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Maritime Museums are Home to Ships Documents

The San Francisco Maritime Museum at 860 Beach St., San Francisco, has many historical documents, over 22,000 volumes and other articles pertaining to ships and ship builders. There are many indexes to San Francisco newspapers - maritime portions of 1906-1984.

The San Diego Maritime Museum has a "Master Ship" index database. If you have a seafaring ancestor or relative and know the ship's name, write and ask for information on the ship and its history. (There is a research fee. Always include SASE.) Contact the San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 North Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101 for more information. *Family Tree, Volume VI, Number 6.*

North Carolina Archives Offers Free Catalog

A catalog of the North Carolina Archives is available to genealogists and other interested persons free of charge. The catalog spotlights new book titles of genealogical interest. Catalog requests should be sent to Historical Publication Section, Division of Archives and History, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-2807. *Family Tree, Volume VI, Number 6.*

Modern Woodmen May Have Information

The organization, Modern Woodmen of America is an insurance/social organization which was founded in 1883. Each prospective member filled out an application which included much information of a genealogical nature. If an ancestor was a member, the present office MAY have information. Unfortunately, "it had been a long term policy to destroy the (member's) application when the member died and the death benefit card was filled out." This practice was not necessarily applied, so the member's information MAY be available. Write to Modern Woodmen of America, 1701 1st Ave., Rock Island, IL 61201, attention: Gail A. Lewis. *Family Tree, Volume VI, Number 6.*

Waiting on New York City Records?

Genealogists and others who think their requests for New York City birth or death records may have been lost in the mail are mistaken. The City's Vital Records has them...in closets, desks, boxes, file cabinets and other handy hiding places. Authorities have uncovered 12,545 request letters containing \$272,000-plus in checks, some of them dating back months, even a year or more.

The Vital Records Office says its staff positions were cut back by more than a third, and the cut plus current vacancies in the office meant it just couldn't keep up with the requests. The plan is to hire extra help to clear the backlog, but there is a problem with that in that checks are not normally honored by financial institutions six months after they are written. *Family Tree, Volume VI, Number 6.*

Passenger Lists

If an ancestor is listed in the *Indexes to Passenger and Immigration Lists* by P. William Filby and you are unable to locate your source material, the Burton Historical Collection in the Detroit Public Library has all of the sources indexed in this vast set of books. The library will copy materials for you at 20 cents per page plus \$2 postage and handling. You must cite the source number in your request. Contact the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202. *Family Tree, Volume VI, Number 6.*

Why is an Unmarried Woman Called a Spinster?

Because women were prohibited from marrying in the olden days until they had spun a full set of bed furnishings and thus, until marriage they spent much time at the spinning wheel. *Missouri Hist. Review, Okumulgee Co. G. S.*

Internet Access State Archives

Two State Archives databases are now accessible through the Internet. Public Domain Land Sales lists the 538,750 original sales of public lands in Illinois. The other database, Chicago City Council Proceedings Files, 1833-1871, includes a chronological listing of file titles and up to six subject descriptors assigned to each file for indexing purposes.

Those researchers who have computer access to Internet and access these records through a GOPHER protocol. They should enter GOOPHER-UIC-EDU. This will display a University of Illinois at Chicago menu. From there select library. And from there select: Public Domain Land Sales or Chicago City Council Proceedings Files.

An introduction then will explain the parameters of the database and provide instructions for its manipulation. The State Archives plans to make more databases available online to provide the public the broadest possible access to its holdings. *Newsletter of the Illinois Chapter, June, 1995.*

Major Immigrant Exit Ports

Most immigrants came to America by ship. Before they sailed, they had to get to a seaport that could accommodate giant ocean-going ships. Before 1965, most immigrants came from Europe. Listed below are many of the major ports from which Europeans left:

Liverpool & Southampton, England	Glasgow, Scotland
Londonderry & Southampton, England	Cobh (Queenstown), Galway & Dublin, Ireland
LeHavre & Marseilles. France	Genoa, Naples & Trieste, Italy
Palermo, Sicily	Antwerp, Belgium
Rotterdam, Netherlands	Copenhagen, Denmark
Goteberg, Sweden	Bergen & Stavanger, Norway
Bremen & Hamberg, Germany	Rijeka (Fiume), Yugoslavia
Istanbul (Constantinoble), Turkey	Piracus, Greece
Odessa, Ukraine, USSR	

Pastfinder, Volume 9, No. 2, LaSalle Co. Gen. Society.

Kankakee County Ancestor Books

We've finally completed the first ancestor book with three more to follow shortly. The first books is of the Bergeron & Betourne lines and is available through the society at a cost of \$10.00 plus \$2.50 postage and handling. The next books available will be the Hebert/Abair line and then two more volumes each containing about 200 pages of charts each.

Thomas Barnes of Hartford, CT

This book traces 1,766 descendants, plus allied families, of *Thomas Barnes of Hartford and Farmington, Connecticut*. Thomas Barnes (1615-1688) is known as one of the first 40 settlers of

Hartford, CT. Cost is \$35 per book, which includes postage and handling (California residents add \$2.54 for tax). Make check payable to: Frederic W. Barnes, 794 Chestnut Dr., Fairfield, CA 94533-1465 (Phone 707/422-1794).

Family Chronicle

This new magazine is geared to help members search for their family roots and history. Membership for one year (6 issues) is \$21.00 and should be sent to *Family Chronicle*, P.O. Box 1201, Lewiston, NY 14092. Future issues will include: The First 10 Steps, Dating Old Photos, Writing a Family History, and Computer Software Reviews..

GENEALOGY SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

Ye Olde Genealogy Shoppe Seminar by Decatur Genealogical Society

This seminar will be held on Saturday, May 17, 1997, at the DGS Library, 356 N. Main St., Decatur, Illinois. Topics for the seminar will be: Virginia Research, Military Records, Pennsylvania Records and Preparing for a Genealogical Trip. Cost is \$15.00 per person and reservations can be mailed to: Decatur Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1548, Decatur, IL 62725-1548. Lunch will be on your own.

National Genealogical Society Conference in the States

This conference is sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania from May 7-10, 1997, in Valley Forge, PA. Telephone No. Is 703/525-0050 or fax 703/525-0052.

National Palatines to American Conference

This conference will be held from June 11-13 at Ft. Wayne Hilton/Grand Wayne Center near the Allen County Library. It will coincide with Fort Wayne's annual Germanfest. Contact: Curt B. Witcher, Indiana Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 10507, Ft. Wayne, IN 46852-0507.

Genealogical Institute of Mid America

Four intensive courses from July 7-10, 1997, in Springfield, Illinois. Registration is \$310 (includes 3 dinners and banquet); contact: Julie Slack, Registration, Office of Continuing Education, University of Illinois, telephone 217/786-7464, fax 217/786-7279.

Federation of Genealogical Societies

The Federation offers a full day of lecture sessions devoted to society management issues at each of its national conferences. The 1997 FGS Conference will take place September 3-6 at the Hyatt Regency in Dallas, Texas. For a free 16-page FGS/DGS Conference Program Brochure, contact FGS Business Office, P.O. Box 830220, Richardson, TX 5083-0220.

Western Genealogical Council 1997 Seminar

The Western Michigan Genealogical Society is hosting *They Came from the Olde World - Europe* on September 25, 26 & 27, 1997, at the Four Star Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Subjects covered are: English, Irish, Scottish, German, Dutch, and Polish. Additionally, a track on methodology and computers is planned. For further information, write to: Seminar Committee, W.M.G.S., Grand Rapids Public Library, 60 Library Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

KVGS MEETING & MEMBER NEWS

On March 29, 1997, Cora B. Oakes, one of our long-time members, celebrated her 90th birthday. Cora was born in Kankakee, the daughter of Louis and Edna Bauer. Cora has two daughters, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

On February 8, 1997, Ardis and Robert Boone celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were married at the Catholic Parsonage in St. Anne by the Rev. A. J. Landroche. They have three children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A big thank you is extended to the following members who have donated books or microfilms:

- ◆ Maxine Mess donated a microfilm copy of the Grand Prairie Lutheran (Norwegian) Church records (Pilot Township) to the society. The first meeting of this church was held September 17, 1867, in the township of Norton with services in the native language. In 1882 the congregation built a 32 x 46 foot church with a 73 foot spire on the southeast corner of Section 31 in Pilot Township. The church cemetery is still located on this spot but the church building was struck by lightning in 1923 and burned. A new church was built in the southwest part of the Village of Herscher in 1925. In 1965 the church was disbanded with members joining either the Lutheran or the Methodist Church.
- ◆ Art Bertrand donated 23 volumes of Thomas LaForest's *Our French Canadian Ancestors* to the society. We now have one set in our collection at the Bourbonnais Public Library and one for research purposes at our monthly meetings. We are always thrilled with our generous members who have helped in adding to our collection.
- ◆ Harlan & Pauline Murphy have donated *Obituaries Harrisburg, Illinois, 1862-1916* compiled by Rebecca Schmook, published by the Saline Co. Genealogical Society, 1995.
- ◆ Nelda Ravens donated *Fox Tales Index for 1981-95* compiled by Michael Fichtel.
- ◆ Norma Meier donated *A Collection of Pioneer Marriage Records, Hamilton Co., OH, 1789-1817, Volume I.* and *Atlas of Dearborn County, IN 1875.*
- ◆ Lee Hollenbeck donated *Teach Yourself Web Publishing* as well as a CD entitled *Web Page Construction Kit.*

The following **thank you** is extended to our hard working members:

- ◆ Sharla Grosso, who is working on the final township (Norton) to complete the 1870 Kankakee County Census.
- ◆ Thelma Lunsford, who has completed indexes for the Momence and Rockville Centennial Books.
- ◆ Betty & Leonard Spreen, who abstracted the surnames for the Rockville Centennial Index.
- ◆ Pauline Murphy, who has checked all the remaining sections of the Asbury Methodist Church records.
- ◆ Nelda Ravens, Thelma Lunsford, Pauline & Harlan Murphy and Mary Falter who are the faithful regulars at the monthly Research Meetings.

