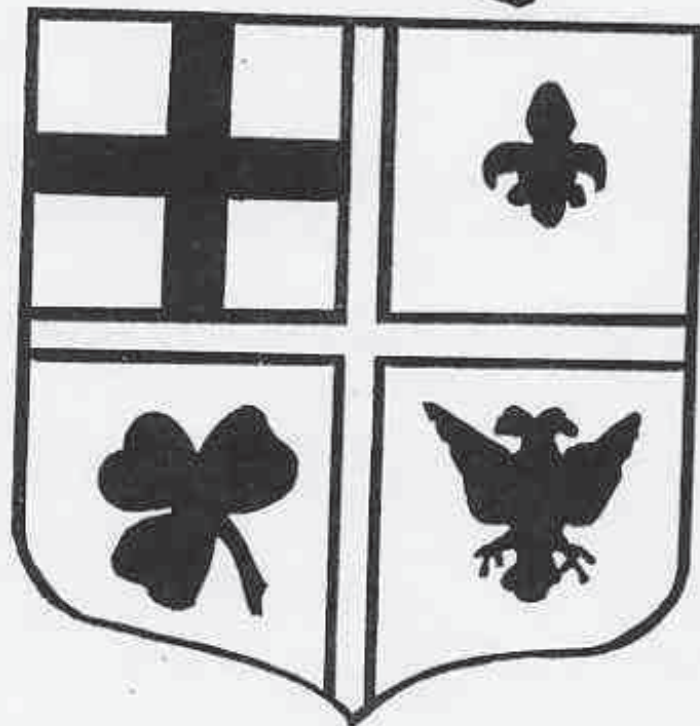


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The following surnames are being researched by our newest members:

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Loretta Boettler	Arnold, Nichols
Joanne Boudreau	Boudreau
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Angela Chancellor	Marcotte, Jarvis, Bombardier, Smith, Zepp, Bailey, Chancellor, Day, Delton, Webster, Lewison, Hodge, Moss, Odette
Melvin & Opal Earing	Daugherty, Earing, Brown, Howard, Basham, Babbit
Dorothy Hansen	Casey, Labri/Lahie, LaPointe, LeBeau, Desnoyer
Louis Hector	Brule, Remillard
Brenda Hebert	Hebert, Fortier, Boudreau, Stroder, Wallace Merkel, Tascher, Donovan
Karen Morrical	Schweigert, Bossert, Stehr
Ruth Ann Oehler	LeBeau
Carolyn Osborne	Bell, Witley, Lee, Stegall, Ellis
Richard Plomondon	Plomondon
Dorothy Riegel	Riegel, Bunte, Orwig, Werner, Wildermuth Wood, McClure, Johnstone, Mulligan, Smith
Kathy Schlipf	Kegebein, Wilkens
Marie Schore	Peterson, Gregoire, Contois, Schlore, Lemning
Dorothy Stanton	Provost, Demars
Holms Young	Cotton, Shellenberger, Jeffrys, Young

## 7TH REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENEALOGY

The 7th Regional Conference on Genealogy took place on September 24, 1994, at Governor's State University. Nelda Ravens and I attended for the society and I must extend a special thank you to Nelda who spent her day selling our publications while I attended the sessions. All things considered, we had a very profitable day as we sold over \$200 worth of publications.

I attended "Lost in Canada" by Joy Reising, "Genealogical Research at the Newberry Library" by Anthony Hoskins and "Illinois State Archives Update" by Charles Cali. All sessions were very information and in the following paragraphs I list some of the information I found especially helpful.

The "Lost in Canada" provided some interesting facts such as there was a terrible cholera epidemic in Canada in 1831 where thousands of people died. Regarding death records, witnesses were rarely family members but more often church officials. Witnesses and godparents at marriages and baptisms, however, should be carefully recorded. Another source of information after census returns are the agricultural returns.

Another important source of information is the "St. Albans Passenger Arrival Records" by Constance Potter. Microfilm series M1464 contains 639 rolls and 1465 contains 25 rolls which contain the manifests of Passengers. M1461 (400 rolls), M1462 (6 rolls), M1463 (98 rolls) and M1478(117 rolls) are Soundex and/or alphabetical indexes. Studying Potter's article is recommended before using these lists.

See Pages 7 and 8 for one of the articles distributed entitled "Umbilical Lines and the mtDNA Project" which I found fascinating.

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Despite the fact I've made many trips to the Newberry Library, I found much new and useful information in Anthony Hoskins' "Genealogical Research at the Newberry Library". One of their new acquisitions is the 1888-1892 Chicago Voter Registers.

For those of you who've spent time at the Newberry, you know that the reading room is on the second floor and the card catalog is located on the third floor. Also on the third floor is a table containing several computers and I was under the misconception these were provided for people who did their genealogy via computer. To my surprise, I learned that all acquisitions to the library since 1978 have been computer cataloged so you need to use the computer to look up all newer acquisitions. For those leery of computers, we're told they're very user friendly.

Other collections of interest at the Newberry are the British Collection, County Histories, Civil War Records and Adjutant General Reports. There are also railroad records for the Burlington Northern, though they are not cataloged. A large variety of city directories and newspapers are available as well.

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The Illinois State Archives Update" by Charles Cali was also very informational. The Archives has a complete collection of all census microfilms including the state censuses through the last one in 1865. Unfortunately, only the 1855 and 1865 are complete. There is a wealth of military and pension records at the archives and the Pension Records for the War of 1812 are completely indexed. Also on microfilm are Revolutionary War Soldier records. There are also records for the Quincy Veterans Home, Bloomington Widows Home and Danville Veterans Hospital.

Pages 9 through 12 contain Land Sales Records available at the Illinois State Archives.

## **QUARTERLY/NEWSLETTER EXTRACTIONS**

### **How Tombstones Started**

The practice of putting a stone on a grave arose not from piety but from fear; its origin was not respect for the dead but the motive was of self-protection. Even after all precautions had been taken, the living were still afraid that the dead person might return and act against his former community. To make absolutely sure he stayed in his tomb, they weighted the soil down with a stone.

At first, people were buried anywhere, generally near where they had died or been killed. Thus graves could be found in most unexpected places.

Primitive society looked on a dead person as something impure. To touch it or even pass over its burial place was considered an act of dishonor. Thus, they marked graves with stones. These were meant to be warnings to passers-by to keep well away. At times to make the stones stand out more clearly, they were coated with lime.

This identification and consideration led to the origin of the cemetery. Special fields, removed from close human habitation, were set apart to isolate the dead in order to protect the living from contamination.

A later development was the worship of graves. The tombstone was looked on as a home for the spirit. Later on people were no longer worried about getting defiled, but became concerned that the grave may be desecrated. They placed stones on the grave to prevent animals from digging up the body. "Twiggs" NW IN Gen. Society; S.C.G.S. of Memphis, MO; "Tangled Roots" St. Charles Co. Gen. Soc., St. Charles, MO; Newsletter Vol. 21 of Southern Illinois Gen. Society.

