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QUARTERLY/NEWSLETTER EXTRACTIONS

It Takes How Long?

It took 166 days to travel from coast to coast in the U.S. in a covered wagon in 1849. It took 60 days in the 1860's to go from the Atlantic to the Pacific by stagecoach. By train, in the 1870's, it took 11 days. By air, 25.5 hours in the 1920's was the bi-coastal travel time. By DC-3, it was a 17.5 hour trip in the 1930's. In the 1970's, it took 5 hours in a 747 jet. If you can hitch a ride on the space shuttle, it takes 8 minutes today! *Southwest Nebraska Gen. Society, 1999.*

Timeline - Acadia

- 1518 - Baron de Lery seeks a place for a colony for French Huguenots. However, he returns to France.
- 1524 - Verazanno explores the coast of North America
- 1534, 1535 & 1537 - Cartier explores the St. Lawrence
- 1600 - Tadoussac was established
- 1604 - First settlement on Sainte-Croix Island (now a part of Maine); Caraquet, New Brunswick founded
- 1605 - Colony moved to Port Royal (now Anapolis Royal)
- 1607 - Jamestown is founded
- 1608 - Quebec is founded
- 1613 - Samuel Argall of Virginia starts a settlement at Saint Sauveur (now part of Maine) and destroys Port Royal
- 1620 - Pilgrims land at Plymouth
- 10 Sep 1621 - By Royal Charter, King James of England grants Acadia and Canada to Sir William Alexander
- 1626 - The dutch found New Amsterdam (New York)
- 1627 - Compagnie de la Nouvelle France founded by Cardinal Richelieu
- 1628 - Sir William Alexander sends his son and seventy Scotchmen to Port Royal. He calls it New Scotland or Nova Scotia.
- 29 Mar 1632 - Treaty of St.-Germain-en-Laye gives Acadia back to France
- 1632 - Colonization of Acadia
- 1634 - LaViolette founded Trois Riveres
- 1636 - The St. Jehan bring settlers to Acadia (this is the only preserved list of settlers)
- 1642 - Maisonneuve founded Montreal
- 1654 - Major Robert Sedgewich comes from Boston and conquers Acadia. After 1654, French immigration to Acadia is stopped due to English occupation.
- 1667 - Treaty of Breda signed
- 1670 - Acadia returned to France by the Treaty of Breda. Jacques Chambly who built Fort Chambly accompanied Grandfontaine, Governor of Acadie, to Acadie
- 1671 - French immigration to Acadie is resumed when Colbert sent 50 settlers on L'Orange from LaRoche. Discharged soldiers of Grandfontaine settled in Acadia.
- 1671 - First Census in Acadia: total population of Acadia about 400-500; about 320-350 people (60 families) in Port Royal.
- 10 Apr 1684 - Francois Perrot was appointed governor of Acadia
- 1686 - Perrot's census taken: 583 population (96 families)
- End of 1687 - Louis Alexandre des Friches de Menneval appointed governor and commander of Acadie
 - 1690 - Sir William Phipps, with an expedition from New England, takes Acadia again and destroys Port Royal
- 1696 - Port Royal destroyed by Benjamin Church.
- 1697 - Treaty of Ryswich returns Acadia to France
- 1709 - Epidemic hits Acadia - 50 died
- 1710 - Acadia again is taken and becomes a possession of England
- 1713 - Treaty of Utrecht - Acadia is returned to France
- 1751 - Epidemic hits - 25 died

1755 - Depression hits Acadia. The English begin the Dispersion of the Acadians.
1758 - Louisbourg falls to the English

French Canadian/Acadian Genealogists of Wisconsin Quarterly, Vol. 14 #1, Autumn, 1999.

The Origin of Taps

It all began in 1862 during the Civil War when a Union Army Captain, Robert Ellicombe, was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of this narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gun fire, the captain reached his own lines and then discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The captain lit a lantern. Suddenly he caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son! The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, he had enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, the broken-hearted father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full burial despite his enemy status. His request was partially granted. The captain had asked if he could have a group of army band members play a funeral dirge for the son at the funeral. That request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. Out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The captain chose a bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. The wish was granted. The music was a haunting bugle melody we now know as "Taps" used at all military funerals. *The Genie's View (LaSalle Co. Genealogy Guild), March/April 2000.*

Naturalization Information from the Census

Beginning with the 1900 census, questions were asked that can help you in locating your ancestor's naturalization records. A column marked "citizenship" appears in the 1900 census giving data on the year of immigration, number of years in the U.S. and the naturalization's status. The codes for status of naturalization are as follows: NA - naturalized; PA - first papers were taken out but the process of naturalization was not completed; AL - no steps taken to be naturalized; NR - not recorded.

The later could still have been naturalized, but for whatever reason no information was available. Included in the 1910 and 1920 census is the year of naturalization. *Crow Wing Co. Gen. Society Heir Mail Newsletter, Fall, 1999.*

GENEALOGY SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

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 toll free at 888-FGS-1500; E-mail them at fgsoffice@fgs.org; or visit the FGS websites at <http://www.fgs.org/lfgs> or <http://www.infouga.org>.

Millennium Conference Program at Ft. Wayne, Indiana

The Allen County Public Library and Foundation, through the Historical Genealogy Department, announce the national conference to be held July 19-22, 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, c/o Historical Genealogy Dept., Allen Co. Public Library, P.O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270.

NGS Conference in the States

The National Genealogical Society presents its conference *New England - Bridge of America* May 31 through June 3, 2000, in Providence, Rhode Island. KVGS has a supply of these brochures if you're interested.

Fox Valley Genealogical Conference

The Fox Valley Gen. Society is presenting *Blazing Ancestral Trails with Dr. George K. Schweitzer*. The conference will be held on September 30 at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner, Naperville, IL. Programs include: Migration Routes & Settlement Patterns, Finding Your Ancestors' Parents, Civil War Genealogy and a question and answer session. Cost is \$25 for FVGS members, \$30 for all participants prior to Sept. 15 and \$35 after that date. For information, call 815/436-9253 or 630/369-0744; or FVGS web page at <http://www.members.aol.com/fvgs/index.html> or email at KVGS1@aol.com.

KVGS WEB NEWS

Hopefully you've all checked our webpage lately. We now have the *Index to Early Kankakee County Death Records 1878-1916* on-line. The index to early births will be added shortly. If you are interested in the marriage records, these are on-line at the state site www.sos.state.il.us/cgi-bin/marriage

Two French Canadian sites are: Programme de recherche en demographie historique which contains the population of Quebec before 1800, demography, history, genealogy. Click on these links: Data Base, Public Access - use all 3 data bases: Repertory of vital events, Genealogical dictionary and Repertory of couples. www.genealogie.umontreal.ca American-French Genealogical Society: French-Canadian surnames - variants, dit, anglicizations, etc. www.afgs.org/ditnames

U.S. Map of 1895 - a shaded relief map and a black and white map showing topographical features. County maps, satellite images and many links to other maps: www.livgenmi.com/1895.htrn

Calendar Database - search any calendar by entering your choice of the month/year. What day of the year were you or your great-great-grandfather born? www.earth.com/calendar

According to member Dorothy Riegel, a good genealogy site to check out is: www.ancestordetective.com/watchdog.htm

101 Best Family History Web Sites: www.familytreemagazine.com/101sites

Illinois World War II Casualties Indexes

The American Local History Network, Illinois Chapter, has a link to a County Index of Illinois VVVV II casualties. The web site is at usgennet.org/~alhnilus//index.html

South Dakota Birth Records Available on Internet Site

South Dakota birth records from the 1800s are available free on a new Internet site by the state Health Department. About 74,000 births took place in the state between 1806 and 1899 are listed on the site. Most records are from the 1880's and 1890's. The site is located at www.state.sd.us/doh/vitalrec/birthrecords/index.cfm

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\$50 Reward to the person who can give me the date and/or the circumstances of the fire that destroyed the **Grinnell** home (barn and other buildings may have burned first). It was located on Grinnell Rd. On the land in front of the auto parts business and beside the Parkinson property. Contact Marcia **Alexander**, 332 Glenroy Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45238 (malexan285@aol.com)

Seeking information on Antoine **Laflamme** born Three Rivers, Canada, married Julia Beauvois, born Bourbonnais, IL, and Bertha Laflamme, William Laflamme born 08 Feb 1910 Kankakee. Contact Paula **Lezotte**, 280 N. 6th Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901 (birdys11dogs3@webtv.net)

Looking for information on Theodore **Gervais** (could be Anatolle Theodore) who was born in Manteno around 1900 and supposedly married an Elizabeth Meyer Ulrich around 1919-20 in Manteno. Contact Patricia **Jacoby**, 1235 E. Offner Rd., Beecher, IL 60401.

Looking for information on Lester Warren **Calkins** and his wife and nine children, especially William Clinton Calkins. Contact Leslie **Hamill**, 19 Browning Ct., Dublin, OH 43017, cadchs2@aol.com.

Researching Frances H. **Cooley**, born 1822 in Mass., lived in Pilot Township. He married Emily **Hawkins**. Would like to connect with anyone researching these lines. Contact Mary **McKillop**, 222 E. Acacia St., El Segundo, CA 90245.

