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PRESIDENTS REPORT

1999 was a great year for the society both in memberships as well as publications. Work is continuing on redoing the Northeast Section Cemetery Book into individual township books, Two more cemetery walks will be conducted this year. New publications will be Volume 1 of the Asbury United Methodist Church records and 1855/65 Kankakee Co. State Censuses. The 1865 is complete and we're just waiting for the 1855 census to be entered into the computer.

Our new copier has been getting much use and now has over 73,000 copies. Book sales were so good we were able to offset the expense of its purchase in one year. It won't be long before we'll need our first replacement drum and preventive maintenance but the machine should last at least 5-6 more years.

The following officers/board members were elected for 2000:

President	Marcia Stang
Vice President	Jim Birkenbeil
Secretary	Nelda Ravens
Corresponding Secretary	Marge Ryan
Treasurer	Sharla Grosso
Editor	Marcia Stang
Webpage Editor	Lee Hollenbeck
Historian	Pauline Murphy
Board Members:	Nelda Ravens, Thelma Lunsford, Ardis Boone

Good news on our Webpage - we now have a new address and one very easy to remember - **kvgs.org**. We will be adding much new information to this site this year. If you haven't checked our page lately, we've put 70% of the cemeteries into the Master Cemetery Index and hope to have all cemeteries included by the end of the year. The first five years of quarterlies are also going to be added.

We finally updated our Constitution and Bylaws to incorporate changes that have occurred over the past several years. A provision was included in order to maintain our federal non-profit status as well as a reduction in the number of memberships issued.

Research Meetings (third Wednesday of the month) were well attended and much was accomplished. We still need someone to chair the Research Committee. The chairman takes the research work completed at each session and writes responses to each letter. There are several other openings that also need to be filled. We need a new quarterly editor and the society voted to make this a salaried position paying \$400/year in hopes of making it easier to fill. Tammy Niefeldt volunteered to head Publicity in 2000.

This was a wonderful year for our collection. We were donated so many new books that the society purchased and installed a new 5 shelf bookcase at the Bourbonnais Public Library. We are now out of new space, but will continue to shift lesser used materials as new additions are made to the collection.

Sadly, we lost Vice President and Librarian Karen Burden this past year to cancer. This was a major loss and we really appreciate Jim Birkenbeil stepping in to fill the Vice President position for the remainder of last year as well as the upcoming year. Nelda Ravens and I had taken on the librarian duties for 1999 but, I'm happy to say, Alicia Parkinson has volunteered to take this position for the upcoming year. I'd like to extend a thanks to all our members who helped with our many ongoing projects. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and best wishes for a very successful year of ancestor hunting!

Marcia Stang, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

	ACTUAL FY 1998	ACTUAL FY 1999	BUDGET FY 1999
Income:			
Memberships	\$1,716.00	\$1,766.00	
Book Sales	4,692.50	4,436.00	
Research/Copies	244.70	191.00	
Donations	70.00	98.00	
Postage & Handling	219.50	298.00	
Credit (Post Office refund)	64.70	73.55	
Interest	184.95	<u>299.34</u>	
Total Income	\$7,192.35	\$7,161.89	
Expenses:			
Equipment	0.00	2,843.72	3,000.00
Collection Acquisitions	573.21	495.60	500.00
Postage & Shipping	661.71	588.45	500.00
Copier Supplies (paper & toner)	568.77	701.34	700.00
Copier Maintenance/Repair	314.05	0.00	0.00
Spiral Binders & Covers	196.80	21.98	100.00
Misc. Office Supplies	223.75	183.77	150.00
Food/Beverage Expense		26.06	100.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00	50.00
Bindery Expense	625.00	300.00	400.00
P.O. Box Rent	58.00	64.00	64.00
Printing	1,067.40	580.75	800.00
Refunds	0.00	28.00	0.00
Research Expense	17.38	14.50	50.00
Subscriptions/Dues	55.00	80.00	100.00
internal Revenue (non-profit application fee) Program	150.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>20.76</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$4,531.83	\$6,160.17	\$6,814.00
As of January 1, 1999:	Total		\$9,223.82
As of January 1, 2000:	Municipal Savings		\$5,250.14
	First of America		1,321.04
	CD at Municipal Bank		3,556.77
	Petty Cash		<u>39.94</u>
			\$10,167.89

BOOK COMMITTEE REPORT

The following books & CD's were purchased for the collection:

Dressed for the Photographer
Family Tree Maker Family Bundle Volumes 18-37 (CD's)
Family Tree Maker Family History Bundle:
 Connecticut Genealogies 1600-1800
 New Jersey Genealogies 1600-1800
 Pennsylvania Genealogies 1600-1900
 Rhode Island Genealogies 1600-1800
 Virginia Genealogies 1600-1900
Old Catholic Cemetery, Wilmington, IL
Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington, IL
The Great Migration, 1634-1635, Volume 1 - A& B

The following books were donated to the collection:

By the family of Karen Burden:

The Everything Family Tree Book by William G. Hartley
The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy by Val D. Greenwood
Library Trends, Volume 32, No. 1
Pitfalls in Genealogical Research by Milton Rubicam
A Handy Guide to the Genealogical Library & Church Historical Dept.
The Source, A Guidebook of American Genealogy
1853 Kankakee Centennial Book
A Genealogical Research Guide for Ireland
Irish County Maps showing the Locations of Churches in Ulster Province Genealogical
Research Methods & Sources by The American Society of Genealogists LaSalle County
Centennial Director of former Ottawa Residents, 1831-1931 Prairie Farmer's Reliable
Directory of Farmers and Breeders of Ford County, Illinois The Genealogist's Encyclopedia
by L. G. Pine
Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research
Carlock, Illinois, Where History is Still Being Made, 1863-1976
Chaos and Confusion by Vincent L. Jones
Genealogical Collections in Illinois, Illinois Libraries, Vol. 68 No. 4
Atlas for Germanic Genealogy, Second, Revised Edition by Ernest Thode
Handbook of Genealogical Sources by George Schweitzer
History of Licking County, Ohio, 1808-1889 by Henry Howe
Finding Your German Ancestors by Dr. Ronald M. Smelser
How to Find My German Ancestors and Relatives by Dr. Heinz F. Friederichs
Civil War Genealogy by George K. Schweitzer
The Wonderful Land, A History and Geography of Kankakee, Illinois
Counties of Illinois, Their Origin and Evolution
War of 1812 Genealogy by George K. Schweitzer
Searching for Your German Ancestors, A Primer, by Virginia Eschenbach
Applied Genealogy by Eugene A. Stratton
The Vital Record Compendium
Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives
Metropolitan College of Music & Fine Arts, 1913-1914, Kankakee, Illinois
Taschenbuch fur Familiengeschichtsforschung
Who Do You Think You Are? By Suzanne Hilton
Genealogy for Librarians by Richard Harvey

Handbook on Irish Genealogy
 Shaking Your Family Tree by Dr. Ralph Crandall
 Irish Family Homes Map, Arms and Medieval Locations
 The How Book for Genealogists, 7th Edition In Search
 of Your European Roots by Angus Baxter In Search of
 Your German Roots by Angus Baxter
 How to Trace Your Ancestors to Europe by Hugh T. Law
 Genealogical Source Handbook by George K. Schweitzer
 Revolutionary War Genealogy by George K. Schweitzer
 Ancestry's Guide to Research, Case Studies in American Genealogy, by Johni Cerny &
 Arlene Eakle
 Military Genealogical Sources by John W. Heisey
 Newspaper Research by C. Lloyd Hosman
 Tracing Your German Roots by Maralyn A. Wellauer
 Genealogical Research in England and Wales, Vol. 1
 Scotch-Irish Family Research Made Simple
 Handbook for Genealogical Research in Pennsylvania by John W. Heisey
 Pennsylvania Area Key, 2nd Edition, by Florence Clint
 Genealogical Research, A Jurisdictional Approach American
 Migration Guide by John W. Heisey
 Handy Guide to English Genealogical Records by P. P. & F. S. Preece
 German for Genealogy by John W. Heisey
 Irish Research and Sources by Betty L. McCay
 Collecting Vermont Ancestors by Alice Eichholz

By the family of Charles & Ann Voss:

Who do you Think You Are? By Suzanne Hilton
 SS. Peter & Paul Parish History
 The Armstrong Borderland by William A. Armstrong
 The Northwest Ordinance 1787, A Bicentennial Handbook
 Pamunkey Neighbors of Orange County, Virginia
 A Directory, Business Mirror & Historical Sketches of Randolph Co., IL
 Perry County, Illinois, Centennial, 1856-1956 Momence The
 Making of a River Town by Kay Hess Abstract of Monroe
 County, Indiana, 1900 Census National Society
 Daughters of the American Colonists The Kankakeean, 1934
 1884 Illustrated Atlas Map of Iroquois County, Illinois
 History of Iroquois County, Illinois by H. W. Beckwith
 Prairie Pioneers of Illinois, Volume I (ISGS)
 Perry County, Illinois, 1860 U.S. Census
 Southeast Cemetery Section, Kankakee County, Illinois
 1917 Prairie Farmer's Directory of Kankakee County, Illinois
 Indiana History Bulletin Volume 60, No. 3, March 1983 The
 Journey from Short's Prairie to Percy, Illinois History and
 Genealogy of the Montague Family of America

By Art Bertrand:

Virginia Historic Marriage Register by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr.
 Smyth County, VA, Marriages 1832-1850
 Shenandoah County, VA, Marriage Bonds 1772-1850
 Frederick County, VA, Marriages 1738-1850
 Wythe County, VA, Marriages 1790-1850

