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## QUARTERLY/NEWSLETTER EXTRACTIONS

### Public Record Abbreviations

ante.nup	ante-nuptialis	before marriage
coel	coelebs	unmarried
d.s.p.l.v.p.	died without legitimate children in the lifetime of his father	
m.p.	mortuo parte	after his father's death
o. Coel	obit coelebs	died unmarried
o.inf	obit infans	died in nonage (under age)
o.om	Obiere omnes	all died
o.s.p.	obit sine prole	died without issue
o.s.p.l.	obit sine prole letitima	died without legitimate offspring
o.s.p.m.	obit sine prole mascula	died without male issue
o.s.p.s.	obit sine prole superstite	died without surviving issue
stip.con.	stipendis condonatis	without fee
v.m.		died in the lifetime of his mother
v.p.	vivente patre	in his father's lifetime
relict	relicta/relictus	widow or widower
testes		witnesses
inst.	Instans	present month
liber		book or volume
et al	et alia	and others
sic		so, or thus, exact copy as written
viz	videlicet	namely

Please note the word "desessit" (deceased) may be in place of "obit" (died). *Palm Breezes, McAllen Co. Gen. Society Newsletter, Vol. 17. #2 and ILGS Teaser, Vol. 16 #1.*

### Post-It-Notes

The California State Library system has banned Post-It-Notes since testing by the National Archives has shown that they leave a residue which can damage books. Moreover, the narrow ones sold in sets of five colors can pull the printed word right off the page. *Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County.*

## GENEALOGY SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

### 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](mailto:fgsoffice@fgs.org); or visit the FGS websites at <http://www.fgs.org/lfgs> or <http://www.infouga.org>.

### 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 further information, see FVGS webpage at <http://www.members.aol.com.fvgs1/index.html> or e-mail at [FVGS1@aol.com](mailto:FVGS1@aol.com).

## KVGS WEB NEWS

**The Greatest Generation: World War II Stories** ([www.rootsweb.com/WWII](http://www.rootsweb.com/WWII)) is a place where veterans and their relatives can post narratives and biographies. In addition, though the emphasis is on World War II, submissions are welcome for veterans of Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf War. You can even post pictures.

### French Websites:

Genealogie dans le Bas-Berry: [http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages.f\\_sauzet/](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages.f_sauzet/)

Francesres: Genealogy in France: [www.cam.or/~beaur/gen/france-e.tml](http://www.cam.or/~beaur/gen/france-e.tml)

### Published Immigration Sources:

If you'd like to know what published sources are available for immigrant arrivals, check out

[lcweb.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib\\_guid/immigrant.ht:m1](http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guid/immigrant.ht:m1)

### Geographic Names Information System for United States and Territories:

This may help with rivers, small towns, tunnels, cemeteries and other items as you research ancestors:

<http://mapping.usgs.gov/www/gnis/gnisform.html>

### Period Costume and Dress:

These sites provide you with pictures and feature exhibits of period costume to help you identify your old pictures to a time period.

<http://www.wrhs.org/current/index.htm>

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/print/guide>

<http://www.victorianmillinery.comNM.html>

<http://www.victoriana.com/library/harpers/harpers.html>

## GREAT & GREAT, GREAT

Looking for birth, marriage and/or death records for Joseph **Butler**, Josephine **Martin Butler**, Mary Louise Butler **Compain**, Frank **Compain**, Minnie **Hoale (sp?)** and Flavian **Compain**. Contact Susan **Feulner**, 9358 Hyland Creek Rd., Bloomington, MN 55437, [sjfeulner@worldnet.att.net](mailto:sjfeulner@worldnet.att.net).

James **Reed** b. Dec. 1826 in Canada mar. 10 Mar 1851 in Will Co. To Eliza Jane **Dycus** b. Sep 1830 MI (dau. of James Dycus & Sarah Frakes) d. 16 Jan 1901 in Manteno, IL. Children: Prudy (Butler), Alexander, John L., Charles F., Joseph. Mary F., Anna (Hannah), Arthur E. and William A. Would appreciate any additions/corrections on this family.

Joseph **Senesac** b. 1855 mar. Marie Naomi **Grandpre** b. Abt. 1857 in IL. Children (b. Bourbonnais): Arthur abt. 1881, Harvey abt. 1883, Eugene abt. 1885, Bertha abt. 1887, Telephone abt. 1889, Arselie (b. Aug 1891/d. Oct 1976, mar. Frederick Legris). Have considerable info on Legris and earlier Senesacs. Would like desc. info on siblings or Arsele and on other Grandpres.

Mary **Joubert** b. 20 May 1864 in Bourbonnais mar. 02 Feb 1885/86 Frederick E. **Legris** b. 7 Sep 1860 in Bourbonnais. 10 children. 1880 census lists Joseph Joubert b. 1835, wife Rose b. 1840 and children: Rosa b. 1862, Mary b 1864, Joseph b. 1866, Anna b. 1869, William b. 1871 and Louis b. 1878. Would like further information on any of these Jouberts, ancestor and descendant.

Contact Marjorie & Michael **Legris**, 174 Ridgeview Ct., Bradley, IL 60915, e-mail mikemarg1@aol.com.

## KANKAKEE COUNTY MARRIAGES - 1881

### Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

Bride	Groom	Where From	Date
Hazleton, Ida	Walton, Carroll	Wesley/Rockville	14 Sep 1881
Becker, Mary E.	Gillispie, Alex E.	Pilot/Paxton	15 Sep 1881
Willhour, Mary	Elkler, Moses T.	Cropsey, IL	08 Sep 1881
McConnell, Maggie	Webber, Frank B.	Otto	03 Sep 1881
Jarvis, Alphonsine	Jarvis, Eusebe	Pembroke	01 Sep 1881
Remillard, Vetaline	Prince, Fred	Ganeer/Kankakee	19 Sep 1881
Beebe, Mina L.	Mills, Joe D.	Momence/Jamestown Dakota	21 Sep 1881
Demarteau, Caroline	Dubois, Louis	Manteno	22 Aug 1881
VanWert, Eudora L.	McEwan, John N.	Kankakee	14 Sep 1881
Darby, Ella	Forman, August	Pilot	19 Sep 1881
Curtis, Emma	Parish, Frank	Chicago/Momence	25 Sep 1881
Parmely, Lucy J.	Ruggles, George F.	Momence	23 Sep 1881
Brosseau, Delia	Betourney, Moses	Bourbonnais/Manteno	20 Sep 1881
Love, Lucy P.	Hayden, Thomas R.	Yellowhead, West Creek IN	30 Aug 1881
Warner, Josephine	Putnam, Reuben	Kankakee/ Otto	22 Sep 1881
Beebe, Lucy	DeCoudres, Jay P.	Chicago	28 Sep 1881
Schiller, Minnie	Wunderlich, John	Kankakee	29 Sep 1881
Large, Minerva	Watson, George	Lafayette/Aroma	26 Sep 1881
Correct, Mrs. Maria M.	Stadel, John	Cabery/Hopewell	06 Sep 1881
Schneider, Matilda	Vath, Geo.	Kankakee	04 Oct 1881
Lambert, Caroline	Lamontagne, Alex	Bourbonnais	04 Oct 1881
Libhart, Estella	Nichols, James L.	Pembroke	05 Oct 1881
Goeke, Lena	Smith, Stehr	Pilot	13 Oct 1881
Goulet, Ida C.	Grandpra, Victor R.	Kankakee	14 Sep 1881
Euling, Kate	Heimberger, Michael	Essex/Pilot	17 Oct 1881
Soule, Martha E.	Scramlin, W. N.	Momence	18 Oct 1881
Buck, Mary E.	Newton, A. R.	Sumner/Webster City IA	12 Oct 1881
Boudreau, Mrs. Mary	La Lareveare, Francis X.	St. Anne	15 Oct 1881
Kilbride, Margaret	Mahoney, Dennis S.	Essex/Chebanse	17 Oct 1881
Gannon, Ella	Lamb, James R.	Otto/Joliet	26 Oct 1881

## 1881 KANKAKEE COUNTY BIRTHS

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

Son/Dau.	Parents	Date
Daughter	John Bilyard, Rockville	07 Jul 1881
Son	R. Childress, Rockville	01 Sep 1881
Daughter	Jacob Arnold, Chebanse	08 Oct 1881
Son	Chas. Copke. Otto	14 Oct 1881
Son	George Fortin, Otto	14 Oct 1881
Daughter	X. Dandurand, Bourbonnais	29 Aug 1881
Daughter	Jerome A. Hayhurst, Yellowhead	11 Sep 1881
Daughter	R. Perrault, St. Anne	05 Oct 1881
Daughter	John Duclose, St. Anne	04 Sep 1881
Son	Joseph Girard, St. Anne	03 Aug 1881
Son	Anthony Smith, St. Anne	10 Aug 1881
Son	Henry Larocque. Manteno	27 Sep 1881
Daughter	A. Langlois, Manteno	06 Oct 1881
Daughter	V. Gregire, Manteno	09 Oct 1881
Son	Orlo A. Vial, Manteno	13 Oct 1881
Daughter	Joseph Thouet, Manteno	08 Sep 1881
Son	E. Leriger, Manteno	14 Oct 1881
Daughter	G. Joannes, Manteno	05 Sep 1881
Son	T. Samore, Manteno	21 Sep 1881
Son	Addison Mann, Rockville	22 Sep 1881
Daughter	Patrick Brady, Ganeer	24 Sep 1881
Daughter	Luke Story, Momence	18 Sep 1881
Son	John Wilson, Ganeer	12 Sep 1881
Son	Alex Meier, Limestone	20 Jul 1881
Son	John Karr, Manteno	16 Oct 1881
Daughter	Eber Scott, Aroma	19 Sep 1881
Son	Adam Martin, Kankakee	19 Oct 1881
Son	Henry Day. Manteno	17 Oct 1881
Son	Hamline Smith, Manteno	17 Oct 1881
Daughter	Samuel Moat, Sumner	18 Oct 1881
Son	Augustus Vallencourt, Manteno	19 Sep 1881

## 1881 KANKAKEE COUNTY DEATHS

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

(13 Oct 1881) In Salina, Oct. 5th, 1881, Mrs. Mary McGillvary, in the 53d year of her age. The deceased had been a resident of Salina for 35 years, and a member of the Methodist church about 15 years. She died in full hope of a blissful future. The sympathy shown her during her sickness, and the large concourse of people that followed her remains to the grave showed how much she was beloved by all the community. Deceased leaves a husband and six children and many warm friends to mourn her loss.

(20 Oct 1881) In Milwaukee, Wis., June 29th, 1881, of consumption, Edward Peyton Clark, aged 36 years. Brother of Mrs. Bradford, of Rock Island, Ill., and the late Mrs. T. H. Perry, all formerly of Kankakee.

(20 Oct 1881) In Rockville, Sept. 14, Mrs. Winnie McGrath, aged 30 years.

(03 Nov 1881) The death of Mrs. Rosilla J. Coman, of this city, is an event which will be sincerely mourned by the many friends whom she had gathered around her during her later years of trouble and anxiety. She has been ill for several months and her death occurred on Monday morning last. She leaves a daughter and four sons who in their bereavement will have the profound sympathy of the community. Her husband, it will be remembered, was killed by the cars on the 5th of May, 1873, while in the service of the Illinois Central as land agent. Mrs. Coman was a woman of gentle disposition and possessed a true refinement of mind and character. Her funeral services will occur at St. Paul's of which church she was a consistent and earnest member, this morning at half-past ten.