## **GENEALOGY SEMINARS/CONFERENCES**

The DuPage Co. Gen. Society will hold its 20th Anniversary Workshop "Roots, Boots & Bites" on Saturday, February 18, 1995 at the Holiday Inn, Naperville, Illinois. Registration (\$20/member or \$25/non-member) should be sent to DCGS, P.O. Box 133, Lombard, IL 60148. Program includes: Roots - to the British Isles (English, Irish & Scottish Research), Boots - for Computer Genealogy and Bites - of Genealogical Miscellany (Organizing the Search, Thar's Gold in Them Thar Deeds, and Kentucky Research).

Copied, with permission. "Umbilical Lines and the mtDNA Project," Thomas H. Roderick Ph.D. in *Your Family's Health History: An Introduction National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Special issue, vol. 82 (June 1994): 144-145.

## Update

### Umbilical Lines and the mtDNA Project

*Contributed by* Thomas H. Roderick, Ph.D.\*

The umbilical line refers to a single, very specific, matrilineal line—that is, the mother's mother's mother's mother's, ad infinitum. In an ancestral table, it comprises individuals numbered 1, 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, 255, 511, etc. It is analogous to the sequentially paternal line that follows a specific surname over generations. Although genealogists have long been obsessed with patrilineal-surname research, increasing attention has been given to umbilical lines since the early 1970s.

Each human inherits equal portions of nuclear DNA (deoxyribose nucleic acid, the "building blocks" of life) from his or her mother and father. But there are exceptions. One is the tiny but very important mitochondrialDNA (mtDNA), which lies outside the nucleus and is usually transmitted only through the umbilical line. Both males and females inherit it, but only females pass it on. This fraction, vitally important to life, is now the subject of considerable genetic research.

While all humans ultimately derive their mtDNA from the most recently known common umbilical ancestress—dubbed *Eve* in the popular press—slight changes have occurred through time. Thus, most modern individuals have slightly different mtDNA. Distinctions can be precisely described using today's technology, through analysis of the mtDNA's molecular structure. One aspect of interest to geneticists, one that has not been precisely understood or measured—is the relative change (mutation rate) of mtDNA over generations. Present knowledge suggests a mutation rate low enough that any person should have the same mtDNA as a relative with the same umbilical ancestor as far as fifteen to twenty generations removed.

Genealogists have much to offer in mtDNA research. Long and well-documented umbilical lines, coupled with small blood samples from living individuals with

- Adapted from presentations by Dr. Roderick at the 1992 NGS Conference in the States at Jacksonville, Florida, and the 1993 convocation of the American Society of Genealogists at Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

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connected lines, can begin to provide information on mutation rates or the rate of change of mtDNA over generations and over time.

Another understandable and fascinating aspect is that, through time, specific changes have developed in specific wedges of Eve's tree of descendants—that is, in racial and ethnic groups. Thus, the mtDNA of racial groups is different, and much information is now being accumulated to describe these ethnic differences. So, for the genealogist, an analysis of the mtDNA of anyone living would reveal the racial and perhaps ethnic background of his or her umbilical line, information well before the time of printed records. A particularly interesting example is that of a woman from Yorkshire who has mtDNA similar to that in some Middle East countries. A significant genealogical and population-genetic question would be "How prevalent is this type of mtDNA in Yorkshire or elsewhere in England, and what does it imply about early migrations and admixture?"

A project is underway to help the geneticist with mutation and ethnic studies and to help the genealogist verify umbilical-line research and determine ethnic origins of umbilical ancestors. Well-documented umbilical lines, eight or more generations in length, will be the most useful; but those of lesser length may also be valuable, depending on the nature of other submissions.

Contributors will be asked to have a small portion of blood taken professionally for analysis, if the line can be shown to connect with another contributed line or if it presents an ethnic origin of interest. DNA analysis will, through the study of similarities, show with high probability whether the ancestral research is genetically valid and will, through the study of differences, provide data on mutation rates. Ethnic origins can be determined in most cases; this is valuable to both the geneticist and the genealogist. Participants will be kept fully apprised of the study as it progresses.

This program began in 1992. Thus far, nearly three hundred pedigrees have been submitted. Most are of New England origin, but a significant portion treats French Canadian background. As of this writing, one solid connection in Massachusetts in the 1600s has been made between two umbilical lines, and blood samples have been drawn for analysis. Another connection linking two people to an umbilical ancestor in early Quebec is under study. Also, several umbilical lines have been established to Priscilla (Mullins) Alden of the *Mayflower*, and efforts are being made to obtain blood samples.

Individuals interested in assisting with this project should submit their documented umbilical lines to the following address:

mtDNA Project  
Center for Human Genetics  
Municipal Building, Post Office Box 770  
Bar Harbor, ME 04609-0770

# *Land Sales Records*

Genealogical Research Series Pamphlet No. 1

April 1994

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**T**HIS PAMPHLET IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES DESIGNED TO ASSIST THE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCHER in using the most pertinent of related federal, state, and local governmental records in the possession of the Illinois State Archives and its Illinois Regional Archives Depositories (IRAD). The topic of this pamphlet is the sale and transfer of land.

## HAMMES COLLECTION 1678-1814

### ***Historical Background***

The sale of Illinois land began in the late 17th century, nearly one hundred years before the establishment of the United States. While under the control of three separate and distinct governmental authorities: France (1678-1763), England (1763-1778), and the state of Virginia (1778-1784), individuals residing in what was to become the state of Illinois received and conveyed title to lands there. Throughout these periods respective government agents registered land transactions. After the United States established its control over Illinois in 1784 the federal government eventually began a review process to determine the legitimacy of preexisting land claims. When examinations were completed in 1814 federal authorities had confirmed title to less than half of the claims presented to them.

### ***Record Contents***

The Raymond H. Hammes Collection at the State Archives chronicles Illinois land transfers over 1678-1814. The collection consists of 157 microfilm reels and includes selected governmental records and private papers. Federal records consist of documents and volumes of the U.S. General Land Office. Records of Madison, Randolph and St. Clair counties primarily include deeds, mortgages, and probate and county court papers. The collection's private manuscripts are from French settlements in Kaskaskia and Cahokia and with them are included available translations.

In twelve years of independent research Raymond Hammes abstracted these records and recorded more than 10,000 ancient land grants, transfers, and other contract transactions. Together they make up an unpublished 20 volume-set. The first two microfilm reels of the Hammes Collection contain the 20 volumes of abstracts along with a cumulative index. These abstracts usually detail the names and relationships of sellers and purchasers, a description and location of the real estate and/or personal property in question, the selling price, and sale and filing dates. Often provided are the names and relationships of prior owners, ancestors, and neighbors. The collection's remaining 155 microfilm reels contain copies of the original records from which the abstracts and the cumulative index were prepared.

### ***Finding Your Ancestor***

#### RESEARCHING ON YOUR OWN

The collection includes a comprehensive alphabetical surname index of the principal individuals involved in land transfers as well as cited individuals who were neighbors or witnesses to transactions. Occasional contract transactions other than land transfers also are

provided. Entries refer to the unpublished 20 volumes of abstracts. Original transaction recordings can in turn be traced back from the abstracts.

