



HISTORY OF THE BURIAL GROUNDS  
from the Centennial Publication  
MEMORIES OF CHEBANSE  
1854 - 1954

contributed by Mary Ann Schatz

In the early days of the pioneers, burials were frequently made on the property of the deceased. Such a burial spot still exists a few miles Northeast of Chebanse, near the Iroquois River. On a little barren knoll and in the center of a cultivated field, headstones mark the graves of the parents of SIMON (born 1840).

A decade or so before the platting of Chebanse, the settlement of Sugar Island buried its dead on four acres of the property of James BARNETT (grandfather of Ruth SCHULTZ). This was a community cemetery and now stands in a grove of trees, in the midst of cultivated acreage.

In 1855, the W. H. BOARDMAN family brought a little daughter from their lonely prairie home and asked burial in a Chebanse cemetery. Capt. T. D. WILLIAMS, station agent, offered the use of his property to meet the emergency. No legal action was taken to set land aside for public use as a cemetery, but Capt. WILLIAMS permitted the continued use of his property for burial purposes. A straight line three hundred feet southeast of the intersection of Walnut and Third South Streets would locate this place.

The following history of the Chebanse Evergreen Cemetery is recorded in the official publication of the Chebanse Evergreen Cemetery Association, published in 1916; "In the early sixties, James WAKEMAN (grandfather of George WAKEMAN), owner of land adjoining the village on the west and west of the Illinois Central tracks, set apart a high, sandy knoll of several acres for cemetery purposes. This was the beginning of what is now known as Evergreen Cemetery. 'Evergreen' is a most appropriate title for this silent city for the evergreens and cedars set out by Mr. WAKEMAN on the windswept, sunbaked knoll have developed into trees of wonderful symmetry and beauty and venerable in appearance.

The Chebanse Evergreen Cemetery is now owned by an association composed of Frank WRIGHT, Vice President; George WINTERROTH, Secretary; Charles SCHMIDT, Treasurer; Henry WULFFE, Grounds Chairman and James ELLIOT, John KONOW, Otto NORDMEYER, H. P. SYKES, T. A. PORTER, Donald LAKE, Fred GIERTZ and Charles TIMM. The late W. O. NATION was President.

George WRIGHT is Sexton, Sts. Mary and Joseph Cemetery adjoins Evergreen Cemetery on the west. Patrick MURPHY purchased a tract of land from Bradford WAKEMAN in the early seventies, divided it into lots and sold them to parishoners of the Sts. Mary and Joseph Church. The lots were sold for ten dollars each in the name of the Catholic Bishop of Peoria.

The first burial in this cemetery was that of Mrs. Margaret MYRON in 1876.

The business of the cemetery is conducted by an association and the present members of Sts. Mary and Joseph Cemetery Association are A. J. KEMNITZ, President; Mrs. Floyd DUBUQUE, Secretary; F. P. DEVINE, Treasurer; Leo BROWN, James COLLINS, Frank and Lester BERNs, Trustees.

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HENRY BURMEISTER

Albert and Henrietta (Kofeldt) Burmeister came from Germany in 1854, and settled on a farm near Sugar Island in Chebanse Township. Henry Burmeister was born March 3, 1859 on this farm and, in 1868, he moved with his parents to a farm eight miles southeast of Chebanse.

In 1885 he married Friederike Schwartz. Two years after his daughter Bertha, was born, his wife died. In 1889, he married Ida Haselow. To this union were born six children: Adolph and Lillie (White) of La Porte, Indiana; Matilda (Mrs. Walter Schwark) of Herscher, Illinois; Louis of Blue Island, Illinois; Martha (Mrs. Fred Imhauser) of Chebanse; and Rose (Hurley Pfingsten), now deceased.

In 1900, Mr. Burmeister purchased a farm two miles west of Chebanse and moved there with his family. In 1910, he purchased a residence in Chebanse where he lived until he passed away on July 14, 1917. Mrs. Burmeister passed away on January 8, 1929.

Descendants of Albert Burmeister are still in possession of some of the fine furniture he made of walnut and wild

cherry wood obtained-from the banks-of the Iroquois. All of his farm tools were made by hand for he had once been a professional cabinet maker in Germany.

Henry Burmeister was a charter member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Chebanse.

#### S. R. WALKER

Dr. S. R. WALKER came here in 1889 from Canada, after graduating from Queen's University in Kingston, Canada. In 1890 he married Bertha WOLFE and, in 1940, she shared with him the honor of a reception in the Chebanse School Auditorium in commemoration of their golden medical service and wedding anniversary. Dr. WALKER was also honored by the Kankakee County Medical Society for fifty years service, and as past president and charter member of the society, he was given an honorary membership. In 1948 Dr. Walker was presented with a scroll by the Kankakee County Medical Society which named him the outstanding doctor in the county. He served thirty-four years as Mayor of Chebanse, and lived to celebrate his sixtieth wedding anniversary, passing away in 1951. He was associated with the Bi-County Medical Society, the State Medical Association and the American Medical Association, and assisted in the organization of the Kankakee County Medical Society.

