00	
Research	30.00	
Querv	1.00	
Postage on Quarterly	1.00	
Refund on Books	7.25	
Family Group Sheets	3.50	
Change	175.00	
Copying	6.00	
Ck. #373--Payable to Cindy Clay	4.84	
Total Receipts		\$2433.09
		\$3715.55

Disbursements

Tape and Envelopes	15.89	
Refund on Atlas	35.00	
Postage and Envelopes	25.39	
Postage	15.55	
Postage Stamps	6.20	
Balance on Copier	350.00	
Postage on Quarterlies	271.40	
Refund on Overpayment of Dues	.50	
Internal Revenue Tax Exemption	150.00	
Books	81.05	
Typewriter Service Contract	200.00	
Toner	57.95	
Senior Citizens' Center-Donation seven Meetings	105.00	
Dinner-May Meeting	16.50	
Sangamon County Genealogical Society--Table	10.00	
Change	175.00	
Membership Cards	16.25	
Publication Census	825.00	
Check Order	9.50	
Check to Nova Coseboon in re: Ck. #373	4.84	
Kolby-Knapp-Becker Museum	25.00	
November Program and Mileage	27.00	
Collator	57.00	
Annual Report	5.00	
P. O. Box Rent	35.00	
Total Disbursements		\$2520.02
Balance January 1, 1992		\$1195.53

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

TO: MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE LOGAN COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
LINCOLN IL.

FROM: MIDDLETOWN, ILLINOIS MEMBERS:

Loretta Fulk Cline
Dorothy Allison Dirks
Winifred Coningham Golden

DATE: 03 JANUARY 1992

IN RE: JANUARY 1992 ISSUE OF THE QUARTERLY

We do thank the Society for giving us the opportunity to publish a few articles on the history of Middletown.

For a brief update on "going's on" in Middletown, we wish to report:

Middletown was named a TREE CITY-USA 1990! Quite an honor! In celebration, the Middletown Tree Commission gave 100 English Oak trees for planting by students of New Holland-Middletown Middle School in Middletown.

The Middletown Historical Committee (incorporated as the Middletown Bi-Centennial Commission, 1975) has decked the Stage Coach Inn with a new roof!

A new historical society -- the Knapp/Chesnut/Becker Historical Society was incorporated 29 July 1991 to renovate the former Ben Chesnut/Tom Becker building -- the oldest brick building in Logan County -- as a Library and Museum!

05 November 1991, the Village Board of Trustees of Middletown declared in a special resolution that both the Stage Coach Inn and the Knapp/Chesnut/Becker Library and Museum were officially designated as LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS!

We thank Ann Graff (Mrs. David) Abbott, now of Lubbock, Texas, for permission to publish her History of Middletown (1968). Ann and her husband served as missionaries recently in Africa. They now with son continue in God's ministry.



Courier/Ann Klose

The Knapp/Chestnut/Becker Historical Society is a new non-profit organization formed for the purpose of preserving one of the oldest brick structures in Logan County, which is located on the Middletown square.

Plans in motion for Middletown museum

One of county's oldest brick buildings to be used

By Nancy Rollings Saul
LINCOLN COURIER

MIDDLETOWN — Plans to restore the oldest brick building in Logan County and to establish a library and museum there have been set into motion in Middletown, with the formation of

the Knapp/Chestnut/Becker Historical Society.

Winnie Golden of Middletown, who initiated the venture, said Ben Chestnut, the building's former owner, offered the property to village officials in 1960, but the offer was refused.

In addition to its age, the building has historical significance because of its ties to the Knapp family, according to

Chuck Kirchner, program development consultant for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

Dr. Moses Lemuel Knapp built the building in 1840, shortly after Logan County was formed. Perhaps the first brick structure in the county, it was both a residence for the Knapps and the

Building; see page 4

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Building

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largest store in this part of the state.

Knapp also platted the Postville area and, with Seth Tinsley, hired Peter Cowardin to build Postville Courthouse in Lincoln.

Colby Knapp served as postmaster in Middletown from 1837 to 1860. He was also a state representative from 1853-54; state senator in 1862; mayor of Lincoln in 1869; and served as treasurer for Lincoln College.

The building and ground, on the square in Middletown, were recently purchased from Tom Becker of Middletown for \$2,000. Donations for the purchase were made by interested individuals.

Papers of incorporation for the new not-for-profit organization were filed in Springfield late last month.

The organization was founded to restore and preserve the building; to promote tourism to Middletown's historic sites; and to establish a public library and museum in the building after it is restored.

John Renfro and David Johnston were elected co-presidents of the historical society. Golden will serve as first vice-president. Helen Smith-Staats is second vice-president, Jackie Sullivan is secretary and Lester Cox is

treasurer.

Additional directors are Tom Becker, Loretta Cline, Larry Coulter, Richard Deters, Paul Gleason, Barbara Johnson, Charles Ott, Lyle Staats and Ed Tibbs.

Membership, open to all interested persons, is \$3 annually for those over 18. Other membership categories are available, including a 50-cent membership for students in elementary and junior high school grades.

Golden says to date, more than \$5,000 has been pledged for the project, including \$1,000 from the Village of Middletown.

Work on the building is scheduled to begin this fall through a contract with Tom Bundy of Architectural Renovations. Bundy is an independent contractor who has been involved in several historic restoration projects in the southern and central parts of the state.

According to Golden, Bundy has bid \$11,660 to roof both portions of the building, pull in the north wall and tuckpoint and secure the bricks and buildings.

The next meeting of the Knapp/Chestnut/Becker Historical Society will be at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Middletown Village Hall. The meeting is open to anyone interested in the restoration project.

Saturday, August 10, 1991

On the record

Correction

The name of the Knapp/Chesnut/Becker Historical Society, and Ben Chesnut, were incorrectly spelled in the story that appeared in Friday's Courier. The Courier regrets the error.

Also, the next meeting of the historical society will be Sunday, Aug. 18, at 11:30 a.m. in the Middletown Village Hall, instead of Sunday, as previously announced. The society is in the process of purchasing the Knapp/Chesnut/Becker property. Winifred Golden donated \$2,000 for the purchase price in honor of her parents, Vera (Treagle) and Seward B. Coningham and in

honor of the children of the community.

A LIBRARY & MUSEUM IN MIDDLETOWN IL? "IMPOSSIBLE!" YOU SAY !!!

"A PIECE OF CAKE !!!" SAYS THE KNAPP/CHESNUT/BECKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

"YES, A PIECE OF CAKE -- THAT IS -- WITH YOUR HELP!"

You see, here we have the OLDEST BRICK STRUCTURE IN LOGAN COUNTY! according to Judge Lawrence B. Stringer in his History of Logan County (1911) built by Dr. Moses Knapp and Colby Knapp about 1840. The Knapps lived upstairs with the store and Post Office downstairs. This two-story brick federal-style is an architectural "gem" and a "monument" to the unique history of the Middletown area. Middletown was on the old stagecoach route from Fort Clark (Peoria) to Sangamo Town (Springfield) on the state road as early as 1824. Abe Lincoln surveyed for the Musick's Ferry Road just north of town on Salt Creek in 1834.

Dr. Moses Lemuel Knapp, physician of Springfield and Middletown contributed much to central Illinois and built the original Postville Court House, a replica of which stands in Lincoln IL. Colby Knapp became Postmaster of Middletown 14 February 1837 and served until 1860. He was a State Representative in 1853/54, a State Senator in 1862, Mayor of Lincoln IL 1869, and treasurer of Lincoln College.

Thomas Reed served as Postmaster and drug store owner from 1860 to 1894. Various businesses then were housed until 1916 when the Farmers Bank and later the Marbold Bank were situated here.

Ben and Myrtle Chesnut maintained farm and insurance businesses from 1930 to 1960 when they offered the building as a museum to the Village, but this request was denied. Tom Becker is the last owner.

We have formed the Knapp/Chesnut/Becker Historical Society, Inc. as of 29 July 1991 as a not-for-profit organization. Officers are: David Johnston, John Renfro, Winifred Golden, Helen Smith-Staats, Jacqueline Sullivan, and Lester Cox. Other directors are: Paul Gleason, Charles Ott, Loretta Cline, Tom Becker, Ed Tibbs, Barbara Johnson, Larry Coulter, Rick Deters, and Lyle Staats.

Our plan is to establish a public library in the main building and a museum open to all, free of charge, in the smaller addition to the south (built about the same time and later known as the Big Tree Cafe because the tree grew to six feet in diameter).

As Middletown is now a Tree City USA -- 1990, the Tree Commission has discussed planting another potential Big Tree!

Of interest to researchers of genealogy and history is the fact that a special section will be reserved for genealogical and historical data.

We are presently planning to begin Phase I. Exterior Structural Renovation God willing this spring 1992. The two buildings will be re-roofed and the bricks will be secured and stabilized.

WHOOPEE! WE'VE ALREADY "PAID" FOR THE BLUE PIECE OF CAKE (SEE NEXT PAGE) in the amount of \$14,660 for the following:

Purchase of property:	\$ 2,000.00
Working capital:	1,000.00
Phase I. Renovation:	11,660.00
TOTAL. PHASE I:	\$ 14,660.00

"A Piece of Cake!"
 Knapp/Chesnut/Becker Historical Society, Inc.
 Middletown IL 62666-0200

Yes, we've already paid for the "blue" piece of cake --

BUT -- WE NEED YOUR HELP! TOTAL ESTIMATED "COST OF CAKE": \$75,000.00

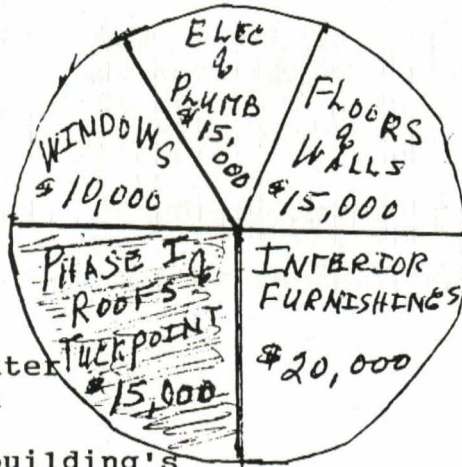
OUR CAKE!

YOUR CAKE!

We are seeking various sources of funding: federal library grants, private foundations, etc.

WHY

1. Help to preserve the OLDEST BRICK BUILDING in Logan County, IL!
2. Help to provide a needed cultural and educational center for children and adults -- a Public Library!
3. Help to preserve in the building's bank vaults original Middletown Ledger newspapers (1905-1957) and the precious historical documents of our ancestors and of our heritage!
4. Help to reduce your federal income taxes with a tax-deductible "piece of the cake!"



The Village of Middletown has put us on the 1992 budget and donated \$1,000 to our project this year.

HELP?

2. Help to promote tourism to Middletown's historic sites!
4. Help to establish a Museum, open to the public and free of charge!
6. Help to save this original brick building! The other original building built by the Knapps -- Postville Courthouse in Lincoln was sold to Henry Ford and is now situated in Dearborn, Michigan!

8. HELP YOURSELF TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT GIVING TO A MOST WORTHWHILE CAUSE!

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR GIFTS:

Active Member: \$3.00	Contributing Member: \$25.00
Patron per year: \$100.00	Individual/ Family (life member): \$1,000.00

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(Please detach here and mail with your gift)

TO: KNAPP/ CHESNUT/ BECKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
 c/o Lester L. Cox, Treasurer,
 Middletown IL 62666-0318 or 62666-0200. Tel: 1/217/ 445-2842

FROM: _____ (NAME)
 _____ (ADDRESS)
 _____ (& TEL. NO.)

AMOUNT OF GIFT: _____ DATE: _____

COMMENTS: _____



Middletown
Stage Coach Inn
at country site
 $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of
village.



Middletown Stage Coach Inn being
moved into town to site south of
Post Office, 06 January 1986. Earl Boyer,
on his lone tractor moves Inn west toward Park on
Fifth Street originally named
Union Street

KATE DAVIS MORRIS VISITS Middletown's Stage

Coach Inn on her 100th birthday!

--From Mason City IL Banner Times
26 JUNE 1986.

Middletown's Grand Lady Visits Historic Inn

On a sentimental journey, in appropriate costume, Kate Davis Morris of Middletown celebrated her 100th birthday on May 21, 1986 by visiting the Stage Coach Inn being restored as a museum in Middletown.

The Stage Coach Inn was known as "Davise's Hall" in 1855 when Kate's grandfather, Extra Nelson Davis was the Innkeeper (the 1860 Logan County Census lists him as hotel-keeper in Middletown Precinct.)

Grant Heatherwick, editor and publisher of the Middletown Ledger in an article printed July 19, 1945, "A Social Affair of 90 Years Ago," tells of the generosity of Mrs. J.W. Irish of Lincoln who provided the Ledger with an invitation to a "social affair" at Christmas in 1855; "You are respectfully invited to attend a Ball to be given in Middletown at Davise's Hall, on Tuesday, December 25, 1855. Dance to commence at 4:00 p.m."

Names of four managers were listed below--C. Coil, S. Barrick, D. Snyder, and J.E. Cummings.

Kate Davis was born in a covered wagon as her family came from Kansas. She says, "They laughed about me. I was a day old when they started travelling again with me." She is the daughter of Mary Ellen Ellis (1853-1950) and "Alf" Alexander Davis (1856-1936).

Alexander was the son of Ezra Nelson Davis born 1823, NY the son of Nelson Davis B, 1800 NY listed in the 1850 Logan County census as a farmer with real estate valued at \$3,000 and in the 1860 census with real estate valued at \$15,000.

Nelson, Kate's great-grandfather died "on or about" August 8, 1873 according to petition for letters of administration by his son, E.N. Davis. Other children listed were Frances Bigelow, Thadeus Davis, Caroline Stroup, and Susan Cherry. The widow was Mary.

Two long dining tables valued at \$5.00 and a safe valued at \$2.00 are listed (items from the Inn?) on the appraisal bill of Nelson Davis estate September 9, 1873, Logan County Court.

Kate's Uncle Thad was probably the innkeeper from about 1865-1873. Grant Heatherwick says in the same article quoted above: "The hall referred to (in the invitation) was undoubtedly

that hall above the Thad Davis tavern, a well known hostelry that was located at the northwest corner of the square where the Mowry store stood 60 years later. Incidentally, the invitation establishes the fact of the early construction of the old tavern that was torn down in the 70's (1874-1875) and moved to the Thomas Davy farm northwest of town and re-erected."

Thankful to God

"I'm thankful the Lord has let me live this long," muses Kate, a spry, cheerful, and delightful lady who laughs often.

She is thankful for her good health and notes "only a bit of numbness in her fingers." She still washes the dishes after meals and worked very hard in her garden year after year until a few years ago.

Geraldine Johnston, a daughter, and Kate live in the house built by Kate's husband, Lew Morris in 1940, and Kate is grateful for Geraldine's goodness and that of her other daughter, Leona Agnew of Springfield, her granddaughter and husband, Barbara and Fenton Breene, and for "Judy and Mark", as well as for her many friends who "brings gifts". She has 4 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

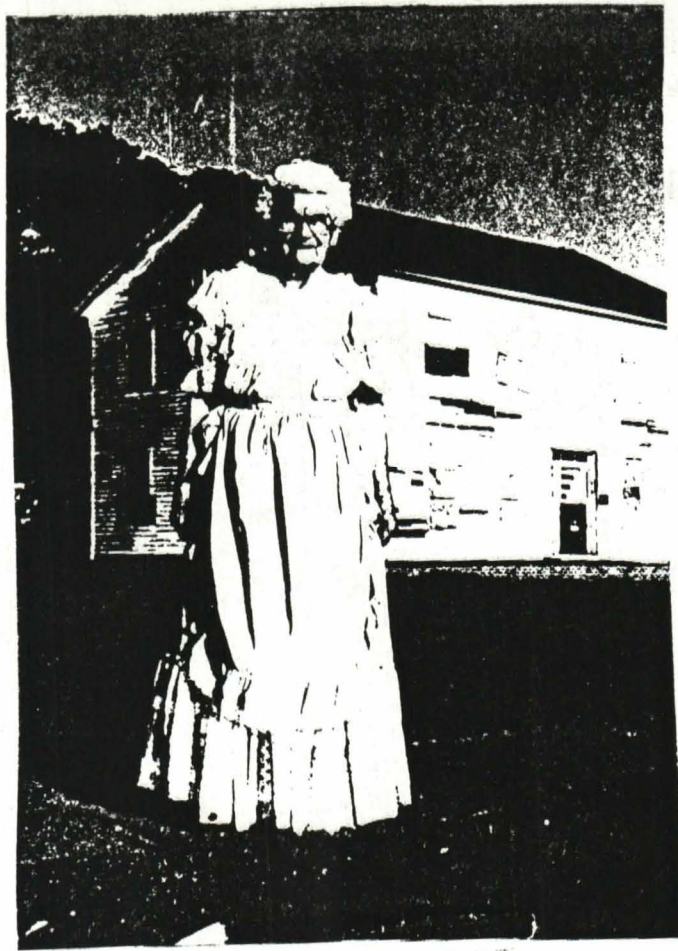
Gala Birthday Party

A gala birthday party for Kate was hosted at the American Legion Hall by Mrs. Ken Davison, Barbara Breene, Judy Standerfer, Shirley Tomlin, and relatives and friends on Sunday prior to her 100th birthday.

A member of the Royal Neighbors of America for 61 years and of the United Methodist Church of Middletown for 74 years, Kate was presented a key to the city by Mayor Barbara Johnson, a dozen red roses by the Middletown Jaycees, a certificate of recognition by the Middletown Bi-Centennial Commission, and among other gifts, fresh fruit, plants and a money tree.

She very proudly wanted folks to see her congratulatory letters from President Ronald Reagan, Gov. Jim Thompson, other governmental officials, and friends sent to this grand little lady with deep roots in the history of Middletown and the Stage Coach Inn.

"GRAND LADY"



KATE DAVIS MORRIS
WILL CELEBRATE
HER 106 th
BIRTHDAY ON
21 MAY 1992

Her great-grand-
father, Nelson
Davis was inn-
keeper in 1860
of this Stage
Coach Inn in
the Village of
Middletown, IL

BANNER TIMES, Thursday, June 26, 1986



Left to Right: Nina Dambacher, left and Zane Shelton, present certificate of recognition to 100 year old Kate Morris of Middletown at Stage Coach Inn.

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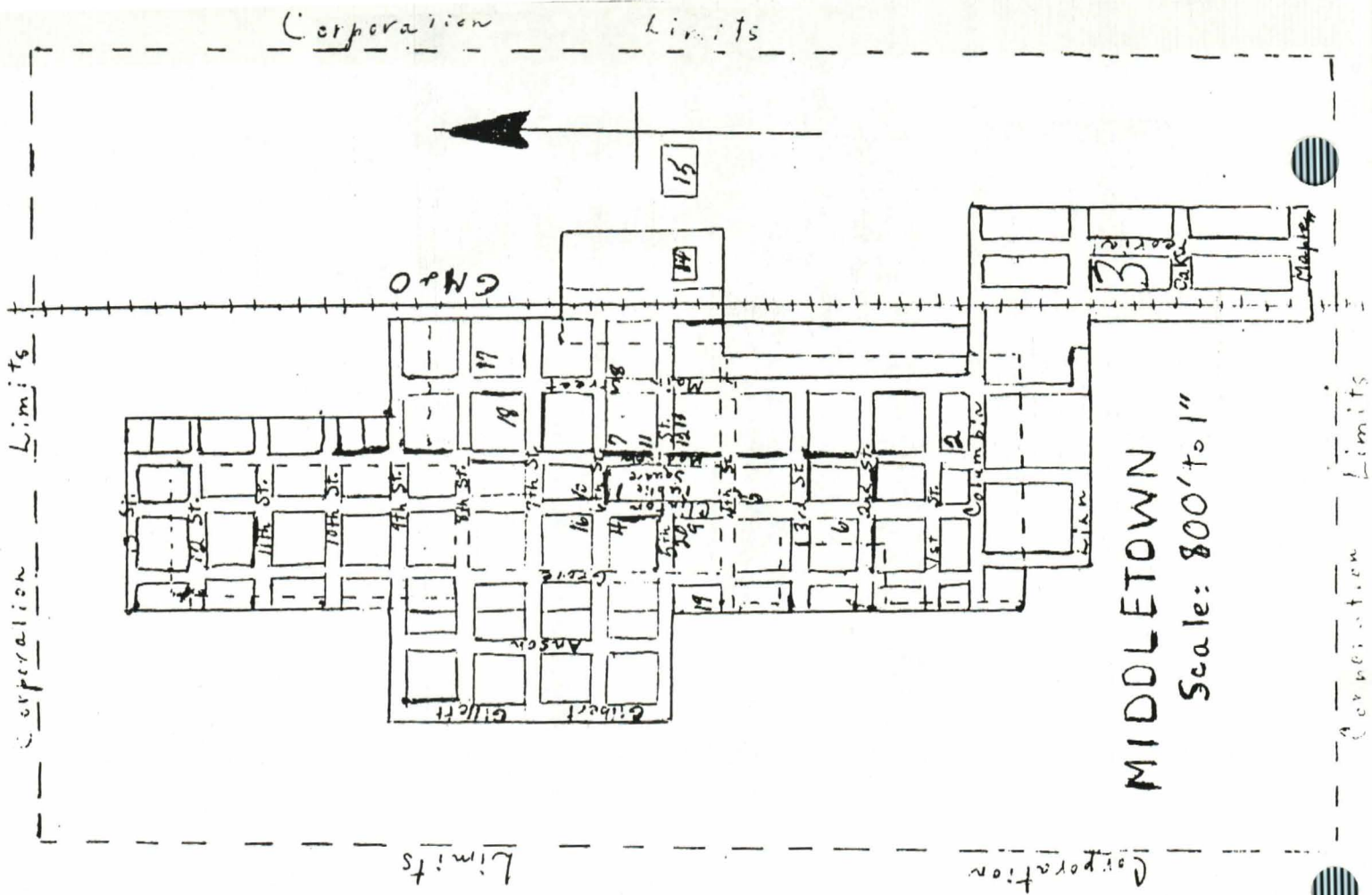
Of

Middletown

WRITTEN AND COMPILED

by

ANN GRAFF in 1968



Transition to Civilization

A great river once flowed over the area. But time altered its course, and now it flows under hundreds of feet of rock. A finger of the glaciers smoothed prairie land until it reached here. Here it stopped to gouge valleys and deposit hills of lush soil. In time the buffalo came, feeding on the grasses and savoring the nearby salt licks. The Indians came and enjoyed a propitious life. The game was abundant, water was plentiful, and the white man had not come upon the peaceful abode here. It was a good life.