West Virginia History - A Bibliography & Guide to Research
 Pennsylvania German Immigrants 1706-1786
 57th Virginia Infantry by Charles W. Sublett
 New Facts & Old Families of Frederick County, Maryland, by Millard Milburn Rice
 Frederick, Maryland, Lutheran Marriages and Burials 1743-1811
 1917 Reliable Directory of Ford County Historical Society Reprint
 West Virginia, Her Counties, Her Townships and Her Towns Page
 County, VA, Marriages 1831-1864
 The Story of 18 Mile Creek and It's Tributaries, Pioneers by Charles Ray Harper
 Some Jackson County Families and Their Ancestors by Juanita Burke
 History of Mason County, WV, 1987
 Iroquois County History, IL
 McLean County, IL, Cemeteries - Vol. 1 thru 18
 Livingston County, IL, Cemeteries Vol. 1
 LaSalle County, IL, Cemeteries Vol. 1
 The First Chicago Church Record 1833-1844
 The First Catholic Church in Joliet, Illinois
 Hickinbottom/Higinbottom/Higginbotham, Vol. 1
 Early Kanawha County, WV, Marriages, Part 1
 Kanawha Valley, WV, Cemeteries, Vol. 1 & 2
 Endless Harbor - The Story of Newport News by Parke Rouse, Jr.
 Early German Churches of Illinois
 Illinois German-Americana Genealogical Sources, Vol. 1
 Maryland German Church Records, Christ Reformed Church, Middletown 1770-1840
 Zion Lutheran Church, Middletown, Frederick Co., 1781-1826, Vol. 2
 Monnocacy Lutheran Congregation & Evangelical Lutheran Church Baptisms 1741-1779
 Ohio Genealogical Periodical Index, A County Guide, by Carol Willsey Bell
 Death Notices, Obituaries & Marriage Notices, Gallia County, Ohio, Newspapers 1825-1875
 Mason County, WV, Cemetery Inscriptions, Vol. 1 through 5 The Descendants of Edward
 Rayburn by Earle H. Morris Index of 1885 Atlas, Cloud County, KS by Jeanne M.
 Chubbuck Early Cloud Co. KS Marriages Vol. 1
 Early Deaths Cloud Co. KS before 1903
 Early Deaths Cloud Co. KS 1903 thru 1911
 Cloud Co. KS Cemeteries, Vol. 1 thru 3
 The Roush Family in America, 4 volumes
 French-Canadian Church Records:
 St. Roche-de-L'Achigan, Comte de L'Assumption 1787-1991, Vol. 3 & 4
 St. Jacques-de-L'Achigan Marriages 1774-1987
 St. Sulpice 1706-1980
 St. Alexis
 Ste. Julienne
 Marie-Reine du Monde Rawdon

Family Genealogies:

Garvis
 Blessing
 Perrot/Perrault/Perreault
 Dumas
 LaGessee

Iroquois County Cemeteries, Vol. 1 & 2

By Leon Keller:

7 Volumes of Tanguay's Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles Canadiennes

47 Volumes of "Repertoire des actes de bapteme, mariage, sepulture et des recensments due Quebec ancien"
 Mariages de L'Angel-Garden, Comte de Montmorency, 1664-1964
 Mariages de St.-Nicolas, Comte de Levin, 1694-1964
 Mariages de Varennes, Comte de Vercheres, 1693-1968
 Mariages de N.D. de Quebec, 1621-1900
 Mariages de Beauport, 1673-1966
 Mariages Clinton County, New York, 1830-1880
 Mariages de Lacadie (1784-1968) et Saint-Luc (1801-1968), Comte de St. Jean
 Mariages de la Paroisse de St-Antoine-de-Pade de Longueuil 1701-1980 Mariages de Boucherville 1668-1900
 Mariages de Laprairie, M.D.-de-la-Prairie-de-la-Madeleine, 1670-1968
 Mariages de St.-Joseph-de-Chambly, 1706-1964
 Mariages de la paroisse Notre-Dame de Montreat, 1642-1850

By Pauline & Harlan Murphy:

History of the Oak Ridge United Presbyterian Church of Yellow Creek Township, Columbiana Co. OH, by William W. Smith

By Maxine Mess:

Lisbon Evangelical Lutheran Church 125th Anniversary Booklet and West Lisbon Lutheran Cemetery Book

- By Holly Forgue:** Forgue & Related Families
- By Audrey Peters:** Early Settlers of Kankakee Co.: Jean-Baptiste Allie & Louis Goyette
- By Robert Degenkolb:** The Schneider Family of Peotone & Grant Park & Related Families
- By Laura Wilkey:** Wilkey Family Genealogy
- By Karen Nilsen:** The Descendants of Clark Wilber Brownell
 Clark Wilber Brownell & His Six Generations of Religious Rebel
 Rhode Island Ancestors

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Publication Committee ran the following:

Quarterlies	225 x 34 x 4 =	30,600 copies
Limestone Township Cemetery Book		10 Copies
1860 Census*		50 Copies
Northeast Section Cemetery Book		5 Copies
Southeast Section Cemetery Book		20 Copies
Memorial Gardens Cemetery Book		20 Copies
Index to Rockville Centennial Book		10 Copies
Bourbonnais Township Cemetery Book		10 Copies
St. Anne Marriage Records		10 Copies
Norton Township Cemetery Book		10 Copies
Essex Township Cemetery Book		10 Copies
Otto Township Cemetery Book		10 Copies
St. Rose Cemetery Book		20 Copies
Manteno Township Cemetery Book		10 Copies

Mt. Calvary Cemetery Book	10 Copies
Sumner Township Cemetery Book	10 Copies
Maternity BVM Church Death Records	10 Copies
St. John the Baptist Church Records	10 Copies
1900 Atlas & Index	10 Copies
1915 Atlas & Index	10 Copies
Patriot Roster of Livingston County	10 Copies

*Publication reprinted by Staples - only 30 hard bound.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Research meetings were held on the third Wednesday of each month except for July and December. 60 research related letters were answered in 1999.

1855/65 STATE CENSUS REPORT

Both microfilms have been transcribed and one has been computerized and just needs proofreading. This publication should be available this year.

QUARTERLY/NEWSLETTER EXTRACTIONS

Some Ancient Customs

Our word "coffin" comes from the Greek "kophinos" meaning "baskets". It was in baskets woven of plaited twigs that ancient Sumerians ca 4000 BC interred their dead. It was fear of the deceased that accounted for the origin of coffins. In northern Europe, drastic measures were taken to prevent the dead from haunting the living. Often the dead man's body was bound and the feet and head removed. Enroute to the graveside, a circuitous route was taken so he couldn't trace the path home. In some cultures, the dead were removed, not through their home's front door, but by a hole cut in the wall and closed up afterward. Burial six feet underground was viewed as a good precaution, but entombment first in a wooden coffin was even safer. Nailing down the lid afforded extra protection.

Not only were many early coffins secured with numerous nails, but after the coffin was lowered into the ground, a large heavy stone was placed atop the lid before soil was shoveled in. A larger stone topped off the closed grave, giving birth of the practice of the tombstone. Those were days when family and friends never ventured near the dead. *The Family Tree, Feb/March 1998.*

Why They Moved West

- 1825 - Gold discovered in California
- 1837 - Gold discovered in Pike's Peak, CO
- 1857 - Panic, economic disaster, low pay for crops, recall of mortgages
- 1860-65 - Civil War
- 1863-65 - Steep incline in prices, high rail costs to ship
- 1866 - Depression after Civil War
- 1868 - Ads began to attract emigrants west
- 1873 - Railroad panic - another economic downturn

- 1874 - Gold discovered in the Black Hills of Dakota
- 1874 - World wide depression
- 1875 - Grasshoppers flood the plains of South Dakota Territory and Kansas
- 1875-79 - Poor crop years - prairies
- 1879 - Depression
- 1881 - Peak of emigrant trains
- 1887 - Dawes Act - breaking up Indian lands for white settlers
- 1889-91 - Land runs in Oklahoma
- 1896 - Gold discovered in Alaska - Klondike

The Family Tree, June/July 1999,

German Military Training

In Germany, men had to complete military training before receiving permission to emigrate. Because of this, many families left Europe without official permission. Some of the undocumented immigrants can now be identified. A database of persons who were not found when the government tried to contact them is being compiled. The Germanic Emigrants Register will eventually cover the years from 1820-1918 and will include some 800,000 entries. The Immigrant Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 7369, Burbank, CA 91510-7369 has the microfiche index to the first 277,000 entries covering the years 1895-1918. Volunteers will check this list for you and provide a translation of the information to the index plus a form and instructions for submitting a search of the databases in Germany. Write for complete information. *MN GS Prince George's Co., Soc. Bulletin*

Illinois Records Facts

When do adoption records first appear in Illinois County courthouses? The first Illinois law providing for and regulating adoptions went into force April 22, 1867. This law provided that "any person desirous of adopting a child, so as to render it capable of inheriting his or her estate" may present a petition of adoption to the circuit or county court in his or her county of residence. The first record books in Illinois courthouses devoted solely to adoptions date from this period. In practice, most adoptions following the 1867 law were handled by the county courts.

After county courts were abolished in 1964, all adoptions in Illinois occurred in the circuit courts, which also assumed custody of the adoption records previously held by county courts. Prior to 1867, adoptions could be declared by a court of record and might also be declared or assumed in a deed or last will and testament wherein the grantor or testator gave or bequeathed property to a child. In such cases, the record of adoption would be found in the office of the court clerk, the record of deeds or the probate clerk. *Bureau County Gen. Soc. March/April 1999.*

GENEALOGY SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

DuPage County Genealogical Society 25th Conference

Forward Into the Past will be held on February 26, 2000, at the Hilton Hotel, Lisle/Naperville. IL. Featured speakers include David Dearborn and Michael John Neill. Topics include: New England Town Records, Court Records: Following the Paper Trail, Navigating the Family Search Website, New England Manuscripts, Analyzing Complete Court Cases, You Can Do Real Research on the Web, New York City Research, Problem Solving and Analysis, Salt Lake City..... Here I Come, New England Migration to the Midwest, I Found It: Now What?, and Creating Your Personal Web Site.

ISGS Spring Conference

Visiting the Military Tract will be held on June 9 and 10, 2000, on the campus of Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL. Featured speaker will be Leslie Smith Collier.

FGS National Conference 2000

A World of Records will be held September 6 to 9, 2000, at Salt Palace Conventions Center, Salt Lake City, UT. Conference will include over 130 presentations, over 60 national and international speakers, lectures geared from beginning to advanced, over 200 booths with 150 exhibitors, special workshops and lectures, networking opportunities to meet with other family researchers from all over North America. For additional information contact FGS tollfree at 888-FGS-1500; E-mail them at fgsoffice@fgs.org; or visit the FGS websites at <http://www.fgs.org> or <http://www.infouga.org>.