1881 KANKAKEE COUNTY MARRIAGES

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

<u>Bride</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Date</u>
Herbert, Tillie	Wheeler, Dr. Herbert	Grant Park	Sep 1881

1881 KANKAKEE COUNTY DEATHS

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

(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.

(15 Sep 1881) At his residence, three miles southeast of Momence, George M. Massly. He was buried in Mount Ayr cemetery, Rev. Geo. K. Hoover, officiating.

(15 Sep 1881) Mrs. Sarah J. Prindle died September 4th, at her residence in Momence. Her husband was away and could not return in time to see his wife alive. She was buried in Momence. She leaves six children, the youngest about two years old. The deeply afflicted husband expects to take the family to Iowa among relatives.

(22 Sep 1881) One of the early settlers of Rockville lately passed from the scene of her labors to the enjoyment of her reward. We were not surprised, but made sad to hear of the death of Mrs. Deborah Binney LaRoche.

She was born in Herkimer county, New York, Jan. 13. 1814. Moved from there and lived for a time in the western part of the State, Chatauqua county. January 22d, 1834, she was married to her first husband. Richard R. Binney. in 1843 they settled in Illinois. Rockville has been her home for 38 years.

She has had her share of trials and affliction. In the year 1856, July 17, she was called to mourn the death of her husband and was left with four children, one son and three daughters, who have been her comfort and did all that lay in their power to administer relief to their suffering mother in her affliction through the summer months. She married her second husband, Mr. La Roche, Oct. 3, 1866, and he also passed on before her, having died Feb. 28, 1877, and his remains were taken to his old home in New Jersey for interment. This christian mother experienced religion when seventeen years of age, in a meeting where Baptists and Presbyterians were united in a revival service. The Presbyterian faith was the church of her choice.

She died Sep. 2, 1881, and on Sunday, Sept. 4, an immense concourse of people followed her remains to the cemetery.

(22 Sep 1881) In the town of Bourbonnais, Sept. 16th, 1881, Mr. John Rantz, in the 56th year of his age died of lockjaw resulting from getting his finger smashed in a threshing machine a few days previous. The sudden death of Mr. Rantz was equally a surprise and grief to the community in which he had won the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. He was a man of sterling integrity of character, a most useful citizen in the community in which he lived. The deceased was one of the most enterprising farmers in Kankakee county, a man of untiring energy and industry, and will be greatly regretted by a large circle of friends. His immediate neighbors testified their sympathy by constant attention during his brief illness and the unusually large concourse of people who attended the funeral services showed how much he was beloved by all the community.

He leaves a most deeply afflicted wife and many sorrowing friends; "Yet they sorrow not even as others which have no hope," as he died in joyful hope of a blessed resurrection. His wife, brothers and sisters will carry into the future the memory and influence of a pure life and a triumphant death. May the Comforter be their consolation in this great bereavement; may the everlasting arms be about them, and they together occupy one of the mansions our Savior has gone to prepare. Mr. Rantz had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Kankakee about 15 years.

(29 Sep 1881) The Rev. Dr. Jewett, presiding elder of the Joliet district, which includes the two Methodist churches in this city, died at his late residence in Joliet on last Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock. His

birthplace was Massachusetts in 1826. He has filled many of the most responsible places in the Rock River conference. No man of the whole number will be more greatly missed.

INJURIES OF JOHN H. SMITH RESULT IN HIS DEATH

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 15, 1881.

Never was a duty more regretfully performed than falls to our lot in chronicling the death of John H. Smith. The sad event occurred at eight o'clock last Saturday morning, two weeks after his accident. The prolongation of his life inspired hope in some that he would eventually recover, and consequently to them the announcement of his death was startling; but to those who understood more clearly the terrible nature of his injuries, the sad news carried no surprise - the only wonder was that he should have lived so long. An autopsy by Drs. Scobey, Warner, Uran and Fraser revealed the fact that three of his ribs had been crushed into the right lung, and that the tissues of that organ had entirely disappeared. The unanimous expression of the doctors was surprise that life had been so long sustained.

The public funeral rites at the Baptist church on Monday afternoon were preceded by a family service at the residence, conducted by Revs. Dyie, of this city, and Dr. Hobart, of Chicago. His relations to his family were referred to. He was peculiarly domestic in his tastes. His home was a refuge from the cares of the world, and his wife and children were the recipients of his confidences. A more congenial and well ordered household could rarely be found. As a business man John Smith had the esteem and trust of his fellow citizens. Engaged in extensive transactions here for 22 years, he has never given any man occasion to distrust his thorough integrity. The head of a business house in Chicago with whom the firm of Smith & Johnson has had continuous connection for many years, writes: "He was an honest man, not because it was the 'best policy' but because it was right to be so." In his personal demeanor he was modest, quiet and gentle. No one ever drew from him an angry word. He was, in the highest and truest sense, a self-poised man. These lines will find a hearty endorsement among all who read them and were acquainted as nearly every man in Kankakee county was with John H. Smith. Why he should have been removed from the various circles in which he was so necessary a figure, in almost the prime of life, cannot be fathomed by the mortal mind. It may be said, however, that at no period in life, whether as the young man quietly hewing out a prosperous and honorable career, or as an aged father, spared to live the allotted three score and ten, could the world have parted with him without a sense of loss.

A brief biography of his life includes a mention of his birth in Genessee county, NY, July 21st, 1832; the removal of his parents to Gooding's grove, Cook county, when he was two years old; his being left an orphan at the age of 13; his conversion to religion at the age of 17; his five years of life in the California gold camps from 1853 to 1858; his removal to Kankakee in 1859 where he associated himself in the grain buying business with Wallace Burgess; his election to the council in 1862, and again in 1879; his marriage to Lizzie, daughter of Elijah Johnson, in 1862; and a successful business career in this city for more than a score of years. These are the points in brief.

A Wife and five children are left to mourn their great loss, but their consolation lies in the memory of an honorable name and the expectation of a union hereafter. The family are amply provided for in a pecuniary sense, but there is no compensation for the loss of one so dearly loved, and whose life was so closely interwoven with theirs.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 22, 1881.

The school year has opened under favorable circumstances, the attendance being fully as large as usual.

The following is the assignment of the teachers:

High School - Mrs. F. M. Tracy, first assistant; Miss Viola Leavitt, second assistant	
Ninth Grade - Miss Susie Small	Fourth Grade - Miss Addie F. Crandall
Eighth Grade - Miss Florence Mateer	Third Grade - Miss Jessie Powers
Seventh Grade - Miss May Hatch	Second Grade - Miss Helen Peck
Sixth Grade - Miss May Paddock	First Grade - Miss M. Rose
Fifth Grade - Miss Delia Zipf	West Side - Miss Honora Lavery
South Side - Miss Laura Sutherland	

The course of study will be practical, thorough and as rapid as consistent. All classes will be so arranged as to accommodate any who may enter the school who are not residents of the city, and consequently have not pursued all the studies of the lower grades. Such pupils can frequently select studies from the advanced classes of the school to their advantage. The cooperation of the patrons and friends of the schools is desired by the principal, Mr. F. N. Tracy.

LIMESTONE - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 29, 1881.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Egglestone started for a visit to their old Connecticut home last Thursday.

Mrs. Geo. G. Smith will soon start on a visit to California, where her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Bingley resides.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shreffler and their daughter Carrie, spent last week in Chicago.

Albert G. Smith and wife started for Ohio last Saturday to visit relatives and friends.

ESSEX - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 15, 1881.

Carrie Swift is dangerously sick. John Sergeant is also on the sick list. Last Thursday evening he was not expected to live until morning. Heart disease is doing the work. Miss Clara Mann, of Kankakee, has been visiting her friend Carrie Swift for the past few days.

MANTENO - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 22, 1881.

Last Wednesday morning found us with our horses' heads turned westward, and after a drive of a dozen miles hauled up in front of the large and commodious farm residence of Charles Hazelton in the town of Wesley, where we found gathered about one hundred guests who had come like ourselves to witness the marriage of Miss Ida Hazelton to Mr. C. Walton.

Miss J. Gilkerson is still on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shingle are expected home this week.

Wm. Stemm has turned benedict. He is married to Miss Julia Hathaway, of Rochester, Minnesota.

Mrs. Worder, Mrs. Trueworthy and Mrs. Smith, sisters of M. R. Peters, start for their homes in the East this morning. The infant child of Geo. McCabe died very suddenly at the residence of R. T. McCabe, last Friday evening.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 29, 1881.

The schools are all closed today. All business will be suspended this afternoon, and a memorial service will be held in the M.E. church at 2 p.m. Both flags have been at half mast since the first report of the President's death. In the storm last Saturday evening the republican pole was broken, and the flag now hangs from the government observatory.

A new department has been formed in our schools, vis: B primary, with Ada Richardson for teacher.

Janet Gilkerson is recovering. Mrs. Randolph Grimes, of Lincoln, Neb., is visiting at B.G Lee's. Mrs. Ella J. Mellen, of Ashkum, visited her cousin, Mrs. J. A. Richardson, one day last week.

EAST OTTO - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 8, 1881.

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.

One of Mr. Stetson's children has been very sick with the typhoid fever, but is thought to be improving.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 15, 1881.