What type of Indian lived here? No traces of prehistoric races have been found; although a reputed Indian mound, very large, is said to lie somewhere in the area.

The Indians who mingled with the first white men and left his arrowheads and pounding stones in abundance was of the tribe Kickapoo of the nation Illinois. The Kickapoos may be considered a warlike nation in that they took the side of the British in our early skirmishes. Had they only fought for us they would now be called friendly. They were also quite indignant and most uncooperative about our chasing their buffalo and claiming their land. Yes, they were warlike. But not any more so than we were.

Realizing they were in the minority, with a last futile attempt (Black Hawk War), they moved on West. Their move, like those of so many others, only prolonged their inevitable fate. A proud, noble people, the Indians did not surrender without a great fight. And like all conquered peoples, with backs bent and spirits broken, they settled into subtler submission to slip into forgotten oblivion. In a few more centuries, the Indians will probably be another peoples extinct of their culture, alive only in mixings with other races.

In the year 1819, just a year after our statehood, a family ventured over the spot. They were the first settlers in the area; in fact, the first family to settle on the east side of the Sangamon River. Mrs. Blane, together with her five children—4 boys and 1 girl—liked the looks of a large timber in the area. The family camped there only a few days, but they gave the Grove their Irish imprint.

About 1823, one Samuel Musick settled on a creek north and east of the Irish Grove. The creek was very wide and quite deep—enough so to qualify it as a river. The Indians called it "Onaquispasippi". Ambitious enterprisers had hopes of steamboats traveling its waters with a canal leading from the Illinois River to the Great Lakes. Mr. Musick had other ideas, however; he would make use of the river, not as a passageway, but as a barrier. Here, on an old trail, he planned to establish a ferry and inn.

In May of 1824, a road was established from Sangamontown (near the site of Springfield) over Salt Creek at Mr. Musick's to Ft. Clark (Peoria). In 1826, Mr. Musick got a permit for a public inn there. A young man, Abraham Lincoln, often stopped there. In 1827, the road became a state road. By 1828, Musick was operating a ferry across Salt Creek. He then built a toll bridge over the creek in 1831. This road was the most important route between Chicago and St. Louis until the advent of the railroad.

By this time, many others had settled in the vicinity. On Nov. 20, 1824, James Bracken entered the county's 4th land entry in what is now Corwin Township. Walter Dillon, John Studyion, Ebenezer Rhoades, John Barnes and Elias Brock had settled nearby. Robert F. Evans had settled on the creek. Almost 25 families came during the next two years.

In 1827 William Glenn and his son, David A., came from Pennsylvania. Mr. Glenn bought about 500 acres and settled in Section 20. On Canozier's

Creek in 1828, he erected "Glenn's Mill". This was the first mill in the area. Five years later, March 8, 1833, Glenn was given permission to build a dam on Salt Creek. In 1828 another road was made from "Miller's Ford" on the Sangamon River to Sugar Grove (Sweetwater), cutting at right angles to the Springfield and Peoria road in Corwin to "Mr. Glenn's on Canozier Creek" to "Rocky Ford" to "Robert Musick's on Sugar Creek".

Up until this time, the climate had been quite fair and mild. The country was considered the best in the nation for growing fruit, and cotton grew as well here as in Georgia. Little did the people know that the winter of 1830—31 would change all that. The winter had not been unusual until about the end of November. Snow started to fall and continued for several days, two weeks, a month. Finally, in January, it stopped. If it had just been deep snow, it would not have been so bad. But the snow froze on top, becoming a veritable crusty platform three feet deep. The wildlife died for lack of food, or because they could not escape from hungry hunters. At last, in mid-March, the snow melted, revealing hundreds of carcasses and leaving the promise of severe winters to follow.

Another natural phenomena occurred on December 20, 1836. The "Sudden Freeze" came on in 15 minutes. The temperature dropped about 20 degrees in that time. Unfortunates caught outside found themselves watching small animals fall dead, simply frozen. Some had to house themselves in their horse's carcass; while others watched their livestock cringe together, smothering the ones caught in the middle, while those outside froze from exposure.

Interest in Irish Grove had begun again. In 1825 Joseph Lucas, a genuine frontiersman from Ohio, squatted in the Grove. By 1826 game was too scarce for his tastes, and he moved on. Three of his sons were content, however, and remained the rest of their lives. A couple of years brought a wave of Buckeyes, who settled in the area. Soon after another emigration from the "Dark and Bloody Ground", Kentucky, began. These tall, lanky pioneers had a particular fondness for this rolling, timbered ground. These Kentuckians soon dominated the scene.

A Town is Born

In the summer of 1832, a young man moved south from his hometown, Pekin, with an idea of founding a town (a notion, popular and practical at this time). For miles he went, meeting acre after acre of the monotonous prairie. The land stretched flat and fertile before him. Abruptly, the prairie convulsed into wooded hills and rolling timber. The land was not only fertile; it was watered and drained. Settlers in the area looked satisfied and prosperous. Here Hiram S. Allen felt would be the place for his town. He envisioned a thriving village that would grow and grow.

On October 13, Mr. Allen had James Stephenson, deputy surveyor for Sangamon County lay out the town in 64 lots, 60 feet by 120 feet. Two main streets, Main and Cross, were to meet in the center creating a public park. Mr. Stephenson's close friend, Abraham Lincoln, was present, and it is said Lincoln decided then to study surveying.

What would the town be called? After due consideration, the totally unoriginal and tasteless but simple name of Middletown was reached. This came from the fact that the town lay approximately halfway between Springfield and Peoria. Middletown thus had its birth in 1832—3 years before the formation of Logan County. Andrew Jackson was President and there was only one state (Missouri) west of the Mississippi.

There were only 22 states in the Union. Vandalia was the state capital. Illinois, at this time, had a population of less than 150,000. Middletown was the first town of and sort laid out in the country being older than Chicago, railroads and friction matches.

The first two lots were sold to Jociah B. Smith, a prominent citizen of Sangamon County, with a promissary note of \$14.50. He and his partner, David King, built a log store, the first building in Middletown. King died soon after and in 1836 Smith left.

The first actual transfer of a lot was June 4, 1833 to Hawkins Taylor and was probably drawn by Abe Lincoln, who had just returned from the Black Hawk War. Witnesses of the deed were Lincoln and two of his good friends. Taylor was a strong supporter of Lincoln. He later moved to Keokuk, Iowa, where he became mayor. In 1860 he was an Iowa delegate to the Republican National Convention and was responsible for swinging Iowa's vote to Lincoln.

In 1834 Hiram Allen and Ambrose L. Stone erected a second store, the first frame building in town. The store operated until 1836 when Allen moved to Michigan and sold one-half of the interest in the town to John W. Casey and A. C. Hankinson from Pekin.

A young adventurer (they were very common and totally accepted in those days), Colby Knapp, came to the community with his new bride in 1836. Together with William Glenn Jr. and Casey and Hankinson, he promoted two extensive additions to the town. They platted 80 more acres on July 28 with Thomas M. Neal, co-deputy county surveyor with Lincoln, doing the honors. It was divided into two parts. The north half became Knapp and Glenn's. The other half went to Casey and Hankinson, but received very little development. A new park in the center of the survey was dedicated. A postoffice had been in Irish Grove, but it was moved to Middletown where Knapp was made postmaster in 1837. Directly after the survey was made, some 50 lots were sold.

By 1835 the town had 200 souls, a grocery store, a general store, a meat market, a barber shop, a dance hall and two taverns. It became a famous rendezvous for sports and was a typical frontier town. Two horse race tracks were laid, a circular mile track and a straight track of 100 yards. Twice a year meets were held. Men came from as far away as Springfield and Peoria and stayed two weeks. Because of wagers, the sport ran the town. We were almost certainly known as the "Churchill Downs" of Illinois.

A Presbyterian church was organized and a brick church erected (one of the earliest buildings of the town) in 1835. This is one of the oldest continuous church organizations in the county and the oldest Presbyterian church in the county. An early minister, Reverend George McKinley, was the father of Senator William B. McKinley. Senator McKinley lived here at the age of two. Doubtless, we had little effect upon him.

In 1836, township land—owners petitioned that the school's land, Section 16, be sold and the money be used to build a school which was erected in 1844 or 1845. Education thus got its start.

Soon after the school was built, Middletown had a distinguished visitor. The stagecoach broke down outside of town; and while it was being repaired, Daniel Webster was kind enough to give a speech to the students at the schoolhouse. We may suppose a large crowd gathered to hear the famous orator speak.

The first public inn was erected by George W. Dunlap in 1837 on the corner of Clinton and 6th. Meals were 25c. Stagecoach passengers got the same service for 37.5c.

While Middletown grew from slumbering infancy into bustling childhood, the community of Irish Grove also was growing. Robert Rayburn taught the Grove's first school, a log cabin "subscription" school, about 1831 or '32.

Peter Cartwright, the fiery evangelist, preached at the cabin of Mr. Stone, serving the people until 1835. He had been preaching as early as 1830 to the people here in the vicinity. On June 13, 1831, 31 persons asked for a separate Presbyterian church at Irish Grove. "The Church in the Wildwood" was soon formed with Rev. Alexander Ewing as pastor. This church was always greatly respected, and it served as a model congregation. Five boys of the Irish Grove congregation became ministers. One, W. C. McDougall, was an evangelist in Scotland. This church may be called the parent of all Menard County Presbyterian churches. The Irish Grove Cemetery was established in 1831. This cemetery now contains two Revolutionary War veterans, several War of 1812 soldiers, about eight Mexican War veterans, and over 40 Civil War servicemen.

What was life like in those early days of founding, establishing, and discovering? It was not an easy life. It is hard to look at the refined acres and pleasant homes as once being a harsh wilderness. Where trees didn't have to be cut down, the tall, thick grass had to be burned off. The virgin soil was so rich that the plows could not cut through the fecund, black muck; and discouraged farmers tried other trades. There were no modern conveniences or miracle drugs. Death and bankruptcy, failure and accident were common companions to these pioneers. We may look with dismay at the amount of saloons and gambling, murders and robberies. But it was a hard life, one that almost required such pastimes.

It was also a true democracy. Unlike their neighbors to the East, there was no class system here. No one cared how one's family history read. One was judged by his wits, ambition and character. Every man was equal to his neighbor. One may have been richer, held more land or property, but was no better. Equal they came here, and equal they stayed.

There were no half-ways in those days. It was a raw, brutal era when emotions went full force. They loved hard, played hard, worked hard and drank hard. Their energy went just as much in hard labor as fist-fighting; just as much in defending family and country as harming someone else's. The man who was the drunkest in town on Saturday night could be the most devout Christian in the congregation the next morning. Unlike us, when they felt emotions, they showed them. Their lives were simple and transparent; their motives, determinate and decisive.

We Grow in Stature but No One Notices

Middletown, until 1839, was in Sangamon County. In that year, it was decided to form a new county of a portion of Sangamon, and Logan County was one of the results. Of course, the problem for a county seat arose. At the time of the county's formation, there were only 3 towns in the county—Middletown, Mt. Pulaski, and Postville. Middletown was the oldest and perhaps in jealousy, Mt. Pulaski and Postville set out to become the county seat. They brought out the ridiculous idea that a county seat should be in the center of the county. This eliminated Middletown immediately, for it sat on the extreme west edge of the county line. We may grimly take pleasure in the fact that the other two could not

young ladies gaped at his tall form, giggled at his wry yarns, or laid awake at night dreaming of him? How many mothers stood watching him, wishing their sons could only be like him? As Lincoln grew in greatness and position, did he forget these people? If he neglected to write to them or come back and visit, it was because there were more vital and pressing matters at hand. Had he only had his way, he would probably have retired after two terms of Presidency and spent his life at home in Illinois, being a simple father, neighbor, and good friend to all.

A Time for Tears

For several years, a storm had been brewing. Southern gentlemen called for states' rights. Northern "imperialists" out to make a dollar ignored them. Missouri refugees had been crossing the Mississippi into Illinois for months. Many had come to Menard County and some had settled in the Irish Grove area.

Now Illinois' hero was in the White House. Everything would be all right, the people said, trying to console themselves. Mr. Lincoln could not perform miracles, though, and it was no surprise when war started on April 12 1861.

Ever eager to please Mr. Lincoln, volunteers swarmed to his aid. An entire company was raised from Irish Grove but was credited to Logan County. For a township with a population of 1,474, the number of men who enlisted is remarkable. The following is a list of the men from Middletown who inlisted as complete as I can make it:

NAME & RANK	DATE OF ENLISTMENT	REMARKS
George Montgomery, Capt.	Aug. 21, 1862	resigned Dec. 18, 1862
William Barrick, 1st. Lieut.	Aug. 21, 1862	resigned July 30, 1864
John D. Evans, 1st. Sgt.	Aug. 2, 1862	discharged Apr. 21, 1863 disability
James A. Coil, Sgt.	July 20, 1862	discharged Oct. 8, 1864 wounds
Thomas D. Nolan, Sgt.	Aug. 5, 1862	died Nashville, Dec. 19, 1862
Harvey Long, Sgt.	July 28, 1862	discharged Jan. 12, 1865 disabilities
Robert Z. McBride, Corp.	July 20, 1862	killed Resaca, Ga., May 15, 1864
Henry W. Lunt, Corp.	July 28, 1862	transferred to 44th Ill June 1865
Westley Long, Corp.	July 20, 1862	discharged June 6, 1864 wounds
William H. Stevens, Corp.	Aug. 6, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
Edwin Montgomery, Musician	July 18, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
Albert Barrick, Pvt.	Aug. 4, 1862	discharged Jan. 19, 1863 disabilities
Dennis Barrick, Pvt.	Aug. 4, 1862	transferred V. R. C. Apr. 5, 1864
Noah T. Barrick,	Aug. 4, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865 as Corp.
Peter Boyer, Pvt.	Aug. 12, 1862	discharged Oct. 12, 1864, disabilities
William Boyer, Pvt.	Aug. 12 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
George W. Brown, Pvt.	Aug. 12, 1862	discharged Dec. 20, 1862, disabilities
Issac C. Coil, Pvt	Aug. 11, 1862	died Jan. 21, 1863 wounds
Levi Cline, Pvt.	Aug. 5, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
George Duaney, Pvt.	July 20, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
Joseph A. Davidson, Pvt.	Aug. 10, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
Nelson G. Davis, Pvt.	Aug 7, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
Hosea Dockum, Pvt.	July 20, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
Phillip Eichorn, Pvt.	July 20, 1862	transferred U.S. 1st Eng., 1864
William Flanegin, Pvt.	July 22, 1862	discharged Sept. 20, 1862 disabilities
George W. Gardner, Pvt.	Aug. 7, 1862	died Nashville, Jan. 2, 1863
John Keefer, Pvt.	July 20 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865

Charles W. Keeley, Pvt.	Aug. 9, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
Wm. C. Lotzenhiser, Pvt	Aug 6, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
*Jonathan C. Lloyd, Pvt.	Aug. 9, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
Ezra D. McMasters, Pvt.	Aug. 2, 1862	sick at mustering out of regiment
Henry McBride, Pvt.	July 20, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865, sgt.
Marion McGarvey, Pvt.	Aug. 5, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865, sgt.
Nicholas Mecay, Pvt.	July 30 1862	discharged Mar. 6, 1863 disabilities
Joseph Montgomery, Pvt.	Aug. 6, 1862	died Nashville, Dec. 10, 1862
Wm. W. Martenia, Pvt.	Aug. 7, 1862	died Stone River, Dec. 31, 1864
David Martenia, Pvt.	Aug. 7, 1862	died Nashville, Mar. 9, 1863
Levi Montgomery, Pvt.	July 28, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
John M. Nash, Pvt.	Aug. 4, 1862	transferred V. R. C. May 15, 1864
Enoch Preston, Pvt.	Aug. 4, 1862	killed Franklin, Tenn. Dec. 1, 1864
Wm. Shaner, Pvt.	Aug 5 1862	discharged Dec. 16, 1862, disabilities
Jacob Spivey, Pvt.	July 20, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
Wm. N. Stollard, Pvt.	Aug. 7, 1862	died Nashville, Sept. 24, 1863
John Stollard, Pvt.	July 20 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865 as Corp.
Robert Weaver, Pvt.	July 20, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
Wm. Weaver, Pvt.	Aug. 5, 1862	killed Franklin, Tenn. Dec. 1, 1864
Cornelius C. Wolf, Pvt.	Aug. 6, 1862	died Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 24, 1862
John L. Stone Musician	Aug. 4, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
Ransom B. Kelsey, Pvt.	Aug. 4, 1862	transferred V. R. C. Jan 15, 1865
James P. Stone, Pvt.	Aug. 13, 1862	mustered out June 12, 1865
Stephen Wark, Pvt.	Aug. 9, 1862	mustered out May 30, 1865

*Mr. Lloyd often lagged behind when marching. To cure him, they drug him by his thumbs behind a wagon. Needless to say, it cured him.

This was commonly known as the Methodist Regiment. A Methodist minister organized it, and some 600 Methodists were actually enrolled. They were mustered in at Camp Butler on Aug. 21, 1862. They reached Louisville Aug. 25. General Sheridan was their commander until 1864. They met their first Confederates at Perryville on Oct. 8 and pursued them to Nashville. From the bloody battle of Stone River, they fought at Cumberland Tunnel, Stevenson, Ala., and the opening campaigns of Chattanooga and Chickamauga. They performed brilliant service on Missionary Ridge. They competed in the siege of Atlanta. Finally they arrived at Nashville, where their last bayonet charge on Dec. 16, 1864 was good. On June 12, 1865 they were mustered out in Nashville.

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NAME & RANK	DATE OF ENLISTMENT	REMARKS
Wm. Cunningham, Musician	Aug. 5, 1862	mustered out July 12, 1865
James Farris, Pvt.	Aug. 5, 1862	mustered out July 12, 1865, sick
Absolom Farris, Pvt.	Aug. 5, 1862	discharged June 12, 1863 disabilities
Addison Lewis, Pvt	Aug. 5 1862	mustered out July 12, 1865
Wm. Milier, Pvt.	Aug. 5, 1862	paroled prisoner died Logan County Ill.
Wm. McChesney, Pvt.	Apr 8, 1863	mustered out July 12, 1865
Thomas Pool, Pvt.	Aug. 5, 1862	mustered out July 12, 1865
Joseph Pool, Pvt.	Aug. 5, 1862	discharged Sept. 21, 1863 disabilities
George Ramsey, Pvt.	Aug. 5 1862	prisoner deserted Jan. 1, 1863
Benjamin F. Smith Pvt	Aug 5, 1862	prisoner deserted Jan. 1, 1863
Jesse Sparks, Pvt.	Aug. 5 1862	prisoner deserted Aug. 20, 1863
John Woods Pvt .	Aug. 5, 1862	mustered out July 12, 1865
Preston Williams, Pvt.	Aug. 5 1862	prisoner deserted Aug. 20, 1863
Essie Williamson, Pvt.	Aug.5,1862	discharged Feb. 28, 1865 disabilities

decide which one among them should have the honor. Courthouses were erected in both towns.

Middletown did become the third polling place established in the county. The voting precinct, called Salt Creek Precinct, included part of the Present Prairie Creek Township, all of Sheridan, and most of Corwin.

There now enters a question that has puzzled our residents for many years. Was Middletown voted on to be the state capital?

Enthusiasts in 1836 decided that a new capital was needed for Illinois. They claimed Vandalia was becoming outmoded; and a new capital, more modern and situated further north, should be established. Abraham Lincoln and eight other associates, nicknamed the "Long Nine", started a campaign for Springfield. This opened the way for everyone to get into the act. The public voted between six towns, but it was decided that the Legislature, in a special combined session, would make the final vote. They voted on February 28, 1837.