Member Floyd Scharte wrote to explain his late renewal due to a move to Lakewood, OH, and two strokes suffered by his wife. I know I reflect the feeling of all our members in saying "best wishes for your wife's recovery".

GREAT & GREAT, GREAT

Looking for the marriage date of Frank **Garrow/Gareau/Garreau** and Mary **Dandurand**. Frank **Garrow** was from Canada and Mary from the Kankakee area. Parents are unknown. Contact Ray **Versluys**, 100 North 1300 East, Springville, UT 84663.

Looking for any information on the **LaClair** surname, especially Xavier (Levi) **LaClair** (b. 1817) and his wife Matilda **Bissonette** (b. 1830), who remarried to a Thomas **Bargy** around 1860. Contact Pam **Navrat**. 400 Sherman Drive, Newton, KS 67114.

Seeking birthplace and location/date of death for Dominique (Dominick) **Bray**, b. 1806, Canada, d. 1870-78 Bourbonnais? Contact Paul **Bray**, 12414 48th St. E., Edgewood, WA 98372.

1880 KANKAKEE COUNTY MARRIAGES

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

Bride	Groom	Where From	Date
Robinson, Flora	Koon, Charles F.	Kankakee/Limestone	18 Jun 1880
Roeth, Josephine M.	Schosser, Lazarus	Kankakee/Essex	13 Jul 1880
Mertz, Emma A.	Grant, Joseph A.	Manteno	27 Jul 1880
Hayhurst, Clara S.	Jones, Wallace	Yellowhead	28 Jul 1880
Carley, Lucena J.	Spawr, Valentine I.	Ashkum/Gilman	02 Aug 1880
Obrecht, Julia	Appel, Carl	Union Hill/Pekin	22 Jul 1880
Goss, Agnes	Wood, Ferdinand	Sumner/Muskegan MI	14 Jul 1880
Gagnon, Eliza	Sykes, Isom	Bourbonnais/Kankakee	07 Aug 1880

1880 KANKAKEE COUNTY BIRTHS

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

Son/Dau.	Parents	Date
Son	Gottlieb Rapp, Kankakee	02 Jul 1880
Daughter	Chas. Widrels, Limestone	02 Nov 1879
Son	James Bradbury, Kankakee	21 May 1880
Son	William E. Denny, Aroma	25 Jun 1880
Daughter	Joseph Trombly, Kankakee	02 Jul 1880
Son	Basil Laplant, Kankakee	13 Jul 1880
Son	Earnest Normandie, Kankakee	19 Jul 1880
Son	Godfrey Letourneau, Manteno	29 Jun 1880
Daughter	Alexis Bergeron, Jr., Manteno	24 Jun 1880

<u>Son/Dau.</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Date</u>
Daughter	John Brown, Manteno	28 Jun 1880
Daughter	Raphael Moisant, Manteno	04 Jul 1880
Daughter	Antoine Fortin, Sumner	22 Jun 1880
Son	Albert Voight, Kankakee	05 Aug 1880*
Son	Edward Vickery, Momence	29 Jul 1880
Son	Mark Porter, Pembroke	08 Jul 1880
Daughter	Chas. Bissett, Yellowhead	04 Jul 1880
Son	Addison Muzzy, Sumner	17 Jul 1880
Daughter	T. H. Stratton, Momence	13 Jul 1880
Son	L. Buffington, Momence	11 Jul 1880
Son	John A. Croman, Grant	13 Jul 1880

*Gazette date.

1880 KANKAKEE COUNTY DEATHS

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

(22 Jul 1880) In Ganeer, June 3, John A. Kelsey, aged 71 years.

(22 Jul 1880) In Kankakee, June 30, of cramps, Wilhelm Sittig, aged 4 months.

(22 Jul 1880) In Kankakee, June 17, of cramps, Anna Krueger, aged 6 months.

(12 Aug 1880) In Essex, Jul 8, Harry, son of S. B. Craft, aged 13 months.

(12 Aug 1880) In Momence, July 24, Edith May, daughter of J. B. Hayhurst, aged eight months.

(12 Aug 1880) At the residence of her son, Joseph H. Moseley, in Yellowhead, on Friday, July 30. of old age, Margaret Moseley, aged 83 years, 11 months and 6 days.

(12 Aug 1880) In Buckingham, Aug. 4, Perry S., only son of D. P. Farley, aged 4 years, 7 months, 14 days.

COUNTY COURT - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, July 22, 1880.

Herman Vanderfenger. Will admitted.

Wm. Lewis. Will filed.

Insanity of Adebart Reed, of Buckingham, Verdict of Insanity.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 5, 1880.

Victor Reinesche. Claims allowed: C. W. Knott, \$25.

Zepherine Goudreau, of Bourbonnais, was adjudged insane.

Petition of A. V. VanDoren for the adoption of Edna Cook granted.

SURNAMES BY REQUEST

We will search for Indiana surnames in our own in home library. Limited resources with Kentucky surnames. Send a large self-addressed stamped envelope to **SURNAMES BY REQUEST, 7200 N. Nebo Rd., Muncie, in 47304-9142**. Please include two 32¢ stamps. A list of materials to be used in research will be sent to you along with explanation of fees and type of service we can provide.

LOCAL RESERVOIR - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, July 29, 1880.

Twenty-two tramps spent the greater portion of Sunday last in the shade of Smith & Johnson's warehouse.

John J. Simons, an old and well-known resident of Paxton, was brought to the asylum last week. He was formerly clerk of Ford county and unusually well-informed upon politics and current topics.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 5, 1880.

On June 16 last William Tedrick and Mrs. Anna Palmer were married in this city, but when the bride discovered that William already had a wife whom he married two or three years ago in Indiana she made a row and had her deceitful spouse arrested. Justice Durfee thought, on general principles, one wife was enough for any man to have, and inasmuch as the law says it is a crime to practice Mormonism in the State of Illinois, Mr. Tedrick was kindly but firmly relegated to the care of sheriff Brosseau in default of a \$500 bond to guarantee his appearance before the grand jury.

NEW CHURCH PROPERTY

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, July 22, 1880.

St. Rose's (Roman Catholic) church are putting up a new parsonage for their pastor. Its dimensions are 55 x 36, one story and a half high, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,500. It is being built immediately in the rear of the old parsonage which will be moved off, and will front on Merchant street. Napoleon Lebeau is the builder.

St. Paul's (Episcopal) congregation have raised the frame of a new chapel adjoining the church building on the west - an improvement which will cost about \$3,000. The structure is 56 x 35, 22 feet to the eaves. It will contain a Sunday school room, 28 feet square, and two smaller rooms for class purposes. Paullison Bros. have the work in charge.

KVGS WEB SITE

For all those members who don't know, Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society has its own Website. I must start by thanking member, Lee Hollenbeck, for all her work, not only in establishing a Website for the society, but also for her continuing efforts to make this site a wealth of information for everyone accessing it (<http://www.keynetnet/~lee/k3genweb.html>).

I want to let everyone know what is available at our Website for those members who do not have access to the Internet. Our Website starts with an announcement section which always lists the current program and announcements concerning the society. There is also information on the history of our organization, our meeting date and time information, and a listing of the dates when records are available in the county for vital records. There is also membership information and a membership application that can be printed out for out of town members to fill in and send for membership.

There is a complete list of all available publications with costs including postage and handling as well as highlights of what is the next publication available. Lee has linked up with every available source of relevant information an individual might want to access. You can find information describing our county map including legal descriptions. You can also access tiger maps showing actual locations of the early local schools. There is a query page where anyone searching for Kankakee County ancestors can post queries concerning their ancestors. The society prints these queries out each month to include with our research meetings in hopes of helping everyone to find their Kankakee Co. Ancestors.

Lee has linked up with other valuable resources such as the Kankakee Journal's home page which lists obituaries since it's start up in 1996. Lee has also linked up with surrounding counties as a valuable resource since our county was originally part of both Will and Iroquois Counties.

Through our Webpage you can learn all the necessary addresses for all vital record repositories as well as public libraries in the area. Lee has also established a Family Surname Page which lists surnames and the people researching these name with their E-mail addresses.

In the future issues of the quarterly, we'll list relevant E-mail addresses of many genealogy sites as well as updates of information on our local site. We hope everyone will have a chance to use our new Website and appreciate all the hard work Lee has done to make all this possible!!

EAST OTTO - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 5, 1880.

Mr. R. Havens has been down nearly two weeks but is now able to be around and oversee his affairs.

Miss Emma Butler is around after having been confined to the house about ten days with a sprained ankle.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 12, 1880.

Mr. Haley, late principal of the Chebanse school. has been dismissed and Miss Herbert promoted to fill the vacancy.

John Ransom, of Wilmington, is in town looking up some old notes and accounts belonging to the firm of Allen & Co. of that place.

It is reported that the contract for getting the stone for a new bridge across the Iroquois at Sugar Island has been let to Mr. Correll.

ESSEX - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, July 22, 1880.

Mrs. Lydia McLane and her daughter Lizzie, of Kankakee, are in this vicinity visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Josephine Roth, of Kankakee, and Mr. Lazarus Shosser, of Essex, were united in holy matrimony on the 13th inst. At the residence of the bride's parents. After the wedding feast was over they received a large number of presents.

This morning at 9 o'clock, Lizzie Rathlesberger ended her earthly career. Her age was 52 years; her disease, consumption. She has lived with her brother John a great many years. The funeral services will be held at Mr. B's residence at 1 p.m. Her remains will be interred in the Wright cemetery.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, July 29, 1880.

Mrs. Cutler Woodruff, of Chicago, (formerly of Essex) died a few days ago. Her remains were brought to Essex for interment in the Wright cemetery. Your correspondent has not learned the cause of her death.

Mrs. Stark, (formerly Miss Alice Norris), of Kansas, is in this vicinity visiting friends. Miss N was once a highly esteemed school teacher, in Essex and Norton. She taught school in Kansas several years, after which she assumed connubial responsibilities, just as quite a number of our own Essex school ma'ams have done in the past few years: and from the looks of things there are several more who will soon change their profession.

