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1985 Meetings/Programs

October 5 - No special program planned. November 2 - Film on 18th century life in Virginia. December 7 - Potluck dinner (noon) at Asbury Methodist Church, (2nd floor). Bring an ethnic dish typical of your nationality, and a toy or story of your childhood.

1986 dues to the Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society are due on January 1, 1986. Please note that in August (see notes on meeting) Dues have been increased to \$10.00 per year.

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OFFICERS, DIRECTORS and COMMITTEES

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- MEETINGS: First Saturday of every month at the Kankakee Public Library, 304 South Indiana Avenue, 2nd Floor, Research Department, at 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced. Members are friendly and willing to help answer questions before and after meetings. Coffee and cookies served. August is a noon potluck picnic and December is a noon Potluck Christmas (members bring old toys to show). Please attend. We need your input.
- MEMBERSHIPS: \$7.00 per calendar year (January 1st thru December 31st). All members are entitled to have their ancestor charts and family histories published in the THE-A-KI-KI and put on file at our library. All surnames are also included in our Surname Index card file. Members also receive four (4) issues of the THE-A-KI-KI.

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PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE by the KVGS

Book 1 of back issues of the THE-A-KI-KI (Vol 1 thru 5) Book 2 of back issues of the THE-A-KI-KI (Vol 6 thru 10)

Each book \$15.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling - if each issue bought separately, price would be \$25.00 for 5 volumes.

Book 3 will be available in December of 1985. (Vol 11 thru 15). Can be ordered now.

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April 6 1985 - Held in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room at Asbury Methodist Church cue to the larger space. We now have 7L. paid-up members.

Motions passed to renew our membership in the Kankakee Arts Council and to donate 415.00 to the Friends of the Library. K.V.G.S. will have two six-foot tables at the Arts Council Strawberry Festival.

Announcements were made on the 16th Annual Fair of the St. Louis Gen. Soc. coming up on June 15; the 17th Annual Spring Conference sponsored by the Chicago Gen. Soc. on June 28/29 in Rosemont, IL; the 5th Annual National Conference in Salt Lake City on August 6/9; "Mother of the West" the 5th Annual Conference on Records sponsored by the Missouri State Gen. Assoc. on Aug. 2/3; the series of workshops for beginners sponsored by the National Archives, Chicago Branch; and of a special program on the Potawatomie Indian migration at Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School on April 13.

Speaker was Lowell Volkel from the Illinois State Gen. !Society. (This editor did not attend this meeting so am unable to report on the program.

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May 4, 1985 - We have 75 members. Local members received a 1985 schedule giving local members names, address and telephone numbers and meeting dates and known programs.

A thank-you letter was read from the St. Louis Gen. Soc. for the quarterly sent to them.

We will have a list of our "publications for sale" at the Salt Lake City National Conference next month.

Volunteers and baked goods (strawberry) are needed for our booth at the Strawberry Festival on June 9.

A letter to Charles Regnier from Norma Meier was read on her research activities in Washington D. C.; and guest, Paul Saylor, displayed a large sheet of drafting paper showing how he had outlined his family tree and history.

The program consisted of a film on the History of Germany that Bonnie Duffy had obtained from the local school system and a portion of a tape "Later Came the Germans and Stayed" from a 1982 Indianapolis, IN state conference. Balance of tape to be played at next meeting.

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June 1, 1985 Letters were read from: Mr. Leon Keller (member #263) who sent us, at no charge, a computer printout Name Index of the first nine volumes of the THE-A-KI-KI. The other volumes to be completed soon. From Mr. Ronald Bremer from Roots Digest offering to conduct a free 3hour seminar and question & answer period on Tuesday, August 27th. (We will sponser him.) And, from Newberry Library explaining the many new acquisitions since their renovations. Newberry Library is to be closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Discussions covered the WPA records from the 1930s--this will be covered

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in Ron Bremer's seminar; the costs for the 1860 Kankakee County Federal Census and.. publication prices. Costs to be \$20.00 plus \$2.00 poste e and handling for prepublication until October 31, 1985; then \$25.00 plus p & h thereafter. The census will be hard-bound. And, the possibility of holding all future meetings at the Asbury Methodist Church due to the convenience of an elevator and close-by restrooms.

