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**Meetings:** First Saturday of each month at Bourbonnais Public Library at 1 p.m. When the first Saturday is a holiday weekend, the meeting will be on the second Saturday of the month.

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## QUARTERLY/NEWSLETTER EXTRACTIONS

### Terms & Definitions

**Land Patent:** The document which states the settler had a permanent claim and was the first purchaser of a piece of land.

**Land Warrant:** A certificate issued by a land office which entitled the possessor to a certain number of acres of land. The certificate was negotiable.

**Military Warrant:** A document issued by the land office requesting that land be set aside for a veteran entitled to it for his military service. The land was located in Ohio and Kentucky and eligibility for its ownership was based upon the veteran's military certificate.

**Military Certificate:** A document stating that a person's proof of military service had been presented to the proper authorities and, therefore, he was eligible for a specific amount of land as compensation. There was only one claim to this type of land available to each person.

**Military Land:** Public land which was reserved for Revolutionary or War of 1812 soldiers to receive as part of their compensation for service.

**Bounty Land (Federal):** Shortly after the beginning of the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress promised land to those who would serve in the Continental Army. The acreage of land so promised was on a sliding scale based on rank. For example, an enlisted man was to receive 100 acres, while a major general was to have 1,000 acres.

**Bounty Land (State):** In some states the promise of issuing land for service in the Revolutionary War was far more liberal than that of the federal government which led many veterans to trade bounty land warrants for state warrants.

**Patriotic Service:** During the Revolutionary War these persons did not serve on the field of battle, but served as wagoners, furnished ammunition or supplies and, therefore, were eligible for pensions. Many services to the Continental Army are now a part of the regular army; chaplains, physicians, veterinarians, paymasters, etc.

*The Genie's View, July/Aug. 2001*

### **Humor Only Genealogists Can Appreciate**

If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help!

It's 2001 ..... do you know where your great-grandparents are?

After 30 days, unclaimed ancestors will be adopted.

**Floor:** the place for storing your priceless genealogy records.

Genealogists are time unravelers.

I should have asked them before they died!

I think my ancestors had several "Bad heir" days.

Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.

That's strange: half my ancestors are women!

I'm not sick, I've just got fading genes.

Genealogists live in the past lane.

Alright! Everybody out of the gene pool!

That's the problem with the gene pool - no lifeguards!

**SO MANY ANCESTORS ..... SO LITTLE TIME!**

*News from the Northwest, NW Suburban Council of Genealogists, Vol. XXII*

### **Genealogy Terms**

**Marriage Bond:** In Colonial days, this was a sum of money promised, usually by the parents or a close relative of a young couple. to the governor of the state. This was asked to ensure that there was no reason. moral or legal, for the couple not to marry and that they would not become charity cases. Money did not actually change hands, but could be called for if the marriage did not fulfill the requirements.

Neeveye: Descendants

Nee: Born. This word is used after a married woman's surname to indicate her maiden name, e.g., Mrs. Martha Johnson, nee Baker.

**New Mother:** A Colonial term for a stepmother.

*The Genie's View, LaSalle Co. Genealogy Guild, Sept./Oct., 2001.*

### **When My Grandmother was a Child (excerpts)**

The average life expectancy in the United States was 47.

Only 14% of the homes in the United States had a bathtub.

The average wage in the U.S. was \$.22 per hour. The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year

More than 95% of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

Ninety percent of all U.S. physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard". Most women washed their hair only once a month and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo. One in ten U.S. adults couldn't read or write. Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school. There were about 230 reported murders in the U.S. annually.

*The Genie's View, LaSalle Co. Genealogy Guild, Sept./Oct., 2001.*

## Information on Old Deeds

In the lower left corner of most old deeds you will find 2 or 4 witnesses. The first one is always from the husband's side; the next two are from the wife's side. That is to protect her one-half dower rights under the law. Nothing you will ever use will give greater clues to maiden names.

*Ventura Co., CA, Gen. Society, Dec. 1999*

## New Prices at NARA

As of November 13, 2000, current prices at the National Archives are:

Self-service reproductions =	15 cents	
Reproductions made by NARA =	30 cents	
Order forms: Passenger arrival lists -	NATF Form 81 =	\$17.25
Federal Census requests -	NATF Form 82 =	\$17.50
Land Entry records -	NATF Form 84 =	\$17.75
Pension Files -	NATF Form 85	\$14.75
Military Service Files -	NATF Form 86 =	\$17.00

For more information, visit [www.nara.gov/naralnewfees.html](http://www.nara.gov/naralnewfees.html).