National Conference at Ft. Wayne, Indiana

The Allen County Public Library and Foundation, through the Historical Genealogy Department, announce the national conference to be held July 20-22, 2000, at the Grand Wayne Center in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. More than 90 lectures will be offered covering research methodology, technology in genealogy and research sources. For a registration brochure send an e-mail message to Curt Witcher putting "Millennium Conference" in the subject field with your name and address in the message or send post card to "Millennium Conference, do Historical Genealogy Dept., Allen Co. Public Library, P.O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270.

KVGS WEB NEWS

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Chicago Tribune Newspaper Archives

The Chicago Tribune has contracted with the Progressive Technology Systems to digitize a significant portion of the paper's archives collection, creating a fully searchable digital library covering material from 1849 to the present. Content to be digitized included more than fifteen million newspaper clippings from the early 1900's to 1984, the full text and images of every front page from 1849 to the present, and full text of all obituaries and death notices from 1849 to the present. Read the entire press release at www.pfts.com/trib_press.html.

Vital Statistics

An internet site with mailing addresses, costs for copies, and availability of birth and death records from all vital statistics offices for each state or U.S. territory can be found at <http://vitalrec.com>.

Catholic Archives Online

www.catholic-church.org/cid.usa.html provides information on 203 Catholic archives - dioceses and archdioceses, religious institutes and colleges and universities. Information includes address, phone number, e-mail and websites (if available), type of repository, archivist's name, hours of operation, record availability and collection descriptions. Eventually, more information will be added, as well as some scanned documents and photos. *McHenry County Illinois Connection, Jan/Mar 1999.*

Virginia Research

The Library of Virginia has released several new or enhanced online resources as follows:

Virginia Revolutionary War Bounty Warrants: <http://image.vtis.com/collections/BW.html>

Virginia Claims: <http://image.vtis.com/collections/RJ.html>

Confederate Disability Applications: <http://eagle.vsia.edu/al>
Guide to Virginia Local Court Records on Microfilm: <http://image.vtis.com/ree1461>
McHenry County IL Connection, Jan/Mar 1999.

GREAT & GREAT, GREAT

Seeking information on David **Schweigeret (Swigert)** born Apr 1824 Baden, Germany, died 27 Sep 1860 Kankakee Co., IL, Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Pilot Township, Kankakee Co.; married Mary **Gossert/Gossard** born 09 May 1829. Children: Margaret, Dorathy, Catharine (Kate), Louis, Caroline, Eliza (Louise), David, Sarah. Moved from Chicago, Cook Co., IL, abt. 1850-60 to Salina Township, Kankakee Co., IL. Contact Karen Morrical, 349 N. Bates Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901, e-mail farm349@aol.com.

Seeking information concerning Adolphus **Monett** who left Kankakee 1881 probably for Cloud Co., KS. Christ Bramer lived Kankakee Co. 1914. What city or occupation? Contact Norma Jean Hamilton, 11587 110 Rd., Dodge City, KS 67801.

Lillie **LePlante** died someplace near Kankakee Co. but it seems her death certificate is missing. She was buried in the churchyard of the Catholic Church in Bourbonnais, but when I was there a few years ago, all of the tombstones had been destroyed. For medical reasons, I would like to know what she died of in the early part of the 1900's. Contact June Easley, 1601 Franklin Ave., Mountain Home, AR 72653, E-mail juneasley@centurytel.net.

Searching for ancestors and descendants of Christian and Minnie **Stravlo** and Charles **Wolf** and Louisa/Lena Stravlo. Lived in Kankakee from 1853 to 1875 and 1875 til death 1951 respectively. Searching for burial place of Ludwig Stravlo. Contact Joyce Stravlo, 4113 Cantle Ct., Oklahoma City, OK 73120; email ACIJAS@aol.com.

Looking for descendants of Allen Martin, who married Larinda **Hibbard** in 1872 and for Marena Martin **Eastwood** who married Thomas **Tarrant** in 1897. Children of marriages are William C. Martin and Minnie Martin. Contact Jack **Martin**, 3804 N. Logan Ave., Loveland, CO 80538.

Seeking family of Jacob Mear and Mathilda **Boisvert/Greenwood** married ca. 1850. I have information on her parents Francois Boisvert/Greenwood and Tharsile Desjariais from Louisville, Maskinonge, Quebec. Contact Robbin **Wheatley**, 1169 Millview Dr., Batavia, IL 60510.

Searching for any information on William S. **Orthman/Ortman**, Fred C. (Charles F.) **Wade**, and ? **Bond/Bonn**. Between 1900-1924 the name Ethel **Bentz** may be associated with them. Also searching for information on Oscar **Delude** who married Sadie **Bentz Giasson** on 14 Nov 1914. Contact Sandra Bolin, 1475 221st St., Garvin, MN 56132, e-mail bsbolin@reconnect.com.

1881 KANKAKEE COUNTY MARRIAGES

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

<u>Bride</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Date</u>
Alma Brenneisen	Joseph Wenterer	Otto	25 Jul 1881
Maggie Daylor	Oscar P. Livingston	Salina	27 Jul 1881
Alice Brophy	Michael O'Mara	Essex/Greenfield (Grundy)	27 Jul 1881
Belle M. Perry	Geo. C. Shreffler	Wesley (Will Co.)/Essex	18 Aug 1881
Mary C. Scheppler	John T. Grimm	Otto/Kankakee	11 Aug 1881
Anna M. Albrecht	Otto H. Birr	Kankakee	13 Aug 1881
Jennie Becker	Patrick Kane	Kankakee/Chicago	15 Aug 1881
Lyda Beebe	Alfred Styles	Aroma/Stanberry MO	24 Aug 1881
Susan Brown	Richard Lenox	Aroma/Monroe, Ind.	03 Sep 1881
Julia Croman	Addison J. Stanton	Yellowhead	17 Aug 1881
Vinnie Wiers	Charles M. Sleezer	Livingston Co.	25 Jul 1881

1881 KANKAKEE COUNTY BIRTHS

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

<u>Son/Dau.</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Date</u>
Daughter	Peter Jarvis. Manteno	13 Apr 1881
Son	Wm. Neihoft, Manteno	22 Jul 1881
Daughter	Dr. Finley Ellingwood, Manteno	29 May 1881
Daughter	R. J. Grimes, Manteno	14 Jun 1881
Daughter	Joseph A. Richards, Manteno	26 Apr 1881
Son	Pat Devereaux, Manteno	17 Mar 1881
Daughter	Dr. Fred Oberd, Kankakee	04 Aug 1881
Daughter	Gilbert D. Seward, Salina	03 Aug 1881
Son	Celestin Grandjean, St. Anne	03 Jul 1881
Son	Joseph Brule, St. Anne	25 Jul 1881
Daughter	J. G. St. Pierre, St. Anne	16 Jul 1881
Daughter	F. Courville, St. Anne	30 Jul 1881
Son	O. Roy, St. Anne	30 Jul 1881
Daughter	David Brosseau, Kankakee	18 Jun 1881
Son	John C. Brink, Kankakee	29 Jul 1881
Son	Joseph Hubert, Kankakee	08 Aug 1881
Son	Augustin Poutry, Kankakee	18 Jun 1881
Son	D. H. Kammann, Kankakee	07 Aug 1881
Son	Joseph Guggett, Kankakee	17 Jul 1881
Daughter	Wm. Gutberlet, Kankakee	25 Jul 1881
Daughter	Edgar Van Wert, Kankakee	11 Jul 1881
Son	James E. Bennett, Kankakee	14 Aug 1881
Daughter	Herman Dahling, Kankakee	14 Jul 1881
Son	James Jowett, Kankakee	29 Jul 1881
Son	Geo. W. Legg, Aroma	30 Jul 1881
Son	Chas. F. Koon, Limestone	21 May 1881

Son/Dau.	Parents	Date
Daughter	John Snyder, Limestone	26 Apr 1881
Daughter	Wallace Jones, Sherburnville	22 Jul 1881
Daughter	Hugh LukeCarlos, Rockville	14 Aug 1881
Son	Joseph Martin, Rockville	26 Jul 1881
Daughter	Ed Boudreau, Rockville	02 Jun 1881
Son	Joseph Baguet, Rockville	28 May 1881
Son	Stanislaus Cloutier, Manteno	19 May 1881
Daughter	U. Senesac, Manteno	12 May 1881
Son	Joseph Adam, Manteno	08 May 1881
Son	Leonard I. Smith, Manteno	13 Jul 1881
Daughter	Oliver Delude, Manteno	11 Jul 1881
Daughter	James McMahan, Manteno	28 Jun 1881
Son	Samuel P. Colthurst, Norton	11 Aug 1881
Son	Henry Wredmer, Sherburnville	12 Aug 1881
Son	G. Grasson, St. Anne	05 Aug 1881
Daughter	Edward Cyr, Aroma	29 Aug 1881
Son	Thos. Costello, Kankakee	07 Aug 1881
Son	Amos Lockrey, Aroma	16 Aug 1881
Daughter	N. Fredrickson, Pembroke	12 Aug 1881
Daughter	Fritz Shroeder, Grant	24 Aug 1881
Daughter	Elisha Stockdale, Manteno	29 Aug 1881
Son	Judy LaChance, Manteno	23 Aug 1881
Daughter	Labellier Henry, Manteno	03 Aug 1881
Daughter	Ed. Beauves, Manteno	03 Aug 1881
Son	Sumner H. Dickenson, Manteno	02 Sep 1881

1881 KANKAKEE COUNTY DEATHS

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

(11 Aug 1881) In this city, August 3, Robert Strong Dewey, aged 8 months and 15 days. The young life brought with it a heritage of sorrow into the Doctor's home. At its birth last November its young mother surrendered her life, and the doctor bestowed upon the fateful little one an unusual amount of affection. The services at the hospital were held on Saturday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Phillips, rector of St. Paul's church, conducted the rites, and the choir of the church rendered some appropriate music.

(11 Aug 1881) In Aroma, August 4, of cholera infantum, Frank Revillo Beebe, twin child of Gilbert and Emma Beebe, aged eight months.

