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The Limestone Cemetery Book is now Available

QUARTERLY/NEWSLETTER EXTRACTIONS

International Mailings

The German Post Office's change in its way of handling international reply coupons has serious effects on our dealings with German correspondents. The new regulations state that only one IRC can be accepted for any letter or package. Any postal charges in excess of the value of the IRC must be paid in cash by the mailer.

One \$1.05 IRC provides 3 DM of postage for foreign mail to our correspondent. This covers about one sheet of paper and the envelope. That means that postage for any enclosure must be paid for by them? This will make it very expensive for them to send copies of documents. Germans can no longer turn IRC's in for cash. They can be used only for mailing a letter, etc. We will have to be careful not to request unnecessary copies, etc. *St. Louis Genealogical Society News 'n' Notes, Vol. 29, No. 7.*

Cluster Theory

People moved in groups before the Civil War to be relatively safe, and also did so west of the Mississippi until 1890. In order to find a name such as William Smith, try this: Find William Smith in the 1840 TN Census in Rhea Co. Where did he come from? The most likely states, in order, are NC, VA and SC. Then look for him in the 1830 Census without finding a William Smith that you know is yours. So you take the 1840 Census and list the 10 family names before and after William Smith. Then look in the 1830 Census for the rarest of these surnames, then the next rarest, etc., and group them by counties. If you find a William Smith within one of these groups, he's yours (most likely). *Winnebago Boone Co., GS Vol. 11 #3, May 1996.*

Danish Research Tips

When searching for Danish records at a Family History Center, look under a parish's probate section. The names of the farms are given. At the beginning of the Danish fiche, names of the parishes are given and the county each parish is in is given. If a date of birth is not given in the baptismal records, check the confirmation record about 14 years later where the date of birth will be found.

Another tip is to use military levying roles to further your male lines. The father's name is given with the son's name which helps when so many names are similar. This pertains to dates up until about 1860. From 1840 until about 1875, Danes had to check out of parishes when they left and into new parishes upon arrival. It may, therefore, prove helpful if your family was on the move to try for these parish records. *The Scandinavian Saga, Vol. XIII, #2. Aug. 1992.*

GENEALOGY SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

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.

4th Annual Genealogy Seminar

Fox Valley Genealogical Society is hosting a seminar featuring speakers Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, Craig Pfannkuche, Helen Sclar and Loretto Szucs. Topics include *More Land, John?, Civil War Records, Emigration & Naturalization Sources and Necropolitan Cartography*. The seminar takes place at Grace United Methodist Church in Naperville on Saturday, September 27, 1997. For further information, call 630/554-1594.

Tenth Regional Conference on Genealogy

Targeting Your Ancestors will be held at Governors State University on October 4, 1997, featuring speakers Curt Witcher and Paula Malak. Topics include *Beginning Genealogy, Mining the Mother Lode: Using Periodical Literature for Genealogical Research, Surfing the Internet, Reference Sources for Ethnic Research and Effective Use of the Allen Co. Public Library Historical Genealogical Dept.* Registration is \$28 and should be sent to Regional Conference on Genealogy, P.O. Box 24, Wilmington, IL 60481.

KVGS MEETING & MEMBER NEWS

At the June Meeting, our speaker was Linda Green, Reference Librarian at the National Archives in Springfield. The Archives is located between the Capitol & State Museum in Springfield with the following hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 to 4:30/Sat. 8 to 3:30. The following are notes taken from her presentation:

The most used records are the Illinois Death Records, 1916-1945. Copies of death certificates are available at a cost of \$0.50. There are no birth records available for research.

2. All federal censuses are available as well as state censuses from 1820-1865 (1820, 1825, 1830, 1835, 1840, 1845, 1855 & 1865). The only complete state censuses are 1820 and 1855. There is no statewide index for the 1870 census.
3. Civil War Records are available.
4. World War II Bonuses paid by the State are available.
5. Original land records have been computerized (alphabetical by County and legal description) and indexed by County.

State Hospital records are housed at the archives but are not open to the public. A court order is the only means of accessing these records.

7. Records from Joliet, Pontiac and Menard penitentiaries are housed at the archives.

8. The archives is going to a voucher system where you can send in \$5.00 for a voucher and each time you request records, the voucher will be punched for actual use. Eventually, only the voucher system will be used.

The following publications have been donated to the society:

Bergen Records, 1866-1788	If You're a Wee Bit Irish
Second Germanna Colony of 1717	History of New Haven Colony
Old Houses in Rockingham County	Little Nine Partners, Isaac Hunting
	History of Pines Plains/NY
18th Century Documents of the Nine Partners Patent, Dutchess Co., NY	
<i>Donated by Helen King</i>	

1883 Portrait & Biographic of Whiteside County, Illinois, *donated by Steve Goodknecht.*

The society purchased the History of St. Patrick Parish, 1893-1943.

For out-of-town members who wish to obtain vital records, you'll find an *Application for Search of Vital Records* at the back of this quarterly. Complete this form and send to the Clerk's office along with a check for \$7.00 and S.A.S.E.

GREAT & GREAT, GREAT

Searching for information on: Napolian **LeBeau** and wife Elvina/Alvina **Desnoyer**, brothers James S. And Joseph L. LeBeau, Narcisse LeBeau and wife Catherine **Charlebois**, brothers Desire, Pascal, Cyril and Flavien LeBeau. Contact Linda **Casey**, 3229 E. Yale, Phoenix, AZ 85008.

1880 KANKAKEE COUNTY MARRIAGES

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

Bride	Groom	Where From	Date
Maillot, Mary	Arceneau, David	St. Anne/St. Mary	09 Aug 1880
Maillot, Mina	Arceneau, Narcisse	St. Anne/St. Mary	09 Aug 1880
Kent, Mary	Lewis, Emery	Momence	15 May 1880
LaFlamme, Rose	Bessete, Joseph	Bourbonnais/Kankakee	11 Aug 1880
Herring, Lizzie	Odett, John	Kankakee	09 Aug 1880
Deerson, Helene	Siem, Nicholas	Momence/Germany	29 Jul 1880
Chayer, Flora	St. John, Fred	St. Anne	03 Aug 1880
Brayton, Matie A.	Vanderwater, Wm. E.	Manteno	15 Aug 1880
Clement, Julia	Jerrain, Joseph	St. Anne/Papineau	08 Jul 1880
Clark, Minnie	Foster, Wm.	Limestone	10 Jul 1880
Ballou, Alice E.	Richards, Frank	Yellowhead	18 Aug 1880
Stoakley, Mary F.	Myres, John	Momence/Donovan	18 Aug 1880

Bride	Groom	Where From	Date
Koppelmeier, Sarah	Arnold, Jacob	Salina/Chicago	16 Aug 1880
Hatton, Ida May	Dosser, John	Yellowhead	26 Aug 1880
Smith, Ella Ann	Taylor, Henry C.	" /West Creek, IN	29 Aug 1880
Ruger, Emma A.	Smith, Richard R.	Momence	02 Sep 1880
Scroggins, Aldora	Webster, Edgar P.	Essex/Braidwood	01 Sep 1880
Ward, Emma	Lynds, William	Momence	01 Sep 1880
Elliott, Jennie S.	Ellingwood, Dr. Finley	Kankakee/Manteno	01 Sep 1880

1880 KANKAKEE COUNTY BIRTHS

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

<u>Son/Dau.</u>	<u>Parents</u>	Date
Daughter	S. Rakestraw, Aroma	15 Jul 1880
Daughter	Chas. Devereaux, Rockville	14 Aug 1880
Daughter	Edward Senechal, Manteno	11 Aug 1880
Son	Harvey Bromley, Rockville	15 Aug 1880
Daughter	Julien Cloutre, Manteno	20 Aug 1880
Son	Heinrich Krieger, Kankakee	09 Aug 1880
Daughter	Rody Brown, Kankakee	13 Aug 1880
Daughter	Wenzel Konopik, Kankakee	26 Aug 1880
Son	Joseph M. Adams, Kankakee	07 Aug 1880
Daughter	Adam Sauer, Kankakee	19 Aug 1880
Daughter	Benj. Hayhurst, Momence	04 Aug 1880
Daughter	Fred Williams, Rockville	16 Jun 1880 30
Daughter	Chas. A. Warner, Kankakee	Jul 1880 09
Son	Wm. Jacobs, Manteno	Sep 1880*
Son	Milton Rice, Aroma	30 Aug 1880
Son	S. A. Hammond, Otto	31 Aug 1880

*Gazette date.

1880 KANKAKEE COUNTY DEATHS

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

(19 Aug 1880) In Yellowhead, Aug.7, of consumption, Jas. T Odell, aged 39 years.

(19 Aug 1880) In Waldron, Aug. 15, of acute dysentery, Murray Redington, aged 76 years (Deceased was an early settler in this county and a pioneer in the great movement across the plains to California in '49.)

(19 Aug 1880) In Grant Park, Aug 07, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Klehn, aged 6 months and 28 days.

19 Aug 1880) At the setting of the sun, Aug. 11, at the residence of her son-in-law, J. Smith Briggs, Lucinda L. Baker; aged 75 years.

(19 Aug 1880) In this city, Aug. 12, George Thomas Hazelitt, son of Thomas M. and Lizzie Hazelitt.

(19 Aug 1880) In Limestone, Feb. 27, George W. Clark, aged 10 days.

(19 Aug 1880) In Waldron, July 17, Edward G. Snyder, aged 8 months, 27 days.

(19 Aug 1880) In Manteno, July 30, Dora Laroque aged 9 months, 18 days.