## GENEALOGY CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

The Illinois State Genealogical Society will host its spring conference at the Will Tell Holiday, Inn, Countryside, Illinois, on April 5 and 6, 2002. Dr. George Schweitzer will be the featured speaker.

Carl Sandburg College will offer workshops by Michael John Neill, MS, in March of 2002. The following sessions will be offered: Topics in Personal Ancestral File, DeedMapper Software, Internet Search Strategies, Genealogy Sites Besides the "Big Ones", Making the Most of the LDS, Rootsweb, Ancestry and Genealogy.Com Web Sites, Windows Strategies, Excel and Word for Genealogists and Internet Based Genealogy. Cost of \$35 per day and sessions run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the main campus in Galesburg, Illinois. Further information can be obtained by calling 1-877-236-1862 ext. 5337 or email Michael Neill at [geneworkshop@hotmail.com](mailto:geneworkshop@hotmail.com).

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

### Out of Ashes

This book, by Magdalena Kopp, traces the life of Philipp, who fled Germany and made his way to America. The book explores his life as he prepares a home for his family and looks forward to their journey to America. You learn of his adventurous life during the Civil War, his capture by the Confederates and release a year later by Union Troops. The book contains 381 pages and cost is \$34.71 which includes book, tax and priority mail shipment. Contact Magdalena Kopp, P.O. Box 6645-1645, Rockford, IL 61125-1645 or email [Magkopp@AOL.com](mailto:Magkopp@AOL.com).

## KVGS WEBNEWS

### Civil War Sites:

Behind the Stonewall - 360 degree panoramic images from Civil War Battlefields (Gettysburg/Chickamuaga/79th PA Infantry): <http://www.JATRUCK.COM/stonewall>

Ben's Civil War Museum - The Civil War by Year: <http://www.on-the-square-com/benscivilwar/index.htm>

Civil War Book News - Gateway Page with Special Subjects: <http://www.cw-book-news.com>

Civil War Colored Troops Message Board: [www.insidetheweb.com/mbs.cgi.mb447379](http://www.insidetheweb.com/mbs.cgi.mb447379)

Civil War Diaries: <http://www.mypahoa.com/cwd.htm>

Civil War Index Page: <http://homepages.dsu.edu/jankej/civilwar/civilwar.htm>

Civil War Medal of Honor Recipients: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nygenweb/civwarmoh.htm>

Civil War On-line: <http://web2.airmail.net/mbusby/index1.htm>.

Civil War Photographs, Biographies, Discussion Forums and history and genealogy information: <http://www.CivilWarPages.com>

Civil War Regimental History Books: <http://users.erols.com/jreb/regiment.html>

Civil War Resources: <http://hometown.aol.com/d2hober/civilwar.htm>

Civil War Rosters (all states): <http://www.geocities.com:0080/Area51/Lair/3680>

U.S. Civil War 1861-1865: <http://historyplace.com/civilwar/index.html>

### GREAT & GREAT, GREAT

Seek information on Albert or Albertus **Miner**, b. 11 Jun 1819 Onondaga Co., NY, m. 10 Dec 1857 Kankakee Co. IL to Ellen (**Dutcher**) **Beadle**. Albert d. 12 Nov 1893 and is buried in Schrontz Cemetery. Ellen d. 01 May 1906. Children: Abram, b. 1859; Reuben, b. 1861; Jacob b. 1863; Hiram (twin) b. 1866 d. Feb 1869; Hattie (twin) b. 1866 d. 23 Feb 1869; Carrie P. B. 1873; Millie b. 1875. Who are Albert's Parents? Would like to exchange info with any researching this family. Contact Patricia E. **Maher**, 1348 Westwood Hills Rd., Minneapolis MN 55426-1950.

### POMMERANIAN ANCESTRY

**Die pommerschen Leute, DPL** - A quarterly newsletter containing articles and pictures about Pommern culture, historical information, hints for research and family information pages, Die Vorfahren. Surname index to Die Vorfahren is on the FEEFHS website: <http://Feefhs.org/dpl/dvl.pommern.html> subscriptions: US\$12 for USA, US\$15 for International. Send to: IGS-Die Pommerschen Leute, P.O. Box 7369, Burbank, CA 91510-7369.

## 1882 KANKAKEE COUNTY MARRIAGES

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette (publication date in parenthesis).**

(02 Mar 1882) In Kankakee, Feb 23, 1882, by Rev. F. Von Freeden, Samuel S. Boyer, of Norton, and Miss Anna M. Himme, of Kankakee.