He was a member of the United Church.

#### MICHAEL MC MAHON

Michael McMAHON and Elizabeth MALONEY became acquainted in Kankakee, Illinois, and on March 5, 1863, were married. In 1865, they purchased a farm near Chebanse and farmed it from 1866-1893, when they retired. They moved with their family of three boys and a girl to Chebanse. John E. started buying grain and built up the business until the elevator, had the largest grain business in the state. Thomas J. went into the real estate business and was considered one of the most reliable real estate dealers of his day. William H. managed the grain business at Otto and Martinton a number of years. Later he managed a Chicago hotel. All the deceased Members of the McMAHON family are buried in the family lot in S.S. Mary and Joseph Cemetery at Chebanse. Mary E. McMAHON ELVIN, now the only surviving member of the family, moved to Kankakee in 1922 where she still resides. In March, 1951, she donated the land lying one-fourth mile east of Chebanse on County Line which she inherited from her people, to the LaSalette Fathers in memory of Michael and Elizabeth McMAHON and family, for the purpose of building a seminary where young men will be educated for the priesthood.

#### WILLIAM O. NATION

William Odolphas Nation was born near Chebanse in 1869. His parents came from Exeter, Devonshire England in 1857, to homestead land near Leggotville school site. The land contract was signed by President Buchanan. In 1870, they moved to the village of Chebanse. When he was twenty-one years of age, Mr. Nation moved back to Leggotville, retiring in 1911. He served the community as a member of the Chebanse Evergreen Cemetery Association and was its President at the time of his death. He also served as Mayor of Chebanse, Past Patron of Eastern Star, Past Master of Masonic Lodge, Moderator of the United Church. On November 7, 1936, he married Belle Hobson of Clifton and he died March 21, 1953. He is survived by a daughter of his first marriage, Mrs. Roger J. Scelonge, of Chicago and his wife, Mrs. Belle H. Nation of Chebanse.

#### NAOMI NATION

Naomi B. Nation was the daughter of John F. and Sarah Beardsley Riley. Her father came from Indiana to Chebanse in 1868 and her mother came from Connecticut in 1862. Her father served as a lamplighter and town marshall in the village. Mrs. Nation was born October 28, 1869 and married William Odolphas Nation on October, 12, 1892.

She was a member of the Congregational Church, Past President of United Workers and Chebanse Woman's Club, Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, charter member of the Flinch Club and Past Oracle of Royal Neighbors.

Mrs. Nation died on January 8, 1934. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Roger J. (Fern) Scelonge of Chicago.

#### HENRY F. NORDMEYZR

Henry F. Nordmeyer was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1851. In 1868, he sailed with his parents on the Weser for New York, settling in Adams County, Illinois. In 1871 he came to Kankakee County and married Mary Schott in 1876. In 1880 he served as supervisor of Norton Township where he had bought his first forty acres. In 1898, he came to Chebanse and bought out the famous 'Payne Horses' Home and 680 acres of

land. Mr. Nordmeyer was a member of the Chebanse School board 1900-24, his name appearing on the cornerstone of the Chebanse Grade School. In addition to being one of the founders of the Chebanse Grain and Coal Company, he served as its President. He was Commissioner of Minnie Creek 25 years; an Elder of the Zion Lutheran Church, assisted in organization of Kankakee County Farm Bureau; a member of the Chebanse Evergreen Cemetery Association formed in 1916; a Director of the State Bank of Chebanse established 1906. He fathered thirteen children of whom ten are still living. They are daughters Mesd. Emma Timm, Charles Timm, Edward Winkel, Fred Giertz, all of Chebanse; Mrs. Paul Seehausen of Valparaiso, Indiana, sons Henry, Martin, Paul, Albert and Otto, all of Chebanse.

#### WILLIAM H. MILLER

William Harrison Miller was born near Chebanse on January 7, 1861, and lived on property inherited from his parents until his death in 1942, with the exception of four years in Milk's Grove Township. He married Jennie Lake in 1885 and is survived by daughters Miss Ada Miller and Mrs. Paul Nordmeyer. Mr. Miller's farm buildings were destroyed in the 1903 cyclone and his home destroyed the second time, by fire, in 1932. He rebuilt after each catastrophe, adding acreage on which the title bears his name as the first individual holder. He served his community as clerk of Otto and Milk's Grove Townships; road commissioner of Otto Township; board member of Minnie Creek Drainage District, director of country school near his home in Otto Township; owner of telephone line between his home and Irwin with private switch to Kankakee.

#### MARY JANE CLABBY BRAULT

Mary Jane Clabby, daughter of William J. and Catharine Gibbins Clabby, was born on March 27, 1886 on a farm southeast of Chebanse. On September 19, 1905, she was united in marriage to Phillip Brault. In May, 1918, they moved from a farm east of Clifton to Chebanse to care for the invalid William Clabby.

Mr. and Mrs. Brault have two children. William of Harvey and Catherine Brault Miller of Chicago. Mrs. Brault spent many hours sewing for Veteran's Hospitals in appreciation of her son's safe return from World War II.