D. B. Bird has got his hotel nearly completed and will soon be ready for business.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 5, 1880.

Ed Albert has been appointed post-master at Essex.

Henry Riegel's house is nearly complete. On last Wednesday evening he made a big supper and invited the young people of this vicinity to come in and partake thereof. Some excellent music was given by S. S. Boyer and Miss Annie Himmel.

Frank Crater has returned from Denver, Col. He says that is no place for him, and that he intends to make his place of abode in Illinois.

Miss Annie Himmel intends to go home (to Kankakee) tomorrow. We anticipate a change in her mode of life, soon.

Essex is now the centre of attraction for men of a degraded character. Last Tuesday evening two fellows came out from Braidwood but when they were ready to return two of their buggy wheels were missing, and were not found for several days. If the people of Essex would devise some plan to keep out, or put out, those debased critters it would be an honor to them. We trust that our citizens will look to their social interests and quell this contaminating evil ere it is too late. Of course we do not expect the signers of the saloon petition to aid in the matter. The sole cause of this evil must be ascribed to the saloon.

One of the section hands of the Wabash railway was found dead at his bedside in Ben Moe last Saturday. Cause, cholera morbus.

Daniel Earl is on the sick list. When last heard from he was in a critical condition.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 12, 1880.

H. L. White, our census taker, tells us that the population of Essex is 1,081 instead of 1,040, as given in the Gazette a few weeks ago. We don't propose to have any bulldozing in this matter.

Alonzo Cotton arrived here a few days ago.

The first passenger train ran over the Wabash railway yesterday. It had six coaches.

PILOT - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, July 29, 1880.

Oats are nearly all out. George Ranous has a piece of oats it is thought will yield seventy-five bushels per acre. The flax crop will be short; not many good pieces to be seen.

Several rods of good plank sidewalk have been put down in Herscher lately. It looks well.

Now that Chris Schelling has quit the business, Jay Fetterley will supply the wants of our people in the harness line.

Mr. Ed. Drury is president of the Blue Ribbon club lately re-organized at the town house. They meet on Saturday night. As it is necessary for the god work to go on it is to be hoped that the people of that vicinity will stimulate themselves to a greater effort to attend the meetings regularly than heretofore and be prompt. Don't keep others waiting for you. Parents, see to it that your children are there, and how can you do better than by being there yourselves. Unite your efforts with others to make the meetings interesting and profitable.

Tom Cook's family have a new Cook at their place. She doesn't speak English yet; in fact she only chatters a little, and what more can you expect of a little baby, eh?

A Mr. Stevens, aged about sixty-seven years, died at the residence of his son, Delos Stevens, on Saturday morning last. His remains were interred in the Rockville cemetery yesterday.

Miss Mary Porter, of Chebanse, is visiting acquaintances in this vicinity.

Miss Libbie Sumner has a new W. W. Kimball organ and is taking lessons in music from Miss Jennie Atkins.

A bible class meeting is held at the town house on Sunday evenings at 7:30 o'clock. The leader, Mr. E. A. McLaury, is an active, earnest worker, and the meetings should be well attended.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette August 5, 1880.

Al Martin will open up the threshing campaign with his Vibrator thresher today.

It is said John Herscher's livery barn has now been sold for \$800 to Israel Patnode. Robert Wright has charge of the stable now and we hope he will remain. He is a good-natured, accommodating young man.

Fred Homberger's house will enter the town to-day. It has been brought three miles on trucks and will be occupied by Simon Miller and family.

Austin Ewing has reopened his meat market, and will now supply the wants of his many customers with pleasure. He has fresh fish every Thursday noon.

Enders and Schelling have gone into the hog business and have already shipped several car loads. Harvey Lee is our oldest buyer, and understands his business well. Thos. Beede, of Kankakee, runs out occasionally and buys up a carload or two. Herscher is a first-class hog market, and don't you forget it.

There is an "A 1" chance for some man to make money with a hay press in our town. We think a flax tow mill would be a paying investment also. We've a good country to support either. You who are interested come and take a look, and talk with our people.

Misses Raabe and Umbach, of Kankakee, are in town visiting friends and relatives.

After one month's vacation, Miss Annie Mansfield will open her school in the Hubbard district to-day.

Miss Maggie Wheeler, who has been quite ill from the effects of a heavy cold, is improving, we are glad to state.

The Thomson boys are getting ready for the campaign. They practice frequently with their fife and drums and make good music.

SAINT PATRICK PARISH

Excerpts taken from Lisieux News, Volume 1, #5 (St. Rose Parish Bulletin), March, 1997.

When the Illinois Central Railroad reached Kankakee in 1855, it brought with it an influx of French-Canadian, Irish, German and Polish immigrants. The French-speaking established St. Rose of Lima parish; the German speaking community founded St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception. The priests who came to serve each ethnic group conducted services (except where Latin was mandatory) in the native language of the group. In 1885, a group of English-speaking laymen, chiefly Irish immigrants, founded the Irish-American Association. The purpose of this organization was for *"the spiritual, intellectual and social improvement of its members."*

In 1891 the organization changed its name and purpose. Now called the Catholic Columbian Association, its main objective was to establish an English-speaking parish. A committee was formed to search for a suitable site for this church which was eventually narrowed down to two

adjacent lots at the intersection of Indiana Avenue and Hickory Street. Reverend J. J. Darcy, a native of Wisconsin, was sent by the Archdiocese of Chicago to serve as pastor of this newly formed parish, named in honor of Ireland's patron saint. At the time construction began in 1893, the congregation was composed of about 85 families. The Romanesque limestone structure had a 15 foot diameter rose window over the main entrance.

By the turn of the century, the parish had established a men's group (which evolved into the Holy Name Society) a women's group (now the C.C.W.). The first parish mission was held in 1895. Religious education in the form of Sunday school began and an Alter Boys' Society was founded. Parish picnics and parties were a favorite even back then. The second pastor was Rev. William Hackett, a native of Waterford, Ireland. He died in 1902 and Rev. T. J. Whalen was named. In fragile health, Fr. Whalen died just 16 months after arriving at St. Pat's. In 1904 Rev. J. P. Aylward became the fourth pastor. He died unexpectedly in his sleep in 1905. For the third time in five years, this still young parish was draped in black. The fifth pastor, Rev. John T. Bennett, brought back vigor and enthusiasm to a parish disheartened by so many deaths. He served as pastor for more than ten years.

St. Patrick School opened in 1914 with an enrollment of 193 students. The Sisters of Loretto administered and staffed the school for the next 56 years. Sisters Veronice, SL and Rose Cecily, SL were among the last Loretos to serve the people of St. Pat's. In 1916, a bronze statue of St. Patrick was acquired from the Pontifical Institute of Christian Art and placed above the entrance of the grade school. The statute of St. Patrick was acquired from the Pontifical Institute of Christian Art and placed above the entrance of the grade school. The statute now graces the courtyard between the church and the rectory.

SAINT ANNE PARISH

Excerpts taken from Lisieux News, Volume 1, #4 (St. Rose Parish Bulletin), Feb., 1997.

The village of St. Anne owes its origin to the migration of French-Canadian "coureur du bois". The first settlers were Ambrose and Antonie Allain in 1848. In 1850, Fr. Charles Chiniquy of Montreal was asked to help establish the band of French-Canadian immigrants. In 1851, he took six residents to a site near the Allain brothers; they built their homes on what they thought was the highest elevations, this being the spot where the Catholic Church now stands, known for a time as Beaver Mission.

The first place of worship was erected and dedicated on April 17, 1852 to St. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus, from which the village and township derived their names. Fr. Chiniquy was the first pastor. He built a log church and school which were to become the factor of greatest interest in the community. In 1853, the Bourbonnais pastor, Fr. Courfault was called away for a time and Fr. Chiniquy served both churches. After Fr. Courfault returned, a bitter quarrel developed between the two pastors which resulted in severe church discipline. Courfault was returned to France, Chiniquy was excommunicated but refused to acknowledge the church action until 1856 when the official notice was nailed on the church door. When Chiniquy left the church, a number of his congregation followed him to an "independent Christian Catholic Church" which in 1860 became the Presbyterian Church in St. Anne.

The church sent numerous missionaries to Ste. Anne from 1856 to 1859 in attempt to win back the apostate members. but with little success. Visiting priests from Beaverville's St. Marie, served the church from 1859 to 1871. On February 23, 1871, Fr. Michael Letellier was named pastor in the spring of 1871, Fr. Letellier organized a committee to construct a new stone church. The stone quarried in Momence was hauled in by parishioners who volunteered not only their time but also their money. Construction began in 1872 on the Allain homesite and opened for use late in 1873.

It can be said that Fr. Chiniquy founded the parish but Fr. Letellier deserves the title of Second Founder. His pastorate was marked not only by material construction but spiritual growth as well. Fr. Chiniquy organized the first Catholic School in 1855. It was very small and closed in 1856 after his suspension. Fr. Letellier started a Catholic School, later to be known as the St. Anne Academy, staffed by the Sisters of Notre Dame of Montreal, Canada. At one time the Academy offered 12 years of instruction and room and board for out of town students at the academy. St. Anne Academy closed in 1978 and was demolished in 1988.

Fr. J.U.A. Artel succeeded Fr. Letellier 1883-1886. His main contribution was to further the establishment of the school. In 1886, Father Z. P. Berard came to the parish and began the longest pastorate in the history of the church. 1886-1932. In 1889, a rectory was built and remained there until the new one was built 1980.

The first novena to Ste. Anne occurred in 1881 but it was not until July 26, 1887, that the first pilgrims came. Fr. Bergeron, pastor of Notre Dame Church, Chicago, brought them by a special train. A new era began for the Church of Ste. Anne, for thousands of people come each to celebrate the feast day, July 26. For the nine days preceding the feast, special devotions each mornings and evenings are conducted. N the feast day, July 26, the celebrating begins with Eucharist ad concludes with Benediction. The relic of Ste. Anne is carried in public procession through the village. Since the pilgrimages began, Ste. Anne Church has become known throughout the country as "the Original Shrine of Ste. Anne in the United States." Thousands have testified to favors and graces received through the intercession of Ste. Anne.