(02 Mar 1882) In Chebanse, Feb 21, by Rev. C. Gonant, Leonard W. Evans and Miss Amelia Grosse, both of Chebanse.

(02 Mar 1882) In Pilot, Feb 21, by Rev. J. B. Worrall, Robert Wheeler and Miss Harriet Wright, both of Herscher.

(02 Mar 1882) In Pilot, Feb. 21, by Rev. G. S. Kertson, Wm. Delay and Miss Margaret Brown, both of Herscher.

(09 Mar 1882) A very pleasant event occurred at the residence of Mr. Charles Knight, No. 12 Van Buren street, yesterday morning, being the marriage of his daughter, Lizzie E. Knight, to Eugene F. Jones, of Orleans; Nebraska. The ceremony took place at 11 o'clock, Rev. Reed Stuart officiating. After the hearty congratulations of those present all sat down to a bountifully prepared wedding dinner to which ample justice was done. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable presents, the gifts of their relatives and of appreciative friends. The bride has a large circle of acquaintances in this city to whom she is greatly endeared by her lady-like demeanor and superior social qualities. Among those present were Mrs. Misner, of Kankakee, Ills., mother of the groom, and Mrs. Dr. Merriman, of Painsville. O. Mr. and Mrs. Jones left on the Western express that afternoon, intending to visit Chicago and other places in Illinois, before going to their home in Nebraska.

(16 Mar 1882) In St. George, Feb. 13, 182, by Rev. I. C. Lesage, Alfred Blain, of Pullman, and Miss Phebe Fortin, of Sumner.

(16 Mar 1882) In Kankakee, March 8, 1882, by D. W. Dye, Samuel Hammond and Miss Matilda Stirling, both of Aroma, Illinois.

(16 Mar 1 882) In St. George, Feb. 14, 1882, by Rev. I. C. Lesage, John Remillard and Miss Hermine Leclair, both of Ganeer.

(16 Mar 1882) In Kankakee, March 9, 182, by Rev. Hugo Stamer, John Henry Allers and Miss Josie F. Ruessler, both of Kankakee.

(23 Mar 1882) In Kankakee, March 8th, by John Stiles. Henry Lake and Miss Mary Genson, both of Otto.

(23 Mar 1882) In this city, March 14th, 1882, by Rev. D. W. Dye, John McDonald and Miss Mary Bahlmann, both of Yellowhead.

(23 Mar 1882) In Ganeer, Feb. 24, 1882, by Rev. P. Graep, John Prinz, of Ganeer and Miss Catherine Frahm, of Grant Park.

(23 Mar 1882) In Kankakee, March 15, by O. Durfee, Henry Ahlborn and Miss Caroline Early, both of Peotone.



## 1882 KANKAKEE COUNTY BIRTHS

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.**

<u>Son/Dau.</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Date</u>
Daughter	Mrs. Knud Jensen, Kankakee	23 Feb 1882
Daughter	Mrs. Fred Whitmore, Kankakee	30 Jan 1882
Son	Mrs. Hans Anderson, Kankakee	15 Jan 1882
S o n	Mrs. Wm. Seedorf, Kankakee	15 Jan 1882
Daughter	Mrs. Oliver Giroux, Limestone	08 Feb 1882
Son	Mrs. John Theis, Kankakee	08 Feb 1882
S o n	Mrs. R. J. Bennett, Kankakee	02 Feb 1882
Daughter	Mrs. Julius Wunderlich, Kankakee	10 Feb 1882
Son	Mrs. Adam Guttenberg, Kankakee	26 Jan 1882
S o n	Mrs. David L. Osborn, Kankakee	23 Feb 1882
S o n	Mrs. J. W. Warner, Irwin	17 Jan 1882
Daughter	Mrs. Alfred Provost, Kankakee	23 Feb 1882
Son	Mrs. Louis Gadbois, Irwin	17 Jan 1882
Daughter	Mrs. Chas. N. Hopper, Aroma	04 Mar 1882
Daughter	Mrs. Joseph Withers, Ganeer	13 Mar 1882
Daughter	Mrs. Townsend W. Denny, Momence	05 Mar 1882
Daughter	Mrs. Wm. Uhrhammer, Grant Mrs.	12 Feb 1882
Son	Jacob Saul, Grant	12 Mar 1882
Daughter	Mrs. Mitchel Cantway, Momence	24 Feb 1882

## 1882 KANKAKEE COUNTY DEATHS

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

(09 Mar 1882) Norman Messenger, one of the oldest settlers in Kankakee county, died at his home in Grant Park, Feb. 23, 1882, aged 73 years. The Momence Reporter says he came to this country forty-three years ago, settling at Lockport. He has been a resident of Kankakee county nearly forty years. He was somewhat eccentric in his manner, but an honest and more upright man never lived. He was industrious and acquired a competence. He was intelligent and kept himself posted in current events and when he chose could be an interesting conversationalist. He leaves two children, Horace Messenger and Mrs. Joel B. Shaw.