(19 Aug 1880) Frank Seimetz, aged 13 years, son of an East avenue shoe merchant, was instantly killed last Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock by freight train No. 16, Nick Murray, conductor, and Sweeney, engineer. The lad had been sent by his father to Ehrich's pasture, a mile up the Central road, for the cow, and had jumped upon the train to ride thither. In attempting to get off at the C., L & C junction he fell under the train and ten cars passed over his body

(26 Aug 1880) In this city, Aug. 25, Jacques Blain, aged 72 years. Funeral at his late residence on Friday.

(26 Aug 1880) In Salina, July 20, Julia E. Daylor, aged 17 years.

(26 Aug 1880) In this city, Aug. 20. of typhoid fever, Andrew Rabst, aged 16 years.

(26 Aug 1880) In Kankakee, Aug. 16, Jessie Grant, daughter of O. N. Steinburg, aged 9 months, 4 days.

(26 Aug 1880) In Limestone, Aug. 17, Freddie Lamb, aged 15 years and 7 days. (The deceased was an excellent boy. Since his father's recent death, he has assumed the care of the farm, and was a stay and comfort to his sorrowing mother.)

(26 Aug 1880) John Godfrey, foreman of a section gang at Cullom, on the Kankakee & Southwestern, was killed last Friday evening near that place while returning from his days work on a hand car. The car was crowded and Godfrey lost his hold and fell off across a rail. The wheels of the car passed across his body crushing him to death. His body was brought to this city of his parents' house for burial. He leaves a wife and one young child. The railroad furnished a special train for the use of the employees who wished to attend the funeral.

(26 Aug 1880) Cornell Farley, a nephew of Dr. Farley, of Buckingham. residing in Ford county, near Kempton, was drowned in the Kankakee river in Rockville, on the Todd farm last Monday. Farley, his father and mother and a neighboring family named Brown, had made a fishing party and were camping on the bank of the river. Young Farley had waded into the river with a pole and line, and as he was leaving the shore was cautioned against the danger of stepping into a deep hole, of which there were several in the bed of the river. He continued wading out and stepping into one of the holes disappeared immediately. One of the men who were present went to his rescue. but could not reach him. The body was recovered as soon as a boat could be procured. An inquest was held by Coroner Licht and a verdict of accidental drowning returned.

(26 Aug 1880) Coroner Licht, of this city, was called to Momence last Saturday to hold an inquest upon the remains of George A. Willis, aged 6 years, who died from injuries received by being thrown upon the railroad track the Monday previous.

(26 Aug 1880) In Cabery, July 21, Wm. Joseph Theis, aged 2 years.

(26 Aug 1880) In this city, Aug. 31, of brain fever, Caspar Zopf, aged 29 years.

(09 Sep 1880) John Smith, well-known to all the residents of this city and the surrounding country as the keeper of the town poor house, died last Monday morning (Sep. 6), after an illness of about

three weeks. The funeral will occur this morning at 10 o'clock at the First M.E. church, and the remains will be buried with Masonic honors.

John Thompson Smith was born in Indiana county, Pa., June 22, 1815. He was married in 1849 in Union county, Pa., to Caroline Orwig, and remained in Union county until 1856, when he became a citizen of Salina township, Kankakee county. In the spring of 1869 he removed to this city and took charge of the town poor and county insane, and this has been his occupation up to the time of his death with the exception of one year. In 1868 he represented in the board of supervisors, and in addition has held several civil offices.

The deceased was a man of the utmost kindness of heart and moral integrity. In all those qualities which make a desirable neighbor, friend and citizen he stood preeminent. He leaves a widow and three grown sons to mourn the loss of an honored husband and parent. The three sons, Erastus W., Calvin K., and George A., are in business at or near Des Moines, Ia., Erastus and George being in the law and Calvin in the practice of medicine. All are here to attend the funeral. By the death of Mr. Smith, Ivanhoe Commandery is called upon to perform the sad rites of burial over its second member within two weeks.

(09 Sep 1880) In Kankakee, Aug. 30, Hedwig Sauer, aged 11 days.

(09 Sep 1880) At the Illinois Eastern Insane Hospital, Aug. 16, of old age, Elias Butler, aged 70 years

(09 Sep 1880) In Kankakee, Saturday morning, September 4th, Alice, daughter of Joseph and Philomene Gelino, aged 17 months.

COUNTY COURT - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 19, 1880.

Final certificates of naturalization issued to Leger Vadboncour and Sever Vadboncour.

Fred Meyer. Claims allowed: German Pub, Co., \$8.50.

August Ehrenphurt. Claims allowed: Wm. Hayhurst, \$10.

Mary J. Preston was appointed guardian of her minor children in bond of \$300.

WALDRON - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 26, 1880.

Our dam having been repaired, the paper and grist mills are again in operation.

Our minister was suddenly called away to Kansas to attend the sick bedside of his brother's wife, who is not expected to recover. His pulpit was supplied by Rev. Mr. Allen, of South Kankakee, on Sunday morning.

H. W Ingals was also called to Marseille by a telegram announcing the sickness of his sister's husband, who is not expected to live.

Arthur Byrns has been employed to teach the fall and winter term of school in district No. 5.

Henry Gitchel has sold his farm of 500 acres and intends to go to Michigan.

ROCKVILLE - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 19, 1880.

Mr. Seward, of Altorf, is building a new barn and granary of considerable dimensions.

Rev. S. F. Meddler delivered his farewell address to an attentive audience at Lancaster school house on last Sunday.

KVGS WEBSITE

Old Maps on Line:

<http://www.loc.gov> is the site for the Library of Congress. They are beginning to put old maps on their site. At present there are only a few maps from 5 states. But more maps are continuously being added, so check the site every once in awhile, you might find what you need. When you get to the Library of Congress site, look for their Panoramic Maps 1847-1909 icon and click there. *Palatines to America, July, 1997.*

Civil War Veteran Index:

<http://www.sos.state.il.us> has an index of 250,000 Illinois soldiers that fought in the Civil War. The index provides the name, company, regiment and home town of each person. You search the index by surname and then need to pick out your ancestor from the list of those with that surname or similar. You may need to use a variety of possibilities since Civil War records were not always spelled as they are today.

It is a big help in researching the record of an ancestor. With the company and regiment identified, you can trace other information at the Illinois State Archives, such as wounds, enrollment date, discharge, color of hair and eyes, others in the same company, etc. The Civil War Index was created and donated to the Illinois State Archives by Fred Delap of Kansas, Edgar County, IL. He spent two years gathering the data and creating the index. When you use the Web address above, you go to the Secretary of State's Web site. Then select the Special Features section. While you are at the Secretary of State's site, you might want to also check out the section on **Genealogy**. *Palatines to America, July, 1997.*

Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet:

<http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/sites.htm> is a treasure trove of recommended sites. Cyndi has collected more than 5,150 links and cross-referenced them in more than 45 categories, including ethnicities, nationalities, libraries and archives of land records. Cyndi also has compiled a helpful section of terms and phrases with a discussion of common gravestone images, obsolete occupations and illnesses that no longer plague us but may have killed our progenitors. *Chip Chat by Rebecca Banks Zakin.*

Libraries with Nationwide Genealogical Collections and Online-Accessible Catalogs:

The Library of Congress	http://lcweb.loc.gov
Newberry Library	http://192.231.205.235/
Allen County Public Library	http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/
New York Public Library	http://www.nypl.org/
Brigham Young University Library	http://www.lib.byu.edu/
Detroit Public Library	http://www.detroit.lib.mi.us/
Angeles Public Library Dallas	http://www.lapl.org/
Public Library Mid Continent	http://205.165.160.15/
Public Library Sutro Library	http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/
	http://sfpl.lib.ca.us/gencoll/gencolsu.htm

Website for Books:

A very interesting website is <http://www.arnazon.com>. This is an online bookstore with over 1,000,000 books available. To buy, you must use a credit card or other means. You can, however, use this as a search tool for books. Try it and see how it works.

Illinois Public Domain Land Sales:

The index to Illinois public domain land sales can be consulted 1) alphabetically by purchasers' surname or 2) alphabetically by county and purchaser. The public domain land tract sales database may also be searched. It is on a server at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Researchers may access the public domain land tract sales database at the following URL address: <gopher://gopher.uic.edu:70/11/library/libdb/landsale>.

PILOT - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 19, 1880.

Martin Enders sets up the cigars this time; it's a girl.

Services commemorative of Mrs. George Avery, who died in February last, it will be remembered, were held at Mr. Avery's residence on yesterday. The Rev. E. R. Davis, of Chicago, preached an excellent sermon from 2d Corinthians, 5:1 and 6, after which was profusely and beautifully decorated with flowers.

Johnnie Inkster attained his majority on Sunday, 15th inst. Johnnie is one of our finest young men, and we hope will long remain with us.

Active preparations are being made for the erection of a church edifice, at Herscher, to be occupied by the Presbyterians. On Saturday last a stone "bee" was held. It was intended to have all the stone needed for the foundation brought in one day, provided enough men and teams offered their services. Unfortunately, however, for the progress of the work, but one team was on hand. Albert Ayres, with his team, accompanied by Mr. McLaury, proceeded to the quarry and got a load. On their return trip one of the tires ran off and they were obliged to unload, fix the wheel, and unload, fix the wheel, and reload. After taking dinner at Wm. Wildman's they came on all right, despite the heat and dust. Notwithstanding the trouble a commencement was made in the erection of Herscher's first church building.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 9, 1880.

The foundation is being laid of a building 20 x 32 erected by John Herscher. It will be rented for store purposes. Phil. Herscher is erecting a building 22 x 50, two stories high, with a wing 22 x 28, to be used as a dwelling house and store.

Austin Ewing is out of the meat business now. Charlie Penfield and Robert Wright have bought him out and will carry on the bloody work.

Jay Fetterly has opened a harness shop in Schelling's old stand. He is a good workman and at present has all he can attend to.