Discussion also on the need to increase dues in 1986 to \$10.00--motion passed. Dues from 1986 on will be \$10.00 per year.

Program consisted in finishing the tape on Germans began last month and browsing through the Genealogy Books in the Library.

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July 6, 1985 - Announcements covered:

10 New address for the Kentucky Gen. Soc. Library which is now located in the Archives Research Room of the Ky. Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort, KY. They moved to provide volunteers to help staff the Re-Search Room to extend the hours to 8:00 am to 4:30pm Monday thru Saturday and to 8:30 pm on Tuesday nights March thru October. 2. The Kentucky Advocate, Box 149, Danville, KY 40422 published queries periodically at no charge. Send to Brenda S. Edwards. Do Not use abbreviations.

3. The very helpful and informative newsletter, published by the Soc. for German-American Studies. If you are doing German research, this may be the one to have. Write the Society for more information at 901 University Bay Drive, Nadison, Wisconsin 53705.

4. Other books in the South Surburban Gen. & His. Society's Library from their June, 1985 newsletter; especially the two Holland language books recently acquired, one of which contains pictures and stories of many churches in Holland as well as their grave yards, and the other book "Dutch American Relations, Friesland - 1845-1878 contains the names of many of those early immigrants to the United States from the area of Holland called Friesland. Mentioned are the name of the immigrant, his wife's name, number of children and occupation.

5. The arrival of Father Ducat of Belgium to the L'Erable, ILL area (Pronounced LaRaab) to look for relatives at the annual homecoming on July 14. He also wishes to meet with any persons of Belgium descent.

6. The New England Hist. & Gen. Soc. has a research library and manuscript file of over 300,000 items.

7. A new bi-monthly newsletter at \$12.00 per year (\$32.00 for 3 years) containing the very lastest and most current up to date news of interest focusing on Illinois Genealogy and Historical aids, archives, associations, ideas, leads, libraries, meetings, programs, publications, records, researchers, services, and sources. If interested, write Illinois Gen. and Historical News, Cumberland Gap, TN 37724-0700, or call 703/445-5860 Published by R. D. Bradshaw.

The Program consisted of a tape "Irish and the American Revolution1° published by the Irish Tourist Board. Some of the highlights from that tape:

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No private ownership of land until 1870.

1765 - First potato famine from Scotch to Ulster caused an increase in land rents and tithes. This was about 100 years after the Cromwell Revolution. 1775 - Immigration stopped. 1783 - 11,000 immigrants left Port of Dublin to North America alone. 1790 - Population of Ireland about four and one-half million. 1815/1819 - Another potato famine. This was the time when linen prospered, mostly from the middle part of Ireland. 20% was exported to Canada. 1820 - By this time immigration pretty much ceased. Population was about six million. Each family had about 20 acres of land of which only 132 acres were useable. 1845 - All protestant marriages had to be recorded. 7845/1847 - Another potato famine. Over one million died, Landlords would usually pay for the immigrants passage. Over 83,000 came to Grose Isle. 1867 - County Downs and County Antrum were mostly Quakers, Baptists and Presbyterian. In doing Irish research, check the Churches of Ireland. Read local history. Remember, not every surname immigrated. In the presbyterian records, read "Session" minutes. If looking for a wife's name, try the western (poorer) part of Ireland. Farmer's would take elder daughters, to the (wealthier) inland families for servants. These daughters would often marry into the family they served. For Catholic records, see the Archivist of Northern Ireland (Northern Ireland consists of the six northern counties). Records are on microfilm and also in Salt Lake City. In many old record books, do not take the first page, the title page is usually found in the middle of the book, as in Margaret Foley's Parish Registers 360.00 set from Gen. Pub. Co.), In the middle of the book, the title page says 1847-1783. Census records were every ten years, but most have been destroyed. The "1796 Parish Registry" is an index of every person who grew more than three acres. Vital Records were started in 1864. Also, check the Convert Laws4-Church of Ireland. Because of these laws, Presbyterian and Catholics may be registered in each others faiths. Fire has destroyed all wills thru 1858, but Estate Records include rent rolls of lessees. Ulster Arms Office begun in 1922. Ireland began taking an interest in gravestone inscriptions, their histories and began to salvage and record their grave yards. Some are all done. Also check into the 1850-1860 Griffith Evaluation -- Barony Index. Ireland contains 4 provinces. Each province is divided into counties.