As for how the vote really went, I cannot say. I consulted four different sources on the subject—The Illinois Blue Book 1963, History of Sangamon County, Past and Present of Sangamon County, and the House Journal for that date. All of them gave different figures on how the vote went. I finally decided to accept the House Journal's figures.

Many towns were voted on that day. No less than 28 towns were mentioned, some of which were so obscure they never came into being; but no Middletown was mentioned. The Legislature did vote on "the geographical center of the state" with no specific town mentioned. Where would this be? People at the time assumed it was Illiopolis. My hasty computation on a road map showed it to be just east of Springfield. I am sure, however, that the people of Middletown assumed it was their village. Whether this was from a misassumption about their name, I do not know. In any case, we missed out on being the capital. Perhaps, we were looked over to be given another honor, more cherished and even greater.

During 1832 the Black Hawk War (a minor skirmish that hardly merits its name) took place. Middletown, never failing in its share of volunteers, sent some of its fine men to the conflict. David A. Glenn, Wm. A. Stone and Caleb Stone, three of the town's leading citizens, quickly volunteered. Most of the Middletown men were in Captain J. Claywell's Company. Others included were: Wm. Turner, several Andersons, John Copeland, and the McLemore's. The company saw some actual fighting on the Mississippi and were in the service from May 15 to August 16, 1832.

The Mexican War soon ensued showing a lesser number of volunteers—James Glenn, G. D. Glenn, Henry Hewwood, Robert A. Rayburn, Wm. A. Stone Emanuel Tiomer and S. G. W. Eely. There was much opposition to this aggressive war; and what happened in Texas seemed of little consequence to us, hundreds of miles away.

There are very few things of importance recorded about Middletown during the years 1840 and 1860. One reason is because the county courthouse burned in 1857, and all records were destroyed. The real reason is probably that nothing of importance was happening—at least in this village. The town was holding its own. The first government census in 1860 showed Middletown with a population of 320.

An account written by James Albright on his 85th birthday in the Middletown Ledger gives an interesting view of life in this period.

"I was born January 15, 1857, 1½ miles northwest of old Fancy Prairie in a two room log house, covered with clap board. It had a dirt and stick chimney. The logs were hauled from Irish Grove in 1856 by my folks and Brad Bates with teams. The snow covered the fences. My father rode a horse straight through to Elkhart on top of the frozen snow, over the fences and the rail fences were 6 feet high. The doctor came out in a sleigh. My dad, Brad Bates, and C. C. Banister broke over 100 acres of tough prairie.

Many older people will remember the old covered bridge on the Peoria road across the Sangamon River. My dad was the miller there for a term of years. Springfield was a mud hole before the Civil War. There were no coal shafts near Springfield. I have seen 5 teams tied around the Springfield on poles all over town. The first street paving in Springfield square. There was wood for sale at \$2 a cord and gas lights was done with cedar blocks sawed in short 6" pieces and stood on end with sand between the blocks.

I saw Abe Lincoln several times when I was a small boy. I drove a mule team on a street car from Oak Ridge to south 11th Street and was at Camp Butler to see father and the soldiers. The camp was 7 miles east of Jim Town, now Riverton."

To the south a valued friend of theirs, a young man who had often visited the community and doubtless had many friends here, was building a reputation that would send him to the White House. Had Abraham Lincoln been very involved with this town? Besides those instances already mentioned, there are several other things recorded. One of Lincoln's first surveys was "beginning at Musick's ferry on Salt Creek road followed Main Street in Middletown and there turned west via New Salem to the county line in the direction Jacksonville."

Lincoln's second bill in the Legislature was one giving Musick permission to build a toll bridge over Salt Creek. "In a building which formerly occupied the parsonage (Presbyterian) site, Abraham Lincoln tried a law suit before a local justice." It is not known whether he won or lost.

When Mr. Lincoln was nominated for President in 1860, the fervor in Middletown was tremendous. The Union League was formed expressly to wave the Lincoln banner. The women of the community purchased some wool and sewed a flag by hand, which was put in the hands of Robert Rayburn. The flag was of unique design and contained only 34 stars (the number of states in 1860 being 34). The flag flew from a 20' flagpole on the Union League's platform as it traveled all over the country to Lincoln rallies. On August 8, about 25 members rode to a meeting in Springfield. They left the wagon with the flag in a livery stable in town. Some men came bustling into the stable asking for a means to get Mr. Lincoln to the grounds, as no plans had been made for it beforehand. Mr. Barnett of Middletown had a new carriage and offered its services. Spying the flag, someone draped it over the seat and there dear Abe rode to the grounds. This flag is now in the possession of Mrs. Ben Chestnut of Lincoln.

These are the only recorded instances of Lincoln's ties with our town. The more intimate experiences with him probably died with the death of his contemporaries. How many children pulled his shirt, listened wide eyed to his tales or glowed with pleasure when doing errands for him? How many men argued with him on the latest issue, shared a thoughtful jaw, or silently viewed the slumbering greatness in him? How many

Phocton Williamson Pvt.	Aug. 5, 1862	mustered out July 12 1865
William Ramsey,	Oct. 11, 1862	died May 18, 1864 wounds
Gage S. Gritman, 1st Lieut.	Aug. 14, 1862	mustered out July 12, 1865
Andrew Gustenson, Pvt.	Aug. 14, 1862	died Sept. 20, 1863 at home
Wm. Robert Goff, Pvt.	Aug. 14, 1862	mustered out July 12, 1864
Edward H. Goff, Pvt.	Aug. 14, 1862	discharged Mar. 11, 1865 disabilities
John C. Goff, Pvt.	Aug. 14, 1862	died Paducah, Aug. 10, 1863
James C. Hurst Pvt.	Aug. 14 1862	died Jan. 2, 1864 at home
Thomas Kiler, Pvt.	Aug. 14, 1862	mustered out July 12, 1865
William H. Stone Pvt.	Aug. 14, 1862	mustered out July 12, 1865
Newton Tackleson, Pvt.	Aug. 14, 1862	mustered out June 29, 1865
Terry Tackleson, Pvt.	Aug. 14, 1862	died Helena, Ark., Aug. 6, 1863
Albert Stone, Pvt.	Aug. 14, 1862	mustered out July 12, 1865

Except for Company A (Sangamon County) and Company K (Menard County), this whole regiment was Logan County men. They were mustered in at Lincoln Sept. 18, 1862. From St. Louis, they went to Jackson, Tenn., where they served as provost guards for the M & O R.R. General Forrest held a raid on Dec. 20, and Companies C and G surrendered to him. After the raid, they were sent further north. They served at Vicksburg, participated in Little Rock's capture and were mustered out at Pine Bluff, Ark. on July 12, 1865.

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NAME & RANK	DATE OF ENLISTMENT	REMARKS
Charles Glenn, Musician	Aug. 12, 1861	re-enlisted as veteran
Lemuel Anderson, Pvt.	Aug. 12, 1861	discharged Oct. 22, 1862
John B. Newton, 1st Lt.	Jan. 25, 1862	discharged June 10, 1863
Dennis Pride, 1st Lt.	Dec. 31, 1862	mustered out Oct. 7, 1864
John Lafferty, Cpl.	Aug. 12, 1861	mustered out Sept. 3, 1864
Richard Bernard, Pvt.	Aug. 12, 1861	wounded at Shiloh
Wm. W. Dudley, Pvt.	Aug. 12, 1861	discharged Oct. 18, 1862
Elijah Edwards, Pvt.	Aug. 12, 1861	died Natchez, Miss. Feb. 12, 1864
Gottlieb Fotsch, Pvt.	Aug. 12, 1861	died Fort Holt, Ken., Dec. 10, 1861
Henry Fusner, Pvt.	Aug. 12, 1861	discharged Aug. 26, 1864
James H. Gardner, Pvt.	Aug. 12, 1861	discharged Sept. 4, 1862, wounds
Phillip S. Hill, Pvt.	Aug. 12, 1861	re-enlisted as veteran
John Isonhart, Pvt.	Aug. 12, 1861	re-enlisted as veteran
Logan Rayburn, Pvt.	Aug. 12, 1861	wounded at Hatchie Ridge
Francis Schoener, Pvt.	Aug. 12, 1861	died Mound City, Feb. 15, 1862
Thomas J. Warner, Pvt.	Aug. 12, 1861	discharged Aug. 24, 1864
Joseph O. Dudley, Recruit	Jan. 1, 1862	re-enlisted as veteran
Edward Davis, Rect.	Jan. 1, 1862	mustered out Mar. 15, 1866
James W. D. Hill, Rect.	Oct. 11, 1861	discharged Dec. 4, 1863
John A. Leonard, Rect	Feb. 21, 1862	discharged Nov. 21, 1862 disabilities

This company was one of the most meritorious in the army. It was organized at Camp Butler on Aug. 15, 1861. At St. Louis it was armed. From St. Louis to Thebes, General Grant accompanied them on the steam boat. This company was the first to enter Fort Heiman after it surrendered, and was among the first to land at Pittsburg Landing on March 9. Their first action was at Shiloh on April 4. Sunday, April 6, they were assigned to the famous Peach Orchard. They held their position under great odds from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and lost heavily. Again on the 7th they were hotly engaged all day. Their loss was 239 killed, wounded and missing; but their line was never broken or driven back. In May they participated in the siege of Corinth. They were the first to cross Hatchie River Davis Bridge which they did in gallant style. Praise was continually given them. They were engaged at Vicksburg from June 11 to July 4, 1863. At Jackson, Miss., with other companies from Illinois and Iowa

on July 12, they made a spectacular charge across some 600 yards of open field facing 12 guns and some 2,000 men. The losses amounted to over half the men and the charge failed; but their courage cannot be doubted. They then did guard duty in Natchez. After a furlough in Illinois, the veterans went back to Natchez. From New Orleans to Lake Ponchartrain, they finally arrived in Mobile Bay on Feb. 17, 1865 where they left for Texas on July 2. Of their regiment 9 officers were killed, 19 wounded, 17 were missing in action, 5 were killed accidentally, and 139 died of disease.

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NAME & RANK	DATE OF ENLISTMENT	REMARKS
Squire W. Pedigo, Rect.	Nov. 25, 1861	died Aug. 22, 1864, wounds
James Montgomery, Rect.	Nov. 25, 1861	discharged Jan. 8, 1865 Capt.
Wm. H. Ludlum, Rect.	Nov. 25, 1861	transferred to Invalid Corps

This regiment fought during the last days of the siege on Corinth under Brigadier General Jeff C. Davis. They then marched 500 miles from Mississippi to Tennessee encountering little skirmishes. They fought in the battles at Stone River and Chickamauga. From Georgia they went back to Illinois where they picked up cattle. Their duty then was to drive the cattle back to Tennessee. They fought at Lookout Mountain and dug works at Atlanta. Back to Tennessee they went and from there to Texas where they were mustered out.

68 INFANTRY COMPANY H

NAME & RANK	DATE OF ENLISTMENT	REMARKS
Simon Barrick, Pvt.	May 31, 1862	mustered out Sept. 11, 1865
Jones Keenan, Pvt.	May 31, 1862	mustered out Sept. 11, 1865

Made up of state militia, this regiment was not supposed to be forced into service, but they were mustered in after the men petitioned to do so. It arrived at Wheeling, Va. on July 7. During most of the war, they camped in Alexandria, Va. Though they saw no real action, they cared for the wounded of Bull Run and became proficient in skirmish and Zouave drill. They were the only regiment in one Grand Review and were pleased to have President Lincoln acknowledge them.

152 INFANTRY COMPANY A

NAME & RANK	DATE OF ENLISTMENT	REMARKS
Monroe Rodgers, Pvt.	Feb. 13, 1865	mustered out Sept. 11, 1865
Noah L. Beaver, Pvt.	Feb. 13, 1865	died Jeffersonville, Ind., 3/9/1865

This was a one year regiment and they spent their full time in Tenn.

4th CALVARY COMPANY H

NAME & RANK	DATE OF ENLISTMENT	REMARKS
Edward Cochran, Pvt.	Aug. 20, 1861	re-enlisted as veteran
George Carroll, Pvt.	Sept. 25, 1861	died Cincinnati, Mar. 19, 1862
George Gibbons, Pvt.	Sept. 5, 1861	mustered out Nov. 3, 1864
Aswell J. Hughes, Pvt.	Sept. 24, 1861	discharged June 3, 1862
Richard McMullin, Pvt.	Sept. 2, 1861	mustered out Nov. 3, 1864
Isaac Smith, Pvt.	Sept. 5, 1861	mustered out Nov. 3, 1864

Company H was always the favorite in this regiment. Their first mission was to carry dispatches to General C. F. Smith in Ohio. They returned to Cairo and went to Parsons Ferry, just below Fort Henry. There they met their first Rebels which they chased to Fort Donelson.

Lucille Henrichsmeyer

Lucille Henrichsmeyer, 82, of Lincoln died at 9:58 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, 1992, at her home.

Mrs. Henrichsmeyer was a member of Lincoln Christian Church, the church's Yadnus class, the Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society, the Christian Nursing Home Auxiliary, and the Logan Railsplitter Association.

She was born Dec. 1, 1909, in Mount Pulaski, a daughter of Amos and Laura Goodan Van Hook. She married Omer Henrichsmeyer on Oct. 9, 1930, in Mount Pulaski. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, George of Lincoln; one daughter, Edna Harmon of Lincoln; one sister, Louise Mulford of Cincinnati, Ohio; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Lincoln Christian Church with Tom Gerds and Barb Curie officiating. Burial will be in Steenbergen Cemetery, Mount Pulaski.

Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to Lincoln Christian Church, Lincoln Christian College, the Christian Nursing Home or to the Dr. Wayne J. Schall Hospice at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

To Lucille's Memory

She was well versed in family history
Always working with a will,
Trying to find the early stories,
That required so much skill.

The Society was very important
From one meeting to the next,
Trying to bring informative topics
To keep lay leaders from being vexed.

We will miss her guiding hand
In all the research that we do,
We strive to let her ideas guide us,
As we work harder, our goals to renew.

Jimmie John

A TRIBUTE

My friends, we are about to remember our dear friend and member of our Genealogical and Historical Society. She is no longer with us, but she is a part of us. We are joined in acknowledgement of sacred ties now severed, but we have our treasured memories of this departed member. We come together in loving sympathy, faith, and hope.

We recall the words of Christ: "In my Father's house are many mansions.. if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."

We light this candle in memory of Lucille Henrichsmeyer that she might no longer be walking among us, but she will be remembered by us.

Let us Pray:

Dear Heavenly Father: We thank you for the assurance that thou hast given us in granting eternal life to us beyond death. We thank you for the lives of our dear members, who are precious and dear friends. Lucille was beloved by us and dear to our hearts. May her memory be a blessing unto us forever..... Amen

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.

- Bell MARY E. BELL, C.M.H.P. #30, Swayzee, IN 46986
Cook Seek info on John C. Cook enl as pvt Co. E, Regt 9, CAV at Lincoln Sept
Bickell 1861. May have mar Cinderella Bickell on 10 April 1861 in Cass Co IN.
- Renner TWILA M. FULTS, Rt #1, Box 16X, Beaver City, NE 68926
McBride Seek info on Samuel Renner born cir 1823. Mar to Martha McBride 22 Nov
1855 in Tazewell Co. Liv at Prairie Creek, Logan Co in 1860 Census.
All corres will be answered.
- Shores Mildred Clark, 111 N. 6th St., Mapleton, IA 51034
Shyers Seek info on Shores (Shyers) and Birks families. Liv in Logan Co.
Birks 1860 Census. Bur in Lake Bank and Two Mile Grove cems. Please write.
- Thompson JOE THOMPSON, 813 G Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368
Wasson Gggrandmother Melissa Jane Wasson Thompson wife of John C. d. Jan 17,
1868, age 38 yrs 4 mo bur in Berryhill cem, oran twnshp. will corres
and exch info on these families.
- Mills LARRY F. RIDGE, 1824 W. Sunnyside, Visalia, CA 93277
Seek to find par of gggrandfather Elam Mills liv in Logan Co. 1856 to
1882, father name poss. Andrew. Will answer all corres.
- Freeman MRS. NORMA J. FREEMAN, 124 Lupoyama Circle, Lakeport, CA 95453
Branson Wish to hear from desc of Elisha and Margaret Ward Freeman who lived
Turner in Macon Co. 1826-1850
- Rhoades NONA RHOADES McGEATH, 26 Bearpaw #55D, Irvine, CA 92714
Rhodes Seek info on Franklin V. Burns, mar Martha E. Richardson in Atlanta, IL
Burns 2 Sept 1879. please reply.
- Vannoy Mrs. Nancy Vannoy, Rt #1, Box 128B, Atlanta, IL 61723
Heide Would appreciate any corres concerning Vannoy (Vannois) Heide or
Kunesh Kunesh families. please write.
- Power Mrs. Cathy Grover, Rt #3, Box 301, Great Bend, KS 67530
Donovan Seek info on George Simmons b. cir 1816 PA, mar Elizabeth Lee in Bureau Co
Block IL 2 June 1842, four children. Any connection to Senica and Nancy
Simmons?
- Ewing KENNETH W. PARENT, 816 W. Elm St., Wheaton, IL 60187
Culbertson Seek info on origins of Reubin B. Ewing, b. 1801, liv in Moultrie and
Logan Co. IL 1840-1876, d. Moultrie Co. 1876, was he son of James Ewing b.
VA liv KY d. prior to 1830? Also seek ancestors of wife Elizabeth
Culbertson/Cuthbertson mar. White Co IL 18 Agu 1824. wish to corres
with anyone interested this line.
- Bradshaw Mrs. CLAIRE H. WRIGHT, 904 Cale del Caballo, Suisun, CA 94585-1504
Sawyer Search for par. Betsy Sawyer b. 1794-1800 in IL terr. m. Jonas Bradshaw
1817 in Madison Co. IL. please send info.

Small Myers MRS. DOROTHY A. WOGH, 2179 S. Terrace Dr., Napa, CA 94559
Interested in research of surnames, Small, Myers, Cook, Hagar and Humphries in IL. Please write.

Aery Brown BOB COLEMAN, 110 Hunters Branch, San Antonio, TX 78231
Seek info on fam of Philip Aery b. OH, wife Mary J. b. IN, 3 sons Abraham L., George, William all b. in IL. Abraham b. 14 Apr 1865 in Lincoln mar to Ella Mae Brown cir 1889 d. Washington Co MO 9 April 1949. will ans all corres.

Melrose Shores MRS. DOLLY MELROSE-LEWIS, 1915 Beverly Drive, Enid, OK 73730
Seek info Hiram Shores, death date, place and burial. Hus of Tincy Ewing Ann Birk-Shores, father of James Shores and Mary Shores Melrose all Birks bur Atlanta cem in Logan Co, but where's Hiram? Please write

Pollack Read Mrs. Helen Read Pollack, 2704 Olympic Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308
Seek info on par. George Washington Read b. Sangamon Co. IL 13 Sept 1831. Scroggins His father was an Englishman d. before birth of G.W. His mother Kline native of KY later mar. a Mr. Barthom. Will ans all corres.

Kistler Mrs. Elvera V. Belden, 5000 Graceland Blvd, Apt 205, Racine WI 53406
Kestler Will corres with anone searching Kistler(changed to Kestler) and Barrow names. Barrow Please write.

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DID YOU KNOW?? if there is a will, it is probated by an Executor. If the probate is by an Administrator, it means there was no will, and an administrator was appointed by the court. Land records should always be searched after a death since a list of heirs is often found there.

by 1918, over 95% of all deaths in Illinois were registered each year, and the LDS Family History Library now has an alphabetical index to all registered deaths in Illinois between 1916 and 1938.