James Bowlby has sole charge of the hardware business, having purchased Mr. Penfield's interest. J.

S. Brazier dropped school duties in the Centre district last Tuesday.

Ed. Amidon and John Delay, each with his better half, have gone to Danville. Illinois, on a visit.

Ex-town clerk Albert A. Ayres and wife, accompanied by Eugene Comstock and wife, have gone to Rantoul to visit "Brink" Serrine. They expected to be at Champaign on Saturday last to take in Senator Logan's speech.

The services of Mr. Henry Bergh, of New York city, are needed in our little town of Herscher. It is a shame for men to leave their teams tied to a post from morning till night while they themselves are playing cards or pool and guzzling beer at the saloons.

Two surprise parties were held last week. One in honor of Miss Maggie Shields' eighteenth birthday; the other given to Jimmie Slater, who counts his years at seventeen. Both were well attended and enjoyable.

A man giving his name as George Phylar, with his wife and five children, are stopping in this neighborhood. He says they are from York County, Nebraska, and are on their way to Washington County, Pennsylvania. They left Nebraska three months ago on account of the drouth and have walked all the way dragging a two-wheeled vehicle behind them. They say that their three-year old child has not ridden a half mile while on the way, but we don't believe it; and furthermore think that if the man had any energy he might get work and soon earn enough to pay their way East and not travel in this manner, begging their living.

SAINT GEORGE PARISH

Excerpts taken from Lisieux News, Volume 1, #3 (St. Rose Parish Bulletin), January, 1997.

St. George Church and its surrounding area were named after St. George Di'Henriville, Canada, where many of the people had migrated from and as was the custom at the time, they named their new home after the old. St. George was also called "les Petit Isles", which is French for "The Little Islands". The area was rather low and close to Exline Creek which frequently overflowed in heavy rains. Because of the poor or slow drainage, when the water began to recede the high spots appeared to be islands. It was on one of these "islands" that the people built a small wood frame church in 1848 and dedicated it to St. George.

This small mission chapel, built on land donated by Hilaire Lanoux, was served by the priests of Maternity BVM parish in Bourbonnais. Rev. Epiphane Lapointe was appointed pastor in 1853. A

year later a larger wooded chapel was built. In 1858, it too was replaced as the congregation continued to grow and St. George became an established parish with a pastor in residence. The first stone structure was built in January of 1869 when Rev. Pierre Paradis was pastor. It was destroyed a few months later in an April tornado. As discouraging as this might have been, the parishioners wasted no time in planning for and building a new church. The parishioners spent many hours volunteering their time and expertise to build the church whose outer walls survive today. In 1872, this second church was completed, built of stone quarried from the Kankakee River bed. Rev. Prosper Beaudry was pastor.

Also during Father Beaudry's tenure in 1876, a school for boys, ages 10 through 24 was begun in the basement of St. George Church. A school was run by the brothers of the Clerics of St. Viator from St. Viator's College in Bourbonnais Brother Mainville was the first teacher. English, French, Latin and music were part of the curriculum. The school remained open until 1888.

In 1889, a brick convent was built next to St. George Church for the sisters of St. Joseph, Concordia, Kansas. The building housed the sisters, student borders and a grade school which became the public school staffed for the sisters. The original public school was a frame building located about a mile east of the village. As the parish and the village grew, this structure was moved to St. George. After the convent was built as a replacement in 1889, the old school was moved a third time and attached to the new convent as a kitchen and dining room. Later when a new addition was added onto the convent, the old school was moved a third time and used as a private residence. In 1913 a private high school was added which became a two-year public school in 1922. The high school closed in 1924. All classes were taught in the convent until 1924 when the school district built a new public school.

In 1892 a small parish hall was completed under the pastorship of Rev. Armand L. LaBrie. Five years later, in 1897, Rev. Onesime Boudreau built a new rectory where St. George's current pastor lives today. Rev. Francis V. Chouinard, CSV, served as the first Viatorian pastor from 1898-1903. New bells, a slate roof and new stations were added under his guidance.

In the early 1900's tragedy struck again in the guise of a tornado. The storm took off the roof and heavily damaged the 1872 church and the cemetery which dated back to 1848. Once again, the people of St. George persevered, rebuilding the church and making the needed repairs. Many of the lost or ruined tombstones were never replaced, but out of respect, this section of the cemetery has not been used for burial since that time. The church was well known for its beautiful carved woodwork and paintings of the stations of the cross. Rev. A. J. Tardiff was pastor. No new buildings or major improvements or renovations were made for many years. The parish survived two world wars, the Great Depression of the 1930's and yet another tornado in 1954. Although the church and surrounding building were not damaged, many who lived within a mile or two of the village suffered tremendous damage.

As the people of St. George Parish celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the present parish in 1997, they look to their ancestors in gratitude for providing a church community to take care of their religious aspirations. They are willing to meet the challenges they face today to provide the same faith opportunities for future generations.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

Excerpts taken from Lisieux News, Volume 1, #6 (St. Rose Parish Bulletin), April, 1997.

In the late 1800's, the Kankakee area was a place of several different ethnic groups. There were French, French-Canadian, German, Polish, and Irish, each with their own "National Parish". In the year 1900, Father William Hackett, the pastor of St. Patrick Church in Kankakee, organized the

Bradley Catholic community as a Mission Church to serve the needs of the area's English speaking people. Since Bradley was then (and still is) largely made up of working class people, Fr. Hackett chose St. Joseph, the patron saint of workers, as the name of this new Church Community.

Over the next several years, Fr. Hackett and his assistant, Fr. Matthew Hanley, as well as their successors, Fr. T. J. Whalen and Fr. John P. Aylward would offer Mass with the people at several different locations. The first site was Norris Ulmstead Hall, the Woodman Hall on Broadway Street. A home on Grand Avenue was also used for a brief period.

In 1904, Archbishop James Edward Quigley, of Chicago, raised St. Joseph Mission to the status of "a parish with a resident priest". Fr. Joseph Avila Milot was the first pastor of this newly created parish of 136 families. Fr. Milot immediately moved the celebration of Mass from the hall on Broadway to a rented Baptist Church on Center Avenue. Two and a half years later, on January 20, 1907, the Rt. Rev. P. J. Muldoon dedicated St. Joseph's first permanent church building. Erected on Center Avenue, and now used as the south wing of St. Joseph School, the building was 85 feet long and 50 feet wide. It cost \$20,000 and at the time housed both the church and the rectory.

The brick facade, a belfry, and a brass bell were added some months later. That bell, named "James Edward Joseph", now sets in the courtyard between the church and school buildings. It is inscribed with its name and the names of the parish, first pastor, and village, and A.D. 1907. Although now silent, "Joseph" proudly recalls the founding of Bradley's first and only Catholic parish.

During the pastorate of Fr. Harris Darche (1923-37), St. Joseph Parish saw an explosion of parish organizations. Some of these are: the Daughters of Isabella, Darche Circle, bearing his name; the Holy Name Society, still in existence today; the C.Y.O., which in 1931 won the Chicago Archdiocesan baseball championship at Cubs Park in Chicago and also won several basketball championships; and the Young People's Club. The parish's annual "Fall Festival" owes its origins to Fr. Darche also. He first organized it as an annual "Homecoming Festival" to raise funds during the great depression.

The years after World War II were years of tremendous growth for Bradley and for St. Joseph Parish. From 1940 to 1957, the number of families grew from 400 to over 750. The then-current pastor, Fr. Raymond Bemeau, undertook a massive renovation of the parish facilities. The present convent was built, and in its basement was located a parish hall. The church was also moved from the second floor to the first floor of today's school's south wing in order to better accommodate the elderly and funeral processions.

The history of the school is also owed in great part to the Dominican Sisters from Springfield, Illinois. In 1924, Sister Mary Dionysius, Sister Mary Leonarda, and Sister Joseph Marie were the first faculty of the school. From then until 1955, the Sisters' numbers rose from three to ten. Today, the convent has five Sisters - four Springfield Dominicans and one Joliet Franciscan. Three of the Sisters work in St. Joseph School and one heads the Religious Education program for the parish's adults and public school students.

MOMENCE - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 19, 1880.

Wm. W. Parish, Jr., started on Friday last in company with Tom Williams of Naples, for Colorado. They have a sheep speculation in view.

George Hoag recently lost a horse he has owned for twenty-eight years. The old fellow did good service at hard work for twenty-eight years of that time and has taken the blue ribbon at two state fairs and numerous county fairs as a draft horse. He was a little over thirty years old.

The Dexter Creamery at Grant is now making 1000 pounds of butter per day. There are five teams gathering cream for the establishment.

LOCAL NEWS - 1880

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 19, 1880.

Dr. Small has been elected president and R. Lavery clerk of the board of education for the coming year.

There are 92 patients at the asylum. The accommodations are over-crowded, and applications have to be refused every day.

Charles Dunwoody, a brakeman on freight train No. 18, on the C., L & C road, bound east, had his arm crushed off above the elbow at Sheldon one morning last week while coupling two Empire line cars.

Mr. Paquin's Court street building has reached that stage of completion where its beauties are beginning to be manifest. It is to be the finest business structure in the city, beyond a doubt.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 26, 1880.

Mrs. Geo. C. Medbury, the wife of a well-known business man at Chebanse, died at Chicago recently from the effects of a surgical operation. She was a much respected lady.

W. Vining, of Limestone, brought into market the first load of new corn. He was the first in market last year, on the 3d of September. This year he beats last year's time 11 days. The quality if No. 1 and the ears large and full.

We desire to call attention to the large advertisement of A. B. Chapman, the boot and shoe dealer. Mr. Chapman keeps the finest and largest stock of goods in the city, and in all his dealings is honorable, prompt and pleasant. Give him a call.