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Each county into baronies, and each Barony into parishes, both religious and civil. But, parishes sometimes crossed barony boundries. Nothing on land subdivision sizes.

Northern Ireland is about the size of Connecticut. To cross Ireland from east to west takes less than 3 hours to drive. From north to south, about 6 hours, on narrow country roads. Ireland is about the size of Kansas.

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<u>August 3, 1985</u>, - K.V.G.S. met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Voss on Illinois State Route 113 on the river for a pot luck luncheon.

After lunch a short business meeting. We now have 78 members. The 1860 census for Kankakee County is being printed now. And, the Northeastern Section of the Kankakee County cemetery records are ready for sale. \$10.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling (without a cover, the price is \$7.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling.)

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August 27, 1985 - K.V.G.S. sponsored a seminar by Mr. Ronald A. Bremer of -cots Digest and the author of the Compendium of Historical Resources --The How and Where of American Genealogy, published 1983 by Butterfly Publishers, Inc., P. O. Box 21116, Salt Lake City, Utah 84121. \$100.00.

Mr. Bremer began his program by stating that about the farthest one can go in researching Anglo-Saxon records is about 300 years; German, 500 years; Swiss, 700 years, and Spanish about 1,000 years.

Good resources for Chester County, PA (early presbyterians) is the Gen. Society of PA, 1300 Locust St., Philadelphia.

For "territory" records, the Archives in Washington D.C.

For "French-Canadians", the genealogical library in Grand Rapids, MI.
For "Norweigians", the Bigthe Books at Concordia College.
Also, check source papers such as Danish Source Papers, etc., state
Historical Societies and Puhitan Village by Powell.
For New York sources, use LIS Pendens and Dour Books.
For Kentucky sources, The Draper Collection and the Duret Collection at
Madison, WI; also, the Kentucky Library at Bowling Green is excellent.

Other good sources are the Hall of Records at Dover, Delaware, Voters List, Naturalization Records and ships, passenger lists. (Ship's records from Germany are from 1820).

As far as Census records go, Mr. Bremer cautions that only about onethird of our ancestors show up on them.

Each state also has Military records, such as New York at the Military Affairs Division, State University, Bldg. 22, Albany, N.Y.

Mr. Bremer then gave a list of the ten "worsest" and "bestest" sources.

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The "worse" sources for records are: 1. Family traditions 2. Printed family histories 3. Lineage books 4. Federal census 5. Tombstones (there is a 95% error world-wide) 6. Death certificates 7. Obituaries 8. "Standard" reference works 9. Family group sheets, and 10. "Adamic" lineage.

The "best" sources are:

- Judicial court records: (a) Minute Books (in southern states),
 (b) Court of Common Pleas (in northeastern states), and (c) Manor Court Rolls (in Europe).
- 2. Property Records (more often than not give maiden name of wife).
- 3. Probate Records (always ask "Do you have any 'Testate' or 'Intestate' proceedings?")
- 4. Vital Records.
- 5. Church records (Denominational Yearbooks) (Catholic, Lutheran, Quaker, Anglican/Episcopalian, Congregationals, Baptists (Hdq. in Nashville, TN), and Protestants (Hdq. in Philadelphia, PA).
- 6. Fraternal Organizations: (a) Masonic Grand Lodge--each state has the (90% of the colonials belonged to Masons) (70% of all our ancestors were Masons) (b) Odd Fellows (c) Knights Pythias (d) Independent Order of Redmen (Rermans), and (e) Granges.
- 7. Alliance Records--Everyone from Europe from 1700 to 1940 joined an Alliance as 1850 Irish joined the Hiberian Society; the Welsh to St. David Society; and the Germans to Harugeria Society, Sons of Hermann, or "Turnverin". Turnverin hdq. in Louisville, KY.
- 8. Life Jnsurance Companies. Started in America in 1743. An average of 70% of all applications, etc. are preserved. There were five companies in Illinois.
- 9. Military Records (write National Archives for copy of "SPINE"). (There eight times more Militia Records on Illinois in Illinois than in the National Archives. Use "Poore's Index" in any government repository; i.e. universities, etc.).
- 10. Newspapers: (a) Legal notices (b) birth notices (c) death notices (Between 1821-1980 see Winifred Gregory's "Union Lists").