In 1893, the church was struck by lightning and burned leaving only the walls. New construction began, making possible the enlargement of the church and sanctuary. In 1900, three new altars in gld and white were installed, remaining to this day with some alterations. In 1906, to meet the demands of the parish needs a parish hall was constructed across the street to the east of the church. This building remains today and is used by the parish and community for many activities.

Lightning struck again in 1911, causing considerable water damage to the organ and interior of the church. Repairs were finished in 1912. In 1920, after nearly 40 years, the school was in need of repairs. The work was almost completed when the building caught fire and burned to the ground. The parish struggled but a new school was constructed. In July, 1932, Fr. E. J. Tailon became pastor of Ste. Anne, followed in October, 1936 by Fr. J. A. Dionne. It was during his tenure that the Sisters, the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, gave up the academy they had staffed since 1922. Fr. Dionne arranged for the Dominican Sisters of Springfield to replace them: they remained in the school until its closure. Fr. Dionne was the last diocesan priest to serve Ste. Anne Parish.

ROSWELL NICHOLS

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 5, 1880.

One of the earliest settlers in this section was Roswell Nichols, the progenitor of the well-known family of "Nichols' boys" in this city and Limestone township. He came here in 1842, when all that part of the present county of Kankakee lying south of the river was known as Iroquois county. He located a section or more of government land, and went to work in regular pioneer fashion, living in a log cabin and submitting to many of the hardships peculiar to the early days of the west. His life was a type of quiet, persistent industry, and in his family of sons his own genial disposition and unswerving integrity has been implanted and they are numbered among our best citizens.

The passing away of this old gentleman was as the stopping of a clock. It was full of activity and usefulness during its natural term of existence, but after the limit of power was reached the

machinery gradually and quietly ceased its functions and at last came peacefully to a stop. This event occurred last Monday afternoon in this city, the deceased having arrived at the ripe age of 85 years. The funeral will be held at the residence this afternoon at half past one, Rev. Mr. Oggel conducting the services.

A brief outline of the life of the deceased will be interesting. He was born at Stepna, Conn., July 13, 1795. After arriving at majority he moved to Palmyra, N.Y., and in August, 1822, married Mary Durfee who survives him. In 1842 the family, then quite large, moved to Limestone. Mr. Nichols held the Rinosa post office from 1845 to 1863, and it is still continued in his name by his sons until it was abolished five or six years ago.

Mr. Nichols lived, at Palmyra, on the Mormon farm, and the boys clearly remember the frantic efforts of Joseph Smith, who lived in a log cabin in one corner of the farm, and his followers to find the traditional golden plates of the Mormon bible. In one night they dug a hole on the farm as large as an ordinary living room. The "translation" of the Mormon bible was made in that cabin, and dictating

to one Oliver Cowdery who wrote down what the "prophet" gave as the translation. This work was witnessed as an every day occurrence by the Nichols family.

Roswell Nichols was a brother of the late Lewis Nichols who died a few weeks ago at the age of 80.

KANKAKEE COUNTY SCHOOL RECORDS

The following records are from Manteno Township, 1881-1893. Please note that grades and salary information will not be given with these records (most teaching salaries in this time period were between \$25 and \$35/month).

No.	Date	In Whose Favor Drawn	For What Purpose	Amount
139	07 Jan 1890	E. Lizzie Barnicle	For teaching one month	
140	07 Jan 1890	L. Euziere	For interest	\$12.00
141	07 Jan 1890	S. Bonsell	For stove pipe and sundries	\$3.60
142	07 Jan 1890	N.F. Lawrence	For cleaning and scrubbing	\$5.50
143	11 Feb 1890	Eliza Barnicle	For teaching one month	
144	11 Feb 1890	Loon Euziere	For two tons coal delivered	\$7.40
145	05 Mar 1890	E. Lizzie Barnicle	For teaching one month	
146	28 Mar 1890	E. Lizzie Barnicle	For teaching one month	
147	28 Mar 1890	Joseph Guimon	For making fires four months	\$8.00
148	07 Apr 1890	L. Euziere	For interest	\$12.00
149	11 Jun 1890	An Donnelly	For school maps	\$10.00
150	18 Oct 1890	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
151	14 Nov 1890	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
152	05 Jan 1891	L. Euziere	For insurance on school house	\$16.00
153	05 Jan 1891	L. Euziere	For interest	\$12.00
154	05 Jan 1891	E. Euziere	For coal delivered	\$10.50
155	05 Jan 1891	F. S. Bonsell	For repairing stone	\$2.20
156	07 Jan 1891	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
157	07 Feb 1891	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
158	07 Mar 1891	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
159	07 Apr 1891	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
160	07 Apr 1891	Joseph Guimon	For making fire four months	\$8.00
161	07 Apr 1891	Township treasurer	For interest	\$18.00

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>In Whose Favor Drawn</u>	<u>For What Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
162	09 Sep 1891	Etta Stocksdale	For teaching one month	
163	10 Oct 1891	Etta Stocksdale	For teaching one month	
164	11 Nov 1891	Etta Stocksdale	For teaching one month	
165	11 Nov 1891	Leon Euziere	For interest	\$12.00
166	06 Jan 1892	Leon Euziere	For coal deliveries	\$12.00
167	06 Jan 1892	Katie O'Malley	For teaching one month	
168	11 Feb 1892	Katie O'Malley	For teaching one month	
169	01 Apr 1892	Katie O'Malley	For teaching one month	
170	05 Apr 1892	C. Guimon	For making fire four months	\$8.00
171	05 Apr 1892	Leon Euziere	For interest	\$12.00
172	05 Oct 1892	Hannah Moat	For teaching one month, chalk & erasers	
173	05 Nov 1892	Hannah Moat	For teaching one month	
174	05 Nov 1892	F. S. Bonsell	For stove	\$17.00
175	07 Dec 1892	Hannah Moat	For teaching one month	
176	14 Jan 1893	Hannah Moat	For teaching one month	
177	14 Feb 1893	Hannah Moat	For teaching one month	
178	14 Feb 1893	L. Euziere	For two tons coal delivered	\$6.00
179	10 Mar 1893	A. Guimon	For genitor service four months	\$8.00
180	10 Mar 1893	Hannah Moat	For teaching one month	
181	16 Mar 1893	Leon Euziere	For interest one year	\$24.00
182	01 Jun 1893	Mary V. Kelly	For teaching one month	
183	30 Jun 1893	Mary V. Kelly	For teaching one month	
184	12 Aug 1893	Stocksdale & Lacount	For repairing school house	\$21.00
185	14 Aug 1893	M. R. Peters	For lumber, nails, oil brush	\$72.49
186	10 Oct 1893	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
187	06 Nov 1893	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
188	05 Dec 1893	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
189	26 Jan 1894	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
190	26 Jan 1894	Leon Euzier	For coal delivered	\$12.00
191	26 Jan 1894	Leon Euzier	For interest	\$24.20
192	16 Feb 1894	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
193	16 Feb 1894	Laura Lawrence	For glass \$0.10 & crayons \$0.65	
194	10 Mar 1894	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
195	10 Mar 1894	Arthur Guimon	For janitor service	\$6.00
196	21 Apr 1894	L. Euziere	For interest	\$12.00
197	31 May 1894	Nettie Parker	For teaching one month	
198	29 Jun 1894	Nettie Parker	For teaching one month	
199	01 Sep 1894	Ethel Parker	Cleaning school house	\$2.00
200	02 Oct 1894	Nettie Parker	For teaching one month	
201	03 Nov 1894	Nettie Parker	For teaching one month	
202	28 Nov 1894	L. Euziere	Interest	\$12.00
203	12 Jan 1895	Nettie Parker	For teaching one month	
204	28 Feb 1895	Nettie Parker	For teaching one month	
205	08 Mar 1895	Nettie Parker	For teaching one month	
206	11 Mar 1895	Fread Guimon	For janitor service	\$6.00
207	08 Mar 1895	Leon Euzier	For coal	\$5.00
208	08 Mar 1895	Wm. J. Schroeder	For chalk, glass and delibool	\$0.10
209	08 Apr 1895	L. Euziere	Interest	\$12.00
210	08 Apr 1895	Ethel & Millie Parker	Cleaning school house	\$2.00

No.	Date	In Whose Favor Drawn	For What Purpose	Amount
211	30 Apr 1895	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
212	31 May 1895	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
213	28 Jun 1895	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
214	03 Jul 1895	C. Schroeder	For trimming trees	
215	03 Jul 1895	William J. Schroeder	For broom and key	
216	30 Sep 1895	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
217	30 Sep 1895	L. Euziere	For interest	
218	30 Sep 1895	W. J. Schroeder	For pair delivering coat, fixtures & labor	
219	30 Sep 1895	L. Euziere	For coal	
220	01 Nov 1895	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
221	07 Jan 1896	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
222	11 Jan 1896	F. S. Breen	For insuring school house	
223	03 Feb 1896	H. E. Schroeder	For stove pipes	
224	07 Feb 1896	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
225	27 Feb 1896	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
226	06 Mar 1896	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
227	14 Mar 1896	Fread Guimon	For janitor services	
228	10 Apr 1896	Sean Euziere	For interest	
229	07 May 1896	Milley Parker	Cleaning school house	\$2.50
230	25 May 1896	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
231	30 Jun 1896	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
232	30 Sep 1896	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
233	30 Sep 1896	L. Euziere	For interest	\$10.00
234	30 Oct 1896	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
235	08 Dec 1896	L. Euziere	Coal delivered	\$5.60
236	08 Dec 1896	William J. Schroeder	School house supplies	\$2.05
237	31 Dec 1896	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
238	29 Jan 1897	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
239	11 Feb 1897	L. Euziere	Coal delivered	\$5.55
240	03 Mar 1897	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
241	01 Apr 1897	L. Euziere	For interest	\$10.50
242	02 Apr 1897	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
243	12 Apr 1897	Edmund Guimon	For janitor services	\$8.00
244	14 Apr 1897	Milley Parker	For cleaning school house	\$2.50
245	15 May 1897	W. J. Schroeder	Register & chalk	\$1.50
246	25 May 1897	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
247	25 Jun 1897	Emma Wood	For teaching one month	
248	30 Aug 1897	Leonard Kahler	Rebuilding chimney on schoolhouse	\$5.00
249	02 Oct 1897	L. Euziere	For interest	\$10.50
250	05 Oct 1897	H. Lenora Grimes	For teaching one month	
251	05 Nov 1897	H. Lenora Grimes	For teaching one month	
252	03 Dec 1897	H. Lenora Grimes	For teaching one month	
253	04 Jan 1898	L. Euziere	Coal	\$8.50
254	04 Jan 1898	W. J. Schroeder	School house supplies/delivering coal	\$4.20
255	12 Jan 1898	H. Lenora Grimes	For teaching one month	
256	11 Feb 1898	H. Lenora Grimes	For teaching one month	
257	12 Mar 1898	H. Lenora Grimes	For teaching one month	
258	20 Mar 1898	Edmund Guimon	For janitor services	\$6.00
259	01 Apr 1898	L. Euziere	Interest	\$10.50
260	29 Apr 1898	Millie Parker	Cleaning school house	\$1.00