Mrs. Brault was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society of Sts. Mary and Joseph Church, the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters, American Legion Auxiliary, and Women's Relief Corps. She believed Christian Charity was a fine virtue and participated in the charity work of her organizations to the detriment of her own health.

Memories of her sacrifices for her family, and her neighborliness, are still vivid in the community since her passing.

#### CHRISTIAN MEYER

Christian Meyer was born November 20, 1856, in Zersen, Germany. In 1866, he came to the United States with his parents who settled in Kendall County at Yorkville, Illinois. Later they moved to Otto Township, where they were engaged in farming west of Chebanse.

Christian Meyer married Elizabeth Wagner in June of 1884. She had come to Limestone Township in 1871 from Chicago where she was born on August 28, 1866. Twelve children were born to Christian and Elizabeth Meyer, four of whom passed away in infancy, Those who still survive are Mesd. Lily Walters, Emma Giertz and Clara Nordmeyer and Messrs. Fred Herman, Louis, Arthur and Albert Meyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer were members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Meyer served as Trustee for many years until he passed away February 1, 1912. Mrs. Meyer was a member of the Ladies Aid, and she passed away October 14, 1937.

#### PETER JENSEN

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jensen were married on April 10, 1870 in Denmark and left two days later for America. They settled on a farm southwest of Chebanse and resided there for forty-six years. They acquired a tract of two hundred acres by industrious labor and strict attention to their duties.

In 1917, they moved to Chebanse and lived there until the death of Mr. Jensen in 1922. Mrs. Jensen resided with various members of her family until her death in 1931.

Mr. and Mrs Jensen had eleven children, all of whom spent their childhood in this community. They are Mesd. Lena Larsen and Carrie Hansen, of Clifton; Mrs. Steven Petersen of Chicago; Mrs. Aileen Hartsema, of Oak Park, all of whom are surviving. The deceased children are Messrs. Chris, Nels, Andrew Jensen and Mesd. Mary Rasmussen and mattie Havlik and a daughter who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jensen radiated personalities that inspired all who knew them to seek the best things in life.

#### QUERIES

Lorraine Proulx, 4919 Siesta Drive, Ocean side, California 92054

PROULX                    Seek ansc. and desc. of Andrew MILLER and  
MILLER                    wife, Kundeginda HOFFMAN. She died ca. 1861  
HOFFMAN                   in childbirth in Kankakee, Ill. leaving 4  
KETCHUM                   children: John, Steve, Mike and Mary born  
                                 in 1857. Mary raised by Conrad and Barbra  
                                 Grabner. Have copy of a Warranty Deed: Hiram  
                                 KETCHUM to Andrew MILLER, filed June 1864.  
                                 Lot purchased in KankaKee City, Ill.

Mary Menard Spalding, 1 Ludlow Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

SPALDING                   Des. info. on CARON (CAROW, CARROW) family  
CARON                    of Kankakee Co., Ill. Hypolite CARON,  
CAROW                    married to Matilda ST. GERIMAIN was living  
CARROW                   in the city of Kankakee between 1870 and  
ST. GERMAIN            1900. When was he born, married, died? His  
                                 parents: Pierre Paul CARON and Marie  
                                 Adelaide CARON (no relation) emmigrated  
                                 from Canada to Limestone Twp, in 1848.  
                                 When was Marie born, married, died?

Mrs. Dan Hibner, 50 So 24th St. Richmond Indiana 47374

HIBNER                    Des. info. Michael LACOST b. Quebec  
LACOST                    Province, Canada ca. 1816 where? Came to  
LAMBERT                   Kankakee Co. ca. 1855, d. between 1880  
                                 and 1890. Where is he buried? Gabriel  
                                 LAMBERT b. Quebec Provhoo 1824, d. 1892  
                                 Benton Co., Ind., came to Kankakee Co.  
                                 ca. 1855.



PRAIRIE FARMER'S DIRECTORY  
OF IROQUOIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
1917

(continued from Vol. 1 2, No. 2)

ANDERSON, Norman (Scotchie HAPSTROM) Ch Norma, Helene,  
Lorraine; Donovan R1 Beaver Sec35 T200a Class HALFSTROM (1890)

ANDERSON, Peter (Gondheil MOSS) Ch Paul, Donald, Gerald,  
Infant; Gilman R2 Douglas Sec6R10E 080a (1914)

ANDERSON, William R. (Margaret WILLIAMS) Ch Mildred, Dorothy,  
Ralph, Charles; Wellington R1 Prairie Green Sec15 Farm Hand  
Lawrence BRIGGS (1914)

ANDREW, Alt (Rebecca GINGRICH) Ch Robert, Marian; Cissna Park  
R4 Fountain Creek Sec30 T166a Alt and SAUDER (1886)

ANDREW, Lee (E. May HINKLE) Ch Louise, Nellie, Dortha, Ber-  
nice, Leo Jr., Irene, Elsie; Martinton R2 Martinton Sec22  
T160a Claria HILSCHER (1880)