(11 Aug 1881) In this city, Aug. 8, of gastric fever, William Haslett, aged 63 years. William Haslett died at the residence of George Forbes, in this city, on Monday last at the age of 63 years. He was brought here from Momence by his son Byron, station agent for the C.I. St. L. & C. Railroad company, seven weeks ago, and his illness dates back to last December. William Haslett was born in Vermont and came to Momence about the year 1843. He resided there five or six years and then removed to Manteno. He represented that township and Momence in the board of supervisors for several years, and held the office of assessor for a number of years both in Manteno and Momence. He was a member of Bainbridge lodge, 1.0.0.F., of Momence, up to its dissolution, ten years ago. He leaves four children, two sons and two daughters, the youngest being 17 years of age. Three brothers survive him, viz: Levi and Henry, of Momence; and Charles, of Marshal county, Kansas. The funeral services occurred at Momence, on Wednesday afternoon, at the M.E. church.

(11 Aug 1881) In this city, Aug. 7, of cholera infantum, Amondeau Forgue, infant child of Joseph Forgue, aged 13 months.

(11 Aug 1881) In Norton, Aug. 4, of cholera infantum, Archie Garfield, twin son of Clarence and Fanny Wood.

(11 Aug 1881) In Garner, Aug. 3, Mrs. B. W. Cowles, formerly of Pilot.

(11 Aug 1881) In this city, Aug. 4, of heart disease, Mrs. Mary Fina aged 65 years.

(11 Aug 1881) In Manteno, July 30, of congestion of the brain, Lily May Smith, aged 1 month, 5 days.

(25 Aug 1881) In Momence, Aug. 12, of whooping cough, Eddie F., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Savage, aged 11 months.

(25 Aug 1881) In Sherburnville, Aug. 10, Mrs. Maria L. Dyer, aged 64 years. (Mrs. Dyer had lived in Sherburnville for 36 years.)

(25 Aug 1881) In Kankakee, Aug. 1, of cholera infantum, Georgie Fountaine, aged 8 months.

(25 Aug 1881) In Aroma, Aug. 3, infant child of Geo. W. Legg.

(25 Aug 1881) In Kankakee, May 30, infant son of John Moore, aged 2 months.

(25 Aug 1881) In Yellowhead, July 11, of congestion of the lungs, Mrs. Julia Ann Hibbs, aged 64 years.

(01 Sep 1881) In Aroma, Aug. 8, of erysipelas, Mrs. Mary St. Peter, aged 31 years.

(01 Sep 1881) In Chebanse, Aug. 25, of dropsy of the heart, Sarah E., wife of John F. Riley, aged 33 years.

(01 Sep 1881) In this city, Aug. 29, of softening of the brain, Silas A. St. John, aged 72 years.

(01 Sep 1881) In Sumner, Aug. 21, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Evans, aged 13.

(01 Sep 1881) In Grant Park, Aug. 23, 1881, Mrs. James Osby, aged 65 years.

(01 Sep 1881) The Norton *News* of last week contains the announcement of the death of Mrs. Polly Coleman, widow of Lucius Coleman, with whom she had lived for fifty-six years. Mrs. Coleman was the mother of nine children, five of whom are still living, and were present to sooth the aged mother in the last hours of her earthly life. She was a member of the Baptist church for nearly sixty years. She united with that church in Gardner, Ill., while she and her husband resided there, and in 1856 joined the church in Kankakee, having in the meantime moved to that city. She is highly spoken of as being a woman of unusual strength of character combining a deep sense of her religious obligations with a genial disposition which made her a pattern for those who follow her.

(01 Sep 1881) The death of Maggie Todd occurred last week Thursday at the house of her father, H. Church Todd, in this city. She had been a sufferer from consumption for over two years and her taking away had been anticipated by her friends for some time. Her circle of acquaintances among the young people of Kankakee was large and she was much admired for her sweetness of disposition and true refinement of character. She was a devoted member of St. Paul's church and her presence there and in the Sunday school will be missed. Mr. Phillips, the rector, was summoned home from the East to conduct the funeral services which occurred at St. Paul's church last Monday afternoon at two o'clock in the presence of a large audience. A number of elegant floral memorials were contributed by the young ladies of St. Agnes guild of which the deceased had been a member. Six of Maggie's young gentlemen

friends, Walter Hobbie, Samuel McGrew, George Crawford, Scott Halsey, John Paddock and Fred Durfee, accepted the sad duty of bearing her remains to their last earthly resting place. The sympathy of the community will be freely poured out upon the stricken father who still mourns the recent death of a faithful and loving wife and who loses in Maggie his fifth child.

(08 Sep 1881) In Wilton township, Will county, Mary Ethel, daughter of J. W. and Mary K. Luce, aged 1 year and 10 months.

(08 Sep 1881) In this city, September 1, Mrs. Emily Thomas, aged 82. Mrs. Thomas had been a member of the Baptist church 64 years. She lived a consistent christian life and has left us to go up to possess the mansion which Christ has gone to prepare for his chosen, and which was the object of her unwavering faith.

(08 Sep 1881) A two months old child of a young man named Adams who works on the Enos farm, was accidentally smothered in bed with its parents one night last week.

COUNTY COURT - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 25, 1881.

Estate James M. Buntain. Claims allowed: Thos. H. Stratton, \$10.96; L. W. Calkins, \$50.50; Stratton & Hamilton, \$60.34.

Conservatorship Andrew Stuyer. Conservator discharged.

Guardianship Mary and Rosalie Bechard. Report approved.

Guardianship minor children Jeremiah Hertz. Final report approved and guardian discharged.

Guardianship Edwin A. Lipes; approval of report. Change of venue to circuit court. Estate

Nathaniel Jones. Estate declared closed.

Estate Zene C. Brayton. Order for payment of claim of Ephraim Wheeler by October next.

Estate August Ehrenpfurt. Judgment in favor of F. A. Young for \$39.

Estate J. B. Cyrier, decree for sale of real estate. Claims allowed: David H. Perry, \$36.64; A. T. St. Germain, \$9; C. W. Knott, \$30; F. D. Hatch, \$124.36; F. Cyrier, \$57.82; Josephine Cyrier, \$111.52.

1930 FEDERAL POPULATION CENSUS

The 1930 census will be available on April 1, 2002, at the National Archives. There are approximately 2,668 rolls of census schedule microfilm for the entire U.S. Illinois consists of 169 rolls of microfilm. The only states with more rolls are: New York - 270 and Pennsylvania - 209. Thirty-two questions were asked in the census as follows:

- 1-4 Street, house number, dwelling house, number of family.
- 5 Name of each person whose place of abode on 01 Apr 1930 was in this family.
- 6 Relationship of this person to head of family.
- 7-10 Home owned or rented, value of home, radio set, does family live on farm.

- 11-15 Sex, color/race, age, marital condition, age at first marriage.
- 16-17 Attended school/college, able to read and write.
- 18-20 Place of birth of individual and parents.
- 21 Language spoken in home before coming to the U.S.
- 22-24 Year of immigration, naturalization and if speak English.
- 25-27 Trade/profession, industry/business, class of worker.
- 28-29 At work yesterday; if not, line number on unemployment schedule.
- 30-31 Veteran, what war.
- 32 Number of farm schedule.

TEACHERS' NORMAL - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 11, 1881.

This, the third annual meeting of the teachers of Kankakee county, opened under favorable auspices and bids fair to be a success. Some thirty names were enrolled the first day, being ten more than were enrolled on the first day of last year. The instructors are persons of superior ability, as may be seen from the following:

J. W. Hays -	History, Book-keeping, Philosophy
C. W. Rolfe -	Botany, Physiology, Zoology
Mr. Tracey -	Language
L. S. Rowell -	Algebra
Mrs. Tracey -	Elocution and Penmanship
Prof. Mitchell -	Artistic Penmanship
H. C. Paddock -	Arithmetic and Geography

Friends of education are cordially invited to visit the normal. Lessons are held in the court room instead of the high school as stated before.

LOCAL CULLINGS - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 11, 1881.

E. T. Hull has sold his milk route to Howes Bros. Charley Voss will open a photographic gallery in the second story of Stege's new building, on Court street, about the first of next month.

J.P. Berchem and Ed Lasnier, two of the oldest and best known dry goods clerks in Kankakee, have rented the fine storeroom in the Stege building and will occupy it, about Sept. 10, with a stock of notions.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 1, 1881.

Old Mr. St. John died last Monday night after a long illness.

W. F. Keady and family start for Oregon, their future home, next Monday.

Gus Beauchamp has gone back to Concordia, Kansas, to try his fortune once more. He is to take charge of a drug store. His wife and baby will remain in Kankakee for a couple of months.

EAST OTTO - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 1, 1881.

Mr. Havens has been sick for the last week, but is better.

Mrs. Guy Huckins has just returned from her visit to Buckley. Frank Fender was home from Kinsington on a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Rowell have engaged to teach the Manteno school and will leave their house furnished here and hire board there. The Chebanse school will commence next Monday with Misses Hulbert, Foss, Porter and Schrader as teachers.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 3, 1881.

J. P. Nichols, of Fithian, Ill., spent Sunday at Mr. Zeno Streeter's. Miss Dora Sammonds instructs the shavers in the Mills school.

Will Sammons starts for Nebraska next week. He says that he is going through alone, but if it were me I should try and find a better-half.

Mrs. Comstock, of Herscher, has been visiting relatives in this vicinity for the last week.

Mr. Joseph Huckins, our road overseer, has been doing some good work. Mr. Chas.

Streeter has been quite sick, but is around again.

Mrs. John Stands has gone to New York to visit her daughter, and Mr. Sands is improving the time by putting a fine picket fence around the front yard.

MOMENCE - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 25, 1881.

The plans and specifications for the new church of the Good Shepherd are now at Wm. Astle's hardware store in Momence, and judging from them, the proposed new church will be an ornament to the village. The main building will be 28x68 feet, and the entire building 28x72 feet. The location has not yet been definitely decided upon.

Considerable property has been destroyed between Palmer and Momence by fires communicated from railroad locomotives.

NORTON - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 11, 1881.

A "wing" has been added to the parsonage in Eldredgeville - a much needed improvement.