(09 Mar 1882) The family of C. C. Harrington, of this city, have twice been called upon to mourn the death of those near and dear to them. On the 26th ult. Mrs. Harriet Deselm, mother of Mrs. Harrington, died at the residence of her son-in-law, William Myers, in Joliet, at the age of 76 years, of consumption. The deceased was born in Frederick City, Maryland, in 1806. Her maiden name was Hopkins. She had been three times married. Her first husband was Samuel Houpt, of Hagerstown, MD, and her second husband was John B. Floyd, related to the rebel General Floyd. She married Jacob Deselm at Fremont, Ohio, in 1836, and with him came to Rockville in 1854, where her home was till the death of her husband in 1876. She was for years a consistent member of the United Brethren church, and during her last sickness was cheered and sustained by a strong faith. She leaves six children to mourn here death, viz: Mrs. C. C. Harrington and John B. Deselm, of Kankakee: Mrs. Daniel Shreffler and Mrs. O. A

Sampsel, of Rockville; Mrs. J. G. Harsh, of Wakeeny, Kansas, and Mrs. William Myers, of Joliet. The remains were interred in the Deselm cemetery in Rockville.

On Sunday last Flossie (or "Dolly" as she was more commonly known) youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Harrington, died of diphtheria after an illness of two weeks. She came home from school on Monday noon. February 20, complaining of feeling ill. She had a fever and sore throat, but insisted on returning to school that afternoon because the next day was "examination day". Dolly had always stood at the head of her classes and was ambitious to learn and retain her position as a scholar. The next morning she was too ill to go and many were the regrets she expressed for fear that she would fall below the standard she had hitherto maintained. She gradually grew worse and in spite of the best care passed away, leaving a bitter pang in the hearts of her parents which nothing but time can allay. On Monday morning of this week a brief prayer service was held at the family home by Rev. Mr. Axtell, after which the remains of the little girl were tenderly conveyed to Rockville and laid away in the Deselm cemetery. The casket bore a token of love from Dolly's schoolmates in the shape of a beautiful white wreath with the following inscription on white satin: "A tribute of affection to F. Harrington from her class companions of St. Josephs seminary, March 5, 1882." Flossie Harrington was eleven years old last September.

(16 Mar 1882) Mrs. Luther Woodruff died at Joliet recently, aged 77 years. She resided in Kankakee from 1846 to 1854. Her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Nichols, of Joliet; her sister, Mrs. Mary Ingraham, of Limestone; and her niece, Mrs. Mary Lamb, of Kankakee, are more or less known in this vicinity Mrs. Woodruff's death resulted from a fall in alighting from her carriage.

(23 Mar 1882) In Momence, March 12, Sarah I. Porter, aged 48 years.

(23 Mar 1882) In Norton, March 9, of pneumonia, Mathew Bastien, aged 9 months.

(23 Mar 1882) In Otto, March 2, Mrs. Dorato Ader, aged 43.

(23 Mar 1882) The sudden death of Belle C., the young wife of H. Fremont Baker, at the home of her father, Christopher Smith, in this city was reported. On last Thanksgiving day the relatives and intimate friends of the young couple gathered to celebrate their nuptials, and on Sunday last they once more stood beneath the family roof-tree, but it was to take a last lingering look on the face of the dead. Mrs. Baker was taken ill Saturday, the 11th inst., but was not believed by the family to be in a critical condition until early on Thursday morning of last week when her husband became alarmed at a change in her appearance and started for the doctor, leaving her parents in the room. Immediately after his departure the invalid requested her father to turn her over upon her right side. With the words trembling upon her lips and before her father could comply she expired. The funeral services at the Presbyterian church were conducted by Rev. Messrs. Dye and Worrall in the presence of a crowded house. A beautiful pillow was one of the finest floral tributes. It was presented by the class of young ladies connected with the Baptist Sunday school of which the deceased was a member. Upon the completion of the service the pall-bearers, Messrs. Durham, Bellamy, Bernier, Stege, Walter Hobble and Myers, bore the confined remains to the waiting hearse when a long procession followed to the cemetery. In the crushing sorrow which has fallen upon the family they have the sympathy of the community.