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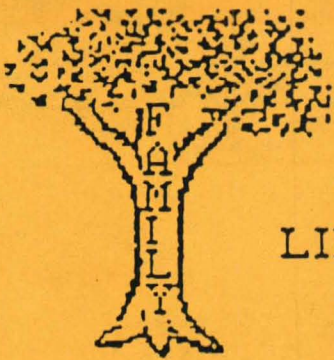
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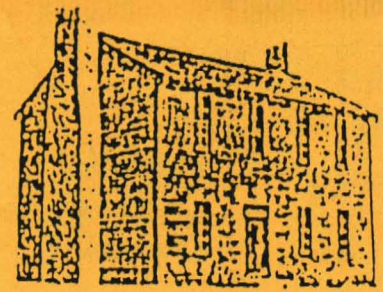
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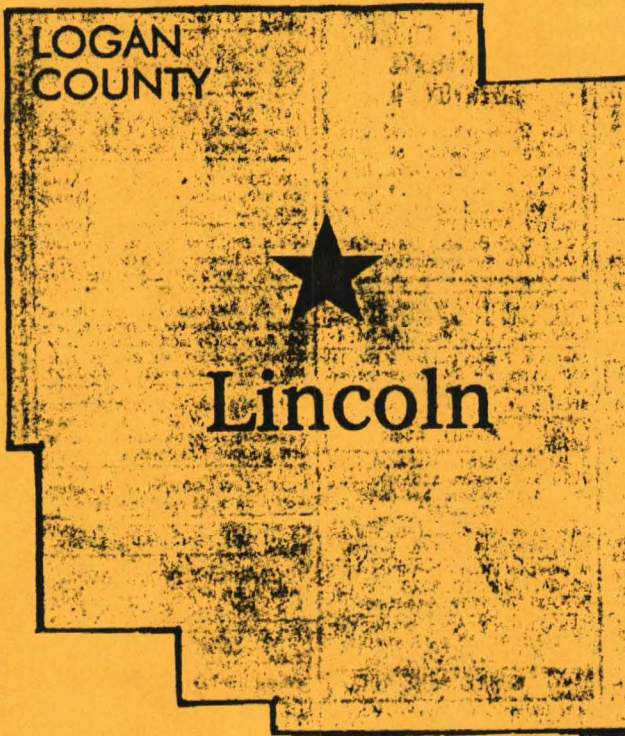
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OUR ROOTS
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MEETINGS held at 7:30 P.M. on the third Monday in the month at the Oasis, Logan County Senior Citizens Center, 501 Pulaski St., Lincoln, Ill., unless otherwise specified below.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

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

Apr. 20-- Dorothy Dirks & Loretta Cline	July 20--Annual picnic
May 18--Jessie Ruth Stogdell & Alberta Lisk	Aug. 17--Emily McElhaney, Lester and Mildred Wickline
June 15--Bernadine Montgomery	

PROGRAMS for 1992

Apr. 20 - Richard Simrall--Speaker - Lincoln Public Library and Logan County Gen. and Hist. Society library merger
May 18 - Carolyn Cearlock, Decatur--Speaker - Setting up a library
June 15 - Emily McElhaney--Speaker - The 10 Most Influential Persons in History
July 20 - Annual picnic at 6:00 P.M. at Kickapoo Creek Park, Lincoln, at last shelter at north end and turn right. Meat and drink will be furnished. Bring a dish to pass and table service. Mr. Richard Sumrall will talk on the library plans.
Aug. 17 - Guest night and Show and Tell time

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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, 1992--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.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

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Mrs. Dixie Hope is researching the following surnames: SOLOMAN, BEANS, THEOBALD
Mr. Charles L. Watson is researching the following surnames: WATSON, RUDOLPH, McAFEE,
WHITE, WILSON, ROBINSON, NEAL

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

NEWS OF MEMBERS

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Dorothy Gleason, Lincoln, on the birth of a grand-daughter on Mar. 20 to David and Shawna Gleason.
CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Viola Richert, Beason, on the birth of a great-granddaughter on Apr. 11, to Kathie Richert.
SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Albertha Koller who passed away May 15.

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PUBLICATIONS

1880 Federal Census, Logan Co., Illinois - 2 Volumes, Price \$20.00 for the 2, including Mailing
Logan County, Illinois, Atlases - Combined 1873-1893-1910, Price \$35.00 plus \$3.50 Mailing
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CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

DAR Workshops - July 7-7:00 P.M.-Lincoln Library, Springfield, Ill.;
July 10-1:00 P.M.-Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield;
July 14-7:00 P.M.-Lincoln Library, Springfield.
Sept. 5 & 6 Workshop by Randolph Genealogical Society, 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.-- War of 1812.
Oct. 23-24 1992 ISGS Fall Conference at Hilton in Springfield, Ill. - "Like Columbus - We Discover, October 1492 - October 1992.

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OCUPAYSHUN - Cencus Taker: "I am a cencus takers for the city of Bufflow. Our City has broan very fast in resent years & now in 1865, it has become a hard & time consuming job to count all the peePhill. There are not many that con do this werk, as it is nesessarie to have in ejucashun, wich a lot of pursons still do not have. Another atribeart needed for this job is god spelling, for meny of the pePhill to be counted can harle speek inglish, let slon spel there names!"

From Bureau County Gen. Society Newsletter-Vol. III, No. 3, May 1992

Sometimes it is okay to put off until tomorrow, especially if you have already made enough mistakes for one day.

From Effingham Co. Gen. Soc. Quarterly, Vol. XII, No. 4, 1991

At Fort Donelson, they were engaged under General McClernand in advance of General Grant. Following the Fort's surrender, they gradually reached Pittsburg Landing. Company H was assigned to General Sherman and moved to the extreme front. They moved on to Corinth and led the attack there. In August of 1862 they reached Memphis and went on to Trenton where they scouted the railroad. In 1863 they were ordered to Vicksburg. They spent the winter of 1863 and '64 in Natchez. There they were mustered out.

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NAME & RANK	DATE OF ENLISTMENT	REMARKS
John S. Sawnders, Corp.	Sept. 28, 1861	mustered out Dec. 30, 1864 Sgt.
Franklin Asberry, Pvt.	Sept. 28, 1861	discharged June 2, 1864 disabilities

Mustering in occurred at Camp Butler on Nov. 25, 1861. They moved from Springfield to Missouri to Arkansas which they reached on June 15, 1862. There they participated in two lengthy expeditions. They often served as escorts to various generals and helped to capture Little Rock. In 1865 or soon after, the men returned. A few had come earlier, either in pine boxes or laid abed. (Lucas Chapel is the resting place of the first Logan County soldier killed in the war.) This had been no "Monday go—a—fightin'" war. There was no leaving battle to harvest crops at home. Deserters were hung or shot for the first time. The pink-cheeked lads who had gone off to war returned men, if not in body, in soul. Perhaps this accounts for the number of enterprises and new businesses started at this time. At any rate, all the people of the United States were glad the war was over. They only wanted to lead peaceful, normal lives once more.

People: Our Most Valuable Product

Nothing of great importance happened in the town between 1865 and 1900. This is not to say people of importance weren't living here. Mr. Colby Knapp had by this time left Middletown. He served as state representative since 1851 and in 1862, became state senator. His accomplishments and services are nearly too lengthy to describe. Besides getting Middletown "on its feet", he had served as township treasurer for 20 years, postmaster for 23 years, one of the first probate justices of the county, and an early county commissioner. We may truthfully say that he was our greatest citizen.

Dr. Green Hill, one of the county's finest physicians, had settled in Middletown in 1852. His perilous escapades to treat ailing patients are some of the finest adventure stories ever written. As there was no bridge over Salt Creek where he wished to cross, undaunted, he swam across to treat an ailing patient. His first home here was a crude log cabin. Holes in the raised floor of his home allowed wolves to pass through, except for the fact that his children were trained to jab the wolves with pokers. His pay was often in corn and wheat. Dr. Hill's five sons all grew up to become physicians.

We need to remember Mr. Samuel Musick, for he was the first settler. He was also greatly responsible for the building up of the Middletown area. Mr. William Glenn was greatly instrumental in the rearing of Middletown. His joint project with Colby Knapp got Middletown on a good start. His descendants were to prove just as ambitious and successful as he.

The Rayburn family of Irish Grove were also influential. Robert

Rayburn, an early settler and the first teacher here, was a Revolutionary War veteran. He is buried in the Irish Grove Cemetery. His son, Milton ran a store in Middletown until past the age of 70. Milton's son, Robert, fought in the Mexican War and was the postmaster for many years. Garrett, the son of Robert, was the last of the family to stay in the community. A famous local jockey and knifethrower, he served as justice of the peace for many years.

Evan Wurth started his law practice here. He later moved to Lincoln and became a states attorney.

The Post's, later to make cold cereal a common breakfast, lived in Middletown in the early 1860's. Their house was the town's curiosity. It was round and made of concrete. A porch ran around the whole structure. Its name was simply, the "Roundhouse." As yet, the Posts had not made their immense fortune. That would come when they moved to Michigan. After about ten years residence, they left town. They came back early in the 1900's; now very rich and quite famous. They stayed overnight and then moved on in their "sleeping-car", such a novelty no one here had even heard of.

Their home became the meeting place for Myrtle Lodge No. 470, that was chartered Oct. 8, 1872. The I.O.O.F. was the first social society organized in Middletown. It enjoyed a thriving membership, erected its own building in 1874, but was disbanded in the 1920's.

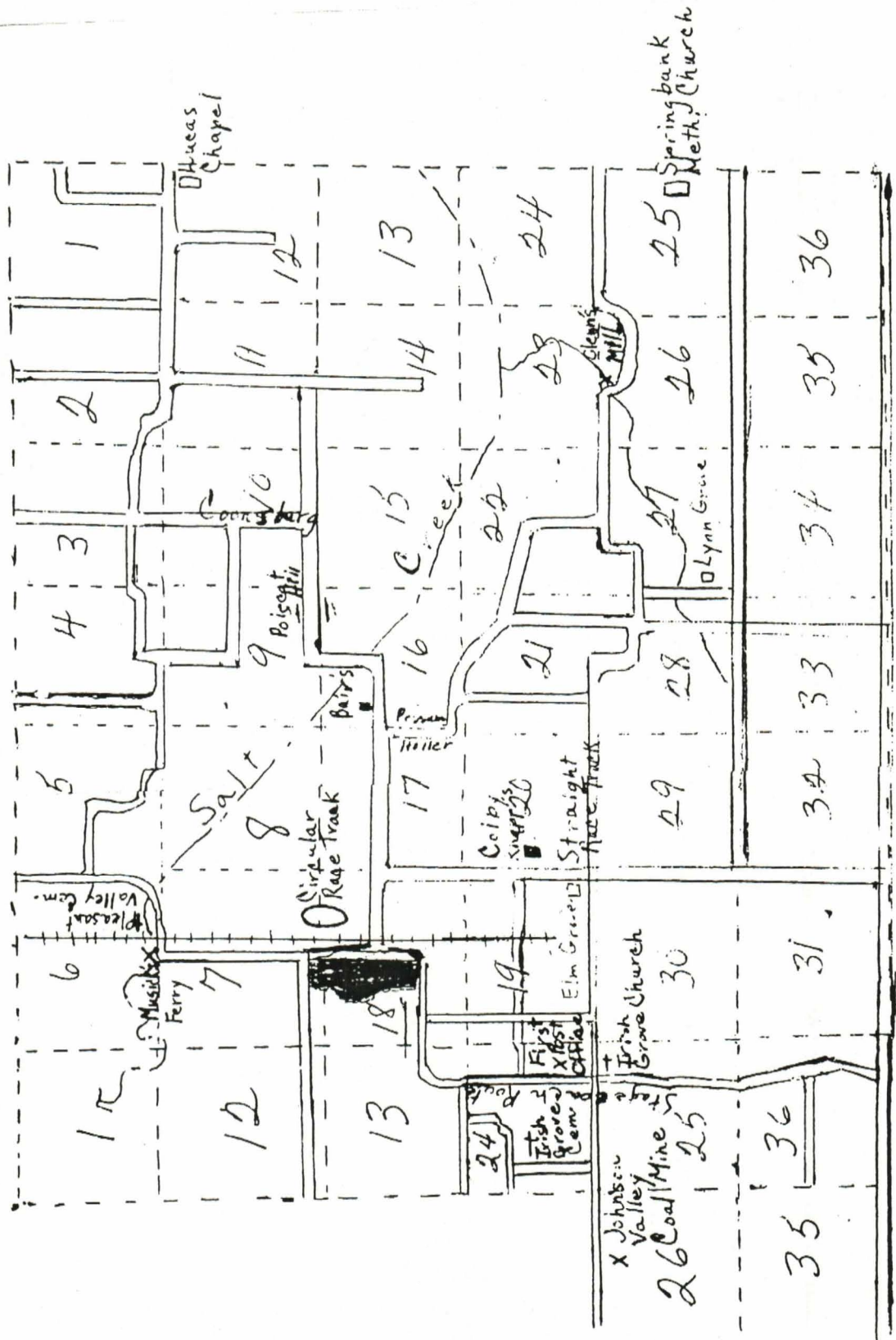
Also during the 1860's, a Jewish family lived near Middletown. Their name was Bair, and they ran a store in town. Their home was located east of town on Salt Creek. This area received the ignominious name of Bair Bottom. One of the Jews was a rabbi. He still followed the ancient rituals of sacrificing sheep. Of course, this started rumors with the result that everyone was certain the old man killed them to drink the blood. Whether this harsh talk embarrassed them sufficiently enough to make them leave, we do not know. We do know they passed on, being the first and only Jews to have lived in the community.

Middletown even in 1870, was still much on the frontier. Many wolves were trapped in Corwin township until 1885. Hunters and trappers still found abundant game. The niceties of society had not entered the way of life.

Although Middletown was just holding its own in population (the first government census in 1860 counted 320 people in the town; 1,474 in the precinct), internal improvements were great and many. In 1868 the Methodist Church raised \$3,000 to erect their own church building. It was dedicated on July 3, 1870 and was considered a very fine building. In 1835, a Presbyterian Church had been organized and a brick structure built to house it. In 1867 the congregation moved to Irish Grove. The Springbank Methodist Episcopal Church was erected east of town in 1867. It was housed in a \$2,200 white frame structure with a membership of 35.

The congregations at this time were poor in money but great in number. At this time, people still believed in attending church. God was very dear and close to these people, and religion was a central point in their lives. Illiterate and clumsy as they might have been; we "super-cool, jet-set, educated" people are greatly lacking in the peaceful loveliness these acquired in their simple faith. Of course antics went on in the choir loft, but "boys will be boys"; and they more often than not grew into fine, honest citizens. Oh, could we only have them today!

Education was making great strides. Enrollment had increased from 171 scholars in 1843, the county's second largest enrollment, to 436 students in 1860. Lynn Grove schoolhouse, east of Middletown, was built in 1867 and considered an excellent model for future schools in the county. School in those days was, of course, quite sketchy. Girls could get a



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enough to read and write and then no farther. Caring for a husband and family were more important than Book-learnin'. Boys went unless chores called them on the farm. In spring and fall, they were never at school; the planting and harvesting proved more pressing. And in those days, those things really were more important. Education was good but not necessarily helpful. A strong back and able hands were more needed than an intelligent mind. This was a time for building and strengthening. There was still much work to be done before thinking could occupy one's time.

The schoolhouses were one room buildings built something like a tiny church with windows on two sides, rows of benches or desks and the teacher's desk facing the door. There was usually a blackboard and a row of pegs for coats and hats. Above the school a bell hung to be rung to summon the children. Classes were informal and one progressed at his rate of capacity rather than age. Recitations formed a large part of learning, and the older children often listened to the younger when the teacher was otherwise occupied. Such things as slates, apples for the teacher, pigtales in inkwells, carrying your girl's books and fights at recess really were commonplace.

Middletown was still an important link in the Springfield-Peoria stage coach road. Once a day the coach, driven by Abe Musick, would ford into town; the four horses galloping at top speed down the streets, sweat Salt Creek north of town (the tracks are still evident) and come surging gleaming on their backs, mouths foaming. Swiss bells arched over the stagecoach added to the clamor. Passengers were greeted warmly and hastened into the Thad Davis Hotel, the stagecoach stop, for rest and refreshment. As soon as the horses were changed, everyone loaded into the coach once more to take off in the same amount of flurry. This was certainly a big event anticipated by everyone in the town.

A report in 1886 describes the town as containing 200 people, a good school, one church, a general store (Mr. J. A. Glenn's), a druggist (Mr. Thomas M. Reed), and two doctors (Hill and Guttery).

Cholera!

Life was not easy. During the 1870's, a boat traveling down Salt Creek had two ailing men aboard. They were unloaded at Middletown and a charitable family, the Warrens, took them in. In a short time, everyone went to investigate the strange malady, returning with the derided word on their lips—Cholera! The townspeople quaked in fear as first the Warrens died, then other families followed. It was at this time that Pleasant Valley Cemetery was founded. Funerals were brief graveside services held at night. The people were afraid to bury these dead at any other time. After a little time, the epidemic played itself out, miraculously taking only a few lives.

Natural disasters also took their toll. The storm of 1882 destroyed by high water the 150 foot covered bridge over Salt Creek. The Big Sleet fell in 1883, the likes of which had never been seen.

The 1890's came on the scene. Wild and gay those years were. People were beginning to feel prosperity. Life was not so hard, and times were good everywhere. Folks were at peace and totally enjoying it.

Mr. G. Prince was giving a big party at his home southeast of town. It was a gala social, ere are he strictly forbade the town rowdies. This was a mistake, and the boys rode up in the middle of the party. Someone pulled a gun and aimed at Mr. Prince. Henry Barnett got in the way, and the bullet hit him, entering his mouth and going out the back of his neck. Dr. Guttery hurried to the scene. "Will I die, Doc?" asked Barnett. "I'm afraid not," drawled the doctor.

Believe in Ghosts?

One soul let out the awful secret that he believed in ghosts. One night he was taken to Coonsburg, in a buggy. Dr. Guttery, always ready for pranks, was waiting in a tree with a hatbox having a carved face on it and a candle inside. After seeing this waving eerily in the air, the poor "believer" ran clean back to town, a distance of about four miles.

Another man frequently "visited" his neighbor's wife. The husband and a friend of his planned to catch the covetor in the act. A cistern happened to be located just under the bedroom window. One night during a "visit" the husband walked in the door while his friend silently pushed the cistern cover off. Just as expected, the visitor dived out the window right into the cistern.

The gaiety of the period was marred by another war. As usual, Middletown enthusiastically responded. Men of the 4th Regiment, Co. K actually got to Cuba but saw no action. Men from Middletown in this unit included Pvt. Alfred Hughes, Amasa Hartman, Elliott E. Neese, Charles Ritchart and Claude U. Stone. Men in the 5th Regiment got to Puerto Rico but no farther. From Middletown came Jacob W. Trenkle, a private in Co. I, and privates Frank Hurst, Albert F. Mayer, John P. Mangold, Virgil H. Mahan, Cassius Propst, Gilbert J. Woodruff, and Walter Montgomery of Company K.

The century was almost over when a Peoria and Springfield branch of the Chicago and Alton Railroad was put through town in 1899. This event and another to follow caused Middletown to burst from a sleeping village to a riotous, booming town.

Boom Town, U. S. A.

The new century entered and brought with it a raucous, prosperous era. On Nov. 17, 1900, Middletown became incorporated by a vote of 59 for, 22 against. The first village officers were W. V. Guttery, Pres., Gilbert Gunstein, Clerk, W. C. Young, Treas., H. A. Binns, A. L. Deaton, Owen Anson, Thomas Dorgan, Trustees.

A two story schoolhouse had been built in 1899. A year earlier James Glenn had built a substantial brick building where he entrusted his store to his sons, Edward R. and Pual V. A Mr. M. Kohler, ran it on a commission until 1901 when the sons relieved him. Now all was in readiness for the momentous event to follow.

In 1903 a coal shaft was sunk just over the Logan County line south of town. On Sept. 25, the Middletown Coal Company was incorporated by J. T. Buchner, and James M. Graham. Capital Stock was \$30,000.

A good vein of No. 5 grade, 6 feet thick, was struck at 210 feet. The coal had been there all the time, but it had been of no use until the railroad was put through. Since 1878 Corwin had been the only town in the county with no railroad.

The first year after the coal was discovered, the population more than doubled. Seven small additions to the town were made between 1902 and 1905. A telephone system was installed in 1904.

The first publication was the "Middletown Journal", started in 1901 by Warren Milby. The name was changed to "Middletown Gazette" in 1902. In 1902 Nieuirkirk and Eyrse of San Jose bought it and called it the

"Middletown Herald". Publication stopped in 1904. Later, in that year, A. R. Allison started the "Middletown Ledger". Grant Heatherwick bought it in 1908 and served as editor for many years.

The story of a new church in town starts in Chicago. About 1906 Father Francis Kelly, president of the Catholic Church Extension Society and Father Roche, the vice-president, were doing work at the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows. During the children's mass, Father Roche told of a mission chapel built in Nebraska by a father in memory of his two deceased children. A little girl came forward and asked if she could do something similar for her dead father. She would give \$500 from her inheritance if the church would be built in Illinois and be called St. John's, her father's name. In 1907, Father Kelly was at the Chautauqua in Lincoln and learned of 15 Catholic families in the Middletown area who had no church. He promised to give them the \$500 if they raised \$1500. They outdid themselves and raised \$2500. The church was dedicated on May 3, 1908 at St. John's Church or the Little Child's Chapel. Father Kelly gave the dedicatory sermon.

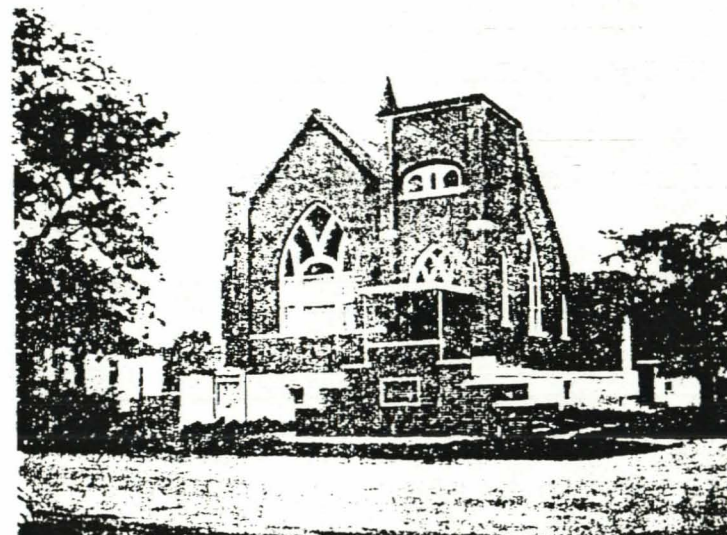
Middletown Churches



Three years before, the Presbyterians had returned their church to Middletown, holding their meetings in Buchner's Hall. Brick from the old church at Irish Grove was used. With the help of \$9000, the church was erected and dedicated on Jan. 6, 1907. In 1911 the membership was 175



In 1908 the Methodists removed their frame church. It was transformed into Binn's Hotel. With \$11,000 they built an impressive brick church in Gothic mission style, with 10 memorial windows. It was dedicated on May 23, 1909. Trustees were Grant Heatherwick, Alonzo Ross, D. J. Rayburn, W. A. Pond, and J. R. Graham. The pastor was Reverend T. Lee Knotts.