#### MAIL AND TELEPHONE REQUESTS

The researcher must furnish an individual's complete name to allow for an effective search. The Archives will photocopy up to 5 pages of abstracts at a cost of \$.50 per page. If more entries are available Archives staff will advise the genealogist and request authorization for additional photocopies. Send inquiries to: Illinois State Archives, Reference Unit, Archives Building, Springfield, IL 62756. Telephone: (217) 782-3556.

## PUBLIC DOMAIN LAND SALE LISTING 1814-1876

### ***Historical Background***

The United States government started selling off the vast amount of public land remaining in Illinois beginning in 1814. Ten U.S. General Land Offices located across the state conducted 538,750 sales up to 1876 when the last remaining Illinois federal land office was closed. The large bulk of sales had taken place by the mid-1850's.

State and county governments as well as the Illinois Central Railroad conducted a portion of the sales as a result of federal grants made to them. The state sold school, saline, seminary, canal, and internal improvement lands. After 1850 some counties sold undesirable swamp and overflowed lands. The Illinois Central financed its construction by selling those railroad lands allotted to it by the U.S. government. Federal authorities turned over Illinois U. S. Land Office records of original sales to the state in 1879.

### ***Record Contents***

Today these records of Illinois land sales are located at the State Archives. There archivists with the assistance of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities have indexed the first purchasers of the Illinois public domain. The resulting massive file of 538,750 entries has been generated on 144 microfiche. Each entry gives the name, sex, county or-state residence of purchasers; sale type; legal description of the land; the number of acres; price per acre; and total cost of the purchase. If the buyer's residence was another state, one should consult the original record because a county residence may be listed as well. The only other category which may lead to additional information is "warrant" under the column "Total Price". Upon request additional records can be consulted which give the number and date of the militia grant warrant and the name in whose favor the warrant was issued (not necessarily the purchaser). The Archives cannot provide copies of land patent documents. To obtain copies of such documents please contact the Bureau of Land Management (Eastern States Office), 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153.

### ***Finding Your Ancestor***

#### RESEARCHING ON YOUR OWN

The index to Illinois public domain land sales can be consulted by two different arrangements: 1) alphabetical by purchasers' surnames in a single sequence for the entire state and 2) alphabetical by county and within counties alphabetical by purchasers' surnames.

Those researchers who have computer access to Internet, an international interconnection of a wide variety of networks, can access the Illinois Public Domain Land Sale Database through a GOPHER protocol. They should enter: GOPHER • UIC • EDU. This will display a University of Illinois at Chicago menu. From there select: library. And from there select: public domain land sales. An introduction then will explain the parameters of the database and provide instructions for its manipulation.

MAIL AND TELEPHONE REQUESTS

For a name seazch please provide the Archives with the purchaser's name as well as, if possible, the name of the county where the land was located. If found, the Archives will photocopy the individual's entry from the microfiche. If a warrant was used for purchase, staff will duplicate the original land sale entry which indicates the original receiver of the warrant. If the purchaser is listed as residing in another state, the original record also will be copied to indicate, if so listed, that purchaser's county residence. Copies of original land records aze available for a fee of \$2.00 per page as established by an Illinois statute. Send inquiries to: Illinois State Archives, Reference Unit, Archives Building, Springfield, IL 62756. Telephone: (217) 782-3556.

## COUNTY DEED RECORDS 1768-1978

### *Historical Background*

The Illinois General Assembly established the office of county recorder in 1819. The original legislation required recorders to record and file all real estate deeds submitted to them. Although each county maintained records of real estate transactions, state legislation periodically shifted this responsibility between the circuit clerk, county clerk and recorder. Currently the office of recorder exists in all counties with populations of 60,000 or more. The county clerk serves as ex officio recorder for counties with lesser populations.

### *Record Contents*

Deed records generally show names of the grantee and grantor, legal description of the property, date and type of instrument, amount of consideration, and the date filed.

Illinois Regional Archives: Currently the IRAD system, consisting of seven regional depositories, maintains Deed Records for the following .counties:

Adams	1818-1927	Macon	1829-1901
Alexander	1818-1944	Madison	1814-1879
Carroll	1839-1968	McDonough	1817-1863
Champaign	1833-1902	McHenry	1845-1945
Christian	1839-1965	Mercer	1834-1901
Clay	1825-1911	Monroe	1816-1963
Clinton	1825-1915	Montgomery	1821-1958
Crawford	1817-1958	Ogle	1837-1940
DeKalb	1838-1930	Peoria	1817-1862
DeWitt	1839-1875	Piatt	1840-1931
Edgar	1823-1894	Pike	1818-1861
Edwards	1815-1978	Pulaski	1842-1945
Effingham	1833-1936	Randolph	1768-1851
Fayette	1821-1972	Richland	1841-1975
Fulton	1817-1860	Saline	1926-1941
Gallatin	1813-1911	Sangamon	1822-1902
Greene	1824-1829	Scott	1839-1874
Hancock	1817-1934	Shelby	1827-1926
Jackson	1843-1936	St. Clair	1790-1875
Jefferson	1822-1922	Stephenson	1837-1962
JoDaviess	1828-1902	Union	1818-1968
Johnson	1809-1892	White	1816-1928
Knox	1818-1863	Winnebago	1836-1891
Lawrence	1821-1960	Woodford	1833-1928

IRAD holdings of separate Deed Record Indexes are as follow.

Adams	1825-1892	Christian	1839-1968
Alexander	1818-1943	Clay	1825-1892
Champaign	1833-1927	Clinton	1818-1920

Crawford	1817-1958	Monroe	1816-1963
Edgar	1823-1919	Montgomery	1821-1958
Effingham	1833-1889	Ogle	1837-1942
Fayette	1821-1970	Piatt	1841-1918
Gallatin	1813-1900	Pulaski	1873-1945
Hancock	1817-1901	Richland	1829-1974
Jackson	1838-1889	St. Clair	1786-1927
Jefferson	1822-1927	Saline	1848-1872
JoDavieess	1825-1901	Sangamon	1823-1910
Johnson	1809-1907	Shelby	1828-1892
Lawrence	1821-1950	Stephenson	1837-1938
Madison	1814-1879	Union	1818-1968
McDonough	1831-1969	White	1814-1970
McHenry	1841-1945	Woodford	1841-1928
Mercer	1834-1901		

If the genealogist is interested in a comprehensive listing of all county recorders' records maintained in the IRAD system, the published guide, *A Summary Guide to Local Governmental Records in the Illinois Regional Archives* (Springfield: Illinois State Archives, 1992) can be consulted. Copies are available for use at the State Archives and at each of the seven regional depositories. This guide sells for \$6.00 and may be purchased from: Illinois State Archives, Publications Unit, Archives Building, Springfield, IL 62756. Please make checks payable to: Secretary of State.

The most current listing of records, including recent accessions, for a particular county in the regional system's possession can be obtained free of charge from the Illinois State Archives, IRAD Unit, Archives Building, Springfield, IL 62756.

Illinois State Archives: In addition to the county deed records held by the regional depositories, some deed records are also available on microfilm at the Archives Building in Springfield. In-person users are invited to consult an in-house listing of these holdings.