For preliminary survey, search:

- 1. Home sources.
- 2. Genealogy societies (a) go in person (b) visit branch libraries (c) fill out the LDS special form "TOIR". (The LDS Church in Utah only has a maximum of 8 to 10% of world-wide records). (d) Telecommunications: (Mr. Bremer states, when asked what kind of computer is a good genealogical tool, that as far as he is concerned, the "WANG" is the only computer to use as all others are like using a first grade primer.)
- 3. Register with Surname Registers (There are 25 in the United States).
- 4. Photo Duplication Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. (Between 1850-1930 was the heyday of published family histories.)
- 5. National Union Catalog Manuscript collections at every large library and university (Index is in 24 volumes).
- 6. The First Decennial Digest--5 volumes #21/25 (Has index to all Appellate Court Cases 1658-1911 by Appellate surname.)
- 7. Compendium of Historical Sources by Ronald A. Bremer.

Mr. Bremer states there are two laws of genealogy: (1) Never go to a state unless you know the County, and (2) If you don't know when and where he/she died, don't work on he/she.

He also said there are two goad techniques: (1) Look for surnames only on your ""General" search as opposed to the given names on "Particular' searches. For the general search look in the county of first residence. (2) Hiring an agent (There is an average of two dozen records per each ancestor.) Write to the high school in the town you want to search. Ask the Librarian for the name of a student researcher (Ask for same in other countries as well). Send the researcher \$5.00 or \$10.00 and ask for 1 item per request. Things to ask for are: (a) phone book of that area (b) cemetery or church records (c) courthouse records, etc.

Other sources: The average courthouse has 50 kinds of records. The key to all the records is the WPA County Inventories listing even unpublished records. In England, the list of all available records is the Victoria County Histories. In Germany it is the Muller Grosse Lexikon.

Federal Government Grid Map - 1920 (Soil and Water Conservation District Springfield, IL (Write to Map Division, NY Public Library, 42nd & 5th Ave., NY, NY. These maps are the most definitive, because the government asked each and every farmer who was buried on their land.

1790 Post Office "Geographic Site Location Report". You need to know what county because there is one for each. Write to Social & Economic Div., National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Going back to the WPA Inventories, the WPA Index is about 100 pages and you can get a copy of the Index for about ten cents a page.

There are about twenty million genealogists in America today and the number is growing daily.

The proceeding is just a highlight of Mr. Bremer's program. For clarification on any item I suggest you check Mr. Bremer's book. There is one on file at the Kankakee Public Library - Genealogy Department.

SECRET SOCIETIES

from St. Louis Gen. Soc. Newsletter "News "N" Notes, Vol. XVII, No. 5, of May, 1985, "Helps for Researchers" Secret Societies - Records of these can sometimes be of help in genealogical research. The names and addresses of a few are listed below: Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE) organized in 1898 - 2401 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233. Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) founded 1868 - 2750 Lake View Drive, Chicago, IL 60614. Knights of Columbus (K of C) founded 1882 - Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06507. Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias founded 1864 - Room 201, Pythian Building, 47 N. Grant St., Stockton, CA 95202. Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry (Masons) founded 1813 -33 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA 02173. Loyal Order of Moose founded 1888 - Moosehart, IL 60539

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) founded 1819 - Sovereign Grand Lodge, LOOP, 16 W. Chase St., Baltimore, MD 21201 Improved Order of Red Men founded 1765 - The Great Council, Box 683, Waco, TX 76703. Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for N.A. (Shriners) founded 1872 - 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607. Patriotic Order, Sons of America (POSOA) founded 184.7 - P. O. Box 1847, Valley Forge, PA 19461 (the above taken from Coles Co, IL Gen. Soc., Nov., 1984).

