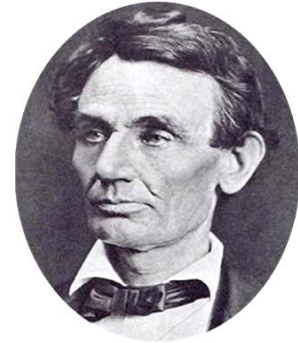


# Roots & Branches

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**Winter 2017: Jan., Feb., Mar.**

**Jan. 16:** This year's **Show and Tell** will ask attendees to bring the oldest family photograph you have in your collection to share with the group.

**Feb. 20: Diane Osborn** will share information about a collection of postcards donated to LCGHS from the Shirley family during 2016.

**Mar. 20: Pauline Myers** will help attendees learn how to start their genealogy research and develop a family tree.

All meetings are at 6:30 pm the speakers are first on the agenda. We look forward to seeing you. Please call Carol Farmer, Vice-President and Program Chairperson, with suggestions for programs at 217-871-3510.

## Call for Article Submissions

Members and readers who have a genealogical or historical story related to Logan County to tell can do so through the Roots & Branches. Stories can be submitted in writing or by email. These stories will provide a variety. **Bill Donath**, Editor

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The Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society center will be closed for the following holidays: **New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Veteran's Day,**

**Thanksgiving** and the day after, **Christmas Eve Day,** and **Christmas Day.**

In the event any of the holidays falls on a Friday, the center will also be closed the following Saturday.

## LCGHS Featured Collection The Churches of Logan County

Contributed by **Diane Osborn**

As churches began to dot the prairies in the Logan County area, records of families began to be compiled in significant numbers continuing to present day.

Many of these records are available for viewing at the Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society including histories and other pertinent data from churches of 17 denominations located in Lincoln and 13 nearby communities.

The Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society holdings include the following:

**Our Times: God's People in Logan County, 1997;**

**Logan County Church Histories** from 1878-1879 Herald newspapers, including **Disciples of Christ; Pilgrim Chapel Congregational Church,**

**The Universalist Church and others;**

News Article on **Lincoln's Historic Houses of Worship, 2008,** and tour brochure;

**The Spirit of the Prairie...Historic Churches in Illinois** collected by the Illinois State Organization of the DAR;

News Article on **Historic Churches in Logan County** surveyed and recorded by the DAR, 1968;

**Lincoln Christian Church,** news article on stained glass windows; architectural drawing of new church building at Pekin and McLean Streets; Church history beginning in 1856; news article entitled, "Harvest of Talents, Fountain of Life," 2003; Church Directories from 1971, 1975, 1979, 1983, 1987, and 1994;

News article, "Beginning of Lincoln Christian Church traced to Salt Creek Banks;" news clipping, "Lincoln Congregation tallies \$5 million in brick and mortar," 2006;

Church photo taken on Pekin Street at present site of Lincoln Public Library; article on Christian Homes, 2005; **Ron Otto** holding photo of second church building;

News item about **Abraham Lincoln** practicing law at Lincoln Christian Church; article on church 2007 launch of a project with other churches to help disadvantaged people with home maintenance and repair; And **Lynn Hieronymus** 1973 annual **B. D. Phillips** Memorial Lectureship at Lincoln Christian College brochure;

**Jefferson Street Christian Church,** also known as Second Christian, history; photo church addition; and 2006 and 2011 directories;

**Atlanta Christian Church,** news article, "Atlanta Christian Church to Mark 150 years," and 1986 directory;

**Bethel Christian Church,** news item with photos, history;

**Copeland Christian Church,** notice of auction, 1990; history of Copeland Christian Church, "The Unbroken Chain, 1866-1966; copy of Favorite Hymns Vol. 2 purchased at the auction;

**Eminence Christian Church,** the oldest church in Logan County which continues to meet for worship; article celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, snapshots;

History from 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Rededication program, 2001; souvenir program from Quasi Centennial Service, 1963; building centennial celebration, 1901-2001;

"A Steeple Above the Prairie, 1838-1988," publication along with flyer, "Reaching Out With the Love of Christ," history with photo; photo of 1904 quilt with church depicted on it; Granny's Quilt CD; and a listing of signatures of congregational members;

A listing of gravestones at **Eminence Cemetery,** also known as Morgan, Gilbert, or possibly Gaddis Cemetery; A clipping on church weathering; and articles, "A Country Church with Deep Roots," "New Church to be Dedicated,

1902; bulletins from 1961, 1979, 1983 and 1984; and directories from 1986, 2000, 2005 and 2013.

**Mt. Pulaski Christian Church**, history; photo of congregation, 1930; photo of construction of new sanctuary, 1975; write up on the final banquet of the Lady's Aid, 1964; write up on new parsonage, 1968;

**Armington Christian Church**, history; 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary write up, 1829-1954;

**First Baptist**, Church membership records from 1870 to 1950; church history; and photo of **Rev. Robert Henderson** and news article and photo as he prepares to give opening prayer for Congress in 2010. A digital collection of the church's membership history 1860-1953, is available on the LCGHS research computer.;

**Second Baptist**, History from 1874;

The **Baptist** collection also includes a write up on **Jessie Johnson Young**, who was spotlighted in the American Baptist Church national publication.

**Park Meadows Baptist Church**, formerly known as **State Street Baptist**, history from 1948 to 1998; and church directory;

**Latham Baptist**, history from 1884-1994, and church directory;

**Lake Fork Predestinarian Baptists**, membership roster dating from 1827;

**Assembly of God**, photo and write up on **Rev. Jacob Skelton**, 2005;

**St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lincoln**, history; photo from early 1900's;

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Lincoln**, photo;

**Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Lincoln**, history from 1857; and 1998 and 2006 directories;

**The Catholic Directory of the Peoria Diocese**, 1986-87 and 2003;

**A Listing of Sisters of Charity, BVM, and Priests**, who have served in Lincoln;

**Invested as Prelate** in Lincoln news article, 1954;

**Father Thomas James McCarthy's** book, "Homilies, Art and Verse";

**Carroll Catholic School**, early history;

**St. Mary's Catholic Church, Atlanta**, church history and photo;

**St. John's Catholic Church, Middletown**, news article entitled, "Bell Comes to Rest," 1907;

**The Church of Christian Science**, history with photo;

**Lincoln Church of Christ**, history from 1978;

**Trinity Episcopal**, history beginning 1871; 1997 directory;

**Beth-El Jewish Synagogue**, history; news article, "A Star of David in Lincoln"; photo;

**Immanuel Lutheran, Lincoln**, history; 1892-1992 Centennial Directory; 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary write up, 1982; 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary write up, 1967 and photos; 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary write up of building in its 119<sup>th</sup> year; news article on death of Armin H. Meyer;

**Zion Lutheran, Lincoln**, Pictorial Directories, 2001, 2006, and 2012; write up 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary and sanctuary photo; write up on opening of addition connecting the sanctuary with the education building;

**Faith Lutheran, Lincoln**, history;

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran, Hartsburg**, 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 2010; interior photo of church building;

**St. John's Lutheran, Mt. Pulaski**, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1868-1968; 1929 confirmation class photo;

**St. Peter's Lutheran, Emden**, news article on 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 2004; "A Century of God's Love and Blessing," 1879-1979;

**Zion Lutheran, Chestnut**, 1982-1992 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary service;

**Zion Lutheran, New Holland**, 1902-1992 anniversary booklets;

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran, Mt. Pulaski**, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary book, 1851-1951; photo with news article on 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary book;

**First United Methodist, Lincoln**, history; photos; Directories for 1984, 1989, 1993, 1995, 1999; 50 year members;

**Beason United Methodist**, 2012 photo;

**Hartsburg United Methodist**, Centennial Booklet, 1876-1976; history and directory;

**Emden and Hartsburg United Methodist**, combined church directory;

**Latham United Methodist**, news article and photo, church renovation of stained glass windows, 2010;

**New Holland United Methodist**, 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary; brief history;

**Zion United Methodist, Chestnut**, write up on new pastor Joel Dietrich, 2005;

**Lincoln Hill Free Methodist, Lincoln**, membership records and minutes; news article, "Cornerstone Laid, History Beginning," 1939; copy of, Announcement of Closing letter;

**Allen Chapel, AME, Lincoln**, 118<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1868-1986; news article, "Allen Chapel Wins Listing as Historic Place," 2004; article entitled, "Allen Chapel to Benefit from Questers Grant;" photo **Callie Gorens** with AME

Church in background; news article, "Saving History, Lincoln's Allen Chapel Due for Renovation," 2012; article, "Library Hosting Allen Chapel Exhibit," 2012; "The Day of Worship," 9/4/1927;

**French's Chapel**, news article with photo, "The Closing of French's Chapel, 1870-1951;

**Lucas Chapel**, in Methodist History and Lucas Cemetery History; photo;

**Elkhart Methodist-Episcopal**, Elkhart circuit Methodist-Episcopal church directory, 1906; church history;

**Harmony ME, Beason**, photos; worship schedule; torn down 1960's;

**Emden Zion United Methodist**, history, 2005; closing service, 2005; and news article on auction;

**Autobiography Peter Cartwright**, the Backwood's Preacher;

**Book, The Horse Preacher**, by **Elwell Crissey**;

**Notes on book, "The Horse Preacher;"**

**Records of Lincoln Circuit Methodist Churches** in Logan County, 1866-1920; (and Harmony Cemetery from 1885), 1970, 1981, and 1985 Decatur Genealogical Society; members; marriages, baptisms;

**The Church of the Nazarene, Lincoln**, history; photo; news article on Centennial;

**Cumberland Presbyterian, Lincoln**, history; church history by Leonard Krusemark; Our Christmas Card Photo; the **Rev. James White** family history;

**Fancy Prairie Presbyterian**, Records, 1984; membership at time of disbanding services, 1968;

**First Presbyterian, Lincoln**, 2007 and earlier histories; Our Church Family booklet, 2007; Historic Tour of Churches bulletin, 2008; letter from Eliot Porter, pastor, when leaving in 1929;

news article, "First Presbyterian Church;" photos; news item, "First Presbyterian's Long Journey—150<sup>th</sup> anniversary," 2007; Book, Links, by the **Rev. Bruce Allison**, 1990;

**Middletown Presbyterian & Irish Grove**, 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary bulletin, 1995; news item on 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 2010; photo; article, "The Little White Church on the Hill." Dedication bulletin, 1926; 150 year booklet;

**Salvation Army**, history beginning in 1889; photo of Lt. Clarence Walroth in uniform with banjo, 1953;

**St. John United Church of Christ**, Volumes 1 & 2 Memories booklets of St. John United

Church of Christ with CD; Dedication booklet for new parsonage, 1956; **H. J. Barth**, pastor; 1960 Centennial pageant program; 2010, Church Celebrates 150<sup>th</sup> with Quilt Show;

1997, "An Immigrant Reaching Out;" photo; 1995 photos with write up on **Rev. Elmer Hoefler**; News item and photos on Germanfest, 1999; 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary write up, 1985;

Directories for 1960, 1979 and 2010; news article on 1912, tenth year anniversary of **Deaconess Hospital** at the church; play written by **Ruth Bidner** in 1975 entitled, "The Vine That winds So True," the story of the church; news article on **Reinhold Niebuhr**;

**The Universalist Church**, history.

## LINCOLN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

Contributed by **Diane Osborn**

In its heyday the Lincoln State School flourished as its own city within a city with residents voluntarily assisting with daily tasks. Glimpses of the former Lincoln State School, its residents, and workers were reminisced by **Bob Gephart**, who began his 36 year career there straight out of high school, and former LDC employees attending a program presented this week at the Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society.

Gephart began his career as a child care aide and retired from the training department a year before the facility was closed by the State of Illinois, some say for unjust reasons.

During his presentation Gephart said the original building built in 1877 was made up of more than a million bricks. Later, the facility even featured a School of Nursing. Gephart said there were tunnels to every building providing access for steam pipes. The State School Annex was added in 1890. He said the cemetery remains on the property although it has been turned over to the state Department of Corrections.

Gephart mentioned in the late 1950's the school became crowded when admission of residents was determined by the state and not the superintendent. At that time there were about 5,700 residents and "Beds had to be moved to get

to the kids in the back." He noted entire families had been admitted to the school when the Alm Houses closed. Unpaid student help was eventually curtailed by law.

He said the buildings have sat vacant since the facilities closure in 2002, except for usage for training purposes by the state police and by the prison, as a winter house. The Lincoln campus includes approximately 140 acres.

The following is a brief listing of the building's history and listing of items loaned to the Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society upon closing of LDC.

The Illinois Asylum for Feeble Minded Children was established in Lincoln with the first residents arriving at the school's new home—a Victorian Gothic Revival building located on 40 acres known as Wyatt's Grove near Lincoln, in 1877. Later buildings were built in the Georgian and Tudor styles of architecture.

A number of residents were not retarded, only poor, and families of borderline or normal intelligence were committed during the Depression.

In 1954 the name was changed to Lincoln State School and in 1975 to the Lincoln Developmental Center.

In 1958 the facility housed 5,408 residents. By 1971 there were only 2,600 residents and 1800 employees. Those numbers shrunk in 2000 to an enrollment of 383 and a staff of 698.

In its heyday Lincoln State School was a self-reliant facility, a small scale city having its own power plant, kitchen, bakery, hospital, nursing school, green houses, fire department and jail.

At various times the residents made mattresses, shoes, and brooms in addition to caring for other residents, helped keep up the campus, worked in laundry rooms and cleaned the buildings. As many as 150 residents were permitted to work off campus at one time.

In 1978 the farm annex was closed with the facility becoming a state prison known as Logan Correctional Center. A second prison known as Lincoln Correctional Center was constructed on the site.

It was in 2002 that the Lincoln Developmental Center was closed.

Special events at LCD included the May Festival when the entire ball diamond was filled with the flowing colors from five maypoles. Performances by the renowned Lincoln State School Drum & Bugle Corps were also special occasions.

Upon the closing of the Lincoln Developmental Center the State of Illinois loaned the Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society a number of items from the Center. These include the research tables, ornate chairs, a bench, map cabinet, silver service, and cornerstone box.

Other items in the collection include building photographs, design layout, postcards, two 1895 copies of the Lincoln Herald, and copies of The Charitable Observer, published in Lincoln, in 1895, telling about the formation of the Asylum in Lincoln.

The superintendent of construction for the building was **W. J. Ritter** of Lincoln. Also from Lincoln were **Joseph Lintzeman**, contractor for brick work, and **J. H. Prettyman**, the architect and

builder. These were named on an 1895 listing also placed on loan to LCGHS. There is also an invitation from 1895 for the laying of the Cornerstone.

An 1893 paper entitled, "My Columbian Text," by **Charlie Dyer** recites, "Thy Word." Other loan inclusions are resident art work, daily duty schedules, a copy of rules for residents, and a log from 1895 where the individual weight of residents and the possessions of residents were kept.

Among the collection are graduation listings for the classes of 1948, 1953, and 1960 and assorted listings of residents and teachers from other years.

The Order of Exercises from 1895 includes music by the Asylum band, prayer by the **Rev. J. S. Mightnour**; remarks by **Dr. A. M. Miller** and the **Rev. Mightnour**, singing by the children and the laying of the cornerstone.

Other items include a program of a three act comedy meller drama entitled, "The Curse of the Aching Heart," with **Dr. William W. Fox** included in the cast, and a May Festival program.

The Society also has a notebook on **Doug Roberts**, former resident; scrapbooks, Christmas programs, Christmas cards, and a curriculum guide.

A certificate shows accreditation was given by the Illinois Hospital Association in 1953.

The LCGHS collection also includes books by **Henry Darger**, who at age 12 was packed off for the Illinois Asylum for Feeble Minded Children in Lincoln and attempted several escapes, finally succeeding at age 17.

Darger's story and artworks later became known as one of the most important works by an untrained or "outsider" artist.

The LDC collection is available for viewing at LCGHS, 114 N. Chicago St., on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on the second and fourth Saturdays from 11 to 1 p.m.

## Abraham Lincoln Stories

Contributed by **Bill Detmers**

### Milk-Drinking Mule Played Important Role In One Of Lincoln's Law Cases

Another legal document written by Abraham Lincoln - with reference to a replevin suit in

Logan County Circuit Court, which started in 1858 and wasn't settled until 1860 - has been found in

old files of the court by **James Hickey** of Elkhart, vice president of both the Logan County Historical Society and the Illinois State Historical Society.

The replevin suit concerned ownership of a mule that drank milk.

**James M. Howser** and **Henry Palmer** both claimed the mule, which was about 3 years old with the letter "S" branded on its left shoulder. The animal was worth about \$150.

**Palmer**, manager of the old Lincoln House at Broadway and Chicago Street, had replevined the mule from **Howser**, and **Howser** was trying to get it back. An attorney named **Austin** represented **Howser** and **Wilford D. Wyatt** represented the hotel manager.

The jury trial was held March 23, 1859. It was at this term of court that Lincoln was present for most of the 2 weeks and acted as judge in several cases. **Judge Davis** of Bloomington was on the bench for the **Howser-Palmer** case, however.

**Wyatt** stated to the jury that **Palmer** and his children had raised the mule as a pet on a diet of milk and that, though now mature, it still liked

milk. Lincoln, who was in court, laughed so much that **Wyatt** became irritated and told Lincoln he would prove the statement.

A pan of milk was presented to the mule. The animal drank it and wanted more.

Lincoln then made a counter proposition: "There are half dozen other mules tethered to the hitching racks around the square, and every one will do the same." Another pan of milk was presented to another mule and it drank it.

The jury returned a verdict in favor of **Howser**.

Apparently Lincoln felt he had caused **Wyatt** to lose the case, for he wrote out a motion - the one found here - for a new trial for **Wyatt**, and the judge granted the request. The new trial came up in September, 1859, with a new jury, but the jurors couldn't agree. The jury was dismissed and the case was continued.

At the March, 1860, term of court the case was dismissed by **Judge Davis**, and **Palmer** and **Howser** were ordered to pay their own costs.

At the time of the first trial, Lincoln was a guest at the old Lincoln House of which **Palmer** was manager.

## Lincoln's Words On His Last Visit

New York Herald - November 22, 1860

At the town of Lincoln the calls for the President-elect were so persistent that he appeared and spoke a few words.

Fellow Citizens: I thank you for this mark of your kindness towards me. I have been shut up in Springfield for the last few months, and therefore have been unable to greet you, as I was formerly in the habit of doing. I am passing on my way to Chicago, and am happy in doing so to be able to meet so many of my friends, in Logan County,

even if to do no more than exchange with you the compliments of the season and to thank you for the many kindnesses you have manifested towards me. I am not in the habit of making speeches now, and I would therefore ask to be excused from entering upon and discussions of the political topics of the day. I am glad to see so many happy faces, and listen to so many pleasant expressions. Again thanking you for this honor, I will pass on my journey. (November 21, 1860)

## Abe Sympathetic To "Murderess"

**Abraham Lincoln** let his legal ethics be swayed apparently by sympathy for a 70-year old woman accused of murder. State archival assistant **Ernest E. East** reported that **Melissa Govings** was allowed to skip bail and escape trial for murdering her husband, **Roswell**, 77.

He died of a skull fracture after an argument in which he choked **Melissa** and she hit him with a piece of wood. **Lincoln**, as defense lawyer, was

allowed a conference with his client just before the trial. She was never seen in Illinois again.

**East** recounted a conversation read into the court record after Circuit Court bailiff **Robert Caswell** found **Lincoln** sitting alone, his client gone.

"Where is she, Abe?" **Caswell** asked. Lincoln said he didn't know. "Confound you, **Abe**, you have run her off," **Caswell** said.

"Oh no **Bob**, I have not run her off," said Lincoln. "She wanted to know where she could get a good drink of water, and I told her there was mighty good water in Tennessee."

Later, **Melissa** turned up living in California, **East** said, but she was never brought to trial.

## Farming The Wind

Abraham Lincoln - Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois - April 8, 1858

'Of all the forces of nature the wind contains the largest amount of motive power- that is, power to move things. Take any space on the earth's surface - for instance, Illinois - and all the power exerted by all the men and beasts, and running water, and steam, over and upon it, shall nor equal the one hundredth part of what is exerted by the blowing of the wind over and upon the same space.