Archie Garfield, infant son of Clarence and Fanny Wood, died Aug. 4th of cholera infantum. Arthur, the twin brother, is very low with the same complaint. His life was despaired of for a number of days, but now faint hopes of his recovery are entertained.

ESSEX - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 11, 1881.

Sam McLane has sold his interest in the Eclipse threshing machine to Charles and John Warren.

Mrs. W. W. White is dangerously ill. Dr. Owen, from Chicago, is the attending physician.

A telegram from Northern Nebraska, announcing the sudden death of George and Danai Bigelow, shocked our citizens last Monday. A letter of last Saturday gives the following: They were both in a well which was 28 feet deep. They were standing on a ladder, the foundation of which and also the curb gave way, and the well caved in from all sides. They were not instantly killed as was supposed when the telegram was received. By some means or other a tube was in the well, through which they talked to those who tried to save them for 5 or 6 hours. The eager crowd of people could hear the men talking to each other and petitioning to higher powers for assistance. The last words from Danai were that George had fallen asleep. The accident happened about 2 p.m. of the 28th ult., and with a crowd of 200 people the bodies of the men could not be reached until the 31st. Mrs. Swift received the dispatch at 1 p.m. last Monday and started from Essex at 4:30 p.m. the same day. It was about the 7th of May when the brothers started for their new homes in the west; but, alas! What a sad change has been made in three months in those two families. The distressed families have the heartfelt sympathies of all their acquaintances.

ROCKVILLE - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 18, 1881.

Jno. Deitrich, living near Reddick, was raking hay last Wednesday. His team became frightened and he was thrown from the rake. He was considerably bruised, and one of his legs so badly smashed that it had to be amputated. Dr. Green, assisted by Dr. Chalfant, of Dwight, and Dr. George of Nebraska, did the work.

Miss Helen Tremain, of Brockport, NY, spent a few days in our vicinity visiting with one of her former schoolmates, Miss Carrie Swift. Miss T. is attending the normal school at Brockport.

Lewis Baxter is building an addition to his house. School in district No. 5 closed yesterday; Miss Ella Truex, teacher.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 18, 1881.

Tom Murphy starts tomorrow for Iowa on an inspecting tour. If he is pleased with the country he will take his family thither this fall. Will Steudtman is negotiating for Murphy's farm.

Fred. Thompson and family arrived on Friday of last week to take possession of the Charley Durham farm. Mr. T. brought three carloads of fine cattle with him.

John Dawson has gone for a three weeks visit to his son Charley in Ogle county.

PILOT - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, August 11, 1881.

Miss Annie Kane's school in the Gunnerson district closed on Wednesday last, and Miss Sarah M. Richards, school in Herscher the same day. We hear the town people were much pleased with Miss Richards as a teacher.

Jay Fetterly's little 7 months old girl has been lying very ill for several days. Its chances for recovery are small.

A former resident of this town, Mrs. B. W. Cowles, died at her residence in Gardner on last Wednesday, and was buried in Hawkins' burying ground near Kankakee on Friday. Some of the friends from town were at the funeral.

A telegram was received by Mrs. E. L. Hills, while at the Murphy meeting on Saturday night, announcing the death of her mother, Mrs. McEwen, at Crystal Lake, McHenry county, Ill.

KANKAKEE COUNTY RECORDS

Due to requests from new members, the following is basic information on Kankakee County records:

If you're in search of your ancestors here in our county, the following information might be helpful in your search. Vital records are available at the Kankakee County Clerk's office, 189 E. Court St., Kankakee, Illinois 60901 at a cost of \$7.00 per record as follows:

Death records starting in 1877 Birth
records starting in 1878 Marriage
records starting in 1853

The Kankakee and Bourbonnais Library have our Index to Early Death Records which you can use to check for your ancestors. If you are searching for land records, these are available at the Recorder's Office, also at 189 E. Court St. Will and probable records are located in the Circuit Clerk's office at the Courthouse at 450 E. Court St.

The first City Directory available in the county was in 1876 and the next available one is in 1896. After the turn of the century you can find city directories for most years housed at the Kankakee Library. The Kankakee Library also has on microfilm copies of the Kankakee newspapers back to the 1850's and all Illinois censuses.

If you are looking for local history, there are several good sources. The 1883 Kankakee County Atlas has a wealth of information on early settlers and history. The 1893 Portrait & Biographic Record of Kankakee Co. and the 1906 History of Kankakee are also wonderful sources and each has a surname index. There are also atlases available for 1900 and 1915.

The Kankakee and Bourbonnais Libraries also have a good collection of Centennial Books for various townships and churches in the county. Records prior to the late 1850's are scarce and remember that prior to the forming of the county in 1853, everything north of the Kankakee River was part of Will County and everything south was part of Iroquois County.

The society's collection is housed at the Bourbonnais Public Library. The society has published a quarterly since 1979 and bound volumes in five-year increments are available at both libraries. There

are also indexes to all the quarterlies volume 1 through 25. The Family Treemaker program is available for use at the Bourbonnais Library along with many accompanying CD's.

The Society has its own website at <http://www.kvgs.org>. You will find online membership and available publications for purchase as well as a master list of articles run in the quarterly and Master Cemetery List. We also plan to add the first five years of quarterlies in the near future.

COOK COUNTY RESEARCH

Rather than writing to the official Cook County offices, genealogists should contact this office: The Cook County IRAD Branch (Illinois Regional Archives Depository - Cook County Branch). This facility is located at Northeastern University in the Ronald Williams Library, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago, IL 60625-4699. Hours for onsite research are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F, with shorter hours in June and July.

MANTENO - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 1, 1881.

(Aug. 27) The public school of this place commences this morning. Miss Susie Collins keeps her old place in the primary department. The new teachers are Prof. Rowell and wife, who are strangers to us, but we hear they come well recommended. We wish them the best of success in their new departments.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shingle have gone on a trip to Mr. S's old home in Pennsylvania. They go by way of Boston and New York City and will spend about a month in visiting and traveling.

The Rev. Mr. Fassett, of Wisconsin, was in town a few days last week, visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. R. Nesbitt.

The new store building of Mrs. Brosseau & Sons is being pushed forward as fast as the workmen can do it. It is being built of stone, and will contain two store rooms, 20x70 each.

Grandma Perry is still very low, and is now surrounded by her seven children, this being their first family reunion for nearly twenty-seven years. Three daughters, Mrs. Warden, Mrs. Trueworthy and Mrs. Smith, residing in the East and the remaining members of the family living in Manteno and vicinity.

KANKAKEE COUNTY SCHOOL RECORDS

The following records are from *Examination of Teachers in the Public Schools* (a register of applicants for schools). The following is continued from the last quarterly with the following abbreviations: ed. = educated; ps = public schools. (Nativity lists first location where teacher was born and second current residence.)

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nativity</u>	<u>Date of Cert.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Frank E. Gilkerson	22	IL, Manteno	27 Aug 1881	2 terms, Monmouth
Aaron Good	27	Penna., Dwight	27 Aug 1881	4 terms, N.W. Col.
Augustus C. Schreipo	23	IL, St. Anne	27 Aug 1881	4 terms, PS Kan.

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nativity</u>	<u>Date of Cert.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Charles E. Swan	19	IL, Waldron	27 Aug 1881	P.S.
Robert Drumond	28	Ind., Lowell, Ind.	27 Aug 1881	27 mo. P.S.
John R. Jones	30	Ind., Kankakee	03 Spe 1881	8 yrs., Val. Nov.
William Henry Wilson	22	IL, Kankakee'	03 Sep 1881	14 mo., Val. Nov.
T. N. Tracy	32	NY, Kankakee	03 Sep 1881	12 yrs., Ind. Gen.Col.NY
Michael J. Cunningham	22	Ohio, Kankakee	10 Sep 1881	6 mo., Valparaiso
Frank R. Christman	22	Ohio, Spencer	10 Sep 1881	2 terms, Valparaiso
Lennington Small	20	IL, Kankakee	13 Sep 1881	2 terms, Valparaiso
Martin Morrison	55	NY, Grant Park	22 Sep 1881	35 yrs., NY
Daniel J. White	41	NY, Essex	27 Sep 1881	16 yrs.Kankakee Sem.
Wm. S. Taylor	25	IL, Custer	27 Sep 1881	6 terms, CPS
Henry S. Randal		Buckingham	08 Oct 1881	
Fred Mann	23	IL, Kankakee	08 Oct 1881	7 terms, Led? Nat. Nor.
Chas. R. Brown	26	IL, Waldron	14 Oct 1881	Val. Nor.
Lewis W. Baxter	24	Flor., Essex	15 Oct 1881	5 terms, Kankakee
Will C. Kendall	21	IL, Momence	15 Oct 1881	3 terms, Momence
Clarence L. Luther	31	IL, Momence	15 Oct 1881	Momence
Wm. W. Martin	51	Penna., Waldron	29 Oct 1881	25 yrs. Penna.
John W. Panuvik?	22	IL, Kankakee	03 Nov 1881	1 term, KKK
Anthime E. Courville	24	IL, Manteno	03 Nov 1881	6 yrs. Canada
John M. Stokes			04 Nov 1881	
Arthur J. Byrns	29	IL, Waldron	05 Nov 1881	7 yrs. Kankakee
Isaac N. Congdon	19	IL, Chebanse	05 Nov 1881	Chebanse
John L. Brown	49	NY, Buckingham	10 Nov 1881	6 terms, NY
Wm. A. Laflen	43	IL, Waldron	12 Nov 1881	Several terms
Frank. R. Christman	22	Ohio, Joliet	12 Nov 1881	2 terms, Valparaiso
Zenas St. Pierre	17	IL, St. Anne	12 Nov 1881	St. Anne
John W. Bartholomew	23	Ind., Buckingham	18 Nov 1881	P.S.
Eugene V. Farley	27	IL, Buckingham	18 Nov 1881	Renewal
Thomas Canavan	23	IL, Grant Park	22 Nov 1881	Renewal
Arthur C. Axtell	19	Wis., Kankakee	26 Nov 1881	NWU Evanston
Geo. R. Stover		Penna., Buckingham	03 Dec 1881	
Chas. M. Foreman		Kankakee	10 Dec 1881	
Victor Rock	19	Wis., Grant Park	10 Dec 1881	
Henry C. Chipman	29	IL, Momence	10 Dec 1881	Momence P.S.
J. Edgar Shaw	24	Ohio, Grant Park	10 Dec 1881	Val. Nor.
Edward S. St. Pierre	22	IL, St. Anne	31 Dec 1881	St. Anne & Lake Forest
Winnie G. Brooks	20	IL, Waldron	07 Jan 1882	Waldron P.S.
Sylvester C. Meehan	23	Lou., Bourbonnais	28 Jan 1882	
Theodore F. Smith	18	IL, Buckingham	28 Jan 1882	P.S.
Alexander McGavick	19	IL, Fox Lake, IL	11 Feb 1882	St. V. Col.
Wm. Henry Jackson	25	IL, Irwin	11 Feb 1882	P.S.
Forrest W. Beers			25 Feb 1882	Renewal
Christian C. Kukuck	22	IL, Salina	25 Feb 1882	P.S.
John J. Daum	28	NJ, Lowell, Ind.	08 Mar 1882	P.S.
C. Christian Kukuck			11 Mar 1882	P.S.
Frank E. Gilkerson	23	IL, Manteno	14 Mar 1882	P.S.
Robert C. Gilkerson	21	IL, Manteno	14 Mar 1882	P.S.
Geroge M. Peters		IL, Manteno	14 Mar 1882	P.S.
Herbert Gilkerson	20	IL, Peotone	14 Mar 1882	P.S.
Frank M. Peters	15	IL, Manteno	14 Mar 1882	P.S.