IRISH RECORDS

...from the South Suburban Gen. & His. Soc. - June 1985 who got it from The Ontario Gen. Soc., Ontario, Canada, Vol. XIV, No. 1, 1984.

"Mrs. Margaret Dickson Falley, whose search for her ancestral roots in County Tyrone led her to becoming a world-recognized authority on Irish genealogy, passed away in 1984 at the age of 8 but her work will live through the donation of all of her records of 35 years to Special Collections Dept., Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 60291. "Mrs. Falley had collected over 2,000 volumes on Irish Genealogy, all of which have been placed in the N.U. Library. For further information, please write to that group."

WHO WAS GRANDMOTHER?

from a 1983 Chicago Tribune by John W. McDermott.

"She was small, round, bespectacled, gray and, in my memory, always pleasant of speech, with the most virtuous habit of inviting in a waist-high grandson for gingersnaps and ginger ale.

"Gingersnaps and ginger ale, that was Grandmother Mary.

"I knew so little about her. She gave birth to my mother in Colorado Springs. Her parents had come from Ireland. Her husband, Albert Volkman, had emigrated from Germany. I didn't know her maiden name. "That was all.

"Who was Grandmother Mary? The chance to learn more about my grandmother surfaced when a travel writers' group convened in Salt Lake City, which has, I was vaguely aware, a major genealogical library operated by the Normans.

"I wasn't prepared for the depth and volume of material I was to find. "In the middle of Salt Lake City is a new, 26-story office building, the administration headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The entire west wing of the building houses the genealogical library, where three floors are devoted to family historical records. "Birth, marriage and death certificates, military records, census reports-literally millions of names are recorded from every conceivable global source.

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"The department, founded in 1894, opens its library to the public. You don't have to be a Mormon to use it, There is no charge. It has the largest library of family roots in existence. Roots? After Alex Haley's book appeared in 1977, library traffic doubled. In 1981, the figure was up 50% over 1980. "More than 3,000 national and international visitors, mostly non-Mormon, pour in every day but Sunday to find a name-link with their own histories. The library staff answers some 6,000 letters a month. "Thomas E. Daniels, manager of public relations for the library, gave me a quick walk-through. "We have 200 employees, including 25 language specialists, plus 400 volunteers," he said. "We have 90 to 100 cameras in some 40 countries microfilming genealogical material, material that has been arranged for copying by one of our 15 negotiators." "Guides on the first floor show people how to use the library, and trained specialists assist researchers, One floor is devoted to North American data. Another floor to European records. A third floor contains records from everywhere else. "In addition to our main library, we maintain 400 genealogical branches around the world", Daniels said, "including five in Illinois", "Besides all you see in this building, we have a vault built into a granite mountain 20 miles from Salt Lake City where duplicate records are stored. Its capacity is 26 million volumes of genealogical material, a billion names plus support data safeguarded against any disaster. "Also, this year we will start on a new library building a block west of our current library, which will be two stories underground and three stories above ground and constitute the largest genealogical library anywhere specifically designed to support genealogical studies." "Amazed by the scope of family material collected by the genealogical department, I then was turned over to staff member Pat Godfrey, who started me on the search for my gingersnap grandmother. "Have you filled out a pedigree chart?" she asked me. "I hadn't; so she handed me a green sheet, which I filled in with such information as I had about where and when father, mother, grandfather, grandmother and great-grandparents were born, married and died. "The obvious blank was my grandmother's maiden name. The progression of the pedigree chart demands upon each blank being filled in properly. "If your mother were born around 1890, then our best lead is to try the 1900 census," Godfrey said. "Our index to census information is called Soundex." "Here is a 1900 Soundex blank sheet. On this table is a thick green book labeled '1900 SOUNDEX FILM NUMBERS.' Turn to the first page and code your last name on the Soundex sheet according to the instructions.' "I followed the instructions and came up with the code 'V425'. "With the state and county information and my code I was able to determine the film number (1242462) on which I could find the Volkman family index card.