F. H. Bauermister, of Yellowhead, well-known in that part of the county as a school teacher, has removed to Seneca, Kansas, and taken up with mercantile pursuits.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 9, 1880.

Last Saturday, Napoleon Bergeron returned from Muskegon with the returns of his brother-in-law, Norbert De Rouen, who was drowned in the lake at that place. From all that Mr. B. could learn the drowning was accidental. The deceased resided here from April last until a week or so ago, clerking meantime in Swannell's store.

A singular case of apparent death occurred recently in Aroma township. The 17-days old child of S. Rakestraw was attacked by cerebro spinal meningitis, and after suffering a short time seemingly died in the arms of a neighbor. Dreading to disclose the fact to the mother the neighbor held the child about twenty minutes and when laying it down was astonished to see it resume its breathing. A short time afterward the child was again stricken with the death chill and when the physician arrived he pronounced it dead and went away. Nevertheless the child's animation returned and after a time passed for a third time into a seeming state of dissolution. Dr. Scott was then called in and applied such remedies as he believed would be effectual and in twenty minutes had the satisfaction of seeing the child partaking of its natural nourishment. It is now well and fat.

KANKAKEE COUNTY SCHOOL RECORDS

The following records are from Manteno Township. 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). Original spellings have been typed as written.

No.	Date	In Whose Favor Drawn	For What Purpose	Amount
269	20 Jan 1899	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
270	25 Jan 1899	W. J. Schroeder	For delivering coal, order Book & School House Supplies	\$4.80
271	25 Jan 1899	L. Euziere	For coal	\$8.90
272	25 Feb 1899	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
273	11 Feb 1899	Silas Langlois	For janitor services	\$2.00
178	29 Apr 1899	Theose Langlois	For cleaning school	2.00
180	31 May 1899	Bertha M. Harvey	For teaching one month	
182	30 Jun 1899	Bertha M. Harvey	For teaching one month	
	19 Aug 1899	Geo. Langlois	For racers & broom, labor & chalk	2.70
	19 Aug 1899	E. W. Peters	For flooring, nails & screws	25.03
	19 Aug 1899	Oliver Hubert	Labor carpenter	8.00
179	29 Apr 1899	Leon Euziere	For interest on school house	21.00
184	18 Oct 1899	Zephiere G. Larocque	Teaching one month	
	26 Dec 1899	Geo. Langlois	One box chalk	
185	02 Mar 1900	Zephiere S. Larocque	For teaching one month	
186	02 Mar 1900	Zephiere S. Larocque	For teaching one month	
187	05 Mar 1900	Leon Euziere	For coal	10.80
188	05 Mar 1900	G. Langlois	For box chalk, lights & 2 loads coal	23.00
189	07 Apr 1900	Leon Euziere	Interest on school house	10.50
190	23 Apr 1900	Eva Dubois	For scrubbing school	
191	29 May 1900	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
192	29 Jun 1900	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
193	06 Oct 1900	George Langlois	1 Coal Pail, 2 Racers & 3 Towels	1.10
	06 Oct 1900	George Langlois	1 Broom & 1 Box Chalk	.85
	06 Oct 1900	George Langlois	1 Porch put up	
194	13 Oct 1900	Leon Euziere	Interest on school	
195	22 Oct 1900	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
196	02 Nov 1900	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
197	28 Nov 1900	W. Breen	For insurance	
198	19 Dec 1900	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
199	28 Jan 1901	Leon Euziere	For coal delivered	
200	21 Feb 1901	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
201	19 Mar 1901	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
202	04 Apr 1901	Harry Parker	For janitor service	
203	17 Apr 1901	Leon Euziere	Interest on school house	10.50
204	17 Apr 1901	Laura Lawrence	For teaching one month	
205	19 Apr 1901	Geo. Langlois	For keeping books	
206	27 Apr 1901	Geo. Langlois	Blackboard put up	
207	07 May 1901	Louisa Dubois	For scrubbing school house	2.00
208	03 Jul 1901	Elsie Jackson	For teaching 2 months	
209	14 Sep 1901	Nelson Dupries	For wire & posts fence put up	35.00
210	04 Oct 1901	Minnie M. Smith	For teaching one month	

No.	Date	In Whose Favor Drawn	For What Purpose	Amount
211	26 Oct 1901	Alex Bonneau	For lights and labor	3.00
212	05 Nov 1901	Minnie M. Smith	For teaching one month	
213	05 Dec 1901	Minnie M. Smith	For teaching one month	
214	13 Dec 1901	Leon Euziere	For interest on school house	10.50
215	28 Dec 1901	Leon Euziere	For coal delivered	13.10
216	15 Jan 1902	Minnie M. Smith	For teaching one month	
217	15 Mar 1902	Minnie M. Smith	For teaching one month	
218	15 Mar 1902	Harry Parker	For janitor service	8.00
219	05 Apr 1902	Leon Euziere	For interest on school	10.50
220	05 Apr 1902	Geo. Langlois	For handling books	5.00
221	02 May 1902	Harry Parker	Cleaning school house	2.75
222	05 Jun 1902	Elsie Beauregard	For teaching one month	
223	17 Jun 1902	Elsie Beauregard	For teaching one month	
224	02 Oct 1902	Elsie Beauregard	For teaching one month	
225	30 Nov 1902	Elsie Beauregard	For teaching one month	
224	08 Sep 1902	A. H. Meyer	Repairing school buildings	16.75
226	28 Oct 1902	Peter J. Harvey	Lumber and hardware	46.53
227	03 Dec 1902	Elsie Beauregard	For teaching one month	
228	05 Jan 1903	Elsie Beauregard	For teaching one month	
230	02 Feb 1903	Peter J. Harvey	School supplies	3.60
231	02 Feb 1903	D. W. Dole	Coat delivered	5.40
232	25 Feb 1903	Leon Euzere	Coat delivered	9.50
230	09 Mar 1903	Elsie Beauregard	For teaching one month	
233	30 Mar 1903	Harry Parker	Janitor	7.00
234	10 Apr 1903	V. W. Lawrence	Services as clerk	5.00
235	10 Apr 1903	Leon Euziere	Interest one year	21.00
237	26 May 1903	Louis Dubois	Cleaning school house	2.70
236	26 May 1903	Elsie Beauregard	For teaching one month	
237	02 Jul 1903	Elsie Beauregard	For teaching one month	
238	12 Sep 1903	Leon Euzere	To apply on school debt	100.00
239	30 Sep 1903	Elsie Beauregarde	For teaching one month	
240	28 Sep 1903	Wm. Bell	Paint and painting	43.70
241	30 Sep 1903	Leon Euziere	Interest six months	7.00
242	30 Oct 1903	Elsie Beauregarde	For teaching one month	
243	01 Dec 1903	Elsie Beauregarde	For teaching one month	
245	12 Jan 1904	Leon Euziere	Coat delivered	7.50
244	04 Jan 1904	Elsie Beauregarde	For teaching one month	
246	12 Jan 1904	Peter J. Harvey	Stone grate & broom	1.50
247	20 Jan 1904	Leon Euziere	Coal delivered	7.50
248	02 Feb 1904	Elsie Beauregarde	For teaching one month	
249	03 Mar 1904	Elsie Beauregarde	For teaching one month	
250	05 Mar 1904	Russell Parker	Janitor services	6.00
251	01 Apr 1904	Leon Euziere	Interest	7.00
252	10 Apr 1904	V. W. Lawrence	Clerk services	5.00
253	19 Jun 1904	Louis Deboys	Cleaning school	3.00
254	07 Oct 1904	Elsie Beauregarde	For teaching one month	
255	04 Nov 1904	Elsie Beauregarde	For teaching one month	
256	12 Nov 1904	Dr. ze Rouleau	Order book and broom	1.35
256	07 Dec 1904	Elsie Beauregarde	For teaching one month	