261	25 Jun 1898	Laura Lawrence	For teaching two months	
262	03 Oct 1898	L. Euziere	Interest	\$10.50
263	08 Oct 1898	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
264	07 Nov 1898	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
265	07 Nov 1898	H. Mongeau	Stove pipes and putting up	\$2.60
266	01 Dec 1898	Silas Langlois	For janitor services	\$2.00
267	13 Dec 1898	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
268	09 Dec 1898	Silas Langlois	For janitor services	\$2.00

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MOMENCE - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 5, 1880.

Barney Dedham is laid up with a broken shoulder as a result of jumping off a moving train.

Alf. Brown has tried a new role in cutting timothy. First he went over his field with a March harvester with the sickle raised so as to cut off a foot or such a matter of the tops of the timothy. This was bound and shocked for seed. Then Brown took a common mowing machine and went over the field again and cut the balance for hay, and got a good crop.

M. J. Sheridan has returned from Colorado. He says if a man has any business or can make a living anywhere else he had better keep away from the mining country.

A damaging hail storm visited the Beaver Lake region last week, and much of the corn and oats were destroyed.

Mr. Butts says that the ricker of which Mr. Kenaga is agent, works like a charm. It saves at least one-third (and he thinks more) of the work of putting hay into the stack after it is cut. With the use of this ricker one set of hands can gather and stack forty-five tons a day. Last Thursday Mr. Kenaga put in stack for Mr. Butts, after 4 p.m., ten tons of hay. When everything works smooth it will take three men on the stack or rick to handle the hay. The last day Mr. Kenaga stacked forty tons.

FULL CENSUS RETURNS

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 5, 1880.

The population of Otto township, which in our table was estimated at 1,356, is shown by the books to be 1,547. Salina, estimated at 900, is 946. This increases the estimated population of 25,118 for the county to 25,361 actual. The following is the corrected table:

Town	Population	
	1880	1870
Yellowhead	1608	1494
Sumner	1015	1081
Manteno	1749	1681
Rockville	1039	1112

Momence	1184	1291
Ganeer	1391	1582
Bourbonnais	1586	2103
Limestone	915	480
Salina	946	865
Essex	1042	990
St. Anne	1158	1385
Aroma	1197	1100
Otto	1547	1356
Pilot	1287	1140
Norton	1541	1180
Pembroke	223	
Kankakee (east RR 3464)		
(West RR 2463)	5927	5189
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Total	25361	24394

By making inquiries we are enabled to give the population of every village in the county with the exception of Bourbonnais:

Momence	1039
Manteno	618
St. Anne	503
Waldron	279
Cabery	200
Buckingham	132
Herscher	120

Paul Hathaway, of Sumner, was recently asserted to be the oldest man in the county, but later information transfers the claim to George Cooley, of Pilot, who is 94 years old.

MEMBER INQUIRIES

Member Paul **Marcotte** has generously offered to help any members who need help in the Southern California area, especially in the Riverside Area. Paul can be contacted at 7207 Delaware St., Riverside CA 92504-3995.

Member Dorothy **DeMers** writes to say she has located two Joseph DeMers in Kankakee at approximately the same age except the one arrived at least ten years earlier. Anyone researching the **DeMers** line should contact her for further information.

Richard **Graveline** asked about the churches and cemeteries for L'Erable and Papineau. The church and cemetery for L'Erable is St. John the Baptist Church. Book #1 of the church records for this church has been transcribed by Norma Meier and is available for purchase through the society. I'm not sure about a church in Papineau, but there is a small cemetery. In Beaverville (about 5 miles east of Papineau), there is a large Catholic church by the name of St. Mary's. The society has publications containing both the early church records as well as the grave marker information in the cemetery. Member Norma Meier is the expert on this area.

was carried into effect and it gave Kankakee a line of road into Cincinnati.

Subsequently the Cincinnati, Lafayette & Chicago railroad company leased its line to the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis & Chicago railroad company, who have been operating it since September 1, 1880.

These are the circumstances under which the railroad was constructed. It was born of a desire to benefit the city of Kankakee and under the happy thought of Marvin Hughitt, the greatest of all Chicago railroad builders and managers. It has also had the life work and fondest love of another of these great men, Melville E. Ingalls of Cincinnati, yet it might have never existed but for the efforts of Adam Earl and Moses Fowler, whose names should be written in letters of gold in the list of the builders of the west.

This road has proven to be of great benefit to Kankakee county and more especially to the city of Kankakee, the terminus of the road, as all through trains use the Illinois Central tracks from Kankakee to Chicago. At Kankakee machine shops, round-house and a large force of men are employed at good wages. A new brick passenger depot was completed in the summer of 1905, located at the foot of Chicago avenue. The ground on the right of way to the west of the new depot, formerly occupied by the old depot, is parked and adds much to the beauty of the place.

The builders of the road did not ask or receive county aid. The road has twelve miles, and 2,588 feet of main track and nineteen miles and 1,394 feet of side track. The assessed valuation of the road for the year 1904 was \$130,573, and the total tax was \$6,400.39.

The elevation of the rail base above the sea level is 634 feet at Kankakee and 658 feet at St. Anne.

INDIANA, ILLINOIS & IOWA.

The Indiana, Illinois & Iowa railroad has a history of vital interest to Kankakee county. In 1868 Mr. George W. Cass proposed to Mr. T. P. Bonfield, •Mr. Harrison Loring and others that the Pittsburg & Fort Wayne railroad would lay the iron for the projected American Central railroad if Kankakee county would vote \$100,000 in bonds to the road.

By the time that an election was held and the bonds voted, Mr. Thompson, who was active in pushing the American Central, became dis-

couraged and sold out his interest to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad company. Through General Cass, Mr. Bonfield and Mr. James McGrew were induced to organize a new company to build a road from Hennepin to the state line to connect with a line from the state line to Plymouth, Ind. Through the Hon. James M. Perry, representative of the county in the legislature in 1868-69, the charter drawn up by Mr. Bonfield was passed. Mr. James McGrew became president of the new corporation: "The Kankakee and Illinois River Railroad Company." This corporation on its consolidation with the Indiana road changed its name to that of "The Plymouth, Kankakee & Pacific."

Kankakee county voted and issued bonds to the amount of \$100,000. The town of Kankakee voted \$30,000; the town of Ganer, \$7,500; the town of Bourbonnais, \$6,000; Limestone, \$11,000; Norton, \$12,000, and the town of Pilot, \$12,000. Momence voted aid but did not issue bonds. The money from the sale of the bonds was used in the building of the road bed, culverts, bridges, etc. Although the road was mortgaged there was not enough money to iron it. Mr. McGrew tried unsuccessfully to have the Pittsburg & Fort Wayne iron the road, but that road had just gone into the control of the Pennsylvania Central. Mr. McGrew resigned and was succeeded by Mr. Hanna of Indiana. The panic of 1873, the hard times and high taxes, caused the people of the county to resist the payment of the bonds, but by a decision of the United States courts they were forced to pay them. The mortgages were foreclosed and the franchise, charter, rights and property of the road were bid off at a nominal sum to purchasers representing the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa railroad company, who, in 1881 and 1882, ironed and equipped the road from Momence to Streator, Ill.

In 1883 the road was completed from Momence to North Judson, Ind. In 1884 it was extended from North Judson to Knox, Ind., and in 1894 from Knox to South Bend, Ind. The contracting work was done principally by J. W. Summers & Co., contractors of Keokuk, Iowa. The first officers of the temporary organization were Joel D. Harvey, president, and Mr. J. C. Cushman of Chicago, secretary. Soon afterwards, however, Gen. Drake became president

of the road and so remained until 1897, when he sold out to a syndicate consisting of T. P. Shonts, Joy Morton, et al., who, in turn, sold in 1902 to the present owners, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, or the Vanderbilts. Hamilton K. Wheeler was the general solicitor of the road from 1883 to 1897.

The \$100,000 in bonds issued in aid of this road were dated October 25, 1870, bearing ten per cent interest. Subsequently \$53,000 were refunded at five per cent and of this amount \$15,000 remains unpaid.

The length of road in this county is thirty-eight miles and 3,485 feet and the road has a total of twenty-eight miles and 494 feet of sidetrack. The assessed valuation of the road in 1904 was \$187,714.00; the total tax, \$8,071.38.

The elevation of the rail base above the sea level at the different points of its line are as follows: State line, 632 feet; Momence, 632 feet; Exline, 640 feet; Kankakee, 624 feet; Section 33 (where the road crosses the town line west of Kankakee), 660 feet; Goodrich, 637 feet; Reddick, 608 feet.

This shows the town line to be the highest and Reddick to be the lowest point on the line of the road in this county.