### ***Finding Your Ancestor***

#### RESEARCHING ON YOUR OWN

Deed Records usually are indexed by names of both grantee (purchaser) and grantor (seller) and may be found within the Deed Records themselves or as separate volumes. Indexes contained within the Deed Records themselves pertain only to entries within those record volumes. When separate Deed Record Indexes are available, they should be consulted to find volume and page numbers of the desired entries within the entire series of Deed Records. For in-person searches of Deed Records and Indexes stored at one of the regional depositories, the researcher must visit the appropriate depository.

To use the Deed Records available at the Illinois State Archives, please ask reference staff for the listing of county records available on microfilm at the State Archives Building.

#### MAIL AND TELEPHONE REQUESTS

The Illinois Regional Archives Depository System welcomes mail and telephone inquiries. See the IRAD brochure *Discovering Family and Local History* for the addresses and phone numbers of the regional depositories. It also includes a map which shows the counties covered by each depository. In requesting a search of a particular county's Deed Record, contact the appropriate regional depository. Provide the names of the grantee or grantor and the county where the property is situated as well as the approximate date of the land transaction. (Indexes are not available for some IRAD Deed Records, making searches very difficult without a precise deed date.) A photocopy of the deed requested will be provided by the appropriate regional depository if it can be located.

State Archives reference staff does not search its holdings of county deed records on microfilm. These must be consulted in-person at the State Archives.

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## 1879 KANKAKEE COUNTY MARRIAGES

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

<u>Bride</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Date</u>
Hall, Carrie	Laughlin, Lovejoy	Chebanse	28 Sep 1879
Jackson, Emma	Brady, Oliver	Kankakee/Benton Co. IN	30 Sep 1879
Rasicott, Annie	Beltier, Amada	St. Anne	18 Sep 1879
St. Aubin, Emma	Pepin, Alexander	Manteno	16 Sep 1879
Flewellyn, Sarah	Sanders, Herbert	Milk's Grove	20 Sep 1879
Zoph, Rebecca	Vanier, Charles S.	Kankakee	18 Sep 1879
Taylor, Emma	Prairie, Clovis	Ganeer	31 Aug 1879
Scoggins, Maggie	J. Denning, Solomon	Essex/Tonica	24 Sep 1879
Wildman, Fannie	Vedder, Mauritz	Limestone/Saukville, WI	01 Oct 1879
Drayer, Sarah E.	Burns, Alburt J.	Aroma	02 Oct 1879
Shrontz, Mary M.	Lawson, Jonas W.	Momence	07 Oct 1879
Schidler, Josie	McQuillan, John	Chebanse/Kankakee	08 Oct 1879
Phipps, Katie	VanWert, Edgar	Kankakee	11 Oct 1879
Baum, Harriet C.	Wallis, Alexander	Yellowhead	08 Oct 1879
Grant, Sarah	Brown, John A.	Manteno/Peotone	04 Oct 1879
Shrontz, Mary M.	Larson, Jonas W.	Momence	07 Oct 1879
Merino, Sophie	Hopper, John G.	Momence	07 Oct 1879
Trombley, Philomene	Francour, Edwin	Otto/Irwin	10 Aug 1879
Campbell, Lou	Burchard, Wm. H.	Grant Park	14 Oct 1879
Secor, Frances	Hubbard, Charles	Lake Village, IN	09 Oct 1879
Shobar, Ella	Calkins, James P.	Rockville	07 Oct 1879
Dagneau, Julia	Goyette, Louis	Manteno	13 Oct 1879
Meyer, Elizabeth	Tschill, Frank	Norton	13 Oct 1879

Bride	Groom	Where From	Date
Page, Sadie	Fishback, Samuel	Reed, Will Co./Essex	13 Oct 1879
Porter, Minerva M.	Craft, Cassander	Momence/Cedar Lake IN	15 Oct 1879
Stratton, Lottie	Critchett, Justin	Grant Park/Chicago	15 Oct 1879
Jones, Lydia	Lang, Charles	Lafayette	22 Oct 1879
Marr, Maggie	Burkhart, Starner L.	Kankakee/Peru	21 Oct 1879
Bordwell, Ida	Williamson, James. H.	Manteno/Crete	15 Oct 1879
Schutz, Rachael	Shroder, William	Pilot	24 Oct 1879
Burton, Bertha Bell	Wells, Fremont	Lake Village IN/Momence	23 Oct 1879
Hill, Jennie M.	Hawkins, Robert B.	Kankakee	29 Oct 1879
Doty, Irene	Lee, Ed	Limestone	27 Oct 1879
Walters, Cora M.	Cook, Joseph N.	Norton/Rogers, Ford Co.	16 Oct 1879
Steinbaugh, Mary	Smith, James Henry	Kankakee	28 Oct 1879

### 1879 KANKAKEE COUNTY BIRTHS

#### Taken from the Kankakee Gazette

Son/Dau.	Parents	Date
Daughter	Horace Petro, Rockville	29 Aug 1879
Daughter	Daniel Dolan, Kankakee	07 Sep 1879
Daughter	James Lillie, Kankakee	28 Aug 1879
Daughter	Peter Anderson, Kankakee	31 Jul 1879
Son	George Keady, Kankakee	30 Sep 1879
Daughter	Charles Burhmister, Kankakee	02 Sep 1879
Daughter	Arthur B. Holt, Kankakee	29 Sep 1879
Son	C. W. Devenny, Kankakee	29 Jul 1879
Daughter	James Smiley, Aroma	19 Aug 1879
Daughter	C. N. Shreffler, Rockville	27 Aug 1879
Son	Simpson Swihart, Sumner	14 Jun 1879
Daughter	Felix Jourbarn, St. Anne	21 Aug 1879
Daughter	A. Bernier, St. Anne	08 Sep 1879
Son	F. Coyer Jr., St. Anne	28 Aug 1879
Son	J. B. Duclos, St. Anne	31 Aug 1879
Son	Thomas Rowan, St. Anne	? Aug 1879
Son	Samuel Brown, St. Anne	01 Oct 1879
Son	Joseph Spremont, St. Anne	02 Oct 1879
Son	C. P. Swiger, Kankakee	20 Aug 1879
Daughter	Joseph Bartley, Kankakee	24 Sep 1879
Son	John Richter, Kankakee	16 Oct 1879*
Daughter	Chas. F. Albright, Kankakee	16 Oct 1879*
Daughter	Rev. H. Hilzinger, Kankakee	04 Oct 1879
Daughter	R. H. Watson, Aroma	21 Sep 1879
Daughter	W. H. Vickery, Aroma	12 Sep 1879
Daughter	Leroy Shrontz, Aroma	12 Sep 1879
Daughter	Isaac Gleason, Aroma	21 Aug 1879
Son	L. Suprenaut, Manteno	30 Sep 1879
Son	Pierre Lavallie, Manteno	14 Sep 1879
Son	Edward Thurston, Manteno	23 Sep 1879
Daughter	David Granger, St. George	06 Sep 1879
Daughter	Henry Bilado, St. George	18 Sep 1879
Daughter	Joseph Camare, St. George	13 Sep 1879
?	Henry Davis, Limestone	20 Jun 1879