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nativity</u>	<u>Date of Cert.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Charles J. Peters	20	IL, Manteno	14 Mar 1882	P.S.
Mills C. Brasher	17	IL, Manteno	14 Mar 1882	P.S.
Fred Holmes	19	IL, Manteno	14 Mar 1882	P.S.
Daniel W. Parker	20	IL, Manteno	14 Mar 1882	P.S.
Elmer Hawker	20	IL, Salina	25 Mar 1882	Renewal
John Small		IL, Kankakee	25 Mar 1882	Renewal
Henry Krollmann	23	IL, Bonfield	25 Mar 1882	
Christ. C. Kukuck	23	IL, Salina	25 Mar 1882	Naperville
Edwin Metcalfe	19	IL, Momence	21 Apr 1882	P.S.
Harry W. Sutton		Cal., Lake Forest	22 Apr 1882	Reissue, Un. L. Forest
James Riely	20	IL, Buckingham	28 Apr 1882	Renewal, P.S.
Alfred McIntosh	21	IL, Essex	28 Apr 1882	P.S.
John D. Bokley?	21	IL, Essex	28 Apr 1882	P.S.
Wm. E. VanDerwater		Canada, Goodlam?	28 Apr 1882	Valparaiso
Charles M. Crissey		NY, Grant Park	07 May 1882	
Clarre A. Orr	19	IL, Kankakee	24 Jun 1882	Diploma, KHS
Jessie I. Powers	18	IL, Kankakee	02 Jul 1881	KPS
Emma C. Hutchins	19	IL, Kankakee	02 Jul 1881	KPS
Mrs. Rowell Hattie W.		Chebanse 29	02 Jul 1881	Endorsed to June 7, 1883
Harris Carrie E.		Ohio, Momence	05 Jul 1881	
Swift Ella		Essex	09 Jul 1881	Renewal
Huisington Hattie	18	IL, Waldron	09 Jul 1881	
Storrs		IL, Momence	11 Jul 1881	Renewal
Carrie Cooper		IL, Kankakee	23 Jul 1881	Renewal
Lou Perry		Waldron	23 Jul 1881	Renewal
L. Adda Taft	22	IL, Chebanse		
Nettie Wright		IL, Chebanse	30 Jul 1881	Renewal
Katie Hughes		IL, Cabery	30 Jul 1881	Renewal
S. Louise Ayers	21	NY, Momence	30 July 1881	
Nora Kavanaugh		IL, Wilmington	30 July 1881	Renewal
Angie L. Havens	20	Ohio, Chebanse	06 Aug 1881	Renewal, 5 terms PS
Maggie Mahoney	23	IL, Wilmington	06 Aug 1881	Renewal, 10 terms PS
Flora Robb	28	NY, Wilmington	09 Aug 1881	10 terms, Wilmington PS
Kate Begley	20	VT?, St. Anne	13 Aug 1881	14 mo. St. A PS
May Scobey		Union Hill	13 Aug 1881	Renewal
Agnes Stirling		Bourbonnais	13 Aug 1881	Renewal
Marietta C. Wolcott		Momence	13 Aug 1881	Renewal
Sarah Kerin	17	IL, Chebanse	27 Aug 1881	PS
Etta A. Hathaway	18	IL, Manteno	27 Aug 1881	Rockford Sem.
Ada B. Gilkerson	23	IL, Peotone	27 Aug 1881	3 terms, Monmouth
Mary E. Crawford	25	IL, Peotone	27 Aug 1881	5 terms, PS
Lizzie Gleason	21	IL, Manteno	27 Aug 1881	11 terms, PS
Louise Gleason	24	IL, Manteno	27 Aug 1881	4 terms, PS
Sarah Barnicle	19	VT, Grant Park	27 Aug 1881	Renewal, 1 term, PS
Nettie E. Jackson			27 Aug 1881	
Nellie Scroggins			27 Aug 1881	
Emma L. Collins	17	IL, Cabery	27 Aug 1881	1 term, Sheldon PS
Georgia Decker	26	IL, Clifton	27 Aug 1881	2 terms, PS
Mary L. Moran	33	IL, Kankakee	27 Aug 1881	10 yrs., Convent
Jessie B. Mather	25	IL, Buckingham	27 Aug 1881	4 yrs., Val. Nor.

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nativity</u>	<u>Date of Cert.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Maggie W. Curran	22	IL, Wilmington	27 Aug 1881	8 terms, KPS & Convent?
Hannah Connors	18	IL, Wilmington	27 Aug 1881	PS
Rosalie M. Frechette	27	Canada, Bourbonnais	27 Aug 1881	3 yrs., Convent
Clara Williams	27	IL, Grant Park	27 Aug 1881	Cook Co. Normal
Julia M. Havens			27 Aug 1881	
Ella Curran	19	IL, Wilmington	27 Aug 1881	Nor. Univ.
Mary Convey	16	IL, Clifton	27 Aug 1881	PS & Convent
Maggie Riely	18	IL, Kankakee	27 Aug 1881	PS & Convent
Luella Mann	17	IL, Kankakee	27 Aug 1881	Kankakee PS
Sue E. Collins		Manteno	27 Aug 1881	On previous examination
Nellie Mann		Kankakee	27 Aug 1881	Endorsed
Mary T. Lavery	19	IL, Kankakee	27 Aug 1881	3 terms, Kank. Convent
Frankie Hamilton	20	NY, Kankakee	27 Aug 1881	3 yrs., Kank. PS
Mary Krollmann	24	IL, Kankakee	27 Aug 1881	
Mary Connors	22	IL, Wilmington	27 Aug 1881	Renewal, 4 terms, PS
Ida M. Lane	21	Ind., St. Anne	27 Aug 1881	3 mos., PS
Emma Dumond	19	Ind., Lowell Ind.	27 Aug 1881	9 mo. PS
Delia R. Mercier	18	IL, Papineau	29 Aug 1881	Momence PS
Eva E. Giffin	24	IL, Momence	31 Aug 1881	Momence PS
Cesarine Berard	21	IL, Bourbonnais	03 Sep 1881	5 terms, Convent Bourb.
Katie E. Glinney	20	IL, Braidwood	03 Sep 1881	Privilege for short term to hold school, 3 mos. PS
Effie Legg	18	IL, Waldron	03 Sep 1881	Oral
Mrs. Della M. Tracy	29	NY, Kankakee	03 Sep 1881	10 yrs. Grad. Cook Adc.
NY				
Kittie Burke	24	IL, Braidwood	10 Sep 1881	3 terms, Braidwood
Mary M. Younger			10 Sep 1881	
Sarah M. Richards		Herscher	10 Sep 1881	Renewed
May Axtell	20	Wis., Kankakee	10 Sep 1881	23 mos. State N. Wis.
Mary M. Riely	21	IL, Kankakee	10 Sep 1881	10 terms, Convent KKK
Nellie M. Gorman	21	IL, Kankakee	10 Sep 1881	7 terms, KKK
Bessie Coon			10 Sep 1881	Endorsed from Iroquois Co.

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KANKAKEE NEWSPAPERS

The first paper in Kankakee was the Kankakee Gazette, which began publishing in 1853. In 1865, the Kankakee Herald was founded. In 1865, the Herald changed its name to the Kankakee Times. In 1885, the Kankakee Evening Democrat started, giving the town its third newspaper.

In 1903, a group of stockholders organized the Kankakee Republican Company, purchased the Times and changed its name to the Kankakee Republican. In 1920, the Gazette and the Evening Democrat merged into the Kankakee Daily News, making the city a two-newspaper town. In 1931, the Kankakee Republican and the Kankakee Daily News consolidated into one newspaper. In 1945, the name of the paper was changed from the Republican-News to the Kankakee Daily Journal. On August 29, 1973, the paper assumed its current name of *The Daily Journal*.

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KVGS MEETINGS & NEWS

The December Christmas Lunch was held at the Homestead Restaurant and we had a good group who brought so many interesting things passed down through the generations. Everyone had such a good time that we'll probably do this again.

The January meeting was a video tape on Leaving a Genealogy Legacy. February will be a program presented by Sandra Hargreaves Luebking on Genealogical Problem Solving.