## COUNTY COURT - 1881

### Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 13, 1881.

Estate of C. Chipman. Claim of Sophronia Seager rejected by executor.  
Decree for adoption of Anna Maria Fleck granted to V. Boilard.  
Guardianship Geo. W. and John Hollmann. Report approved.  
Estate Victor Reinish. Report approved. Estate Wm. McElvain. Citation ordered against C. W. McElvain.  
Conservatorship Eliza A. Reed. Petition of husband for removal of conservator denied.

### Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 20, 1881.

Estate Frances Dickenson. Claim of W. H. Richardson & Bro. for \$40 allowed.  
Guardianship Nettie A. Wood. Mother appointed guardian in bond of \$1000.  
Estate Christian Myer. Inventory app'd.  
Estate Chauncey Chipman. Claim of Sophronia Seager dismissed for want of prosecution.  
Estate Wm. Jackson. Widow appointed executrix.

### Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, November 3, 1881.

Guardianship minor children August Paupa. Seneca Burchard appointed guardian in bond of \$400.  
Jacob Clark, of Momence, was duly tried and pronounced insane.  
Estate John Ranz. Will admitted.  
Estate John B. Cyrier. Decree for sale of real estate.

## ESSEX - 1881

### Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 13, 1881.

A nice little party of young people called on Miss Carrie Swift, on Wednesday evening of last week, to bid her goodbye before taking her departure for Valparaiso, where she is going to attend school until the first of November.

M. G. Bunnell, who for the past year has swung the hammer over the anvil at Schrempf's blacksmith shop, has left for greener pastures.

Kimball & Walworth are adding greatly to the appearance of their drug store by an application of oil and lead. Their stock of drugs is now complete and there is no excuse for an unhealthy neighborhood.

### Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 27, 1881.

I. G. McLane has built a new corn crib, expecting to get lots of corn. S. Boyer is building a new house on his quarter section in Essex. Expect he'll get himself a cook pretty soon.



Mr. Jas. Cummings was very badly hurt while working in the new shaft on the Konklin farm, falling about 40 feet.

Miss Sarah Sinnott is on the sick list.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, November 3, 1881.**

The man of whom we spoke in our last letter as falling in the coal shaft and being badly bruised, was Mr. Geo. Howard, instead of Jas. Cummings, as was the report.

Work on the I.I. & I. Railroad is progressing. Track is being laid west and east of Reddick.

**LIMESTONE - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 13, 1881.**

Miss Lizzie Daylor commenced the fall term of her school in the Eggleston school house last week, this being the fourth term that she has taught in the same place.

Mr. John Stokes is said to be engaged to teach in district No. 8 (the Lane district).

Mr. Mott Shreffler and Elmer Hawker are soon to leave to attend school at Valparaiso, Ind.

Mr. J. E. Shreffler has lost some fifteen hogs with the cholera, and still they die.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 27, 1881.**

There have been several cases of the new horse disease here and several horses have died. Mr. George Walters lost two and Mr. Lane one.

Mr. A. G. Smith's new corn crib is going up fast, notwithstanding he is detained in Kankakee with a broken leg.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Eggleston returned from their Eastern tour last week, having visited Montreal, Boston, New York and many places in Connecticut, their native state.

Mr. Romain St. Germain has left Herscher where he has lived for the past year and moved back on his farm. Should not wonder if the new railroads prevent Herscher from being a successful rival of Kankakee.

**NORTON - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 6, 1881.**

Mr. and Mrs. Adams started for California this morning. The good wishes of many friends follow them.

School in district 2, room 29, closed last Saturday. Miss Mary Marsh, the teacher, was well liked and has been asked to take the winter term.

L.D. Gifford is in Iowa, taking a look at the country.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 20, 1881.**

Mr. James Neer, one of the early settlers of Norton, has sold his farm near Buckingham and will soon move his family to Dakota, where he has a farm of 320 acres.

Mrs. Conrow, the very efficient postmistress of Buckingham, has been away for a few days. The duties of the office were performed by her sister, Mrs. H. S. Randall.

Chimes at the parsonage. Another little "Bell" has been added to the number already there. It is a 12-pounder and the preacher is proud.

Alvaro Burroughs has returned from Iowa. He has purchased a farm of 160 acres near Storm Lake and intends moving in the spring.

Wm. Sargeant has rented his farm of 160 acres in the "Glass settlement" to J. H. Allen, from near Reddick; terms, \$600.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 27, 1881.**

Mr. I. P. Farley, formerly of this town, now residing in Chicago, is visiting relations and friends there.

Mr. J. E. Farley and sons who went to Chicago Thursday morning, were summoned home the next morning by telegraph. The sudden and dangerous illness of Mrs. Farley was the cause.

The Rev. J. Bell preached two funeral sermons last Sunday. The occasion, the death of a child of A. Ayres, of Pilot, and the child of Mr. Curd, of Rogers, Ford county.

**JACKSONVILLE STATE HOSPITAL PATIENTS**

**Kankakee Residents taken from Patient Records for 1854-1870, Morgan County, Illinois.**

Thomas B. Read, single. age 21, born Ohio. admitted 20 Jul 1861, released 18 Oct 1861, Thomas Read, Father, Manteno.

Thomas B. Read, single, age 23, born Ohio, admitted 17 Feb 1863, died 20 Jan 1866.

Elisabeth Packard, married, age 44, born MA, admitted 19 Jun 1860, discharged 18 Jun 1863, next of kin Rev. Theophilus Packard, Manteno.

Sophia Patrode, married, age 30, born Canada, admitted 2 Jul 1862, discharged 24 Feb 1869.

Sanborn, Harrah A., age 56, widow, born New Hampshire, admitted 16 Jul 1860, discharged 28 Oct 1869, Frank Sanborn, son, Momence.

Wilson, Martha, age 23, single, born NY, admitted 27 Feb 1861, discharged 13 May 1861, Mrs. Dutcher, Mother, Momence.

Jackson, Phebe, age 45, married, born VT, admitted 07 Jul 1863, discharged 17 Oct 1863, Leland Johnson, husband.

Racette, Eulalie, single, born Canada, admitted 21 Nov. 1861, discharged 13 Mar 1862.

## LOCAL JOTTINGS - 1881

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 6, 1881.**

A green house, 40 x 24, is being built at the asylum. The asylum has bought a three-seated covered spring wagon for carrying patients to and from the depot. There are 300 patients at the asylum. The accommodations are crowded by that number. Not a death has occurred for over six months, and out of 186 male patients 116 were engaged in out-door work last week.

Knowlton, the photographer, has commenced his new house on the corner of Oak street and Greenwood avenue, opposite Pleasant Durham's.

Will Gelino will open a stock of dry goods in Swannell's new building in a few days, and the Vandewater brothers will occupy the old Blain stand as a dry goods store. Verily, the boom boometh.

Jacob Myers has purchased the coal business of Smith & Johnson, as will be seen by a notice in the paid local department. Mr. Myers steps into an established business, and his well-known integrity and genial manner will enable him to hold the old customers, and we trust add many new patrons.

The marriage of the daughter of Louis Schneider, of the old and well-known firm of Schneider & Leuth, to George Vath, last Tuesday, was made the occasion of a large and jolly gathering at Mr. Schneider's al house. The festivities lasted all day, and at night dancing, with a full orchestra, was had in the yard on a floor laid for the occasion.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 13, 1881.**

The assessed valuation of Kankakee county, as equalized by the state board, is \$5,461,522 - an addition of 17 percent , on personal property, 15 percent, on lands and 16 percent on lots.

C. W. Johnson will immediately commence the erection of a warehouse at Vertlor's, ten miles west of Kankakee, where the first station on the Kankakee & Seneca will probably be located, and thinks he will be ready to receive grain in about a week.

Between dangerously dilapidated sidewalks and unlighted streets the average Kankakeean stands a good show of being laid up this winter with a broken leg. Talk about making a property-owner tear up a good cinder walk! If the honorable council would only remove the broken walks which abound everywhere and dump in gravel in their stead the improvement would make the present administration immortal.

Louis Goudreau Jr. and Will Gelino have bought the hardware business of R. J. Bennett, and will hereafter be found at the head of one of the best stocks in this section of country. Mr. Gelino has, of course, abandoned his former idea of opening a dry goods store.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 20, 1881.**

Rev. Wm. Aug. Smith, formerly the highly esteemed pastor of the first M.E. church of this city, has been assigned to Sycamore, after filling a three years' appointment at Rockford. Sycamore is a place of culture and Mr. S. will find a host of friends there as elsewhere.

Rev. Mr. Worrall has been compelled, under a physician's orders, to leave his pulpit and all pastoral work for a couple of months' rest. He has never fully recovered from an attack of congestion of the brain several months ago, and he has recently been threatened with a recurrence. He will spend his vacation in Kentucky, his headquarters being Ashland, Boyd county. We trust this bright and earnest young minister will return to his charge fully restored. During his absence his pulpit will be filled by Rev. Mr. Matthews, of Chicago, and others.

H. K. Wheeler's new residence is to be heated with steam.

Messrs. Moore and Mix are jointly occupying the corner room in Swannell's new block. No less than five dwelling houses have been erected in the third ward during the past three months.

Two fifty-foot chimneys are being built in the Baptist church. Better draft to the furnaces, and consequently more heat, will result this winter.

A new delivery wagon, resplendent in fresh paint and conspicuous lettering, has been put on the road by Stamm, the enterprising baker and grocer.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 27, 1881.**

The fifth anniversary of the wedding of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Worrall was observed in a quiet way by some of their friends in this city last week Tuesday evening prior to their departure to Kentucky.

Will Hunter has a light hardcar with which he makes his trips between the farm and town. He makes the six miles in eighteen minutes.

The restaurants have put up the price of meals to thirty-five cents. The increased cost of provisions makes it impossible, they say, to make a profit at the former price of twenty-five cents.

Knecht's tailoring establishment is now employing twenty-three tailors, all working on extra time. One of them recently made \$36 in one week. The house is about four weeks behind its orders, and "still they come".

Mr. Wolf has also taken a farm about five miles west of the track.

Mr. McCuen received a carload of coal on last Saturday. They find rather bad roads to haul as it takes four horses to draw anything of a load.

O. B. Streeter will teach in district No. 2 again this winter.

Mary Cote, an insane pauper who has been an inmate of the Iroquois county poor house for the past six years, died last week of self-starvation. Her delusion was that God had commanded her to fast and pray. A year ago she commenced restricting herself to two light meals a day. Six months later she decreased the amount to one meal, and since the 3d of September last has eaten nothing. She was converted to Protestantism by Father Chiniquy, and her lunacy resulted from her religious emotions. She was fifty years of age.

The many friends of Miss Alice Bristol will congratulate her upon her marriage, which occurred at Denver yesterday. She is now Mrs. Albert H. Marsh.

We are sorry to learn that the Blain Bros., our dry goods merchants, are going to sell out, and leave town for the West as soon as they can dispose of their stock of goods.