The Middletown Farmer's State Bank was organized on May 22, 1905 with a capital stock of \$35,000. Officers in 1911 were H. A. Binns, Pres.; G. H. Warren, V. Pres.; and Victor J. Ryan, Cashier. The profits that year were \$7200. Deposits amounted to \$130,000. Loans, discounts and securities were \$144,000. Cash and exchange handled was \$28,600.

Another corporation was the Middletown Grain and Coal Company, incorporated on June 20, 1903 with capital stock of \$5000.

Two new societies were organized for the coal miners. The Lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men was started. They wore garbs that looked authentically Indian. Many were the little boys who thought real Indians were walking the streets. The Adelpia Lodge, No. 628, of the Knights of Pythias was chartered on Jan. 9, 1909 with a membership of 40.

In 1907 Corwin township went "dry" by a majority of 99, but it certainly went back on its decision soon after.

Life in this "boom town" was gay, brash, uninhibited and a bit rowdy. The miners, some with shadowy pasts, were mostly a tough lot. Not many ventured after dark into their camp, Company Row. Fights were quite common. The "murder" was an outstanding crime, though.

The Italians on Company Row were throwing a big wedding celebration. Of course, there was drink and a little too much excitement. Two English miners, Joey Green and Thompson, had not been invited and decided to have a little fun. Their insults were just a little too raw. Italian tempers and pride were aroused, and three young men took up the Englishmen's challenge. One Italian was not only a great musician but an excellent sharpshooter. Guns were his toys and his friends. In the ensuing brawl, he killed Thompson and wounded Green. When the sheriff was called, he didn't hurry to catch the men. They were well liked, and everyone felt the English got just what they asked for. When the sheriff finally reached the scene, they were many miles south. The posse was none too enthusiastic unless it was to cover tracks. A few weeks later the last of the "criminals" unpaid grocery bills was sent to Glenn's Store with the full amount enclosed. Their honesty was confirmed and a new start for them was wished for by many of our citizens.

Population 1500!

Middletown was becoming an important metropolis with a population of 1500. It had two bakeries, Hagermeiers' and Tibbets' and two hotels. Tibbets and Newton ran a restaurant and served homemade ice cream. There was a kiln brick yard run by Cecil Young. An ice house for the sobering up of any indulgent citizen who patronized the town's five saloons. There were two doctors, Drs. Guttery and Cook. Dr. Hardin was the dentist. John Morris and Scott Stollard ran the town's two livery shops which sat across the street from each other. A funeral home was run by Edwin Goff. Two furniture stores were run. Gilbert Gunstein and McCay ran one. Odie Cleveland's store was memorable because the town boys employed the vacant second story as their hangout. Edward Mullin followed his predecessor, Al Huges, with the harness shop trade. A dray line was furnished by George Snyder. One citizen, Geo. Cook, made his living simply by hauling traveling salesman's trunks from the railroad uptown. The salesmen were common and tricky. One sold only left shoes. Another sold only right shoes. Pairs of shoes

simply weren't available. It's evident what an urban center the town was becoming. Middletown now was the best market for merchandise between Springfield and Peoria. A carload of groceries was unloaded here every day.

In 1903 a greenhouse was built in Irish Grove. Growing in it was a renowned lemon tree which by the year 1904 had a trunk three inches in diameter, a height of 15 feet, and a spread of 12 feet and bore almost 100 enormous lemons. One of the smaller lemons made two lemon pies. The largest lemon was 18 inches in circumference. The establishment, under Anton Larson, had more than five greenhouses.

Entertainment was provided by the Rankin Band and Circus from Rocky Ford. Several times a year they came setting their two-ring tent up in the park. Who can remember the number of times the acrobat flipped or the terrible anxiety as the weight lifter strained to hoist the weight with his arms. The older men had a dance band. They traveled from town to town on night engagements. A band for younger fellows was organized by Henry Anson. Musicians included Jim Snider, Joe Gunstein, Homer Ryan, George Snider, Charley Gunstein, Paul Glenn Hal McClure, Ed Montgomery, Boice Rayburn and Frank Montgomery. They traveled many miles in the town hack to perform. A third band, the Dudley Band, organized in the 1890's, gathered men from the Mill Grove area.

A storm in 1901 added to the excitement. Torrents of rain and wind on June 22, overturned the George Warren elevator which spilled some 20,000 bushels of corn, moved houses off foundations and left the old frame Methodist Church leaning to the east.

The stories that remain reflect the spirit of the time. The preacher at Irish Grove Church was going to use wine for communion. The neighbor boys got to it first, however, and returned home drunk. Another tale says that a young lady on the train, obviously a little too chic for the town's children, was smacked in the face with a lathe of tar or grease. She was so infuriated that railroad detectives had to be sent down.

The children then were just as mischievous as those now with perhaps a bit more imagination. The school's heating system provided many opportunities for school dismissal. Skunk grease was the most common weapon although limburger cheese was used too. Then there was the little boy who opened the fire hydrant and didn't know how to shut it. And the grown man who spit tobacco juice in a pet dog's eye during the lengthy prayer at the dinner table to have the owner calmly reply, "My impression is that someone has hurt poor Fido." And the prayer continued. There was the man who ate lye soap, a banana and the stalk, or anything for money. A local doctor caught some poor youngsters eating his cakes. Jokingly he told them it was rat poison, and they must eat raw eggs. They then proceeded to eat 11 raw eggs before he could persuade them to stop. And of course there were the constant shootings and brawls. Trying to redeem this wretched town's fate, a camp meeting was erected east of town. The effect of it has never been recorded.

Doomed to Die

The new age of prosperity also brought destruction. In 1905 three frame buildings went down in flames. A two story building that housed a saloon downstairs and the Coal Miners Union upstairs, a meat market and Mowery's Store were the unfortunate victims. On Nov. 16, 1907,

the Deaton building burnt to the ground.

A questionable accident occurred on Aug. 13, 1909. That night the schoolhouse, considered a substantial structure, was totally destroyed at a loss of \$4000.

The greatest fire occurred on June 3, 1910. That night nearly a whole block was aflame. The Farmer's State Bank, a two story structure and the Leisey Brewery Company buildings and property were completely destroyed. The loss was over \$25,000.

Mine Went Bankrupt

In 1910, after a series of unfortunate incidents, the mine went bankrupt and had to close. Two main reasons for the shut down are clear. For one thing the middle man in the coal trade was eliminated. This did not bother him. He opened his own mine and took all the customers with him. The Miner's Union also gave the mine trouble. When non union miners were brought in, the union miners raised up against them. A huge miner with a single ear carried a gun below and soon forced the miners to quit. Union troubles were not only happening here. So it was that the town was stunned and gradually fell away to return to the quiet sleepy village it was 10 years before.

Dr. William Vincent Guttery

One important name in this period was Dr. William Vincent Guttery, a fine doctor, one of the mine's managers, and an outstanding citizen loved and respected by all. He came to Logan County at the age of 10 years. He taught school but loved medicine and entered the St. Louis Medical College. He came to our village upon graduating and married a former pupil, Mary Johnson, who was mother of their 6 children. He was awarded an honorary Emeritus Degree by the State of Illinois Medical Society for his long, meritorious service to the community and mankind. He lived to the remarkable age of 92. His brother, S. M. Guttery, taught school here many years and served as County Superintendent of Public Instruction for 12 years.

Mr. Grant Heatherwick is still remembered by the author. To me he was an immensely tall man who stood straight and erect with white hair giving him a totally dignified appearance. He was the friend of all who knew him. Besides running the town's newspaper, managing the mine, and upholding the Methodist Church; he was revered as this, our model citizen. His weekly newspaper, "The Middletown Ledger", was a piece of literary art. Here is just one example of his fine wit:

HE LOST HIS SPECS

Charles Duginger recently took a day off from his work as thistle commissioner and went fishing. While drowsing on a levee at the creek, he knocked off his glasses and was unaware of the loss for a considerable period. Then followed three trips to the creek and diligent but unavailing search.

At last, he employed Jake Whiteman, digger of wells and expert on water witching, to locate the lost specs on terms of two dollars or nothing, if he failed. Jake manipulated his trustworthy green witcher with great industry and considerable lack of success.

Perhaps the skepticism of his employer caused Jake to lose his mysterious power. Anyway, the thistle commissioner secretly planted a silver quarter where the witcher tramped over it repeatedly without receiving any reaction through the forked stick. It can be said without exaggeration that the search was a disappointment.

Even the story that a catfish wearing glasses was hooked in the Sangamon River was not considered worth investigating, so Charles went to Lincoln and counted out \$51.50 of thorny thistle money for some new specs.

Mr. James A Glenn ran the town's largest store during its "boon years." He was from a family that had been a prominent element in Middletown since its founding. He continued the tradition of supporting the town and remained a distinguished citizen of the place his family had been deeply devoted to. His grandfather was the Glenn who helped establish the town. All his family contributed much to the town. His grandmother, Ann Robben, was a domestic in Abraham Lincoln's household. She often talked of "rocking the cradle with the little Lincoln boys in it."

In 1912, Middletown had another important visitor. Former President Theodore Roosevelt was making his campaign for President the second time. He gave a speech in the park, and it is almost certain that this fiery figure lent excitement to the usually complacent village.

Trouble was once again in evidence across the ocean, but our country's outlook had changed now. Ever faster communication and transportation had caused troubles across the ocean to concern us deeply. Stay neutral, we cried. Yet a fear clutched our hearts for this was a new world, one in which an incident thousands of miles away could affect your life. In a short time, the same little boys who had hid from the "red men" in the town were now preparing to fight in a strange land far away from home. "Over There" 96 of our men went. Middletown once again gave to her country her boys. Unfailingly proud, they marched away, some never to return again. Those who gave their lives in this First World War were: Lawrence Morris, Gilbert Irvin, William Ross, Richard Smith, Harry A. Benedict, Thomas W. Ross.

Miscellaneous Merchandise

Now that the mine was closed, the population and importance of Middletown declined. Middletown had its latest visit by a President when President Hoover rode through on the train. School was dismissed, and Mr. Hoover, obligingly, walked out on the platform and waved to the townspeople as he passed by.

The Johnson boys opened a mine of their own southwest of town. This small mine, dug with a blind horse and operated by members of the family, kept many residents of the town employed. This was to prove important in the future.

On October 29, 1929, an unexpected but inevitable crash occurred on the stock market. Economic depressions are really quite common events but this one was so extreme as to paralyze a whole nation for years. Food became terribly scarce. Common rations in the community were cornbread, beans, and diluted coffee. Fuel was used very sparingly. No one went anywhere or did anything. To keep alive was a task in itself.

The Johnson Mine gave employment during these scarce times to many of Middletown's residents; thus saving many families from "going-under". The bank in town had to close down but did not fail. Times were dreadfully bad, but Middletown had it better than some.

Times began to improve in the early 1930's, but the hobos did not. During the Depression, many men had had too many responsibilities, too much trouble pushed upon them. These pressures had forced them to desert their home and family some with guilty consciences, some without. Now too ashamed to return and start over, many were left to wander through the country. They used the railroad as their transportation; and since the railroad passed by Middletown, bums were a common sight here. All were offered a free meal and bed for one night at the city jail. The town's good citizens always had an odd job for them. Their pay was usually a good meal, served on the back porch.

All through the 20's and 30's, a Middletown Klu Klux Klan had been active. Many still recall flaming crosses that once burned here.

Gypsies visited the town for a few days. When the news of them first reached here, horrified mothers hid their children to prevent them from being kidnapped; and local yokels planned to outwit them. The gypsies, though, stole no children and being the shrewd traders they were, got the best of many horse trades. Their wagons left a week later never to return again.

In 1931 a big snowstorm paralyzed this part of the state. Mail was interrupted for a few days, and six locomotives were housed in town.

Prohibition dominated this era. Although Middletown had no Mafias or gangland killings, it did have its share of bootleggers. Every community at this time had their basement rooms and bathtub gin. One citizen here used lye soap in his liquor. It was a sign of the times.

Fire of 1935

In 1935 Middletown's last big fire and most destructive one occurred. It started in the basement of the bank and spread through one whole block. Three fire departments—Middletown's Lincoln's and Greenview's—tried to extinguish it, but their efforts failed. Completely destroyed were the bank, the Cline barbershop, Lee Stone Insurance Agency, Anson's Drug Store, West Food Store, Sapp Pool Hall, and Sturgis' Restaurant. It burned at night just like all of Middletown's other fires.

One night in 1937, three townsmen—Clem Davy, Tim Agnew and Roy Poole, were killed in an automobile accident. Their funerals were all held on the same day, but took place at three different locations and three different times. One was held in the morning at home, another in the afternoon at the Presbyterian Church and the third later at the Irish Grove Church. It was truly a day of mourning.

Drilled for Oil

On February 7, 1938, an oil well was sunk by the Johnsons near their coal mine. It is a common belief that where coal is, oil is also. The venture failed, however, as did two other attempts; one near the first drilling place, the second east of town. By 1946 the mine was closed. Since 1902 it had been there harvesting coal under 300 acres of land. It passed away with regret by all.

An experimental concrete—dirt highway was laid in 1938 three miles south of Middletown by the state. The original idea was to possibly use this combination for airplane runways in the state. This stretch of road was used because it passed over most types of soil found in Illinois. The project failed, but the road, the first improved one in the area, remained.

Wilson's Scoreboard Invention

A unique scoreboard, the invention of Thomas Wilson who was a grocer in Middletown, was placed in the Community House in 1941. It stood 4 feet high, 8 feet long and included all features necessary to keep track of the information needed in a basketball game. It operated by electric magnets working with assorted gears.

We are Questioned and We Stand

On December 7, 1941, the Japanese launched a disastrous sneak attack upon the United States. Shocked, enraged and sad at heart; the citizens of our nation launched an attack of their own. United in purpose, effort and declaration they launched a campaign against the evils in the world. Mothers kissed their boys good bye and turned to the mens jobs. The boys enlisted or served some other usefulness at home. Girls worked just as the rest. We were determined to beat them and such patriotic fervor had never before been seen.

A few of our boys came home with Purple Hearts, many with various other medals and one returned to be buried after receiving the oak leaf cluster and performing many flight missions over Europe. Homer Harriss received the coveted Air medal only to die in action a short time later. Another Harriss, Cpl. Geo. E., gave his life on a flying mission over Burma. He was only 21. James McBride, who graduated from high school to become a winning pitcher at I. S. U., was awarded an air medal for an air raid on the Japanese under adverse conditions.

The civilians were no less enthusiastic in the war effort. During the times of scarce sugar rations, honey was much put to use. Mel Ott shipped hundreds of tons of comb from this area to be processed into honey. He himself contributed honey from 516 bee colonies.

Middletown in one drive contributed 50½ tons of scrap metal and 620 pounds of rubber. One article junked was the W.W.I German minnerwerfer which had stood in the park. Nearly everything was put to use. Corn cobs were contributor. They went into the manufacture of synthetic rubber.

So many others returned with silver stars, Purple Hearts, oak leaf clusters, meritorious service awards and others too numerous to mention. Those of ours who died were George Harriss, Homer Harris, Albert Johnson, Wilbur Mann, and Mitch Baker.

Pride as a Virtue

Middletown's basketball team was facing great difficulty. The town's gym in the Community Building had been sold, and so the boys practiced outside, mud or snow. They had no paved court, just the ground. They were always cheerful about it, though. Here is a letter they wrote to the Lincoln Courier:

Dear Sir:

The Middletown basketball squad wishes to challenge any school in Logan County or any other school with which we have a basketball game scheduled, to a game of basketball on our outdoor court, regardless of weather.

If it is snowing at the time—the game will be delayed long enough to clean off the court. If it has previously rained and is muddy, the game will be played as scheduled.

Yours truly,

Middletown Basketball Squad

P. S. Challengers please wear old clothes.

School Battle Began

In 1946 a school battle began. Middletown voted for a new high school, a building that was to become a source of pride to the community. At the same time, Greenview drew up a new school district and claimed much of Middletown's territory. A long feud and a court battle were to follow. One of the greatest sources of pride for midwestern towns is its basketball team. Middletown was no exception. Not only was its team losing out, but the whole school was at a disadvantage. The new school was desperately needed. With the fervor only complete support can give, the townspeople rolled up their sleeves and started to work. Plans for the new school went ahead.

Bids for the school amounted to \$261,807. As the walls went up, so did the feelings between Middletown and Greenview. Courts made decisions, but no one was satisfied. A far-seeing lady wished to amend the situation by giving enough land to build a beautiful, large new high school for both towns. But community pride was too great and neither town would agree to the "horrible" idea of consolidating. People on the ground involved voted and we retained our territory.

The basketball team was so enthused that they moved in the gym as soon as the roof was on, not waiting for the hardwood floor or lights.

On March 4, 1950, the new high school was dedicated. A two-story, very modern brick structure it was. It had eight classrooms, a shop and a stupendously large gym with various other rooms. A supper was served followed by a basketball game between the married men and the single men (married men won, 23—22). A cake walk and of course a tour ended the biggest affair the town had seen in years.

The town continued its campaign for the "best school around." In 1949, two bus routes had started. Every year now the seniors took a class trip. For a whole weekend they "did" Chicago or St. Louis, or further if finances provided. We must admit the big city did awe them.

The first game held in the new gymnasium was an easy victory for Middletown and the new trophy case in the hall would soon find its shelves being lined with awards.

Improvement through Prosperity

Thieves kept the railroad detectives busy during the winter months in 1949. Over 15,000 pounds of copper telegraph wire, valued at \$3,000, was stolen from the abandoned telegraph line that followed the railroad. Apparently the thieves simply climbed ladders and snipped the wire. No one was ever caught, but suspicion was heavy.

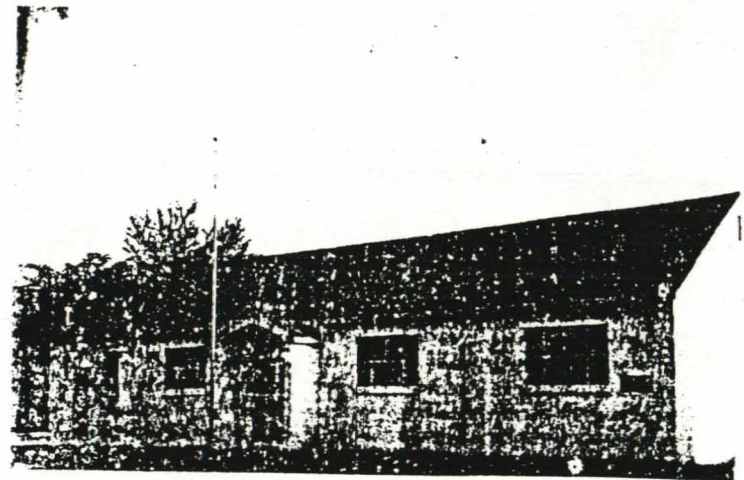
Progress was constantly claiming more landmarks. In 1949 the Morris home was torn down. About 100 years old, the house was made of oak boards which plainly showed saw marks. It served as a family residence until the turn of the century, when it became a boarding house where high meals were served for 25c.

Old Landmark Dismantled

An old landmark, Wm. Neumann's house, on the southwest corner of the park, was dismantled in 1940. It was over 90 years old when torn down, being used as a parsonage before the Civil War. The family of U. S. Senator, W. B. McKinley lived here. R. S. Whiteman operated a store and postoffice in it in the 1890's and it was later relegated to a common rooming house.

In place of these old landmarks, new buildings were being erected. Two years earlier, a new locker plant had been built uptown. A much needed property, the locker plant was employed by all in the community.

On April 26, 1951 another landmark of the town was felled. Planted in 1842, a popular tree grew from Colby Knapp's riding whip that his wife "planted". Now, 109 years later, a remarkable life for such a tree, the tree was dying. Its trunk was 20 feet in circumference and several hours were required to cut it. Many "mourners" came to pay their last respects to the tree. A month and a day later, another familiar tree fell. An ancient and exonerable black oak, 15 feet and 9 inches in circumference at a height of three feet, shaded the old stagecoach road. It certainly saw Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Webster and many others pass under it.



Another building for community use, the Legion Hall, was erected entirely by the post's members in 1952 at a cost of \$13,000. It still serves as the place for many meetings and parties of the town.