ANDREWS, Clifford (Gertrude HUBBARD) Ch Louise, Mabel, Norris,  
Althea; Martinton R1 Martinton Sec30 T240a C.W. RAYMOND (1897)

ANDREWS, W. H. (Edith FOOTTER) Ch Anna, Mabel, Paul, Clara;  
Hoopeston R4 Lovejoy Sec34 060a T160a Mrs. MARSTON (1915)

APPLEGET, James (Mabel WRIGHT) Watseka R5 Concord Sec29 050a  
T160a Sarah APPLEGATE (1868)

APPLEGET, Ora (Clara CARPENTER) Ch Clarence, Maria, Berenice;  
Watseska R4 Martinton Sec36 T278a Rube CREPS (1874)

ARCENEAU, Leo (Mendoza VADBONCOER) Ch Marvin; Donovan R1  
Beaver Sec10 T160a Fredric ARCENEAU (1884)

ARCENEAU, Louis (Carmelin BARON) Ch Hiram, Blanche, Myrtle,  
Elmer, Raymond, Isaac, Lydia, Elsie, Maysie; Beaverville  
R1 Beaver Sec31 0275a (1866)

ARENDS, Arnd (Maggie CLAYMON) Ch Jennie, Enne, Maggie, Mino;  
Danforth R1 Danforth Sec9R10E T320a MEENTS Bros. (1884)

ARENDS, Elmo (Cora BRANCH) Ch Frances, Roy; Gilman R1 Douglas  
Sec5R14W T187a Grace WARE (1886)

ARENDS, Herman (Anna GERKEN) Ch Laurence; Buckley R1 Artesia  
Sec9E T240a John GERKEN (1885)

ARENDS, John (Gertrude TAMMEN) Ch Margaret, Lucile; Danforth  
R2 Danforth Sec4R14W T120a Mrs. William CORDES (1889)

ARMSTRONG, Joseph (Ellen, Sister) "Evergreen Farm" Onarga  
R2 Onarga Sec24 040a (1867)

ARNOLD, Robert L. (Martha WELBORN) Milford R4 Milford Sec5  
Farm Hand J.W. GREGORY (1917)

ARP, Peter (Elsie MILLER) Ch Thelma; Papineau Papineau Sec33  
T160a August ARP (1905)

ARSENEAU, Camille C. (Monique COTE) Beaverville R1 Beaver  
Sec 29SW T120a Charles ARSENEAU (1890)

ARSENEAU, Charles Ch Anna; Beaverville R1 Beaver Sec29 0140a  
(1860)

ARSENEAU, Clarence (Blanche HUBERT) Ch Opal, Melvin; St.  
Anne R2 Papineau Sec14 T147a Lucie GENSHAW (1889)

ARSENEAU, C. H. (Lorena BOUDREAU) Ch Maryellen, Robert;  
Beaverville R1 Beaver Sec22 T140a C. HATCHER (1895)

ARSENEAU, Duffy (Odevie CHENORE) Ch Eudora, Mildred; St. Anne  
R2 Papineau Sec19 T160a John PERRAULT (1875)

ARSENEAU, Edward (Addie REGMIER) Ch Viola, Chester, Howard,  
Verilda, Ivan; Donovan R3 Beaver Sec5S T319a Joe NOURIE (1883)

ARSENEAU, Henry (Ida MAYOTTE) Ch Cora, Stella, Wilfred,  
Willeroy; Beaverville Beaver Sec30 0180a (1868)

ARSENEAU, Joseph C. (Edna VADBONCOUR) Ch Lowell, Arbella,  
Lavern, Emery, Percell; Beaverville R1 Martinton Sec12  
T160a Dr. J. H. GERON (1883)

ARSENEAU, Napoleon (Anna REGNIER) Ch Isabelle, August, Vernon;  
Beaverville R1 Martinton Sec11 0160a (1878)

ARSENEAU, Nora (Flora VADBONCOUR) Ch Leonell, Archibald,  
Vernett, Chester, Donald, Vilda; St. Anne R3 Papineau Sec30  
T172a Prein DUMOIS (1878)

ARSENEAU, Ovid (Marie REGNIER) Ch Mildred; Donovan R2 Beaver  
Sec34 T160a Wm. BARD (1894)

ARSENEAU, Paul L. (Hattie LANEY) Ch Aclie, Ferdinand; Beaver-ville R1 Beaver Sec27 T160a Chas. ARSENEAU (1885)

ARSENEAU, Philip (Nellie M. DORAN) Ch Charles; Beaverville R1 Beaver Sec19 T120a Chas. ARSENEAU (1894)

ARSENEAU, Thomas (Aoline FORTIN) Ch Yves, Zenas, Benjamin, Marcellus, Reta, Velma, Ansel, Wilda, Rupert; Donovan R3 Beaver Sec9NW 0120a (1864)

ARSENEAU, V. (Josephine REGNIER) Ch Stanislaus, Angelina, Evelyn, Andy, Mose, Daquin, Natalie, Liola, Lemer, Clayton, Dellis, Phyllis; Beaverville R1 Papineau Sec25 0280a (1869)