**ILLINOIS FARMS CHEAP!**

**Advertisement taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 27, 1881.**

Good Rolling Prairie, Well Improved. I have 50 good farms of 80, 120, 140, 160, 320, up to 640 acres each in Iroquois and Kankakee counties, lying near Chebanse, Clifton, Otto, Irwin, Herscher, Cabery and Kempton, on the I.C. railroad (mostly in Milk's Grove township) that I have been improving and cultivating for several years, and are now in excellent condition, all having good houses, groves, orchards, hedges, etc., but sickness in my family causes me to place them on the market for sale at reasonable prices. Will

give long time and easy payments. It will pay anyone wanting a farm to investigate. Call on or address, Lemuel Milk, Chebanse, IL.

### **SWANNELL SILVER ANNIVERSARY - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 6, 1881.**

A very large number of the older class of the residents of Kankakee. personal friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Swanneil, assembled Monday evening at the residence of Mr. S. to celebrate the silver wedding of the host and hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Swannell are among the oldest, best known and highly respected of the residents of Kankakee, their settlement here dating far back into the "early days" of a new town which has grown into one of the pleasantest and best known places in the State.

Mr. Swanneil came from London, England, in 1848, settling that year in Momence, and removing to Kankakee in 1855. In 1856, he visited New York and married Laura A. Bristol, who was then living with her parents in the vicinity of Lockport. Returning to Kankakee with his wife, he and she have since resided here uninterruptedly, and have always been leading and prominent in the social and business circles of the place. The spacious house in which their friends were received last Monday evening was built and occupied in 1861, and is one of the best residences in the city.

### **MATRIMONIAL - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 13, 1881.**

A merry wedding party gathered at Erzinger's restaurant last week Wednesday evening to witness the nuptials of John Smith, engineer of Illinois Central locomotive No. 216, and Miss Josephine Erzinger, eldest daughter of the proprietor of the well-known eating house bearing that name. The ceremony was performed at eight o'clock by Rev. E. Von Freeden, in the presence of about twenty-five invited guests. The happy young couple left on the night train for a trip to Cincinnati and St. Louis.

### **TOWN POOR FARM - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 6, 1881.**

The town board received bids last week for the rental of the town poor farm for the coming year from the 1st of November. There were three bidders, vis: Abram Orwig, Chas. Kurrasch and Julius Drazy.

Mr. Orwig's bid was \$450 rental, and \$2 per week each for boarding the prisoners. Mr. Kurrasch would pay \$425, provided the county would take care of the insane paupers. He would board the inmates for \$2 per week. Julius Drazy bid \$250 rental, and would charge \$2.25 per week for adult paupers and \$1.75 for children. The bid of Mr. Orwig was accepted.

### **KANKAKEE PARK QUIZ**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, February 27, 2000.**

Which Kankakee Park has had three different names while under the ownership of the Park District?

Which Kankakee Valley park namesake began a career as a telegraph operator and is credited with inventing a system of wiring money?

- Who is Bird Park named for?
- 1. Beckman Park began as Electric Park, named for the electric streetcar system that brought people there for recreation. It became Waterman Park for Frank D. Waterman, founder of the Waterman Pen Company. Later it became Beckman Park for Louis E. Beckman, former mayor and state senator. Three Beckmans have been mayors of Kankakee.
- 2. Emory Cobb, wealthiest man in Kankakee at the time, was also a leading breeder of shorthorn cattle.
- 3. It's named for Worth Bird, pioneer Kankakee businessman.

### **EAST OTTO - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 13, 1881.**

The Butler brothers have rented the Everett farm for \$2.50 per acre. Farms are being taken very fast.

Isaac Smith sold some April pigs weighing nearly 200 pounds each.

They are putting up a very good school house in district No. 3. Miss Eliza Huckins will be the teacher.

James Barrett, Jr. will start for Chicago this week with a good draft team which he desires to sell.

Henry Grouse has just put in a fine stock of dry goods and groceries. Asa Everitt has sold his house and lot for \$125 cash. Rather cheap, but he was found to make a trade.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 20, 1881.**

Mark Barnett is happy because he has a 7-pound girl to wake him up early in the morning.

Joel Dodson has rented a farm of Mr. Hobbis, northwest of Chebanse, but will not move onto it until next spring.

Mr. Wolf has also taken a farm about five miles west of the track.

Mr. McCuen received a carload of coal on last Saturday. They find rather bad roads to haul as it takes four horses to draw anything of a load.

O. B. Streeter will teach in district No. 2 again this winter.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 27, 1881.**

Robert Gannon is home on a visit from Joliet, where he is working in the rolling mills. He says that hardly a day passes without one or more accidents, but as wages are very good he proposes to stock to it.

Three weddings in Chebanse and vicinity during last week. Lots of old bachelors are getting tired of single life. Invitations are out for the wedding of Mr. Lamb, of Joliet, and Miss Gannon, of this place. May much joy be ever with them.

## **MANTENO - 1881**

### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette October 13, 1881.**

The Presbyterians dedicated their church last Sunday October 11. Rev. Mr. Wood, of Peotone, preached the dedicatory sermon. He also preached in the evening. The Presbyterians have spent considerable money in refitting their church, and it looks very nice.

There was a wedding a few miles out in the country last Saturday, at the residence of Lang Beedy. The bride was Miss Lily Beedy; the groom, Mr. Ship. Rev. Mr. Campbell married them at the Presbyterian parsonage. A merry party had assembled at the house of the bride on their return.

### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette October 20, 1881.**

The Methodist parsonage is undergoing repairs. J. A. Richardson and his men are doing the work. The new minister, Rev. Mr. Nate, preached on Sunday. There were but few out on account of the rain.

Rev. Mr. Winslow's family leave this week for their new home in Lockport. We regret to lose them from among us.

### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette October 27, 1881.**

The parents and friends of Miss Julia Cook were agreeably surprised by her somewhat unexpected arrival home from the East on Saturday evening after an absence of about two years.

Frank Gilkerson also returned from the East, where he has been visiting friends for the past six weeks. Mr. Cooley has also returned, and with improved health, from a short visit among friends in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Matie Barnard is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Merrick, this week.

Mrs. M. W. Rounsavell, of Bluffton, Ohio, has been visiting her brother, Dr. Ellingwood, the past week.

The pleasantest little social event that has occurred in our town for a long time was the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. R. Peters at their residence on Saturday evening last, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. About sixty guests were present, several of whom were present at the wedding 25 years ago.

## **WALDRON - 1881**

### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 20, 1881.**

G. A. Harrison attended the soldiers' reunion at Lafayette last week.

E. R. Beardsley has had his hall fixed up in fine style.

A family by the name of Parks have rented the Bovie house.

Mrs. A. Webster is recovering slowly from her late sickness. Mrs. Brooks is reported a little better. B. F.

Legg left for Valparaiso, Ind., last week to attend school at that place.

## **ROCKVILLE - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 6, 1881.**

Geo. Gordon has sold his farm to Dr. Magruder for \$33 per acre and has bought the Wilcox farm on the north side of the creek.

Little Etta, daughter of William Tallman, was called to join the heavenly throng at about 8 o'clock Sunday morning. The funeral services were held at the Altorf school house today at 10 o'clock, after which the lifeless remains of the family pet were taken to the Vanmeter cemetery for interment. This is one of the trials for the bereaved family that will make them weary of earth. It seems double severe inasmuch as she was an only daughter and sister. But we feel sure that Etta is safely housed with the untold thousands of little angels, where there is no more death.

John Powell, son of George Powell. of Rockville, who had his foot crushed in the horsepower of a threshing machine some three or four weeks ago, died of lockjaw in Wilmington, 27th ult.

Mrs. Julia Millar, wife of Rev. George Millar, died in Rockville, Friday night. Sept. 23, of consumption, aged 28 years. Sermon at Deselm church Sunday, 25th, by Mr. Clark, of Wilmington and funeral ceremonies at Crete, her former home. Monday, 26th, sermon by Mr. Needham of Peotone. There was a large attendance of friends.

## **MOMENCE - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 20, 1881.**

The Momence Live Stock and Farming company was organized in Chicago, Oct. 4, with a cash capital of \$49,000. The company own the Magoffin tract, 2,500 acres, in this county, and what is known as the Cass and Sheby lands in Lake county, Ind., in all about 17,500 acres. W. F. Singleton. of Momence, was elected general manager, and Singleton & Williams are large stockholders in the company.

Uncle Paul Hathaway celebrated his 94th birthday last Thursday.

George Woodford lectured in Grant Park last week.

## **PILOT - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 6, 1881.**

Charley Ayres is now sick with the diphtheria.

Joel Menard is now clerking for Frank Grosse.

Jacob Oberlin will attend the Sunday school convention to be held in the Zoar church, near Reddick, this week.

Mrs. H. M. Conrow was in Waldron last week visiting her son, Wm. O. Wright.

Milton Minnick is now with Jay Fetterly, and will learn how to make and repair harness, etc.



Bob Campbell has charge of the railroad business here during Frank Whittun's absence. He is now, in company with George Corris, eating York State victuals.

Joe Seroy answers the "click" at Irwin station for a time. It is Arthur Wheeler, not Miller as my item read last week, who is having a new house built. The work is being done by Harvey Erwin.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette October 13, 1881.**

Wm. H. Atkins has gone to Central Iowa to visit a sister. Charlie Penfield moves to Eldredgeville today.

James H. Chatfield left for Denver last Wednesday to visit his parents.

The Misses Dora and Sarah Melling and their brother John took in the Chicago Exposition last week.

A quit wedding took place at Squire Atkins' on Sunday last, the contracting parties being his daughter Jennie and Mr. Horace H. Hubbard. The Rev. E. R. Davis of Chicago officiated. The young couple are well-known here and the best wishes of their friends follow them.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette October 20, 1881.**

Philip Vollmar has opened his new hardware store, which makes three in town. We can stand another.

Dr. and Mrs. Caldwell have gone to Vermont on a visit, the home of the doctor in his youth. Norman Bowlby started for Valparaiso, Ind., this Monday morning to attend school.

*We* noticed Orlando Bebee and wife in town last week. They have sold their farm here, I learn, and will make their home near Grand Haven, Mich., where they have been for a few months past.

Lewis Anderson returned from near Detroit, Mich., on Wednesday last, bringing with him his newly gotten wife, who was Miss Mattie Ranous, and formerly lived in this town.

A young medical man named Secor, I believe, from Bourbonnais, takes charge of the sick folks here during the doctor's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Fetterly's little child, after many weeks of intense suffering, has passed away to the haven of rest. The funeral services were held on Sunday.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 27, 1881.**

The smiling countenance of George Corris is again seen behind the counters at Buck's store, and Frank Whittum again "runs" the depot. They enjoyed their Eastern trip very much.

Henry Amidon and wife are now in Washington county, New York, visiting relatives. William H. James and lady went to northern Ohio last week on a visit. Joseph Delay, wife and two children are in Danville, Vermillion county, at present.

We hear that George Wood is the father of a nice boy a week ago.

Mr. Henry Hubbard and wife returned from Madison county, NY on Thursday. Mrs. Hubbard is now suffering severely from a cold contracted by exposure on account of an accident to a train they were on. on a road in Western NY. The road runs from Rochester to Charlotte, about twenty miles, I believe, down grade all the way. The engine was called "Rarus" and the engineer is known as "The Flying Dutchman". The train while running at a lively rate of speed ran into a land slide, and the engine, tender and baggage car were upset. The passenger car jumped the track but fortunately was not overturned. No one was seriously hurt and it can be put down as a very lucky escape.