No.	Date	In Whose Favor Drawn	For What Purpose	Amount
257	07 Jan 1905	Elsie Beauregarde	For teaching one month	
258	12 Jan 1905	Leon Euziere	Coat delivered	13.12
259	08 Feb 1905	Elsie Beauregarde	For teaching one month	
260	08 Mar 1905	Elsie Beauregarde	For teaching one month	
261	08 Mar 1905	Leon Euziere	Coat delivered	5.15
262	03 Apr 1905	Arthur Deubois	Janitor	8.00
263	03 Apr 1905	Leon Euziere	For interest one year	14.00
264	07 Apr 1905	Elsie Beauregard	For teaching one month	
265	15 Apr 1905	Geo. Langlois	For clerk service	5.00
266	23 May 1905	Elsie Beauregarde	Teaching one month	
267	09 Sep 1905	Mary Parker	For cleaning school house	3.00
268	09 Sep 1905	Nelson Dupuis	Mowing grass, broom, pail, erasers	1.50
269	27 Sep 1905	Nelson Dupuis	Coal shovel	1.25
270	07 Oct 1905	Lura Beard	Teaching one month	
271	23 Oct 1905	H. Mongeau	Stove, stove pipe elbow	30.90
272	23 Oct 1905	Leon Euzier	Coal delivered	6.42
273	15 Nov 1905	Lura Beard	Teaching one month	
274	25 Nov 1905	Nelson Dupuis	Coal pail	.50
275	09 Dec 1905	Lura Beard	For teaching one month	
276	16 Dec 1905	A. E. Laturneau	Daily register, chalk	1.16
277	03 Jan 1906	Leon Euzier	Coal delivered	7.78
278	12 Jan 1906	Lura Beard	Teaching one month	
279	20 Jan 1906	Nelson Dupuis	Six lite 9 x 14 put in	2.00
280	09 Feb 1906	Lura Beard	For teaching one month	
281	26 Feb 1906	Russell Parker	Janitor services	6.00
282	05 Apr 1906	Nelson Dupuis	Clerk services	5.00
283	03 May 1906	Leon Euzier	Interest on money	21.00
284	12 Sep 1906	Russell Parker	Cleaning school house	3.00
285	04 Oct 1906	Elsie Beauregard	Teaching one month	
286	06 Oct 1906	Leon Euzier	For int. On \$200.00 to Apr 1907	7.00
287	06 Oct 1906	Nelson Dupuis	Broom, dipper, chalk, 9x14 lights cut in	1.90
288	05 Nov 1906	Elsie Buregard	Teaching one month	
289	04 Dec 1906	Elsie Buregard	Teaching one month	
290	11 Jan 1907	Elsie Beauregard	Teaching one month & making fire	
291	11 Jan 1907	Leon Euzier	Coal	6.40
292	13 Feb 1907	Elsie Beauregard	Teaching one month	
293	20 Mar 1907	Elsie Beauregard	Teaching one month	
294	28 Mar 1907	Leon Euzier	Interest on \$200.00 fore six months	7.00
295	28 Mar 1907	Silas Langlois	Fore hailing coal	2.00
296	28 Mar 1907	Nelson Dupuis	Clark services	5.00
297	08 May 1907	Russell Parker	Cleaning school house	3.00
298	30 Aug 1907	Nelson Dupuis	Lights, door lock put in	2.50
299	31 Aug 1907	Leon Euzier	Deat on school house	200.00
300	04 Oct 1907	Juliet Fortier	Teaching one month	
301	24 Oct 1907	Leon Euzier	Coal delivered	9.50
302	01 Nov 1907	Juliet Fortier	Teaching one month	
303	16 Nov 1907	Nelson Dupuis	6 stove pipe put in	2.00
304	04 Dec 1907	Juliet Fortier	Teaching one month	
305	04 Dec 1907	Juliet Fortier	Close school remaining term	
306	04 Dec 1907	Nelson Dupuis	Expenses ging to KKK	3.00

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W. H. Bristol, and J. B. and Gabriel Durham, upon whose departure for the seat of war the publication of the paper was suspended.

In 1862, The County Union, a democratic paper, was established by C. B. Ingham, but discontinued after a few years.

The Kankakee Review was launched by N. H. Taylor, who later sold an interest to Thomas Kelley. With the sale of the paper to W. F. Keady, the name was changed to the Kankakee Times, owned since by George B. Keady, Livingston and Keady, Livingston and Shaw, C. E. Livingston, Livingston and Burroughs, and Dunlap and Livingston, and has since continued such publications under the regime of Dunlap & Livingston, with Dunlap as editor and Livingston as business manager. In March, 1903, the paper was incorporated as the Kankakee Republican company, other parties purchasing a controlling interest in the paper, while Dunlap & Livingston retain their respective positions until about May, 1905, when a change was made, Messrs. Dunlap & Livingston resigning. Mr. M. Bassett, late of Matoon, was employed as editor and is at this time acting as such. The paper has a good patronage and is republican in politics. Under the regime of C. E. Livingston the paper established a daily and issued also a semi-weekly edition.

The Courier d'Illinois, with A. Granpre as editor, was established in 1868 by a number of French citizens. This paper which was republican in politics, was removed by its proprietor to Chicago.

June 1, 1885, The Evening Democrat, a semi-weekly, began its existence under R. H. Ballinger, as the Kankakee Chief, with E. H. Bintliff as editor. In November, 1887, the plant was sold to Alfred Doolittle, who changed the name to the Kankakee County Democrat. W. J. Brock purchased a half-interest in this paper, July 1, 1888, and in February, 1891, purchased Mr. Doolittle's share. In January, 1892, Mr. Brock sold to the present owners, Collins and Smith, who, in February, of that year, began the publication of The Evening Democrat, which now has a daily circulation of 2,300. The Semi-Weekly was first published in 1892. Its circulation is 3,330:

The Kankakee Sun, a semi-weekly was started by Edwin Beard and H. L. Sammons, May, 1893. A year later a stock company was formed and the name was changed to

Herald, and was conducted as a daily until May, 1895, when the plant was sold out and the paper discontinued.

The Herscher New Era, established by W. M. Alford, in 1896, with Rolla McClure as editor, and since owned and published by W. H. James, J. V. Gilborne, George H. Cannon, D. M. Breneisa, and Cannon Bros., is at present owned and published by Andrew Christiansen. Under Mr. Breneisa the name of the paper was changed from New Era to The Herscher Pilot.

The Manteno Independent, a breezy republican weekly, established in 1886, is owned by F. S. Breen, and ably edited by James Breen.

Other papers published in the county are The Momence Reporter, which has since been consolidated with the Momence Press, under the name of the Momence Press-Reporter, republican in politics and edited and published by C. B. McNichols.

The Momence Progress, published by the Houck Brothers is a bright newsy sheet that assists in the exploitation of the advantages of Momence as a business and residence place.

The Chebanse Herald, republican in politics, was established in 1868, and edited by Hon. Thos. S. Sawyer. The proprietors and editors since have been R. J. Eyerley, W. H. Overhue, B. E. Burroughs and R. W. Lane.

The first newspaper published in St. Anne was the weekly Blade, founded in 1884, and edited by Mr. De Jaenett. At first independent in politics, it became a warm supporter of the democratic side of the campaign then in progress, thereby losing the majority of its patrons, who were republicans. The Blade was succeeded by the Register, which enjoyed a brief existence under the editorial regime of Edward Delibac. The temporary suspension of newspaper activity in the town was remedied in 1890, when Thomas Johnson founded the St. Anne Record, - now owned and edited by

E. G. Bentall.

The Record, a wide awake and high standard periodical, remained the sole news dispensing factor in the community until July, 1905, when Salem Ely, at one time editor of the Record, established the St. Anne Tribune. Both papers are weeklies, both are guided by men conscious of the growing responsibility incident to their calling, and both **profit** by--a

liberal advertising and general patronage.

The Reddick Telephone is considered one of the snappiest weeklies published in the west. It is edited and published by Frank H. Robertson at Reddick.

The Reddick Journal is a weekly published at Reddick by a stock company which also controls other papers in the state.

The Grant Park Anchor, republican in politics and is published weekly by J. M. Hanlon.

CHAPTER XXI.

Soldiers Monument and Parrott Guns in Court House Square Due to Effort of Whipple Post—The Public Fountain.

[By Dr. A. S. Cutler.]

Regarding the erection of the soldiers' monument in the court house square, Dr. A. S. Cutler, of Rockwood, Tennessee, formerly of this city, says:

"It was at a meeting of Whipple Post, 414, G. A. R., of Kankakee, about September 20, 1885, that the following committees were appointed to take action on the matter:

Executive Committee: Dr. A. S. Cutler, chairman, Major W. W. Todd, Ed. Teed, George Woodruff, J. W. Clark.

Finance Committee: W. F. Kenaga, chairman, C. P. Livingston, M. Erzinger, Fred Bernier, Milford Enyart.

Colonel H. C. Clarke was made treasurer of the movement.

I copy the following from the Kankakee Times of September 23, 1885:

"The laudable object of erecting a soldiers' monument should enlist not only the interest but liberal cash contributions of all our citizens. Our country's sons who perished that the old flag might float over a free and undivided people, in the names of their deaths reflected great honor on the county that sent them to the front, and it IS but paying a just debt to their glorious memories that we, who enjoy today the fruits of their noble deeds, should erect a monument which shall be to all coming

time a reminder of their patriotism and courage and of our enduring gratitude.

"It is intended that the monument shall cost in the vicinity of \$6,000. If our people respond as they should, it will not be difficult to raise that amount of money for such a cause.

"Remember that this monument is not to commemorate alone the brave life or noble death of some general who was great, because the rank and file who fought under him were great; but it is to be erected to the memory of your fathers and brothers and sons. Let the contributions be liberal and a monument will be erected of which we shall all be proud."

In the Kankakee Times, under the date of October 7, 1885, I find the following article by W. F. Kenaga, chairman of the finance committee:

"At a meeting of the G. A. R. post in Kankakee, it was determined to erect in the court house square, a monument to the memory of the soldiers of this county, who participated in the late Civil War. It is more than twenty years since the war of the rebellion closed and the Government acknowledged to be a Union and not a confederation of states.. Our county furnished her full quota of troops, and her sons lie buried on every battlefield from the blue Potomac to the Gulf. Others have since gone to join the silent majority, who had, in the providence of God, been allowed to return to their homes. Of those who signed the muster roll, but few are left to gather around the camp-fire. Another generation has grown up which knows practically nothing of the terrible sacrifices made or the suffering endured; therefore to commemorate the heroic deeds of the dead and living soldiers, what more impressive object-lesson for the future generations than a soldiers' monument?

"It is desired that every resident of the county shall have a part in the undertaking." I well remember my interview with the first subscriber, Hon. Emory Cobb. Let every old soldier- of Kankakee county^y revere his name and memory until the last be summoned to the eternal camping ground. The subscription was \$400, and as he handed the paper back to

me it was with this remark: "There doctor, if that isn't enough, come back and get some more." The only reply I was able to make was, "Mr. Cobb, the monument will be erected," and then thanked him as best I could.

In the specifications I notice that the material was to be of the best Cape Ann or Quincy, Massachusetts, granite, free from imperfections.

The dimensions are as follows:

Base, 6'x6'x1' 9"; Plinth, 4'x4'x1' 3"; Die, 3'x3'x5"; Cap, 4'2"x4'2"x1'6".