<u>Son/Dau.</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Date</u>
Son & Daughter	Louis Dane, Limestone	27 Jul 1879
Daughter	D. St. German, Limestone	03 Jun 1879
Daughter	John Gross, Kankakee	13 Oct 1879
Son	David Richards, Waldron	20 Sep 1879
Son	Peter Ames, Sherburnville	23 Sep 1879
Daughter	Xavier Voulose, St. George	08 Sep 1879
Son	Patrick Brady, Ganeer	11 Sep 1879
Son	Francis Ponton, St. George	22 Sep 1879
?	Claes Sandstrom, Momence	23 Sep 1879
Son	Floyd Keeny, Yellowhead	25 Sep 1879
Daughter	John Mumm, Sherburnville	18 Oct 1879
Son	John Farrell, Kankakee	20 Oct 1879
Daughter	Patrick Walsh, Kankakee	17 Sep 1879
Daughter	David Fogue, Kankakee	20 Aug 1879
Son	Charles Hensler, Kankakee	22 Sep 1879
Son	Diedrich Ehrich, Aroma	02 Oct 1879
Daughter	Henry Beerman, Kankakee	18 Sep 1879
Son	Joseph Blanchett, St. George	23 Oct 1879
?	Thos. Treasure, Essex	14 Sep 1879
Daughter	Edmond Lord, Ganeer	29 Oct 1879
Daughter	Joseph Belisle, Ganeer	16 Oct 1879
Daughter	Dolphis Lampport, Bourbonnais	24 Oct 1879
Daughter	Andrew Hanson, Momence	19 Oct 1879
Son	Frank Fellows, Yellowhead	29 Sep 1879
Son	Peter Christianson, Pembroke	23 Oct 1879
Daughter	John B. Deselm, Rockville	09 Oct 1879

\*Gazette date - no birth date listed.

### 1879 KANKAKEE COUNTY DEATHS

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette (publication date in parentheses).**

(Oct 2) In St. Anne, Sept. 22, of typhoid fever Moses Bechant.

(Oct 2) In Rockville, Aug. 8 of inflammation of the bowels, John Haughn, aged 75 years.

(Oct. 2) In Rockville, of inflammation of the brain, Fred Murphy, aged 5 months.

(Oct. 2) In Manteno, of inflammation of the bowels, Cyrille LeBeau, aged 7 years.

(Oct. 9) In Manteno, Oct. 6, Dea. Clark Pierce, aged 75 years, 5 months and 26 days. This father in Israel came among us from Hinsdale, Mass., seven years ago, and has constantly enjoyed the highest esteem and respect of all our citizens. Remarkable for his honesty and purity of character and for his amiable kindness of manner he was in one word a Christian gentleman. His three daughters, Mrs. E. Wright, Mrs. E. W. Hume and Mrs. Eli Cooley, have the sympathy of the entire Presbyterian church, with which he was connected, and of the whole community in their great loss. The remains are being taken to Massachusetts for interment.



(Oct. 9) Sept. 27, at his residence in Chebanse, Jas. D. Taylor, aged 43 years, 11 months and 7 days.

(Oct. 9) John Masse, of Papineau, for many years connected with Rietz's lumber yard in this city, died suddenly last week after taking a dose of medicine for chills. He was an excellent citizen and had many friends among the American as well as French population. His son, Joseph, is proprietor of the Court street blacksmith shop in this place.

(Oct. 16) In Momenca, Sunday, October 5, of dropsy of the heart, Charlotte, wife of Wm. Tedrick, aged 27 years.

(Oct 23) Henry Kent, aged 65, one of the oldest residents of Aroma township, was instantly killed last Saturday night at the railroad station of Waldron. He, in company with his wife and two sons, Henry and Hamilton, was returning to his home from Chicago on the Cincinnati express. They were in the car next to the sleeping car, and were leaving from the rear door of the car, which did not quite reach the depot platform. The sons had assisted their mother from the steps of the car, but before the father could get down the train started and threw him between the depot platform and the train. His neck was broken and his shoulder severely bruised. Coroner Licht held an inquest Monday, and the jury returned a verdict of death by the carelessness of conductor Kennedy in not giving sufficient time to leave the cars.

(Nov. 6) Mr. William Tallman, a former resident of Kankakee, died at Watseka, last week Thursday, at the age of 75 years. The funeral services were conducted in the Baptist church in this city on the following afternoon and the remains taken to their last resting place in Mound Grove cemetery. Mr. Tallman once owned a fine property in Manteno township, but an unfortunate business venture left him a poor man. He claimed to be, and in fact had the documents to prove his claim, the inventor of a farm gate in universal use, and at one time within the past three years he associated himself with a man of some means and had the necessary blanks printed to collect royalty on all these gates and to sell district rights. He evidently did not meet with success, however, and at the time of his death he was engaged in selling medicines. Had he possessed means and youthful strength he would doubtless have made a nice sum out of his patent. For more than forty years he was a member of the Protestant Methodist church, and frequently expounded the gospel in the pulpits of that denomination.

(Nov. 6) At his residence in the village of Momenca, Oct. 21, Michael Henry, aged 49 years.

(Nov. 6) In Pembroke, Sept. 12, of typhoid, Mr. Serren Anderson, aged 22 years.

(Nov. 6) In St. Anne, Sept. 26, of typhoid, Moses Bechand, aged 35 years.

(Nov. 6) In Yellowhead, Oct. 16, Mrs. Alice Hibbs aged 30 years.

(Nov. 6) Paul Leparle, of this city, aged about 79 years, died suddenly at the residence of his son, "Bob," in this city last week Tuesday. He ate his dinner that day in his usual health and soon after arose and stepped to the door. He was heard to cough, but no particular attention was attracted to him until he had sounds as if chocking. Bob and his wife stepped to the old man's side just in time to catch him as he was falling, and in a moment he was dead. Undoubtedly

it was apoplexy that caused his death. The funeral on Thursday was largely attended.

#### **C O U N T Y C O U R T - 1 8 7 9**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 9, 1879.**

Conservatorship David Evarts, Reuben Havens appointed in bond \$600.

Estate Edwin Keeney. Petition to sell or compound claims of Martha McLane, granted.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 23, 1879 - Probate.**

Kimball H. Howes. Sarah B. Howes appointed administratrix in bond on \$4,000; R. H. Enos, Chas. Bartley and Peleg Winslow appointed appraisers.

James Byrns. Additional inventory approved.

Hamilton Reny. Introductory proceedings approved.

Silvain Letol. Will admitted to record.

Pierre Clement. Francis Coyer's report approved; report of Leon Mailloux as co-administrator also approved.

Bernard Mullaney. Widow's relinquishment and selection approved.

Frederick Basselman. Final report approved and administrator ordered to pay money in his hands to the legal heirs.

M. E. Patterson. Administrator's report approved.

**Alexander Miller. Paul Yonke's** claim of \$57 allowed.

John Studer. Claim of G. M. Harnusch for \$28.05 allowed; final report approved; dividend of 50 per cent ordered paid to creditors named in the report.