Joseph Huckins has been sick for about a week, but is around again. Dannie Havens is able to walk some, and Dr. Stebbings says he hopes to have him around soon.

Mrs. Peter Enos has a sister from New York visiting at her place. Wm. Brown and Frank Elliot will attend school at Oberlin this winter.

Mr. Zeno Streeter took a trip out through Grundy county last week. He said they had had no recent rains and everything seemed ready to burn up.

COUNTY COURT - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 29, 1881.

Estate Christian Meyer. Will admitted.

Guardianship minor children Helen Holzman. Father, Fred Holzman, appointed guardian in bond of \$3,000.

Julius Link, J. Crane and Frederick Link appointed administrators in bond of \$4000.

Albert Carrow. Mary and Severin Carrow appointed administrators.

Application of supervisor of Kankakee and states attorney for an order to compel Charles Burch to support his mother. Order granted.

Charles Moe. Claims of C. Schoenberg for \$2076.35; and of Zess Rouleau for \$8.50 allowed.

Claims allowed against estate of J. Smith of Presbyterian church at Manteno for \$48 al'd.

Estate Patrick Barnicle. Settled. Estate C. C. Ainsworth. Settled. Lawrence Blackstone. Conservator's report approved. John H. Smith. Letters issued to widow.

REUNION OF THE OLD SETTLER'S OF KANKAKEE COUNTY

aken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 8, 1881.

The old settlers' meeting last Tuesday afternoon brought out a smaller attendance than the officers expected. This, however, was undoubtedly due to the extreme heat. Father Chiniquy, of St. Anne, led in prayer, after which the choir sang "America," Mrs. O. B. Hewett of Grant Park, then read a finely written poem appropriate to the occasion.

The first speaker was Morris Miller of Momence, whose address caused some laughter. His ill cloaked allusions to a well-known citizen of Kankakee, who is a large property owner in Momence, were entirely out of place and resulted in a personal encounter between the two which detracted seriously from the pleasure of the meeting to all who were present.

Some old-time martial music was then given on the drum and fife by A. B. True, of Kankakee,, and Joseph Tower, of Momence. Father True handled the sticks with a skill which indicated that drumming was considered something of a fine art in the days when his seventy-old years were a vague quantity, as well as at the present day.

Henry Watkins of Clifton was the next speaker. He was bowed down with the weight of his 76 years and his voice was not audible beyond the immediate circle about him. His paper, which was somewhat lengthy, was well written, and recalled the days of 1830, when he entered Illinois via Vincennes, Ind. Peoria was then known as Fort Clark, and the country between Springfield and that place, and thence to Chicago was nearly all virgin prairie. He went to Chicago in 1881 and stopped at James Kinzie's log hotel on the south bank of the Chicago river. Chicago had a population then of about 200. In 1834 he taught the first school in Will county, at Jackson's grove, where, in October of than year, the first Baptist church was organized by Elder Freeman, a preacher sent out by the board of home missions at Chicago. The first Sunday school was established in Reed's grove in 1837. In 1865 he settled on some railroad land west of Clifton and has resided there since, engaged in the occupation of teaching school until he was 71 years of age.

Wash Selby of Kankakee related some interesting facts concerning the early days of the place. Court was first held in the Vanmeter hotel - the old brick building which now stands near the stone quarry. He helped raft the lumber for the Kankakee grist mill down the river from Momence. The first school teacher in Kankakee was Wm. H. Richardson.

E. J. Boyland of Plato, Ill., narrated a great many important events connected with the early settlement of the Kankakee valley, and read a list of the first settlers in the various townships. The only one now surviving is Mrs. Thomas Durham, mother of Mrs. Daniel Perry, of Bourbonnais. Mr. Boyland was the official surveyor of Will county and under his direction the meets and bounds of the city of Kankakee were laid out. He was also a magistrate in those days and his jurisdiction extended from the present location of the penitentiary at Joliet eastward to the Indiana state line, thence south to the Kankakee river above Yellowhead point, then west through Rockville to Grundy county, thence north to the Illinois near the mouth of the Kankakee.

Rev. Stephen R. Beggs of Plainfield spoke at considerable length. He was the first preacher in this section of the State and one of the earliest missionaries of the Northwest. He narrated reminiscences of his religious work in those primitive days. His circuit extended about 600 miles and included Missouri, Illinois and Indiana.

MAJOR STEAMSHIP LINES

CUNARD (England) - Founded in 1839 by Canadian Samuel Cunard as the British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. Home offices Liverpool, England. Still in existence today.

WHITE STAR (England) - Founded in 1869 by Thomas Ismay. Ship yards located at Harland & Wolff, Belfast, Northern Ireland. Was purchased by J.P. Morgan and became part of the International Mercantile Marine. Merged with Cunard, became Cunard/White Star Line on January 1, 1934.

HAMBURG AMERIKA LINE (HAPAG) (Germany) - Founded in 1847, chairman was Albert Ballin starting in 1880. Home port was Hamburg, Germany. Still in existence today, merged with Nord-Deutscher Lloyd. Company called Hapag-Lloyd.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD (Germany) - Founded in 1857 by H. Meier. Home port was Bremen, Germany. Merged with Hamburg-Amerika Line. Currently in existence as Hapag-Lloyd.

ROCKVILLE - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 8, 1881.

Our community has again been reminded of the certainty of death in the removal from our midst of "Rena" Harter, daughter of Mr. Joel Harter. The deceased was 15 years old, and to all appearance was just entering a life of usefulness when death made her his victim.

Benj. Goodwin has been making heavy shipments of hogs during the last ten days.

Mr. John Sampsell and his grand-daughter, Luella, have gone for a few weeks to visit Geo. Sampsell of Buckley.

Miss Emma Dawson, who has been with her brother Charley for the last eighteen months, is back for a short visit to his brothers and friends.

The hog cholera is still prevalent, but it is not proving so fatal as at first. We are hoping that the recent rains will check its entirely. All sorts of remedies have been tried, but I suppose that there are not too farmers in the town that would agree as to the best. Mr. Fred Thompson tells us that he has not lost a hog with cholera during the past five years, and his remedy is concentrated lye. He has perfect confidence in his ability to cure the disease with the article.

Geo. & Frank Goodwin and Ellsworth Haughn have gone to Lebanon, Ohio, to attend the college at that place. Geo. and Ellsworth will return next May, but Frank has "gone to stay".

Eugene Shreffler and wife, of Chicago, have just finished a two weeks visit among their relatives, of whom there are still a few in Rockville.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 22, 1881.

Mr. Michael Shreffler and son Walls C., have just returned from Kansas, whither they went a few weeks ago for the purpose of selecting a place for a future home. I understand that Mr. S. will move thither soon.

S. K. Noble will sell his personal property soon, after which he will move to Kankakee, his future abiding place.

Geo. and Lou. Gordon have bought Michael Shreffler's farm of forty acres, paying \$1,000 there for.

PILOT - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 15, 1881.

Charles Ranous, of Walled Lake, near Detroit, Mich., returned home on last Tuesday after a short stay in town. Mrs. George Ranous accompanied him and will visit her relatives there.

Misses Nettie and Martha Vinans, of Newark, New Jersey, are visiting their cousins, Albert A. and Isaac D. Ayres.

Eddie Wright and Walter Mansfield returned from Clinton, where they have been visiting an uncle, on Saturday night. On Thursday they took in Bloomington and the soldiers' reunion. They say they saw "a bigger man than Grant" in the person of Chang, Barnum's giant. However, they were disappointed in not seeing the old General.

Mrs. Luther Randolph, of Crown Point, Ind., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Merrill. Dr. Caldwell's wife and her sister, Miss Annie Ricker, are now in Rantoul, Champaign county, with their mother who is lying ill.

Henry Stone is now in Massachusetts, called there by the sickness of his mother, Mrs. Perry. Fred Herscher started for Germany last Monday for a two months' visit.

Howard Conrow has sold his farm of forty acres to Albert A. Ayres, who also bought the forty adjoining belonging to Mrs. Conrow. Nels Thorson now owns the old John Lewis farm of eighty acres.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 29, 1881.

The carpenters are now at work on the church steeple. It will be about seventy feet in height.

James H. Inkster is now in the employ of John Herscher at his grain warehouse. Fulton Gunnerson, of Vermillion county, was in town Saturday. He is a former resident of this place.

Charlie Dunkleberger returned on Friday from Sac county, Iowa, where he had been visiting his father. His brother Will, who married Miss Alice Holmes, of this place, last winter, is now the father of a nice girl baby.

Arthur Miller is about to erect on his farm a dwelling house, 10 x 24, one story and a half high. The most of the stores and business houses in Herscher were draped in mourning soon after the receipt of the telegram announcing the death of the President.

MOMENCE - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 8, 1881.

The Methodists are building an addition or upright to their parsonage in this place. The addition we should judge is 16x24, two stories high and is built on the north side of the old parsonage.

The Stockton (Kan.) News says that Harman Scramlin has got a pension that he drew from the government, over \$1100. Good for Harman. A prisoner who was shut up in Andersonville prison as Harman was. ought to get \$11,000.

The Murphy hall is now supplied with thirteen nice scenes, a beautiful drop curtain, with convenient flies, wings, etc., making it the finest and most convenient stage in the county.