## COUNTY COURT - 1882

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 9, 1882.**

Final certificates of naturalization issued to Chas. Schroeder and Nicholas Bassen.

Estate Frances Dickenson. Claim of O. R. Keith & Co. for \$150 allowed.

## **EAST OTTO - 1882**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 2, 1882.**

Guy Huckins has purchased Mr. R. Havens' farm, for nearly \$45 per acre. This makes a good addition for Mr. Huckins. We understand that Mr. Havens intends purchasing a few acres of land near Onarga, where he will raise fruit and keep up or increase his already very large stock of bees. Mr. H. has been an active resident of this vicinity for a number of years and he will be very much missed. He and his family have our very best wishes, and may success attend them.

George and Wellington Butler are moving onto the Everitt farm. Mr. Snyder and family are to move this week. They will live near Waldron. They have been in this vicinity two weeks and have made many friends. May they find their new location comfortable and prosperous.

Jo Vallamcourt has returned from his sugar camp, and says he has lost the best part of the season.

Wilber Huckins and Perry Darst have rented Joseph Huckins farm, and if there is a wedding in this vicinity soon, do not be surprised.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 9, 1882.**

Miss Julia Havens returned from her school, near Kankakee, on last Saturday. We learn that she is to teach another month. Mr. Jones in the Mills district finished his three months term and has engaged in another month. We are informed that he has given the best satisfaction.

Zeno Streeter has just returned from Indiana, where he has been visiting his two sons, George and Albert. He says it is just as wet there as here.

Reuben Havens and Joel Dodson have their sales advertised for this week. Mr. Havens has purchased 18 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> acres of land adjoining Onarga, and will make it his home. Mr. Dodson will go to Pullman.

Mr. Laws and Miss Maggie Fulton, of Momence, are visiting at Mr. McCuen's. Julia Gannon has returned from her visit to Joliet.

Jessie VanMeter has rented a farm in Indiana, and will move onto it as soon as it is possible to get away.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 16, 1882.**

Rob't McKee is moving onto the farm lately purchased by him. Henry Werner has moved to Mr. Killian's farm. Zeno Streeter has ordered lumber for a new barn which will be put up right away.

## **ST. ANNE - 1882**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 16, 1882.**

Blain Bros. are now in Dakota. Rev. Chiniquy returned Thursday evening.

Married - Dr. S. S. Thomas of St. Anne and Miss Rachel Powley, of Papineau. They are now enjoying a pleasure trip in Canada.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 23, 1882.**

Mr. Dion was buried today. Leon Maillouix was nominated for supervisor at the town caucus. Mr. Alphous Ireland, of Dakota, is in town visiting friends. So also is Miss Pearl Seward of Iowa.

**WALDRON - 1882**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 2, 1882.**

The Kankakee Crystal Ice Company have sold 11,000 tons of ice at \$2.50 to \$4.00 per ton, delivered on the cars here.

Lemuel Milk is shipping ten car loads of ice per day, south. We understand Lemuel Milk is going to plant 140 acres of watermelons this year.

Mr. B. F. Legg and wife are home to stay. Mr. L. has been studying for the ministry at Evanston.

Mr. Frank Dugan is building a new house. Lou Ehrich is chopping the timber off his farm.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 9, 1882.**

Mr. Elsie Smith has moved west of Kankakee. Mr. Court Case has moved west to the Dent farm. Mr. Hiram Hester has moved to the farm he has rented.

Died, Feb. 28th, Mrs. Mary J. Day, wife of Jack Day. She leaves a family of six children to mourn for her, besides a host of friends.

Earnest Tracy. a boy about 15 years old, got his finger cut off while holding a post for Albert White. He put his hand on top of the post just as White struck it with a iron sledge.

**LOCAL JOTTINGS - 1882**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 2, 1882.**

James Perry has commenced the erection of a new Gothic cottage on Chicago avenue, near the First M.E. parsonage.

Mrs. Newell Grinnell has received a copy of her great grandfather's "coat of arms" from Holland. He was a man of rank, a nobleman. He left a large property that is being looked after by the heirs.

Mark A. Barton's new residence on East Court street will be commenced within a week or two if the weather permits. It will be modest but substantial frame structure costing about \$2000. Green Bros. have the contract.

John Schnell, who has been in the employ of James McGrew for a great many years, and has always proved a trustworthy and valuable hand, has bought the well-known feed store where he will continue to supply the public with good grades of flour and feed the public with good grades of flour and feed.