KANKAKEE & SENECA.

The Kankakee & Seneca railroad company was incorporated and organized on the 23d day of February, A. D. 1881. The first board of directors was composed of Thomas P. Bonfield, Wesley Bonfield and Warren R. Hickox of Kankakee, Illinois, and Washington Armstrong and John Crotty of Seneca, Illinois. Thomas P. Bonfield was the first president of the road and Thomas E. Bonfield the first secretary. The road was completed and in operation within a year.

It was intended to be a link between the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad and Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago & St. Louis railroad (now the Big Four), and much was expected from it in benefiting both roads. It has been of much benefit in opening communication from Kankakee to the northwestern part of the country and was built without public aid. Kankakee is the eastern terminus of the road, where the depot and shops as well as the yards of the Big Four are used by it. The road runs west through the city on Cypress street, crossing the "Three I" a few

rods west of the latter's depot, and then paralleling that road for a distance of four miles in a westerly direction, then taking a northwesterly course, passing through the villages of Bonfield and Essex in this county, leaving the county one mile south of the northwest corner of the township of Essex. The western terminus of the road is Seneca, La Salle county, Illinois.

This road has in this county a total trackage of twenty-two miles, being twenty miles and 3,021 feet of main track and nearly two miles of sidetrack. The assessed value of the road for the year 1904, in this county, was \$85,692 and taxes for the same year were \$3,297.98.

The altitude of the rail base above sea level at the different points along the line is as follows: Kankakee, 624 feet; Bonfield, 633 feet; Essex, 590 feet, and at Gardner 585 feet.

WABASH RAILROAD.

The Wabash railroad passes through the northwest corner of the county. It has a trackage of about one mile in Norton township and of about seven miles in Essex township. On this road are situated the villages of Essex and Reddick in the townships of Essex and Norton respectively.

In procuring the right of way for this road in this county the company arranged privately with the owners of the land through which the road was to pass, and in a few instances bought the farms outright, thus avoiding condemnation suits.

The total trackage of the road in the county is eight miles and 4,160 feet of main track and one mile, 3,128 feet of sidetrack. The assessed value for the year 1904 was \$60,864; the total taxes \$2,315.23.

KANKAKEE & SOUTHWESTERN.

This road was solely an enterprise of the Illinois Central railroad, being a branch or connecting road which leaves the main line at Otto station, about half way between Kankakee and Chebanse, and thence runs west on the half-section line until it strikes the village of Buckingham, when it turns southwesterly and leaves the county at Cabery. The termini of the road are Kankakee and Bloomington, Ill. There is also a branch from this

line to the Coal fields at Clarke City, in Essex township, this county. This road has 28 miles and 3,786 feet of main track and three miles and 1,568 feet of sidetrack. It was built in 1882 without any public aid. The assessed valuation for 1904 was \$114,125; total tax for that year was, \$3,825.87.

CHICAGO SOUTHERN.

This road is a trunk line running from Chicago Heights, to Terre Haute, Ind. It is financed by John Walsh of Chicago, and is for the definite purpose of connecting the Illinois Southern, Indiana Southern and the Missouri Southern (a group of railroads tapping and connecting the coal and stone fields of these three states), with the Chicago markets. The grade of this road is practically completed and the work of laying the iron is rapidly progressing.

The line of this road through this county begins at a point about four miles from the eastern border of the county on center of Sec. 9, T. 29, R. 11, and proceeds almost direct north, leaving the county at a point about four and one fourth miles from the eastern line paralleling the course of the C. & E. I. for almost its entire course through the county.

ILLINOIS, IOWA AND MINNESOTA.

This road is a combination trunk and belt line constructed at this time between Momence, this county, and Rockford, Winnebago county, Ill., with a total trackage through this county of about nine miles.

The design of the incorporators of this road was to furnish an outer belt line for all roads entering Chicago, and it will eventually be extended from Rockford to Milwaukee, Wis., and from Momence to Morocco, Ind. It is now completed and in operation, and will have, in addition to a station at Momence, another at Whittaker (Sumner Center) besides at least two other sidings for the accommodation of shippers.

CHICAGO AND SOUTHERN TRACTION COMPANY.

This will be a road operated by electricity and is projected to extend from Kankakee to Chicago. The work of grading is being done now. It is the intention of the promoters to have this road in full operation by June, 1906. There is a total trackage in this county of about fourteen miles, paralleling the

Illinois Central on east side from Kankakee to the north limits of the county.

Another electric railroad is projected, and work will commence in the spring of 1906, to run from Kankakee to Momence, via Waldron and St. Anne.

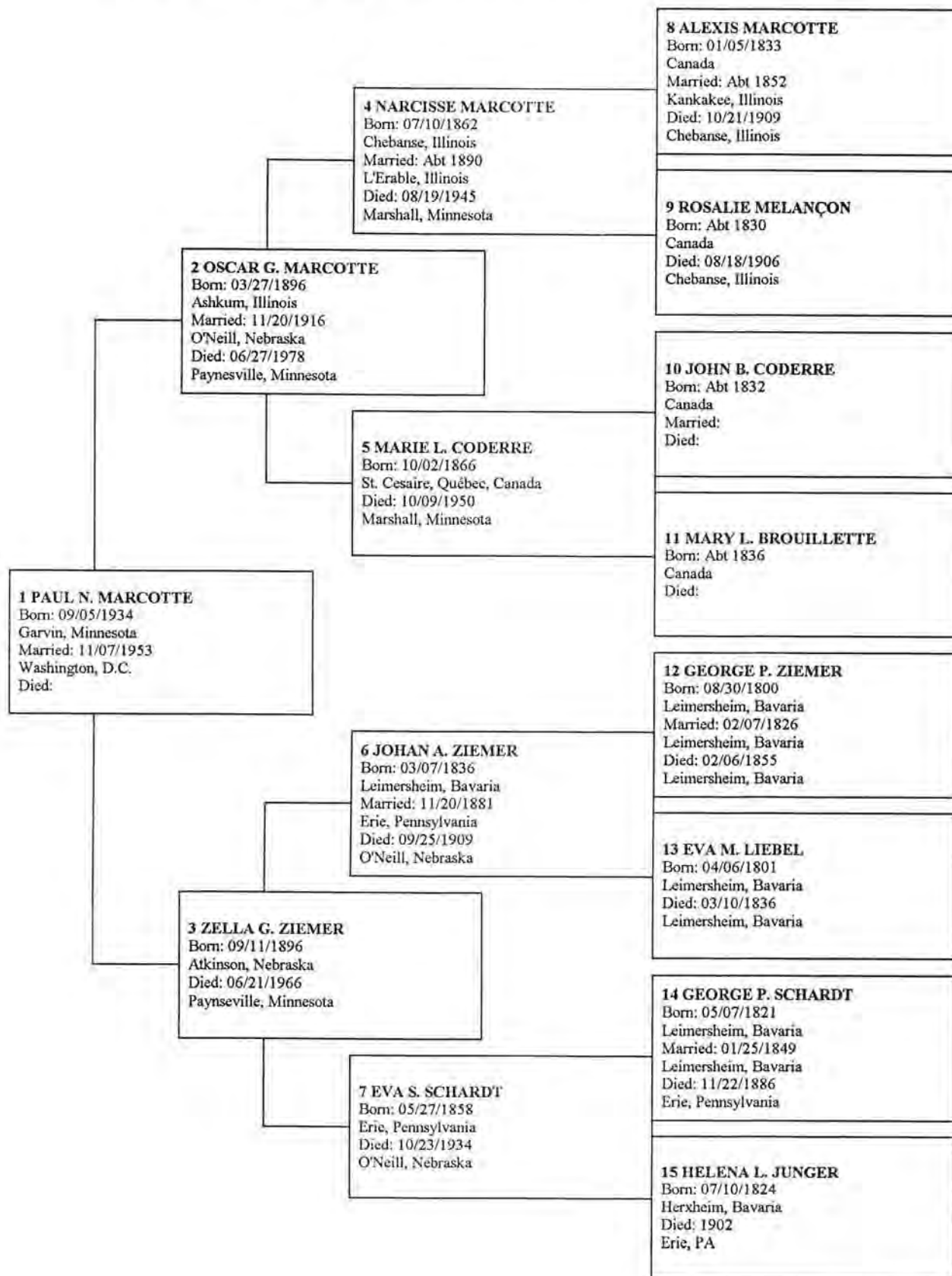
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Newspapers—First Paper, Gazette, Established in. 1853—Three Daily, Three Semi-Weekly and Eleven Weekly Papers Cater to the Demand for News.