An attempt was made to rob the safe of Woster, Clark & Co., the other night, but the watchman discovered the burglar and frightened him off.

Ed Chipman and Levi Haslett have been displaying their inventive genius on their farms. They procured a good sized well auger, and then hitching themselves and their two hired men to it, bored holes in the low places on their farms through the clay to the underlying sand. The theory of these men is that the water will run down these holes and then pass off through the sand. We have heard of this idea before, but if these men should make a mistake and drop down in one of these holes themselves, and pass off through the sand, what a calamity it would be.

HISTORY OF CATHOLIC FAITH IN KANKAKEE COUNTY

Taken from St. Rose Church Bulletins - Sunday Jan. 31 & Feb 7, 1999.

From 683 to 1784, the entire Midwest region was under the Diocese of Quebec. Five years later, in 1789, the Diocese of Baltimore was established, the first in the United States. The diocese administered to the Illinois area until 1808, when rule was transferred to the Diocese of Bardstown (later to become the Archdiocese of Louisville).

In 1834, the Diocese of Chicago was created, with jurisdiction over the entire State of Illinois. Later from this area were taken the Dioceses of Peoria in 1875 and Rockford in 1908. Then, at the close of 1948, the newest diocese of Illinois was formed - Joliet.

The Catholic history of Joliet goes back to 1672 when Pere Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet made their historic journey through the area that is now Wisconsin to the Mississippi River and then back up the Illinois River to Lake Michigan. Relics of the French influence in the area can be found in the names -Bourbonnais, Papineau, St. Anne and the site of the cathedral, Joliet.

NORTON - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 15, 1881.

Have you noticed Charley Fulford's new windmill?

Mr. Charles Agor is visiting old friends in Dutchess county, NY. Mr. N. Adams and wife contemplate a trip to California.

Alvaro Burroughs has sold his farm near Cabery for \$35 per acre. I understand he intends locating in Iowa.

Cabery claims a population of 310. The next thing is incorporation.

Miss Emma Collins is teaching the fall term in District 1, Town 29. The district is fortunate in securing the services of so competent a teacher.

The dwelling house of Mr. J. E. Farley, a former resident of this town, now living near Kempton, was struck by lightning Sept. 1st and badly damaged. Fortunately the family were all absent but one, a girl who was in a part of the house most distant from where the bolt descended, and so escaped injury.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. and T. H. Smith, comprising a company of four, all of this vicinity, departed on Wednesday of this week for a trip to the home of their former days in several of the New England States. It is their first visit since having removed to Illinois, a period of 25 years. We wish them a pleasant trip.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette September 22, 1881.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gifford mourn the death by brain fever of their infant son Garfield, aged 21 months.

Mr. Wm. Grimwood, in boring for water near his dwelling, found indications of coal, the auger passing through two or three thin layers of that substance.

H. M. Cook delivered to C. W. Johnson at his warehouse in Buckingham 5,300 bushels of corn, for which he received the snug sum of \$2,500; but Wm. Nutt takes the ribbon, delivering 8,000 bushels and receiving \$3,700.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette September 29, 1881.

And now, you that did not get a look at Charley Fulford's new windmill have perhaps lost the opportunity. I notice this morning that it is gone. or at least it is decapitated. It could not stand the pressure.

The barn of L. Kellogg, one-half mile north of Buckingham, was blown down last Saturday night. Although there were four horses and one colt in the barn, none were seriously injured.

WALDRON - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 29, 1881.

John Corliss' new house is building rapidly. Miss Addie Beardsley will teach at the stone school house. Lou Perry teaches the youngsters of district No. 9. C. N.. Brown is back from the normal, and will try teaching.

Miss Belle Rakestraw is very sick. Mrs. Perry, who lives one mile south of Aroma, will soon have a large cattle sale.

Miss Addie Beardsley will teach at the stone school house. Lou Perry teaches the youngsters of district no. 9.

Thomas Dailey has rented his place and bought one further east, known as the Lake place.

CHEBANSE - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 15, 1881.

George Fanning has raised 334 bushels of flax seed from twenty acres of land.

We learn that a little son of Robert McKee, living about two and one-half miles northwest of town, fell into a cistern one day this week, but the splash of the water drew the attention of the mother. who jumped in after the child and thus saved it from drowning.

Last Tuesday, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, little Nathan, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Brodziak, was found drowned in a barrel partly sunk in the ground to receive water from the waste pipe of the cistern, in the rear of Milk's store. Mr. Best discovered the little fellow's feet sticking above the barrel, which contained about twenty inches of water.

The family have the sympathy of a large number of friends in their, indeed, sore affliction, as little Nathan was their only child, having already buried six children, three of whom have died within the past eighteen months.

KILLED BY LIGHTENING

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 8, 1881.

W. A. Ott states that two horses belonging to a farmer whose name he did not learn, five or six miles above Momence were killed by lightning last Thursday. The man unhitched them from the mower upon the approach of the storm and had driven them a short distance when he left them for a moment to go back after his oil can. While he was gone the flash came which instantly killed both horses. K. Clapsaddle, of Aroma, had two cows killed by the same storm.

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>
Mrs. Fannie Cowles	26	IL, Kankakee	24 Sep 1881	4 yrs. Kankakee
Bridget Mulligan	19	IL, Essex	27 Sep 1881	Trial, P.S.
Katie Mulligan	19	IL, Essex	27 Sep 1881	3 terms, P.S.
Louise E. Krollmann	27	IL, Kankakee	01 Oct 1881	12 terms, Kankakee HS
Annie A. M. Kane	26	IL, Kankakee	01 Oct 1881	Renewal, 9 yrs., K3 Convent
Annie E. Hughes		IL, Cabery	15 Oct 1881	Renewal, Chebanse
Dora Sammons		IL, Chebanse	22 Oct 1881	Renewal, P.S.
Igette Barnard	19	IL, Manteno	18 Oct 1881	Renewal, 1 term, K3
Fannie L. Blessing	17	IL, Manteno	18 Oct 1881	Manteno
Mary E. Shingle	18	PA, Manteno	18 Oct 1881	Wallece ?, PA
Hattie McKee	32	IL, Kankakee	22 Oct 1881	Renewal

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nativity</u>	<u>Date of Cert.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Effie C. Vining	19	IL, Kankakee	22 Oct 1881	P.S.
Julia M. Foster		IL, Grant Park	03 Nov 1881	
Jennie Davis	26	IL, Kankakee	05 Nov 1881	8 yrs. P.S.
Julia A. Huston	17	IL, Essex	05 Nov 1881	Braidwood
Viola A. Huston	22	Ind., Essex	05 Nov 1881	1 term, Wilmington
Neomi E. Berard	28	Canada, St. George	09 Nov 1881	21 terms, C o m N.D. Bourb.
Maggie Herbert	19	IL, Grant Park	10 Nov 1881	2 terms, Wes. Univ. Bloom.
Emma M. Collins		IL, Buckingham	18 Nov 1881	Previous Exp.
Maggie E. Brown	23	IL, Herscher	18 Nov 1881	P.S.
Agnes A. Brown	21	IL, Herscher	18 Nov 1881	P.S.
Alice F. Westgate, Mrs.	36	PA, Buckingham	18 Nov 1881	Wheaton Col.
J. Nett Vandusen	26	NY, Buckingham	18 Nov 1881	Oral, CUS & CI
Mary Marild Wagner	17	IL, St. Anne	23 Nov 1881	Watseka P.S.
Mrs. Nelda Hayden		Ind. West Creek, Inc.	25 Nov 1881	Renewal
Althea Robinson Mrs.	28	IL, Manteno	03 Dec 1881	From former examination
Julia M. Havens	18	OH, Chebanse	03 Dec 1881	Onarga P.S.
Anna M. Gallis	28	NY, Herscher	10 Dec 1881	Monroe Adc.
Ella Allen	17	IL, Sherburnville	10 Dec 1881	Oral, P.S.
Maggie M. Brown	19	IL, Momence	10 Dec 1881	Renewal
Lizzie A. Conners	23	IL, Wilmington	10 Dec 1881	PS.
Amelia Washburn	19	IL, Grant Park	13 Dec 1881	P.S.
Fannie L. Blessing	18	IL, Manteno	13 Dec 1881	P.S.
Mary Kennedy	20	IL, Manteno	13 Dec 1881	P.S.
Mamie A. Lyons	18	IL, Momence	20 Dec 1881	P.S.
Ella A. Fitzgerald	19	IL, Momence	20 Dec 1881	Renewal, P.S.
Mary Hughes	19	IL, Momence	20 Dec 1881	Renewal, P.S.
Sylvia Hoag		IL, Momence	31 Dec 1881	Renewal, P.S.
Edith Westervelt	19	Ind., Irwin	31 Dec 1881	P.S.
Hattie Kellogg			14 Jan 1882	P.S.
Jennie Maxwell	25	Ohio, Sherburnville	10 Jan 1882	P.S.
Julia M. Foster	22	IL, Grant Park	10 Jan 1882	Englewood Nov.
Nettie Morse	23	IL, Grant Park	10 Jan 1882	Wes. Univ.
Bertha Chipman	17	IL, Grant Park	10 Jan 1882	Momence PS
Jennie Looker	19	IL, Momence	10 Jan 1882	Momence PS
Grace Scramlin	19	IL, Momence	10 Jan 1882	Momence PS
Flora Bissett	17	IL, Momence	10 Jan 1882	Momence PS
Ada Russell	18	IL, Grant Park	10 Jan 1882	G.P. P.S.
Laura Wheeler	17	IL, Grant Park	10 Jan 1882	G.P. P.S.
Mammie Millan	17	IL, Grant Park	10 Jan 1882	P.S.
E. Lillie Morrison	20	IL, Grant Park	14 Jan 1882	Renewal P.S.
Mary F. Marsh	30	Ohio, Chebanse	14 Jan 1882	Renewal P.S.
Katie M. Hertz	19	IL, McDowell	14 Jan 1882	Renewal KKK PS
Ida M. Hertz	23	IL, McDowell	14 Jan 1882	KKK PS
Eva E. Morey (Mrs.)			14 Jan 1882	Renewal
Flora E. Morey	19	IL, Waldron	04 Feb 1882	
Jennie M. Terrell	20	IL, Kankakee	10 Feb 1882	On diploma
Rosa Kenrich	18	IL, Momence	11 Feb 1882	Convent, Kankakee
Jennie Cooper	22	IL, Kankakee	11 Feb 1882	New Lenox & Convent KKK
Lizzie Senecal	24	IL, Kankakee	11 Feb 1882	New Lenox & Convent KKK
Sarah J. Porter	17	Ireland, Chebanse	11 Feb 1882	D.S.
Josephine Senecal	20	Nebr., Columbus, Neb.	11 Feb 1882	Convent KKK
Lousettie Case	18	IL, Chebanse	11 Feb 1882	P.S.
Nettie Metzger	20	NJ, Chebanse	11 Feb 1882	P.S.