Death entered the family of Albert A. Ayers last week and took their youngest boy, aged 6 years. He had been suffering from a disease of the bronchial tubes and lungs, which terminated in death on Friday night. The funeral services were held on Sunday the 23d inst., the Rev. Joseph Bell officiating. There is comfort in the belief that little Willie now dwells with him who said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven".

## **CHINIQUY SLANDER SUIT - 1855/56**

### **Excerpts from Newspaper Article (date unknown).**

Change of Venue is taken to Champaign County on account of bitter feeling here. The celebrated slander suit of Peter Spink vs. Rev. Charles Chiniquy, a priest of St. Anne, back in 1855, and the part played by Abraham Lincoln were recalled yesterday when Attorney C. M. Clay Buntain ran across the story in Jesse Welk's "Life of Lincoln" which he was reading. As soon as he came across the story of the incident, Mr. Buntain went to the office of Circuit Clerk Charles F. Skinner and there, among the oldest records in the court house, he found the complete records of the suit.

### **Lincoln Settles Case**

President Lincoln, then an attorney making a circuit of various courts in central Illinois, was one of the force of lawyers employed by Father Chiniquy and his friends and took part in the trial after it reached Champaign. Following a disagreement of a jury (hung jury), the Great Emancipator brought about a settlement between the parties and was the attorney who wrote the final decree.

The case was begun in Kankakee County where Charles Chiniquy, a priest, was sued for having falsely charged that Peter Spink, one of his parishioners, had been guilty of perjury. The parties and most of the witnesses were French Catholics. The hotels were monopolized and a large number camped out. After a tedious and long-drawn-out trial the jury disagreed.

The formal decree stated: This day came the parties and the defendant (Chiniquy) denies that he had ever charged or believed the plaintiff (Spink) to be guilty of perjury; that whatever he has said from which such a charge could be inferred, he said on the information of others, protecting his own disbelief in the charge; and that he now disclaims any belief in the truth of said charge against said plaintiff. It is therefore, by agreement of the parties, ordered that the suit be dismissed, each party paying his own cost - the defendant to pay his part of the cost heretofore ordered to be paid by said plaintiff.

According to Charles Chiniquy in "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome" the lawsuit came about because Chiniquy believed that Spink had told lies about him to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Chicago (O'Regan) and that Spink had been encouraged by the bishop to spread these lies in the St. Anne area.

## **KANKAKEE COUNTY PLACE NAMES**

**Excerpts from *Illinois Place Names* provided by Pauline Murphy.** The

following is a list of lesser known Kankakee County Place Names: Ahern

- RFD Momenca. RR Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific.

Altorf - RFD Bourbonnais, PO est. 1/22/1886 dis. 11/16/1887 (near State Park).

Appel Siding - RFD Buckingham. RR Illinois Central.

Ben Moe - PO est. 3/30/1880; changed to Reddick 9/10/1880.

Bloomville - PO est. 7/16/1850; discontinued 8/24/1869 (in Will Co. before creation of Kankakee Co.)  
Named for Henry S. Bloom, Postmaster.

Bonefield (now Bonfield) - PO est. (Changed from McDowell Farm) 2/2/1882; RFD serves Goodrich.

Bulbona's Grove - PO est. 3/15/1838, changed to Bourbonnais Grove ca. 6/30/1855; Named for Francois  
Bulbona.

Carrow - PO est. 12/15/1886 (changed from Cagwin); discontinued 9/15/1904. Named for Joseph J.  
Carrow, Postmaster.

Carthage - now Otto Township.

Clarke City - PO est. 1/8/1883; discontinued 12/15/1911; now RFD Reddick.

Clarksville - PO est. 9/6/1853; discontinued 12/8/1853; now Kankakee.

Delmar - RFD Momenca. RR Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific/New York Central.

Dickeys - RFD Herscher. RR Illinois Central.

Edgetown - RFD Momenca. RR New York Central

Forked Creek - PO est. 7/24/1835; changed to Reids Store 7/24/1838 (in Iroquois Co. Before creation of  
Will Co. 1836). Now Rockville.

Gary Junction - RFD St. Anne. RR Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific.

Grafton Park - Now Grant Park.

Grand Prairie - PO est. 1/17/1855; discontinued 4/12/1860; re-est. 3/13/1863; discontinued 5/24/1866.

Greenwich - PO est. 12/8/1899; discontinued 4/15/1902. RFD Kankakee, population 5. Gronso -  
RFD Reddick. RR Wabash.

Hawkins - PO est. 5/22/1882; discontinued 1/2/1885. Named for Edgar Hawkins, Postmaster.

Hill's Crossing - Now Momenca.

Hoebet - PO est. (Changed from Howet) 2/6/1885; discontinued 2/13/1886.

Hospital - PO est. 3/6/1895; discontinued 11/30/1912; now part of Kankakee.

Huber Spur - RFD Kankakee. RR New York Central.

Illinoi - PO est. (changed from Lake Co., Ind.) 4/21/1902; discontinued 12/31/1907; now RFD St. Anne.  
RR New York Central.

Indian Oaks - RFD Bourbonnais. RR Illinois Central.

Judson - PO est. (Changed from East Sumner) 2/28/1870; changed to Yellowhead 4/25/1871; now Grant  
Park.

Koster - PO est. 12/26/1891; discontinued 2/25/1893; re-est. 8/19/1893; discontinued 2/13/1896. RFD St.  
Anne. Population 25. RR Chicago & Eastern Illinois

La Prairie - now Tucker.

Laws Switch - RFD Momence. RR Chicago and Eastern Illinois.

Lorain - PO est. (In Will Co.) 9/7/1839; changed to Iroquois Co. Ca. 7/1/1841; discontinued 4/13/1842; re-established 5/22/1843; changed back to Will Co. Ca. 3/4/1845; changed back to Iroquois Co. Ca 7/31/1845; changed to Momence 3/29/1849.

McDowell Farm - PO est. 6/19/1874; changed to Bonfield 2/2/1882.

Manning - PO est. 5/15/1899; discontinued 7/15/1902. Named for Isaac F. Manning, Postmaster.

Martin - now Tucker.

Pilot Centre - PO est. 7/11/18780; changed to Herscher 3/24/1879.

Pinosa - PO Limestone where the first post office was established at the Nichols place by Joel B. Hawkins.

Puder - RFD Grant Park. RR Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific.

Reids Store - PO est. (Changed from Forked Creek) 7/24/1838; changed to Rockville 10/26/1838. Aaron Reid, Postmaster.

Sammons Point - PO est. 7/4/1849; discontinued 9/3/1858 (in Iroquois Co. Before 1853). Named for Thomas & Wm. Sammons, Postmasters.

Sears - PO est. 3/19/1893; discontinued 6/15/1915.

Simoda - PO est. 5/3/1856; discontinued 4/13/1860.

Sollit - PO est. 3/31/1884; discontinued since 1931; now RFD Beecher. RR Chicago & Illinois Central.

Strunk's Island - Now part of Momence.

Tallmadge - RFD Momence. RR Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific.

Tucker - PO est. (Changed from Mitchell) 1/11/1875; discontinued 5/22/1876; re-est. 7/26/1876; discontinued 3/31/1909. Formerly La Prairie, Martin, Mitchell.

Verkler - now Bonfield.

Ward - RFD Momence.

Whitaker - RFD Grant Park. RR Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific.

Winnemac - now Kankakee.

Yeager - RFD Momence. RR Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific.

## "DIT" NAMES

Many French-Canadian researchers are often confused by the ever-present usage of "dit" names. Basically, "dit" names mean alias and almost only used in France, New France or Canada. The word "dit" comes from the French verb "dire" which means "to speak" or "to say". When used with a name it literally

means "so-called". Our ancestors used these names to distinguish one member of a family from another. It was common to name a son for his father or grandfather, a daughter for a mother or beloved aunt. With the same given name appearing with the same surname repeatedly, one could easily become confused as to who was being spoken about.

The following are further reasons for dit names:

- a surname used in the army, to designate the company of a particular man
- the original place of origin in France of a family
- the addition of a land name or location, inhabited by an ancestor
- the first name of an ancient, French, ancestor who the family honors in memory
- A variety of descriptive terms, either of hair color, temperament, weight or honor for a particular patriarch of a family

### **ST. ANNE - 1881**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 13, 1881.**

Changnon & Sucie have moved into the south part of their new store, and Gross Brothers with a drug and hardware stock into the north part.

Mr. Guertin has his store beautifully ornamented with signs.

Mr. Joe Soucie bought himself a new phaeton, from the shop of J. Edwards, of Chicago, last week. It is a fine vehicle.

Joe Duclo is back in our town. stopping at the American Hotel.

The Chiniquy sabbath school is talking of getting up a concern in a few weeks to raise money to help get a new organ.

Joe Mombteau is making G. Delibac a set of buggy harness. Mr. J. T. Wagner is running the American Hotel and doing a fine business. Sam Chartier has charge of the postoffice department in his father's store. Joe Sargent, editor of the Sheldon Journal, was seen in town last Sunday.

Mrs. Langley is putting up quite a nice frame house on her farm near town. Edward Martin's house is almost completed. The barn is done.

Mr. Kenneth Pare is going to move on the farm with his son George into his new house.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, November 3, 1881.**

T. Correveau is putting up a new house. M. E. Payson's house is done and is a fine cottage. L.

H. Perry is the president of the St. Anne Sunday School.

Willie McGee took the train last Tuesday for Valparaiso where he will be going to school for two to three terms. Belle Lowe is going to school at Valparaiso in about two weeks.