And yet it has not, so far in the world's history, become proportionably valuable as a motive power.

As yet the wind is an untamed and unharnessed force; and quite possibly one of the greatest discoveries hereafter to be made will be the taming and harnessing the wind.'

## Lincoln Room at LCGHS

Contributed by **Diane Osborn**

More than 150 books, statues, collector plates, a stovepipe hat and other **Abraham Lincoln** memorabilia can be found in the **Abraham Lincoln** room at the Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society, 114 N. Chicago St.

Among the collection is a Lincoln Centennial banner portraying **Abraham Lincoln** at its center, a large Lincoln bust donated by **Dale Williams**, an **Abraham Lincoln** throw, and assorted photographs.

Also on display are, "I remembered" scrapbooks and Lincoln prints by Lloyd Ostendorf. There are also Abraham Lincoln coloring books and crayons for children.

Other items include a Sesquicentennial Abraham Lincoln Doll and a framed volunteer service certificate presented to Private Arnold Hopkins of the 145<sup>th</sup> regiment bearing Lincoln's signature. The Lincoln Family genealogy chart is also on display.

Books in the collection include: Lincoln in Logan County, by **Paul Beaver** and **Ron Keller**, and Lincoln's Ladder to the Presidency, by **Guy Fraker**;

The Prairie Years, vol. 1 and 2, The War Years, vol. 1-4, and Lincoln Grows Up, all by **Carl Sandburg**;

The Man Who Killed Lincoln by **Philip Van Doren Stern**; Abraham Lincoln with Compass and Chain; Abraham Lincoln in Logan County by **Paul Beaver**; Abraham Lincoln Chronology by **James T. Hickey**;

Life of Lincoln by **William Herndon**; and Lincoln and Lincoln for the Ages, both by **Ralph Newman**.

Related books on **Mentor Graham**, Lincoln's mentor, by authors including **D. F. Nickols**, and **Mary Todd Lincoln** are also included in the collection.

In addition the Lincoln Room features writings and speeches and books on places associated with Lincoln including the Lincoln Home, New Salem, and statue sites in Illinois.

The Lincoln Room is available for viewing on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on the second and fourth Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Research using the Lincoln Collection or other resources may also be done during those hours.

Volunteers will be on hand to assist patrons. Lincoln items or other donations related to Lincoln or Logan County are always welcomed.

## My Hunt for the Mighty Hunter's Heirlooms

By John Meacham

My hunt for the mighty hunter's powder horn, shot pouch and fish creel is over and photos are in the bag. Now I'm hoping for one of his hunting knife.

Since I am an outdoor writer, one of the most exciting rewards of my hunt for ancestors was the discovery that **Doctor Thomas Meacham**, the "Mighty Hunter of the Adirondacks, is my 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather. His father, **Samuel Meacham II**, served in a New Hampshire militia company during the Revolutionary War. Being accepted into the Sons of the American Revolution in his honor was another thrill – but that's another story.

My first meeting with Doctor Tom came when I found "The Meacham Family Book of Remembrance and Genealogy, With Allied Lines" on Ancestry.com. The book was written in the early 1950s by researchers in the Mormon branch of the family. I had no idea there was a Mormon branch – but that's another story.

In an article by **Joseph Arthur Meacham**, the great-grandson of one of my 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandfather's brothers (I could figure out the relationship between me and JAM – also my initials – but it would take some head scratching), I read:

"The Historical Society of Malone, N. Y. gave the following under the title "A Mighty Hunter."

"Franklin County, New York, can boast of one of the greatest hunters of all time in the person of **Thomas Meacham** who was, probably, a Vermonter and who must have arrived in this county in the early part of the 19th century as it appears in the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors for the year 1808, that he had been paid \$50.00 as bounty on wolves he had killed."

The historical society's article goes on to say, "His earnings in bounties for noxious animals in the forty years of his activities, must have aggregated thousands of dollars, as his obituary written by a townsman states that he kept accurate account of the number of large animals trapped or shot by him and that the totals were: Wolves, 214; Bear, 210; Catamounts, 77; and Deer 2550. Bounties were payable for all of these except deer and if we average these at only \$10.00 each, his revenue from the source would be over \$5000.00."

A later article in an Upstate New York newspaper states that the \$5,000 estimate is far too low. **Charles Brush**, a grandson of **Eliphalet Brush**, a justice of the peace who had dealings with Tom, also tells tales about my ancestor's legendary thriftiness, his first encounter with a hot wood stove and his purchase and training for hunting of one of the first Morgan horses – but those are other stories.

Here is **Joseph Arthur**'s paragraph that really caught my attention:

"The writer has in his possession the hunting knife with a nine-inch blade; the powder horn, with his initials T. M., carved on it, a shot pouch, and a fish-basket, or creel, which he had made; also several deeds and papers signed by **Thomas Meacham**."

How I would love just to see pictures of those heirlooms, I thought! Why, if they're in Utah, as I believe they are, I'd drive out there just to hold them in my hands!

In the same article, Joseph Arthur said he had the autobiography of **Edward Thomas Meacham**, a grandson of Tom, titled "A Brief History of My Life." He said the manuscript consisted of five handwritten notebooks. Believing that a Mormon family with such a dedication to genealogy would not throw a treasure like this away, I began writing letters to every one of JAM's descendants for whom I could find an address. That campaign led to the journal and eventually led to the horn, pouch and creel – but that's another story.

It took more than five years, but just recently I received by email from a grandson of JAM who lives near Salt Lake City the photos that accompany this article. The hunting knife seems to be missing in action for the time being – possibly in the possession of a grandchild who may not realize whose it was. I'm prompting my distant cousins out West to look for it as often as I think I can without making a nuisance of myself

Her's one story about Doctor Tom and that knife, from "The History of **Samuel Meacham II** and His 16 Children" by **Steve Meacham**:

"His nephew, **Deacon Joseph Worthen** of Corinna, Maine, used to tell the following story concerning him:

“One day when he was alone in the woods a catamount leaped down on his back from the overhanging limb of a tree. Drawing his hunting knife he slashed at the animal over his shoulder and finally killed it, but not until severely wounded by its teeth and claws. He was so weak from loss of blood that he could not walk, but succeeded in crawling home on his hands and knees.”

When my Meacham cousins tell me that knife is found, it will absolutely be Utah or Bust!

(**John Meacham** was born in Lincoln in 1948 and lived there his first two years. Then his parents, **John H.** and **Pauline Juhl Meacham**, moved to New Holland, Pauline's hometown. John lived there until he graduated from New Holland-Middletown High School in 1966. He graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 1970 and worked on newspapers large and small in Missouri, Illinois, North Carolina and Tennessee. He is now retired, except for his outdoor writing, and resides in Chester, Southern Illinois.)



**It is time to update your membership. Send in your Dues.**

### **Logan County Heirship Records**

The remainder of this Quarterly is devoted to presenting a portion of the the collection of Heirship Records for Logan County. This collection was microfilmed in 1970. It was transcribed by Lucille Henrichsmeyer, a member of the Logan County

Genealogical Society, in 1982. This collection was digitized by **Bill Detmers**. The first two books will be presented in their entirety in the pages of the coming Roots and Branches.

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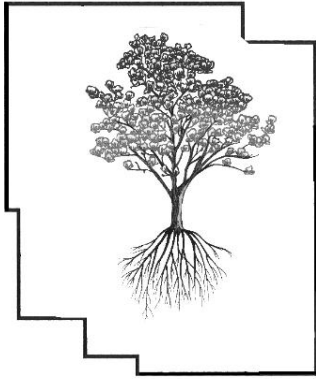
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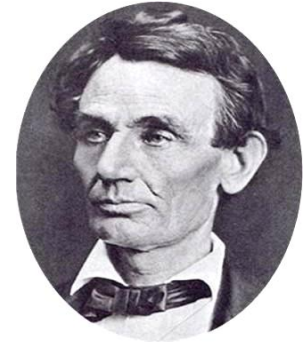
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## Spring 2017: Apr., May, June

**Apr. 17: Bill Donath** will present excerpts from his most recent book, Generosity: The Story of Logan County Illinois During the Great War 1917-1919.

**May 15: TBA - Tom McLaughlin**, Director of Lincoln Heritage Museum at Lincoln College, will present a Power Point program on the museum's current display of "Lovers of Liberty, Take Courage."

**June 19: TBA - Check the website/Facebook page for this information.**

All meetings are at 6:30 pm the speakers are first on the agenda. We look forward to seeing you. Please call **Carol Farmer**, Vice-President and Program Chairperson, with suggestions for programs at 217-871-3510.

## Call for Article Submissions

Members and readers who have a genealogical or historical story related to Logan County to tell can do so through the Roots & Branches. Stories can be submitted in writing or by email. These stories will provide a variety. **Bill Donath**, Editor

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In the event any of the holidays falls on a Friday, the center will also be closed the following Saturday.

## World War I - 100th Anniversary

Beginning April 6, 2017, the U.S. will be observing the 100th Anniversary of the entrance of the U.S.A. into the Great War. Now known as WW I, it was thought the war would end all war. We know now that it did not. Many tens of millions of people have perished in wars during the past one hundred years.

The story told in this book is about the citizens of the U.S.A., particularly the citizens living in Logan County, Illinois. It is a story that tells us what they did during those last 20 months the war lasted, and beyond, to help the war, peace and European reconstruction efforts. It tells the story of how they performed beyond expectations. The story tells of their **GENEROSITY** of time, voluntary efforts, and donations of money for the many organizations tackling the various needs of the world at the time. Logan County residents were among the most generous in the state.

The following excerpts from the book give a glimpse of the stories of those who preceded us. Some were our ancestors. Watch the page numbers so you can see how many more pages of information are in the book.

### Generosity, The Story of Logan County, Illinois, During the Great War, 1917-1919

#### 1: The Logan County War History Committee - 4

*This chapter lets the reader know that there is much more information available to family and historical researchers than could be used into this book. If you want to know more, this collection has been digitized and indexed. The digitized versions are available for researchers to use on the computers at the Lincoln Public Library and the Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society, both at Lincoln, IL.*

In January, 1919, the Abraham Lincoln Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), volunteered for the task of gathering as much data as they could about Logan county's activities during the Great War, as requested by the State Council of Defense. The Lincoln Woman's club, service committee had been keeping an Honor Roll list of every Logan County man in the army or navy, which was the starting point for the D.A.R. work.<sup>1</sup>

The Logan County War History Committee was made up of the following: **William D. Gayle** – County Chairman, State Council of Defense; **Henry C. Quisenberry** – Chairman Exemption Board; **Charles R. Corwine** – Exemption Board; Judge **Lawrence B. Stringer** – State Historical Society; **Fred W. Longan** – Commercial Club, and **Mrs. John A. Lutz** – D.A.R.<sup>2,3</sup>

#### 2: The American Red Cross - 7

*This chapter, one of the longest, documents the great efforts of the women, and men, of Logan County. The number of items produced by the various chapters around the county helped supply the hospitals on the battle front. It would be wonderful to think that today's residents could duplicate the efforts of the volunteer groups working during WW I.*

The Red Cross was founded on May 21, 1881 at Washington, D. C. by **Clara Barton** and her acquaintances. In 1900, the American Red Cross received its first charter from Congress. It is the only volunteer agency for relief commissioned by the government in case of war or overwhelming disaster. The president of the United States was president of the society. The Red Cross Reported to Congress. Its accounts are audited by the War Department; all that it does is open to public scrutiny.<sup>2</sup>

During March of 1917, before the U.S. entered the war, the Logan County Red Cross organization was gearing up to develop chapters in the various communities of the county. One of the goals was to have 7,000 members in the county. Early on, **Dr. Butler** was organizing at Hartsburg, **Dr. Lee** at Atlanta and **Dr. Ryman** at Mt. Pulaski. Other chapters were planned for Elkhart, Broadwell, Lawndale, Middletown, New Holland, Latham and Lake Fork.<sup>3</sup>

#### 3: Alien-Enemies - 21

*Dealing with alien residents who we fear may be planning disruptive, sabotage and terroristic activities is nothing new. This chapter tells of how the country dealt with German nationals living amongst American*

*citizens. It explains the development of procedures by the national government to identify and track citizens of hostile nations.*

Over the next few months, 37 male German nationals, registered in Lincoln.<sup>15,16,17,18,19</sup>

In May 1918, female German nationals, older than 14, were required to register as well. Forty-eight female German nationals registered in the City of Lincoln during that period. The German ban was lifted on December 27, 1918.<sup>21,22,23,24</sup>

One humorous story occurred during the registration process. A 67 year old Lincoln resident had come from Germany with his parents in 1867. The man was unsure of whether his father had been naturalized an American. The man had voted all of his life and had not thought about not being a citizen of the United States until the requirement of registration was announced.<sup>20</sup>

#### 4: Conservation of Food and Fuel - 23

*With many European countries unable to produce food, even a year or two after the war ended, American food and fuel was essential for the armies and civilian populations among the allied nations. The citizens of the U.S.A. were asked to do with the bare minimum or produce their own food and make available any excess produced to the military or foreign countries.*

*Energy resources had to be focused on war material production and making the armies and navies mobile. Doing with only essential amounts of fuel, the American people had to deal with some discomfort.*

*Protecting the food and fuel resources produced, from sabotage, was also an essential effort.*

Appointment of a fuel committee for Logan County included **John W. Spellman**, chairman; **William E. Hodnett**; and **T. E. McGrath**. The appointment was made by the fuel administration of the United States government at Washington and the fuel committee served in District No. 54, the Logan county district. The members met with the local operators and dealers of fuel. They heard complaints and in all matters acting as the agents of the fuel administration.

One of the jobs of the committee was to figure the cost of coal production in Logan county. They recommended the price for Logan county coal. They were also charged with determining an estimate of future demand based on the amount consumed in prior years. They were to estimate the demand for every town in the county and determine why prices for the coal were different in each town. The committee had a room in the Commercial club with a stenographer.<sup>1</sup>

In every county in the United States there was a food administrator who was chairman of a committee of five which worked under the supervision of **Herbert Hoover** of Washington, who was in charge of the food conservation work of the United States government.

The duties of the committee were:

1. To co-operate with every existing agency that had for its purpose the conservation of our food resources and the elimination of all waste.

2. Where no such agency existed, to create them, including those that made for the relief of the families of our soldiers and sailors and those who through poverty are suffering because of conditions created by the war.

3. To make a careful and complete survey of the conditions in each district and to report to the federal authorities at frequent intervals upon both crop and industrial conditions.

The committee was asked to advise what food shortage is likely to occur, what food or food materials must be shipped into each district to supplement its own productions, and what surpluses were available to spare other districts or to ship abroad.<sup>25</sup>

The food administrators for each township were: **E. W. Montgomery**, Atlanta; **J. T. Gelsthorpe**, Beason; **T. U. Rademaker**, Emden; **W. F. Shafer**, Elkhart; **W. Van Gerpen**, Hartsburg; **B. R. Aitchison**, Mt. Pulaski; **D. H. LaForge**, New Holland; **M. Leimbach**, Chestnut; and **Grant Heatherwick**, Middletown.<sup>27</sup>

#### 5: The Liberty Loan and War Savings - 29

*Learn from this chapter that the people of Logan County were extremely generous with their dollars and cents. So much so that they were honored by the state and national governments.*

**1st Drive** - Began on April 24, 1917. It was called the Emergency Loan Act which authorized the issue of \$5 billion in bonds at 3.5 percent.<sup>1</sup>

**2nd Drive** - Oct 1, 1917 Second Liberty Loan offered \$3 billion in bonds at 4 percent.<sup>1</sup>

**3rd Drive** began Apr. 6, 1918. The Third Liberty Loan offered \$3 billion in bonds at 4.5 percent.<sup>1</sup>

**4th Drive** - Began on Sep 28, 1918. The Fourth Liberty Loan offered \$6 billion in bonds at 4.25 percent.<sup>1</sup>

**5th Drive** - Was named the Victory Liberty Loan was to raise \$5,000,000 at 4.5%

Not all families or individuals could afford even the least expensive of the Liberty Bonds which had a value

of \$50.00. To make participation in the financial support of the war costs available to everyone, War Saving Stamps were made available.

The captured German cannon which was assigned to the Illinois division in the Liberty Loan drives was given for oversubscriptions during the five government drives in the fifty-seven counties of the division. Logan County subscribed at an average rate of 146%.<sup>72</sup>

## 6: German-American Heritage Changes Due to the Great War - 38

*Nearly all references to German associations disappeared during this period of time. The word German was stricken from the names of institutions and the use of the German language in churches, schools and other organizations was discontinued.*

Prior to the war the German immigrants, naturalized and alien, were free to use their native language in their daily lives. Churches of German origin had services in the German language. Organizations of German origin often used the German language in their meetings. The German population even had German language newspapers. This is a freedom that has traditionally been accorded to every immigrant population in the United States. That is, until something is seen wrong with that freedom for that population.

During the war, organizations that used the German language were suspected of using the language to cover up plots against the United States. Because the non-German speaking population did not understand the language. They suspected disloyal activity. Many churches stopped their German services, German schools closed or stopped using German as the first language, businesses once proud of their German heritage dropped any reference to their German heritage.

## 7: The Draft In Logan County - 41

*It took many months for the government to come up with a plan for the Draft. Not having used a draft since the Civil War, the process had to be reinvented. As a consequence the process continued to evolve during the war. There were two major changes to the initial plan which resulted in three types of registration documents.*

The Draft Board for Logan County, also known as the Board of Exemption, was in place by June 1917. The members were **Hiram G. Keays** of Elkhart and **Charles Corwine** of Lincoln. A third member, a physician was selected later.<sup>1</sup> **Dr. F. M. Ewing** was appointed the physician on the board.<sup>2</sup>

**Hiram G. Keays** was promoted to the District Draft Board leaving a vacancy on the Logan County Board. **H. C. Quisenberry**, of Union, was appointed to fill the vacancy.<sup>3</sup>

**H. C. Quisenberry** became chairman of the board, **Charles Corwine**, secretary, and **Amalia "Mollie" Rautenberg**, Stenographer.<sup>4</sup>

The duties and activities of the Board were well described in an article of October 6.

"During the weeks between the days of physical examinations the board did its real work. In fact, those apparently busy days when the men are appearing for examination furnish the most work for the examining doctors, and the exemption board and assistants drop all other

routine work and merely give out information and blank forms.

"There is no let up. It is a continual chain of letter and telegram writing, posting, filing and form filling. It keeps **H. C. Quisenberry**, chairman, **Charles Corwine**, secretary, and Miss **Mollie Rautenberg**, stenographer, constantly on the job.

"When the call is issued for a new quota to report, notices are mailed to each man and copies are posted. Then comes filling in of physical examination blanks, receiving exemption claim forms and the filing of occupational claims with the Springfield board. If held or exempted each man is notified by mail, and several lists are made. The reports back from the district board man more filing and notification. The local board deals with over 200 different blank forms.

"Even after the quota has been finally certified, notices are sent each man giving the

hour to report and these lists are posted. Duplicates of the registration card and duplicates of the physical examination are then made. One copy goes to the commanding officer at Camp Dodge with the men.