Patrick Riley. Claims allowed: Thomas Maher, \$300; Seymour Bateman, \$22.

Guardianship of Sarah C. Hawkins. Objections to guardian's report filed.

#### **E S S E X - 1 8 7 9**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 2, 1879.**

A heavy frost visited us last Wednesday morning.

The Youngstown coal shaft is doing a rushing business now. They are running a large force of hands, and intend soon to put on a night force.

The grade of the Chicago & Strawn railroad is nearly completed to the center of the town from the south.

Daniel Simmatt is boring for coal on his farm, along the line of the new railroad.

Michael Joice has built an addition to his house.

Geo. Dean's dwelling house is looming up, and when completed will be the largest and finest in this vicinity.

Jno. Putnam has built a barn which adds greatly to the convenience as well as looks of the place.

John Rothlesberger is putting up a neat little barn.

Rev. Maine will preach his farewell sermon at Essex Centre tomorrow.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 23, 1879.**

Dean Royce will start for Dakota in a few days to visit friends.

Christian Gronso started for the West last Tuesday for his health. He intends to spend a few weeks in Kansas and then go to Colorado.

Mr. H. J. Foot and wife and two children of Caney, Kansas, are in Essex visiting friends.

#### **MOMENCE - 1879**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 2, 1879.**

An engine frightened Geo. Haines' team in Momence, causing them to run away. A load of grain was scattered in every direction, the wagon was smashed to pieces and Mr. Haines was nearly killed. His injuries were principally internal, though a broken wrist is among the visible hurts.

A runaway team attached to the fore wheels of a wagon leaped over a buggy containing Mrs. Richard Jaquish and Mrs. Russell Sanger, of Yellowhead, while those ladies were going through Momence on their way to the temperance convention in Kankakee. The runaway horses leaped clear over the buggy alighting on each side of the horse driven by the ladies. The buggy was completely wrecked and the occupants thrown out. Mrs. Jaquish had two ribs broken and received internal injuries. Mrs. Seager struck on her head and hip but was not badly hurt.

#### **At Grant Park**

Chas. Hoebet has sold his farm and is now in Nebraska prospecting.

The carpenter work on J. B. Bailey's new residence will be completed this week.

Mrs. J. Shaw made a miss step and fell down cellar a few days since, bruising her considerably.

We are informed that the Lyon's brothers are making preparation to build a new house on their new farm in Sumner.

Jas. Simmons, who had the misfortune to have his shoulder blade broken by a runaway on the evening of the lawn sociable at Mr. Hewett's, we are glad to note is improving finely and will soon be a work again.

#### **ROCKVILLE - 1879**

##### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 2, 1879.**

Our new minister, Rev. Mr. Medlar, arrived yesterday and preached at the Lancaster school house.

Benj. Goodwin is sowing 90 acres of winter wheat.

Sampsell Bros. are marketing their spring wheat for 93 cents a bushel, while the most of farmers sold at 72 and 74 cents only a month ago.

Capt. Miller is down with typhoid fever; consequently the mill at Altorf is still.

Mr. Petro is making some first class sorghum molasses.

The Star band are rejoicing at the possession of "those \$30" which they blew up at fair.

We were told that John Bilyard has bought the Shear lot of 45 acres, near the iron bridge across Rock creek.

A little Vining arrived at Frank's recently and they say that Frank is really proud of her.

The households of Charlie Reed and Charlie Shreffler have been blessed by the addition of female heirs.

##### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 9, 1879.**

David McElvain has the material on the ground for a new barn, 30 x 36 feet.

Mr. Eldon Reed, who has been in the butcher business for some time, had the hind quarters of a beef stolen from his barn a few nights ago.

Mr. Eugene Shreffler is erecting a new dwelling on the corner of his father's farm near the church.

The good people are making improvements around the U.B. church in the way of taking out the old hedge fence and replacing it with a new board one.

Mr. Loyd Lancaster and Mrs. "Lud" Sampsell will take in the exposition at Cincinnati and also visit their friends at that place and Indianapolis this week.

Mrs. Chas. Dawson has gone to Durand for a year.

Messrs. Charlie and Ed. R. Durham have just returned from Terre Haute where they have been for a week for the double purpose of visiting friends and attending the soldiers' reunion. Charlie tells us that Terre Haute has never experienced such a time as during the reunion.

Owing to the excessive dry weather the winter wheat is coming up very slowly.

Mort. Magruder has a brand new single carriage.

#### **LOCAL TELL-TALE - 1879**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, November 6, 1879.**

Dixon & Chapman have a mammoth Arctic overshoe in their window as an advertisement. It is about two feet long and wide in proportion. A Gilman girl has already written to them about it.

Many of the five-cent counter goods have so advanced in price that they can no longer be sold as cheap as formerly. Before long the ten-cent counters will present a greater variety than the five-cent counters.

As the census taker is to be around next year, a circular has been sent out from the department, requesting farmers to keep an account of the products of their farm. Their crops are to be estimated for the year commencing June 1, 1879, and ending May 31, 1880. Of course it is time to begin keeping a record, if anything like accurate returns are to be given. We call the attention of the farmers to this important matter.

#### **BUCKINGHAM - 1879**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 9, 1879.**

Mr. Spencer of Dwight, is moving the Buckingham buildings to the south side, and has them nearly all moved. Mr. Thos. Crawford has also moved his store building to the same place and sold it to A. Barton who will remove his stock of hardware into it. This changes the appearance of the town for the better.

The railroad company have fenced in the park and have a carload of evergreens on the grounds ready to set out as soon as the land is plowed, which is being done by Mr. Crawford.

Quite a large number will take the benefit of the next excursion to see the exposition.

R. C. Cole, of Sandwich, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Scott, and other old friends and neighbors. He looks hearty. Our hardware men are having a very large trade this fall in stoves, etc. The M.E. Sabbath school are talking of a concert to come off soon.

Dan Whalen, our saloonist, has a new building nearly completed next to Parley's drug store.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, November 6, 1879.**

Mr. Worth, of Minooka, father of Worth Bros., our hardware merchants, is visiting the boys. He preached in the M.E. church Sunday. Rev. Higby, of Garner, preached in the afternoon. The church is on a solid foundation once more and the bell peals forth from a new belfry.

Mr. Paddock, our county superintendent of schools, will hold an institute here in the M.E. church in two weeks.

Dr. Failey has had his new building painted and gilded ready for use and will move in this week.

Our saloon will soon go into new quarters on the north side. Williams & Scott are in their new shop opposite Capen & Co.'s warehouse.

R. C. Breese has removed to the Townsend building, formerly occupied by A. T. Church. Mr. Church is nearly closed out and will soon put the balance of his goods on the auction block and travel for a wholesale boot and shoe house in Chicago.

#### **PILOT - 1879 Takes**

**from the Kankakee Gazette, November 6, 1879.**

Our citizens now get their steak of Austin Ewing, who opened a butcher shop last week.

Mr. Jacob Oberlin has charge of Charlie Johnson's warehouse and office.

Sam Lonergan is erecting cribs on the Wabash extension. He will buy ear corn at three or four points on that road.