Rev. Mr. Trevor sends us an account of the birthday party given in his honor at Essex last week. The church was tastefully decorated and the attendance was quite large. A purse of \$32 was presented to him. A literary and musical programme was given and much enjoyed. Mr. Trevor reports his church in excellent condition.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 16, 1882.**

O. G. Bartlett has bought the two corner lots opposite J. H. Shaffer's, on Greenwood avenue, and will erect a dwelling upon them.

Stephen Gray, of Salina, has bought a building spot on East Court street, adjoining Wm. Sibley's and will soon commence the erection of a substantial house for his own use. Mr. Gray owns a farm east of town as well as in Salina, and a residence in Kankakee will enable him to look after both with equal facility.

BUCKINGHAM - 1882

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 9, 1882.**

Henry Ballou and John Esser will leave in a few days for Iowa. They locate near Ft. Dodge. D. Ballou, of Northfield is visiting friends here before going to Iowa with Henry.

Worth Bros. have extended their business by putting up a building in Reddick where they will sell agricultural implements and hardware.

Sam Crawford has been promoted to the station of Apple River and Mr. Letourneau, of Griswold, takes his place here.

W. W. Beebe will go to Iowa again this week to stay about two weeks to look after his interests there, having bought a section of prairie this winter.

ROCKVILLE - 1882

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 9, 1882.**

Benj. Goodwin is building an addition to his residence. Walter Mann does the pounding.

Since my last writing old Mrs. Guilford has passed away to her last resting place. A large concourse of friends followed her remains to the grave.

Daniel Durham has sold his span of matched gray colts to Wm. Cooper, Jr., of Bourbonnais for \$250. Fred Mann, Jr., has recently purchased a pair of three year old colts for which he paid \$250. Benj. Goodwin has bought W. L. Mann's driving team for \$280.

Mr. Isaac Hall has moved on to Mr. Ennis' farm near Kankakee. Mr. H. has been a resident of this town for a number of years. To his future neighbors we can recommend him as being a good neighbor and a gentlemen in every respect.

Geo. Gordon has moved on to the farm recently purchased of Isaac Hall. Louis Sterling has sold his farm of 112 acres to Joseph Frazier for \$4,640. Fred Williams has moved on to the farm he purchased of Geo. Gordon.

Walt Grimes is no better and his physicians say it will be months before he will get around and then it will be on crutches.

On last Monday afternoon Robert Durham had a severe stroke of paralysis completely paralyzing his right side from head to foot, as Mr. Durham is quite an old man his recovery is doubtful.

## **ESSEX - 1882**

### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 2, 1882.**

Wm. H. Hasmyer, of Peotone, Ill., was in Essex last Friday. He purchased a lot of C. E. Albert, and will proceed at once to put a building 36 x 22 feet, and stock it with furniture. We welcome Mr. H. to our midst and wish him success.

Dr. Ceress, of Bourbonnais, Ill., was in town last Friday looking for a location. He was favorably impressed with our burg and its surrounds and will probably make it his place of abode.

Robert Bess' is quite a large dwelling house on section 8.

Mr. Baxter has another organ at his house - one of the female persuasion.

### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 9, 1882.**

Died, on the evening of the 4th inst., at his late residence in this town, Simon McLane, aged 64 years. He came to this county twenty years ago, and has been a resident here since that time. He formerly engaged in the ministry, but of late years he has served as a local preacher. Two members of the family have passed on before. The aged wife, four boys, and three daughters remain to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. Each of the surviving members of the family were present to attend upon the loved one in the great struggle. The frail machinery of this human life wore gradually out and it was found that what three months ago was considered a slight indisposition, has resulted in the ripened grain of the heavenly harvest. His physicians pronounced his disease gastritis. The funeral services were held at the Unz church on Sabbath and the remains were deposited at Zion's church cemetery. Peace to his ashes, and the consolation of the Christian's hope to the afflicted family.

### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 16, 1882.**

Chas. Perry has rented the farm that has been used by Jas. Brophy. Henry Lish has rented the Dean Royce farm. Hiram Sergeant cultivates the Swift farm, Jas. Namach, the W. W. White farm.

Geo. Forbes, the K & S agent, has rented several rooms of the widow Underwood for the present.

Wm. H. Hasmeyer has rented several rooms of C. E. Albert which he will use until he can complete his house.

S. S. Boyer and wife have just returned from their wedding tour. May their connubial life be crowned with prosperity and happiness.