"Many cases have to be taken up with other boards, where Logan county men petition to be examined elsewhere, where men from other districts apply to be examined here, or where registration cards or notices are lost or

misdirected. The board is in daily touch by telegraph with the adjutant general's office in Springfield, thru which orders from the provost marshal's office are transmitted"<sup>4</sup>

By February, 1919, little work was being done by the board. The office remained closed.<sup>5</sup> In March the board officially ended its work. The board issued a public thank you to all who helped with the draft process throughout the two year duration of the board.<sup>6</sup>

## **8: Women's Committee - National and State Councils of Defense - 60**

*Women of Logan County were very organized in their approach to canvassing all women in the county to determine their strengths and ability to volunteer time to work on the many projects that needed workers.*

Thousands of women in all parts of the United States prepared to replace men called to the colors. When men marched to war, women started working as elevator operators, elevated subway and street car conductors, machine shop experts, ticket agents, motion picture mechanics and distributors, telegraphers, railway cleaners, office clerks, "bell boys," chauffeurs, automobile mechanics, shoe makers, bank clerks, farm hands, railway checkers and callers, waiters in exclusive cafes, train dispatchers, gatemen and theatre musicians.<sup>1</sup>

Every woman in Illinois was asked to offer her service for some war work. Women in national service were asked to sign a pledge to serve by saving, and many responded to the appeal. Other pledges were signed by women who agreed to do without certain foods one day out of every week during the war.<sup>3</sup>

In Lincoln, the registration process, was organized by a committee of women chaired by **Mrs. A. W. Larison**. In Illinois the registration process was scheduled to begin Sep. 17.<sup>6</sup>

## **9: The Patriotic League - 64**

*Articles about this group of young ladies, who would become the grandmothers of my generation, did not run long. It is unclear whether the group was discontinued or the reporters moved on to more important stories. The movement spread through the county. However brief, it was interesting to learn that young women of the time were interested in helping fight if necessary.*

One hundred fourteen young women members of the Lincoln Patriotic League met in the library for the first drill under the temporary captain, Miss Edith Ryan. The crowd was nearly sufficient for two companies and on account of the lack of room, some of the drill features had to be eliminated.

Miss **Grace West**, leader of the league, was more than pleased with the attendance, and expects, at the next meeting, to have procured larger quarters for the drill. The members of the army were enthusiastic with the work, and more are expected to attend the next drill night. Drill was in progress last evening from 7:30 to 8:45.

Last night, the remainder of the temporary corporals were selected, which makes the list of officers as follows:

Captain – **Edith Ryan**; First Lieut. – **Jane Coogan**; Second Lieut. – **Anna L. Snider**; Sergeants – **Anna Ahrens, Katherine Gay, Mildred Fay**; Corporals – **Helen Perkins, Florence Warfield, Marian Armstrong, Louise Forbis, Evelyn Oliphant, Josephine Smith, Lena Hughes, Frances Keegan, Alberta Braka, Virginia Coogan, Helen Wonsavage, Nana Porter, Jean Loveland.**

## **10: Young Men's Christian Association, Y.M.C.A. - 66**

*The young men in service much appreciated the presence of the Y.M.C.A. in the training camps in the U.S.A. and in the field camps in Europe. The opportunity to get away from the action of military life was one way of de-stressing before returning to the rigors the war imposed on them.*

The Young Men's Christian Association, Y.M.C.A., provided wholesome activities for the

soldiers at the training camps and at their encampments in the war zones. Workers trained for this work became

members of the United States Army and were trained by the army to do the work entrusted to them. That portion of the organization became known as the Army Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. was supported by donations from the citizens of the various countries from which units were sent to the various camps. The story of Logan County's involvement is told in many articles written in the Lincoln Courier Herald about the Y.M.C.A., from which is drawn the information provided to tell that story.

Local involvement in the Y.M.C.A. began with a meeting held in May 1917. The meeting was chaired by Prof. **W. R. Whetsler**, corresponding secretary of the Illinois Y.M.C.A. Twenty business men and many ministers attended the meeting. The speaker for the

evening was **Harry Seamans** of Canton, IL. Mr. Seamans had been corresponding with **Dr. John R. Mott** of the international Y.M.C.A. committee. Dr. Mott had been instrumental in instituting Y.M.C.A. in the prison camps in Germany at the beginning of the war. The initial work of the Y.M.C.A. was to have buildings built at the camps to provide activities for the prisoners. A state campaign had begun to raise \$350,000 for buildings at the training camps in the U.S. Chicago had pledged \$200,000 toward that quota. Illinois was divided into twelve regions, each given a quota developed on its population, Canton had already secured \$2,000 in pledges. The tentative quota for Lincoln was also set at \$2,000. \$200 in pledges was secured at the first meeting. The quota for Lincoln was revised to \$1,000.<sup>1</sup>

### 11: National Guard, Home Guard, Militia - 70

*As is the case today, the National Guard of the period was called to the National Army first. Their training made them ready for early entry into the war. Many of these men were in Europe in late 1917.*

The concept of a Militia and Home Guard was begun in Feb. 1917, by State Representative **E. C. Perkins**.<sup>1</sup> The first militia drills in Logan County were begun in May, 1917.<sup>2</sup> Capt. **G. E. Boyd** led sixty-five members, at the Armory locations: Courthouse, Lincoln

State School & Colony Gymnasium, Gun Club Park, old Lincoln Business College (use donated by **George Corwine**). The Fifth reserve militia regiment at Lincoln was authorized Nov. 1917.<sup>3</sup>

### 12: Interesting Stories from Around Logan County - 77

*Walter Niebuhr was a son of Rev. Gustav Niebuhr, pastor at St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lincoln. His brothers were Reinhold Niebuhr and Hellmuth Niebuhr, nationally known theologians.*

#### Lincoln Man Sees Kaiser<sup>1</sup>

**Walter Niebuhr**, former editor of the Lincoln Courier-Herald, is attaining prominent notice in the discussion of our German relations, since a returned war correspondent, **Carl W. Ackerman**, who arrived with Ambassador Gerard from Germany recently, states in the Chicago Tribune and other newspapers that Niebuhr was given an audience with the German Kaiser when he was in Europe a couple years before, while **Ambassador Gerard** was asking in vain for a meeting with the emperor. Mr. Ackerman gives as the reason for Mr. Niebuhr's preference over the American Ambassador, the story that Niebuhr was the bearer of

assurances from German-Americans that they would never permit the United States to declare war on Germany. When Mr. Niebuhr went to Germany it was announced he had gone as a correspondent for a prominent news gathering association. He carried letters of introduction from prominent Americans, including **W. J. Bryan**. After his return from Europe he delivered addresses before German societies in this country and later joined the Illinois cavalry regiment on the Mexican border. The last report we have heard of him was that he was preparing to tour South America with a motion picture concern to prepare lectures on that part of the world.

### 13: The Gold Star List - 85

The following soldiers lost their lives during the Great War. You can find specific information about each of them in Chapter 17: Logan County Soldiers.<sup>1,2</sup> (LCWHC, Scrapbook, p18 and Lincoln Courier-Herald, Lincoln, IL, Feb. 19, 1919, 7)

Abrahamson, Joseph (DIS)	Baldwin, Harold Leroy (DOW)	Boudeman, Oral Oren (DIS)
Allen, Wade Haskel (DOW)	Baumhardt, Edward Adam (DOW)	Bower, Herman F., Jr. (DIS)
Alward, John A. (KIA)	Bell, Porter (KIA)	Brohammer, Fred W. (DIS)
Bailey, George Ezekiel (DIS)	Benedict, Harry Andrew (DIS)	Busch, Frederick H. (DOW)

Carmody, Daniel Stephen (DIS)	Hamilton, William Jacob (KIA)	Probasco, David Randolph (DIS)
Carter, Carl W. (DIS)	Hunt, Carl Jennings (DIS)	Rentschler, William M (DIS)
Criland, Arthur (DIS)	Irvin, Gilbert (DOW)	Rogers, Roy Elsworth (DIS)
Cronin, Edward F. (DOW)	Jewell, Bonnie Lewis (KIA)	Ross, Joe Matthews (DIS)
Cronin, Peter Thomas, Jr. (KIA)	Kinman, John D. (DIS)	Ross, Thomas William (DIS)
Crutchley, Roy Franklin (KIA)	Kraus, Frank Earnest (DIS)	Ross, William Lucius (DOW)
Cullom, Charles Hall (DIS)	Kresin, Louis Jacob (DIS)	Ryman, Herbert D., Dr (DOW)
Curry, Myron E. (DIS)	Krotz, Edward Fred (DIS)	Sarver, Edward W. (DIS)
Collier, George Edgar (DIS)	Laffey, John Henry (DOW)	Schaub, Dietrich J (DIS)
Davison, Ernest (DIS)	Lanham, Dean Parker (DIS)	Schwartz, Oscar Adolph (DIS)
Day, Herman (DIS)	Lewis, Alva C (KIA)	Scroggin, Floyd Eugene (KIA)
Deterts, Henry (DIS)	Likens, Arthur (DOW)	Shelton, Russell Roy (DIS)
Dierker, Albert H. (DIS)	McDavid, Joel Furnas (DOW)	Skelton, Omar M. (DIS)
Eaton, William I. (KIA)	McMath, Earl (KIA)	Smith, Richard (DIS)
Farnsworth, Frank Allen (DIS)	McNally, Owen Henry (DIS)	Taylor, James E. (DIS)
Fitzgerald, Joseph Emmett (DOW)	Miesner, Herman Christ (DIS)	Thompson, Edgar C. (DIS)
Ford, Howard Harry (KIA)	Morris, Lawrence Alvin (KIA)	Townsend, Charles (DIS)
Fuiten, Zachery Taylor (KIA)	Mortl, Otto Vincent (DIS)	Upton, Arthur A. (DIS)
Games, Frank Loren (DIS)	Ollis, James Milton (KIA)	Usherwood, George William (DIS)
Glaser, Walter Adam (DIS)	Poe, Charles H. (DIS)	Woodell, John F. (DIS)
Gresham, Bert W. (DOW)	Powell, Walter W. (DIS)	

#### 14: The Black Soldiers of Logan County - 86

This list of the "colored" soldiers from Logan County has at least thirty-five names. A more informative report on each man is given in the chapter on the soldiers. The military, at the time of WW I, was segregated. These men served with all black units, usually with white officers. However, Illinois, sent the only black regiments with all black officers.

Collins, Hurtt	Hazelwood, Clifford	Roberts, George
Dent, Robert	Johnson, Edward	Roberts, Roy
Donnelly, Clarence E.	Kennedy, Allen	Robinson, Jay V.
Dyer, William, Dr.	Lewis, Edward	Robinson, Roy
Ellis, Robert	Linn, Samuel	Robinson, Russell
Fort, Arthur	Lynn, Matthew	Ross, George Dewey
Foster, James William	Lynn, Troy Shedrick	Ross, Joe Matthews, (DIS)
Foster, Robert	McNeel, William	Townsend, Charles, {DOW}
Green, Elsa Hays	Orendorff, John W.	Weakley, Morris
Greene, James	Orendorff, Raymond	Wesley, Fort
Guster, James	Parker, Frank	Williams, Sonny
Hardin, Robert	Reed, Seymour	

*Several of the men listed here served in battle in France with at least the following two regiments. Not with the U.S. Army, but with the French, who came to admire their ability as soldiers. Read the farewell address by the French commander to these soldiers.*

The 366th Infantry Regiment was an all African American (segregated) unit of the United States Army that served with distinction in WW I. The unit was one of the exceptional Negro units with all its own officers and personnel. The 366th Infantry was constituted 16 Aug. 1917 in the National Army and assigned to the 92nd Division and organized at Camp Dodge, Iowa in November 1917. The regiment served overseas as a part of the 92nd Division, National Army earned credit for battle participation as follows: St. Die Sector (Lorraine), 23 Aug. 1918 - 20 Sep. 1918; Meuse-Argonne Sector, 26 Sep. 1918 - 5 Oct. 1918; and Marbach Sector (Lorraine), 8 Oct. 1918 - Nov. 1918.<sup>23</sup>

The Illinois soldiers of the 370th Infantry were from the Illinois 8th Illinois National Guard based in

Springfield. The 8th I.N.G. was an all black regiment. The 370th served with distinction and saw much hard fighting. Oddly, the unit served with the French during their tour of duty. The French much appreciated the fighting capabilities of this unit. The 370th was nicknamed the "Black Devils" by the Germans. The unit was the only black unit from Illinois with all black officers. One narrative, given by a white soldier was: "The Germans had been sending over great clouds of gas since early morning, one day. Toward noon a negro outfit was sent in to relieve us. The German outlooks were shocked at the change and unable to understand it. We afterward learned that frantic messages had been signaled back to their headquarters: 'We've gassed them until they are black in the face and they're still coming.'"<sup>2</sup>

### 17: Logan County Soldiers, Sailors, Nurses, etc. - 95

*These excerpted personal narratives are examples to be found in the largest chapter in the book. Photos of persons included in this chapter were rare. When no personal photo was available, attempts were made through Find A Grave to locate a headstone photo. This chapter includes narratives of more than 2,200 individuals.*



**JUDY, Dorothy** worked at the War Department, Washington, D. C. She worked in the Mileage Section, Money Accounts Branch, Administrative Bureau, Finance and Accounting Division. She was still working in Washington in June 1919. (AA, 1919, 0620, 4)<sup>7</sup> Letters: (AA, 1918, 0823, 3)<sup>7</sup>; Photo: (Atlanta Argus, 1917, 1221, 4)

335<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Battery D.<sup>4</sup> Will progressed through the ranks to become a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.<sup>4</sup> (ML, 1917, 1011, 8)<sup>13</sup> (LCH, 1918, 0506, 4)<sup>2</sup> (ML, 1918, 0815, 4)<sup>13</sup> Will returned to the U.S. July 5, 1919.<sup>4</sup> (ML, 1919, 0710, 1)<sup>13</sup> (LCH, 1919, 0712, 8)<sup>2</sup> He was discharged July 25, 1919.<sup>4</sup> (ML, 1919, 0731, 4)<sup>13</sup> William became a Presbyterian minister in ND, SD, WY, MN, and CO.<sup>11</sup> William died Jul. 29, 1960, at Boulder, CO.<sup>11</sup> He is buried at Mountain View Memorial Park, Boulder, CO.<sup>11</sup> (Find A Grave # 93200509)<sup>11</sup> Letters: (ML, 1917, 0517, 4; 1018, 4)<sup>13</sup>; (LCH, 1917, 1206, 4)<sup>2</sup>; (ML, 1918, 0606, 8; 1003, 8)<sup>13</sup>; Photos courtesy of Lincoln Public Library – LCWHC WWI History Collection.



**KIRBY, William Warren**<sup>1</sup> of Middletown, IL, was born May 11, 1891, at New Holland, IL.<sup>4</sup> His parents were **S. R. and Nancy J. Warren Kirby**.<sup>4</sup> Will enlisted in the Army Apr. 10, 1917, at Springfield, IL.<sup>4</sup> (ML, 1917, 0412, 4)<sup>13</sup> He entered as a Private in the 6<sup>th</sup> IL Inf., Co. D; 123<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery, Battery D at Leon Springs Training Camp.<sup>4</sup> (ML, 1917, 0927, 1)<sup>13</sup> Will arrived in France May 11, 1918.<sup>4</sup> (LCH, 1918, 0516, 1)<sup>2</sup> In France he served at the Sarener Artillery School and with the

#### **TOWNSEND, Charles (DOW)**<sup>1</sup>

of Lincoln, IL, was born Mar. 14, 1891, in Logan Co., KY.<sup>4</sup> His parents were **Preston and Charity (Hughes) Townsend**.<sup>4</sup> Charles was inducted into the Army Aug. 1918, at Lincoln, IL.<sup>4</sup> (LCH, 1918, 0731, 4)<sup>2</sup> He was a Pvt. in the 804<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Inf.<sup>4</sup> He served in France. (LCH, 1918, 1126, 2)<sup>2</sup> Charles was killed in France Feb. 12, 1919 when a German Ammunition Dump Exploded. (LCH, 1919, 0227, 1)<sup>2</sup> He is buried at the American National Cemetery in France. (LCH, 1919, 1126, 5)<sup>2</sup> Photo courtesy of Lincoln Public Library – LCWHC WWI History Collection.



Genealogical researchers need to know that there is much more information available in the files I have about each of the soldiers, sailors and war workers than was used in this book. Ask to see the WW I research on the computer at LCGHS. Look for the file - Soldier Records. Anyone who worked for the government as a soldier, ship

builder, or office worker, etc. were considered soldiers. The items included in the file for Dorothy Judy contain information for others who also worked in Washington, D. C. Here are the articles included in her file.

Some files have more information than others. **Will Kirby** has about 50 and **Don Murphy's** file has more than 100. Most have less than 10. The name of each item is also the source documentation. For example, these items are from the Atlanta Argus. The year, date and page number are contained in the name.

**MISS DOROTHY JUDY GOES TO WASHINGTON.**

✓ Miss Dorothy Judy received a telegram Saturday, notifying her that she had been appointed to a stenographic position in the Quartermaster General's offices at Washington.



She is ordered to report for duty on January 4. She obtained the position as the result of a Civil Service examination taken a few weeks ago. The position carries with it a salary of \$1,200 per year.

Miss Judy received her business training at Brown's Business College in Bloomington, and has been employed in the college office during the past four months.

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✓ Miss Erma Copes, an Atlanta girl, who has for some time been in Bloomington, has received an appointment at Washington, D. C., at a lucrative salary and left this week for the capitol city from Hot Springs, Ark., where she went to visit her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Morphis, before taking up her government work. Atlanta now has three young ladies doing stenographic and clerical work at Washington, Miss Copes, Dorothy Judy and Jessie Kelly.

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**WAR WORKERS IN WASHINGTON.**

We have received the following letter from Misses Jessie Kelly and Dorothy Judy, who are engaged in government work in Washington:

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12, 1918.

Dear Editor: We are both feeling fine and enjoy life in the Capitol very much. We are in the Quartermaster General's Office, Dorothy in the Mileage Section, Money Accounts Branch, Administrative Bureau, Finance and Accounts Division, and Jessie in the Memorandum, Transportation Request Section, Transportation and Telegraph Branch, Central Disbursing Division. Recently, Secretary Baker, Brigadier General's Wood and Lord addressed our Division at a "Get-together" meeting and we enjoyed the privilege of hearing their views on the war.

Through the kindness of Senator J. Hamilton Lewis and Representative McKinley, we have cards of admittance to both the Senate and House of Representatives for the whole session, and heard on our last visit to the Senate, the discussion on the Wife Bill.

A large majority of the wounded soldiers returned from France are sent to the Walter Reed General Hospital, and we have seen many sad cases, including fifty-six patients who arrived last week, affected by gas and shell shock. We have met and heard many interesting people, and are especially interested in the foreign officers, ambassadors and missions here.

These are only a few of the interesting things seen in and around War Time Washington. With best regards to the home folks, we are  
 Jessie M. Kelly.  
 Dorothy Judy.

538 Irving St., N. W.

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UPU.  
 Misses Jessie Kelly and Dorothy Judy, who are in the government service at Washington, D. C., are enjoying a month's vacation which they are spending at home here.

1919 0620 p4 AA

Official documents for soldiers include WW I Draft registrations, Headstone applications and Individual Service records collected by the Logan County War History Committee. Here is an example of the latter. First person accounts are always interesting. Family information was used to complete these for those who died.

**INDIVIDUAL SERVICE RECORD**  
LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

To be used for preserving data relative to service in the  
ARMY, NAVY, OR MARINE CORPS.

Carefully preserve, fill in and return to Mrs. Prentice Kuhl, Chairman Sub-Committee Statistics, War History Committee.