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nativity</u>	<u>Date of Cert.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Mary E. Blaney	18	IL, Chebanse	11 Feb 1882	P.S.
Mary V. Convey	17	IL. Ashkum	11 Feb 1882	Kank. Convent
Kate D. Bingham	20		25 Feb 1882	To Dec. 1882, endorsed Liv. Co.
Hannah Milburn	20	Canada, Chebanse	25 Feb 1882	Chebanse P.S.
Eva Beebe	19	IL, Waldron	25 Feb 1882	P.S.
Mary Byrns	22	IL, Waldron	25 Feb 1882	P.S.
Louise Saltzmann	20	IL, Kankakee	25 Feb 1882	P.S.
Mona Beebe	16	IL, Waldron	25 Feb 1882	P.S.
Alexis Wallwork	16	IL, Kankakee	25 Feb 1882	K. Convent
Carrie Colton		IL, Cabery	25 Feb 1882	K. Convent
Mary J. McGivney	22	IL, Chebanse	25 Feb 1882	P.S.
Jeannie Starr	22	IL, Kankakee	25 Feb 1882	Kankakee
Gertie Moule	21	NY, Kankakee	25 Feb 1882	Kankakee
Essie McIntyre	20	IL, Chebanse	25 Feb 1882	Kankakee
Rosa Kenrich	19	IL, Momence	25 Feb 1882	Momence, K Convent
Katie Halpin	18	IL, Momence	14 Feb 1882	PS Momence
Julia Fitzgerald	18	IL, Momence	14 Feb 1882	PS Momence
Ella L. Hoisington	18	IL, Waldron	28 Feb 1882	
Minnie Rakestraw	18	IL, Waldron	28 Feb 1882	
Jeannie L. Wright Mrs.		IL, Waldron	28 Feb 1882	Renewal
Carrie E. Hoag	18	IL, Momence	04 Mar 1882	Momence PS
Georgie Dessau	18	IL, Kankakee	04 Mar 1882	Jackson PS
Carrie A. Stevens	17	IL, Herscher	04 Mar 1882	P.S.
Hattie B. Konklin	18	IL, Kankakee	04 Mar 1882	Convent KKK
Carrie Rice	18	IL, Kankakee	04 Mar 1882	P.S.
Sarah Krollmann	18	IL, Kankakee	04 Mar 1882	P.S.
Flora E. Lake		IL, Momence	06 Mar 1882	
Annie J. Mansfield		IL, Chebanse	07 Mar 1882	
Carrie Hupp		IL, Momence	07 Mar 1882	
Jennie Belohaw	29	Ind., Lowell	07 Mar 1882	
Maggie A. Glinney		Braidwood	11 Mar 1882	Renewal
Emma H. Richardson	18	IL, Momence	11 Mar 1882	Momence PS

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LOCAL NEWS - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 8, 1881.

The first deposition in Hickox's new bank was Lawyer Potter.

When Sam Kenaga moves to Kansas, what will Kankakee do at a fire? Candidates for the Kankakee post office are already in the field. Mr. Kenaga's term expires next spring, when it is understood that he intends moving to his farm in Kansas and becoming a happy and wealthy granger.

Judge Blades has sent a notice to the Kankakee bar that owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Blades the September term of the circuit court will not be held.

The contract for H. K. Wheeler's new house, on the border of Indiana avenue and Oak street, has been let. It will be of the class of John Dale's and T. Forti's and is expected to be completed the first day of next January. Hamilton & Son have the contract.

A large crowd was edified by the frantic struggles of a well-known woman of the town to evade arrest for drunkenness last Sunday afternoon. She kicked and bit and tore and swore, and just everlastingly knocked the stuffing out of half a dozen valiant citizens who aided Policeman Girard in conveying her to the cooler. The boys say it was "a circus", but Girard says he would rather run in half a dozen hard thumpers than one woman.

John Klein's barn, on his premises, opposite Radeke's brewery, was burned to the ground Tuesday morning, at three o'clock. The structure was a good one and contained a quantity of hay. Insured for \$400 in the Aetna, Dale agent.

George Whitehouse, an employee of the Kankakee Stone and Lime company, was buried under a fall of dirt and stone from an embankment under which he was working, one day last week, and bruised considerably. He was compelled to lay off for several days.

On Wednesday of last week Solon Knight, president of the above named company, was caught under a large quantity of dirt and suffered a severe strain of the ankle which incapacitates him from walking.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 22, 1881. Lou

Ehrich is dad to his first child, a girl "Bonnie". Great stuff!

A good flagstone walk has been put down by Mr. Fred Swannell on the east side of his new block. Berechem & Lasnier opened their new store last Saturday, but the boys worked all night Friday to do it.

L. A. Burch is adding another story to his dwelling, on the corner of Chicago avenue and Merchant street.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, September 29, 1881.

Dr. Cutler has bought three lots on the corner of Indiana avenue and Hickory street. Moses Ugrau is building a two-story frame dwelling on the corner opposite the French Presbyterian church.

Messrs. Gougar and Shaffer have each recently added a one-horse delivery wagon to their coal yard equipment.

H. L. Richardson was surprised the other day to receive a commission from the Governor as Public Administrator of Kankakee county. The duty of the office is to take charge of estates where there are no heirs.

THE KANKAKEE STATE HOSPITAL

The Society continues to receive many inquiries about the state hospital. Unfortunately, the early records from this facility are no longer available as far as we know. Originally we were told they had been transferred to the State Archives, but later found out they were actually destroyed by fire. Below you will find an article which was run in the quarterly many years ago:

The thirtieth session of the Illinois General Assembly approved an act on May 25, 1877, for the construction of buildings for the Illinois Eastern Hospital for the mentally ill.

The Board of Commissioners, appointed by Gov. Shelby M. Cullom, used the following procedure in selecting a site. A series of questions were drawn up by Rev. Fred H. Wines, Secretary of the State Board of Public Charities, and were agreed upon and ordered to be made public thru the newspapers, to which parties having sites to offer were required to forward written answers prior to the next meeting of the board.

When the board next met in Springfield on July 18, 1877, sixteen localities had responded and, after careful examination of the replies, it was decided that nine sites would be visited in the following order: Decatur, Charleston, Paris, Danville, Champaign, Paxton, Kankakee, Pontiac and Bloomington.

Three sites were visited at Kankakee, two on July 26, and one on July 27. Definite propositions to furnish land for a site for the hospital were received from all the cities and towns as listed and, after careful consideration, selection was made of the site known as the "Cowgill Farm" at Kankakee, comprising 251 72/100 acres at the price of \$14,000. The report was signed by seven men: John H. Addams, Chairman, John Thomas, William A. McConnell, W. M. Garrard, M. C. Dudley, A. P. Bartlett and Joseph Robbins.

The Board of Trustees, John H. Clough, President, William Reddick and William F. Murphy in their first report to Governor Shelby M. Cullom, dated October 1, 1878, gave an account of the preliminary work done preparatory to starting the actual construction of the buildings. Several meetings of the Board were held in the latter part of 1877 and first part of 1878. In the meeting held September 13, 1877, at Kankakee, Major James R. Willett of Chicago was elected architect and superintendent of construction and "instructed to proceed forthwith to prepare plans and estimates for buildings".

At a meeting January 29, 1878, held at Springfield, the architect presented plans to the trustees and, after receiving their approval, were submitted to the governor and the Board of Public Charities where they were approved. At a meeting in Chicago on February 7, 1878, an advertisement was adopted to be published in conformity with the law and the bidders were notified that bids would be opened at the City Hall at Kankakee at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 1878. The bids were opened and read in the presence of the bidders as well as the governor.