## 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>
R. A. Beebe			08 Jul 1880	Endorsed from Iroquois County
James S. Kelley	17	IL, Buckingham	13 Jul 1880	Public School
Uldavic Revard	25	Canada, St. Anne	24 Jul 1880	5 yrs., Kentland, Ind.
Herburt E. Taylor	17	IL, Kankakee	31 Jul 1880	Underage, Kankakee HS
William O. Wright			04 Aug 1880	Renewal
Abraham Halleck	20	IL, Lake Village, Ind.	21 Aug 1880	2 terms, Normal Danville
Aaron Good	27	IL, Dwight	28 Aug 1880	12 mo., NW Col.
John S. Hixson	25	IL, Salina	28 Aug 1880	five terms
John W. Bartholomew	22	IN, Buckingham	28 Aug 1880	PS
Samuel McLane		IL, Gardner	28 Aug 1880	Valparaiso
Lafayette H. Perry			28 Aug 1880	
Duncan S. McGlashen			28 Aug 1880	
George D. Blake			28 Aug 1880	
Jared S. Johnson	20	IL, Deselm	28 Aug 1880	D.S.
Arthur Byrns			28 Aug 1880	Re-issue
William F. Cummings	18	IL, Kankakee	06 Sep 1880	Renewal, 2 terms, KPS
Zephyr Berard	19	IL, Bourbonnais	11 Sep 1880	St. V. Col.
Frank Van Doren	21	IL, Buckingham	11 Sep 1880	D.S.
Wm. W. Miller	23	Ind., Pilot Grove Ind.	11 Sep 1880	12 mo., Danville
Sylvester C. Meehan			11 Sep 1880	Renewal
William D. Edmunds	21	IL, Gardner	28 Sep 1880	4 terms, Gardner
Lewis W. Baxter	25	Florida, Essex	28 Sep 1880	2 terms, PS
Wm. Henry Wilson	21	IL, Kankakee	02 Oct 1880	Re-issue, 2 terms, PS
Alfred Styles	31	Mich., Momence	05 Oct 1880	8 terms, PS
Augustus C. Schreipse	22	IL, St. Anne	15 Oct 1880	3 terms, Kankakee
James A. Combs	26	Ind., Valparaiso, Ind.	15 Oct 1880	On diploma & Institute Work 7 years., Valparaiso
Thomas Canavan	24	Penn., Manteno	18 Oct 1880	Renewal, 1 yr., DS
Anthime Courville	23	IL, Manteno	23 Oct 1880	Renewal, 6 yrs., DS
Wm. C. Kendall		Momence	23 Oct 1880	Renewal
David R. Stover	31	Penn., Buckingham	28 Oct 1880	7 terms, Normal, Penn.
John M. Stokes		Kankakee	30 Oct 1880	Re-issued
A. D. Mainville		Bourbonnais	30 Oct 1880	On diploma etc.
Thomas Deveny		Bourbonnais	06 Nov 1880	On diploma
Henry S. Randall	27	NY, Buckingham	12 Nov 1880	7 terms, PS NY
Eugene Farley	26	IL, Buckingham	12 Nov 1880	1 term, Normal Valparaiso
James R. Neen		Buckingham	12 Nov 1880	Re-issue, 16 terms
John W. Paddock	21	IL, Kankakee	18 Nov 1880	Kankakee
Clarence B. Williams	20	Wis., Buckingham	27 Nov 1880	NY
Thos. Mulvihill	19	Ireland, Peotone	27 Nov 1880	PS
Alfred Allard	21	Canada, St. George	27 Nov 1880	6 yrs., Canada
Alonzo W. Mercer	31	Ohio, Kankakee	27 Nov 1880	On former examination
Frank E. Gilkerson	21	IL, Manteno	27 Nov 1880	1 term, Monmoth Col.
William L. Wright	21	NY, Chebanse	27 Nov 1880	Jordan Adc.
Charles D. Henry	21	IL, Salina	11 Dec 1880	Re-issue, 2 terms, Kankakee
George S. Congdon	21	IL, Chebanse	20 Dec 1880	Re-examined

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nativity</u>	<u>Date of Cert.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
John F. Mullaney		St. George	22 Jan 1881	Upon former record
Lennington Small W.			12 Jan 1881	Re-issue
Henry Jackson			12 Feb 1881	Renewal
Claire A. Orr	18	IL, Kankakee	12 Feb 1881	Kankakee
Forrest W. Beers	18	IL, Grant Park	12 Feb 1881	PS
Joseph E. Babin	31	Canada, Belle Park	18 Feb 1881	Renewal, 15 terms
Chas. F. Haney		Peotone	18 Feb 1881	On college record
Geo. W. Swan	31	IL, Waldron	26 Feb 1881	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> yrs., PS
Isaac Congdon	19	IL, Chebanse	26 Feb 1881	Chebanse PS
Edward H. Riggs		IL, Waldron	12 Mar 1881	Renewal
Isaac Congdon	19	IL, Chebanse	26 Mar 1881	
Irwin P. Hodge	19	NY, Kankakee	26 Mar 1881	4 mo., NY 12
Elmer Hawker	19	IL, Salina	26 Mar 1881	Kankakee PS
John Small	23	IL, Kankakee	26 Mar 1881	Kankakee PS
Oscar Pottes	21	IL, Buckingham	02 Apr 1881	
Winfield Scott Armitage	19	IL, Buckingham		
Millard S. King	18	IL, Buckingham	01 Apr 1881	
James Reilley	19	IL, Buckingham	02 Apr 1881	Renewal
John S. Brazier, Jr.	22	NY, Herscher	08 Apr 1881	17 mo., Paw Paw, Mich.
Irvine P. Hodge	19	NY, Kankakee	09 Apr 1881	4 mo., NY PS
William H. Thurston	20	IL, Manteno	11 Apr 1881	Manteno PS
Frank Wright	19	IL, Manteno	11 Apr 1881	Manteno PS
Charles Peters	19	IL, Manteno	11 Apr 1881	Manteno PS
Fred Holmes	19	IL, Manteno	11 Apr 1881	Manteno PS
Henry H. Mather	22	IL, Joliet	22 Apr 1881	Valparaiso
Abram S. Mather	26	IL, Grant Park	22 Apr 1881	Re-issue, 1 term, Valparaiso
Rev. Placide Boudreau		Canada, Kankakee	23 Apr 1881	Re-issue, Can. Univ.
William H. Gardner John	46	Penn., Chebanse	23 Apr 1881	10 terms, PS
Darby	49	NY, Kankakee	23 Apr 1881	PS
Lycurgus Gilfillan	18	Vt, Mangeno	28 May 1881	VT
Frank E. Gilkinson	22	IL, Manteno	28 May 1881	2 terms, Monmouth
J. Edgar Shaw John	24	Ohio, Grant Park	04 Jun 1881	Valparaiso
M. Cann	18	IL, Aurora	11 Jun 1881	St. V. Col. Bourbonnais
L. S. Rowell			25 Jun 1881	On former record

Examined 5 for 1st Grade, 49 for 2nd grade, refused 18

Granted on examination 5 for 1st grade, 31 for 2nd grade, renewed 4 for 1st grade and 16 for second grade; endorsed from other counties 1 for 1st grade and 4 on diploma for 1st grade.

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nativity</u>	<u>Date of Cert.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Mrs. Emma Fundy			02 Sep 1880	Renewal
Laura S. Coulton	24	NY, Kankakee	02 Sep 1880	Re-issue, 8 terms, Albion Adc.
Jessie Metcalfe			11 Sep 1880	Renewal
Mary Kussella Mary	18	NY, Wilmington	11 Sep 1880	Will Co. PS
Haslett	21	IL, Momence	11 Sep 1880	7 terms, Momence
Jennie Price		IL, Grant Park	14 Sep 1880	Upon diploma, NY St. Norm.
Katie Glinney	19	IL, Wilmington	28 Sep 1880	
Maggie Glinney Lizzie	18	IL, Wilmington	28 Sep 1880	
McDonald Jennie	24	IL, Gardner	28 Sep 1880	9 yrs., Mom's Nov.?
Jaquish Nellie	18	IL, Grant Park	05 Oct 1880	Bloomington
Hayden Sister St.	18	IL, Sherburnville	15 Oct 1880	1 term, DS
Paten Sister St.			18 Oct 1880	Renewal
Alexandre			18 Oct 1880	Renewal

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Nativity</u>	<u>Date of Cert.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Marion L. Dunlop	27	Scotland, Peotone	23 Oct 1880	14 terms. Cook Co.
Emma McKee	19	IL, Kankakee	23 Oct 1880	Kankakee
Hattie McKee	32	IL, Kankakee	23 Oct 1880	15 terms, Kankakee
Ella L. Meyers	23	IL, Peotone	23 Oct 1880	PS
Ella Clinton	18	Penn., Wallingford	23 Oct 1880	Wilmington
Dora Sammons	27	NY, Herscher	28 Oct 1880	6 terms, PS
Maggie Brown	24	IL, Chebanse	28 Oct 1880	6 terms, PS
Anna J. Mansfield	18	IL, Chebanse	28 Oct 1880	3 terms, PS
Izetta Barnard Naome	18	IL, Manteno	30 Oct 1880	Kankakee
E. Berard Lizzie	26	Canada, Bourbonnais	06 Nov 1880	Re-issue, Convent N.D. Bourb.
McDonald Mary	24	IL, Gardner	12 Nov 1880	9 yrs., PS Mom's
Connors Laura G.	20	IL, Wilmington	12 Nov 1880	1 term, Wilmington
Cabby Katie	23	IL, Buckingham	12 Nov 1880	13 terms, Chicago
Hughes Annie E.	20	Wis., Buckingham	12 Nov 1880	2 terms. Chebanse
Hughes Maggie	22	Wis., Buckingham	12 Nov 1880	5 terms, Chebanse
Brown Mary J.	24	IL, Herscher	12 Nov 1880	6 terms, Chebanse
McDermott Angie E.	18	IL, Wilmington	13 Nov 1880	PS Braidwood
Hill	20	Ind., Chebanse	13 Nov 1880	23 mo., Ind.
Mrs. Almeda Hayden	23	Ind., West Creek, Ind.	13 Nov 1880	Endorsed to 03 Oct 1881, 4 terms
Nettie Wright	18	IL, Chebanse	21 Nov 1880	1 term, PS Chebanse
Mary J. McDermott	19	IL, Wilmington	21 Nov 1880	PS Braidwood
Mary Blaney	17	IL, Chebanse	21 Nov 1880	PS
Julia M. Foster		IL, Grant Park	21 Nov 1880	Re-issue
Jennie Davis	25	IL, Kankakee	04 Dec 1880	7 yrs. PS
Amelia L. Goepper	17	IL, Chebanse	11 Dec 1880	Chebanse
Minnie L. Allen	18	IL, Chebanse	11 Dec 1880	Chebanse
Nettie Hathaway	24	NY, Manteno	11 Dec 1880	2 terms
Mrs. John B. Deselm		Deselm	11 Dec 1880	Re-issue
Maggie M. Brown	18	IL, Momence	04 Jan 1881	1 mo., Momence
Mary A. Hughes	18	IL, Momence	04 Jan 1881	Momence
Allie E. Chipman	18	IL, Momence	04 Jan 1881	3 terms, Momence
Ella A. Fitzgerald Annie	19	IL, Momence	04 Jan 1881	M o m e n c e
Joyce	18	Penn., Essex	08 Jan 1881	Braidwood
Dennis Stevens	20	IL, Deselm	29 Jan 1881	3 terms, PS
Agnes Alice Brown	21	Herscher	29 Jan 1881	Renewal
Florence E. Dennis	21	IL, Manteno	29 Jan 1881	3 terms, Mich.
Annie J. Mansfield	18	IL, Chebanse	29 Jan 1881	3 terms, PS
Rachel Doherty Lillian	18	Canada, Bourbonnais	29 Jan 1881	Convent B.
Danforth	19	NH, Chebanse	05 Feb 1881	Re-issue, 3 terms, PS
Katie M. Hertz	18	IL, McDowell	05 Feb 1881	Renewal, 3 terms, KKK PS
Ada I. Beardsley	20	IL, Kankakee	05 Feb 1881	Renewal, 3 terms Val. Normal
Helen H. Sinclair	18	Mich., Kankakee	12 Feb 1881	
Gertie Moule	20	NY, Kankakee	12 Feb 1881	Renewal, 5 terms Kankakee
Jeannie Starr	21	IL, Kankakee	12 Feb 1881	2 terms, Kankakee
Ella E. Gordinier	20	IL, Grant Park	15 Feb 1881	2 terms
Libbie Taft		Chebanse	24 Feb 1881	Endorsed from D. Kerr Iroquois County
Esther M. Brockway	30	Penn., Manteno	26 Feb 1881	Renewal, 16 terms, Onarga
Ida M. Hertz	22	IL, McDowell	26 Feb 1881	Renewal, Kankakee
Lousettie Case	18	IL, Chebanse	26 Feb 1881	PS
Nellie Byrns	18	IL, Waldron	26 Feb 1881	Kankakee
Mary E. Laughlin	19	IL, Chebanse	26 Feb 1881	PS

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## PUBLIC SCOOOL NOTES - 1881

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, October 13, 1881.