Name in full William Warren Kirby  
Date and place of birth May 11, 1891, New Holland, Ill.  
Name of father W. W. Kirby Birthplace Orange, Ohio  
Maiden name of mother Wesley J. Warren Birthplace New Holland, Ill.  
Nearest relative Teacher  
Residence before entering service Lincoln, Ill.  
Occupation before entering service Student  
Entered service in Army on April 10, 1917  
(Army, Navy, or Marine Corps) (Date)  
at Springfield, Ill. through enlistment  
(Induction, enlistment, commission.)  
Original assignment and rank Private Identification No. \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICE IN UNITED STATES OR IN HOME WATERS.**

Military Organization or Ship	Camp or Station	Dates
<u>8th Ill. Inf. Co. D.</u>	<u>Camp Forden, Ill.</u>	<u>April 10, 1917 - April 22, 1917</u>
<u>123rd FA. Det. 'D'</u>	<u>Camp Tracy, Ill.</u>	<u>April 22, 1917 - April 27, 1917</u>
<u>Iron Springs Training Camp</u>	<u>Camp Tracy, Ill.</u>	<u>April 11, 1917 - June 7, 1917</u>

Date and place of embarkation for overseas April 23, 1917, Hoboken, N. J.  
Date and place of landing May 6, 1917, St. Nazaire, France

**SERVICE OVERSEAS OR AT SEA.**

Military Organization or Ship	Area or Sector	Dates
<u>Samuel Colt School</u>	<u>Samuel, France</u>	<u>May - Aug 1, 1917</u>
<u>3rd FA. Det. 'D'</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>Aug - Dec 1917</u>
"	<u>Germany</u>	<u>Dec 1917 - May 1918</u>

**BATTLES AND ENGAGEMENTS.**

Name of battle	Unit (or ship) to which assigned	Dates

Wounded at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place) (Date)

Circumstances \_\_\_\_\_  
Decorated or cited (give place, date, name of decoration, and description of service for which received) \_\_\_\_\_

**PROMOTIONS (beginning with original rank.)**

Successive ranks held	Dates
<u>Private</u>	<u>April 10 - Aug 27, 1917</u>
<u>Corporal</u>	<u>Aug 27 - Oct 1, 1917</u>
<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>Oct 1, 1917 - July 12, 1918</u>
<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>July 12, 1918 - July 26, 1918</u>

Died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place) (Date)

Cause of death \_\_\_\_\_

Arrived from overseas on July 5, 1919 at Hoboken, N. J.  
(Date) (Place)  
Discharged on July 28, 1919 at Camp Grant, Ill.  
(Date) (Place)

First position after discharge Center School  
Permanent address Middletown, Illinois  
Above information given by William W. Kirby (Name)

Additional data for which there is no provision above should be placed on a separate sheet of paper and filed along with this questionnaire.

**INDIVIDUAL SERVICE RECORD**  
LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Name in full Charlie Townsend  
Date and place of birth Logan County - Kentucky March 14  
Name of father Preston Townsend Birthplace Logan Co. Ky. 1891  
Maiden name of mother Charity Hughes Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
Nearest relative Preston Townsend (Father)  
Residence before entering service Lincoln - Illinois  
Occupation before entering service Farmers and Carpenter  
Entered service in Army on Aug. 1918  
(Army, Navy, or Marine Corps) (Date)  
at Lincoln - Illinois through Induction  
(Induction, enlistment, commission.)  
Original assignment and rank Pvt. Identification No. 3962514

**SERVICE IN UNITED STATES OR IN HOME WATERS.**

Military Organization or Ship	Camp or Station	Dates
	<u>Camp Dodge</u>	

Date and place of embarkation for overseas \_\_\_\_\_  
Date and place of landing \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICE OVERSEAS OR AT SEA.**

Military Organization or Ship	Area or Sector	Dates
<u>804th Pioneer Inf.</u>		

**BATTLES AND ENGAGEMENTS.**

Name of battle	Unit (or ship) to which assigned	Dates

Wounded at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place) (Date)

Circumstances \_\_\_\_\_  
Decorated or cited (give place, date, name of decoration, and description of service for which received) \_\_\_\_\_

**PROMOTIONS (beginning with original rank.)**

Successive ranks held	Dates

Died at Killed in France on Feb. 12, 1919  
(Place) (Date)  
Cause of death Explosion of Ammunition Dump

Arrived from overseas on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Place)  
Discharged on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Place)

First position after discharge \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent address \_\_\_\_\_  
Above information given by Preston Townsend (Name)

Additional data for which there is no provision above should be placed on a separate sheet of paper and filed along with this questionnaire.

Here are examples of the WWI Draft Registration and Military Headstone Application

**REGISTRATION CARD**

1	Name in full <i>Nenny J. Donath</i>	Age <i>30</i>
2	Home address <i>515 State Louis Ill</i>	
3	Date of birth <i>Jan 26 1887</i>	
4	Are you (1) a native born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <i>Natural born</i>	
5	Where were you born? <i>Louis Ill U.S.A.</i>	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Goal Miner</i>	
8	By whom employed? <i>Louis Ill</i>	
9	Where employed? <i>Louis Ill</i>	
10	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>Mother</i>	
11	Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i>	Reason (specify which)? <i>Common</i>
12	What military service have you had? (State years, Nation or State)	
13	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

*Nenny J. Donath*  
(Signature or mark)

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DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) <i>January 26, 1887</i>		COMPANY <i>47th arty</i> U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION AND DIVISION <i>Coast Artillery Unassigned corps</i>	
DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) <i>June 24, 1952.</i>		LOCATION (City and State) <i>Lincoln, Illinois.</i>	
NAME OF CEMETERY <i>St. Mary's</i>		NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State) <i>Lincoln, Illinois.</i>	
SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY) <i>Leo Donath</i> (SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)		POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE <i>313 3rd. Street, Lincoln, Illinois.</i>	
<b>DO NOT WRITE HERE</b> FOR VERIFICATION <i>Jul 22 1952</i> ORDERED <i>COLUMBUS, MISS. OCT 1 1952</i> B/L <i>WV 5597605</i> SHIPPED		I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense. <i>Leo Donath</i> APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE <i>July 1 1952</i> DATE OF APPLICATION ADDRESS (Street, City, State) <i>313 3rd. Street, Lincoln, Illinois.</i>	

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## LCGHS Garage Sale

Get your items ready for the Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society's third annual garage sale June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Center, 114 N. Chicago St. Also, plan to attend the garage sale and find historical, unique, and household items for sale. The sale will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

We will need an infinite number of card tables and folding tables. Please bring these in no later than Monday of the sale week. A volunteer signup sheet for workers will be located on the main desk at the Center beginning in May. Donations for the LCGHS collections will also be accepted.

The following items will be accepted every afternoon that week after 1 p.m.: jewelry, purses, gift

items, plastic hangers, books, cookbooks, comic books, (no encyclopedias), sports cards, toys, games;

D'ecor, including floral arrangements, candles, plants, lamps, nick knacks, craft items, pillows, baskets, Christmas items, antiques, historical items;

Kitchen items including extras, things you don't use, utensils, dishes, glasses, small appliances;

Furniture, including chairs and end tables; for larger items find transportation and labor and contact us in advance;

DVD's, CD's, videos, records, piano music; June issues of current magazines; rugs, blankets, bedspreads, table cloths, towels, tools, sports equipment; and

Nice clothing including sweaters, sweatshirts, and T-shirts (mark sizes).

## Work Day Scheduled

The Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society is planning a Work Day on Saturday, March 25, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. All volunteers will be served

complimentary pizza and drink at noon. A variety of tasks will be available for worker selection.

## Elvira Fleming High School Scrapbooks

LCGHS members might be interested in viewing four elegant scrapbooks compiled by **Elvira Hoephner Fleming** during her Lincoln High School days, 1931-1934. These have been reassembled by LCGHS Specialist **Diane Detmers** and are available for viewing at the Center.

## Lincoln Men Buy Aeroplane

Regan v14 p93, June 23, 1911

Ted Blinn and Robert Haller Contract For Biplane from Chicago Aviation Company.

Machine, in charge of Captain Joyce, will make ascensions on the Fourth.

The Fourth of July entertainment committee of the **Lincoln Commercial Club** met at **Lynn Parker's** office Friday morning and after a careful discussion of the aeroplane proposition accepted the contract offered by **Ted Blinn** and **Robert Haller**, to secure for Lincoln two flights on the Fourth.

The flights will be made by **Captain James Joyce**, of Chicago, who last week made an altitude record at Benton Harbor, Mich., and who made a record making distance flight at Hartford, Pa. early this spring.

The machine to be used will be purchased from the Chicago Aviation company by a local company headed by **Ted Blinn** and **Robert Haller** backed by **E. D. Blinn** and **John S. Haller**. The latter two gentlemen have informed the committee that they have agreed to purchase the aeroplane outright and the committee

decided to take their offer rather than give the contact to a foreign man. The machine to be purchased is a new one now being built by the Chicago Aviation Company and will be thoroughly tested at the Chicago Aviation fields before it is sent to Lincoln.

Messrs. **Haller** and **Blinn** called up the Chicago company of which **Captain James Joyce** is a director, immediately after the meeting of the committee Friday morning and were informed that the machine could be brought to Lincoln two days before the Fourth so that people can be assured the flights will take place. **Captain Joyce** will arrive in time to get the machine in readiness for the flights.

Local Aviator

It is planned by Messrs. **Blinn** and **Haller**, to send **Clarence Hinckle**, a brave lad of this city who has

spent four years with Uncle Sam in the navy, to the Chicago School of Aviation for thirty days to learn to manage their machine. Later in the summer the company will then be able to give flights elsewhere for sums at which they can make some money out of their venture. **Mr. Hinckle** will probably go to Chicago to take up the study as soon as possible.

The promoters agreed to place a forfeit if the machine does not appear and they do not ask the committee to pay them a cent until the flights are made.

This is much better than the offer made by **John McGrail**, who wanted to get some machine from the east but asked that \$200 be paid him with the signing of the contract.

This assures the aeroplane flights for the Fourth and everybody should be happy. The committee has finally disposed of an arduous task and they deserve the thanks of the citizens for having devoted so much of their time to the matter.

## Thousands Entertained in Lincoln With Monster Fourth Celebration

Regan v14 p104 July 5, 1911

### Failure of Aeroplane to Rise only Regrettable Failure. No Flights Made

The one big disappointment of the day, most keenly felt because the most attractive feature, was the failure of the plans for the aeroplane flights, the leading attractions, to materialize. A new machine, barely out of the factory, and untried except for a single flight, was sent to Lincoln for ascension. Every time a start was made something went wrong with the intricate and delicate machinery, and the craft never left the ground.

Four times the aviator, **William Wallace**, attempted to start, and each time an accident prevented. By 11 o'clock, the hour announce for the first ascension, fully then thousand people were assembled on and about the grounds north of the Illinois Central station. Shortly after the hour, the whistle at the north shaft announced the appearance of the aeroplane on the field. For three quarters of an hour Wallace and his mechanic, **Hinckley**, worked with the engine before it could be fixed in running order. Finally the craft was taken to the north end of the field, where Wallace made the first start. The plane scudded beautifully along the

ground when released, but just as it started to rise, one of the propeller blades struck a rock, snapping a bolt in the steering wheel, and forcing Wallace to stop. The whirling blades also struck a can on the field, hurling it a hundred feet into the air, and splintering the edge of one of the blades.

The broken bolt necessitated the postponement of the flight until after noon, and it was announced for 1:30 o'clock, but unfavorable winds necessitated another postponement until 3:30.

At 3:30 Wallace brought the plane out again, and made another start across the field, but before he could rise, the lubricator became loosened, and a hole was ripped in the oil can, while another bolt in the steering apparatus broke. The lubricating tank had to be taken to a plumbing shop to be repaired, and the delay held back another trial until 6 o'clock, when Wallace twice crossed the field in efforts to make the promised flights, but the engine refused to work, two cylinders stopping up, and all hopes for the flight were given up.

## Aviator Attempts A Test Flight

Regan v14 p 107, July 6, 1911

### Curtiss Machine Makes Beautiful Start but Rough Ground Causes Accident

With only two witnesses, **Robert Haller**, one of the owners of the aeroplane, and a representative of the Courier, there to witness the attempt, Aviator "**Bill**" **Wallace** and his mechanic, **Harry Hinkley** got the aeroplane out of the hanger at sunrise Thursday morning and **Mr. Wallace** made an attempt at five o'clock to fly from the aviation field at North Lincoln. The machine, which had been thoroughly tested Wednesday, was again tested before the attempt Thursday morning and was in splendid working order.

**Aviator Wallace** took the machine to the south end of the field and got away with a flying start toward the north. The machine sped along a distance of two hundred yards and was just making a pretty ascension

when the same accident occurred that marred one of the attempts on the Fourth. The suction of the machine drew up a stone or a piece of iron from the ground, which struck one of the bamboo rods, splitting it in two. The rod fell toward the propeller, which struck it with great force, splintering it to pieces, and knocking large chips off the propeller, and damaging it so badly it is practically useless. The aviator brought the machine to a dead stop and it whirled to the east side of the field, where it stopped near a fence.

A new bamboo rod was put in the place of the broken one immediately and **Harry Hinkley** was sent to St. Louis Thursday morning to bring back another

propeller. This will be put in place Thursday night or Friday morning and further flights will be attempted.

**Aviator Wallace** declared to the Courier representative after the attempt that accidents of this nature are of such frequent occurrence with aviators

that they are not commented upon. At the Chicago Aviation Field there is a pile of broken bamboo rods on propellers five feet high and hardly a day passes where some part of the intricate machinery of some aeroplane does not break.

## Aviator Goes Home

Regan v14 p 107, July 6, 1911

"Bill" Wallace Returns to Chicago to Resume Work at Aeroplane Factory

Following his unsuccessful attempt at flying Thursday morning in the Curtis aeroplane, **Bill Wallace**, the aviator, returned Thursday noon to Chicago to resume his position with the Chicago Aviation Company. He stated that he could not afford to wait here but would be willing to come back at any time and make the flights in the company wanted him to. Wallace only laughed at the remarks of people who thought he was "yellow," and took the trouble to point out to them that never in the history of flying in this country had an aeroplane flown over a town the streets of which were crowded, on its first attempt. The

machine which Wallace was handling had made no flight before, except a short one at the Chicago fields last Saturday. The contract called for a flight over the city streets, which were packed with people and the machine was untried. Mr. Wallace made several sincere attempts to rise, in spite of a bad engine and the danger of flying over the town in the new machine, but accidents prevented him. He was a game fellow, and made many friends during his brief stay here.

The directors of the Commercial Club will meet at **Lynn Parker's** office this evening to decide definitely about the aeroplane flights.

## Ask More Time

Regan v14 p160, Aug. 16, 1911

Local Aeroplane owners Ask Commercial Club for Seven More Days.

That the **Lincoln Aviation Company** is determined to make good was revealed at a meeting of the **Lincoln Commercial Club** Wednesday morning when **John S. Haller**, representing the aviation company, asked the directors of the commercial body to withhold making an contract with an outsider for seven days when the local company would submit a proposition relative to a flight.

The news came when **Mr. Haller** arose to object to any further appropriation of the Fourth of July funds. Plans have been under discussion for some time relative to securing an aeroplane flight. The failure of the present machine owned by the local company to work caused the directors to seek an outside aviation company to make a flight here, At the meeting, **Mr. Haller** stated that the company would be ready in a week's time to make a proposition worthy of notice.

## Aeroplane Flies

Regan v14 p152. Aug. 9, 1911

Lincoln Aviation Company's Machine Ascends With Aviator

It soars!

No, not the price of meat but the Lincoln aeroplane. The machine which was bought a month ago by the **Lincoln Aviation Company** and which made unsuccessful attempts to leave the ground on the Fourth of July and numerous attempt's since that time, finally spread its wings on Tuesday afternoon and carried its pilot, **Harry Hinckley**, off the ground, and soared over the astonished country side at a height of about thirty feet. The cattle and the mules and the human beings stretched their necks at the pretty sight and those who

were present cheered the aviator while the cows moored, the mules brayed and the horses whinnied.

Aviator **Hinckley** was so well pleased with the working of the machine that he promised a flight on Wednesday afternoon and a large number of enthusiasts went out to the **Strawn** farm to watch the flight. Messrs. **Blinn** and **Haller**, the owners, were given until Thursday afternoon to make good with their machine, and after the agreed to release the Commercial Club from any obligations if they failed to make good. The results of the attempts on Wednesday and Thursday will be awaited with interest.

## Lincoln Wins

Regan v8 p35, Oct. 09, 1890

The State Odd Fellow's Orphan's Home Located Here.

A Big Institution, Which Will Aid Greatly to the Prosperity of our Bustling City.



Whoop-e-la! Tally one for Lincoln! There are no sort of insects upon her. Sitting upon the bank of modern progress, she has been angling - fishing - for lo! these many months. Now and then a nibble, but a haul in of the line showed nothing but the bare hook. But a bite that was felt came at last. After the nibble it has taken scientific work to keep the fish from running off with

the hook. But it was landed safe and sound, Tuesday. It was a great fish, too. It was a great fish, too. It was the location of the State Odd Fellow's Orphan's Home. Hurrah for Lincoln! Let the Times' rooster crow!

The committee of Odd Fellows and of the ladies side-order of the Daughters of Rebeccah met in Chicago, Tuesday, to choose a site for the proposed orphans' home. This committee were fourteen in number and included the five who visited Lincoln and were shown the city.

## Purchases Town Clock

Regan v4 p88, Jan. 16, 1909

Atlanta Will Have a Clock That Can Be Heard for Many Miles

The board of education and soliciting committee held a meeting Monday afternoon to consider bids for the tower clock to be placed in the new public school building at Atlanta. After considering the bids submitted by the Seth Thomas and Howard clock companies, the contract for furnishing and installing the clock was awarded to the Seth Thomas company.

The clock is to be of the latest improved pattern and is guaranteed for a period of five years. It is warranted to vary not more than one minute per month. The outfit includes a McShane bell of 1,000 pounds weight with complete fixtures, and the striking apparatus of the clock has a striking hammer weighing forty-five pounds.

After carefully considering the matter it was decided not to install the electrically connected clocks in the several rooms, as the system seemed too elaborate and likely to give more or less trouble and need expert attention. Instead, a good eight-day clock will be purchased for each room.

The purchasing committee believe they have secured as good a time-piece as is made. Owing to the architectural arrangement of the building, it will be impossible to use one dial, but particular attention has been given to the striking arrangement, and it should be heard for several miles.

## Donors Thanked

The following donors are thanked for their generous response to the December special donation request.

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Beaver, Paul & Sue  
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## Half a Hundred

The Lincoln Times, Lincoln, IL, Sep. 23, 1886

### Mt. Pulaski is Old, But She is Vigorous, all the same.

One of the most completely successful affairs ever planned and executed in central Illinois was the celebration of the of the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of Mt. Pulaski. The celebration was held Wednesday, September 15th, too late for us to give an accurate and adequate account of it in the last issue.

The original town of Mt. Pulaski was laid out on a part of section 14, in township 18n., r. 2west of 3rd p. m. It was surveyed July 20, 1836, by **T. R. Skinner**, deputy for **I. M. Neale**, surveyor of Sangamon county. It was dedicated July 25, 1936, before **Thomas Moffett**, a justice of the peace. The plat was filed for record at Springfield, August 17, 1836, and recorded by **Benjamin Talbott**, recorder of Sangamon county. The proprietors of the town when it was laid off were **Barton Robinson, J. F. Davis, Alexander Lindsey, Washington Turley, James Scott, Jabez Capps, George McDaniel, James Thomas Robinson** and **George R. Rice**. The land on which the town is located was entered from the United States by **Barton Robinson**, July 5th, 1836. The original town consisted of forty-five blocks all divided into lots. The first cabin was moved in by **Jeremiah Birks** from Lake Fork and rebuilt on the public square at the present site of the postoffice. For the first two years the town had no name. It was first christened "Pulaski" and the mound or hill furnished the remainder of the name.

Following is the list of officers of the celebration: President and commander-in-chief, **S. Linn Beidler**; vice president and commander of trades procession, **I. L. Donaldson**; treasurer and chairman of badges, **M. J. Reinheimer**; museum and chairman of medals; **J. P. Fowler**; chariman on decorations and illuminations, **W. M. Martin**; chairman on grounds, plates, meats, coffee, tea, and bread, **C. F. Schafer**; chairman on stand and seats, **George Jenner** and **S. Linn Beidler**; secretary, **Thomas H. Smedley**.

The following program was executed: Sunrise, cannon salute of 50 rounds; 8:30 a.m., music by band and singing; 9:30 a.m., meeting by band and singing; 9:30 a.m., meeting called to order by president; prayer by **Rev. L. M. Robinson**; address of welcome by **Dr. J. H. Beidler**; singing, "Auld Lang Syne," by **Miss Susie Hoskins**; historical address, **Major M. Wemple**; speeches by **Hon. Champ Clark**, of Missouri, and **Col. J. H. Matheuy** and others; 11:00, formation of grand military and trades procession; 12:30, barbecue and

dinner. Afternoon-1:30, singing and music by the band; 2:00, address by **Hon. Wm. M. Springer, Capt. J. H. McGill, Major Orendorff, Rev. Black** and others; 3:30, free dramatic entertainment on stage; 5:00, balloon ascension, wrestling and boxing matches, climbing greased pole, etc; 6:00, supper. Evening - 7:00, night procession and illuminations; 9:30, dramatic entertainment on stage; 10:30, social entertainments, dancing, etc.