"I felt a tingle on seeing the first blood of the chase.

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"In a large room containing hundreds of metal cabinets I found the proper row, the proper file and, in a drawer filled with neatly arranged boxes of microfilms, the magic number, 1242462. "On each side of the microfilm cabinets are 250 viewing projection machines. All thumbs and unsure, I was able to get the film threaded into a machine, and I started scanning the index cards one by one as they rolled by, name after name, number after number, but no Volkman, and no V425. "Card after card popped up on the viewer, and I was feeling depressed. "Suddenly there it was" V425, the name Volkman and a list of the family; his wife, Mary, and the names of five children, including Alvene, my mother. I stared at it in disbelief. There it was. Childhood memories crowded my mind. "This was an egg hunt, and I had my first golden egg. My first solid clue. "How exciting! 'I'll be damned!' I said aloud, which was not the proper expression, considering the place, but no one lifted a head. "The important information on the card was the E.D. number (the Enumeration District number), and the sheet or page number and the line number, information that could lead me directly to the microfilm of the 1900 census shelf. "I filled in the numbers on my worksheet and returned gleefully to Godfrey. She took me to the American Reference counter to direct my next phase of research, to a thin green book that contained the 1900 United States census film numbers. "By looking up the state, Colorado, and the county, El Paso, I found a film number with the Enumeration District, 30, on it. Film number 1240124. Hey, Hey! I was getting closer. "In another row of cabinets I found the microfilm and took it back to Godfrey, who put it on a projection machine and quickly rolled the film on the screen until we came to Enumeration District 30. "Again the film was rolled until we reached sheet 1. "It was a magic time machine. There on the top line of the 12th Census of the United States at house No. 402 was 'Volkman, Albert, head of the family, white, male, born March, 1838, aged 62, married, born in Germany, mother and father born in Germany, came to the United States in 1863 at the age of 37, naturalized, occupation, tailor, could read, write and speak English, owned his own home free of mortgage.'. "(The largest ethnic root stock in America is German, with 29% of the population of pure German or part German blood.) "On the next line was Grandmother, Mary. "'Mary; wife, white, female, born November, 1854, aged 45, married 25 years, four children dead, five children living, born in Ohio, (I didn't know that)...parents, born in Ireland, she could read, write and speak English'. "Godfrey then showed me how to duplicate the microfilm census sheet, now a part of my permanent record. (The only charge in the library was a minimum charge for the use of the duplicating machines.) "I still did not have Grandmother Mary's maiden name, but I had new knowledge that could lead me further into her family history.

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"The clue was that two children were born in Illinois. Where? When? "Just when the chase was getting exciting, time had run out. My watch told me the most incredible story. I had spent five hours on my search in what seemed like 45 minutes. "Five months later I was back in the library, having diverted to Salt Lake en route to the West Coast from Europe. "This time I went to the census of 1880 in the state of Illinois, where the children had been born. "Bingol There, in Fulton, Whiteside County, IL, was Volkman, Albert, wife Mary, three children and one servant. Still no maiden name of grandmother. "'Try the general index; look under Illinois for information on Whiteside County, ' I was advised. "Three reference volumes on Whiteside County were in the library, and I found that Albert Volkman was a tailor with a shop at the corner of Base Street and Broadway and was a member of the Abou Ben Adhem Lodge, No. 148 IOOF. Nothing on grandmother. "Birth records, marriage certificates. Nothing. "But wait, Here was a reference to a researcher in Nowato, OK. She was an authority on Whiteside records, and for \$4 she would look through her material. "A query to the researcher was my first order of business on returning home. A week later I received a letter in return. "'Between us', the researcher wrote, twe hit the jackpots Your Albert Volkman married Mary Tean in August of 1874 in Whiteside County, ILA. "Team I had it. Miss Mary Teen. "The researcher had found the notice in the Whiteside Sentinel of Aug. 12, 1874. "My next step is to find out where Mary was born and, I hope, a birth record that will tell me her father's birthplace and her mother's maiden name, "The first chance I get 1111 go back to Salt Lake City. A visit to the library on any trip to the West Coast or to any of the major ski resorts, Park City, Alta, Snowbird, only an hours drive from Salt Lake City, is a must stopover. "It is a fun, fascinating project. Grandmother Mary Tean, the ginger ale lade. "Join me. Get in the hunt."