Wm. Keeney's children have a serious time with diphtheria.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 23, 1882.**

W. H. Hasemeyer's (our furniture man) building will be put up this week. The foundation is already laid.

On March 20, Mrs. Sarah E., beloved wife of Herman F. Schosser, dies this morning in the town of Essex. Mrs. S. has lived among us since childhood and was known as Sarah McLane in Kankakee and elsewhere. Four years ago she became the wife of Mr. Schosser and now he is left with a sweet babe of 10 months to travel life's dreary pathway. She had been very sick most of the winter but was gaining strength when the death of her father, Simon McLane, occurred and in attendance at his funeral she took cold and had a relapse of which she died after terrible suffering. She would have been 26 on the 22d inst. Although unconscious the last few hours of her life we know that she was possessed of the Christian's hope and that it is well with her. She was a worthy member of the M.E. church at Essex Center for a number of years and we mourn a sister beloved.

### **BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 9, 1882.**

G. W. Burchard is erecting a \$350 frame house on the river bank on the South side. Dr. Scobey has contracted for a small tenement to be put up on East avenue opposite the I.C. ice house.

Storch & Rehr are building a 40x50 foot addition, two stories high, to their Farmer's Home on East avenue. Henry Tupper keeps pace with the match of improvement by putting up a house on Schuyler avenue, near the river.

John P. Buffum has commenced work on a couple of thousand-dollar cottages on Merchant street, south of Mr. Fortin's.

E. Johnson is building a frame dwelling, 30 x 14, one story and a-half high, containing five rooms, on the lot adjoining his grain office on the south.

Carroll & Dole are about to erect a shop 24 x 30, 18 feet high, south of the planing mill. They will put in a planer and several saws and do a general mill business besides manufacturing the Dole windmill. The establishment will be run by steam and wind power.

### **THE FRENCH CANADIANS AND FRENCH**

Excerpts taken from Chapter 2 of *They Chose Minnesota* by Sarah P. Rubinstein, donated to our collection by member Louwanna Johnson. You will note that much of what I've listed below applies to the French Canadians who settled in Illinois as well.

Two diverse strains of French immigrants appeared early in North America. One went directly from France to the American colonies and to the later United States; the other went to Canada in the last half of the 17th century. From there a secondary migration moved from a base in Quebec southeast to New England. south to Michigan and Illinois and southwest to Minnesota. Over the years French Canadians have constituted a small but significant segment of Minnesota's population, a segment more than five times larger than that from France.

Exactly how many French Canadians traveled to the United States is impossible to determine because existing statistics before 1890 made no attempt to differentiate them from Anglo-Canadian immigrants. One estimate placed the number who emigrated before 1890 at 450,000. The United States census of that year counted 302,496 French-Canadian foreign born and 513,428 of mixed parentage. About 75% of them lived in New England and New York, the chief concentrations. In the northern Midwest, Minnesota ranked second to Michigan with 10,910 foreign-born and 23,300 foreign-stock French Canadians.

The earliest French and French Canadians to reach what is now Minnesota were explorers and fur traders. Beginning in the late 1600's, men from New France penetrated the heart of the continent by using the rivers and lakes as their highways. French priests like Fathers Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet were the first white men to travel the Mississippi River. From the 1820's to the 1870's the metis, who were the offspring of French Canadians and Indians, helped develop Minnesota's first overland roads. Driving two-wheeled wooden ox carts, they carried furs south to St. Paul and returned with goods and supplies for the Selkirk Colony near present Winnipeg and the trading posts located in between. This lucrative exchange was a mainstay of the Minnesota economy in the late 1840's and 1850's. When the heyday of the fur trade passed, many of those who had participated in it turned to farming.

Most French Canadians, including voyageurs, were descendants of peasants who migrated to New France on the St. Lawrence River in the 17th century during the reign of Louis XIV. Relatively few arrived after 1700. They left largely from the provinces of Normandy, Anjou, Saintonge, and Poitou in western France, where agriculture was still primitive and produce was heavily taxed. Many more men than women emigrated, chiefly by enlisting in the army or becoming *engages* to serve under contract to such commercial enterprises as fur companies for a specified number of years.

The French Canadians followed the practice of dividing inheritances among their children. They also married young and had large families. These customs inevitably led to the breakup of family lands and the overpopulation of rural French Canada. By the early 19th century young people were leaving family farms in search of jobs in Montreal, Three Rivers and Quebec, as well as in New England lumber camps and mill towns. These trends intensified after the rebellions of 1837 and 1838 when the government followed an unduly repressive policy toward French Canadians who rose against English dominance. Moreover, Canada did not recover so quickly as the United States from the economic panic of 1837. Thus when the Upper Mississippi Valley opened for settlement about that time, it drew an increasing number of land and income-hungry French Canadians, many of whom found employment in its infant lumbering industry. Industrial jobs in New England, the Homestead Act of 1862, and two decades of depression in Canada following the panic of 1873 induced others to migrate to the United States. Frequently, the younger men or women went first, to be followed after a season or two by other family members.