The military and trades procession was one of the most successful features of the day's festivities, the various participants vying with each other in the matter of uniqueness and beauty of design. Following is the order of marching:

Goodman's band, of Decatur.  
Decatur Guards. Governor's Guard, of Springfield.  
Snyder Bros., Groceries.  
Martin Bros., Dry Goods.  
Ziess & Bekemeyer, Dry Goods.  
Reinheimer Bros. & Leisen, Clothing.  
E. A. Damon, Clothing.  
Tonlon & Hoyt, General Merchandise.  
Illinois Central Railroad, with station employees.  
Mayer & Bros., Harness and Trunks.  
Beidler & Son, Drugs.  
Boltz's Milwaukee Beer.  
Schaffer & Co., Hardware and Stoves.  
Swete & Vonderleith, Horseshoeing.  
Mt. Pulaski Tile Works.  
J. Mayer & Bros., Buggies and Carriages

The attendance is estimated as from 12,000 to 15,000, the town being literally jammed from center to circumference by a crowd of happy, joyous people, bent on having one day of unalloyed pleasure. They city was in gay attire, the business houses and residences being gorgeously decorated with elaborately artistic designs, streamers, bunting and flags being lavishly displayed, and at night a perfect firmament of Chinese lanterns twinkled over the immense concourse. Although the crowd was dense and everybody was dry and hungry, the best of order was maintained by all.

The affair was planned on an immense scale and the untiring energy, zeal, and business ability of the managers, achieved a successful execution of the plan that did honor to all concerned.

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**Elkhart:** 1928

**Lincoln College:** 1970

**Make Tracks to Latham 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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1840, 1850, 1855, 1860, 1870, 1880 Logan  
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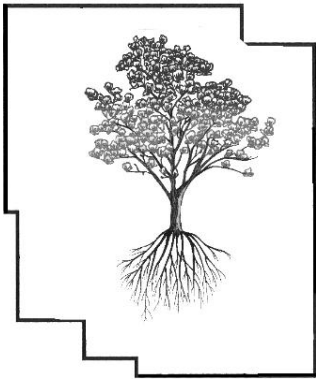
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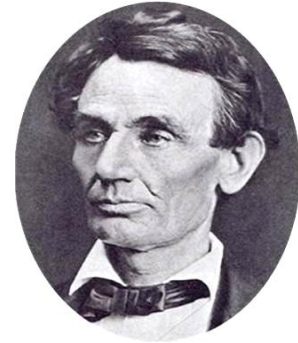
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## The First Mill In Logan County

Regan v17, p73, Nov. 25, 1911

Orendorff Mill, Built in 1824, Did Flourishing Business - **J. T. Rudolph**, Now Justice of the Peace, Was Miller.

A few of Logan county's old settlers will probably remember the career of **Joseph Orendorff**, at one time perhaps the richest man in Logan county, and the owner of the first big grist mill operated in this locality. Orendorff operated and owned what was known as the **Lantis mill**, near the site of the present Orendorff bridge, north of the city.

This mill was built in the year 1824 by **Daniel Lantis**, a hardy frontiersman who came to Illinois from Kentucky in 1821. It was built in the style of the old Rankin mill, which was recently washed away by the high floods, but was quite a little large than that mill. Lantis operated it for seven or eight years and then sold it to **Benjamin and Joseph Orendorff**, twin brothers, who were said to have been the first white men north of the

Sangamon River. They came from a wealthy family and bought much land in this neighborhood. Benjamin, who was a bachelor, later went to Minnesota, to the locality where Duluth now stands, and the old legend has it that he cleared \$45,000 in mining investments in the north, returning to this county with the money and burying it somewhere on the Orendorff land north of the city. Although this was but a hearsay story, many have believed it to be true and many men have tried to find the fortune on the land. Credence is given the story by the fact that Joseph Orendorff could never account for the disposal of his brothers wealth after the latter's death.

Was Wonderful Business Man.

**Joseph Orendorff** was not only the wealthiest but the shrewdest and most successful business man in central Illinois in those early times. He owned between seven and eight thousand acres of fine land. He operated several mills, chief among

them the Lantis mill, which was managed for him by **J. T. Rudolph**, now the well known justice of the peace of this city. He dealt extensively in horses and cattle, and his home situated near the mill was among the most pretentious in central Illinois. He quit the milling business in 1849, went west to California with gold seekers, came back home and died in this county in 1851.

#### A Hospitable Home.

The Orendorff home was a by word for hospitality. Mr. Orendorff's wife was a beautiful and highly cultured lady, beloved by all who knew her. Her husband was very erratic and would often fly into a rage, but was kindly and good humored withal. His establishment on Sugar Creek presented a veritable village, as he had a number of houses about is mill. He owned another mill on Sugar Creek at what was known as Morgan's Ford, a mill that was bought by him from the builder, **Wilbur Morgan**. In the year 1849, when Orendorff went west he abandoned operation of this mill and his manager **J. T. Rudolph**, took up the task of breaking hundreds of acres of his prairie land. The mill remained well preserved for many years, but finally was washed down by high waters in the year 1876.

The oldest son of **Joseph Orendorff**, **Christoper**, met a tragic fated in Wyoming when he, and his cousin, **James McGraw** went west with a party of fortune hunters. He and his cousin strayed away from the party and were set upon and scalped by a band of Indiana. **Jesse Pettit**, now a constable in this city, shortly after reached the site of the massacre and saw the fresh grave of the two victims. Another son, **Gen. Alfred Orendorff**, recently deceased, made his mark in this state. He served under **Atgeld** as attorney general and was one of the most prominent men, politically, in Illinois.

#### Mr. Randolph's Career.

Justice **J. T. Rudolph** of this city, former manager of the Orendorff mill, was born in Carmi, Ill., on September 8, 1828. An uncle of his, **David Rudolph**, was for many years a Methodist circuit rider in this neighborhood. **Joseph Orendorff**

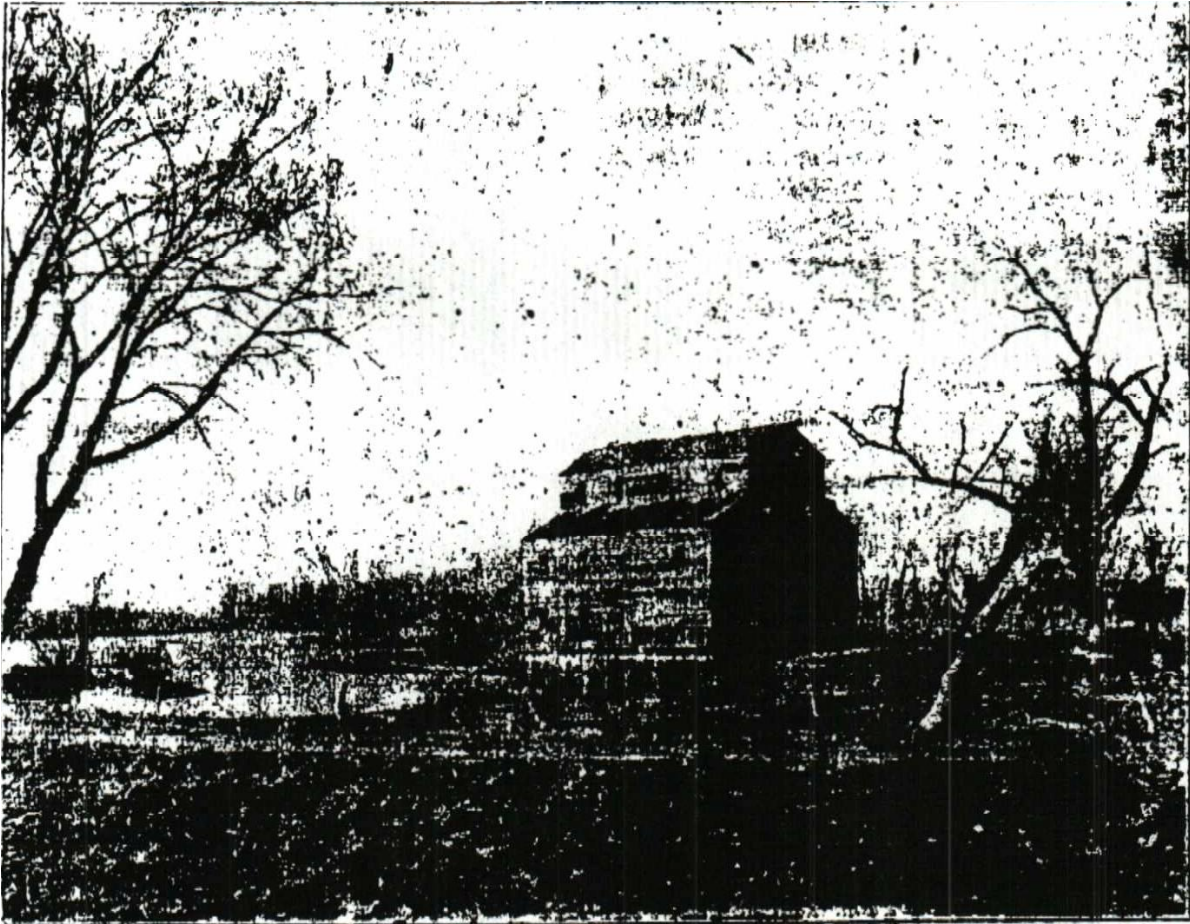
came to Logan county with his parents in 1834. He came of hardy Tennessee pioneer stock. He ran the Orendorff mill until the year 1849, when it was abandoned. Then he bought himself four yoke of oxen and began to break prairie. In company with **George Musick**, the ex-banker, he broke 400 acres of soil on the Boren estate. He looked after the land interests for **Joseph Orendorff** for many years. **Samuel G. Evans**, the father of **Lincoln and William Evans** was an agent for Mr. Orendorff at the time, and had charge of much of his cattle and horse buying.

During the civil war time Mr. Rudolph was deputy sheriff, serving in that capacity under sheriff's **Starkey, Mayfield and Nichols**. The sheriffs at that time collected taxes, spending two days in each precinct and Mr. Rudolph spent most of his time assisting in the work. Later he was made a justice of the peace, and has held that office in the city of Lincoln for forty-two consecutive years. There is probably no justice of the peace living in this state with such a record of continued service in one public office.

An interesting incident occurred during the election of **Sheriff Mayfield** to office during the war time. The 106th Regiment was mustered into service in this county at that time. The regiment, which was to have gone to the front, was detained here, it is said to bring about the defeat of Mayfield. The latter at once got among the boys, made their acquaintance and won their friendship, and they elected instead of defeating him to the office.

Mr. Rudolph although having passed the fourscore mark of his life, is today among the youngest men in Lincoln, He carries the burden of years well, and is as strong and able as he was when most of those in business here today were in their knee breeches.

Today but one relic of the old mill which Mr. Rudolph ran remains. This is part of the home of **Ed. Deverman**, residing north of the city, which was a part of the pretentious home of **Joseph Orendorff**.



Rankin's Mill at Rocky Ford, Logan County, Salt Creek, Courtesy of Hon. Lawrence B. Stringer

## Old Rankin Mill Is Washed Away

Regan v14, p228, Oct. 2, 1911

### Relic of War Times, Oldest Mill In Central Illinois Falls Into Creek

The old mill at Rocky Ford, for many years Logan county's most historic relic of the war times was Monday washed away by the floods, according to word brought to this city by the mail carriers Monday afternoon. It was known as the old Rankin mill, and was on Salt Creek about five miles southwest of this city. The exact age of the mill could not be ascertained Monday afternoon. Its picture has

appeared in many papers and the sentiment that hovered about its old ruins gave poets inspiration for their rhymes. The last vestige of the mill is now gone.

The old **Rankin mill** was the first industry of Logan county. The ground on which it stood was surveyed and platted by **Abraham Lincoln**, and the mill was built during Lincoln's life time.

## Flood Destroys Rocky Ford Mill

Regan v14, p229, Oct. 2, 1911

### Historic Landmark Stood on Sight of Proposed Town Platted by Lincoln

Washing relentlessly from beneath the high waters of Salt Creek, swollen by the late damaging rains, claimed another victim when it bore away the old Rankin mill Monday. The first intimation of the destruction of the tottering landmark appeared solely in the Courier of Monday, and now more of the details may be of interest.

Most of the people of Logan county have been familiar with the ancient Rocky Ford grist mill of their lives. For almost a century the time worn structure had defied the elements, weathering every storm and flood successfully before succumbing to the last freshet. When the old mill was built, it was built strongly. The pioneers did the work well, and the fruit of their labor stood generation after the names of the builders had passed into oblivion.

The old mill looked upon **Abraham Lincoln**, then a struggling surveyor. It stood on the site that he had previously platted as a town site. It lived to see Lincoln ascend to the presidential chair, and when the call was sent out for volunteers by the one-time surveyor of Rocky Ford, the mill's owner, **Leo W. Meyers** was the first to answer the summons. Myers fell in battle a short time afterwards, the first martyr of Logan county to perish in the service of the north. The local post of G. A. R. is named in honor of the owner of the Rocky Ford mill.

Even at that time some of the clapboards were loosening and its day of usefulness were almost gone. For years now the deserted pile has stood as a monument to the early industry of progressive Logan county citizens. Today the weather-beaten clapboard are turned into mere driftwood, and the oldest monument of industry in central Illinois has disappeared.

The land upon which Myers mill, later known as Rankin's mill was located was

originally entered as government land by **William Glenn**, Aug. 12, 1829. In 1833 it passed into the hands of **Nicholas Sintz** and on his death, descended to his heirs, in 1845 it was purchased by **Jonathan Myers**, who, in that same year erected the mill that has just succumbed to the present high water. The mill was built for **Jonathan Myers** by **Alexander Samples** and **Jesse Spencer**, and an agreement entered into in May, 1845. A few months after the mill was built it passed into the hands of **Ezra Myers**, who in 1847 deeded it to **Leo W. Myers**, who is buried in Lucas cemetery, a short distance from the site of the mill. In 1851, Mr. Myers sold the mill to **Edmund Rankin** and it became known as Rankin's mill. The heirs of **Edmund Rankin** now own the property.

Along in the early thirties when the whole country lost its head over the immense fortunes that were being promised from the sale of town lots, early promoters got the craze and determined to start a town on the present site of Rocky Ford. The mill was built there later, and was intended for the nucleus about which to build the proposed town of Albany. **John Wright** and **John Donovan** had entered land in what is now Logan County, now Rocky Ford. Logan county was then part of Sangamon county. They applied to **Thomas M. Neale**, then county surveyor. Neale sent his deputy, Abraham Lincoln, to do the job. **Mr. Lincoln** came with his surveyor's instruments to Rocky Ford in 1836, and then and there laid out the proposed town. It was called **Albany**, but despite the name, there never was any habitation to speak of. But on the records of Logan county, one interested may find a rudely drawn plat of this forgotten town and underneath it these words: "I hereby certify that the above is a correct map of the

town of Albany as surveyed by me. A. Lincoln."

The traveler crossing Rocky Ford today little realizes that Abraham laid out a town there over eighty years ago, but the fact remains. This is the town that was intended to be the center of Logan county. Postville was thin in its infancy, and the larger town of Lincoln soon supplanted the village of Albany. A few rude houses appeared on the

bank opposite the ole mill, but after a little these too fell. With the passing of the old mill the last vestige of Logan county's intended county seat has disappeared.

The Rocky Ford mill was one of the first and most improved mills of the country. It had two runs of stones and up until the time of the roller mills process was considered the very best kind of mill to be had.

## **Rankin Mill Did A Large Business**

Regan v14, p250, Oct. 14, 1911

Built in 1852 at Cost of \$20,000 by **E. Rankin.**

A resident of the Rocky Ford district, acquainted with the history of the old Rankin mill, which fell recently, contributes some historical facts that will be of interest concerning on the best known old institutions of the county.

The mill was constructed by **Edmund Rankin** in 1852, and was finished January 1, of that year at a cost of about \$20,000. The first miller was **David Haines**. He soon found himself unable to attend to the growing business alone and the place, when running day and night shifts required the services of three millers. Often 12 to 15 teams could be seen waiting for their grist and some of those who came were often compelled to bring their food with them and stay overnight waiting their turn at the mill. Many of them came long distances to have their wheat and corn ground.

In the early days, the mill had a reputation for turning out other things beside flour and meal. The fishing there was fine and as many as 800 pounds of fish were imprisoned and caught in a single night by the action of the water wheel. The largest of these weighted 92 pounds. The water-power also operated a saw mill. The mill was singularly devoid of

fatalities in its operation, as not a single death either by contact with the machinery or drowning, and no one was even seriously hurt.

The accompanying cut of the old mill was furnished through the courtesy of Hon. **Lawrence B. Stringer**, and it was not available for use in time for the article concerning the mill on Thursday. Mr. Stringer also calls attention to a passage in his History of Logan county in regard to the early ferry at Rocky Ford. It follows:

"**Philip Suitor** was a well known pioneer who came to Logan county in 1828. He was the original Rocky Ford man. He located south of the ford, and established in a early day a ferry across Salt Creek at that place. The records of the commissioners court of Sangamon county show that the following rates were allowed him: For each man and horse, 12 1/2 c, each footman 6 3/4 cents, each head of cattle 3c, each hog, sheep or goat 2c, each wagon and team of four head of brutes, 50c, each two horse vehicle pleasure carriage 25c. The keeper concludes that when the river over flows the second bank on the south side, and after sundown, double these rates could be charged.

## Wreckage of the Old Rocky Ford Mill Teeming With By Gone Lore

Regan v37, p 6, Oct. 20, 1911

### Wife of Former Owner of Mill Recalls Many Vivid Remembrances of Pioneer Days When Mill Was In Prime of Existence.

A traveler halted his weary horse at the crossing of the road at Rocky Ford and looked across the stream at the heap of wreckage where once stood the famous old landmark, Rankin's mill. Only a confused mass of timbers and debris marked the spot where in the thirties the busiest industry of Logan county grew and flourished. The tide had receded, leaving a slime-smearred waterline high on the weather-beaten timbers. All was quiet, save for the lapping of the muddy waters amongst the decayed rafters. As he stood eyeing the scene in a reminiscent mood, a section of loose siding gave way and fell with a splash into the water. The bit of refuse rose to the surface and floated slowly down stream. Piece by piece the ancient structure was vanishing, and the traveler, like countless others, went his way.

But deep down intermingled in the mass of twisted timbers lies a world of history. The old mill is rich with the lore of the early days. Poets have dwelt on the memories of bygone days that cluster about the monument to early industry. Historians have delved into the past in an effort to keep alive this time which binds several generations.

In the north part of the city of Lincoln, there lives a woman, **Mrs. L. D. Morris**, whose early life was closely associated with the early everyday life of the old grist mill. Her earliest recollections of Rocky Ford, before she became the wife of **Ezra Myers**, one of the early proprietors, dated back to when she was a girl, when the mill was first built. Her name then was **Mary E. White**, the daughter of **William White**, of what is now Broadwell. Rocky Ford was then a village of three houses. An old rock house, the remains of which may be seen today, was used first as a grocery store and saloon. She remembers vividly the old stone mason, fresh from Ireland, who built the house, slowly piece by piece, from a neighboring quarry. This quarry was the only one in the county and a lime kiln near there furnished a lucrative occupation to Barry Shaw, the original quarryman. The first tenant in the stone house was a man named Bigelow who dispensed his drams

whiskey to the countryside. Later the Rocky Ford ferryman **Johnny Meyers**, lived there with his wife. Across the road were two log cabins, which have long since fallen into decay.