The plinth is to have the date in raised letters in a sunken pane and the die is to have one hundred letters two and one-quarter inches long and one-quarter of an inch deep, with faces polished; all other exposed surfaces are to be of the best light cut work. The statute, surmounting the monument, is to be of a soldier at parade rest, of standard copper bronze, seven feet in height, and to weigh eight hundred and fifty pounds, or upwards.

The executive committee reserved the right to reject any or all bids. The monument is nearly a duplicate of the soldiers' monument in Mount Auburn Cemetery, near Boston, Massachusetts, that cost \$6,000 and is to be its equal in every respect.

The foundation is of Kankakee limestone, eight feet square and five feet deep. The top foundation is a solid block of Chester limestone, six feet four inches square, and eight inches thick. The entire cost of the monument was procured by the liberal contributions of a patriotic people.

PARROTT GUNS.

The two Parrott guns in the Court House Square were procured from the United States Ordnance Department on requisition from Whipple Post, G. A. R. The board of supervisors, on request, voted unanimously to bear all expense of freight and place the guns where they are. The guns have no historical value, never having been used. They were a part of the ordnance on hand at the close of the Civil war, They were placed in 1897 and with the monument are silent reminders of the dark and bloody days of the Civil war.

FOUNTAIN.

In March, 1887, Mayor F. D. Radeke stated to the board of supervisors that the city of

Kankakee had a franchise concession from the water company for the free use of water for an ornamental fountain to be placed where the council might designate.

Suggestion was made that the county erect a public fountain in the court house square, east of the monument, and that the city grant to the county the free use of the water privilege accorded by the franchise.

To the original appropriation of \$250, the same amount was added at the meeting of the board in 1887, and, in September, 1889, \$500 additional was appropriated on motion of Coronel H. C. Clarke, for the purchase and erection of the fountain as it now stands.

CHAPTER XXII.

Bridges—Jail—Census of Towns—Presidential Vote From 1856 to 1904—Taxes of 1854 Compared with Those of 1904.

There are five iron wagon bridges, six railroad bridges, one wooden wagon bridge and one concrete bridge, across the Kankakee and Iroquois rivers in this county.

The county paid one-half of the cost of the iron bridges, the city of Kankakee paid for the concrete bridge, and the town of Mokenca paid for one-half of the wooden bridge across the Kankakee river, on the state line between Indiana and Illinois.

The iron bridge across the Iroquois river, at Sugar Island, was built in 1902, at a cost of \$13,115.49, and is 375 feet long, the towns of Aroma and Otto each bearing one-fourth of the expense of construction.

The bridge at Waldron, across the Kankakee river, was built in 1874 at a cost of \$7,000. Two spans were carried away in the spring of 1883, the cost of raising piers and replacing them was \$4,000. The length of the bridge is 408 feet.

The East Court Street bridge was built in 1903. This bridge is 266 feet long, is a single span, and the only one of its kind in the

county. It cost \$11,650, of which one-half was paid by the county, one-fourth by the town of Aroma, and one-fourth by public subscription.

The bridges at Momence are located on the range line between the towns of Momence and Ganer, were paid for by each town bearing one-fourth of the cost, the balance being met by the county. Two bridges are necessitated at this point, one to the island from the mainland on each side.

These bridges were built in 1886 at a cost of \$10,000.

The bridge on the state line between Illinois and Indiana was built in 1902, and is what might be called a pile bridge, as the superstructure rests on piles and not on stone abutments. The town of Momence paid one-half of the cost of construction.

Each of the towns in the county have good substantial iron bridges, over most of the streams in their respective towns, the county in nearly every instance having paid one-half of the expense of construction.

JAIL.

After the organization of the county in 1853, provision for the care of prisoners was made by sending them to Middleport, Iroquois county, and Joliet, Will county. Two prisoners charged with murder were sent to Chicago, In 1855, however, the court house was completed, and a jail, at that time supposed to be very modern in its equipment and convenience, was located in the basement.

This jail answered every purpose, with repeated deliveries, however, until 1899, when, through the special efforts of J. Frank Leonard, supervisor of the town of Kankakee, a new jail was decided upon by the board of supervisors. The building was erected the same year upon lot 13, block 13, original town of the city of Kankakee, at a cost of \$21,000.

The jail is thoroughly modern in its construction and equipment. There are twenty-two cells on the "cage" plan, a separate room in the third story for women, and a hospital ward.

The building also contains the sheriff's quarters, which are commodious and handsomely finished.

At the time of the erection of the county jail the county purchased the reversionaryrights of James McGrew and Samuel Kenaga, in the

court house square, paying therefor the sum of \$500.

CENSUS OF THE COUNTY BY TOWNS.

Town	Census of		
1900	1890	1880	
Yellowhead	1605	1545	1607
(Village of Grant Park)	442	340	
Sumner	782	918	1018
Manteno	1672	1398	1519
(Village of Manteno)	932	627	632
Rockville	850	941	1045
Momence	2077	1545	1213
(City of Momence), including part in Ganer	2026	1635	1037
Ganer	1564	1471	1391
Bourbonnais	3093	1523	1589
(Village of Bourbonnais)	595		
(Village of Bradley)	1518		
Limestone	876	795	915
Salina	964	953	945
(Village of Bonfield)	165	150	
Essex	1765	1439	1043
(Village of Essex)	385	266	
Pembroke	512	246	223
St. Anne	1870	1433	1158
(Village of St. Anne).....	1000	718	412
Aroma	1142	1093	1200
(Village of Waldron)	295	308	353
Otto	1321	1297	1543
(Village of Chebanse)	173	142	230
Pilot	1434	1292	1289
(Village of Herscher)	384	224	
Norton	1761	1558	1541
(Village of Cabery)	140	136	
(Village of Reddick)	239		
Kankakee	13866	9285	5782
(Kankakee City)		9025	5651
	<u>12505</u>		

Total of County 37154 28732 25021
 Population of townships includes also villages and cities.

PRESIDENTAL VOTE.

1856—Republican, John C. Fremont, 1,383; democratic, James Buchanan, 260; independent, Millard Fillmore, 63.

1860—Republican, Abraham Lincoln, 1,977; democratic, Stephen Douglas, 803; democratic, John C. Breckenridge, 16; American, _____ Bell, 9.

1864-Republican. Abraham Lincoln, 2,113; democratic, George B. McClelland, 564.
 1868-Republican, U. S. Grant, 2,808; democratic, Horatio Seymour, 866.
 1872-Republican, U. S. Grant, 2,591; democratic, Horace Greeley, 936.
 1876-Republican, R. B. Hayes, 2,627; democratic, S. J. Tilden, 1,363; independent, Peter Cooper, 124.
 1880-Republican, J. A. Garfield, 3,201; democratic, W. S. Hancock, 1,640; independent, J. B. Weaver, 107.
 1884-Republican, James G. Blaine, 3,058; democratic, Grover Cleveland, 1,947; prohibition, John P. St. John, 166.
 1888-Republican, Benj. Harrison, 3,219; democratic, Grover Cleveland, 2,101; prohibition, Clinton B. Fisk, 244.
 1892-Republican, Benj. Harrison, 3,577; democratic, Grover Cleveland, 2,163; prohibition, John Bidwell, 203.
 1896-Republican, Wm. McKinley, 5,459; democratic, Wm. J. Bryan, 2,239; prohibition, Joshua Levering, 89; peoples, Wm. J. Bryan, 52; socialist labor, Chas. H. Matchett, 6; national, Chas. E. Bentley, 8; independent gold standard, democratic, 78; middle of the road, 13.
 1900-Republican, Wm. McKinley, 5,798; democratic, Wm. J. Bryan, 2,674; prohibition, John G. Wooley, 103; peoples party, 1; socialist labor, Jos. F. Malloney, 5; social democrat, Eugene V. Debs, 6; united christian, J. F. R. Leonard, 5; union reform, Leth H. Ellis, 5.
 1904-Republican, Theodore Roosevelt, 6,162; democratic, Alton B. Parker, 1,652; prohibition, Silas Swallow, 216; socialist, Eugene V. Debs, 168; socialist labor, Charles Hunter Corregan, 10; peoples party, Thomas E. Watson, 14; continental party, Austin Holcomb, 2.

TAXES.

Total assessed value of the property of the county for 1854 was \$1,236,244.
 Total tax for 1854 was:

State	\$ 4,850.40
County
Town	689.24
School	3,629.56
Road	1,399.93
Total	<u>\$15,516.0</u>

Total assessed value of property of the county for the year 1904 was \$7,568,757.

Total tax for 1904 was as follows:

State	\$45,049.96
County	54,907.60
Town	34,324.76
Road and Bridge	43,400.81
County Bonds	1,727.35
Corporations	55,538.79
District Schools	131,184.61
District Roads	3,984.28
Refunded Bonds	3,342.28
Hard Roads	8,585.12
Drainage	3,824.52
Back Tax	284.00
Dog Tax	2,089.00
Total	<u>\$388,243.08</u>

CHAPTER XXIII.