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(For another article on the Salt Lake City genealogical library, see Vol. 13 No. 3 and Vol. 13 No. 4 of the The-A-Ki-Ki.)

from ALMANAC, The Daily Journal, Kankakee, Illinois.... August 1, 1790, the first United States Census was completed. It showed a population of nearly 4 million people in 17 states.

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REUNIONS

from The Herald, Bourbonnais, IL - July 16, 1985 and Member #28

Sixty-five out-of-staters gathered to celebrate the 65th SHREFFLER Reunion at the Civic Auditorium on June 30. Over 200 attended from California, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Louisiana, Wisconsin and Texas.

Vesta KLAFTA, Pauline KLAFTA and Helen KELLEY arranged the dinner, after which a style show was presented. Lisa LAMORE, Manteno (IL), modeled a black skirt and white blouse worn at the first reunion. Ronda LAMORE, Manteno, wore a floor length ivory dress made 94 years ago. Judy ROLLINS, Texas, presented a 3/4 length mauve net worn 35 years ago by her aunt on the occasion of her 50th wedding anniversary. Noels BANTA, California, modeled a floor length pink embroidered bridesmaid dress worn at her aunt's wedding 20 years ago. Ingrid BANTA, New York, wore the white satin and chiffon gown trimmed with lace roses and pink satin ribbon that she made for her wedding 15 years ago. Sheila LIDBERG, Missouri, wore the wedding dress that she and her mother made 11 years ago. Four-year old twins, Staci and Stefi AGNEW, Texas, wore present-day long royal blue flower girl dresses.

Entertainment for the afternoon began with a sextette, "The Choice is Mine", sung by Marilyn WOOD, Judy ROLLINS, Tami AGNEW, Cindy LIDBERG, Annie LIDBERG and Sheila LIDBERG and accompanied by Marie CHASE. CHASE also accompanied Vesta KLAFTA in a whistling solo. Rhonda, Lisa, Diana and Gina LAMORE presented several musical selections.

Gifts were presented to the following: Oldest member, S. T. SHREFFLER, Manteno, IL; 92 years old; Youngest member, Micah LIDBERG, Missouri, five weeks old; Traveled most miles, Noels BANTA California; Married most years, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. STRAND, Plano, IL, 55 years, and Mr. and Mrs. James COLLINS,, Wichita, KS, 59 years. Naomi ERICKSON received a corsage for having attended all 65 reunions.

Banners were made by Sheryl OVERTON and Danny ROLLINS, A crayon pencil picture of tree and bluebirds was made by Austin SHREFFLER. Ceramic bluebirds made by Wynona PERK, Phyllis ROGERS, and Bernice ROGERS were sold by Mabel EARTLEY. Marvin SHREFFLER furnished plants for the tables and they were given as prizes. Many other beautiful gifts were given as door prizes. Games for the children were organized by Penny CURWICK, Tracy KINGSTON and Juana HEBERT. At the conclusion, every child in attendance was presented a gift. Ice cream was furnished by the Lee HERSCHER, Vernard BALL, and Earl MacINTOSH families of Kankakee, IL. And a large two layer cake depicting the theme "Bluebirds of Happiness" was made by Carol RICE of Carpentersville, IL.

The following officers were retained for 1986: President, Mrs. V. L. ROGERS, Bourbonnais, IL; Vice-president, Wendell MILTON, Manteno, IL; and Sec./Treas., Mrs. Marvin SHREFFLER, Kankakee, IL. The 66th reunion will be held at the Civic Auditorium on June 29, 1986.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE (continued from Page 2) The 1860 Federal Census for Kankakee County, IL (the first census for Kankakee County), with an all name index. \$20.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling until December 31, 1985. After this date, price is \$25.00 plus \$2.00 postage, etc. Send to "Correspondence" address on Page 2.