While yet a girl of sixteen, Mary White married **Ezra Myers**, a brother of **Jonathan and Leo Myers**. As recalled by **Mrs. Morris**, Johnathan and Leo originally purchased the mill from either Uncle **Peter Sentz** or a man named **Chrisman**. Her husband and **John Champion** of Pekin, a skilled mechanic, worked at installing the burrs. Mr. Myers stood continually in the water and contracted rheumatism which shortened his life. A few years after Ezra bought out the half interest held by Jonathan. Some slight difference arose between the two brothers at this time and Mrs. Morris recalls the old law-suit in which **Abraham Lincoln**, the a struggling lawyer, was the attorney for her husband. It was not stated whether Lincoln won the case or not, but the occasion made the second time that Lincoln had figured in the history of Rocky Ford. It has been unquestionably shown from Lincoln's signature to some old surveyor's records that he had prior to that time, platted the town of Albany opposite the site of the old mill. Some two years later the once surveyor-lawyer of Rocky Ford sent out a call for volunteers from the presidential chair and Leo Myers was the first to respond. He also was the first to fall in battle and his name tops the list on Logan county's honor roll.

The Rankin mill was never built and finished by any one person, **Peter Sentz** laid the foundation. **Ezra Myers** and **Champion** placed the burrs. **Edmund Rankin** later completed the work. They Myers brothers did not complete it, but traded the mill and the ten acre site to Rankin for two farms. Leo then lived on the Bradshaw farm, and Ezra and his wife moved to the Steve Beck place.

**Mrs. Morris** calls to mind the days when the mill was worked to its capacity. Often dozens of teams with loads of grist were forced to wait over night. The Orendorff mill north of Postville was the only other up to date mill in the county.

Her girlhood days take her back to many humorous experiences connected with **Johnny Murry**, the first ferryman. Murry's wife once essayed to pilot a horseman across the swollen stream. The torrent was raging and the man agreed to release the bridle if the boat became unmanageable. In midstream the boat swirled against a snag and almost upset, She screamed to him to release the horse which was dead weight. He refused. In desperation she raised the heavy oar and would have crushed his skull. He obeyed, the horse was lost, and they barely escaped with their lives.

At another time she safely piloted eight members of a funeral procession across a half mile

flood. Great rivalry existed among the ferrymen and **Johnny Murry** once solicited the trade of a noted Irish wit. Johnny had hammered his rates and one day accosted the man, "Well, I've come down to the other man's rates. Won't you do business with me?" he asked. "Faith no," retorted the other, I'll stick with the man who brought you down." And he did.

And so the ruins of the mill are replete with legends. At sight of the twisted timbers, the casual traveler is reminded of days of which perhaps, he has only heard recounted about the fireside. The remains of the landmark will soon be gone, but its history will live long with the descendants of the settlers of Logan county.

## No Saloons There

Regan Collection: The Lincoln Times, Feb. 3, 1887 p212

The denizens of Cornland are all agog over the discovery of a sure-enough ghost in their territory. The nocturnal visitor is a giant in proportions and holds his nightly vigils along the highways of that section, frightening the unwary and paralyzing even the stoutest hearts. It is said to walk over hedge fences, through barbwire fences, and be impervious to buckshot, and resist with equal

success all attacks of the world, the flesh, and his satanic nibs. The whole neighborhood is greatly agitated over the reported presence of the supernatural inhabitant and there are many explanations of the cause of its presence, none of which seem to be sufficient. It is there and seems determined to stay; nobody knows why it came and being uncommunicative it refuses to tell.

## Thoughts On Aging:

Contributed by **Bill Detmers**

"Most people don't grow up. Most people age. They find parking spaces, honor their credit cards, get married, have children, and call that maturity. What that is, is aging."

"Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence.

Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance.

Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence.

Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance."

"The afternoon knows what the morning never suspected."

"And the beauty of a woman, with passing years only grows!"

"There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn

to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age."

"Keeping up the appearance of having all your marbles is hard work, but important."

"You don't stop laughing when you grow old, you grow old when you stop laughing."

"At 50, everyone has the face he deserves." "When I was younger, I could remember anything, whether it had happened or not; but my faculties are decaying now and soon I shall be so I cannot remember any but the things that never happened. It is sad to go to pieces like this but we all have to do it."

"Wisdom is the reward for surviving our own stupidity."

"Before I got married I had six theories about raising children; now, I have six children and no theories."

"It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone."

"As you get older; you've probably noticed that you tend to forget things. You'll be talking with somebody at a party, and you'll know that

you know this person, but no matter how hard you try, you can't remember his or her name. This can be very embarrassing, especially if he or she turns out to be your spouse."

## Poor Man's "Lucky Stone" \$100,000

Lincoln Courier Herald, Dec. 26, 1919

Chicago, Dec. 19. - **Gustof Gillman**, a Chicago lapidary, was at work in his shop. **John Mihok** of Omaha entered. His appearance proclaimed the laborer. Reaching into his pocket, he drew out a rough red stone and handed it to Gillman.

"I want you to cut and polish this," he said.

**Gillman's** eyes almost popped out of his head.

"Where did you get this," he gasped.

"My father picked it up in Hungary fifty years ago," replied **Mihok**, "He thought it was a pretty pebble. When I landed in this country in 1902, I found it in my valise. I guess my mother had chucked it in. It has been lying around my house ever since. The children played with it. My last baby cut his teeth on it. Once a rat dragged it into a hole and I found it by accident. It was lost several other times but it always bobbed up again. I came to look on it as my luck stone. One night I

dreamed it was a diamond and worth a lot of money. But it's not a diamond - it's red."

"No," said **Gillman**, "It's a pigeon's blood ruby."

"What might it be worth?" asked **Mihok**.

"I'd say anywhere from \$100,000 to \$250,000." answered **Gillman** and **Mihok** leaned against the door.

The big rough stone cut to a flawless ruby of 23,940 carats. It is believed to be the largest ruby in this country and possibly the largest in the world.

**John Mihok** has been a laborer all his life. **Michael Mihok**, his father, was a laborer before him. For fifty years, father and son toiled to keep the wolf from the door and all the while they have had in their careless possession a gem that an emperor might have coveted.

## An Old Cherokee

From a Facebook Post

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life.

"A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy.

"It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves."

"One is evil - he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego."

He continued, "The other is good - he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness,

benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith..."

"The same fight is going on inside you - and inside every other person too."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "**The one you feed.**"

## An Earthquake

Regan v8, Oct. 1, 1891, p48

A slight shock Sets Mother Earth in Motion and Causes Consternation Among the People.

It is generally the unexpected that happens, and such was certainly the case last Saturday evening. About 11 o'clock a slight earthquake shock was distinctly felt by the citizens of Lincoln, as well as others in different points in Illinois, and parts of Missouri, Indiana, and Ohio. There were two waves; some say three; passing from southwest to northeast which lasted about thirty seconds. Fully two minutes elapsed before the effect of the commotion had passed away. The shock was more perceptible in residence than in the business portion of the city. There were many who did not notice it at all, and could hardly believe that such a thing as an earthquake had occurred. Many citizens who are light sleepers, some of whom had just gone to bed, were greatly alarmed, as they were unable to explain the disturbance. All kinds of thoughts ran through

their minds, the majority of course, thought of burglars, just as though one of these midnight visitors would rattle the windows, the dishes in the cupboard, and make other noises to attract the attention of his host or hostess. Many gas jets and lamps were lit and a vigorous search made. The search in many instances was unsuccessful until next morning, when nothing else was talked or thought of. In homes and on the streets the earthquake was the universal topic for conversation. Some claim that a low rumbling sound preceded the shock, and the vibrations very much resembles those of the passing of a heavy train of cars.

**Dr. A. M. Miller** says that in the thirty years residence in Lincoln his is the third earthquake shock he has felt, but neither of the other two were near so violent as the last one.

No damage was done to buildings or goods, only to the susceptibilities of the nervous and guilty.

## Two Victims of Lightning

Regan v4 June 29, 1909 p124

**William Mortimer** and **Edward Morris** Killed. Men Seek Shelter from Storm Under Hedge, Near Middletown, Which Proves a Death Trap

Lightning claimed two victims Monday afternoon and two families were made fatherless by a stroke of lightning during an electrical storm near Middletown. Seeking shelter from the rain under a protecting hedge, the two men were mercilessly stricken, but suffered no pain, so quickly did the end come. The bodies were found in a sitting posture, as composed as if taking a last sleep. Until the searching parties discovered that the bodies were lifeless, could a realization of the awful tragedy wrought by the elements be had.

The men killed by the lightning Monday afternoon were **Edward Morris** of Lincoln, residing at 413 Ninth street, and **William Mortimer** of Corwin township. Mortimer was a farmer, living on the farm of his uncle, **William Nycum** of Second street, Lincoln, and had farmed in Corwin township for the past twelve years.

After **Watson** had gone about half of a quarter of a mile he heard a terrible crash of lightning. The he heard the sound of teams behind him, and looking back saw the teams of the other two men running away and coming toward him. One was behind him in the road and the other was running through the corn. **Watson** first caught the team coming behind him, led it through the gate, and turned it loose toward the barn. He then caught the team driven by **Morris**, from the corn, and then turned it loose through the gate. He then took his team to the barn and turned the horses loose. **Watson** then went back to the place where he had left the two men, **Mortimer** and **Morris**. He saw the two men sitting in the place where he had left them, appearing as natural as life. He went up to **Morris** and put his hand upon his, breast and saw that he was dead. **Watson** then went around **Mortimer** and went to the place where his wife was. He thought the bodies were fifteen or twenty feet apart.

## Photo Lincoln Tavern Found in California

Lincoln Courier-Herald, Oct. 9, 1920 p5

A relic of the days of Abraham Lincoln has been brought to light in a most unusual way by **Robert J. Bates**, who recently returned from California, where he spent the past spring and summer visiting with his brother, **W. H. Bates**, former Logan county man, in Ontario, Cal.

When in Long Beach, Mr. Bates happened to enter a two story hotel near the railroad station. In looking about the lobby his attention was attracted to a picture hanging on the wall. Upon close examination it was found to be what Mr. Bates at first thought a photograph of the old Reuben

Miller hotel of Postville. Under the picture was the inscription: Compliments of the First National bank, Lincoln, IL. The tavern at one time stood opposite the old Lincoln courthouse in Postville, but has been torn down. The picture was hung in a carved walnut frame and had apparently hung in the lobby for many years.

The proprietor of the hotel, having no interest in the picture, gave it to Mr. Bates. It had hung on the wall since the present owner bought the hotel, seven years ago.

## Original Documents Sent From Capital

Regan v14, 1911 Apr. 21, p34

### Circuit Clerk Receives Sheepskins From Washington

Two original patents, issued by the United States government, conveying title to land located in Logan and Sangamon counties; were filed Friday in the office of the circuit clerk. The documents are dated November 1, 1839 and are signed by **Martin Van Buren**, president, by his secretary, **M. Van Burlap**. The signature of **H. M. Parland**, recorder of the general land office, is also on each of the documents.

The patents are made out of old time sheep skin, yellow with age from their long deposit in the land office at Washington. They have been in the office at the national capital since issued, until mailed to the local office, where they were received at 8 o'clock Friday morning. While it is not known at the local office why they were sent here, it is thought that a bill for quiet title had been filed, necessitating the recording of the patents.

One of the sheep skins is made out to **Dewey Whitney**, of Sangamon county, and subject to the distribution of land on sale at Springfield in 1839. The property described is as follows:

The east half of the northeast one-fourth, and the east one-half of the southwest one-fourth, and the southwest one-fourth of section 7, containing one hundred and sixty acres, all in township 20, north of range four; also the southwest one-fourth of the southwest one-fourth of section 28, containing 40 acres, all in township 21, north of range five; all west of the 3rd principal meridian. The first described property lies in Sheridan township, in the west part of Logan county and is part of the former **H. Niewold**, **William Scully**, **Samuel Bolinger** and **Sarah McLean** estates.

The second patent was made out in the name of **Miles Peck**, of Sangamon county, and under the same conditions with the same date and signatures as the first. The land described was as follows:

The west one-half of the southeast quarter; and the east half of the northwest quarter of section 7, containing in all 212 acres. Also, the west half of the southwest quarter and the west half of the northwest quarter of section 5, containing 112.07 acres all lying in township 20 north range four, west of the 3rd principal meridian.

## Wed Own Son's Mother-In-Law

Regan v37 p220

Groom With Great Grandchild Marries Widow of  
Mt. Pulaski Saturday.

Thinking that it is never too late to mend, **Ezekial French**, age 69, a prominent farmer of the French's chapel neighborhood, took unto himself a wife last Saturday evening, marrying **Mrs. Emma Hickman**, a widow of Mt. Pulaski, who is the mother-in-law of his son **Henry French**. Henry French married a daughter of Mrs. Hickman's. The groom is not the father-in-law of his own son and the step father of his daughter-in-law.

Further complications arise in the matrimonial tangle when it is a matter of record that both the bride and groom are venturing upon their second

wedded venture, and that they both have children of their own. In fact Mr. French has a number of children, grand children, and one great grand child.

The wedding occurred at the home of the groom Saturday evening, performed by the minister at French's Chapel. The news came as a surprise to friends of both parties, who are nearly the same age. Their names on the marriage license issued Saturday were both given as "legal."

Mr. French has the following sons and daughters: **Henry, Charles and Asa French**, and **Mrs. Tom Edds, Mrs. David Humphrey and Mrs. George Downey**. Mr. French's former wife died two years ago. She was blind for a number of years prior to her demise.

## Is Exhuming The County Archives

Regan v17, p208, Feb. 28, 1912

**Clarence D. Johns**, of Historical Library, in  
Digging Up Logan County Lore.

Working under the supervision of the trustees of the State Historical Library of Illinois, **Clarence D. Johns**, a former student of history and political science at the University of Chicago, is in Lincoln probing the records of the county in an effort to dig up some of the past lore of Logan county that should be preserved by the state society. Mr. Johns will be in the city for several days. Since Christmas he has been devoting his time to the county and local archives in the Illinois Valley region and in the historic northwestern corner of the state. Last fall he spent down in sandy Egypt.

The collector is working especially with a view to locating old newspaper files and collections of old manuscripts of historical importance in different sections of the state. The state society is very desirous of securing such property, either through gifts or through purchase.

The State Historical Library of Illinois has undertaken a work which in the end will amount to a survey of all the historical material in county and other local archives throughout the state.

The work was provided for by an appropriation of the last general assembly and is being carried on at present under the supervision of the trustees of the library, by Mrs. Johns.

The object of the work is two-fold: to find out what there is of historical importance and in what manner the material is to be preserved. The investigator will naturally be concerned most with the older records, but he will also include in his report those in everyday use as well; nor is the scope of the work to be confined merely to the county archives, but an effort is being made to locate any other material of value to the historian.

An attempt will be made to have these deposited in the state historical library or some other place for safekeeping.

## Logan County Heirship Records

The remainder of this Quarterly is devoted to presenting a portion of the the collection of Heirship Records for Logan County. This collection was microfilmed in 1970. It was transcribed by Lucille Henrichsmeyer, a member

of the Logan County Genealogical Society, in 1982. This collection was digitized by **Bill Detmers**. The first book one has already appeared and this is a continuation of book two.

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Lincoln, Illinois

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     Anna S. Forgy, sister; Lyman Strong, brother.

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     Frank Bell, son; William R. Bell, son; Gussie Bell, son; Alma Hedrick, daughter.

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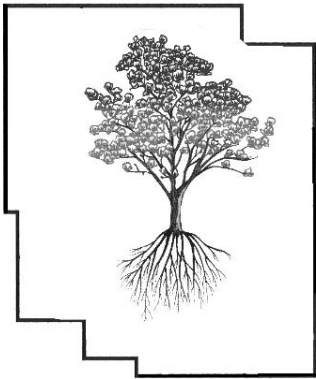
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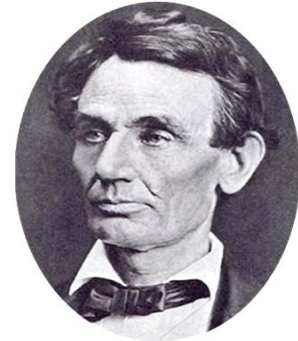
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**Meeting Schedule:** All meetings are at 6:30 pm. The speakers are first on the agenda. We look forward to seeing you. Please call **Carol Farmer**, Vice-President and Program Chairperson, with suggestions for programs at 217-871-3510.

**October 16: Darrell Wibben** will be sharing information about his dulcimer collection.

**November 18: Bret Aukamp** will be discussing the bridges of Logan County.

**December:** No Meeting

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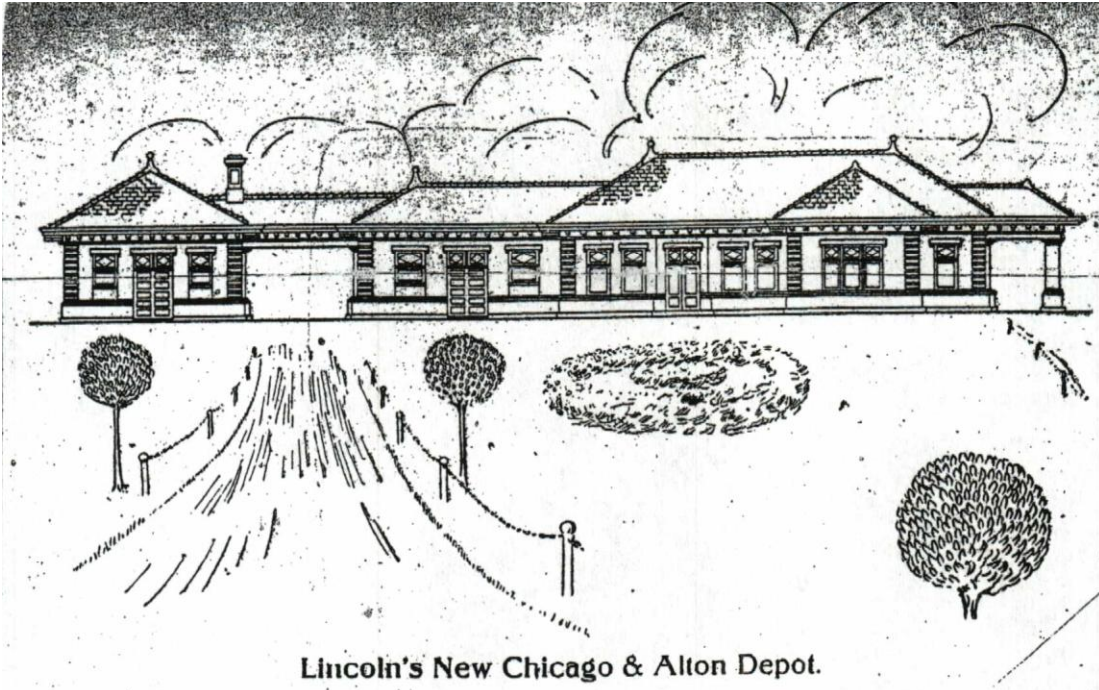
**Thanksgiving** and the day after, **Christmas Eve Day,** and **Christmas Day.**

In the event any of the holidays falls on a Friday, the center will also be closed the following Saturday.

**WANTED:** LCGHS is seeking collectibles from throughout Logan County which are identified with local history. These would include items advertising local businesses, items made in Logan County, histories of Logan County and its communities, and postcards of Abraham Lincoln and Logan County towns among other items. We are also seeking family histories and home histories.

**Culver's Night Fundraiser:** Please support our Culver's Fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19. A portion of the proceeds from that evening will be donated to LCGHS. If you are available to assist with the fundraiser, please contact us.

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Regan v195, Dec. 2, 1910, p 73

### **Work On Depot**

Regan v14, May 31, 1911, p58

A carload of brick for use in the construction of the new Chicago & Alton passenger station, arriving in the city Tuesday afternoon, signified the beginning of real construction work on the building. Chief Engineer, **W. Taylor** and Assistant Engineer **Barkley** of the C. & A. and Contractor Vasconcelles of Jacksonville were in the city awaiting the arrival of material preparatory for

making final arrangements on beginning the actual work of building. Brick for the base has been ordered from Perdue, Ind., and is expected at any time. As soon as the car comes in from Indiana, the depot will be on its way. The contractors expect to complete the building within three months.

## Handsome Depot is Under Way

Regan v14 June 7, 1911, p70

Looking from the C&A depot over the opposite side of the tracks the new Chicago & Alton passenger station promises to be acceptable from every point of view from the dilapidated structure that has for so long housed the local responsibilities of that company.