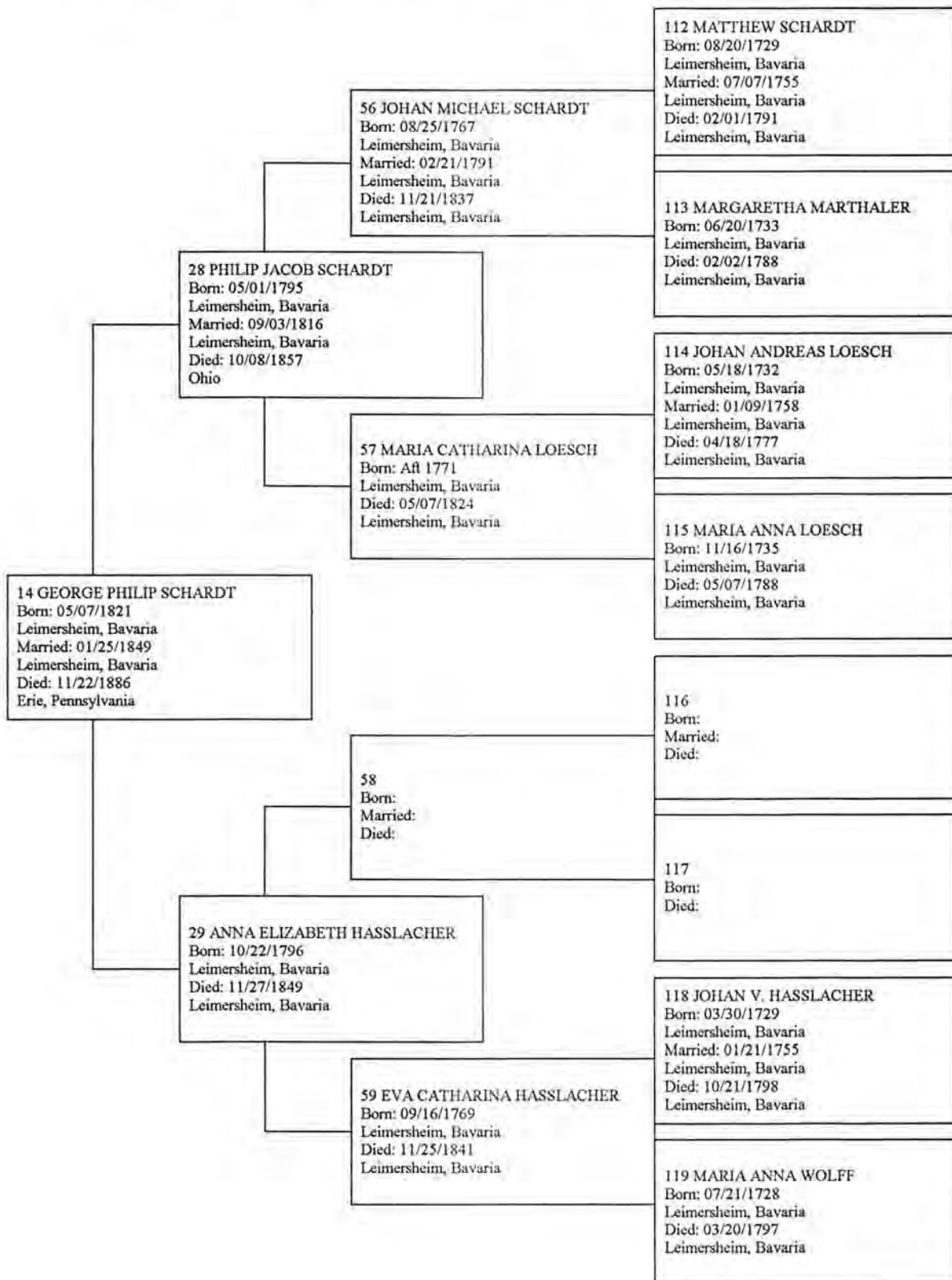
Illinois Eastern Hospital for the Insane-Bill Authorizing Its Establishment Passed in May, 1877-Second Largest Insane Institution in the World.

When the Illinois legislature assembled February 3, 1877, it was generally conceded that another hospital for the insane should be constructed at an early date. Hon. Thomas P. Bonfield and D. C. Taylor, who at that time represented this district in the state senate and house respectively, conceived the idea of drafting a bill authorizing its construction, and making the necessary appropriations for same in such a way that Kankakee would be the only site that would meet all the requirements in said bill as to location, stone for construction, coal, running water, etc. With that object in view Senator Bonfield and Hon. D. C. Taylor, member of the lower house from this district at that time, prepared and introduced a bill February 28, 1877, known as House Bill No. 500, which after a struggle was killed April 13, 1877.

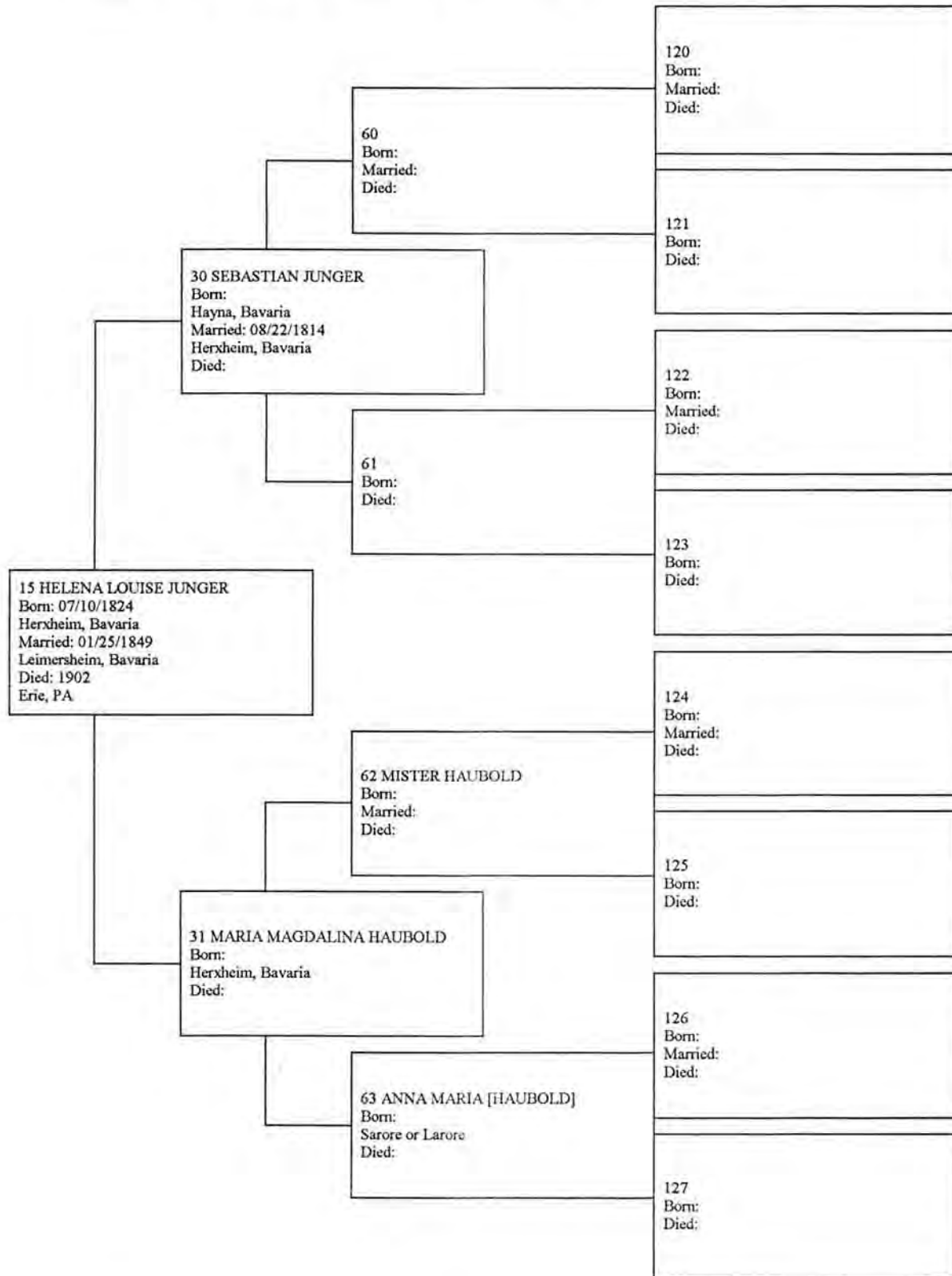


Second Block of East Court St., Kankakee, Illinois, in 1909
Photograph provided by Leona Shreffler