Sad news received by the society this month was the passing of Edward D. Virgin, who served as President of our society during its early years. He also taught genealogy at Kankakee Community College.

miles square, thirty-six sections of gently rolling prairie, practically destitute of native timber. Now all is changed, for groves and beautiful trees adorn every residence, and hedge rows and trees along the public highways give the impression of a wooded country that has been cleared by the oncoming waves of civilization. Two creeks, Exline and Tower, meander through the township from north to south, affording water for stock and Pastures, and making a natural drainage for an extensive system of tillage. The land is a clay subsoil, with from one to three feet of black loam on the surface, and is extremely productive. Originally there were many ponds, or sloughs, as the early settlers called them, but with the advent of tile they have disappeared, and now form our richest soil. Here, in the early days, were numerous muskrats, wolves, deer, geese, cranes and ducks, making a hunter's paradise; while around the ponds, and over the wide and almost boundless prairies there wa'ved such oceans of grass and bloomed such a wilderness of flowers that upon the memory of the youth who grew up in these surroundings there was painted a picture of brightness which neither the vicissitudes of time nor the development of change could efface. And the older ones, far from early homes and friends, homesick and weary in the long struggle of pioneer life, the rolling prairies, waving grass and beautiful flowers, were a wide and free inspiration, entering into their lives, and filling them with the rarest elements of strength and nobility. With this splendid outlook and sunny surroundings, with plenty of work and plenty of room, these men and women grew tolerant and tender, ever willing to help those in need and hating the supercilious exclusiveness of the older east. How often have we, the children of those times, known our mothers to go miles to help some neighbor; and all were neighbors then. These pioneer men and women were not, as is generally assumed, rude and ignorant people. On the contrary, they were often the best productions of the cultured east. Many had had the advantages of the best schools and society and civilization of the age. Books in those times were few, but they were usually books full of thought and were written by the great masters. The tans of trash which deluge our times, and find multitudes of appreciative readers,

were then unknown. Much help was derived

from the debating and literary societies, where the questions of the time were discussed by men and women whose intellects had been sharpened in the great controversy for civil and religious liberty, conditions which had racked Europe for hundreds of years, and driven many of their fathers to these western wilds.

Notable among the early societies of our township was one at McKinstry's Corners and one in the Huntly school house. Here congregated from miles around neighbors and friends, and here were passed many of the happiest and most useful hours of those times. Thanks are largely due to Mr. Byron McKinstry and James Little for the success of these societies. Both were familiar with the wide fields of literature, and sought to impress upon their new communities its priceless treasures.

Few settlements were made before the early fifties. Some of the earliest settlers were Samuel Beebe and William Snow, 1849; John Kile, Milton Butts, L. Goss, C. Fortier, N. Blaine and A. Brosseau, 1850; Byron McKinstry and Campbell Seargent, 1852; E. H. and Samuel Buck and, James McKinstry, 1853; Henry Haslett, Linden Thurber, Adam Lucas, Albert Chipman and John and Barnard Mullaney, 1854; E. S. Merwin, Clark Brownell, Nicholas and Hugh Crawford, H. Parkes and Israel Evans, 1855; James Little, W. F. Dennis, P. H. Burchard, 1857; David Boyd, William Moat and Nelson Seager, 1861. These were noted and strong men who were largely instrumental in shaping our future.

At the first town meeting held at Union Corners in 1856, John Kile was elected supervisor; M. F. Beebe, town clerk; L. King, collector; I. L. Simington, assessor; William Stabler and James McKinstry, justices, and B. M. McKinstry, Ezra Huntly and I. L. Simington, commissioners of highways. The supervisors of the township have been as follows:

John Kile, 1856; Ezra Huntly, 1858; B. N. McKinstry, 1860; John Kile, 1862; Milton Butts, 1863; James Little, 1865; Anthony Canavan, 1879; William Moat, 1881; Anthony Callavan, 1882; William Moat, 1885; Anthony Canavan, 1886; E. H. Buck, 1890; Thos. Canavan, 1892; Fred Heusing, 1902, to the present time.

According to William Hathaway, one of the

organizers, who is still living, the first religious service was held at the school house at Union Corners in 1855. Meetings were held here until the beginning of the Grant park meetings and Sunday schools, with the following superintendents: William Stabler, Linden Thurber, William Hathaway and James Little. It was a union service, and people of many faiths attended, although the Methodist circuit rider was the regular preacher. At Huntly's school house, Elder Morrison preached for several summers, and James Little conducted a Sunday school. Services and Sunday schools were held in later times at the Seager and Conklin school houses, all of which have long since been discontinued.

In 1870, on Section one, was located a German Lutheran church, which is still flourishing. In 1876, at the center of the township, the Irish Catholics erected a church costing two thousand dollars, the services of which were recently discontinued owing to deaths and removals, and the building sold. In the early '60's many of the churches had little sympathy with the anti-slavery movement. James Little was an abolitionist and station agent on the underground railway and usually engaged new ministers at the Sunday schools in discussions. The flow of language on these occasions would shock our more prosaic times, but to those youths at least they were an education in freedom, pointing to that death grapple which soon followed in the Civil war. Forty-two enlisted soldiers comprise Sumner's roll of honor, and as no record can be complete without naming these defenders, we give them as follows:

James Kennett, Riley, L. Sizer, John J. Shedd, Gruson Gleason, Charles Goldwood, L. King, John Kane, Joseph Lightfoot, James Parmley, Lewis Seargent, Lorenzo Streeter, Barney Snow, Henry VanSchoyck, Stephen VanSchoyck, Sidney L. Whiting, Henry C. Miller, Charles Muhleison, Gottlieb T. Winter, James B. Gibbs, Robert S. Brayton, William H. Bel-lows, Henry Carney, Patrick Karney, Foster H. Lewillyn, William Loomis, James M. McKinstry, Eller S. Merwin, Patrick Mullaney, John Marshall, Abner McKrnstry, Horace McKinstry, Henry W. Peters, George Pratt, James H. Parkis, Sheldon A. Shedd, Cyrus Simmons, Dayton P. Whiting, Louis Kuttermeyer, Henry C. Buck, Horace Wheaton, Joseph Roberts and

J. M. Chipman.

The last two calls for soldiers were filled by paying bounties of from seven hundred to seven hundred and fifty dollars each, the money being raised by subscription and taxation. James Little, the supervisor, took the men to the government agent at Joliet, and when they were accepted he paid them the bounties. Most of the men reserved fifty dollars and gave the balance back to him to take to their families. Often have we heard Mr. Little say that the saddest mission of his life was meeting and paying the money to these lonely families. These were stirring and sad times, for nearly every mail brought tidings of the dead and wounded at the front, producing darkness and loneliness for those at home.

In the winter of 1851 Byron McKinstry taught the first school at Union Corners. The township was organized for school purposes in 1853, with James Parmeley, Ezra Huntly and Elijah Lewis as trustees. The school section was sold shortly after, making a permanent school fund of \$6,512.65. Originally the districts were organized in all shapes to suit the convenience of the sparse settlements, but in 1867, when Nelson Seager, Milton Butts and A. J. Spinney were elected trustees, they appointed James Little as treasurer, and proceeded to re-district the township into nine school districts of four sections each, with two exceptions. This was a great improvement over the previous arrangement, and was in conformity to the more settled conditions.

The school expenses, as reported by treasurer for past year, have been \$4,600. Children in township two hundred and ninety-six. Approximately there are two hundred and six voters in the town; one hundred and three Germans, who occupy largely the northern half of the town; forty-nine Americans, largely in the southeast; thirty-six French, principally in the southwest; fourteen of Irish descent, mostly near the center; and a few of other nationalities. About three-fourths of the population are republicans, one-fourth democrats, and five or six prohibitionists. The people, however, are largely independent of party dictation, and no political boss owns or votes them. For this reason the town is often called a "Kicker," a title of which many are proud.

Fred Heusing, father of our present supervisor, was the first German resident of the town, locating here in 1855. Now the Germans comprise about one-half of the population, and are among our best and most prosperous citizens.

Our first assessor, in 1856, received as compensation, \$6.50, and the first collector, \$2.50.

The Illinois, Iowa & Minnesota railway is now in course of construction through the township, and telephone lines extend to nearly one-half of the houses, and will soon be universal. Land is selling from \$120 to \$140 an acre.

The approximate personal valuation of the town is \$190,000 and the 23,329 acres are valued at about \$2,916,125. This, in a township where, as late as 1861, Mr. William Moat, still living, assures us he saw deer running wild.

The taxable property for 1904 was:
 Real and personal estate.....\$333,936
 Telephone 40

Total\$333,976

In this brief review we have necessarily been confined to names and dates. Gladly would we have filled pages, chronicling the noble deeds, the generous acts, the self denial and the toil of these men and women who laid the foundation of our prosperity, and sowed the seeds of American institutions in this new land. With rare exceptions, they were- loyal, they were true. Their ideals were those of lofty souls. Our boyish days were spent with men and women whose words of kindness and noble cheer still illumines our memory, with no jarring note to mar its harmony. To speak their praises is to me a labor of gratitude and love. Out in the silent cemetery "the God's acre of our Saxon fathers," rest most of these pioneers. Peace to their memories. Their works live evermore in the broad foundations which they laid.

MANTENO TOWNSHIP.

Manteno township is bounded on the north by Will county, on the east by Sumner township, on the south by Bourbonnais township, and on the west by Rockville township. It is six miles square, and its boundaries coincide with those of the congressional township 32 N. R. 12 E. 3d P. M. It contains 36 sections of land, or 23,040 acres, all prairie.

The town derives its name from Mawteno, a

daughter of Francois Bourbonnais, Jr., who, having Indian blood in her veins, was given a section of land at the treaty of Camp Tippecanoe, December 20, 1832. This land was the east three-fourths of the north half of the ground upon which the city of Kankakee is now located.

At the organization of the county in 1853, the present town of Manteno was the east half of the town of Rockville, and March 11, 1855, by an act of the board of supervisors, it was set aside as the town of Manteno. The new township was duly organized the following April, and Daniel J. Beedy elected the first supervisor.

For the reason that it was not supplied with timber, the most essential thing in pioneer home building, this town was not settled as early as some other towns in the county. The nearest timber was at the extreme southwest corner, to which locality came the first pioneers. They were mostly French Canadians, some of whom came from the Bourbonnais colony. The earliest to arrive were Prudent and Ambrose Souligne, Antoine, Napoleon and P. Langlois, in 1847; J. Blain, in 1847; John Boucher, in 1849; and Moise Betourne, in 1850.