ARSENEAU, Walter Ch Edna, Besse, Vernet; Donovan RI Beaver Sec11 T120a. L. ARSENEAU (1894)

ARTIST, Ivin R. (Ethel PARKER) Paxton R2 Loda Sec34 T160a John CONOLEY (1914)

ASH, John L. (Mina SHANNON) Ch Wilbur, Harold, Clyde; Watseka R4 Middleport Sec6 T200a ASH Est. (1869)

ASH, Lon (Dolly B. CHURCHILL) Ch Lon, Russell, Frances, Mary, Mildred, John; "Ash Stock Farm" Crescent City R1 Iroquois Sec16 0262a (1916)

ASH, Wilbur A. (Edna M. WOCKNER) Watseka R3 Middleport Sec31 T90a A. WOCKNER (1895)

ASHLEY, A. J. (Katie GRAY) Ch Oma; Onarga R1 Onarga Sec5 0160a (1890)

ASKEW, Harry (Martha ALBRIGHT) Donovan R1 Beaver Sec22 0160a Sec15 T80a W. S. BEARD (1893)

ASKEW, Walter (Prudence FOSTER) Ch Basil; Donovan R1 Beaver Sec16 0210a (1891)

ATTEBERY, David L. (Lenora PATTERSON) Ch Anna, Mary; Watseka R2 Middleport Sec12 080a (1895)

AUGUSTINE, John (Mary RUPPRECHT) Ch Katie, Albert, John, Sophia; Gilman R2 Douglas Sec11R10E T120a Thos. PARKER Est. (1893)

AURAND, James J. (Cornelia B. KENDALL) Ch Charles; Watseka R3 Belmont Sec17 T95a J. ROUDYBUSH (1869)

AUSTIN, Howard C. (Ella MILLER) Ch Velma, Myron; Onarga R2  
Ridgeland Sec16 T80a J. STECHER (1882)

AUSTIN, Joseph (Margaret MORITZ) Ch Ruth, Rita, Margaret, Ida;  
Onarga R2 Onarga Sec2 T131a Mrs. C. E. BARNUM (1885)

AUSTIN, J. H. (Emma HESS) Ch Harley, Chester "Spring Creek  
Stock Farm" Onarga R2 Ridgeland Sec27 0360a (1864)

AUSTIN, L. L. (Eunice NEWBUM) Ch Vivian, Paulinep Quarell,  
Rachel; Milford R5 Milford Sec35 0160a (1877)

AXELSON, Ernest H. (Sarah W. COLLIINS) Ch Leonard, Detat;  
Watseka R3 Belmont Sec19 Farm Hand G. M. WILLIAMS (1915)

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BABCOCK, H. L. (Lucia KRANZ) Clifton R3 Chebanse Sec4R14W  
T100a F. BABCOCK (1885)

BACHAND, Arthur (Edna DUCHARME) St. Anne R3 Papineau Sec14 T98a  
H. BACHAND (1909)

BACHMAN, J. B. (Julia CLARK) Milford R6 Milford Sec28 T320a  
PATTERSON Est. (1913)

BACHMAN, James (Minnie BACHAN) Ch Carl, Arthur, Clyde, Frank;  
Milford R6 Milford Sec17 T320a G. F. PATTERSON (1917)

BAER, James (Mary BUTZOW) Ch Hazel, Bernice, Ora, Pearl;  
Hoopeston R4 Lovejoy Sec27 T80a L. G. BUTZOW (1904)

BAHNKE, William (Emma LESCH) Ch Pauline, Elenore, Elizabeth;  
Martinton R1 Martinton Sec6 T190a George SCHRODER (1897)

BAIER, C. D. (Lena WEFLER) Ch Margaret, Madaline; Cissna  
Park R2 Ash Grove Sec27 R13W T280a Caroline BAIER (1891)

BAIER, Samuel R. (Louie WOOD) Ch Wilma, Wanda, Homer; Milford  
R6 Ash Grove Sec26 R13W T160a Caroline BAIER (1891)

BAILEY, Herbert (Daisy WILSON) Ch Lucy, Hazel; Buckley  
R3 Artesia Sec19 T164a Mrs. Frank COUTAS (1883)

BAILEY, William W. (Sallie BOUTS) Ch Arthur; Watseka R2  
Middleport Sec19 T117a Chas. KOHLER (1905)

BAIRD, Jesse A. (Minnie GOOMS) Ch Roy, Clara, Lonie;  
Watseka R6 Iroquois Sec10 T120a Charles MARTIN (1910)

BAKER, Arthur (May) Ch Ethel, Virgil, Gillard, Nila, Delores;  
Donovan R2 Beaver Sec25 T100a J. V. SINDELL Est. (1903)

BAKER, Clarence (Norah STUMP) Ch Hazel, Leona, Ruby, Ruth,  
Grace, David, Eva; Milford R6 Ash Grove Sec26R13W T80a Mrs.  
Eva FREED (1908)