Fire

Mrs. Lunning, a recluse of the town, was burned to death; caught in her home on July 5. The house caught fire when she attempted to light a stove. The fire blocked escape through the door she always used. The 75 year old widow tried to get out by another door, but it was nailed and wired shut. The house burned rapidly and was far gone when the fire truck arrived. Upon investigation, a suitcase was found jammed with old bills and coins wrapped in tissues and rags. The treasure amounted to over \$3,000, but her life had been spent quite simply.

One who became famous for his walking feats was Mr. John Keest, Sr. He walked anywhere and everywhere. On his birthday, in fact until he was 83, he would walk to Springfield. His energy amazed us.

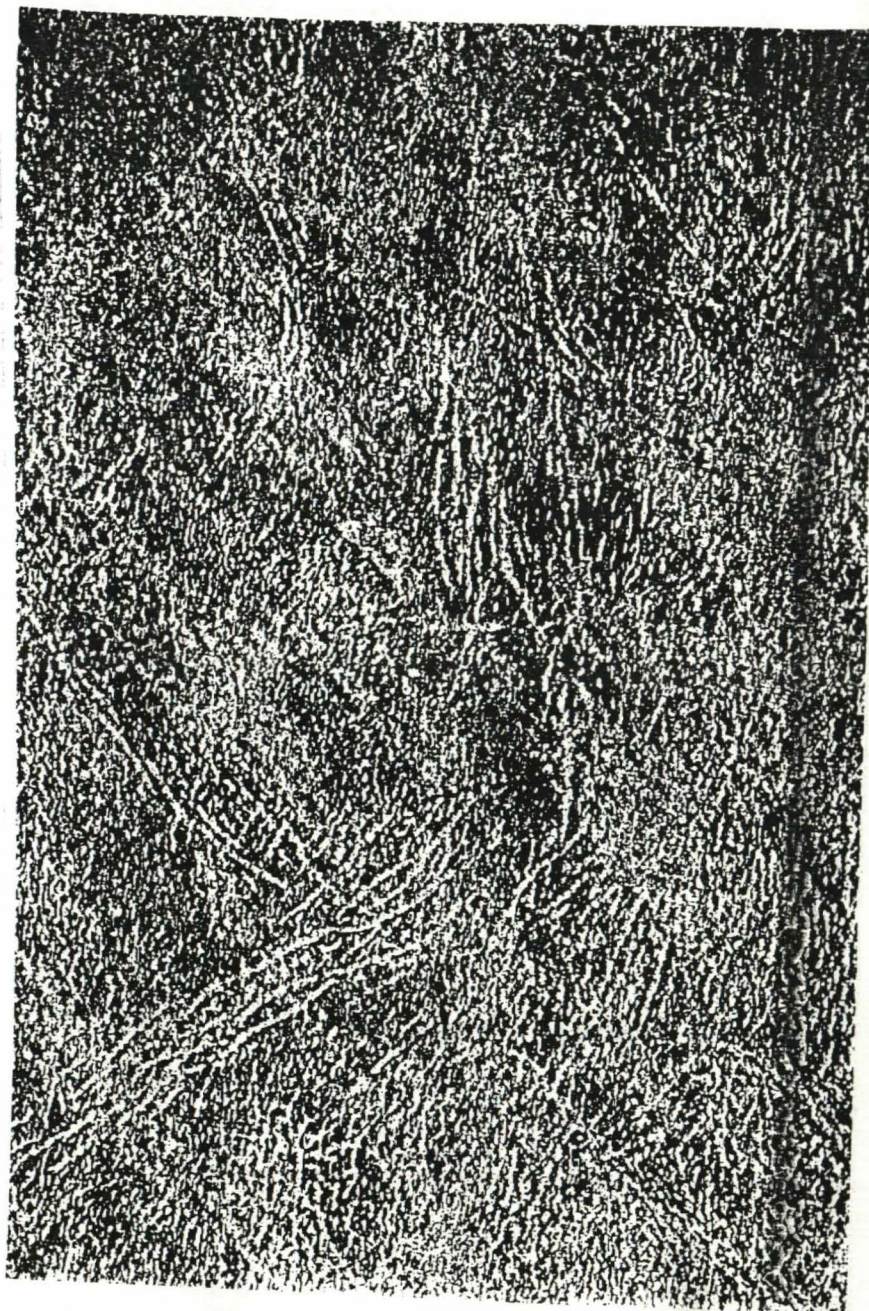
The Deavers brothers lent quite a bit of confusion to the Korean War. All were Sergeants 1st Class, all were squad leaders in Co. C, 9 Reg., 2 Inf.; and being born in a span of 4 years, were quite similar in appearance. Several other citizens fought in this skirmish. Communism was a sure threat now.

Here and Now

The town has changed very much in some ways; in other ways, it has not. It still is a sleepy village with some 600 inhabitants. It retains its pastoral atmosphere even though electricity, television and the automobile have changed the general appearance.

There is a grocery store, a farm supply store, a television and radio store, the Middletown State Bank, the cafe and drugstore, a laundromat, a part time barbershop and two filling stations. There are three churches; Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic. There are many organizations in town. The most important to the town's welfare is the Civic Club. It has revived the traditional homecoming and has done much to encourage growth and interest in the town. We are now in a consolidated school system with New Holland. This and many other factors make us more aware of those around us.

Do I wish this town success? It would be marvelous for a while for the return of busy city life once again. But I am sentimental and sadly see the small town becoming rarer than the big city. Rural America is fading fast. Perhaps it is wrong, but I would wish that Middletown might remain a small town, having its disadvantages, yet, the advantages certainly outweighing them. A small town is more intimate and easier to love. Every corner, house and street has special meaning. Mushrooms, blackberries and all the benefits of the outdoors are close at hand. I'll remember you dearly.



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CHAPTER XXXVI.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

In addition to the three municipalities named in the foregoing chapters, Logan County boasts a number of sturdy, thriving and enterprising villages. These are located along the line of the four railroads penetrating the county and substantially date their birth from the laying out of these highways of commerce. An exception to this rule is the town of

MIDDLETOWN,

which historically speaking is one of the most interesting points in the county. Middletown is the oldest town in the county. It is older than the county itself by seven years. It is the first town of any sort laid out on Logan County soil. It is older than Chicago. It is older than railroads, electricity, friction matches, photography and scores of other inventions now part of daily life. When laid out there were only 22 states in the union, Missouri was the only state west of the Mississippi, Andrew Jackson occupied the White House and Vandalia was the capitol of Illinois. Middletown was laid out by Hiram S. Allen and was surveyed and platted Oct. 13, 1832, by T. M. Neale, deputy surveyor of Sangamon County. Hiram S. Allen was a real estate speculator residing at Pekin. The first lot in the town was sold in June 1833 to Hawkins Taylor. The deed to this lot was witnessed by Abraham Lincoln, who had just returned from a three months' service in the Black Hawk war and had accepted a position as clerk in a grocery store at Old Salem.

The site selected for Middletown was on the famous stage route between Springfield and Peoria, which accounts for its early activity, for a year or two later, it boasted of 200 souls, made up of hardy pioneers and speculators and contained a grocery store, general store, meat market, barber shop, dance hall and two taverns. In its early days it was a famous rendezvous for sports and was a typical frontier town. Two race tracks were laid out there at an early date, one a circular mile track and the other a straight track of 600 yards. Twice a year race meetings were held and men and horses came to these meets from Springfield, Peoria and other points and stayed in Middletown for two weeks at a time.

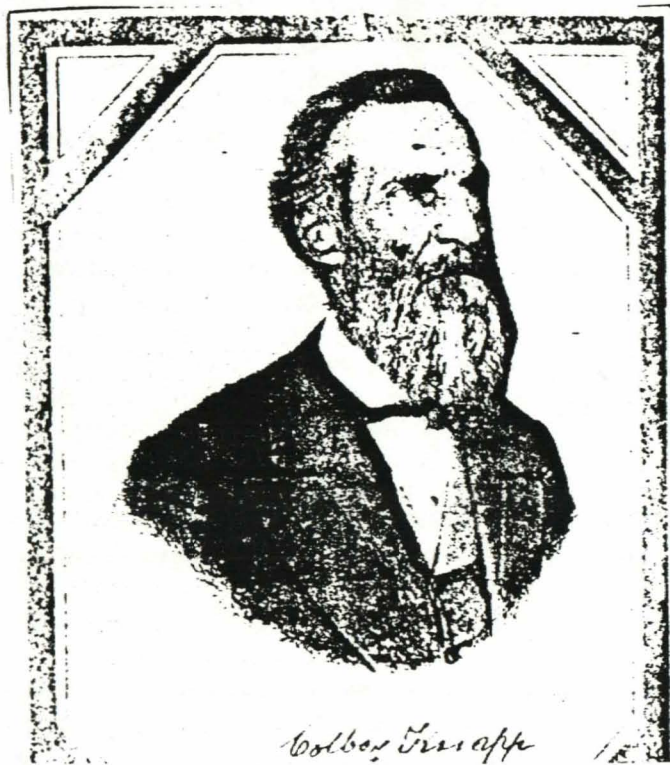
At these meets large sums of money were wagered and the sporting element not only ran their horses but ran the town.

Probably the first store building in the town was erected by Josiah B. Smith and David King under the firm name of Smith & King. The firm quit business in 1836, King having died and Smith moved away. The original survey of the town covered 16 acres and included 64 blocks. In 1836 James R. Smith for Hiram S. Allen, John W. Casey, and Ambrose C. Hankinson, all of Pekin, laid off an addition to the town and the same year Moses L. Knapp and William Glenn, Jr., laid off a second addition. Despite the sporting character of the town, one of the first buildings erected was a church of the Presbyterian denomination. This was built in 1835. This church was moved to Irish Grove in 1867 and dismantled in 1905, the brick being used in the erection of a church for the same society in Middletown in 1907. Allen & Stone also erected a store building in 1834. Among the purchasers of lots in the town in 1836 were James H. Swan, Josiah B. Smith, Peter Bashaw, David Enslow, Ambers L. Stone, Lewis Reynolds, James Beaham, Aaron Longshore, Hannah Sundershan, Farrington Price, William Glenn, David A. Glenn, James Glenn, William Patterson, Robert McConnell, and Samuel Weaver. The Sangamon County records show a license issued at the December, 1837, session of the Commissioners' Court to George W. Dunlap to keep a tavern at Middletown at which the prices for meals are fixed at twenty-five cents, a night's lodging twelve and a half and stabling of a horse over night twenty-five cents. The prices of intoxicating beverages are also regulated in the license as follows: French brandy and wine, twenty-five cents a half pint; apple brandy, whiskey and domestic gin, twelve and a half cents a half pint; Holland gin, rum and peach brandy, eighteen and three-quarters cents a half pint.

A school petition dated June 27, 1836, contains the following names of early settlers in and around Middletown at that date: Nathan Barnett, John Barnes, William Glenn, Hutson Low, Aaron Longshore, Asahel Halstead, Abraham Musick, James S. Halstead, David Enslow, James R. Smith, J. Sullivan, John Deskins, Alexander Ewing, John D. Enslow, David A. Glenn, James Glenn, Lewis Myers, John Snyder, John A. Ross, Alexander McGarvey, Joseph Pence, S. R. Lowry, Jason White, Berry Boughan, J. W. Stapleton, Jonathan Shinn, Jesse Hobles, William Stallings, John Pence, Joseph H. Rayburn, John S. Stone, Stephen Stone, Jonathan Musick, John Critz, John Hedrick, David L. Sutton, David Donaven, Samuel G. Martin, John Martin, Peter Bashaw, William Wilkeson, Irvin Low, William Stone and Peter Price.

Colby Knapp came to Middletown from Maryland in 1836 and in October of that year engaged in mercantile business with William Glenn, Jr. About a year after he bought out Mr. Glenn's interest. He had married just previous to his coming and he and his wife reached Middletown by stage route from the East to Pittsburg, then by the Ohio.

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Colby Knapp
COLBY KNAPP

One of the first promoters of the village of Middletown

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Mississippi and Illinois rivers to Pekin, where they tarried a short while, and then to Middletown. His first store was a frame building. In 1840 he built a brick house, probably the first brick structure in the county. This was used as a dwelling as well as a store and it was at one time the largest store in this section of the state. Mr. Knapp was postmaster at Middletown from 1837 to 1860, a period of 23 years. He was town-

ship treasurer for over 20 years. Soon after the organization of the county he was elected probate justice of the county and was later one of the early county commissioners. In 1851 he was elected to the Legislature and in 1862 was state senator. He came to Lincoln in 1864, where he died in 1882, having been mayor of the city in 1869 and treasurer of Lincoln University.

During the seventy years following the laying out of Middletown, the town remained substantially stationary. A number of buildings were erected and some residences built. A Methodist church was built in 1870 at a cost of \$3,000. A school house, two stories in height, was erected in 1889. The first incorporation of the town was effected, under the general law, Nov. 17, 1900, by a vote of 59 for and 22 against. The first village officers were: President, W. V. Guttery; clerk, Gilbert Gunsten; trustees, H. A. Binns, A. L. Deaton, Owen Anson, Thomas Dorgan, W. C. Young was the first village treasurer.

A new era dawned for Middletown in 1903 on the sinking of the coal shaft and the discovery of an ample vein of coal. Since then the town has increased in size and as a business point with great rapidity. The population more than doubled in the first few years after the opening of the shaft and many new buildings have been erected both in the business and residence portions of town. Seven small additions were laid out to the village from 1902 to 1905. A telephone system was established in 1904. In 1907 the new Presbyterian church was built at a cost of \$9,000; St. John's Catholic chapel was erected in 1908 and a new Methodist church built in 1909 at a cost of \$11,000.

Middletown has been the victim of numerous fires in the last few years. A number of frame buildings were consumed in 1905. On Nov. 16, 1907, the Deaton building was burned to the ground. On Aug. 13, 1909, the school building was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$4,000. The greatest fire in Middletown's history, however, occurred June 3, 1910, with a loss of over \$25,000. Among the buildings burned were the Farmers' State Bank, the Leisy Brewery Company buildings and property owned by A. L. Deaton. Middletown supports a newspaper conducted by Grant Heatherwick, the same having been established in 1908. The village officers for 1910 were: W. A. Koch, president; George James, clerk; Garrett Rayburn, treasurer; trustees, L. E. Thompson, L. Boyer, Tobias Gibbs, William Lambert, T. L. Foster, Wesley Montgomery. Middle-

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town is the fourth town in size in Logan County and is located in Corwin township.

AUSPICIOUS EVENT.

MR. DAVID SALZENSTEIN AND MISS NELLIE KAHN MARRIED.

Two Hundred Witness the Ceremony
and One Hundred and Thirty-six At-
tend the Reception in Honor of One
of Lincoln's Lovable Daughters.

"Devotion waits the mind above,
But Heaven itself descends in love."

The crowning and auspicious event of the year in Jewish circles occurred in Lincoln Wednesday evening, Oct. 21. The important event was the marriage of Miss Nellie Kahn, one of the belles of this city, to Mr. David Salzenstein, a representative citizen of Virginia, Ill. The affair transpired at 7 o'clock at the Cumberland Presbyterian church. People began arriving at the church about 6:30 o'clock and continued to stream in by scores until a little before the hour for the service. The large auditorium is always pretty and not much attempt at decoration or display was necessary. It being a chrysanthemum wedding, large palms and chrysanthemums, which are proper and exceedingly fashionable at this season of the year, made up most of the decoration. The many beautiful ladies richly costumed and gallant gentlemen in full dress made the scene as a whole unusually beautiful and imposing. Leading representatives of Jewish circles throughout central Illinois were in attendance.

Those who acted as ushers at the church were Gus Huffstadt of Chicago, Julius Katzenstein of Petersburg, Samuel Kahn of Chicago, Nate Landauer, Max Kahn and Arthur Landauer of Lincoln. The ushers wore large white chrysanthemums on their lapels.

A little past the hour of seven Mrs. W. R. Gilchrist commenced to play on the large pipe organ a selection from Wagner's wedding march, "Lohengrin," as the wedding party entered. White and yellow ribbons were strung along the aisles through which they passed.

The party was composed as follows: Bridesmaids, Misses Carrie and Sophie Kahn of Lincoln, Evelyn Stern of Springfield and Flora Rothschild of Petersburg; maid of honor, Miss Lena Kahn of Lincoln; ring bearer, Ruth Kiser of Indianapolis, Ind.; best man, Sol Salzenstein of Virginia.

Those who stood up with the contracting parties were Mrs. H. Salzenstein, mother of the groom; E. J. Salzenstein of Ashland, Ill., brother of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. J. Landauer, sister and brother-in-law of the bride.

At the altar Dr. Joseph Leiser, a polished young rabbi of Springfield, met the party and proceeded with the customary Hebrew ceremony which made Mr. Salzenstein and Miss Kahn man and wife. His remarks in referring to the solemnity and yet gladness attending the marriage vow were appropriate and impressive. His advice to the newly made couple was, "remember to love." During the ceremony, which lasted about twenty minutes, "Oh Promise Me" was played softly on the organ. Mendelssohn's famous wedding march was heard as the procession passed out.

The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Kahn, pioneer settlers and among the most popular people that ever lived here. The bride was born, reared and educated here and with her culture, sound judgment and attractive manners will make a model wife. The groom is a highly respected and influential citizen and wealthy business man of Virginia. He will make a husband worthy of the fair flower he has won for a helpmate.

The bride was attired in a gown made of white duchess satin, point lace. She wore diamonds and carried a large bouquet of lilies of the valley.

Miss Carrie Kahn wore a gown made of yellow duchess satin trimmed in embroidery chiffon; diamonds.

Miss Sophie Kahn, white brocaded silk and lace; pearls.

Miss Flora Rothschild, white brocaded silk and embroidered mousline-soir; pearls.

Miss Evelyn Stern, yellow gauze over white satin; diamonds.

Miss Lena Kahn, white brocaded satin and embroidered mousline-soir.

Immediately after the doings at the church a reception ensued at the Lincoln house. It proved very pleasant and successful. Nearly two hundred were at the church and 136 ladies and gentlemen were present at the reception. Mr. and Mrs. Salzenstein stood in the parlors and received congratulations, compliments and good wishes.

From 8 until 10 o'clock the general reception and social continued. Prof. French's orchestra of six pieces was in the corridor and furnished splendid music during the evening. About 10 o'clock the ladies and gentlemen in couples marched from the parlors to the dining room to a lively selection of music.

A sumptuous feast was held which would be fitting for a king or queen. In the middle of the room was suspended by evergreen ropes "two hearts as one" made of chrysanthemums and white roses. The tables looked very pretty. It was nearly four hours be-

fore the supper, intermingled with happy toasts, had ended.

The menu was one of the best and as elaborate as ever served at any such affair in Lincoln. It was as follows:

Blue Points, Half Shell
 Bouillon
 Celery Salted Almonds Olives
 Martha Table Claret
 Fillet of Beef with Mushrooms
 Brown Sweet Potatoes
 Sweetbreads in Cases French Peas
 Imperial Punch
 Quail, a la Tallyrand
 Water Cress Saratoga Chips
 Chicken Salad Champagne
 Tutti Frutti Ice Cream
 Fruit Cake Nuts Coffee

The order of the feast was as follows: Master of ceremonies, Albert Salzenstein.

"Reflections on Married Life," by a young bachelor, Rabbi Leiser.

A bachelor's toast, "The Girl I Have Never Met," David R. Levy.

"Reflections on Women," by a benedict, Sol Keiser.

"Take My Advice," Sol Salzenstein.

Following the feast dancing was in order and continued until about 4 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Salzenstein left for Washington, D. C. After spending a season there they will go to New York, from thence up the Hudson river to Albany. They will visit Niagara Falls and then go to Chicago. After their honeymoon is ended Mr. Salzenstein will take his bride to Virginia, where a fine newly furnished home awaits them.

The following sat at the tables:

Mr. and Mrs. David Salzenstein, Sol Salzenstein, J. R. Robertson, R. H. Mann, C. S. Montgomery, M. Yaple, Eli McCaulley and L. A. Petefish of Virginia; Miss Lena Kahn, Max Kahn, Nate Landauer, Art Landauer, Miss Carrie Kahn, Miss Sophie Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Landauer, Miss Jennie Leeds, Miss Emma Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rosenthal, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rosenthal, Mr. and Mrs. I. Altman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacobs, Dr. L. L. Leeds, Miss Anna Leeds, S. Plaut, Miss Cora Gelesheim, Leo Lehrberger, Henry Traub, Simon Traub, Sadie Hyman, Miss Hedwig Traub, Albert Kronecher, Willie Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. S. Stern, Mr. and Mrs. I. Stiefel, Silas Rosenthal, Levi Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hyman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Atlass, Mr. and Mrs. M. Grosholm, Mrs. Livingston, Rae Rosenthal, H. Hyman, Seward and Julius Landauer of Lincoln; Misses Miriam Levy, Evelyn Stern, Fanny Stern, Rabbi J. Leiser, Albert Salzenstein, Mrs. H. Salzenstein, D. R. Levy, L. M. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Will Ensol, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Salzenstein, Albert Myers, Eva Stern, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Stern, Alice Nusbaum, Mary Hess, Miss Jennie Myers, Clara Hess, Julius Myers, Minnie Benjamin, Mabel Seamon, Mammie Nusbaum of Springfield; Misses Flora and Helen Rothschild, Julius Katzenstein, Bertha Katzenstein, Fanny Rothschild, Minnie Katzenstein of Petersburg, Sam Kahn, Gus Hoffstadt, P. M. Collier, Lou Kahn, Morris Stern of Chicago; Miss Sophie Salzenstein, Chas. Sengman, Miss Sophie Seligman, Mr. and Mrs. C. Salzenstein of Athens; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Salzenstein, Myer Hexter, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Salzenstein, Eli Dielenstein of Ashland; Miss Sarah Salzen-

stein, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Salzenstein, Mr. and Mrs. J. Schwabacher, Misses Salzenstein, Lily Rosenthal, C. M. Salzenstein of Peoria; Sam Myers, Lou Myers of Mt. Pulaski; Mr. and Mrs. Sol Kaiser and daughter of Indianapolis, Ind.; Miss Sallie Meis of Pontiac; Ben Brunswick of Pittsfield; Sol Rosenthal of Galena; Robert Rosenthal of Sterling; Morris Hess of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. C. Baer of Athens.