Two more of workmen, employees of Walla, Jacksonville, the brick contractor, began Tuesday afternoon the actual work of construction of a new beauty spot for Lincoln. Within a few hours the east wall of the building had risen two feet above the foundations. With good fortune, **Mr. Wells** expects to complete the brick work within four weeks, and within ninety days to have completed entirely his part of the construction. Mr. Wells had the contracts for practically all the work excepting the plumbing, heating, lighting and furnishing. The installation of the fixtures and furnishings will be taken up along with the interior finishing, and the contractors, **Vasconcelles & Sons**, of Jacksonville, expect to have the station ready for occupation by the middle of August.

With the addition of the great bow window in the south end of the building, the depot will be almost a duplicate of the Alton station in Jacksonville. The walls, up to the belt--the line of the windows, will be of a dark pressed brick, while above will be red pressed brick, with the dark brick corners.

The building will be one story in height, with slate and tile roofing and cornice extending four feet beyond the walls. The main entrance will be

on the east side, with roofed area-way, with cement walk leading to Chicago street. The roof will be of tile and slate supported by dark brick pillars.

On the track side of the station will be a brick platform, open. The area-way between the baggage and express rooms will be covered with cement flooring.

The ticket office and trainmaster's office will be in the west side of the building, in a wing slightly extended beyond the main line of the structure. To the south will be the ladies' waiting room, to the north the gentlemen's waiting room, and on either side of the main entrance will be the retiring rooms. Only the big entrance will be on the east, while on the west will be doors to each waiting room, with a small door to the trainmaster's office. The entire floor will be of white tile, while the interior finishing will be in cherry and mahogany.

The baggage room in the south end of the main entrance and the express room in the smaller building on the north will have cement flooring. In the basement of the smaller building the heating plant will be located. The building will be heated throughout with hot water, and lighted with electric lamps.

Completed the station will be one of the most handsome and commodious on "The Only Way," a credit to the company and an added attraction to the city of Lincoln.

## Alton President Inspects Depot

Regan v37, Nov. 3, 1911, p38

### Alton Party Arrived Friday Afternoon and Commend New Depot

President **T. P. Shonts** of the Chicago & Alton and Clover Leaf routes, with a party of Alton officials stopped off in Lincoln Friday afternoon on their annual inspection trip, long enough to inspect the new depot. They arrived at 3:14 and after examining the new passenger station departed for Springfield and St. Louis. A delegation of the Lincoln business men were on hand to greet the Alton head when he stepped from his special train into the new platform. He

immediately began a tour of the building and expressed himself as well pleased with the station. A large number of subordinates were with him.

**F. W. Morris**, general manager of the road made a short address in which he asked **Mayor Gayle** whether the city was satisfied after the little difficulty the city had with the Alton. The mayor expressed himself as well pleased, **Mr. Morris** said, "Well, we'll let by-gones be by-gones." The mayor then bought the first ticket. President Shonts of the Alton sold him the bit of pasteboard. The ticket was numbered 8,091, and will be kept for a souvenir.

As the president was only on the first lap of a long inspection trip, the special soon pulled out. All morning section hands were cleaning up the grounds. The floors were scrubbed again, and the station was thrown open. With the arrival of the new agent, **Al Phillips**, the depot will be formally opened to the public within another week at least.

All was excitement along the Alton when it became known that Shonts was about to start on his annual journey. The special was made up of five cars, a coach for a buffer, and private car

"500" of **President Shonts**, the private car "503" of General Manager **Morse**, and "501" the car of **Supt. Ferritor**, Vice-President **Walter Rose** also had a car. Passenger Traffic Manager **Charleton** and **McKay**, together with many others of the passenger and freight departments, made up the party. There were about 40 in the party. The special left Chicago at 9:30 Friday morning. The itinerary of the trip is not known after the first day's trip to St. Louis.

## It is Time to Renew Your Membership for 2018

### Will Throw Depot Open Next Week

Regan v37, Nov. 8, 1911, p44

#### Lincoln Will Have An Official Opening Day Soon

"The new C. & A. passenger station will be officially thrown open to the public sometime next week," was the statement of **F. W. Elder**, division passenger agent for the Alton, who came up from Springfield Tuesday with **A. B. Burrows**, district passenger agent. The officials looked the station and grounds over and promised to return Wednesday or Thursday, when a date for opening could be set.

Men have been at work this week in laying the platform between the tracks, and in cleaning up

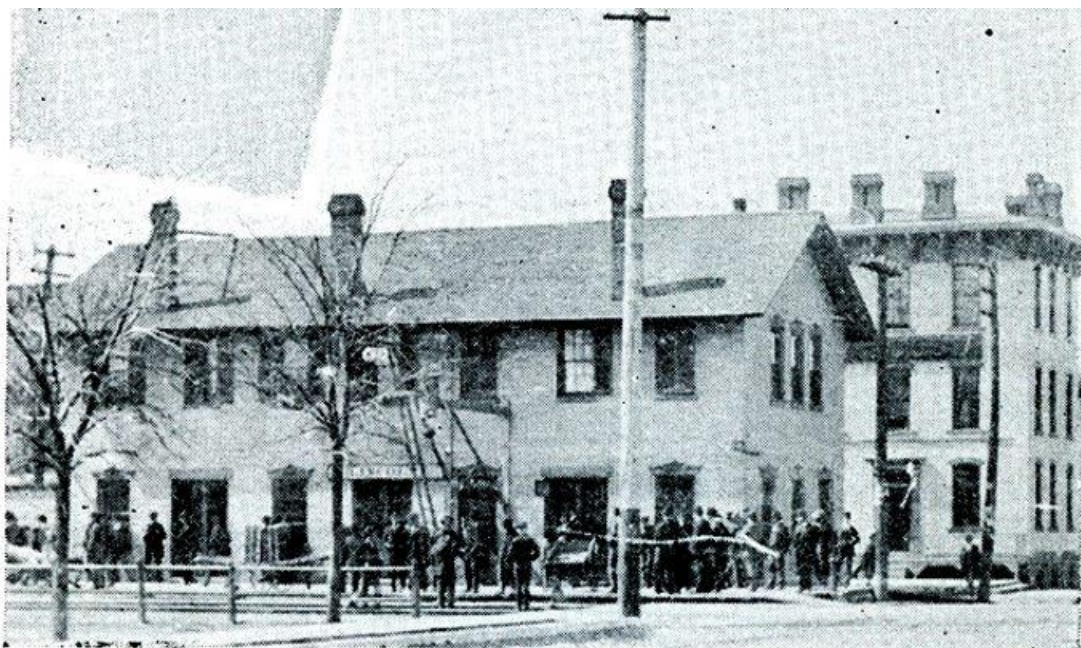
the premises. Wednesday morning painters went to work at finishing the exterior. The officials also ordered that the light mahogany finish in the ticket office, be changed to dark, and the refinishing will take a day or so. The new ticket agent, **Al Phillips**, stated Wednesday morning that the work of moving the ticket stock from the old building would not take half a day, and that they expected to move the first of next week. Two car loads of white crushed rock have been ordered from Springfield to construct the new driveway. By the time that is finished, the remainder of the work will be done and the station will be turned over to the public.



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## **Razing of Old Alton Station**

Regan v17 p103 Dec. 18, 1911



Old Railroad depot. Site of the first sale of lots. Where Lincoln spoke, November 21, 1860 and where Douglas spoke, April 26, 1861. Where Lincoln funeral train stopped May 3, 1865.

### **Hoyle Bros. Making Short Work of Old Depot Which Will Soon Be Thing of Past.**

**Built in 1853.**

**Was Erected the Year After C&A Railroad  
Was Completed Through Here**

An aged man stopped before the old C. & A. station Monday morning and looked intently at the half dismantled old building. He walked around to the front and looked at the battered doors and then at the sign on the front of the brick wall. "Yes, it is the same," he finally said. An interested person standing near, curious to learn the cause of the mysterious words, approached the venerable man and engaged him in conversation. "The old building is just the same as it was way back in the

sixties, when I went through here on my way to the Civil War," continued the old man reminiscently.

Within another week all that will be left of the old Alton station will be a memory, and even the Civil War veterans will have to picture it in their imaginations. Hoyle Bros., are making fast work of razing the old depot, and a grassed parkway will next spring mark the spot where the old station once stood.

Built in 1853, the year after the Alton extension was put through here north from Springfield, the depot passed through the Civil War and saw Lincoln grow from a flag-station to a hustling city. In 1853 the building comprised only one story. Half of the place was used as living

rooms for the operator and the other portion was the depot and waiting room proper. Three years later the second story was added, and the family of the agent was moved to the upstairs. The first agent, **I. N. Buck**, was in charge of the station on the opening day when **Abraham Lincoln** came to Lincoln on the construction train that brought a party of prospective buyers of town lots here. The second agent was **W. F. Ryan**, who is still a resident of Lincoln. The third was **John Park**. For two years the station was used as a church, where union services were held. **Mrs. W. F. Ryan** and **Mrs. Ellen Chowning** of this city are the only persons who can be found who were members of the original congregation. The Sunday meetings were so arranged as to come between time for the morning and evening trains. At that time there were only two trains, so the services were held about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. For two years the old walls rang with hymns and the echoes of

earnest sermons. The minister was **Lewis Anderson**, known as Father Anderson and highly thought of by the various congregations who were merged in one creed. After the depot was abandoned by the church, a one room school house was built on the site of the present Washington school, where church and Sunday school were then held.

The old bricks therefore, which will soon be used on various odd jobs about the city, have stood almost since the founding of the Alton road. The Alton was only first conceived six years before the depot was built. In '47 the legislature passed an act to construct the road. Books for the road were not opened until '49 in Springfield. The road was finished in '52 from Alton to Springfield and reached Lincoln in the following year.

## **The 1906 Back Story Leading to the New Depot**

### **Alton Defaces Park**

Regan v169 p 363

#### **The C. & A. Adopts Retaliatory Measures and Builds Unsignificantly Tracks in the City.**

More than passing interest was excited Tuesday morning by the sight of a squad of laborers at work on the east side of Chicago & Alton railway, between Pekin and Broadway streets. As the workmen progressed in their labors it became apparent that they were building a siding or spur leading to the southeast from a point just south of the Pekin street crossing and extending in a southeasterly direction to the corner of the vacant lot at the intersection of Broadway and Chicago streets. By noon the ties were laid and part of the rails, the spur extending across the entire length of the lot, ending at the southeast corner of the lot.

From a point where reliable information is obtainable, it was gathered, as was evident from the work in progress, that the Alton is putting a switch or spur on which to run its cars. It is even

hinted that the same tactics may be employed in the case of Elm park and a spur put over that plat of ground to extend to either the north of southeast corner.

While the plea of necessity is advanced and the statement made that the road needs the switching facilities and the siding, it seems apparent that the action is a method of getting even with the city for its refusal to allow tracks over the city streets. The road asked the council to allow them to put a track over the city streets, and the council granted the privilege on certain conditions which are well known to the public. The Alton did not relish the conditions and has not accepted the ordinance. Their answer is found in the establishment of the siding in the heart of the business district in a way that will meet with every particle of resistance from the people of the city which can be brought to bear.

## Citizens Aroused

Regan v169 p391

**Organizing to Resent the Barbarous Action of  
the Chicago & Alton.  
Fight to a Finish Now On  
Determination to Invoke the Law and Yards  
and Station in Lincoln to Be Declared  
Nuisances--More Flagman**

Work of our earnest and energetic women for years past, liberality of our public spirited men, and an unanimous spirit aroused following long agitation, have counted for naught. The C. & A. railroad company with the customary impudence and tyranny of a corporation, has at last invaded the pretty parks on the railroad front and destroyed the work of years, first by laying a switch through Smith park, as close to Stiefel & Co.'s store as the territory of the company will permit, where freight cars will stand for days to obscure the main track, to greatly endanger human life and property; and to stand as the worst form of a nuisance known, certain to prove worse than the passenger station maintained here.

Smith park represents an outlay of several hundred dollars in money, contributed by citizens. Ladies of Lincoln had completed arrangements with a landscape artist to beautify and improve, but the action of the railroad corporation in revenge for not being permitted to close Pulaski street, is to be seen in the destruction of the park and the increase of danger to citizens.

The barbarous policy of the Chicago & Alton railroad is not to end with the destruction of Smith Park. Elm park to the south will have a spur extending from Pulaski or Broadway streets, through the park, and a string of cars will daily obstruct the view of Chicago street business men, trash will be loaded and unloaded and nuisances will be committed hourly, and Chicago street will become dangerous to travel over, day or night.

Not content with making the city appear as odious as possible to the public in passing on the trains of the company, business men using railroad ground have been notified to move and will be caused loss. Business men using their own ground are to be denied switches so as to force them to join the throng clamoring to give the corporation the city - the privilege of laying another track where cars may be stored in the heart of the city.

Lincoln has been a liberal patron of this corporation for years and the passenger station here with its nuisance of toilets sending foul smells into waiting rooms and at times, into the streets, is a sample of the reciprocity the corporation has practiced and will practice in the future.

To persons who have been absent from home and upon returning, the switches of the corporation in the parks look worse than to those who have seen the ruination proceed day by day. Not a person expected the corporation would go to such extreme measures and many citizens of the city disposed to the lenient with the C. & A. are now arrayed and determined to retaliate. There is a law covering the action of running side tracks where they are at present. The courts have upheld where a railroad company committed a nuisance that it may be forced to abate the nuisance. It will not be difficult to prove the park tracks a nuisance. The passenger station has long been a nuisance and should be declared such when the park tracks and the switches between Pekin and Clinton streets are decreed dangers and nuisances.

Every citizen should arouse and unite against the high handed outrage of the Chicago & Alton railroad company and convince General Manager Goodnow that when the people are aroused, they prove a mighty and irresistible force. You people who have been patronizing this company exclusively, will you now feel like speaking in behalf of a corporation which will with savage ruthlessness commit such an outrage?

The Couriers await with interest the action of the city council, which will resent the imposition. The council will surely stand for Lincoln against the Chicago & Alton railroad company. Not a day passes but what the city and state laws are violated and we seek that these laws be enforced hereafter. The city council should also give the mayor absolute power to meet the new evil and proceed in a legal manner for the public protection. Every dangerous street crossing in Lincoln should have flagmen instead of gates. Every street crossing should be lighted by the railroad company. Lincoln should and will have a new station with sanitary surroundings.

The railroad company has tossed the gauntlet into the ring. Let the city accept the challenge and

let the battle continue until every need of the city is complied with.

Let speed ordinance be enforced. Let flying switches be punished. Let the police see that the street crossings are not blocked as they have been.

If this be a game of revenge, let Lincoln enter into the contest and show the Chicago & Alton that the people who made it what it is are capable of controlling it.

## **Indignant Citizens Meet To Condemn Corporation Acts**

Regan v169 p422

**Pig Pens and Stench Houses in the Heart of the City Vigorously Condemned in Great Mass Meeting of the Citizens Held in Court House Park Destruction Denounced Twelve Thousand People Ready to Wage Finish Fight With the Chicago & Alton Railroad Over Outrages Few Communities in This Country Would So Patiently and Peacefully Submit to by a Railroad.**

The case of the people of the City of Lincoln vs. The Chicago & Alton Railway Co. was tried before a jury composed of all the people who could enter the circuit court room at the court house, Friday evening, and the defendant was found guilty of all varieties of misdemeanors and crimes from treason against the people and city to a plain disturbance of the peace. The meeting was one where the Alton was arraigned mercilessly for its failure to do the right thing by the city, which had waited many years for recognition, and every charge against the road was greeted with applause. The local people turned their thumbs down so far as the Alton is concerned and they will war to the knife. That is the ultimatum.

### **Able Speakers Numerous**

There were a number of speakers for the occasion and if the Alton had in the hall representatives who were friendly to its side of the matter in question, they failed to make themselves known to any extent.

### **A Real Indignation Meeting.**

The meeting was one of the citizens of Lincoln and it could appropriately be termed an indignation meeting, as there was plenty of indignation expressed at actions of the Alton, which has fared so well at the hands of the city and given so little in return. The speakers admitted that the railway had done one thing, and that, furnished enough box cars and passenger coaches to haul the freight and people, but this was done only because it was a money making proposition

and not through any desire to do something for the city.

### **General Manager Denounced**

General Manager **C. A. Goodnow** came in for his share of disapproval for the tactless way in which he had considered the people of Lincoln and their interests. He was characterized as an autocrat, a man without an ounce of tact, and was not accredited a single iota or desire to treat the people fairly but to come here, get what he wanted, and then let the people do the best they could. The road its manager and local policies were put on the same level, and were heartily disapproved.

### **Pigpens and Stench Holes Denounced.**

There are elements in the meeting which cannot be overlooked. One was as the personnel of the attendance. Present were business and professional, the cream of the business men of the city. The **Woman's Club**, which was outraged by the Alton's action in undoing their work of trying to beautify the parks were represented. The remarks of the speakers were unanimously applauded. The stock yards were denominated by **Attorney Beach** as "pig pens" and the Alton station a "stench hole."

### **Meeting Organized.**

The meeting was called to order by Joseph Hodnett who stated that it was for the purpose of having a better understanding of the affairs relative to the Alton's treatment of the city, and to protest against the same. The first thing to do was to organize the meeting. Joseph Hodnett was elected chairman and **J. L. Goodknight** secretary. The chairman called for Mayor King as the first speaker, and he was asked to explain the controversy between the railroad and the city and he did in a talk covering an hour.

### **Mayor's Denunciation Fierce.**

The Mayor felt that he should be asked to say little on the question, excepting to explain it as the meeting was in a sense held for the benefit of the

council, to see how the people felt concerning the position they had taken relative to the Alton ordinance asking for switches. The people all knew as well as he what the conditions were, forced on the city by the railway company. In spite of the growth of the city the Alton had refused to anything for the city by increasing its facilities or giving the people anything better. The road insists on maintaining in the heart of the city pig pens, cattle pens and lumber yards. While these things are essential to the growth of the city they have their places but not where they are at present.

#### **Shabby Old Station Maintained.**

When the Alton was first built the road put down an old station hardly large enough for accommodation of the people in those prehistoric days and have continued it down to the present. The county and the city of Lincoln has found it necessary to three times change its court house to accommodate the business, but the Alton maintains the same old station. The road had laid tracks, raising the grades of the road and performed acts of this kind encroaching on the rights of the people without asking anything about it or giving compensation therefore.

#### **Visit of Czar Goodnow.**

There are people here who would rather take the word of the Alton's general manager than that of the people of the city, whose views are backed up by the best attorneys in the county. A year ago the mayor was introduced to **C. A. Goodnow** who came here to see what was the trouble between the Alton and the city. The mayor explained the grievances how the people had been inconvenienced by the freight switching across prominent streets and also broached the subject of Delavan street subway. The manager was overbearing and haughty and begged the mayor to remember that the railway had been on the ground first. The mayor responded that the people were here to stay. The manager did say some things about a proposition if the city would buy and give the Alton the block on the east side of the track between Tremont and Delavan street, the station and the freight house would be moved there. The mayor said the people would not listen to such a proposition and that was dropped. A hint also was given about the closing of Pulaski street and the manager agreed to come later.

#### **Closing of Pulaski Street Refused.**

The following January the railway official and his retinue came again. This time it was the proposition to close Pulaski street. The Alton offered to build a station on the site of Elm park and the block south the lumber yards to be removed from the latter place and the place beautified. This was left to the citizens of the vicinity who strenuously objected and this was likewise cast aside.

#### **Goodnow Tries to Trap City.**

The Alton later started to double track through the city and was proceeding to lay the track across the streets without going to the trouble of getting permission when they were stopped under the orders of the mayor. This brought the general management here again as he wanted something from the city. Then came the petition which recently was circulated by a citizen of Lincoln, asking that the Alton be granted the right to lay certain tracks and switches over the streets. The council had intimated its hostility to such a measure and the petition was for the purpose of changing the views of the council by pressure on part of the petitioners. Goodnow had that petition drawn up in his private car and had a citizen of Lincoln called to circulate it. The citizen circulated Mr. Goodnow's petition and it received many signatures. Then the spur was built in Smith park.