Doctor Caldwell is about erecting a building 16 x 24, adjoining Herbst's shoe shop, to be used as an office and dispensatory.

George Corris, who is clerking for Buck Bros., was thrown from a horse last week, and one foot remaining in the stirrup he was dragged about for a number of minutes, finally getting loose from the animal. His foot was badly strained and bruised. Fortunately he escaped other injury.

Dave Sheehan is engaged in laying out the railroad company's park. A carload of larches, etc., were received on Saturday for that purpose.

John Hersher is about to enclose a whole square for a town park. A great improvement.

The contract for building the school house in the Amidon district was let to Ed. Stowitts for about \$585. It is to be 24 x 32 and will be placed on Amidon's land south side of the railroad track.

Sam Leroy, Sr., is credited with the first boy at the station. John Herscher has very generously given the youthful masculine a nice town lot.

Mr. George H. Lyons, lately with Dr. Caldwell in the drug business, has left town, going to Stark county.

The streets in town are being graded and greatly improved.

The Gigl boys had a runaway last week, tearing the wagon in pieces, and seriously injuring the horses. They ran nearly three miles before they were caught.

The Orent glee club were out on All Halloween and had considerable amusement. Our genial friend Will O. Wright will use a willow rod where it will do the most good on the Norton youths this winter.

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#### SHERBURNVILLE CEMETERY

Photographs on the next two pages are from the Sherburnville Cemetery in Yellowhead Township.

Reson Kile, died Aug. 5, 1889, Aged 66 ys. 4 ms. 16 ds.

Sally, wife of R. Kile, died Nov. 10, 1895, aged 64 ys. 9 ms. 12 ds.

Ester I., Dau. of G. W. & J. A. Starkey, died May 13, 1875, aged 5 yrs. 6 mos. 13 dys.

Simon F., son of N. & M. Hayhurst, died April 10, 1865, aged 11 yrs. 11 mos.

James Hayhurst, died Feb. 12, 1886, aged 59 y. 9 m. 9 d.

Clara E., wife of Henry A. Clark, died Nov. 4, 1872, aged 20 y. 4 m. & 21 d.

Mary A., wife of H. L. Coffenberry, died Apr. 27, 1852, aged 30 yr. 11 ms. & 16 days

Jacob Fredrick, son of ? Buche, died Oct 2, 1863, aged 2 yrs & 6 m.







1882 to 1886; Jefferson O'Brien, from 1886 to 1890; Arthur J. Byrns, from 1890 to 1894; Il'ed Bernier, from 1894 to 1898; Samuel B. Glass, from 1898 to 1902; H. A. Cyrier, elected 1902, present sheriff.

#### COUNTY TREASURER.

Paul Hathaway, from organization of county to 1853; David Perry, from 1853 to 1859; James McGrew, from 1859 to 1863; Edwin B. Warriner, from 1863 to 1865; William H. Warden, from 1865 to 1869; Charles P. Swigert, from 1869 to 1880; Walter W. Todd, from 1880 to 1886; George R. Letourneau, from 1886 to 1890; Jacob Oberlin, from 1890 to 1891; Jacob Ruger, from 1891 to 1894; Arthur J. Byrns, from 1894 to 1898; James S. Garrett, from 1898 to 1902; N. G. Halsey, Jr., elected 1902, present incumbent.

#### COUNTY SURVEYORS.

Bela T. Clark, from organization to 1855; George M. Stowell, from 1855 to 1857; Bela T. Clark, from 1857 to 1861; William H. Matthewson, from 1861 to 1863; Hiram R. Titcomb, from 1863 to 1865; Bela T. Clark, from 1865 to 1867; William H. Matthewson, from 1867 to 1874; John K. Crowell, from 1874 to 1884; Joseph L. Clark, from 1884 to 1892; W. K. Woodruff, from 1892 to 1896; J. F. Schmeltzer, from 1896 to 1900; R. D. Gregg, from 1900 to 1904; I. C. Looker, from 1904, present official.

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

James Gay, from 1853 to 1855; Charles R. Starr, from 1855 to 1857; Daniel S. Parker, from 1857 to 1863; John Higby, from 1863 to 1869; Fred W. Beecher, from 1869 to 1873; Miss Nettie M. Sinclair, from 1873 to 1877; Henry C. Paddock, from 1877 to 1882; Mrs. Lucinda Dye, from 1882 to 188v; Fayette S. hatch, from 1886 to 1890; James H. Peterson, from 1890 to 1902; John D. Cokeley, from 1902 to present time,

#### CORONERS.

George Cooper, from organization of county to 1854; Hiram B. Titcomb, from 1854 to 1856; Charles B. Hosmer, from 1856 to 1860; George R. Letourneau, from 1860 to 1863; William H. Matthewson, from 1863 to 1869; Otis Durfee, from 1869 to 1870; Charles G. Willis, from 1870 to 1874; Henry Licht, from 1874

To 1880; Salome Wunderlich, from 1880 to 1882; Aliglst SC11111ldt, fl\*om 1882 to 1892; Jacob E. Willman, from 1892 to 1898; Louis E. Fenouille, from 1893 to 1902; Thomas Clark, from 1902 to 1904; Lollis E. Fenouille, from 1904, present coroner.

#### SWAMP LAND DRAINAGE COMMISSIONER.

William C. Richards, from organization of county to 1875, elate of death; Nathan Cheater, from 1875 to January 11, 1895, date of death.

Office is now unfilled.

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## CHAPTER XI.

*Judiciary—Chas. R. Starr. Kankakee's First Representative on the Circuit Bench—John Small the only other Representative—Masters-in-Chancery—County Judges—State's Attorneys.*

Kankakee county has no feature, since its organization, that it looks upon with greater pride than its most excellent judiciary. The firm determination exhibited by the members of the bar, that the judges of Kankakee county be second to none in the state—having in mind the constant and faithful service of its two first judges. Henderson and Randall, has had much to do with molding public opinion, so that our bench has always been honored by those who have occupied it, and respected by those who have come within its rulings.

Judges Henderson and Randall creditably acquitted themselves in the office they had been called upon to honor until 1856, when, upon the amalgamation of the counties of Kankakee, Iroquois and Livingston in one judicial circuit, Charles R. Starr was elected to the enlarged responsibility, thereafter succeeding himself as judge until 1867. At this time he resigned to take up the private practice of law, and was succeeded by Charles H. Wood of Iroquois county. Judge Wood in 1873 left the bench to become the head of a law firm in Chicago, and was succeeded by Nathaniel Pillsbury of Livingston

county, and the associate judges, Franklin Blades of Iroquois, and O. T. Reeves of McLean counties. In 1891 Alfred Sample, C. R. Starr and Thomas Tipton were elected judges of the circuit, to succeed Judge Nathaniel Pillsbury and his associates.

In 1897 the circuit was changed by the substitution of Will for Livingston county, and the result was the election of John Small, of Kankakee county, Dorrance Dibell, of Will county, and Robert W. Hilscher, of Iroquois county, over what is known as the twelfth judicial circuit.

In 1903, Judges Hilscher, of Iroquois, and Dibell, of Will county, were re-elected, and, with Charles B. Garnsey, formed the bench for this circuit until the death of Judge Garnsey, in 1905. Thereupon, Albert O. Marshall, of Will county, was elected to fill the vacancy.