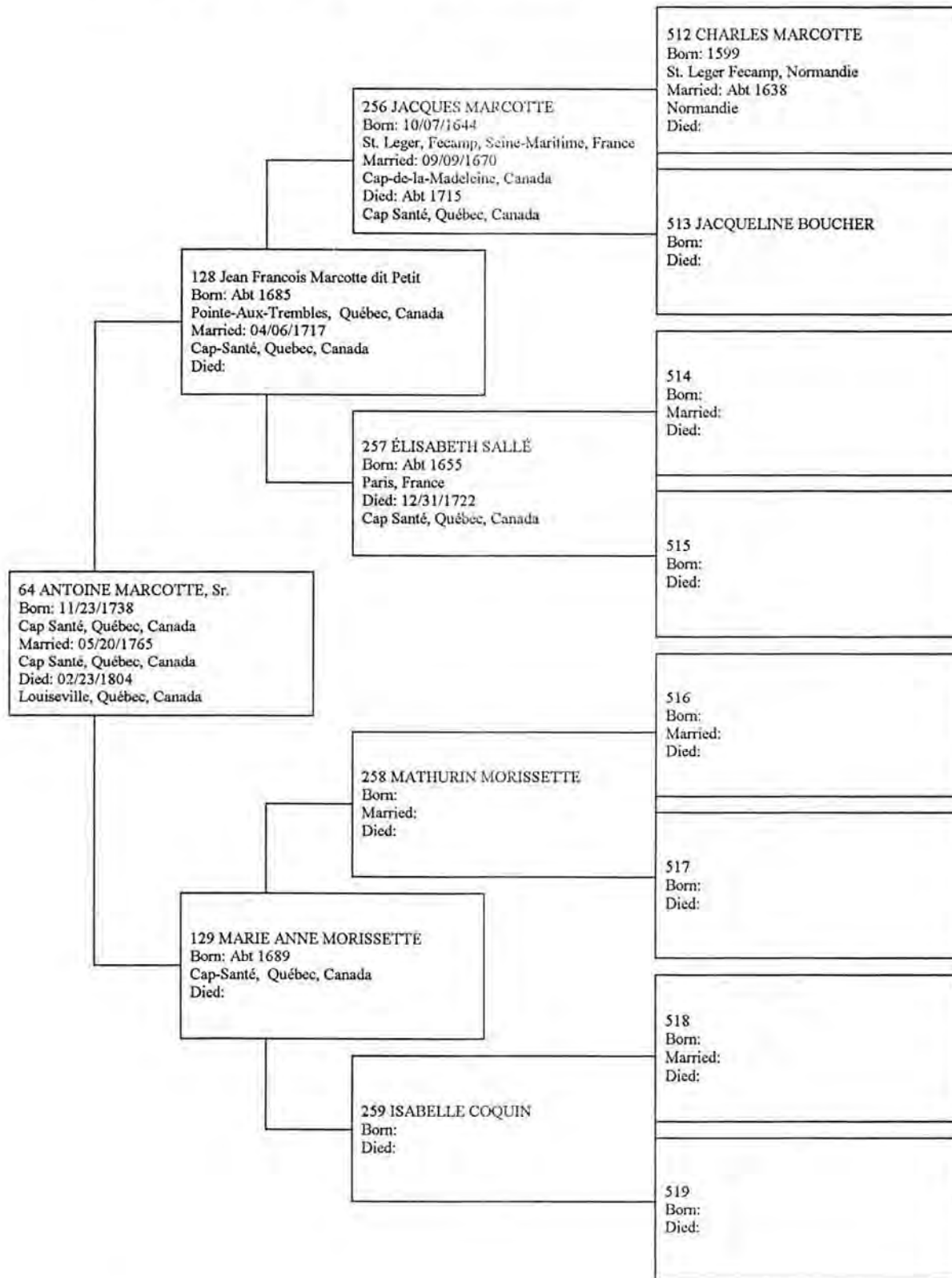




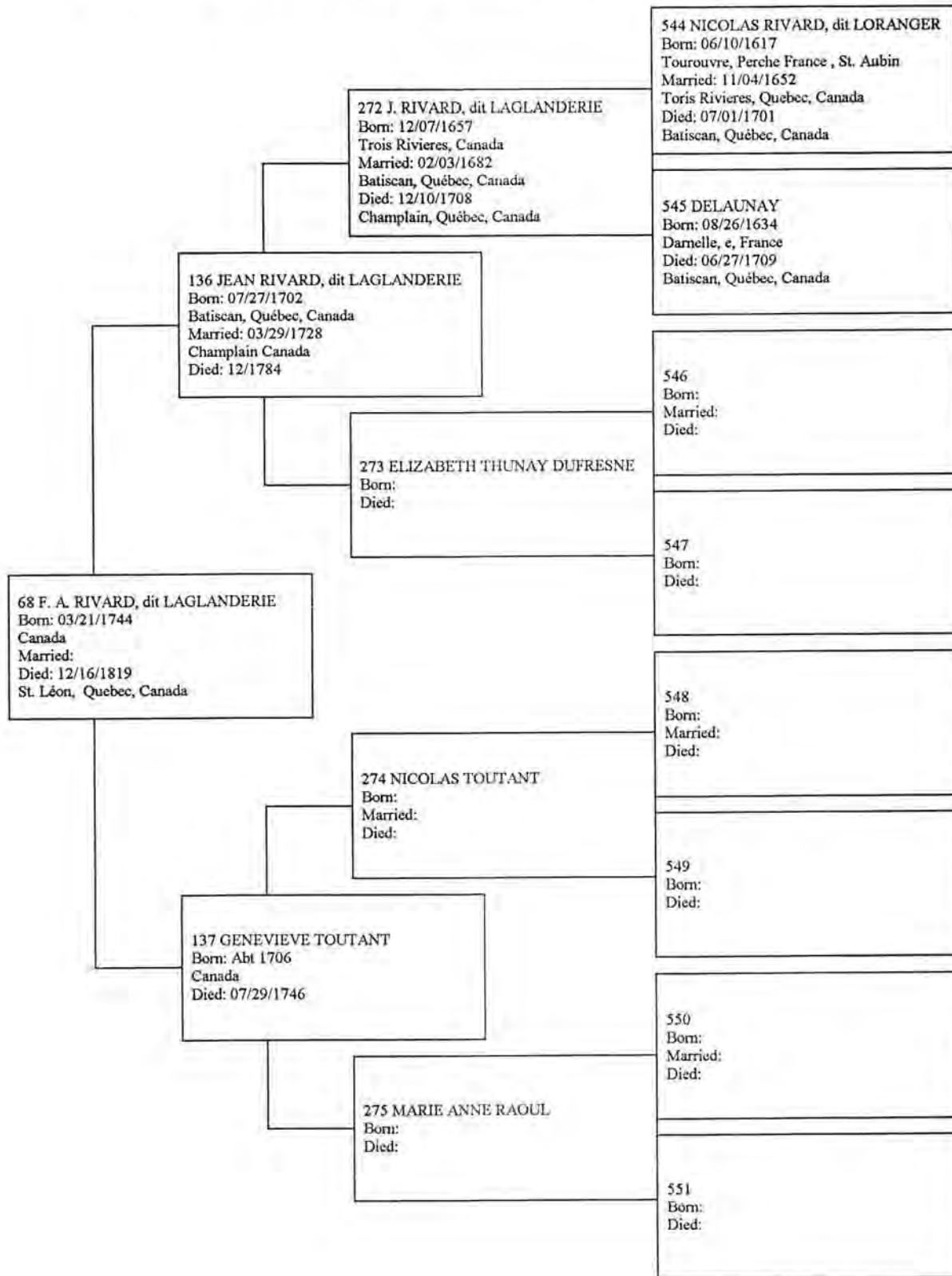
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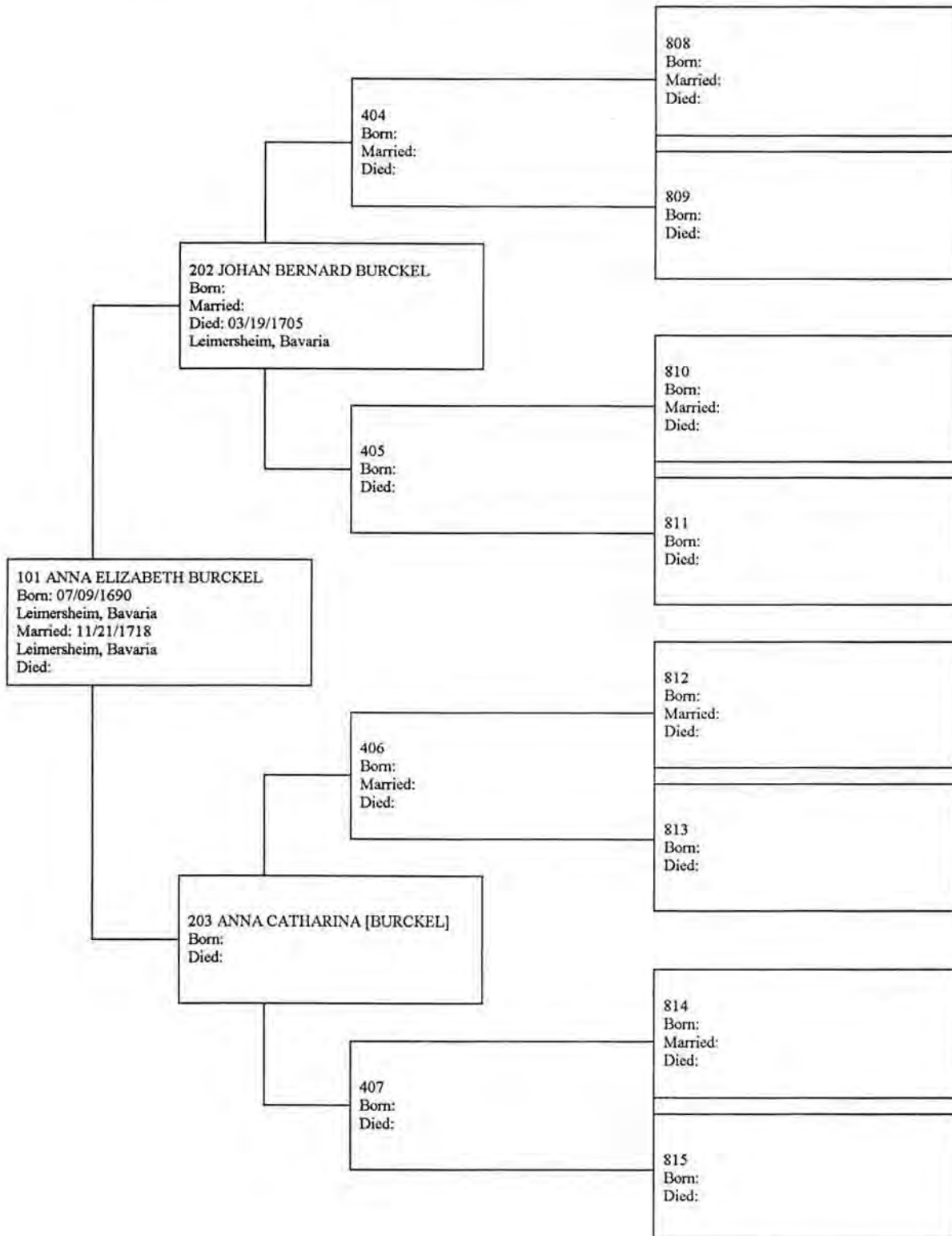
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