The crowded condition of the primary rooms in the public school building has rendered additional accommodations necessary and room No. 9 has been fitted up for the use of some of the smaller pupils. Miss Laura Sutherland has been appointed to take charge of the new department, and Miss May Dixon, has been placed in charge of Miss Sutherland's school on the south side.

J. H. Shaffer has been awarded the contract of supplying 130 tons of soft coal for the school building. James Poutray, a carpenter, has been appointed janitor at \$54 per month, on trial.

### KVGS MEETINGS & NEWS

#### Upcoming Programs:

August 5, 2000	Picnic at noon at Bourbonnais Public Library (Bring dish to pass and your tableware - society will provide meat)
September 9, 2000	Graceland Cemetery Video
October 7, 2000	Cemetery Walk - Momence Protestant Cemetery (9:30 a.m.)
November 4, 2000	Video: Census & Military Records/African-American Research/ Your Medical Heritage
December 9, 2000	Christmas Lunch

Thanks needs to go to Nelda Ravens, The!mai Lunsford, Pauline & Harlan Murphy and Alicia Parkinson for helping at the Strawberry Festival. Thanks also to Nelda Ravens, Dorothy Riegel, Opal and Melvin Earing for working at our table at the Bonfield 4th of July Celebration. Book sales exceeded \$250! Anyone interested in helping to sell publications in Herscher during Labor Day Celebrations, please give Marcia Stang a call.

Member Maxine Mess passed along information on microfilms available through LDS on passenger arrivals through Canada. Possibly your ancestors from Scandinavia or Germany who were bound for the Midwest came through Canada. The Quebec shipping season was from approximately May 1 through mid-November. Films 0889440 through 0889467 cover the years of 1865 to 1899 from the port of Quebec. Films 0889429 through 0889439 cover the years 1881 to 1899 for the port of Halifax.

Thanks to the following members for donations to the collection:

Pauline & Harlan Murphy who donated the 50th Anniversary Book for St. Teresa Church of Kankakee

Art Bertrand who donated Volume 30 of *Our French Canadian Ancestors*

Marcia Stang who donated *The History of Freemasonry*

Pauline Murphy has been very busy transcribing the 1880 census. She's working on her fourth township already! We still have plenty of townships available so contact Marcia Stang if you'd like to volunteer.

#### KVGS Wish List:

We would appreciate the donation of past museum news journals from the Kankakee County Historical Society. We would also appreciate the following journals from the Manteno Historical Society:

Vol. 1 - Issue 1, 2 & 3 (1987)

Vol. 8 - Issue 1, 2 & 3 (1994)

Vol. 2 - Issue 1, 2 & 3 (1988)  
Vol. 3 - Issue 1, 2 & 3 (1989)  
Vol. 4 - Issue 1 & 2 (1990)  
Vol. 5 - Issue 3 (1991)  
Vol. 6 - Issue 1 (1992)  
Vol. 7 - Issue 1, 2 & 3 (1993)

Vol. 9 - Issue 3 (1995)  
Vol. 10 - Issue 1 (1996)  
Vol. 11 - Issue 2 (1997)  
Vol. 12 - Issue 1 & 3 (1998)  
Vol. 13 - Issue 2 & 3 (1999)

The society gratefully thanks Mrs. F. E. (Leona) Shreffler (member 28) for her donations of newsletters, journals and past quarterlies to our collection.

#### **Family Research:**

Marylin Plant Benfield wrote the society that she has done extensive French Canadian research on the following families and would be happy to help anyone researching these lines:

Plante	Deno/Deneau/Deneault	Renville, Rainville
Boudreau	Palin	Raymond
Normandin	Adam	Stebenne

Marylin can be contacted at 1509 12th St. S Brookings, SD 57006, phone (605) 692-8237, email [benfield@choicetech.net](mailto:benfield@choicetech.net).

#### **St. Anne Mail List:**

The St. Anne Mail List is an e-mail newsgroup consisting mostly of people interested in genealogical research in St. Anne, Kankakee County and Iroquois County and nearby areas. To subscribe to the ILSTANNE mailing list, send an e-mail message to: [ILSTANNE-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:ILSTANNE-L-request@rootsweb.com) (in the body of the message type **subscribe** and no additional text).

#### **February Quarterly Correction:**

On page 19 "Kankakee County Records", last paragraph should read "The society has published a quarterly since 1969 (not 1979). Sorry!!

#### **1880 Census Adoptions:**

Nelda Ravens supplied the following abstracts taken from Father Ledoux's French Canadian Census records:

Freddy Fryotte, age 16, b. Canada, listed as "adopted" by Family #3491 - Antoine & Christine LaGessee.

ida Spooner, age 12, b. Illinois, listed as "boarder" in household of Joseph & Adel Abar (Family 3913) in the city of Kankakee.

Eugene Gongon, age 6, b. Illinois, adopted by Family 4029, Frank & Melin Demars of Ashkum, Iroquois Co.

## **BOOKS IN THE KVGS GENEALOGY COLLECTION**

### **SECTION 17 - WILLS & PROBATE**

929.3 CAL *A calendar of Delaware Wills, New Castle County, 1682-1800*, abstracted and compiled by the Historical Research Committee of the Colonial Dames of Delaware, Baltimore, MD: Clearfield Company, 1989.

929.3            *Wills and Administrations of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania: including wills*  
WIL            *and administrations of Union, Mifflin and Indiana Counties (all formerly a part of*  
*Northumberland Co., PA)*, compiled by Charles A. Fisher, Baltimore, MD: Clearfield  
Company, Inc., 1992.

### **SECTION 18 - VITAL RECORDS**

929.3            <GENERIC> Kemp, Thomas J., *International Vital Records Handbook*, Baltimore,  
KEM            MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., c. 1994.

929.3            <GENERIC> *Where to Write for Vital Records: Births, Deaths, Marriages and Divorces*,  
WHE            U.S. Dept. Of Health and Human Services, 1993.

929.3            <ILLINOIS> *Index to the Death Records of Kankakee County, Illinois, 1877-1916*  
IND

929.3782        <ILLINOIS> *Early Deaths, Cloud County, Kansas*, Cloud Co. Gen. Society,  
EAR            Vol. 1 (prior to 1903) & Vol. 2 (1903-1911), 1990

929.3795        <ILLINOIS> *Tazewell County, Illinois, Marriage Records*, compiled by David C.  
TAZ            Perkins. publ. by Tazewell Co. Gen. Society, c1982.

Vol. 1 - 1829 thru Oct. 1859

Vol. 2 - 1895 thru 1868

Vol. 3 - 1869 thru 1877

Vol. 4 - 1878 thru 1882

Vol. 5 - 1883 thru 1887

929.3            <KANSAS> *Early Deaths Cloud County, Kansas*, published by Cloud Co. Gen.  
EAR            Society, c1990, 1994, 2 volumes.

929.3784        <KANSAS> *Early Cloud County, Kansas, Marriages*, Cloud Co. Gen. Society,  
EAR            Vol. 1, 1989.

929.3            <OHIO> *Death Notices, Obituaries & Marriage Notices taken from the Gallia Co.,*  
GAL            *OH, Newspapers from 1825 to 1875*, Henrietta C. Evans & Mary P. Wood, 1986.

929.3            <VIRGINIA> *Loudoun County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds 1762 - 1850*, compiled by LOU  
Mrs. Walter Towner Jewell - Baltimore, MD: Clearfield Company, 1993.

### **SECTION 19 - CEMETERY RECORDS**

929.3            Conrad, William R., 1879-1966, *Necrology of Peotone, Will Co., Illinois: Residents*  
CON            *Relatives and Friends: including cemetery inscriptions from many local cemeteries*,  
transcribed by Robert S. Degenkolb, 1996.

929.33          *Mason County, West Virginia, Cemetery Inscriptions*, Meigs County Pioneer and  
MAS            Historical Society, 4 volumes.

929.3747        *History of Evergreen Cemetery, Sinclairville, Chaut. Co., NY, 1889*, Sinclairville, NY:  
HIS            Press of the Commercial, 1890.

- 929.3751 LaSalle County Cemeteries, Illinois, Bloomington-Normal Gen. Society  
LAS Vol. I
- 929.3760 Iroquois County Cemeteries (taken from the Iroquois Stalker),  
IRO Iroquois Co. Gen. Soc.,
- Vol. 1 - Amity, Apostolic Christian, Arseneau, Pitch-In, Ash Grove, Beaverville.  
Beaver Creek, Chamberlain, Cissna Park, Danforth Lutheran, Del Rey,  
Flesher, Greentown, Henry, Liberty, Lisk, Lyman, Maple Grove, Milk's Grove,  
Morris Chapel & Old Berg
- Vol. 2 - Onarga, Papineau, Pierce, Pine Ridge, St. John Lutheran, St. Joseph,  
St. Mary's, Sheldon, Trinity Lutheran, Vennum, Wenger & Woodland
- 929.3761 Livingston County Cemeteries, Illinois, Bloomington-Normal Gen. Soc.,  
LIV Volume 1 - Calder, Campbell, Moon, Morris, New Michigan, Reynolds Cemetery
- 929.3781 *Cloud County, Kansas, Cemeteries*, Cloud County Genealogical Society, reprint  
CLO 1992, 3 volumes.
- 929.3791 Tazewell County, Illinois, Cemeteries, compiled by Bennie & Betty  
TAZ Murphy, Tazewell Co. Gen. Soc., 1979
- Vol. 1 - Dillon & Delavan Townships  
Vol. 2 - Boynton, Cincinnati, Deer Creek & Elm Grove Townships  
Vol. 3 - Fondulac & Hittle Townships  
Vol. 4 - Groveland & Hopedale Twnsp  
Vol. 5 - Little Mackinaw & Mackinaw  
Vol. 6 - Malone, Sand Prairie, Spring Lake & Tremont Townships  
Vol. 7 - Morton & Washington Twnsp.  
Vol. 8 - Pekin Township
- 929.3961 Kanawha Valley Cemeteries, West Virginia, compiled by Wilma P. Gardman,  
KAN published by Kanawha Valley Gen. Society, c1983.
- Vol. 1 - Kanawha County Cemeteries  
Vol. 2 - Fayette, Kanawha, Lincoln, Mason & Putnam Cemeteries
- 929.397 Mason County, West Virginia, Cemetery Inscriptions, compiled by Violette S.  
MAS Machir, pub. by The Quality Print Shop, 1973.
- Vol. 2 - Arbuckle, Clendin, Hannan Districts  
Vol. 4 - Kirkland, Suncrest, Lone Oak & Addition
- 929.397 Mason County, West Virginia, Cemetery Inscriptions, compiled by Violette S.  
MAS Machir & Janet Gibbs Reed, pub. by The Quality Print Shop, Vol. 5, 1989.
- 929.77 McLean County Cemeteries, Illinois, compiled by McLean Co. Gen. Society  
MCL
- Vol. 1 & Vol. 1 Revised - Dawson Township, 1991-1992  
Vol. 2.1, 2.2 & 2.3 - Empire Township, 1991 & 92  
Vol. 2 - Empire Township  
Vol. 3 - Bloomington Township, 1981  
Vol. 4 - Allin Township, 1976  
Vol. 5 - Dale Township, 1978