#### **Corporation Ashamed to Act.**

Next, an amended petition was sent in by the road. In this, the city was informed that in case they would allow the railway to lay switches and tracks wherever desired over the city roads, they would take up the spur switch extending through Smith park and would discontinue the building of that in Elm park. Even now the menacing point of a switch was directed at the heart of Elm park in true highwayman fashion, threatening the city with the extermination of the beautiful trees in the park if the council does not accede to the railway's demands. The matter of settling this question would be before the council next Monday evening and so far as the mayor was concerned, he never would consent to giving the Alton what it asked on the terms it offered. The speaker was greeted with a storm of cheers.

#### **C. & A. Counsel Speaks.**

**Attorney Blinn**, representing the Alton, was called for. He said he came there as a spectator and out of idle curiosity but had hardly expected to see the meeting turned into one of the venting of

the spleen of **Mayor King** against the Alton. Further the mayor seemed to think it the right place to express his personal grievances against **C. A. Goodnow**. The history of the affair was that the Alton had commenced to build a double track between Bloomington and Springfield. When they reached Lincoln they used as much as possible of their sidetracks in the city for the double track and needing switches and more siding, asked the city to give them the right to lay the same across the streets. They first asked the right to lay another main across several streets of Athol junction, where they now have to operate for several blocks over the single track, but they would continue this unless the city granted them the proper right of way. They also needed switch track room. They need room for switches as the local switches had been used for the double track. They must have room for the unloading of cars they brought here. If they could not get room elsewhere, they would have to make use of the property they had owned here since 1853, including Smith and Elm park and build their switches there.

As for the matter of the violation of the agreement with the women of the city who had taken a lease on the park along the road, the lease had been drawn to terminate with notice given by the railway. All the Alton had done was to notify the ladies that they had cancelled the lease, and this purely fair business transaction had been characterized by the press as "an outrage."

The railroad was confronted by two alternatives. They must have switches. If they cannot lay them over the streets they would have to do the best thing they could and that was to lay the switches on their own property, the lots between Pekin and Clinton streets.

There had been trouble about switching in the city. The speaker had gone over all the questions at issue with the management of the road. The city needed a new station but the Alton had not the money to spare right now for the work. As for the Delavan subway, he believed that was not much of an issue. He hoped for a new station and for lessening of the switching in the business district.

#### **Judge Beach Denounces C. & A.**

**T. T. Beach** was called for and launched into a vehement arraignment of the Alton policies. He was one of the people and was there to protest against the treatment of this people by the railway. He characterized the station as a "stench hole," the

stock yards as "pig pens" and deemed them outrages on the people. The Alton never gave anything to the city without getting paid for it and he believed it was time to quit giving the Alton something for nothing. Now is the time for the people to stand by the council and mayor and demand what they have a right to demand. If they stick together they can get what they demand. Even now, within ten days, Blinn said the Alton would commence to rob Elm park of its trees, the only spot along the Alton property in this city, which could lay claim to beauty. This was the policy of the Alton.

#### **Lawyer Baldwin Scolds**

**W. R. Baldwin** was called on the express his views on the situation and corroborated the sentiments of all preceding speakers excepting **Attorney Blinn**. Mr. Baldwin's speech was mild but effective.

#### **Business Man Talks Plainly.**

**A. C. Boyd** arose and stated that the lease made by the Alton to the Lincoln Improvement Association for Elm Park, had been in his safe up to the present time. This lease made in 1898 provided for the termination of the same at the end of six months' notice given by the road to either the city or the association. So far as he knew, no notice had been given anyone concerning the termination of the lease, which as a matter of equity if not law, entitled the people to a tenure of six months after notice to vacate was given.

#### **Railroad Violates Promises.**

**Mrs. Richard Latham** was asked to state the conditions of the Smith park lease. She said the Alton had leased the plat of ground to the club, the lease to terminate by notice by the Alton. The club had collected \$365 and expended it on grading the place and laying out walks. The Alton had agreed to separate the park by a railing from the railway and also to give two loads of gravel for building the walks. The railing was built and then torn down and the gravel had never arrived. The next move was building the switch across the park.

#### **Chairman Hodnett Heard.**

**Joseph Hodnett**, the chairman of the meeting then made a fiery talk. At one point Mr. Blinn interrupted the speaker when he was taking about the Delavan street subway by asking him why the city did not compel the Alton to construct the subway if it could. The attorney replied that the

city could and would do that thing. The words of Mr. Hodnett created quite an impression.

#### **Resolutions Offered.**

Following this, **D. H. Harts, Jr.**, arose and offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Be it resolved, By the citizens of Lincoln in mass meeting assembled, that we hereby unreservedly endorse the attitude of the city officials in supporting the ordinance now pending before the city council of said city.

And we protest against the granting permission to the Chicago & Alton Railroad company to lay additional tracks across the streets of the city of Lincoln, unless the said railroad company shall first bind itself permanently to

remove all its switching from over Pulaski, Broadway and Pekin streets in said city; and second shall bind itself to build an adequate subway under Delavan street in said city, under said railroad right of way within one year and shall bind itself, to build a passenger station in said city at a cost of not less than \$25,000 within 2 years from date of passage of such ordinance.

As the meeting adjourned **W. L. Wasson** arose to say a few words on the question. He had merely proceeded with introductory to the audience when the chairman announced that the meeting had previously adjourned and the audience left. The would be speaker intimated that the crowd was cowardly in refusing to hear him, but he arose to late in the evening.

### **New Station Here**

Regan v169 p437

#### **Difference of the City of Lincoln and the C. & A. to Be Settled Parks Not to Be Destroyed Concessions Should Be and Undoubtedly Will Be Made by Both Sides and Peace and Friendly Feeling Will Prevail**

It is considerable of a condescension for two high officials of a great corporation to visit Lincoln, and to confer with citizens over questions of importance to the city and the corporation.

The condescension and the visit transpired Tuesday afternoon, and since then a different air prevails in Lincoln and a pacific feeling animates the citizens while a disposition exists to be patient and see if the differences can be settled in a business manner.

General **Manager Goodnow** from his explanations and they are the first offered, has been misunderstood, and as he says he has been misrepresented. From what has been said of the general manager he was supposed to be a real tyrant but he proves to be a gentleman. He is affable, agreeable and happy. He has a firm and friendly shake of the hand, a clear eye and a smile whenever provoked by something amusing or ridiculous. He changes suddenly from the gay to the grave and while serious he is not by any means offensive. Mr. Goodnow is now a gentleman past middle life but very vigorous and active. He is an eastern man and has held numerous positions of trust with western railroads and is a clever diplomat.

While in Lincoln the gentleman accompanied by Superintendent Ryder, called on The Couriers and for the first time stated their attitude toward Lincoln. Mr. Goodnow said he recognized the importance of Lincoln, realized the necessities of a new station and had the consent of President Felton to construct one here and had begun preparations for the work when the refusal to close Pulaski street had upset their plans and calculations. Mr. Goodnow was advised previous to petitioning for the closing of the street that the city council was willing to comply or he would have never asked for the concession. He said he had expended many thousands of dollars constructing switches at Kruger and Griggs to relieve the freight congestion and remove switching from the yards in Lincoln. He was as anxious to remove the switch yards as the citizens were to have the change, or in the existing conditions the company was liable to annoyances, to law suits and to damages, if people were killed. He thought and felt in view of the removal of the freight yards to Kruger and to Griggs, that there would not be opposition to the laying of through tracks on their own land in Lincoln. The opposition here has proven troublesome to the

company and he is endeavoring to extricate the operating department from continued embarrassment, but unfortunately the local troubles have been referred to **E. D. Blinn** and whatever conferences are held relative to local switch yards should be held with Mr. Blinn. If there is a way to remove all standing cars between Pekin and Pulaski streets he will be pleased to comply with the wishes of the citizens and **Superintendent Ryder** agreed with the general manager.

Discussing the Delavan street subway, he said it was not feasible and that opinions were on file from the engineers. The sewer under the proposed site for the subway would interfere.

When the gentlemen were informed that property owners had petitioned to close Pekin street, they were surprised and when pressed to say whether or not the site would be acceptable, said it would and they thought would tend to relieve the local switch problem.

In Lincoln there is bound to come greater patronage and the company is preparing lines to meet the demands of the future so it prefers to be on friendly terms with the city and the citizens that to be on unfriendly terms with annoying wrangles, earnestly remarked the ruler of a vast corporation as he proceeded to depart for his special car on a

siding. where he extended an invitation to **Mayor King** to call on him, if he felt disposed.

The visit will have a tendency to relieve the stress prevailing. The council has adopted an ordinance as its ultimatum but the ordinance may be amended at any time, as soon as the company and the city officers agree. It is a certainty Lincoln will have a new station as the funds have been ordered by the president through General Manager Goodnow set aside. It is certain that the city will not be used as freight yards hereafter and that local switching will be done in a more limited territory.

**Mr. Goodnow** came with the olive branch and Mr. Ryder explained certain failures to comply with promises were not due to their neglect or indifference but more due to previous managers and superintendents, therefore much of the blame attached to them is unjustly laid at their official doors.

The Couriers ventures the predictions that differences between the city and the Chicago & Alton will be adjusted and the parties at outs, at present, will become closer friends than ever. The city will receive particularly what it demands and the Chicago & Alton will grant the concessions it has been asking for to meet the expansion in its business.

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**Culver's Night Fundraiser:** Please support our Culver's Fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 19.** A portion of the proceeds from that evening will be donated to LCGHS. If you are available to assist with the fundraiser, please contact us.

## **It is Time to Renew Your Membership for 2018**

**Annual LCGHS Dinner/Meeting** - Reservations for our annual LCGHS Dinner/Meeting will be due by November 6, 2017 at the Center along with your check. The speaker will be **Bret Aukamp** from the Logan County Highway Dept. speaking about the Bridges in Logan County. The form with the menu and price will be available at the Center by October 3rd. You may mail in your form and check to LCGHS by Nov. 6th also.

It is with deep sorrow that one of our mainstays at LCGHS for many years passed away on August 8, 2017. William "Bill" Bryson, along with his wife, Phyllis, played a very strong role in taking LCGHS from a small room in the Arcade building to our current location. This happened in September of 2000. Working with the other Board members, they took a tired building and made it into the research center we needed. Bill was called on many times due to his knowledge of how to fix and/or repair most anything.

Bill served as the LCGHS Historian and had knowledge of most all of Logan County. He had many stories of facts and people throughout the county, and loved to share them.

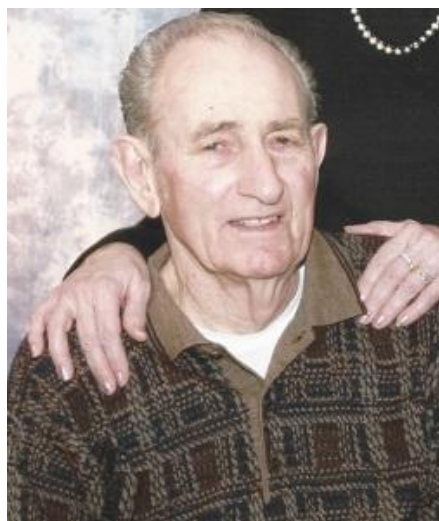
Bill was known throughout Illinois as an outstanding amateur geologist. He had his own display that took the entire attic of their home in Mt. Pulaski, and he could identify artifacts from the area.

Bill was proud of his Country and his time served in the U. S. Marine Corps.

We will miss Bill and his knowledge as well as his stories. He was a colorful man and a great friend of the Society.

Bill Detmers speaks for all of us here at The Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society.

Friday, August 11, 2017



**William E. "Bill" Bryson, 86**, of Mt. Pulaski, passed away August 8, 2017 at Vonderleith Living Center.

Visitation will be from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home, Lincoln. Graveside services will be held at 11:30 AM Tuesday at Carlyle Cemetery, Lake Fork with full military rites provided by the American Legion Post 263.

Bill was born August 13, 1930 in Cornland, IL, the son of John and Ethel (Haynes) Bryson. He married Phyllis Vaughn on March 18, 1978.

He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corp. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and belonged to the Pawnee Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the Central States Archeological Club and the Logan County Genealogical/Historical Society. He enjoyed Archeology. Bill retired from Commonwealth Edison after many years of service.

Surviving are his wife Phyllis of Mt.Pulaski, children: Harold ""Hap" Bryson ( Linda) of Lake Fork, Ronald Rohlfs (Mitzi) of Lincoln, Steven Rohlfs (Amanda) of Lincoln, and Daniel Rohlfs of Chicago; siblings: Walter Bryson, Glenn Bryson, Gene Bryson, Irene Burger, Mary Riedle, and Sue Stewart. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Richard Rohlfs, brother Dean Bryson, an infant sister, and sister Betty Bryson.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Logan County Genealogical/Historical Society or the Lake Fork Community Center. (New Herald News, Friday, August 11, 2017)

## Donor List For 2017

The Executive Board of LCGHS has decided to resume the listing of donors of both artifacts and financial support by name. The list of donated items is much too long to include in the R&B. The names are given in alphabetical order. The Board members extend a sincere Thank You to all who support the work of LCGHS.

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## Logan County Heirship Records

The remainder of this Quarterly is devoted to presenting a portion of the collection of Heirship Records for Logan County. This collection was microfilmed in 1970. It was transcribed by Lucille Henrichsmeyer, a member of the Logan County Genealogical Society, in 1982. This collection was digitized by **Bill Detmers**. The first book one has already appeared and this is a continuation of book two.

Comodore N. Beaver, son Wilson N. Beaver, son; Elmer J. Beaver, son; James E. Sparks, grandson; Ruth Warrick, granddaughter; Comodore N. Sparks, grandson; Jessie K. Sparks, granddaughter; Marvin Sparks, grandson; Clarence E. Duff, grandson; Pearl Mc-Masters, granddaughter; Hazel Williams, granddaughter; Doris Wolcott, granddaughter; Lawrence Duff, grandson; Clarence E. Duff, ?.

KOEHNLE, Frederick C. 14 July 1923 201  
Recorded in No. 38 Probate Journal  
Marie Z. Koehnle, widow Clara K. Ross, daughter; Walter A. Koehnle, son; Ruth B. Koehnle, granddaughter; Yvonne A. Koehnle, daughter, Ralph F. Koehnle, son; Charles H. Koehnle, son; Lucie G. Koehnle, daughter.

BROOKER, Sarah E. 8 September 1923 213  
Elizabeth Stolz, sister; Mary Gulso, sister; Charles Brooker, brother.

BLOCK, Wihelmina 14 January 1924 244  
Anna Klomp, daughter; Albert J. Block, son; Carl J. Block, son; Anna Marie Tracey, gr. daughter; Luella P. Block, gr. daughter; Bessie M. Block, gr. daughter; Jennie I. Block, gr. daughter; Loveday W. Block, Gr. daughter; Imo P. Block, granddaughter; Enelma L. Block, gr. daughter.

BIRKS, James 26 May 1924 250  
Ella M. Birks, widow J. W. Birks, son; Albert Birks, son; Villa Jahn, gr. daughter; Oscar J. Williams, gr. son; Rex E. Martin, gr. son; Dorothy E. Martin, gr. daughter.

BARLOW, James H. 6 February 1923 274  
Dorcas Barlow, widow; Grace McDonall, daughter; Mattie Gaffney, daughter; Jesse Barlow, son; Katie Shoup, daughter; Charles Barlow, son; Haud Shoup, daughter; Nerl King, daughter.

BOETTIGER, Henry 24 November 1924 294  
Heinrich Bottinger, nephew.

BARRETT, Anna F. 5 February 1925 299  
May B. Chappeléaz, daughter; James W. Barrett, son.

CLAY, John H. 15 January 1921 11  
Alpha Clay, grandson; Nathan Kindred, grandson.

CONWAY, Mary 19 February 1920 18  
Floyd Conway, son; Edith Conway, daughter; Ethel Conway, daughter.

CORWINE, Mártha 25 November 1919 29  
Osborn Corwine, ?; Charles Corwine, brother; William Corwine, brother; James W. Corwine, brother; Lydia Zollers, ?; Clarence Corwine, ? .

CLARK, Jane 4 April 1921 36  
 Jennie Patterson, daughter; Maggie Rabold, daughter; William  
 Clark, son; John Clark, son; Joseph Clark, son; George Clark, son.

CASEY, William Moses 9 June 1921 60  
 Zay J. Weber, nephew; Alice McCabe, sister; Mrs. John Meehan,  
 niece; Stella E. Dotson, niece; Rosa M. Koontz, niece; Lee R.  
 Weber, nephew.

CROSS, Charlie 13 August 1921 55  
 Johana Cross, widow; Anna Alberts, daughter; Fred J. Cross, son;  
 Lena Struebing, daughter; John C. Cross, son; William A. Cross,  
 son; Marie J. Cross, daughter; Martha K. Cross, daughter; Ralph  
 A. Cross, son; Charles C. Cross, son; Henry C. Cross, son.

CODDINGTON, Louis 3 October 1921 74  
 Mildred I. Coddington, gr. daughter; Barrett G. Coddington, grand-  
 son; Madeline M. Coddington, gr. daughter.

CLARK, Silas 17 January 1921 94  
 Mary A. Shuer, daughter; Eunice Kretzinger, daughter; Harold C.  
 Kretzinger, grandson; Dayle Kretzinger, grandson; Eunice Vander-  
 vander, gr. daughter; Elby D. Shyer, grandson; Alberta Smith,  
 gr. daughter; Elting Shyer, gr. daughter; Irene Shyer, gr. daughter;  
 George W. Shyer, grandson; Dorothy Shyer, gr. daughter; Beatrice  
 Shyer, gr. daughter.

CARMODY, John 21 June 1922 129  
 Mary Carmody, widow; Lyda Howard, daughter; Thomas Carmody,  
 son; May Halerich, daughter; Andrew Carmody, son; Sarah J. Price,  
 daughter.

CHOCKLEY, Thomas W. 21 February 1922 144  
 Hanna Chockley, widow; Orley Chockley, son; Hester Diffenbacher,  
 daughter; Samuel Chockley Watson, grandson.

CUNNINGHAM, Lynn M. 23 August 1914 157  
 Mazie Whitecross, widow; William D. Cunningham, son.

COONS, Jacob T. 1 December 1921 169  
 Ethel C. Coddington, daughter; Harry M. Coons, son.

CHENOWETH, Olive E. 12 March 1923 192  
 Alfred W. Chenoweth, father; Anna A. Chenoweth, mother; Alta B.  
 Applegate, sister.

CRAIN, William Henry 15 May 1923 198  
 Ollie Phillips, daughter; William J. Crain, son; Frank Crain, son.

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### LOGAN COUNTY PLATES

Elkhart – 9.5 in: 1855-1955 (1)

Emden – 7.5 in: 1871-1971 (1)

Emden St. Peter's Lutheran Church: 1879-1979 (2)

Abraham Lincoln – 10 in: 1853-1953 (5)

Lincoln First Methodist Church-new building (5)

Lincoln Sesquicentennial: 1818-1968 (3)

Mt. Pulaski Methodist Church - 10in: (2)

Mt. Pulaski Stahl's Siltenial: 1836-1961 (3)

Sheers Building (2)

Sheers Courthouse (2)

Sheers Auto Supply (5)

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### CD'S

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Civil War Statue Dedication - 2011  
Old Union Cemetery; updated in 2008  
1878 History of Logan County  
1886 History of Logan County  
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1860 Logan County Census\_- complete  
1840, 1850, 1855, 1860, 1870, 1880 Logan  
County Census Index  
1873, 1893, 1910 Atlases of Logan County; (not  
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Logan County Cemetery Index  
Lincoln Herald Index 1859-1873

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Personal stories from Logan County Veterans who  
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Cemeteries**; (soft cover) shows location of one  
room schools & cemeteries in Logan County.  
\$10 + \$3 S/H  
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**1917 Prairie Farmers Reliable Directory of  
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for soft cover  
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newspaper abstracts of 1839 - 1849**; (soft  
cover) not available at Courthouse due to the  
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print) \$20+4 S/H  
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