Sixty-one bids were received, of which twelve were for the complete work. The Commissioners of the Illinois State Penitentiary were the low bidders and the contract was awarded to them for \$169,874.21 and signed March 22, 1878. Major James R. Willett, the architect, gave an account of his visits to other hospitals to get all the ideas he could and added, "pursuant to your directions, I made out designs for a ward building, a center of administrative buildings and outbuildings consisting of a kitchen building, boiler and engine house, laundry building, shop and gas and water works.

The present contract embraces the complete erection of: One ward building, basement and three stories; one center building, basement and four stories; one kitchen building, part one and part two stories; one boiler and engine house, one story; one laundry building, one story; one gas and water works building, one story; one water tower, 60 feet high, with tank on top; boiler and engine house; one four-valve first-class steam engine; one line main shafting; one boiler feed pump; two benches, gas retorts, one gas holder and waterworks, and other equipment for the gas and water works.

The following is the condition of the work on September 30, 1878:

Ward Building:	The walls of two stories are up and ready to commence turning brick arches of the third story floor.
Center Building:	The walls of third story are half done.
Kitchen Building:	Masonry work, except chimney tops, completed.
Boiler & Engine House:	Masonry work completed except chimney tops; roof ready for slating.
Laundry Building:	Same as boiler house.
Gas & Water Works Bldg.:	Completed and ready to receive apparatus. Gas holder is under way. Gas and water mains are mostly in place.

The exterior walls of the building are in rock-faced stone work, most of the stone being obtained from this vicinity. The brick work is built of what is technically known as 'sewer brick'. This was a very hard and durable brick, although not presenting as smooth, true and even appearance as brick which are inferior in all other respects.

The Center and Ward Buildings are fireproof. The floors of the Center Building are supported by iron joists and brick arches and part of the floors of the Ward Building are built in the same manner, but most of the

floors of the Ward Building are carried by brick arches from wall to wall. The Center Building is four stories and the Ward Building is three stories high, each story constituting a ward intended to hold 25 patients or 75 patients in the three wards.

Major Willett goes on to say that steam heating is used throughout the Ward Building by indirect radiators placed in basement corridor where heated air is taken up thru the flue to its destination.

In the second biennial report covering the period from October 1, 1878, to September 30, 1880, the board of trustees re-elected James R. Willett as architect and instructed him to solicit proposals for the erection of a carpenter shop and to make plans and specifications for the erection of further buildings. At a meeting held June 13, 1879, the contract for the Carpenter Shop was let to the Commissioners of the Illinois State Penitentiary for \$3,500. At the same meeting, Dr. Richard S. Dewey was elected superintendent for one year commencing July 1, 1879. At the same meeting, 50 acres of additional land for farming purposes was bought for \$3,750 with 2 acres of land on which to lay tracks from the Illinois Central which were also purchased for \$270. At a subsequent meeting, 12% acres of land was purchased for \$946.25 to complete the right of way for the branch railroad to the hospital buildings.

After the plans for the proposed buildings had been officially approved, an advertisement for bids was agreed upon with bids to be opened at Kankakee at 2 p.m. on August 26, 1879. Around this time H. W. S. Cleveland of Chicago was employed as landscape gardener. When the bids were opened at the City Hall, it was found James Lillie was the lowest bidder at \$102,255 and the contract was awarded to him the following day.

According to Major Willett's report of September 30, 1880, the buildings to be constructed were: Main Ward Building "A" North; detached Ward No. 1; detached Ward No. 2 (double); detached Ward No. 3; Office and Storehouse; Coal House. The cut stone was furnished by the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet.

In the second biennial report, the trustees give voice to sentiments in regard to the care and treatment of the mentally ill. The trustees reported the method of organization and construction of the buildings of the Illinois Eastern Hospital differ in their proposed mode of treatment of certain classes of the mentally ill from that pursued in the other such hospitals of the state in an attempt to give more freedom to the patients and to increase industry among them. A goodly proportion of those under treatment have heretofore been entrusted by the superintendent with modified freedom. It is a matter for experience to determine whether or not that proportion can be increased and to what extent.

Within the next two years buildings accommodated three hundred of the more severe cases and about the same number of less violent patients - equally divided between the sexes in the main wards and two hundred male and 100 females in the detached wards.

The first resident officers of the hospital were: Dr. Richard S. Dewey, Superintendent; Harold N. Moyer, M.D. Assistant Physician; Wm. M. Whitney, Clerk; Mrs. Wm. N. Whitney, Matron; and John C. Brut, supervisor. Dr. Dewey in his first reports states that J. F. Leonard acted for a time in the position of supervisor but resigned to take a better position and was succeeded by John C. Burt.

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KVGS MEETINGS & NEWS

The February meeting was presented by Sandra Hargreaves Luebking and was a wonderful program on problem solving for genealogical research. Attendance was great and we hardly had room to move around in the space available at the Bourbonnais Library. The audience was asked to review several case studies using critical thinking skills. It was a great session where we proved as a group that we had much to contribute to problem solving! This was the second program presented by Sandra in the past six months and are such interactive programs that no one interested in genealogy should miss.

George Ingalls spoke at the March meeting on "Theatiki" the voyagers group that do reenactments at Davis Creek each summer. He came in authentic dress and gave the entire group a wealth of information about the history as well as goals of this group.

The April meeting was the second in the videotape series entitled "Looking at Home/Gathering Family Stories/The Trail. The May Meeting will be a cemetery walk at Momence Protestant Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 6. In the event of rain, a meeting will be held at the library at 1 p.m. The June meeting will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, and will be a program on "Cemetery Symbols" presented by President & Editor Marcia Stang. The Bourbonnais Library has asked our members to park in the lot across the street from the library so patrons will be able to find parking.

Don't forget about the Strawberry Festival on June 11 at the Civil Auditorium from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Members are needed at our table to sell publications. Please contact Marcia or Nelda if you can help.

Many new additions to our collection were received the past few months. Cora Oaks donated the following:

Select Orations by Archibald McClelland Hall
Man's Great Adventure by Edwin W. Pahlow
A Complete History of the Scioto March by Carl Drumm
The World in Colour - Germany
The Wonderful Land - A History & Geography of Kankakee
Three Meals a Day by Miss M. C. Cooke
Family History for Fun & Profit by Vincent L. Jones, Arlene H. Eakle & Mildred H. Christensen
Of the People by Mary Jean Houde & John Klasey
A Link with the Past of Otto Township
Crossroads and By-Paths by Marie McShane
The Saga of St. Anne
1906 History of Kankakee County, Volume II

In addition, there was a box of historical newspaper clippings, numerous folders of ancestor information and a 1915 school diploma.

Mary Rosenbrock donated the 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949 Grant Park High School Annual "Grantonian". Nelda Ravens donated two copies of the Sumner Township Bicentennial Booklet (one for the library and one for research). The society purchased *The Time of the French in the Heart of North America* by Charles J. Balesi.

A special thanks needs to be extended to new librarian Alicia Parkinson for working so hard to get the boxes of recent donations indexed and on our shelves at the Bourbonnais Library. Please stop by and take a look if you haven't checked the collection lately. Thanks also to Lee Hollenbeck who has spent much adding more valuable information to our webpage. Besides the *Index to Early Death Records*, she is in the process of putting the *Index to Early Births* as well as the *Saga of St. Anne* on our site.

We now have the 1880 census microfilm for Kankakee County. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the June meeting for anyone interested in transcribing one of these townships. Due to the size of this census and the amount of time it will take to complete, we hope to post this information on our webpage. We still need someone to computerize the Manteno Methodist Church records.

The following was submitted by member Bonnie Bergeron, author unknown:

Your tombstone stands among the rest; neglected and alone. The name and date are chiseled out on polished, marble stone. It reaches out to all who care, It is too late to mourn. You did not know that I exist, You died and I was born. Yet each of us are cells of you, In flesh, in blood, in bone. Our blood contracts and beats a pulse, Entirely not our own. Dear Ancestor, this place you filled One Hundred years ago, Spreads out among the ones you left Who would have loved you so. I wonder if you lived and loved, I wonder if you knew That someday I would find this place, And come to visit you.

The supervisors of this town were as follows: Daniel Beedy, 1855; William Haslett, 1856-7; Daniel Beedy, 1858; L. Morey, 1859; William Haslett, 1860-61; Joseph Harden, 1862; Robert S. Gilkerson, 1863-65; R. Deslauries, 1866; Joseph Labrie 1867-68; Adam Lockie, 1869-70; Joseph E. Labrie, 1871-76; Milo Barnard, 1877-89; J. F. Smeltzer, 1889-98; Daniel G. Lee, 1898-1902; Henry Jacobs, 1902, to the present time.

ROCKVILLE TOWNSHIP.

Rockville as originally organized, in June, 1853, consisted of all of Townships 32 in Ranges 11 and 12, and the north tier of Sections in Town 31 Range 11, Bourbonnais.

March 12, 1855. Town 32, Range 12 E. was taken from the territory of Rockville and organized as Manteno, and at the same time the tier of sections in Town 31, Range 11, were annexed to Bourbonnais township, so that Rockville consists of one congressional township six miles square.