The Illinois Central railroad, built in 1853, brought other settlers to the town, a large number of whom settled in the vicinity of the present village of Manteno. Among these were John T. Richardson, Leonard Morey, Chauncey Brockway, Henry and Daniel Beedy, 1853; Robert Gilkerson, 1854; Alexander Viall, 1855; Charles Skinner and Oliver Barnard, 1856; Milo Barnard, Milo Peters, Leonard Smith and Lovell Wood, 1857; John D. Breen, and Chester W. Cook, 1858. The increase in population was very rapid from 1854.

The township is drained by the north and south branches of Rock creek. The south branch of this creek has its origin in the northeast corner of the township, taking a southwesterly course, crossing the Illinois Central railroad just south of the village of Manteno, and leaving the township at the southwest corner of Section 19. The north branch has its source in Will county, entering this town about the center of the north line of Section 4, and, flowing in a southwesterly direction, leaves the town in Section 18. These two branches unite on Section 23, in the town of Rockville, forming Rock creek.

The first entry of government land in this town was September 9, 1848, by Alfred Warner, taking the east half, and Abram Crocker the west half, of Section 20. James Adsit entered the west half of Section 31 January 29, 1849. Nearly if not all of the government land was taken up by 1853.

The lands in this township are under a high state of cultivation; are dotted with large numbers of beautiful groves and have exceptionally fine substantial buildings. The soil is a deep rich black mould, with a clay subsoil, so uniform in its fertility that it is impossible to say which portion of the township is the most productive.

Manteno is to be credited with being a pioneer in the building of hard roads, the material for which is procured from quarries near the village of Manteno.

The Illinois Central railroad enters the town on the north line, one and one-half miles from its northeast corner, and in the center of Section 2. It runs in a southwesterly direction, and leaves the town a little west of the center of the south line of Section 33, making a diversion to the west of two miles in the six miles of its course across the town.

With the exception of the interurban stations just inaugurated Manteno is the only railroad station.

Manteno village is the highest point on the line of the Illinois Central railroad in Kankakee county. Taking the base of the rail as a fixed point, it is 690 feet above sea level, while Chicago is but 593, and Kankakee 624 feet above sea level. It is situated near the center of the township, on parts of Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, and was first platted November 18, 1854.

Manteno has always been noted for its extensive business, especially in the grain line. In 1904 there were eighty hundred thousand bushels of grain shipped from this point, in addition to fifty-six carloads of hogs, fifty-five carloads of fat cattle, twenty-nine cars of horses, and fourteen carloads of sheep.

The Wright creamery pays out for milk and cream the large sum of \$30,000 annually. The town has a population of 1,000.

There are three churches, a Methodist, Presbyterian and a Catholic; and a high and a graded school.

Among the industries are a state bank, five

coal enterprises, a lumber yard, two grain

elevators, three general stores, five hardware and implement houses, two drug stores, three livery and feed stablac, one harness shop, one shoe store, two furniture stores, two millinery stores, two restaurants, two paint and repair shops, three blacksmith, carriage and machine shops, one creamery and butter factory, two meat markets, one newspaper, and many minor concerns. There are four physicians.

Ice is obtained from the south branch of Rack creek. The streets are macadamized and most of the sidewalks are of cement. The village owns and operates its own waterworks and lighting plant and has an excellent fire department. It is entirely out of debt. For the year 1904 the taxable property of the town is as follows: Real and personal, \$385,991; telegraph, \$500; telephone, \$430. Total, \$386,921.

OLD LAND MARKS.

The first boarding house was built by Mr. Jackson at the time of the construction of the railroad. Mr. Jackson subsequently moved onto a farm in the northeastern part of the town, but is now living in the village of Manteno.

The first hotel was built by the railroad company, and is still used as such. Its first proprietor was Isaac Blessing, who was thus employed until his death.

Medore Martin built and kept the first store, and after him came George C. Merrick, Leonard Morey and N. B. Pratt, the latter engaging in the hardware and lumber business.

Abraham Jones was the first postmaster, appointed June 10, 1854, and the second was Joseph E. Letrie.

Prior to 1857, grain was handled exclusively in bags, and was loaded into the cars from platforms. The first grain warehouse was built in 1857, and is now operated as a feed mill by Leon Euziere. Stephen Hanford built the second elevator, and dealt in grain for a number of years. From 1861 to 1876 Peter Brosseau was a well known grain merchant, and during this time came Leon Euziere and G. P. Comstock who expended \$21,000 in the erection of an elevator in 1869. Mr. Euziere has since continuously dealt in grain at this point.

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Susan Kello —
 Address 286 Collette
 City, State Kalamazoo, MI
 Date 2 December 1995

Person No. 1 on this chart is the sa
 person as No. _____ on chart No. _____

Chart No. _____

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

4 Edwin Ervin Kruszyna
 (Father of No. 2)
 b. 2 September 1909
 p.b. South Bend, Indiana
 m. 15 June 1935
 d. 22 July 1977
 p.d. Flint, Michigan

2 Ervin Gordon Kruszyna
 (Father of No. 1)
 b. 28 November 1935
 p.b. Linden, Michigan
 m. 12 November 1954
 d.
 p.d.

5 Clara Eunice Everett
 (Mother of No. 2)
 b. 2 October 1910
 p.b. Nashville, Michigan
 d.
 p.d.

1 Susan Carole Kruszyna
 b. 24 May 1957
 p.b. Kalamazoo, Michigan
 m. 14 February 1976
 d.
 p.d.

6 William Edwin Burrell
 (Father of No. 3)
 b. 6 October 1915
 p.b. Kankakee, Illinois
 m. 28 March 1935
 d. 30 March 1986
 p.d. Kalamazoo, Michigan

3 Carole Jeanne Burrell
 (Mother of No. 1)
 b. 5 May 1937
 p.b. Kalamazoo, Michigan
 d.
 p.d.

7 Ethel Irene DeWyze
 (Mother of No. 3)
 b. 24 October 1916
 p.b. Kalamazoo, Michigan
 d. 29 April 1970
 p.d. Kalamazoo, Michigan

Ronald Raymond Kellogg
 (Spouse of No. 1)
 b. 25 July 1956 d.
 p.b. Kalamazoo, MI p.d.

8 Ignatius Kruszyna
 (Father of No. 4)
 b. 27 January 1881
 p.b. Poland
 m.
 d. 2 September 1962
 p.d. Flint, Michigan

9 Mary Czyrzewski
 (Mother of No. 4)
 b. 24 December 1878
 p.b. South Bend, Indiana
 d. 6 December 1951
 p.d. Gaines, Michigan

10 Fred Everett
 (Father of No. 5)
 b. 19 November 1887
 p.b. Nashville, Michigan
 m. 30 August 1909
 d. 24 February 1972
 p.d.

11 Clara Leona Oversmith
 (Mother of No. 5)
 b. 7 July 1888
 p.b.
 d. 29 December 1925
 p.d. Linden, Michigan

12 William Edward Burrell
 (Father of No. 6)
 b. 11 April 1894
 p.b. Chicago, Illinois
 m. 6 October 1912
 d. 2 September 1943
 p.d. Kankakee, Illinois

13 Florence McDonough
 (Mother of No. 6)
 b. 14 March 1892
 p.b. Kankakee, Illinois
 d. 9 September 1933
 p.d. Manteno, Illinois

14 Hellie DeWyze
 (Father of No. 7)
 b. 31 March 1884
 p.b. Netherlands
 m. 6 June 1910
 d. 22 February 1936
 p.d. Ann Arbor, Michigan

15 Ethel Elizabeth McNiell
 (Mother of No. 7)
 b. 29 September 1888
 p.b. Kalamazoo, Michigan
 d. 6 March 1965
 p.d. Kalamazoo, Michigan

16
 b. (Father of No. 8,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 m.
 d.

17
 b. (Mother of No. 8,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d.

18 John Czyrzewski
 (Father of No. 9,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 m.
 d.

19 Francis Mary Lomanski
 (Mother of No. 9,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

20 Albert Everett
 (Father of No. 10,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 17 Sept 1849
 m.
 d. 19 May 1919

21 Eunice Lowry
 (Mother of No. 10,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Apr 1853
 d.

22 Casper Henry Oversmith
 (Father of No. 11,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Dec 1854
 m. 18 March 1878
 d. 14 March 1929

23 Henrietta Williams
 (Mother of No. 11,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. March 1855
 d.

24 William Chisholm Burrell
 (Father of No. 12,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 2 April 1865
 m. 28 Feb 1889
 d. 3 Sept 1943

25 Keziah Emily Westwood
 (Mother of No. 12,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 14 Jan 1877
 d. 1 January 1949

26 James McDonough
 (Father of No. 13,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 1864
 m. 7 October 1885
 d. 1890-1907?

27 Margaret Adams
 (Mother of No. 13,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 1864
 d. 1940

28 John DeWyze
 (Father of No. 14,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 9 Jan 1854
 m.
 d. 10 May 1912

29 Josena VanHakken
 (Mother of No. 14,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 21 Dec 1849
 d. 8 July 1923

30 Thomas McNiell
 (Father of No. 15,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 11 June 1848
 m. 6 November 1875
 d. 27 September 1934

31 Ellen Jefferson
 (Mother of No. 15,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 18 July 1855
 d. 29 March 1925

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Ancestors of William Chisholm Burrell
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William Burrell
Marr'd: BEF Nov 1841
Death: ABT 1856
Dplace: Durham, England

Frances Chisholm Burrell
Birth: 19 Nov 1841
Bplace: West Rainton, Durham, England
Marr'd: 24 May 1864
Mplace: Durham, England

Sarah Chisholm
Death: AFT 1861
Dplace: Durham, England

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William Chisholm Burrell
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Bplace: Spennymoor, Durham, England
Death: 3 Sep 1943
Dplace: Kankakee, IL

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Bplace: Ireland
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Dplace: Kankakee, Illinois
Brplace: St. Rose Cemetery, Kankakee, Ill

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James McDonough
Birth: 1864
Bplace: Momence, Illinois
Death: ABT 1907
Dplace: Kankakee, Illinois
Brplace: St. Rose Cemetery, Kankakee, Ill

Margaret McDonough
Birth: 1826
Bplace: Ireland
Death: 1898
Dplace: Kankakee, Illinois
Brplace: St. Rose Cemetery, Kankakee, Ill

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