Immediately following the call for the election of a successor to Judge Garnsey, came the death of Judge Robert W. Hilscher, of Iroquois county, which vacancy has just been filled by the election of Frank L. Hooper, of Iroquois county.

In praise of the judiciary, the bar of this county should not be overlooked for its ability to guide the destinies of individuals and corporations is shown in the Supreme Court and legislative records of state and nation.

Hon. Thomas P. Bonfield, who was the first master-in-chancery, is still in the active practice of his profession in Kankakee.

James Fletcher, appointed state's attorney by Judge Henderson, in 1853, until the office could be filled by election, died in 1897 at his home in Watseka. The first elected states attorney was W. Bowen, of Will county.

Philip Worcester was the first county judge, the duties of that office at that time extending only to the settlement and care of estates. Under the amendment to the constitution in 1870, a civil and criminal jurisdiction was added.

This court is at present presided over in a most able manner by Hon. Arthur W. DeSelm.

The present state's attorney is J. Bert Miller; the master-in-chancery is Eben B. Gower, and the official court reporter is Will C. Schneider.

#### STATE'S ATTORNEYS.

Prior to 1872 the state's attorneys were elected from the entire judicial circuit.

1803-1856, Sherman W. Bowen; 1856, James Fletcher, one term pro tem.; 1856-1858, Simon Dewitt; 1858 to April 1859, Asa Bartlett, one term pro tem.; 1859, April to September, 1860, Charles J. Beattie; 1860, one term pro tem., Asa Bartlett; 1860-1861, Charles H. Wood; 1864-1868, W. T. Ament; 1868-1870, Mason B. Loomis (resigned); 1870-1872, C. C. Strawn; 1872-1876, H. I. Richardson; 1876-1884, D. H. Paddock; 1884-1888, H. L. Richardson; 1888-1892, W. R. Hunter; 1892-1896, H. I. Richardson; 1896-1904, B. L. Cooper; 1904, and at the present time, J. Bert Miller.

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## CHAPTER XII

*State and Congressional Officers—Charles P. Swigert Elected as State Auditor—Len Small as State Treasurer—Hon. H. K. Wheeler, Kankakee's Only Congressman.*

Charles P. Swigert, of Kankakee, was the first citizen of the county to hold an elective state office. He was nominated at a republican convention in Springfield, in May, 1880, and the facts connected with his nomination are of especial interest.

Mr. Swigert had served Kankakee county for eleven years as county treasurer. R. D. Sherman, of Kankakee, thinking to give him a state acquaintance, introduced his name for nomination to the office of state auditor in opposition to that of Mr. Needles, a popular candidate for re-election. It was during this convention that the celebrated struggle between the friends and opponents of General Grant took place, Mr. Swigert and Mr. Sherman, who managed Mr. Swigert's campaign, using their influence for General Grant, while Mr. Needles took a conservative position. The old soldier members predominated in that convention, and the protracted struggle over the presidential question augmented the soldier feeling to such an extent, that Mr. Swigert, the "one-armed soldier," became the popular candidate. During the first third of the roll-call by counties, Needles led until, in response to the cries "Swigert,

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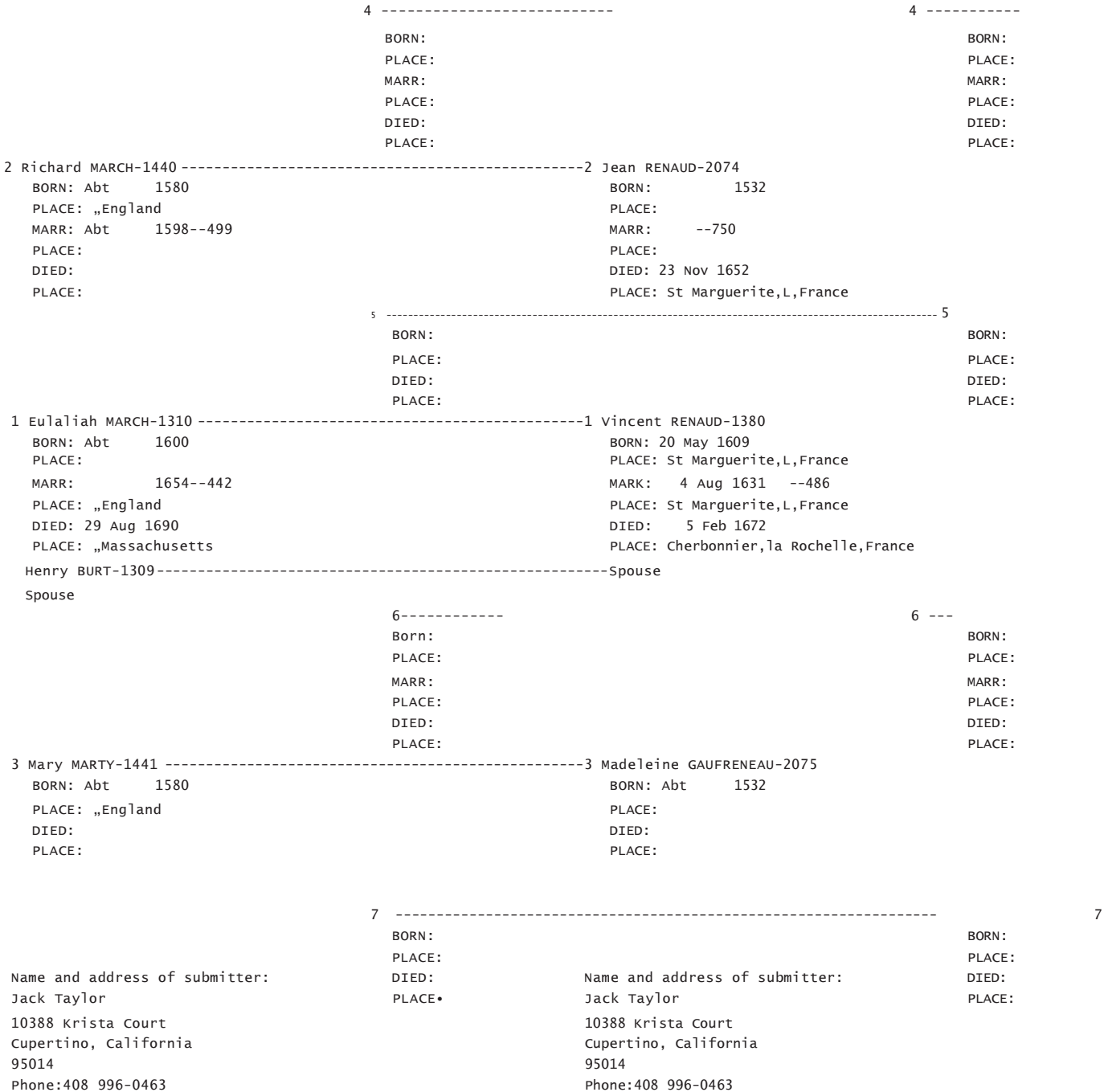
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