The northwest third of the township is quite level, but the balance is high rolling prairie and timber land. The soil is extremely fertile. About 2,000 acres of the southwest corner of the town was originally heavily timbered with white, red and burr oak, black and white walnut, shellbark, bitter hickory, and red elm, but most of this has been cut off.

Rock Creek runs in a southwestern course through the township, entering by two parallel branches on the east side, which unite on Section 23, and discharging its waters into the Kankakee river near the southwest corner of the township, running for the last mile and a half nearly due south through a chasm of perpendicular rocks from twenty to sixty feet high. At one time the creek was fringed with red cedars on either side, which gave it quite a romantic appearance. The stream runs very rapidly through this chasm with a perpendicular fall, in one place, of six feet. There is a vast amount of limestone of most excellent quality for building purposes, quarries having been opened at different points along the stream. The Kankakee river cuts across the lower or south side of Section 31.

William Baker was probably the first white settler, arriving in 1831. Case Wadley came in 1833; Major David Bloom and son, Henry S.,

in 1837; John and Thomas Kerns and Aaron

Reed in 1838; Dr. Hiram Todd in 1840; buying the Sha-wa-na-see reservation of five sections; Joseph Norman, Gad Noble, Henry Eddy. Captain Lucius R. Robinson, Ralph Walton, Samuel Howard, Alexander, John and Addison Mann came in 1842; the Shreffiers, Michael. Jacob, Moses and Daniel came in 1846; William and John E. McIntosh, Wesley and Bradley Harrington, Moses Warner and Jacob DeSelm, in 1847; John and Daniel McElvaine. Hugh Lancaster and William Gay, in 1848; James F., Fred L., George C. and Lyman Merrick. and Zenas Stevens, in 1849; John Saninseil, F. B. Mason, Charles P. Grimes, and Martin P. Forbes. in 1850; James P. Haughn, 1854, and Benjamin Goodwin and William Pambln, 1858.

In the spring of 1832 William Baker built the first log house on the south side of the creek for the Indian Chief, Sha-wa-na-see, the same year fenced and broke up ten acres of land for the Chief. The second house was built by Case Wadley at the head of Bloom's grove, in 1834.

Aaron Reed was the first postmaster in Rockville, being succeeded by Dr. Hiram Todd. Henry S. Bloom succeeded G. W. Allen a3 postmaster of Bloomville, and was also the first justice of the peace, holding commissions under Governors French, Ford, Madison and Bissell.

The first child born in Rockville was Martha Bloom, in 1837, and the first death was that of James Martin Bloom.

The first religious services were held by the Rev. Samuel .Jewett, since which time there have been three churches erected in the township, the United Brethren, Baptist and Methodist.

A saw mill was built for Dr. Todd by Joseph Norman on Rock Creek in 1842, but it was swept away by high water in 1344, and although rebuilt, was again destroyed in 1869. and has not since been replaced.

At the reorganization of the town:hip in 1853, the following officers were elected:

Supervisor, George Gay; Assessor, James F. Merrick; Justice of the Peace, Henry S. Bloom; Town Clerk, Jacob Shreffier.

Rockville is the only political town in the county that is without a railroad. Its chief markets are at Manteno and Kankakee. The

village, has a town hall, blacksmith and repair shop, a good general store, and a post office at Deselm corners.

The taxable property for 1904 was real and personal estate, \$320,744; telegraph, \$19; total, \$320,763.

The supervisors who have served Rockville include George Gay, 1853; George Merrick, 1856; George Gay, 1857; H. S. Gloom, 1858; I. p. Humphrey, 1859; George Gay, 1860; I. P. Humphrey, 1861; George Gay, 1865; W. W. Todd, 1866; George Gay, 1868; B. Goodwin, 1870; J. P. Haughn, 1876; Charles Durham, 1878; John E. McIntosh, 1881; W. L. Mann, 1882; Seymour J. Allen, 1883-1889; J. S. Grimes, 1889; Seymour Allen, 1890 and 1891, O. C. Shreffler, 1892; Seymour J. Allen, 1893; O. C. Shreffler, 1894-1904; Rudolph Nichols, 1904 up to the present time.

ESSEX TOWNSHIP.

Essex township, in the extreme northwest corner of Kankakee county, Township 31 North, Range 9 East, is six miles square, and is the north end of a tract six miles wide and thirty-six miles long, formerly known as Ashgrove township, Vermilion county.

In 1851 the board of supervisors set off, on petition, the present towns of Norton and Essex, giving this territory the name of the latter, as suggested by Gardner Royce, one of the first settlers of this neighborhood.

Ira C. Mosier represented the new township as the first supervisor, having his office in Danville, Illinois, then the county seat of Vermilion county, ninety miles distant.

By an act of the legislature of 1855, Essex was taken from Vermilion county and given to Kankakee county. In September of 1855, Mr. Mosier presented to the board of supervisors of Kankakee county his credentials of election to the office of supervisor of Essex, Vermilion county, and thereupon was admitted as a member of the board of supervisors of Kankakee county.

The reminiscences of the old settlers of Essex are interesting. Hon. Ira C. Mosier, who came in 1850, says he found a lonely unsettled country, his nearest neighbor on the south being at Oliver's grove, a distance of thirty-six miles. George and Rafe Woodward and their mother, who came in 1848, had set-tied on the west side of the timber, northwest of

the village of Essex. George Wright was then living on the present site of the village. Daniel B. Reed came in 1847, and Hamilton Kinney, John Evans, John Stebbins and Benjamin Smith, in 1848; Gardner Royce and John Burd, 1849; William Keepers, 1850; William Longmeyer, Charles Schultz, Ed. Huston, Dr. Underwood, James Hook, Charles Foot, Allen Van Fleet and John Greeley, 1851; George W. Schobey, 1852; George Hycks, H. C. Konklin, John E. Schobey, Charles Reeder and his three sons, Frodlan, Vandelier and Ahart, 1854-55.

The first child born in the township was Justus Wright, and the first deaths were those of Mr. Milian and a child of William Longmeyer. The first wedding, in 1851, was that of Eliza Woodward and Greenbury Kilpatrick. After the performance of the wedding ceremony by Elder Burress, the bride and groom were escorted to their home by friends driving a one horse team and two ox-teams.

Once a week the mail was carried from Middleport, Iroquois county, to Joliet, by Jonas Harper by way of the Nichols settlement to the postoffice at the residence of Daniel B. Reed. Later, Mr. Mosier carried the mail from Wilmington to the Foote residence in Essex, and still later the postoffice was established at Union Hill, with John E. Schobey as postmaster.

In 1850 Mr. Mosier superintended the building of the first bridge across Horse Creek, at the Bu'rd farm. The money was raised by subscription and the bridge was constructed of hewn oak timbers with split oak planks pinned down with oak pins. The same year the first schoolhouse, a shanty with a shed roof, was built in Kanney's field, near Rice's, and was taught by a Miss Williams, who was succeeded then by Hannah Royce and Charlotte Lish. The second schoolhouse was built on the farm of John Lish.

At the first Fourth of July celebration, held in Kinney's grove, in Rice's timber, George W. Schobey was the orator, Mother Handy, the chaplain, LeRoy Burnside, the reader, and Ira C. Mosier, marshal of the day.

Daniel B. Reed, who came in 1847, and located on Section 11, says that in 1850 J. S. Cooper, of New Jersey, taught fourteen weeks

for \$27.00, a part of which munificent salary was never paid him.

In 1848 Madison Henry preached the first sermon. but a church was not erected until 1873.

The first commercial establishment was a board shanty twelve by fourteen feet, owned and operated by R. H. Charter.

While Mr. Reed was postmaster, the mail between Limestone and Essex was carried by Almond Hawkins. When Horse creek was swollen enough to prevent crossing, a strong cord was fastened to a wash-tub and a stone to the other end of the cord. The stone was tossed across and the tub pulled in and the mail safely landed.

The spoils system prevailed even in this remote locality, for when Zachary Taylor was elected president, the democratic postmaster was removed for offensive partisanship, thereby loosing the enormous sum of one dollar and fifty-six cents per quarter.

Charles Foot was appointed postmaster of Essex, March 11, 1859. Union Hill post office was established August 27, 1861, in the house of John E. Schobey, postmaster. After the completion of the "Three I" railroad, Mr. Schobey built and kept a general store at what is now Union Hill in Norton township, and the post-office was removed there.

The Wabash railroad enters the town near the southwest corner, running almost diagonally northeast, and crossing the Kankakee & Seneca railroad on southeast quarter of Section 9, in the village of Essex. The road leaves the town on the north, on the half section line of Section 2. The Kankakee & Southwestern railroad has a spur running from Buckingham northwesterly, entering this town on Section 31, extending north on half section line four and one-half miles on west tier of sections. This branch was constructed into the coal fields of Tracy, Clark City and Oklahoma. The Kankakee & Seneca railroad, built in 1881, enters the town from the east side, near the southeast corner of Section 13, and leaving on the northwest corner of Section 7, having diverged to the north nearly two miles. The only railroad station in the township is at the village of Essex.

In this township are found valuable deposits of bituminous coal, notably at Clarke City, and Oklahoma.