From the Lincoln Evening Courier dated Oct. 21, 1896

AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS:

For records in Illinois Courthouses, direct inquiries to:

- County Clerk for birth, death, marriage and county board records
- County Clerk or Recorder for deed records
- Circuit Clerk for probate and court records

For a list of records available in Illinois Regional Archives Depositories for particular counties send requests to Information Services/IRAD, Illinois State Archives, Springfield, IL 62756 Please limit requests to five (5) counties at a time.

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NEW YORK SHIPS LIST INDEX UPDATE

Precision Indexing, a commercial firm that publishes census indexes, is seeking more volunteers for its program in indexing 19th century New York ship passenger lists. A project manager has been engaged to oversee the work of hundreds of volunteers now being assigned microfilm. This corps of workers will extract the passenger information onto preprinted forms that will be returned for data entry into the computer database. The result will be a master index to the New York arrivals for the years 1820-97. A soon-to-be released companion index is volume 1, 1820-50, of the Directory of Passenger Ships. This index will chronologically and alphabetically arrange ships that reached New York during these years. The information will include the captain's name, port and date of debarkation, and the highest three levels of nationality on board the ship. For details about this publication, or for more information on the volunteer program and its incentives, contact Precision Indexing, NYSPL Project Director, P.O. Box 303, Bountiful, UT 84011, or call (801) 298-5468.

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WHY IS IT???

- your ancestor's tombstone is the only one in the cemetery surrounded by poison ivy?
- the only missing reel of microfilm in the drawer is the one you need?
- some thoughtful and considerate person (?) has torn "that" page out of a book, and the index says your ancestor's name was on it?
- the copy machine always runs out of paper when you're in a big hurry?
- your great grandfather's tombstone fell face down?
- your family cemetery is the one "under" the new building?

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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

- TERRY Mrs. Shirley Siems Terry, 301 Almond Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583
SIEMS Wish to corres with desc of German immigrants fr Mulsum, Kreis
KRUEGER Stade across Elbe fr Hamburg. Also desc of Christian Krueger
of Logan Co. Anyone have info on furniture, house of Denning
and Bree circa 1870.
- GEHLBACH Vernon P. Gehlbach, 307 Third St., Lincoln, IL 62656
Desire to corres with anyone researching the Gehlbach family.
Ancestors came to USA via New Orleans. Jacob and Fred arrived
20 Oct 1846, mother and rest of fam arr 25 Dec 1852 settled in
Macon Co. moved to Logan Co.
- SHULL Joe Thompson, 813 "G" Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368
THOMPSON Would like to corres or exch info with desc of fam of John C. Thompson,
WYATT wife Minerva E. Wyatt (Wyatt), children; Mary Ann born 1870 IL
WYETT mar to shall; Thomas born 1872 IL died before 1938; Lafayette
born 1874 died before 1938, and Harrison (Harry) R. Thompson born
cir 1876 IL, was a resident of Lincoln in 1938.
- CHEEK Karen Pond, P.O. Box 33, Thornton, IL 60476
Need death date of William Cheek, wife Sarah Ware, circa 1880.
Will ans all corres.
- GRESHAM Stuart A. Gresham, 54 Andover Drive, Springfield, IL 62704
THOMPSON Wish to corres with anyone re these surnames, also Wright, Brawley,
VOYLES Stafford, Atteberry, Moser. Please write.
- HOPE Mrs. Dixie Hope, 2721 S. 51st Terr. Kansas City, KS 66106
BEAN Need info on Nickolas and Harriet Theobald, came fr Pike Co. Ohio.
THEOBALD Nickolas died 9 Feb 1874, place unknown. Harriet born 10 Sept
1836 died 17 Feb 1901 in Mt Pulaski, home of son-in-law J. T. Fenton
Please write.
- SCRIMPSHER Gene Scrimpsheer, 7173 Carlowe Ave., Cocoa, FL 32927
KING Seek info fam of George William and Nora King Scrimpsheer res of
Lincoln in 1910 Census. Would like further info on these families.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1926

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CITY WATER AND LIGHT PLANT FLOODED

BATTLING RECORD HIGH WATER WITH SAND BAGS

With the city's electrical power shut off when flood waters poured into the plant of the Lincoln Water and Light Co., over a hundred workmen were fighting a desperate fight this forenoon to save the city's water supply.

Their weapons were sand bags, and working in water over waist deep they were piling tier on tier of bags on top of a coffer dam thrown up around the plant Saturday night.

The water at 9 o'clock this morning was over two feet higher than the record high water mark of 1913.

Inside the plant, with two feet of water on the plant floor, doors and windows were barricaded with planking, clay and straw. C. E. Steinfort, superintendent, and Ben Hallock, chief engineer,

were working side by side with scores of worn, water soaked men, calking up holes as the rising water broke through fresh loop holes. From time to time water spilled over the coffer dam.

Water will continue in the city's mains as long as the boilers can be fired. The flood was within inches of the boiler grates this forenoon. Pumps were busy every minute pumping water out of the inside of the plant, and only the I. T. S. tracks at the east side of the plant, acting as a dam, prevented another foot of water from sweeping in on the plant.

The plant's pumps, working submerged, handicapped the steam pressure.

A score of trucks and teams, the horses wading in water up to

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WEATHER FORECAST

ILLINOIS--Cloudy and cooler tonight; Tuesday fair and cooler

BATTLING HIGH WATER

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their withers, rushed sand bags, lumber and banking clay thru the flood water from the C. and A. tracks.

This morning's shut down of the electricity was caused by coal shortage when the coal field went under water. A meager supply of fuel was trundled by wheelbarrows over a temporary wooden runway hastily built this morning from the railroad tracks to the boiler rooms of the plant.

Water outside the plant was three feet higher than it was on the floor of the turbine engine room. The I. T. S. viaduct was filled and under water, a rush of water boiling thru to threaten the plant from the higher water on the opposite side of the tracks.

Water has risen five feet since Saturday night, coming up at the rate of an inch an hour most of the time. At 3 o'clock this morning after the Lake Fork levee broke, water at the light plant arose six inches in an hour.

More than 8,000 sand bags had been used by mid-morning today. Sixty cars of sand, on the Lincoln Sand and Gravel tracks, was requisitioned, and the entire supply of bags of the local lumber yards and other dealers, was procured. One thousand more bags were rushed from Springfield today for the I. T. S.

At 10:30 a. m. the plant was holding its own and water was being pumped out as fast as it seeped in. It is feared the I. T. S. tracks, holding back a foot of water, might go out at any time. Wind driven waves

were washing it.

American Legion members answered the call for workmen and reported at the plant today to help sand-bag. Several hundred workers were available as needed.

The fire department's big pumper tried to reach the plant last night but was stopped by high water. It was wanted to help the plant's pumps in emptying the building.

The world is full of substitutes for quality but never has there been a substitute for satisfaction.

JOHN A. LUTZ CO.
Everything in Dry Goods

DEATH.

Mrs. Timothy Downey.

Mrs. Timothy Downey, 66, died at 3.30 Sunday afternoon at her home at 404 Willard avenue, following a two years' illness. She leaves besides her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Henry Arndt of Rock Island. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

BOIL WATER BEFORE USING

~~Boil your water before using. This is recommended and urged in both case of well and city water. Don't fall to do this. Water conditions are such that this is highly advisable in all cases.~~

City Board of Health.

Oscar Blackford.

Telephones Curtailed.

Telephone service was curtailed today. The local light plant batteries are charged through the local power plant. Half the local phones were cut out this morning to save necessary power.

J. C. Poole was in Chicago today seeking an emergency charging machine. The local company has batteries that would give them 43 hours of curtailed service.

Licensed to Marry.

Frank Bohn, legal, and Mrs. Lausetta Shelles, legal, both of Kenney.

Stephen Kelecsin, 44, and Therese Chesnik, 44, both of Lincoln.

FIRESTONE--TIRE SALE

30x3 1-2 Fabric	- - - -	\$ 7.45
30x3 1-2 Regular Cord	- - - -	7.95
30x3 1-2 Commercial Cord	- - - -	8.95
29x4.40 Balloon	- - - -	10.75

248 TIRE COMPANY

211 S. Sangamon

VOICE OF THE DAV

Helpful Hints to Locate Former Service Buddies and Military Doctors:

Many disabled veterans could potentially get evidence to substantiate their claims if they could get in touch with former service buddies, officers or locate military physicians who treated them for their service-connected disabilities.

Unfortunately, the Privacy Act of 1974 prohibits the military services from releasing the name and address of former servicemen and women. However, each of the military services operates a Locator Office, which will address and forward correspondence.

Here's how to do it. Address one stamped envelope with the name and grade of your service buddy, include your return address, and insert in another stamped envelope addressed to the military locator. It's also a good idea to include a data sheet with as much information about your friend's service background, duty stations, schooling, etc. This makes it easier to track down an individual when more than one name appears in the military files. Send your correspondence to:

Army-HQDA-DAAG-PSR, Alexandria, VA 22331

Navy-USN (NMPC-641E), Washington, DC 20370

Air Force-AFMPC/DOO3, Randolph AFB, TX 78150

Marine Corps-HQ, USMC (MSRB-13), Washington, DC 20380

Coast Guard-HQ, USCG (G-PS-1), Washington, DC 20593

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National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132

1 Two medical directories, The Directory of Medical Specialists and The American Medical Directory, both list a doctor's medical specialty and type of practice.

The Directory of Medical Specialists also provides biographical information, such as military service, including a physician's service period, branch of military service, and former rank. Both directories usually can be found in large public libraries and in the medical libraries of hospitals.

Another source that disabled veterans might find useful in locating physicians who treated them for their service-connected disability is the American Medical Association's computer data file in Chicago. Veterans can request the address of a physician by writing to: Data Release, American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60610.



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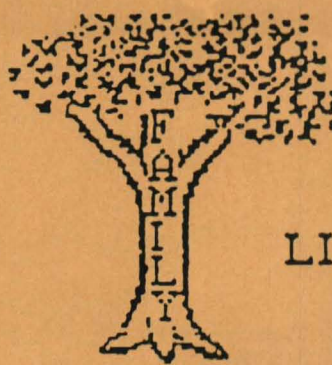
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SUBSTITUTE FOR 1890 CHICAGO CENSUS....For any persons who are looking for a replacement for the 1890 Census from Chicago there is good news. Poll lists of voters for the City of Chicago for 1888, 1890, and 1892 have been microfilmed and are now available at the Illinois Archives. Lists are alphabetical by surname. Other information tells how long persons have been residents of the precinct and county. In addition, it is also stated when and where the person was naturalized.

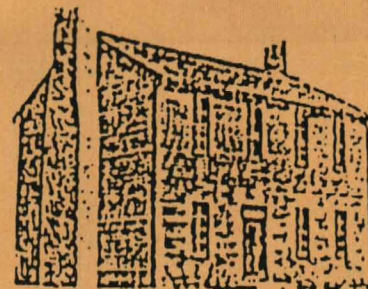
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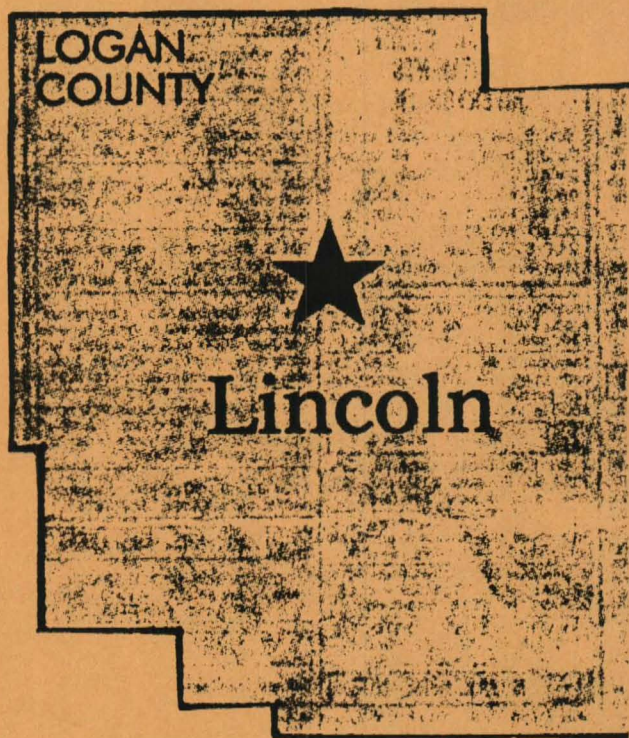
Postville Courthouse

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OUR ROOTS
GO DEEP
IN LOGAN
COUNTY

MEETINGS held at 7:30 P.M. on the third Monday in the 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 at 7:00 P.M. to welcome members and guests. Please mark your calendar and bring a friend.

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| Aug. 17--Emily McElhaney, Lester
and Mildred Wickline | Nov. 16--Annual dinner meeting. Drinks-
Dorothy Gleason |
| Sept. 21--Jane Whiteman & Viola Richert | Dec. --No meeting |
| Oct. 19--Susan White | |

PROGRAMS for 1992

Aug. 17--Guest night and Show and Tell time
Sept. 21--Virginia Johnson, Speaker -- Pension Records
Oct. 19--Mildred Wickline, Speaker -- Book reports on Native American Genealogy
and Locating Revolutionary War ancestors
Nov. 16--Annual potluck dinner meeting at the Oasis. Guy Irwin, Speaker
Dec. --No meeting

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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--October, 1992--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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See the 1992 Membership List following.

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Some problems in life are meant to be solved and others are meant to be lived with.

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PUBLICATIONS

1980 Federal Census, Logan Co., Illinois - 2 Volumes, Price \$20.00 for the 2, including Mailing
 Logan County, Illinois, Atlases - Combined 1873-1893-1910, Price \$35.00 plus \$3.50 Mailing
 Heirship Records of Logan County, Illinois - Volumes I and II, Price \$3.00 per volume or both for \$5.00, Prepaid
 Several Cemetery books are being printed and will soon be ready

FALL CONFERENCE

Oct. 22 - 24 1992 ISGS Fall Conference, 7th and Adams Streets, Springfield, IL - "Like Columbus - We Discover - October, 1492-October, 1992". The featured speaker will be Helen F. M. Leary from Raleigh, NC. There will be 18 workshops during the conference. At 8 P.M. on Oct. 22, there will be a Candlelight Tour of the Old State Capitol and Reception for ISGS members and friends hosted by Sec. of State and Mrs. George H. Ryan, Illinois State Historic Preservation Agency and Illinois State Historical Library. Pre-registration must be postmarked on or before Oct. 12, 1992, to ISGS Fall Conference, Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195. Pre-registration for Entire Conference for Members \$45.00, Non-Members \$54.00; Pre-registration For Friday for Members \$30.00, Non-Members \$36.00; Pre-registration For Saturday for Members \$25.00, Non-Members \$30.00.

WAS YOUR ANCESTOR IN ONE OF THESE WARS?

| <u>If Born Between</u> | <u>War Involved In</u> | <u>Dates of War</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1626-1656 | Bacon's Rebellion | 1676 |
| 1639-1743 | Intercolonial Wars | 1689-1765 |
| 1713-1743 | Pontiac's Rebellion | 1763-1765 |
| 1720-1763 | American Revolution | 1775-1783 |
| 1740-1791 | Indian Wars | 1790-1811 |
| 1762-1794 | War of 1812 | 1812-1815 |
| 1762-1812 | Blackhawk War | 1832 |
| 1796-1828 | Mexican War | 1846-1848 |
| 1806-1845 | Civil War | 1861-1865 |
| 1848-1880 | Spanish American War | 1898 |



WHITEMAN-BOWYER FAMILY .
Submitted by Jane Whiteman

William Ellis sitting back in shadows. Back Row Left to Right: O. A. Bowyer, Earl Whiteman, Lamira Frances Kearney Whiteman, Mabel Bowyer Whiteman holding daughter Jane, Paul S. Whiteman, Jane's Father, Emma Mae Whiteman Ellis, Inez D. Whiteman Creveston Becker, Jacob M. Whiteman
Second Row: Martha Evalyn Havens Bowyer, Leota K. Bowyer McNelly, Cora M. Whiteman Suedmeier, William Suedmeier. Front Row: Loren McNelly, Lee McNelly, Hazel McNelly Trotter Holliday, John O. McNelly standing in front of Hazel McNelly Trotter Holliday, Elizabeth Ellis Forsythe and Audrey Whiteman Cook McCormack.

Jacob M. Whiteman and Lamira Frances Kearney Whiteman were the parents of the following named children shown in this picture: Emma Mae Ellis, Cora M. Suedmeier, Inez D. Creveston Becker, and Paul S. Whiteman. O. A. Bowyer and Martha Evalyn Havens Bowyer were the parents of the following named children shown in this picture: Mabel E. Whiteman and Leota K. McNelly. Clarence Whiteman and Myrtle Bicknel Whiteman were the parents of the following named children shown in this picture: Earl Whiteman and Audrey Whiteman Cook McCormack. William Ellis and Emma Mae Whiteman Ellis were the parents of Elizabeth Ellis Forsythe. Elmer McNelly and Leota K. Bowyer were the parents of the following named children shown in this picture: Loren, Lee, Hazel McNelly Trotter Holliday, and John O. McNelly;

NATURALIZATION RECORDS CONTINUED

- DANAHER, James- Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 119. Date filed- October 18, 1864. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DAVY, John-- Declaration Record of Intention, Volume A, Page 33. Date filed- September 29, 1866.
- DAVY, Thomas--Declaration Record of Intention, Volume A, Page 6. Date filed August 30, 1860. Also in Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 122. Date filed- October 13, 1864. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DAY, Daniel--Declaration Record of Intention, Volume A, Page 46. Date filed- February 22, 1868. Se also Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 167. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DAY, James--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 167. Date filed- October 4, 1870. SEE ORIGINAL Intention & Certificate of Filing Declaration.
- DAY, Thomas--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 103. Date filed- September 27, 1873. See also Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 23. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DEBELAK, John--Declaration of Intention, Volume 1, Page 24. Age- 22 yrs, 9 months. Date of Birth- December 10, 1863. Place of Birth- Klein Rodein, Steiermark, Austria. Date filed- March 16, 1908. Also in Certificate of Naturalization, Volume 31104, Page 36. Date filed- September 16, 1912.
- DEBELAK, John--Declaration of Intention, Volume 1, Page 71. Age- 20. Date of Birth- January 10, 1890. Place of Birth- Poltschach, Hungary. Date filed- February 18, 1910. Also in Petition and Record, Volume 2, Page 40.
- DEBSKI, Walter--Certificate of Naturalization, Volume 19579, Page 2. Age- 24. Date filed- May 15, 1916.
- DEBUR, Jacob--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 269. Date filed- January 20, 1888. Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 315. Date filed- March 28, 1892. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DECKER, Michael--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 248. Date filed- March 15, 1886.
- DEELICK, Frederick--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 102. Date filed- November 1, 1880.
- DEETHARDT, Martin--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 206. Date filed- October 22, 1880. Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 206. Date filed- October 30, 1882. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DEETHARDT, Martin--Naturalization Record of Minors, Volume C, Page 43.
SEE ORIGINAL.
- a/k/a Dagel, George
- DEGEL, George--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 88. Date filed- October 9, 1872. Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 28. SEE ORIGINAL Declaration of Intention & Final Oath November 6, 1876.
- DEGEL, George- Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 88. Date filed- October 9, 1872. Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 28. Date filed October 16, 1876.