Vol. 6 - Arrowsmith & West Townships, 1978  
 Vol. 7 - Bellflower Township, 1978 Vol. 8 -  
 Dry Grove Township, 1980 Vol. 9 - Funks  
 Grove Township, 1980 Vol. 10 - Old Town &  
 Downs Township, 1981 Vol. 11-1 - Danvers  
 Township, 1982 Vol. 11-2 - Danvers  
 Township, 1981 Vol. 12 - Mount Hope  
 Township, 1982 Vol. 13-1 - Bloomington  
 Township, 1983 Vol. 13-2 - Bloomington  
 Township, 1987 Vol. 14-1 - Bloomington  
 Township, 1985 Vol. 14-2 - Bloomington  
 Township, 1986

Vol. 14-3 - Bloomington Township, 1987, St. Mary's Cemetery  
 Vol. 15 - Bloomington Township, 1987  
 Vol. 16-1 - Randolph Township, 1987  
 Vol. 16-2 - Randolph Township, 1990  
 Vol. 17 - Normal Township, 1988  
 Vol. 18 - Anchor & Cheney's Grove Township, 1989

- 929.7363  
BOU *Bourbonnais Township Cemetery Book (All Saints, Maternity BVM, Vanmeter, Hall & Smith Cemeteries)*. compiled by the Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society, 1991.
- 929.7363  
CEM *Northeast Section Cemetery Book (Ganeer, Momence & Yellowhead Townships)*, compiled by Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society, 1985.
- 929.7363  
MTC *Mt. Calvary Cemetery Book , Kankakee, Illinois*, compiled and printed by the Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society, 1991.
- 929.7363  
NOR *Norton Township Cemetery Book (Mt. Hope, Eldridgeville, Smith & Coleman Cemetery)*, compiled by Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society, 1992.
- 929.7363  
PIL *Pilot Township Cemetery Book (Zion Lutheran, Grand Prairie U.M., Trinity Lutheran, Norwegian, Pilot Center, St. Peter & Paul & Old Lehigh Cemetery)*, compiled by Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society, 1997.
- 929.7363  
ROC *Rockville Township Cemetery Book*, Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society, 1990
- 929.7363  
SAI *St. Mary's Cemetery, Beaverville, Illinois*, compiled by Lawrence & Yvonne Boudreau, privately printed, 1987.
- 929.7363  
SAL *Salina Township Cemetery Book (Beach, Bonfield & Maple Grove Cemetery)*, compiled by Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society, 1993.
- 929.7363  
SOU *Southeastern Section Cemetery Book (Aroma, St. Anne & Pembroke Townships)*, compiled by Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society, 1983.
- 929.7363  
STR *St. Rose Cemetery Book, Kankakee, Illinois*, compiled by Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society, 1991.
- 929.7363  
SUM *Sumner Township Cemetery Book (He using & So/itt Zion Cemetery)*, compiled by Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society, 1991.

that the lands adjoining the river have frequent outcroppings of limestone.

The "Barrens", extending into the western portion of the township, are, as their names indicate, less productive than the other lands of the town. The elevation of these lands make the town, as a whole, susceptible of good drainage, yet with the exception of a strip of land lying along the banks of the Kankakee river, and possibly a few other isolated examples, the drainage is poor, there being no natural creeks or drains. What is most needed is good dredge ditches to take off the overflow water, and afford an outlet for tile.

The Indiana, Illinois & Iowa railway, and the Kankakee & Seneca railway, cross the town from east to the west. There is a grain ship-station with two elevators at Greenwich, on Section 35.

The stone for the court house was taken from the limestone quarries, the supply of which is almost inexhaustible, and of the finest quality. The lack of shipping facilities, however, make the quarries of little value to the owners. Good stone is found in the southwestern part of the township.

Limestone subscribed for the construction of the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa railroad the sum of \$11,000, which was paid when due without litigation. There is no indebtedness. The greatest expense is incurred for roads, and with any quantity of first-class material at hand it would seem that the example of other towns, not so well situated, should be emulated. In spite of the splendid advantage, comparatively little money has been expended for roads.

Robert Hawkins says that Elijah Thompson built the first log house, in March, 1834, being the first white man to settle on the south side of the Kankakee river. Mr. Thompson settled in Section 31, Township 31 North, Range 11 East, on what is now known as the "Henry Graves" farm, in the present town of Kankakee.

Robert and Jephtha Hawkins were probably the next arrivals in this new garden of Eden. They came in June, 1834, and located on Section 25, a few miles down the river, at what was known as the Butterfield crossing, Robert taking the east, and Jephtha the western part of the section. These brothers, after building cabins and breaking a few acres of prairie, returned to their homes in Vermilion county,

Jephtha came back in the fall with another brother, Joel B. Hawkins, who settled farther down the river. These brothers sowed their plowed ground to rye, and built a log-cabin on the line dividing their farms, after which they returned to their homes in Vermilion county for the winter. The three brothers came again in the spring of 1835, becoming at that time actual settlers of this county. Jephtha's holdings still remain in the possession of his descendants, while Robert's farm now belongs to George Butz.

George W. Byrns settled in 1833 on forty acres of land near what is known as "Putman's Ford", in the northeast corner of Otto, where he remained three or four years, and then settled in the southwest quarter of the section upon which lived the Hawkins brothers.

Alansen Hawkins came in 1836 and located along the river between Jephtha and Joel B. Hawkins, William Cleveland and Milton Rounsaville came about 1837, the latter locating on Section 16. Roswell Nichols, with his wife, two daughters and seven sons came in 1841. His sons: Argalus, Bailey H., Judson, Roswell, Jr., Charles H., Franklin A., and Albert E., are all living at the present time. The family located on Sections 5 and 6, which lands they still own. James Powell, father of Elias and James, came in 1844; William and Richard Hawker, Abijah Vining, Peter and J. E. Schreffler, and Jefferson Koon, came in 1846; Andrew Wiley, Peter and Joseph Carson, 1849; and Andrew Yates in 1850. All of these pioneers settled on or close to the river.

The first birth and death was that of a child of Joel B. Hawkins, born in 1835, and died in 1836. Roswell Nichols was the first post-master and the name of the post-office was Rinoso. I have seen somewhere that the salary accompanying this office for one quarter was one dollar and fifty-nine cents. The first corn crop was raised by Elijah Thompson in the summer of 1834, and the following year the Hawkins brothers raised the first crop of rye. Messrs. Vaughn and Martin opened the first store on the north side of the road at Wiley creek. George W. Byrns was the first justice of the peace, having held the same office in Iroquois county, and he was succeeded by Alan-son Hawkins, the first elected justice.

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

Real and personal estate .....	\$211,000
L., I. & I. railroad .....	28,570
Kankakee & Seneca.....	22,862
Telegraph .....	154
Telephone .....	88
 Total .....	 \$262,674

The supervisors of this town have been as follows: Virgil Lamb, 1853; Alanson Hawkins, 1854; Nathan Chester, 1856; R. K. Brush, 1858; C. S. Smith, 1860; Richard A. Lane, 1861; Otis Durfee, 1864; Frank Chester, 1866; Judson Nichols, 1868; Charles B. Foster, 1870; William S. Hawker, 1873; Friend C. Eggleston, 1881; Michael Heil, 1882-84; George Butz, 1885-97; W. K. Dubois, 1897-99; Luther Bratton 1899 to the present time. '

**BOURBONNAIS TOWNSHIP.**

Geographically, Bourbonnais is known as Township 31 North, Range 11 and 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian. Containing about forty sections of gently rolling land, it embraces the old Indian reservations of Mesheketeno, Jacque Jeanveau. Francis Levia, Shawanassee, Nancy-Sally-Betsey Countryman, and Waiskeshaw. The township is well drained, and is watered by many small streams, chief among which is the Cherry and Little Rock creeks. Situated on the north side of the Kankakee, a river unsurpassed in the central west for beauty of scenery and utility of resource, there still are evidences of that splendid growth of timber, which, in primeval days, extended down the shore in an unbroken line for fifteen miles, and in width was a mile wide. Casting their shade upon the untilled earth were remarkably large growths of white and red oak, black walnut, hickory, elm; and an abundance of plums, crabapples, cherries, grapes and berries of all kinds delighted the heart of the seeker in their season. Necessarily the droves of deer and flocks of turkeys and other game have disappeared before the approach of the agriculturist, but in the clear depth of the Picturesque Kankakee still disport as gamy specimens of the finny tribe as ever lured the disciples of Isaac Walton. Those were wise and far sighted men who thus

surrounded themselves with the first essentials of profitable pioneering, and equally wise, and infinitely more fortunate, are those who now rear their structures of success upon the foundations of their selfsacrificing and sturdy predecessors.

With its multitudinous advantages, it is not surprising that upon Bourbonnais rests the distinction of being the first township settled by the whites in Kankakee county. Again one is reminded of that interesting personality, Noel Le Vasseur, who, as the first actual white settler of the county, holds the same relative position in Bourbonnais, True, there had been many white residents, but they had become such because they had married squaws to whom the government had granted reservations, but they did not own the land, nor did they seriously till that of their wives. In the majority of cases they lived as did the Indians, on the products of the chase and the rivers, making little effort to disseminate even the little civilization of which they had knowledge. Noel Le Vasseur spent forty-seven years of his life in Bourbonnais, coming here in the spring of 1832, and living here until his death, December 15, 1879, at about eighty-one years of age. No character which invaded the wilderness more faithfully reflects in his private and public life the influences, aims, and possibilities of the country to which he came in his vigorous, inexperienced youth. He was of the rude, unlettered peasantry of Quebec, Canada, and was born December 24, 1798. When the lad defied parental authority at the age of nineteen and broke away from surroundings which offered little outlet to an ambitious and venturesome nature, he could neither read nor write, and his material assets consisted of the clothes on his back. At the recruiting station of the American Fur company, founded by John Jacob Astor, of New York, at Montreal, Canada, he bound himself out for a term of three years together with Dominique Bray, Henry Boucher, and other friends, to help extend the company's trade with the Indians throughout the northwest, by establishing posts on the outskirts of civilization, and exchanging for the furs of the Indians, tobacco, blankets, shirts, and such things as the Redmen prized for their novelty or utility. The new recruits were to travel along rivers and streams and lakes in small boats to regions the privations and dan-

gers of which would test their courage and endurance, and either make or mar their entire lives. Mr. Le Vasseur belonged to the former class. He was physically and morally strong.