Essex is traversed by Cranery on the west,

and Horse creek on the east, with numerous county ditches affording good drainage for the entire township towards the north. The north part of the town was timbered more or less, hence the early settlement was in that part, although the quality of the land was not as good as the prairie lands of the southern part.

VILLAGE OF ESSEX.

The village of Essex is located north of the crossing of the Kankakee & Seneca and the Wabash railroad, on the southeast quarter of Section 9. It was first platted May 29, 1880.

In the earlier days the business of the village was mostly west of the Wabash, but gradually was transferred to the present center of activity on the east side of the road.

Amon^s the business enterprises of the village may be mentioned two grain elevators, an electric light plant, a town hall with Odd Fellows' hall in the second story, an opera house with a seating capacity of five hundred, two hotels, a livery stable and hay barn, drug and hardware stores, four general stores, one grocery store, one meat market, a lumber yard and farm implement store, furniture store, an undertaking establishment, steam mill, two blacksmith and repair shops, two millinery stores, one bakery, a confectionery and notion store, barber shop and photograph gallery, and a printing office. John Lee is postmaster of the village. There is one Methodist church, one Catholic church, and one public school building.

The taxable property in this town for 1904 was as follows:

Real and personal estate.....	\$224,038
Wabash R. R.	48,970
Kankakee & Seneca R. R.	27,113
Kankakee & Southwestern R. R.	17,845
Telegraph	633
Telephone	50
 Total	 \$318,649

The supervisors of the town have been as follows: Ira C. Mosier, 1855; Hamilton Keeney, 1856; Gardner Royce, 1857-58; Ira C. Mosier, 1859-1866; John E. Schobey, 1867; Ira C. Mosier, 1868; Shepherd Scroggins, 1872-5; Ira C. Mosier, 1876-1882; C. E. Alberts, 1883; Ira Lish, 1884; Shepherd Scroggins, 1885-1888; Ira C. Mosier, 1888-1890; Cornelius Riordan, 1890;

W. H. Dunn, 1891-1902; and B. A. Burgess, 1902, to the present time.

SALINA TOWNSHIP.

Salina is one of the five towns in Kankakee county whose boundaries are co-incident with the boundaries of the congressional townships. It is known as Township 31 North, Range 10. East of the Third Principal Meridian. When Kankakee county was organized in 1853, Salina was a part of Limestone, and was taken from it by petition to the board of supervisors, April 27, 1854, and included in the town of Pilot. At that time it extended six miles east and west and fourteen miles north and south.

The northern and eastern portion of the town was originally heavily timbered with oak, with intervening stretches of open prairie which required extensive drainage before it could be cultivated. However, the present opportunities for drainage are adequate, the flow of water being north and west towards the Kankakee river. The land is a sandy loam with a clay sub-soil, and is very productive.

Some of the early settlers were as follows: William and Richard Hawker, 1845; Patrick Johnson, and William and Henry Friese, 1848, the latter taking up the land now owned by their sons; E. W. and Nathan Lewis, and John Charles and William Palmer, 1846; Job Williams, Abram Orwig, Edwin, David and Edmund Daylor, 1848; Elias Harmon, 1849; Amos, Adam and Jacob I-1.trj2, 1850; Jefferson Davis, 172; Rodney Ashley, Michael David and Jacob Obrecht, 1853; William F. Hixson, Elias and Samuel Gray, Philip Swigert and Philip Karcher, 1854. Augustin and Nathan Chester, cousins, came to the small village of Kankakee in 1853, the former establishing the first newspaper, The Gazette, while the latter became deputy circuit clerk. In 1855 the brothers moved to a farm on Section 2, Township 31, North, Range 14 West.

April 3, 1855, the first election was held a few rods north of the present village of Bonfield, at the farm house of James Tidball.

The Kankakee & Seneca railroad was constructed in 1882, and has a trackage of 30,441 feet in the town. The only village is Bonfield, platted Verkler, a thriving place with about 300 inhabitants, having good public schools, a town hall, hotel, Methodist Episcopal church, grain warehouse, a number of general stores, and

blacksmith shop, and a stone quarry furnishing a good grade of limestone.

The taxable property for 1904 was as follows:

Real and personal estate	\$170,451
Kankakee and Seneca railroad	26,804
Telegraph	200
Telephone	25
 Total	 \$197,580

The supervisors of this town have been as follows:

James W. Burgess, 1855-58; Elias Gray, 1859; Jacob Obrecht, 1860; Abram Orwig, 1861; Elias Gray, 1862; W. F. Hixson, 1863; G. H. Fitzgerald, 1864-66; John T. Smith, 1867-68; Andrew B. Henry, 1869; George A. Wagner, 1870; Charles Palmer, 1871-72; Nathan Chester, 1873-75; Samuel Gray, 1876; William F. Hixson, 1877-84; Charles Palmer, 1885-87; W. F. Hixson, 1887; Nathan Chester, 1888-91; Joseph Clodi, 1891-93; Nathan Chester, 1893-96; G. M. Wagner, 1896 to the present time.

LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP.

This is the only township retaining the original name given it by Iroquois county at the organization of the latter in 1833. It also was the largest of the six original townships created by the Kankakee county court, June 6, 1853. As originally organized, it embraced all of the territory of Salina, Pilot and Otto, with the exception of a small strip of land on the west bank of the Iroquois river, and all of that part of Kankakee township lying south of the Kankakee river.

The township as it exists at the present time is bounded by the Kankakee river and Rockville on the north, by the towns of Salina and Pilot on the west, by Otto township on the south, and the township of Kankakee on the east. It contains about 25,534 acres.

That portion of the town lying north of what is known as the "Town Line" lies in Township 31, North, Range 11, East, and that portion south of the "Town Line" is in Township 30, North, Range 14, West. The fractional sections 6, 7 and 18 in the southwest corner of the town, are in Township 30, North, Range 11, East.

The name appropriately arises from the fact

			16 Joseph BOUCHER----- RIN: 3096 2
		8 Jacques BOUCHER----- RIN: 2957 BIRTH: 16 Feb 1827 Nicolet, NiCo, Queb, Cana	17 Marie Louise PROVENCHE----- RIN: 3097 3 BIRTH: 9 Jan 1787 Nicolet, NiCoCo, Queb, Cana
	4 Alfred BOUCHEY----- RIN: 2940 BIRTH: 12 Apr 1862/1863 Beaverville, IroquoCo, IL	MARR: 29 Jan 1850 --1150 StMonique, NC, Queb, Cana	18 Antoine Edward BEAUBIEN----- RIN: 4970 4 BIRTH: 9 Mar 1806 StJeanBte, NiCo, Queb, Cana
	MARR: Jul 1884 --1140 Concordia, Cloud Co., KS	9 Alphousine Cla BEAUBIEN----- RIN: 2958 CHR: 15 Mar 1835 StJeBapti, NC, Queb, Cana	19 Marguerite BRAUN----- RIN: 4971 5 BIRTH:
2 Oscar Fred BOUCHEY----- RIN: 1420 BIRTH: 6 Apr 1885 Concordia, Cloud Co., KS.	DEATH: 18 Dec 1941 Concordia, Cloud Co., KS	DEATH: 13 Nov 1898 Concordia, Cloud Co., KS	20 Hubert BONNEAU----- RIN: 3550 6 BIRTH: 21 Oct 1814 L'Acadie, Quebec, Canada
MARR: Aug 1903(Div) --522 Collegeview, LancastCo, Ne			21 Emilie BERGER----- RIN: 3888 7 BIRTH: Abt 1818 Quebec, Canada
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	DEATH: Abt 1938 Oklahoma City, Ok.		23 Virginia SINGELAIS----- RIN: 1360 9 BIRTH:
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3 Emma Josephine SOUCEY----- RIN: 1421 BIRTH: 13 Aug 1881 St.Anne, Kankakee Co., IL.	DEATH: 6 Mar 1919 Lincoln, Lancaster, Ne.	13 Marsaline Marth GERVAIS----- RIN: 1428 BIRTH: 28 Jan 1926 StCypri, Lapr, Queb, Cana	DEATH: 18 Oct 1912 Lincoln, Lancaster, Ne.
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INTERESTING FACTS

It's hard to believe now, but no woman anywhere in the U.S. was allowed to vote in any national election for the first 144 years of the nation's history, from 1776 to 1920.

Ever wonder why an automobile's instrument panel is called a dashboard? The name dates back to horse-and-buggy days when dashing horses kicked up mud, splashing the passengers riding behind them. The "dashboard" was devised to protect them.

Although many governors and congressmen became U.S. Presidents, only 3 mayors ever became president - Calvin Coolidge, who was mayor of Northampton, Mass.; Grover Cleveland, who was mayor of Buffalo; and Andrew Johnson, who was mayor of Greenville, Tenn.

Surprisingly, in the entire history of America, only one Speaker of the House of Representatives ever went on to become President of the U.S. That was James Polk, who was speaker from 1835 to 1839, and President from 1845 to 1849.

Although both New York City and Philadelphia were each once the capital of the U.S., today neither is even the capital of its own state.

John Adams was the first President to live in the White House. It wasn't built when George Washington was President.

Here's an amazing example of how big the Pacific Ocean is. You could put all the countries in the world into the Pacific and still have room left over. The Pacific Ocean covers 64 million square miles, while all the land area on earth covers 57 million square miles.

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