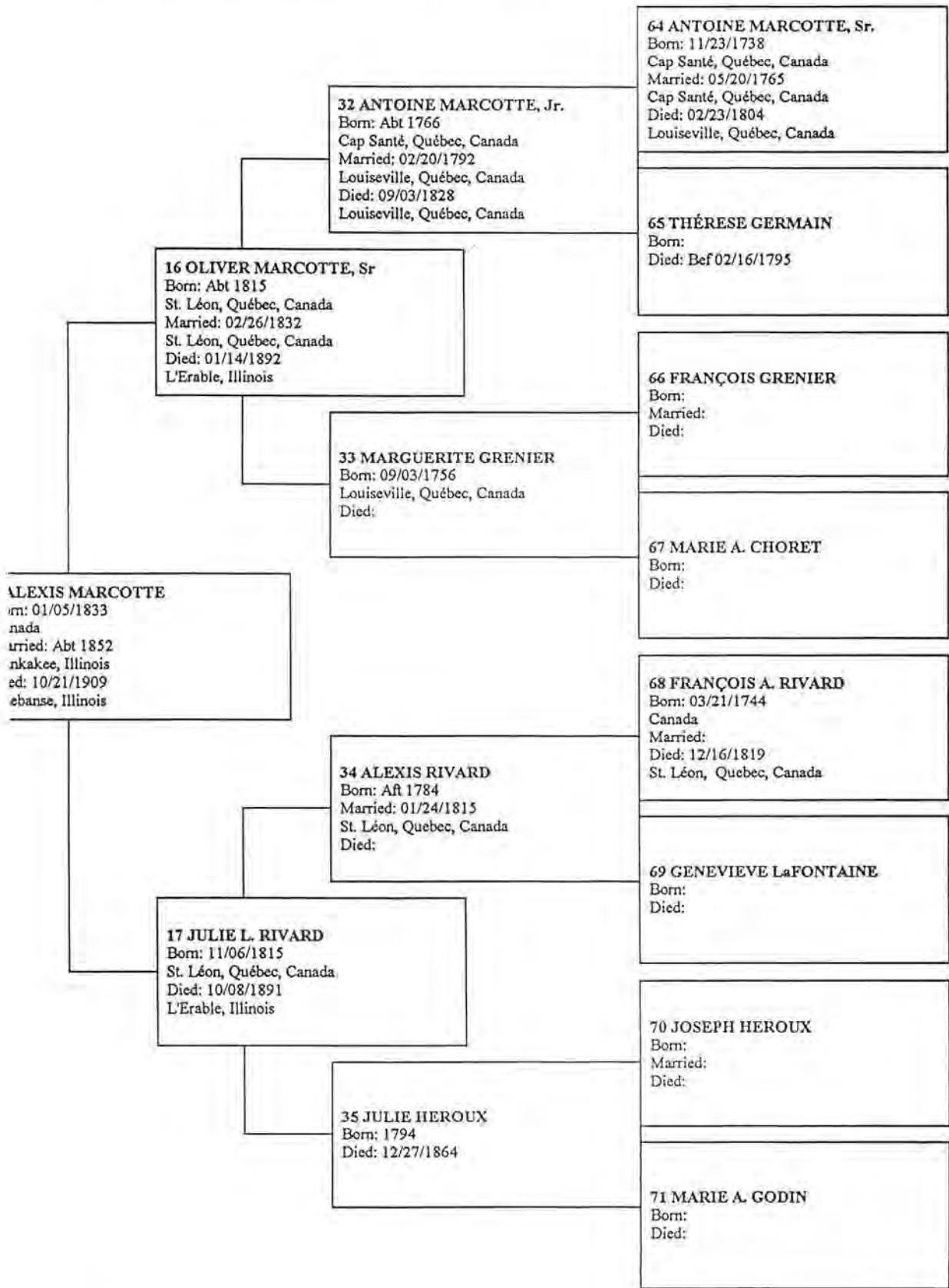
The Kankakee Gazette, established in August, 1853, was owned and published by A. Chester until 1856, when it was sold to Daniel S. Parker. The first numbers were published in Chicago, but finally the type and a press were shipped to Kankakee, and the paper was printed under a tree, in the presence of the delighted villagers.

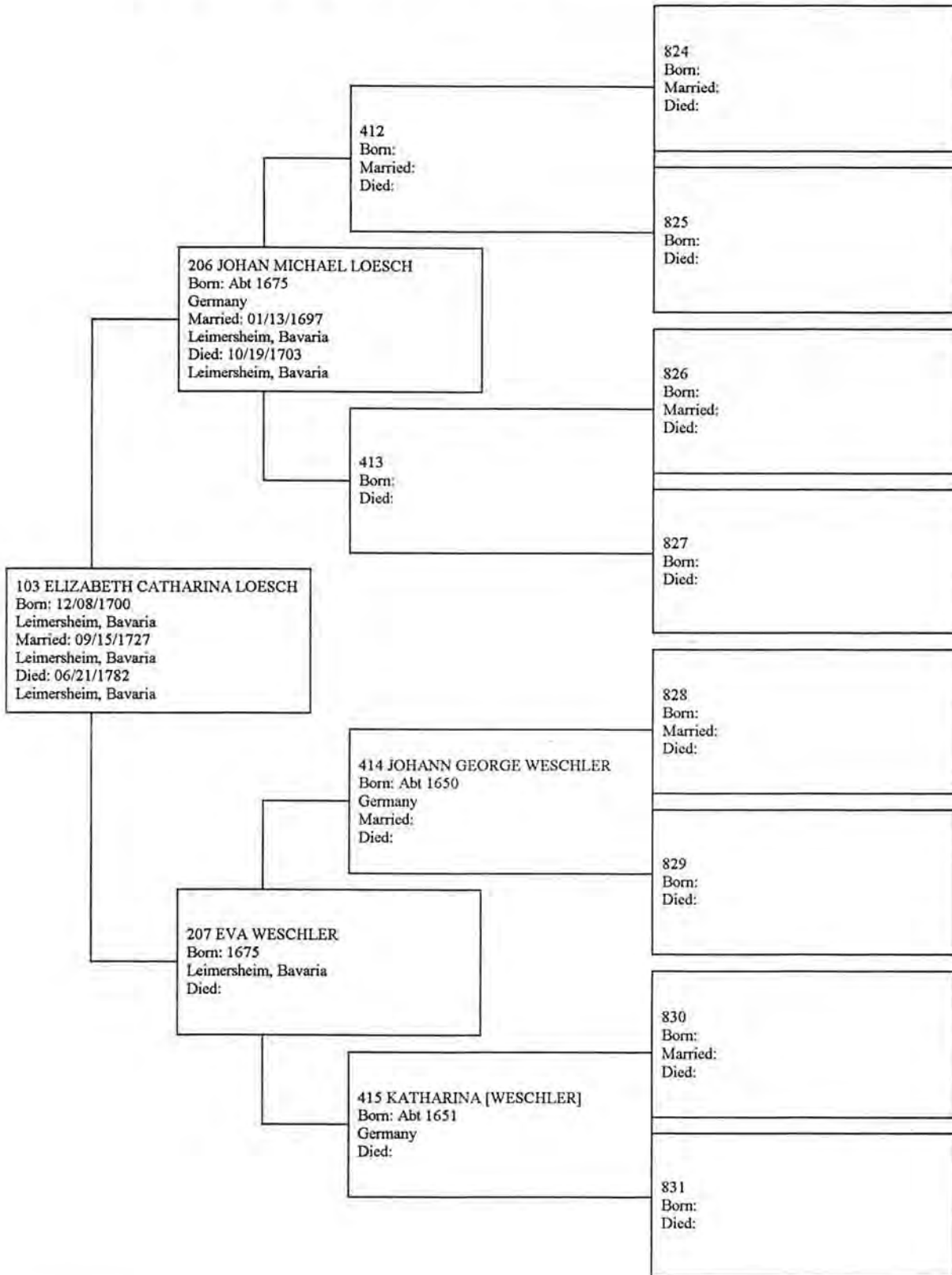
Under Mr. Parker, the circulation increased from 500 to 1,200 subscribers. During the war, when Mr. Parker served as adjutant of the 113th Illinois Volunteers, J. B. Atkinson edited the paper. Later, W. F. Keady bought the paper, subsequently selling to the former owner, Mr. Parker, who, in 1869, sold out to Mr. Charles Holt. After that the paper was conducted by Mr. Holt and his sons, Arthur B. and Clarence E. until 1905, when Arthur B. sold his interest to Clarence. Since 1897 the Gazette has published a daily and semi-weekly edition. Charles Holt is a veteran newspaper man, possibly the oldest in point of continuous service in the United States. He is 87 years of age, and connected with the newspaper business for 74 years, having during the war edited the only daily paper in Janesville, Wisconsin. He was later interested in the Quincy Whig. The Gazette and its editor stands for the highest principles in journalism and is republican in politics.

The Kankakee County Democrat was established in 1856 by Cyrus B. Ingham and H. Austin. The subsequent owners and editors were James Green, C. A. Lake, B. A. Fuller,