At Mackinaw, the little company came upon the party of Gurdon S. Hubbard, between, whom and Mr. Le Vasseur there sprang up a great friendship, such as was possible only between men animated by a common cause, and subjected to common deprivations and sacrifices. All of the voyagers were in the employ of the fur company, and together they made their way down Lake Michigan in a ten-ton boat, to the mouth of what was called Chicago creek. Up this creek they proceeded to the portage, where they were obliged to haul their boat overland, and to carry the company's stores on their backs, to the Desplaines river, a distance of fifteen miles. Down the Desplaines to its junction with the Kankakee, thence ascending the Kankakee and then the Iroquois to old Middleport, and thence rowed to Bunkum, now a station on the Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago & St. Louis railroad. This was in 1822, and Bunkum, innocent at that time of human habitation, was destined to know many years of importance as a trading station. To it were to lead trails worn hard by dusky feet, and within its rude shelter were to be enacted the first commercial transactions between the Indians of eastern Illinois and western Indiana. After the young men had completed their service with the American Fur company, they bought out the stock and posts of their employers and a company was formed consisting of Mr. Le Vasseur, Gurdon S. Hubbard, and John and Robert Kinzie, the latter of whom became prominent in the subsequent upbuilding of Chicago. Persistent rumors of negotiations between the Indians and the government being substantially confirmed, the partners adjusted their affairs accordingly, to the end that Mr. Le Vasseur became sole owner of the post and supplies, in the conduct of which he already had become the foremost factor. Speaking fluently the Indian tongue, and possessing the grit and dogged determination required of the trader who was successful, and the honesty of purpose necessary for important connection with the early formative period of the locality, he wielded a broad influence among the Indians, and was the most successful intermediary between them and the

white settlers. His importance as a trader was emphasized as bookkeeper of the company, a position which he filled with great tact and discretion, notwithstanding his deficiency along educational lines. His system was far ahead of any civilized method of bookkeeping, in that it was perfectly comprehensible to the Indians. The company advanced credit to almost any of the Indians who desired to purchase more goods than their furs paid for. All were named after some familiar animal or object, and Mr. Le Vasseur, in opening an account with Mr. Eagle, who had purchased a blanket, would draw the picture of an eagle, and opposite it draw a square, the latter ornamented with as many yellow marks as were blankets of that price and quality. The time of credit was indicated by as many sections of the moon. When shown his account, Mr. Eagle could understand it perfectly, and this fact, coupled with his faith in the proven honesty of the accountant, made the latter a power with the braves who traversed the trails with furs. In due time Mr. Le Vasseur also began to trade off his goods, but could do little until after the treaty, as then the Indians would have plenty of money with which to buy. With the passing of the Red-men went also the trader who had contributed to their more civilized demands, and a temporary silence settled over the trails and post of Bunkum, to be broken again by the advance guard of central western agriculturists.

When Mr. Le Vasseur came to live on the reservations purchased from the Indians, he was accompanied by his old time friends, Mr. Bray and Mr. Boucher, who lived and worked for him until it was possible to get better help than the Indians and half-breeds. He erected a log house very near where the town hall now stands, and across the creek, a few rods to the north, was the old log building where Francis Bourbonnais lived with his Indian family. After taking the Indians to their new home in Iowa in 1836, Mr. Le Vasseur built the large brick house which subsequently was removed to make room for St. Viateur's college, the site of which had been purchased from the heirs of Mr. Le Vasseur. The brick house was a sign of marked prosperity, for the owner had become firmly established as a farmer and man of means, and wielded a broad in-



fluence in all township affairs. In the meantime he never had abandoned his idea of making the locality a Canadian settlement, and, his house completed, he journeyed in the fall to his old home in Quebec, which he had not visited in twenty years, and where still lived his father and mother. During the winter he dilated upon the wonderful resources of the land of his adoption, and his reports created a profound impression, so much so that they were printed in current periodicals, and undoubtedly influenced many to leave the north and settle in Illinois. The winter over, he returned to Bourbonnais, but not with a wife, as had been his original intention.

At this point it seems fitting to speak of the private life of this honored pioneer, which, while in all ways above reproach, necessarily partook of the character and influence of his surroundings. His first wife was an Indian princess named Watseka, a woman of intellect, modesty and virtue. She was highly esteemed by the tribes of the state, and became the mother of three children; Marian, a daughter, and two sons. As soon as the children reached school age the daughter was placed in a convent in St. Louis, and the sons in a college at Detroit, Michigan. Watseka, while possessing the patience and loyalty of her race, possessed also its want of adaptiveness to strange conditions, and her heart became heavy with regret as she saw the country filling up with settlers, between whom and herself there could be no community of interests. Thoroughly dissatisfied with the prospect of spending her days among uncongenial surroundings, and missing the kinship of her own people, she begged her husband to secure a divorce, that she might travel with the tribe to Iowa, and there spend the balance of her life. It is far from difficult for people living in the present, especially those familiar with the absolute freedom enjoyed by the Indians, and of their peculiar modes of life, to understand the fear and loneliness which visited the heart of this princess, to whom the pale faces of the supplanting settlers represented animosity to the traditions of her strong and fearless sires. With the wisdom and far sightedness which characterized his every act, Mr. Le Vasseur aided in the accomplishment of the purpose of his wife, and thenceforth she was free from all responsibility connected with the past. But she was again to visit the scenes of her youth, the

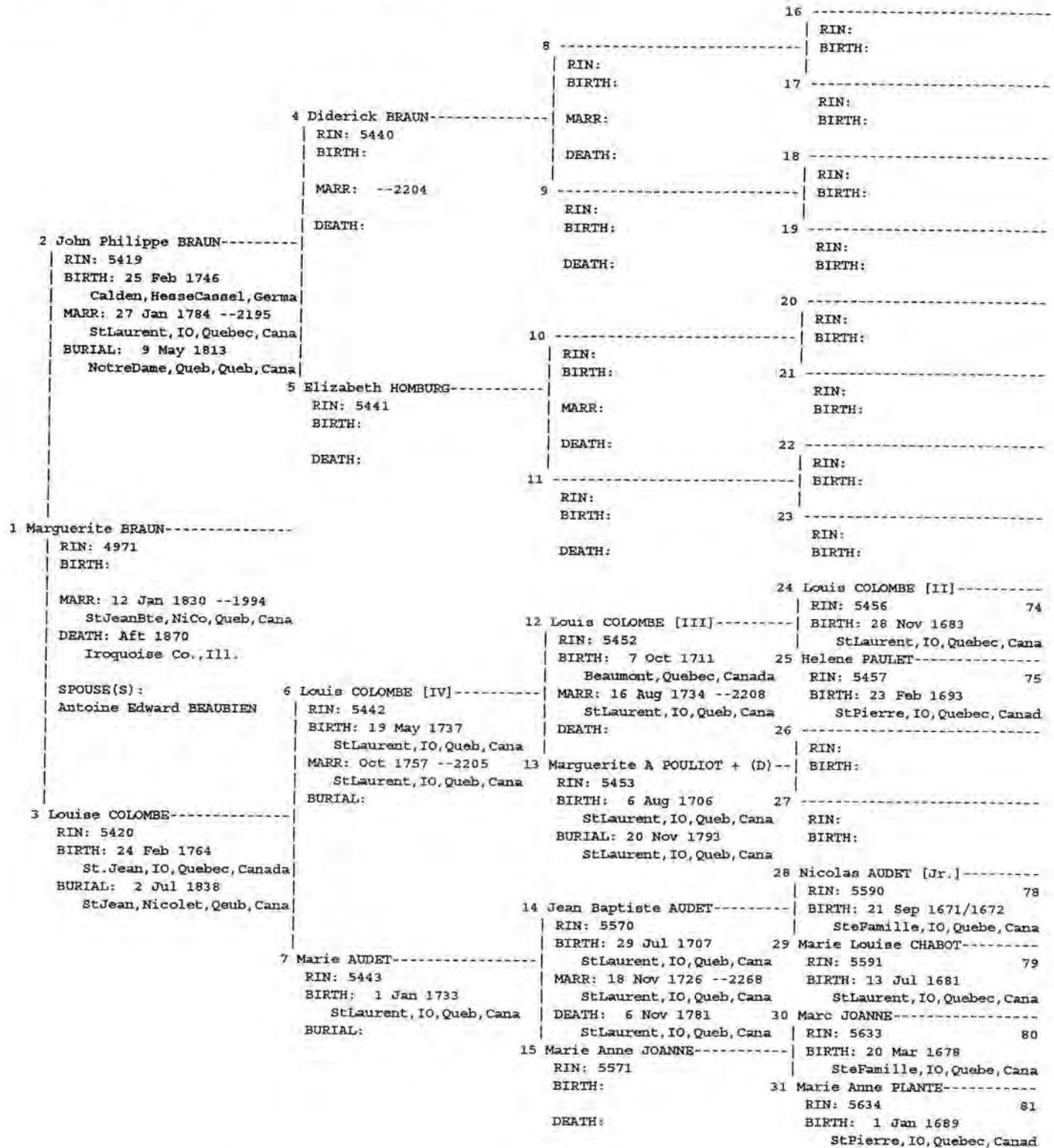
happy hunting ground of the Pottawatomies. The daughter developed into a bright and well educated maiden, and eventually returned to live at her father's house. The sons, having been established in the merchandising business in Galena, Illinois. Their father, when lead was discovered in that town, continued to live there until their deaths which occurred during the early '50s.

When the last son died, his mother Watseka, was with him, and had been for a year, having journeyed alone to Galena from St. Marie mission, Kansas, to which her tribe had been removed by a more recent treaty. Watseka traveled on horse-back across the prairies, which then knew neither railroad or telegraph, two other horses carrying her tent and provisions. On the way she stopped at Bourbonnais to see her daughter, and her friends Dominique Bray and Henry Boucher, one of whom had married a quarter-blood Indian woman. What was her grief upon arriving at the home of Mr. Boucher, to find that her daughter had been dead three years. While with the family of Mr. Boucher, Watseka was visited by her former husband, Mr. Le Vasseur, and the writer, who was fortunate enough to accompany Mr. Le Vasseur at this time, had the pleasure of meeting her, and of hearing her animatedly speak the Pottawatomie tongue with her hosts, and with Mr. and Mrs. Bray, who happened to be there at the same time. The Indian princess was shorter than most women, but was bright and intelligent. Again the writer met her in Kansas, in 1876, by which time she had learned considerable English, and in broken language inquired about all of her old friends in Bourbonnais. An evidence of the lasting regard which Mr. Le Vasseur felt for his former wife was furnished in 1837, when, as a representative of Will county, in company with two other commissioners from Vermilion county, he was appointed to locate the county seat of Iroquois county. At his suggestion the new town was called Watseka, thus perpetuating the name of the princess who was the mother of his children, and the companion of his earlier years, and whose childhood had been passed in that vicinity.

At Danville, Illinois, in 188, Mr. Le Vasseur married Ruth R. Bull, who had come from Con-



Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. 19 on chart no. 1



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+ means the individual is a child in another family.  
 Relationship: (B)=Biological, (A)=Adopted, (G)=Guardian, (C)=Challenged, (D)=Disproved



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## INTERESTING FACTS

The White House might well be called the Red House today if Thomas Jefferson had his way. Jefferson wanted it built with red bricks, but he was voted down.

In 1900, only 4 percent of Americans lived to age 65.

In effect, the U.S. already had a woman President. When President Woodrow Wilson suffered a stroke late in his term in 1919, his wife Edith, served as an acting President, making many decisions in her husband's name.

Surprisingly, Christmas trees were virtually unknown in America until after the U.S. Civil War. Christmas trees didn't become popular in the U.S. until Prince Albert introduced them in England from Germany, in the 1860's.

Oddly, one of the inventors of the airplane, Orville Wright, never traveled by airplane the last 33 years of his life. Wright had a nerve injury that caused him discomfort when he flew, so from 1915 until he died in 1948, Wright never stepped inside an airplane.

The custom of wearing a wedding ring on the third finger of the left hand came from the ancient belief that the nerve in that finger connected directly with the heart.

What does "zip" stand for in zip codes? It stands for Zone Improvement Plan.

Policemen are called "cops" or "coppers" because in the last century they often wore big copper badges.

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