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- DEHNE, August--Declaration of Intention, Volume 1, Page 252. Date filed-
October 23, 1886.
- DEICKSAN, Seabelt--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 22. Date filed-
January 27, 1883.
- DEITHARD, Warner--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 39. Date
filed- April 15, 1878. SEE ORIGINAL INTENTION & FINAL RECORD.
- DELLMUTH, Peter--Declaration of Intention- filed March 20, 1873. Final Oath-
filed October 26, 1880. SEE ORIGINALS.
- DELUK, Frank--Age-34, Date of Birth- February 3, 1881. Place of Birth-
Sambiuse, Italy. Declaration of Intention, Volume 2, Page 123. Date filed-
February 22, 1915.
- DELVENTAHL, Otto--Naturalization Record of Soldiers & Minors, Volume B, Page
552. Date filed- February 19, 1879. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DENLERLIEN, George--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 41. Date filed-
June 3, 1867.
- DENERLIEN, John--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 31. Date filed-
April 21, 1866.
- DENKER, E. H.--Naturalization Record of Minors, Volume C, Page 144. Date filed-
October 8, 1888. SEE ORIGINAL.
- Henry L.
DENKER, ~~XXXX~~--Naturalization Record of Minors, Volume C, Page 143. Date filed-
October 8, 1888. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DENMAN, C. A.--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 59. Date filed-
October 18, 1886. Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 263.
~~XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX~~ SEE ORIGINAL.
- DESSING, Fred--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 140. Date
filed-November 4, 1882.
- DETERS, Johann--Age- 26. Date of Birth- August 4, 1902. Place of Birth-
Oldenburg, Germany. Declaration of Intention, Volume 3, Page 23. Date
filed- February 18, 1929.
- DETERTS, Detert Daniels- Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 85.
Date filed- October 20, 1880. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DETMERS, Harm Ontkes--Age- 20. Date of Birth- May 29, 1903. Place of Birth-
Suederneuland Norden, Germany. Petition and Record, Volume 2, Page 286.
Date filed- July 29, 1926.
- DETTMAR, George--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 52. Date filed-
September 24, 1860. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DEUTERMANN, E. Y. Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 119. Date filed-
December 21, 1874.

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DEUTERMAN, Werner--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 8. Date filed- June 21, 1859. SEE ORIGINAL.

DEVANNY, William--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 319. Date filed- September 24, 1892. SEE ORIGINAL.

DEVLIN, James--Naturalization Record of Soldiers & Minors, Volume 2, Page 354. Date filed- September 26, 1876.

DE VRIES, Cornelius--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 98. Date filed- February 3, 1873. SEE ORIGINAL.

DEWS, William--Age- 44. Date of Birth- February 28, 1875. Place of Birth- Assett, England. Record of Declaration of Intention, Volume 2, Page 142. Date filed-February 25, 1916. Also in Certificate of Naturalization, Volume 19579, Page 42 and Petition and Record, Volume 3, Page 57.

DICKINSON, Abraham--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 111. Date filed- April 28, 1890. Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 338. Date filed- November 2, 1892. SEE ORIGINAL.

DICKINSON, Joseph--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 108. Date filed- November 2, 1892.

DIECKOA, Henry--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 76. Date filed- August 14, 1888.

DIEFHOF, Eert--Naturalization Record of Minors, Volume C, Page 153. Date filed- October 19, 1888. SEE ORIGINAL.

DIEKHOF, Folkert--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 58. Date filed- October 6, 1866.

DIEKHOF, Ricke Folkerts--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 223. Date filed- January 15, 1883. Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 265. Date filed- September 29, 1886. SEE ORIGINAL.

DIEKOW, Carl--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 267. Date filed- November 26, 1887. Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 285. Date Filed- August 16, 1890. SEE ORIGINAL.

DIEKOW, Heinrich--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 287. Date filed- October 11, 1890. SEE ORIGINAL.

DIEKRUGER, William--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 126. Date filed- March 22, 1875.

DIERKER, N. Herman--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 99. Also Certificate of Naturalization. Date filed- October 7, 1864. SEE ORIGINAL.

DIERSELHUIS, Maria (Sister Benvenuta), Age- 36. Date of Birth- October 13, 1890. Place of Birth- Gronen, Germany. Declaration of Intention, Volume 3, Page 6. Date filed- June 13, 1927.

- DIETRICH, Gustav--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 317. Date filed- May 7, 1898. Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 423, Page 6. Date filed- October 29, 1900. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DIETRICH, Lawrence--Naturalization Record of Soldiers and Minors, Volume 2, Page 357. Date filed- September 27, 1876. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DIGEL, Martin--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 46. Date filed- December 7, 1867.
- DILLRICH, Frederick--Petition for Final Papers & Final Oath- November 1, 1880. SEE ORIGINALS.
- DIMMLER, Andreas--Declaration of Intention- April 16, 1869. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DIMMLER, Andrew--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 137. Date filed- April 16, 1867.
- DINGLER, Christopher--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 215. Date filed- January 19, 1876.
- DINNEEN, Timothy--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume 1, Page 53. Date filed- September 24, 1860. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DIRKS, Henry--Naturalization Record of Minors, Volume C, Page 191. Date filed- November 1, 1890. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DISKSEN, John--Naturalization Record of Soldiers & Minors, Volume 1, Page 318. Date filed- October 6, 1870. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DITTMER, Christop--Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 101. Date filed- November 1, 1880. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DITTMER, John J.--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 241. Date filed- February 21, 1885.
- DITTMERS, Lehnisteh--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 128. Date filed- June 7, 1875.
- DOERR, Christ--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 230. Date filed- March 29, 1884.
- DOERR, Jacob--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 229. Date filed- March 26, 1884. Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 280. Date filed- April 18, 1890. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DOLCATER, Peter J.--Naturalization Record of Soldiers & Minors, Volume 2, Page 306. Date filed- October 15, 1866. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DOLESHY, Albert--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 294. Date filed- October 23, 1888. Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 277. Date filed- October 23, 1890. SEE ORIGINAL.
- DOLEN, James--Declaration of Intention, Volume A, Page 179. Date filed- October 2, 1878. Final Record of Naturalization, Volume A, Page 92. Date filed- October 27, 1880. SEE ORIGINAL.

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- KLOCKENGA Seek info on States of descendants. Need places of birth of parents,
 g parents and gg grd parents. Will answer all letters.
- THOMPSON Joe Thompson, 813 G Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368-5110
 GREEN Where are desc of Samuel Thompson b in PA 1805 d 1877 in Eminence
 Twp. Would appreciate hearing fr relatives.
- PARRISH John F. Parrish, 5210 117th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98006
 BARNETT Seek info on Lemuel Parrish, where died, where buried, are his par.
 HAMPTON bur. Logan Co? Ann Hampton wife of Lemuel. Will answer all letters.
- VAIL Mrs. Charles E. Vail, 3104 Hidden Oaks Trail, Bentonville, AR 72712
 PIATT Would like to get in touch with the Logan Co. Piatts'. Dr. Herman
 ALLEN Piatt b in Lincoln d New York 4 Oct 1934 lv bro Harry at Lake Fork
 his wife Sophia and 3 children. Would like to hear from desc.
 concern this family.
- SEELYE Daniel P. Seelye, 3025 35th St East, Tacoma, WA 98443
 TIPTON gg father, b. TN 1808 in Census 1850 Logan Co. Mt. Pulaski, g father
 HEDRICK Alfred Tipton homestead 1887 in NE moved to SD d. in MT. Would
 appreciate info fr desc.
- SCHUMACHER Sandy Schumacher, 1047 Monterey Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94127
 McGARVEY Interested in people by the name of McGarvey in Logan Co. area.
 Would appreciate letters from desc.
- WACHTEL Alan Wachtel, 3446 Janice Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303-4212
 KATTEN Seek info of g grandfather Levi Katten b. 1859; his bro Abraham
 GRIESHEIM b. 1864; their cousin Meyer Griesheim b. 1848. All b. in Germany
 liv in Lincoln. Please send info.
- GILCHRIST Ruth E. Vincent, 24845 Evergreen Road, Philomath, OR 97370
 MARR Seek info on Mary Marr Gilchrist, her maiden name? date of
 death? Mary first mar to Edward Marr, second to David Gilchrist.
 Please write.
- SCHILLING Mr. Stephen R. Schilling, 1301 Charleston Ave. Mattoon, IL 61938
 MUESSMAN Seek info fr desc of Joseph W. Schilling, d. 6 Jun 1922 in Logan Co.
 LEININGER bur. St. Mary's Cem. He is my g grandfather, mar. to Elizabeth
 Anna Leininger. Please write.
- CROTTS Marjorie Crotts, Sp #1096, 702 S. Meridian, Apache Junction, AZ 85220
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 GRIGGS 7 Mar 1947, both bur Lawndale cem. Wish to hear fr all desc. Please
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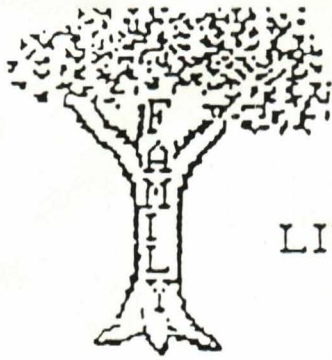
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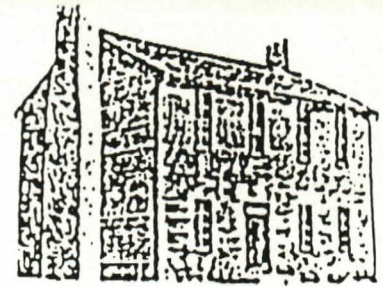
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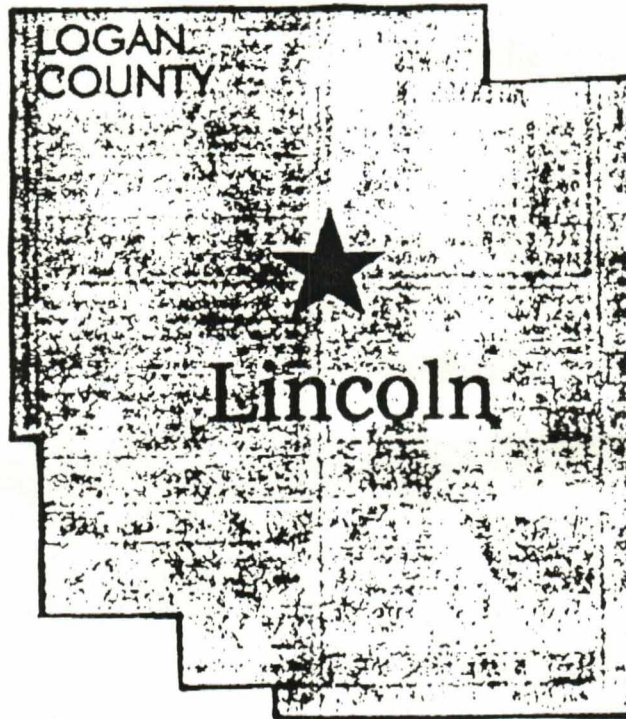
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MATTERS, ETC., ETC.

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1878.

DO YOU HAVE AN 1878 HISTORY OF LOGAN COUNTY???? WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE ONE????
When it was first published, it was the "ITS PAST AND PRESENT" and now it is
the FUTURE. Genealogists use this book frequently. Our Logan County G & H
Society hopes to reprint this history WITH AN INDEX. It will require several
sets of hands and hours of labor. The Lincoln Public Library has loaned us two
copies to work with. We hope to have a printer come soon to give us much
needed information and hints on how much, how long, and how many.

CAN YOU HELP WITH THIS MAJOR PROJECT FOR 1993?

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

30 January 1993

Dear Readers and Members of our Society:

I want to apologize for not getting our QUARTERLY out on time - this is the FALL, 1992 edition! Thank you for your patience with us. Circumstances beyond our control kicked in and then the Holidays so we hope you will find this issue of interest.

Our acting Editor has been having health problems and now her husband, John, has been quite ill, hospitalized in Springfield and Viola has had her hands full of family. We understand those situations very well. HOPE YOU ARE BETTER.

Other officers have come forward to help get the next two issues to press. If there are any volunteers who would like to assist them, give me a call.

I want to remind you all to stay in tune with our publication regarding our coming workshop. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 17 and a full 'ad' is on another page. We have waited two years to get this date from Everton's, so I hope we'll have a good turn-out for this exciting, learning event.

I spend part of my vacation each summer in the library at Everton's as well as in the Salt Lake City Library. The people at Everton's are very congenial, helpful, and very knowledgable about the problems of a genealogist and try very hard to help each one. (The same is true in Salt Lake).

I am looking forward to this work shop and hope you are too. I can promise you that we will all learn something.

Sincerely in all phases of your genealogical work.

Virginia Johnson, President of Logan Co. G & H Society.

MINI BIOGRAPHIES FROM THE 1878 HISTORY OF LOGAN COUNTY selected at random:

Robert B. Latham was born in Union County, KY on the 21 day of June, 1818. His father, James Latham, the first settler in the bounds of Logan County, was born in Virginia on October 21, 1768, was married June 21, 1792 to Miss Mary Briggs, a native of the same state. She was born February 3, 1772.

Robert B. Latham, the subject of this sketch was one year old when the family reached their western home. He obtained his first education sitting on the knee of Erastus Wright, one of the first teachers to come to Illinois. He attended a number of schools but entered high school at Springfield at age 16 and studied during the winter months for four years. It was here that he became an acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln which grew into a long lasting friendship. Upon attaining his majority, he received his portion of his father's estate and entered into farming for himself near Elkhart until 1850. He sold the farm and established a real estate business in Mt. Pulaski which was then the seat of justice for Logan County. Continued next page

Latham Biography continued:

Eventually, he and J. D. Gillett and Virgil Hickox purchased a quarter section of land on which the present city of Lincoln is located. A marker is found on the corner of Latham Place and North Kickapoo Street which tells of the his ownership. Following the war, he lived in Lincoln and became well known for his many kind deeds for churches and people of the community. (His biography in this 1878 History of Logan County is very interesting history with much genealogy included).

County,

EWING, C. C.: C. C. was born in White/ IL on November 25, 1818. His father was born in Eastern Tennessee in 1784. In 1804, he volunteered in the Indian and 1812 Wars and traveled the greater part of the territory of Illinois. (Illinois was a part of the Northwest Territory).

In May, 1830 Mr. Ewing came to this area settling near Lawndale, and stayed until his death in 1845.

One of his brothers, Reuben, was a County Judge of Logan County for many years. His recollections of the early days of Logan County Community are well expressed in letters to the Secretary of the Old Settler's Association and are an important part of the early history written in this volume. His picture can be seen on page 184.

HUMPHREY, S. C. lived on Tremont Street in Lincoln. He was born November 13, 1832 in Madison, Indiana and came to Illinois in 1835. Attended schools, was married in 1861, was a teacher and principal of area schools, pastored several churches in Central Illinois and raised five children. He was a farmer and had a corn dealer business at Skelton.

SCROGGIN: A. C. was a native son born May 14, 1842, a farmer, married on November 2, 1865, in Mt. Pulaski.

John was also a farmer at Mt. Pulaski, fought in the Black Hawk War but was born in Gallatin County in 1812.

Leonard K., farmer and banker at Mt. Pulaski, also born Gallatin County in 1819, coming to Logan Co. in 1827. He was married to Lavinia Buckles and Rhoda A. Pickering and fathered 13 children.

Other biographies appear under the heading of TOWNSHIPS within Logan County. Many appear to have left their footprints deeply impressed upon the fertile soil of Logan County. In reading this deteriorating volume can one ever fully appreciate the Pioneers and their hard work in establishing a place for us?

If you are interested in helping with this project and wish to place an order for the reprint, we will gratefully acknowledge your offer!

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- Research in any of the books that we have available at the workshop.
- Savings on advertising in the “**Bureau of Missing Ancestors**” or “**Missing Folk Finder**” section, which is submitted the day of the workshop.

BRING YOUR GENEALOGY PROBLEMS, QUESTIONS AND ATTEND THE LECTURES YOU HELPED CHOOSE FOR THIS WORKSHOP. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY SOCIETY MEMBERS. EARLY REGISTRATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.

THE NAME'S THE SAME

AN OLD NAMING PATTERN.....

.....taken from "Ancestors Unlimited"

The first son was named after the father's father.
The second son after the mother's father.
The third son after the father.
The fourth son after the father's eldest brother.

The first daughter after the mother's mother.
The second daughter after the father's mother.
The third daughter after the mother.
The fourth daughter after the mother's eldest sister.

The above naming pattern was usually called the "Dutch" system. The German system was to use a common first name for two or more children, and use middle name as their "every day name".

Some things to consider as you research: "Mrs." used with a woman's name did not always mean she was married. This was used if she had wealth, and was the proper way to address her. "Mr./Mister" was used only for men of wealth and/or education. A retired man might be listed as a "gentleman".

"Jr." after a name did not always mean that his father had the same name; it might be an uncle or older cousin. "Stepmother" was sometimes called "mother-in-law" in Colonial times. "Cousin" could be a relative of any degree, sometimes even a friend. "Uncle" might refer to a close family friend, not related.

In early wills, "son-in-law" could mean stepson as well as the spouse of a daughter. "Nephew" sometimes meant grandson or granddaughter, as well as nephew as we use it today.

The word "housekeeper" once meant property owner, and could be used for a male as well as female. "Domestic" once meant the housewife, not necessarily a servant.

"Inmate", as used in the Pennsylvania Archives, refers to a man living in the home of another person, and not necessarily in an institution. In the same books, "free-man" means a young man, not yet married.

Taken from Central IL Gen. Qtly., Winter Issue, 1992.

Researching gr-grfather Wm. Henry or Henry Wm. Myers. B Shepardsville KY, moved to IL, married Hetty COOK, Logan Co IL 1862; served Civil War from Logan Co. Wm. Henry Myers' son mar my g'mother, Lulu Hager in Arcola. Hetty COOK's mother is Eliza (Cook) Biggs. (Connection to Small Fam in Lincoln IL on the mother's side). Believe 1 son, William Bascomb Cook, lived in Decatur area. Another son, Aaron, moved Fresno Co. CA, both served in Civil War. Rumor says Eliza Cook Biggs sewed for Mrs. Lincoln prior to her living in the White House. Can you confirm?
MRS. NICHOLAS WOGH (DOROTHY), 2179 S. Terrace Drive, Napa, CA. 94559.

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 charge of \$1.00.

- MASTERS Jerry A. Masters, 134 E. Rio Grande, Garland, TX 75041
BIRKS gg grandfather Rial Birks liv in Mt Pulaski area before moving
BUCKLES to Falls Co, TX cir 1853. ggg grandfather Jeremiah Birks bur
Steenbergen cem. Who was his wife? Will corres with all those
interested.
- SHREVE Mrs. Barbara Trott, 3635 Rosehaven Pl., Titusville, FL 32796-2966
CRAKE Seek info desc Charles P. Shreve and Mary Drake mar NJ liv Logan
McCLURE Co 1860 to 1900, sons Alfred, Thomas, dau Emily. Please correspond.
- SNYDER Mrs. Norma S. Copper, 530 Fourth Ave., Baraboo, WA 53913
COPPER George Snyder born Schuykill Co, Pa. brot 4 sons to Mt. Pulaski
before 1820. Need wife's name. Sons are Charles, George W.
William and James.
- SULLIVAN Eshter R. Garbers, Rt 2, Box 42, Lake Benton, MN 56149
GARBERS Is Lewis Sullivan early settler of Logan Co, on 1860 Census,
my great uncle? born in Va migrated to Logan Co, OH circa
1859. Would appreciate any info available.
- HANDLIN Daniel F. Johnson, 1448 Thomas Ave., No Brunswick, NJ 08902
JOHNSON Seek info on Daniel D. Handlin born 14 Jan 1842 Albany NY
BUCKLES his wife Lucinda Margaret Buckles born 10 Sept 1846. Please
correspond.
- COOPER Guy & Betty Irvin, R #2, Box '96, Mount Pulaski, IL 62548
WALLACE Seek info on William Cooper, His father was Milton and his
mother was Jane, they had several children, Theodore, Walter
and Roy and probably more. Would appreciate an answer.
- GOURLEY Eleanor G. Tenbarge, 621 E. Iowa St., Evansville, IN 47711
SUTPHIN Seek info on Thomas P. Gourley, lived with dau Lilly Sutphin
family. Any info on Sutphin fam in Lawndale area. Please write.
- MUSICK Lela Avery, R.D. 3, Box 2100, Morrisville, VT 05661
SIMPSON Need info on Fielden Allen Musick born Logan Co. 1836 son of
Robert and Sarah Musick, also info on Hannah Richardson Simpson,
his wife, daughter of William and Anna Simpson.
- LECHLEITER Gay Shaffer, 6051 Mescallero, Simi Valley, CA 93063
Need to locate any Lechleiter (Lichliter, Lachlieder, Licklighter,
Lechlieder) bur. in cem. of Lincoln, Logan County from 1860-
1940. George Lechleiter born circa 1836 and Joseph Lechleiter
born 1844-1848. All letters acknowledged.

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(Do you have a preference for the type program you wish to have at our meetings)?

YES ___ They are _____.

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Did you know -

The Hessians were German troops from Hesse-Kassel and surrounding areas who fought in the American Revolution. The British lacked enough trained soldiers so turned for assistance to the head of Hesse-Kassel, whose first wife was the daughter of George II. The soldiers totaled about 29,000 and approximately 17,000 returned to Germany after the war. Some men may have joined the Americans but others wandered off to settle on the land. One source for Hessian information is Johannes Schwalm Historical Assn. 800F Westbury Pl., 4807 Old Spartanburg, Taylor, SC 29687. (Tree Climber, V17, #6).

ANY COMPLAINTS?

Our ancestors lived without sugar until the 13th century; without coal fires until the 14th; without buttered bread until the 16th; tea or soap until the 17th; without gas, matches or electricity until the 19th; without cars, canned or frozen foods until the 20th. Now what was it you were complaining about? (Central Illinois Gen. Soc.).

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