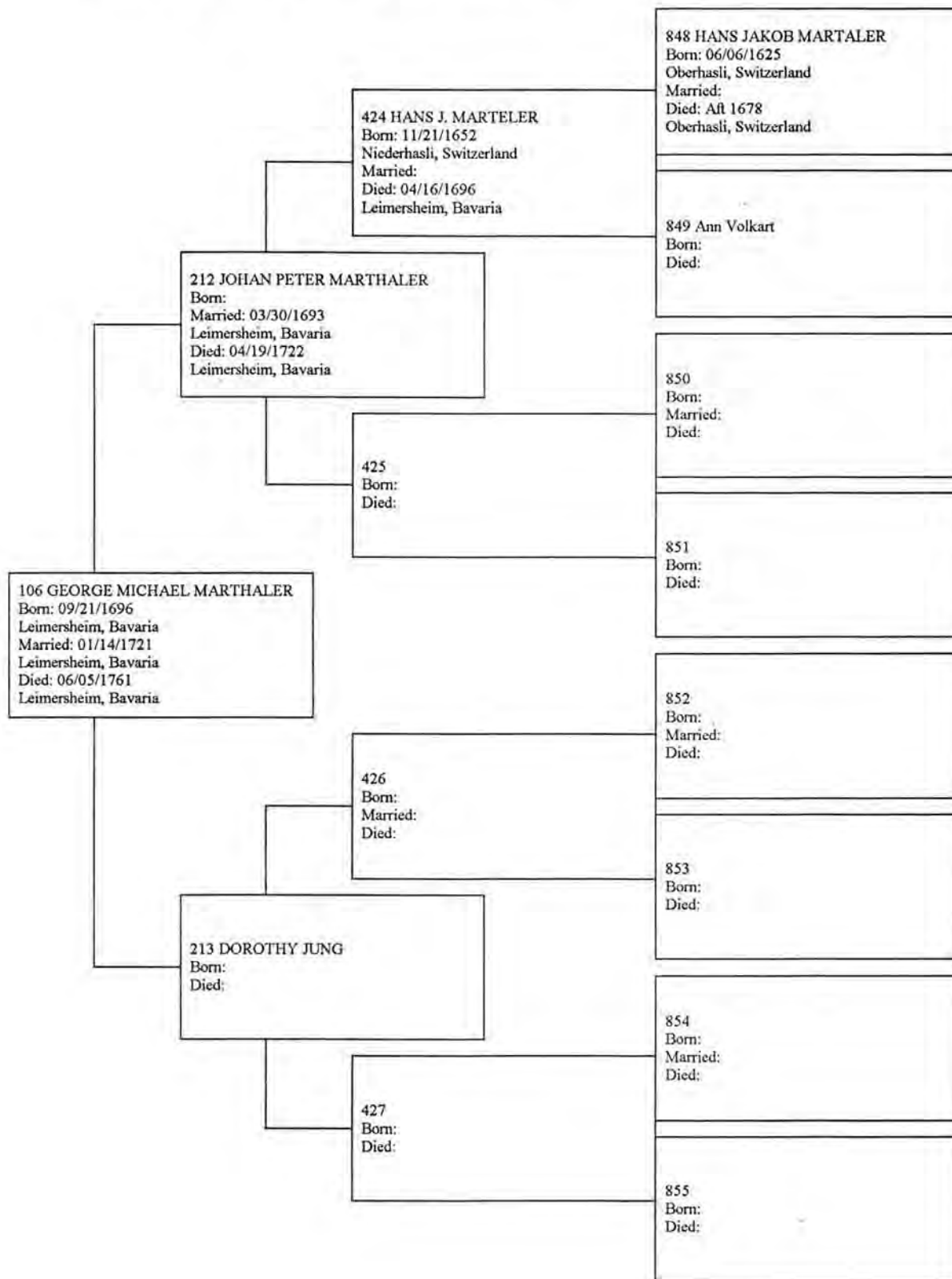


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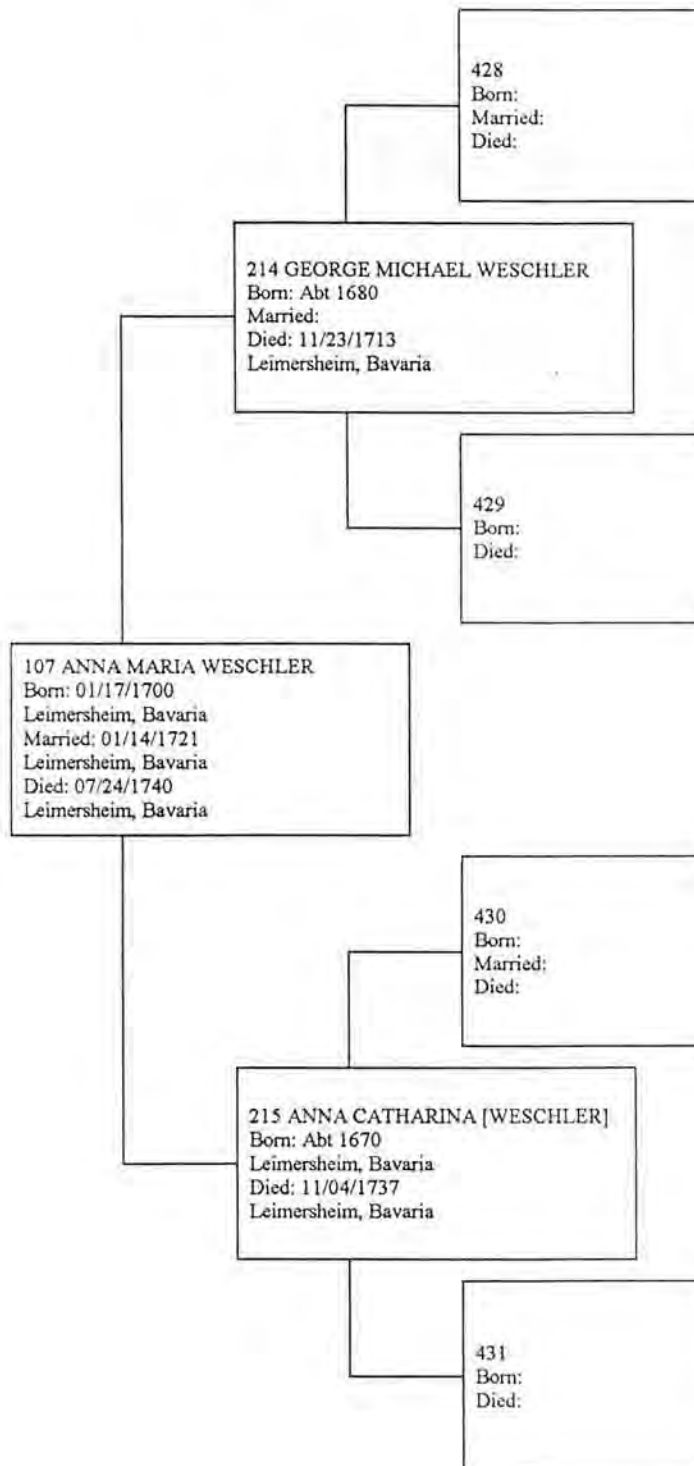


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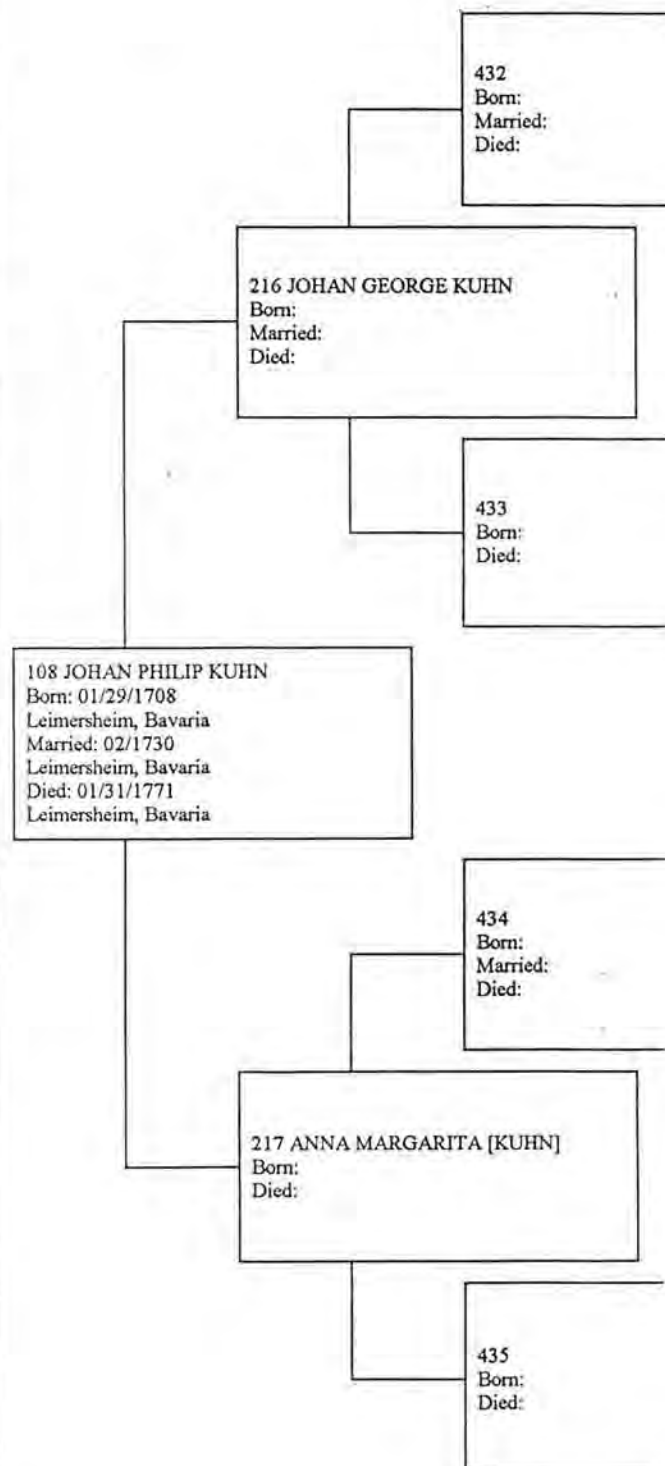


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Lincoln paycheck, genealogy material on Ryan website

SPRINGFIELD — A state paycheck issued to and endorsed by Abraham Lincoln, lost to public view for nearly 50 years, can now be examined on Secretary of State George H. Ryan's Internet site, the "Illinois Gateway."

The \$302 paycheck, recovered last month by Ryan's office after it surfaced in a Chicago auction house, joins several other recent additions to Ryan's homepage including:

■ A guide to Illinois License plates, including the new collegiate plates. Users can order the plates online or click on each collegiate plate to reach the sponsoring college or university's homepage.

■ A new feature for genealogists, which includes access to a state database listing the availability of local records including birth, marriage and death certificates as well as coroner's inquests, wills, land sales and court cases from local governments throughout Illinois.

• And, an on-line form to report changes of address to the secretary of state's office. Users can be assured of getting their license renewal notices sent to the proper address.

"The Internet is an increasingly routine way for Americans to learn about and experience their surroundings," Ryan said.

"Not everyone can travel to our state Archives in Springfield to see the paycheck touched and signed by Lincoln," he added. "But for those with access to the Internet — whether at school, at the office or at their local

library — the Lincoln paycheck can be as close as their computer screen." To view the Lincoln pay warrant on Ryan's Internet site, first click on the "Special Features" button and then on the "Lincoln" feature. Anyone wanting more information can click their way to press releases detailing the paycheck's recovery and the retrieval of five additional Lincoln pay warrants.

Other new features added to the Gateway include:

■ "Election '96," which includes links to 10 sites offering political information and news, including CNN and time magazine's "AllPolitics" service; Congressional Quarterly's "American Voter '96"; and "Politics Now," a service of ABC News, National Journal, the Washington Post, Los Angeles Times and Newsweek.

This site also offers quick access to the homepages of the three major presidential candidates.

■ A feature on the Illinois Authors Book Fair at the Illinois State Library, including a schedule for the Oct. 19 event and a directory of the authors who will be attending.

■ And, the "Illinois Gateway Search Tool," which allows users to search information on the Gateway using a keyword.

Ryan launched his Internet site last February, saying he planned to use it to provide information about his office and Illinois government as well as provide the services of his office in a new way.