BAKER, Clarence A. (Edith HEISE) Ch Esther, Bernice, Irene;  
Onarga R1 Onarga Sec3 (1910)

BAKER, George (Anna YESKE) Ch Gladys, Lester, Elsie, Elmer;  
"Evergreen Farm" Thawville R1 Ridgeland Sec32 0135a (1911)

BAKER, Robert (Myrtle DEWEY) Ch Harold, Clarence, Harris,  
Lee; Milford R6 Ash Grove Sec23R13W T200a Will BAKER (1890)

BAKER, William Ch Mary; Onarga R1 Onarga Sec6 T120a Bert  
CARMAN (1910)

BALK, Mike (Anna HESSINIUS) Ch Rosa, George; Buckley R1  
Artesia Sec16E T160a Thomas FENCHEN (1870)

BANNON, Albert (Lillie STEINMAN) Ch Raymond, Albert, Lester,  
Dorothea, Helen; Buckley R2 Artesia Sec33 T160a Mrs. C. B.  
GRUBE (1915)

BARBER, E. J. (Helen GIBBS) Ch Kenneth, Edward; Gilman R2  
Onarga Sec12W T80a Arabella BARBER (1882)

BARD, George (Odelia ITZWEIRE) Ch Sybilla, Elmer, Luetta,  
Leona; Donovan R2 Beaver Sec33-34 0494a (1885)

BARD, Joe (Ellen M. MC KEE) Ch Charles, Barbara, Chester,  
Golda, Ellen, Kenneth; Donovan R1 Bever Sec23-22 T160a J. W.  
JOHNSON (1907)

BARD, John A. (Mary WISHAAR) Ch Clara, Tillie, Agnes, Loretta,  
Leo; Donovan R2 Beaver Sec34 T80a Concord 0235a (1908)

BARD, William (Marie BOSSONG) Ch Lavera, Irene, Barbara;  
Donovan R2 Beaver Sec34 0160a Sec34\_27 T240a John BARD (1884)

BARKER, H. C. (Lorena FLETCHER) Ch Freda; Buckley R3 Artesia  
Sec1 Farm Hand Chas. HOLTZ (1915)

BARNES, W. S. (Ella HARPER) Onarga R3 Onarga Sec29 016a (1866)

BARNEY, Leon (Nellie WHITE) Ch Leona, William; Gilman R1 Doug-  
las Sec11R14W T240a C. and W. GRUBB (1891)

BARNHART, J. U. (Nellie BILLINGER) Ch Dallas, Velda ', Cleotus,  
Clement, Ruth, Esther; Onarga R1 Onarga Sec27 T160a, W. O.  
MC CAULEY (1914)

BARNLUND, Albert (Abbie HANSON) Ch Helen; Donovan R3 Beaver  
Sec32 T80a GAY Est. (1869)

BARNLUND, Arthur J. (Louise FRED) Ch Clara, Wilbur, Maruice,  
Idell; Donovan Beaver Sec28 T160a E. J, DONOVAN (1881)

BARNLUND, George V. (Nellie HARDIN) Ch Dorothy, Gail; Donovan R2  
Beaver Sec27 T160a E. J. BARNLUND Est. (1885)

BARON, Eddie F. (Josephine G. LAMBERT) Ch. Jeannett, Lambert,  
Moses, Alexie, Edward; "Baron Hill Stock Farm" Martinton R1  
Papineau Sec32 0160a (1881)

BARON, J. J. (Cora CAILLOUETTE) Ch Clifford, Leona, Percil;  
"Maple Stock Farm" Martinton R1 Martinton Sec4 0172a (1879)

BARON, Leon (Ida CODER) Ch Lillian, Babian, Birdella, Irene,  
Isabell; Lucille, Gertrude; "Plain View Stock Farm" Martinton  
R1 Papineau Sec32 0160a (1867)

BARON, L. J. (Lena KRUIMVIEDE) Ch Oral; Martinton R1 Martinton  
Sec9 T260a L. H. BARON (1890)

BARON, Philip E. (Desnigs NOURIE) Ch Clayton, Roland, Merland,  
Orland; "Economy Stock Farm" Martinton R2 Martinton Sec14 T360a  
Wm. BARON (1889)

BARON, William E. (Annie RABOIN) Ch. Blanche, Milton, Bernice,  
Alverna, Beulah; "Baron Castle Stock Farm" Crescent City R1  
Iroquois Sec7 0200a (1872)

BARR, Peter (Mamie NATKIN) Ch Gene; Earl Park, Ind. R16 Stock-  
land Sec6E T320a Wm. BARR (1875)

BARRETT, A.T. (Alma STONE) Ch Chester, Mabel, John, Russell,  
Catherine; Ashkum R3 Ashkum Sec17 R14W Farm Hand Fred REIKEN  
(1917)

BARRIDALL, Ben (Dollie LAUHLIN) Ch Howard, Frank, Forrest, Eveline;  
Martinton R1 Martinton Sec11 T280a Chas. TRISCHEL (1881)