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Additional sources

(7) State of Ill. certificate of birth from Kankakee County

(8) Kankakee County, Ill. Clerk's certificate of marriage copy

(9) Personal knowledge of Bessie Hertz Swan Hilty

(10) Gravestone in St. Anne Cemetary on Rte 1 on 8/23/83

NOTE L

1900 U.S. Census records indicate that Leona was born in 1872. She apparently gave the wrong age, therefore on her marriage certificate when in 1887 she says she is 19. On Pearl May's birth certificate she indicates she is 27, although if she was born in 1872 she would be 26 turning 27 in May. She may have just said 27 as it was so close to that birthday. Her death certificate says 1872, so I am inclined to believe that is the right date. Further search in cesus records should confirm this.

NOTE 2

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There is real confusion on Emelie/Amelie maiden name. I have correspondence from the DuMontelle's in St. Anne who wrote up a little blurb for their family reunions indicating the maiden name is Courville and yet on her marriage certificate, Leona puts her mother's maiden name as Fraisse. I am beginning to suspect her mother remarried after her husband died in 1885 and Fraisse was her new married name. I am trying to verify this with research in the Kankakee County area. Also when Emelie remarried to Paul Buzon I saw the marriage recorded at Kankakee and she also listed her father as J.B. Fraisse? NOTE 3

Pearl Cheffer Hilty says Harry was born in 1888. Yet in the 1900 census he is listed as being born in 1887. This leaves only forge months between date of marriage and first child for Alfred and Leona. Yet the census is correct on all the other years the children are born. Harry's birthdate needs to be verified in the county records.

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(9) 1900 U.S. Census for Denver, Arapahoe, CO, Ward 7 Sht.2,	DeMARS) ca. 1860. Resided Chicago PROVOST) and Kankakee County.					
Page 30. (10) Denver, CO, City Directories seen July, 1982.	Mrs. James E. Stanton 501 El Capitan Drive Danville, CA 94526					
The Travels of Joseph Hilty 30 Aug., 1862 - Mustered into Union Army, Harrisburg, PA. May, June 1863 - In army hospital, Murfreesboro. July 1863 thru Dec. 1864 - Back with unit in Civil War. Jan. & Feb. 1865 - On furlough. March 1865 thru June 21, 1865 - Mustered out as a PVT at Nashville, TN. 1867 - Married in Peoria Co., IL. 1880 Census - In Elmwood Twp., IL. 1883 - Per Civil War Records, living in Farmington, Fulton Co.,	<pre># * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *</pre>					
<pre>IL. 1891 - In Denver, CO City Directory in Villa Park. 1900 Census - Living at 3232 Arlington in Denver, CO. 1906 - living at above address when dies. Wife, Sarah, lives with daughter,</pre>	Benjamin F. TALLMAN in Knox Co., IL. They are not in Fulton or Knox Counties in the 1870 or 1880 census, so they may have been in Kankakee County that early. They were residents in Kankakee County in 1891 during some final settlements of her father's estate. Did Sarah A. TALLMAN die in Kankakee County? If so, where is she buried?					
Florence, until she dies in 1936.	Did her daughters marry there? Are there any descendants there? Mary I. Sampson 218 Collier Avenue					
<u>Greats and Great, Greats</u> (Queries) BOUDREAU) Karen Boerboom LaVOIE/LaVOY) 8354 Richfield Drive	Bartonville, IL 61607 (member of Knox County Gen.Soc.)					
LeBEAU) Marshfield, WI 54449 O'DAY)	ALMANAC (from Daily Journal, Kankakee, IL)					
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * Would like to correspond with anyone researching the DeMARS family of Kankakee County, particularly that of Sophie DeMARS, born 1838 in Montreal, married Alfred PROVOST (continued next column)	May 23, 1701 - Captain William Kidd was hanged in London after being convicted of piracy and murder. May 23, 1788 - South Carolina became the 8th state of the union. August 1, 1876 - Colorado was admit- ted to the union as the 38th state.					
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