BARTELL, Alma Ch Bertha, Anna, Bartel, Alma; Buckley R2 Loda  
Sec 10 080a (1914)

BARTELL, Bartel (Gabka DUTEMAN) Ch Sadie, John, Barney, Jr.,  
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BELAND, Leslie T. (Mary J. MENIGOZ) Ch Boulah, Emery; Crescent City R1 Iroquois Sec6 T120a Joseph MENIGOZ (1883)

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BLACK	14 Sep	Woodland	John; Mary FITZPATRICK
BRAYTON	16 Sep	Ashkum	F. H.; Mary WATER
BUHR	19 Sep	Ash Grove	Eilerle Jurgen; Martha
BELAND	21 Sep	Douglas	John; Josephine PONTON
BUSH, John M.	22 Sep	Pigeon Grove	John; Isabel BROWN
BROOKS	23 Sep	Douglas	George; Mary THOMAS
BUSH	7 Oct	Iroquois	Theodore; Charlotte AINEY
BENNETT	13 Oct	Buckley	James; Elizabeth JONES
BILLS, James V.	27 Oct	Onarga	C.T.; Rhulnoma BULLINGTON
BRANDON	8 Nov	Iroquois	Jessie; Rebecca PATTERSON
BUSKIP	17 Nov	Onarga	Joseph; Anna COLE
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BARRITT, Evaline	20 Nov	Onarga	William; Louiza GRAY
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BARRITT, John William	27 Nov	Onarga	Elijah; Sarah MOORE
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CLOUSE, Jesse	16 Jun	Lovejoy	Emanuel; Margaret SHANNAHAN
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The Kankakee Co. Atlas of 1883 included histories of the townships in the county.

The following is a list of the several townships composing the county of Kankakee, with the dates of their organization as a part of Kankakee County.

Yellowhead, June, 1853; Rockville, June, 1853,\* Bourbonnais, June, 1853; Momence, June, 1853; Aroma, June, 1853; Limestone, June, 1853; Salina, April 27, 1854; Kankakee, February, 1855; Manteno, March 12, 1855; Sumner, September 12, 1855; Essex, September, 1855; Otto, 1855; Pilot, March 11, 1857; Ganear, February 15, 1859; St. Anne, March 11, 1857; Norton, March 11, 1857; Pembroke, February 17, 1877.

### AROMA TOWNSHIP

Aroma was named by James L. Romer (a play upon the surname) who was sent out from New York as a collecting agent. The name as suggested by Mr. ROMER, was adopted by the WILBURS, Slocum and Alvin. The first house was built by the first settler, Isadow SHOBAR, on the south side of the river (near Mr. Lemuel MILK's country residence) in 1834. The second one to settle near was Chesley RAKESTRAW, who built on the river below Aroma, on land now owned by H. P. LOWE. This was in 1835. A. M. WILEY bought the land, consisting of two sections, of the Indian chief ME\_SAW\_KE\_QUAW in 1850, so says Mr. E. R. BEARDSLEY. The WILBERTS bought forty acres, and laid out the village of Aroma. Began the improvement of the water-power in February, 1852. They had the dam about half built, some of the timber on the ground, and the excavation for the mill pit completed, when the firm became insolvent, and James L. ROMER was appointed trustee of the property. E. R. BEARDSLEY bought this valuable water privilege of said trustee in the fall of 1855; the next year he continued the work by cutting, the race and completing the dam. The mill is of the most substantial character, having the heaviest walls of any building in the county. It is built throughout of stone, three stories in height and has four run of buhrs. Some of the early settlers of Aroma Township were CASE and Jasber P. WADLEY, Isadow SHOBAR (or CHOBAR), Isaac M. BAKER, Mr. ELLIOT and Samuel EXLINE, 1833; Revilo BEEBE, 1836; David MEIGGS, 1834; William BAKER 1832; Oscar and Lucius CASE, Chesley RAKESTRAW, Peter LOW, William RAKESTRAW and Samuel JOHNSON, 1835; Dr. Hiram TODD, spring of 1836; Oliver BEEBE, 1837 or 1838; James BYRNES, Nathaniel and Alphonso MELLEEN, 1838; Samuel WETMORE, 1848; Capt. Robert RANNEY, 1849; Alexander DAY, 1845; Dr. Samuel HAWLEY, 1853; Isaac PAULEY and Henry W. BURTON, 1854.

The saw mill was located south of the grist mill on the bank of the river. It was built in 1858 and abandoned about 1866.

A large wagon and carriage shop was put up in 1860, but was converted into a paper-board mill in 1863. In 1866, the wrapping paper mill was completed and rented by Mr. BURTON to Messrs. MAXWELL & MOSELEY. The property came into the possession of Mr. W. G. SWANNELL in 1875, who assumed the sole charge of the manufactory and soon put it upon a paying basis, using 1500 to 2,000 tons of straw during the year and employing twenty-five persons in the different departments of the business. This year an important improvement has been made by enlarging the building--adding to its capacity, and the addition of a steam engine of sixty-horse-power for the purpose of supplying the motive power during the stages of high or low water in the river. Mr. S. Winton SKELLY is the foreman and Mr Henry LEAVITT Secretary. The other manufacturing interests dependent upon this splendid water privilege for power are a carriage repair and machine shop and a planing mill, built in 1875 and occupied by McELWAIN, HUBBLE & Son. The grain elevator was built in 1879 upon the water-power grounds depending also upon it for its motive power. It is managed by Homer INGALLS, agent for O. W. JOHNSON. Mr. Revilo BEEBE says Augustus M. WILEY bought of Shobar's heirs (CHOBAR). The land on the south side of the river was bought by Van HIGGINS, OF Chicago, of Isaac CHOBAR, one of Isadow CHOBAR's sons (I supposed, but Mr. BEARDSLEY's deeds show, only name Susan, the wife, Zoe, the daughter, and George, the son as heirs). The first settler in Beebetown was Mr. ELLIOT, who built his log cabin at BEEBE's Ford in 1833 or a little before. David MEIGGS bought his improvement early in 1834. They held the first quarterly meetings of three years in Mr, Beebe's barn, Rev. BEGGS or MORRISON preached the first sermon. Dr. Hiram TODD lived on land now owned by David SHANNON, near the river. In 1834, there were but few log cabins, in what is now Aroma Township. CHOBAR's at the ford near where Mr. L. MILK's country residence now stands, two at Beebe's Ford, one near the James BYRNS Homestead; Chesley RAKESTRAW built a cabin below Aroma on land now owned by H. P. LOWE. These comprise all then within the township.

Dr. BLAKESLEY, a Thompsonian, or herb doctor, practiced some at an early day, but Dr. Samuel HAWLEY was the first regular practitioner resident in Aroma Township, unless Dr. TODD practiced while a resident. There was very little sickness until the land became more extensively cultivated. Mr. BEEBE says it was five years before he had the ague (shakes). The first and only church was built at Aroma Village in ----. Before this meetings were held in the houses having the largest rooms, and after the schoolhouses were built in them.

The first township officers were elected at a special election held June 21, 1853. Daniel BEEBE, Moderator. As a result of said election, the following were declared elected as the first officers of the new township: Supervisor, James BYRNS; Town Clerk, Lorenzo W. KIBBONS; Assessor, Daniel BEEBE; Call and Constable, Capt. Robert RANNEY; Highway Commissioners, Nathaniel MELLEN, Elisha PARSONS, and Jesse BROWN.

Besides the milling and manufacturing interests are the



extensive ice houses for storing the pure ice of the Kankakee River. We will speak of the first company organized for that purpose.

The Kankakee Crystal Ice Company was organized by Messrs. Adam Earl, Moses FOWLER and E. A. TOLLBERT, Secretary of Lafayette, Ind., in 1874. The plant (or cash investment) was \$65,000, It was incorporated in 1877 by Messrs. E. R. BEARDSLEY, Capt. George W. HARRISON and H. P. LOWE. The capacity of the two huge buildings is 42,000 tons, which is shipped mostly to the Southern markets. Capt. Harrison has been the superintendent since the first organization. They employ from forty-five to 325 hands, according to the work being done shipping or storing the ice crop. In connection with this business they use about 350 tons of hay during the season, obtained from the surrounding country, and from forty to forty-five car-loads of saw-dust, obtained from the mills at Lebanon, Ind. They use a sixty-horse-power engine with the most improved machinery known to the business. One item of expenditure is three car-loads of lumber in the shipping season for car doors. Having \$3,000 invested in the most ingenious and improved ice tools exclusive of the machinery already mentioned. Among other things, we may mention the employment of a carpenter and blacksmith on the many repairs necessary the year round. The machinery for loading the cars is the invention of Capt. HARRISON, an automatic ice leader. They have two of these in use, costing about \$700. The expectation now is that of building other large houses to fill in the space between the present buildings, making the establishment the largest of the kind in the world.

Lemuel MILK, Esq., is proprietor of the Waldron ice houses. The Waldron ice houses were begun by building the first house in 1876. This was struck by lightning and burned the next year (1877). Mr. MILK thereby losing the first crop of ice stored. He rebuilt the same year and re-filled. In 1880, he built another extensive house adjoining. This year (1882) has seen the completion of still another house, above the others on the river, at the mouth of Spring Creek, which is only the beginning of a group of such buildings which will give employment to numerous men, as well as being a source of revenue to the public-spirited and enterprising owner. Capital at present invested is from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Supervisors--James BYRNS, 1853; George COOPER, 1855; A. M. WYLIE, 1856; Revilo BEEBE, 1857; E. R. BEARDSLEY, 1858; W. L. LEGG, 1861; N. G. HALSEY, 1862; James BYRNS, 1864; George COOPER, 1866; James BYRNS, 1869; George COOPER, 1870; E. R. BEARDSLEY, 1871; James BYRNS, 1873; Revilo BEEBE, 1874 H. GRUVER, 1878, still in office (1883).