A dramatically different settlement pattern developed in the 1870's and 1880's when skilled French-Canadian farmers from Canada and Illinois joined three Catholic colonies on the fertile but initially forbidding prairies of southwestern Minnesota. Their descendants were still to be found in that region 100 years later. The promotional efforts of Catholic Bishop John Ireland of St. Paul and John Sweetman, the visionary organizer of the Irish-American Colonization Society, induced French Canadians to join a Belgian community at Ghent in Lyon County and two Irish ones at Currie in Murray County and Clontarf in Swift County.

A secondary migration of larger numbers of second and third generation French Canadians from Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, Illinois, settled near Ghent and Currie. After touring the prairie states looking at land in Iowa, Dakota Territory and Minnesota, two Kankakee men chose Lyon County because Ghent had an established Catholic parish with a French-speaking priest. As a result, 50 prosperous farmers bought land there in 1882 and paid cash for it. Not only did these families require



an entire train to deliver their possessions to Ghent, they also displayed a one-to-one ratio of people to horses. a level of affluence almost unheard of among immigrant groups at that time. In 1885-86 an additional 40 French-Canadian "men of substance" moved from Kankakee to the Sweetman colony at Currie. Other blue-collar workers were drawn to Swift County by employment opportunities on the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad (now the Burlington Northern Railroad), which was built through the area in 1870.

Nearby Marshall, the seat of Lyon County, had received an infusion of French Canadians after 1895, some from the old French town of Bourbonnais, Illinois. In the mid-1890's "of the 100 families" a historian of the Catholic parish stated, "40 were French and Belgian, and it was thought at that time that Marshall would become a predominantly French parish. "In order to attract new Catholic members, these parishioners placed advertisements in Illinois newspapers. As a further inducement to French settlers, the priest started a school and recruited the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet to staff it, thus satisfying the "great demand for instruction in the French language". By 1910 of the 250 families in the parish, about one-third were French. a fourth Belgian. and another fourth mixed. In that year. however. the departure of the French priest "marked the beginning of four years of unsettledness, dissatisfaction and disappointments". Three years later, when the noted French architect Emmanuel L. Masqueray drafted plans for a new Holy Redeemer Church in Marshall, the parish had only 200 families.

Concentrations of French-Canadian loggers lived at Cloquet and Cromwell in Carlton County just west of Duluth, where by the 1880's they were using a skill learned in the pineries of Quebec, New Brunswick (Canada), Maine and Michigan. In Cloquet they lived on the western edge of town in "Little Canada" and painted their houses blue. One observer commented that a payroll of the logging companies sounded remarkably like a roster of the old North West Company. including such names as Bouche, Beaupre, Roy, Paul-Joseph, Loisel, Chartier, Bernier, LaVasseur, LaTulip, Brouseau, de la Rushe, Cyrette, LeFleur and Chapados. Frequently they also farmed a few acres among the stumps and raised field peas, potatoes and other garden crops.

French Canadians were among the earliest settlers at Duluth-Superior, the port cities which later served as gateways to the camps and mines. From about 1860 to the turn of the century they attended Duluth's Sacred Heart Cathedral. In 1884, when they were outnumbered by other groups in that congregation, they were allowed to organize their own French national parish of St. Jean Baptiste. By 1888 Duluth was said to have 200 French-Canadian families, and in 1902 the estimate was 500. A Catholic directory published in 1892 provided information on the occupations of members of St. Jean Baptiste who were employed outside the home. Of the 317 men, 101 (32%) were laborers and another 92 (30%) were in various building trades. There were 46 (15%) in white-collar jobs and three (1%) in professions. Of the 23 women listed, 19 were dressmakers or milliners.

In Minneapolis three French national parishes have existed, but only one - Our Lady of Lourdes Church, which faces the Mississippi River on Main Street Southeast - has retained its French traditions for a century.

Like many national groups in Minnesota. the French and French Canadians created a proliferation of social, insurance, literary, dramatic and political organizations from the 1850's to the 1920's. Some organizations were strictly Catholic in their orientation. Union St. Jean Baptiste lodges, which celebrated their saint's day annually on June 24, existed in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Crookston, Little Canada and other strongly French-Canadian parishes. The Union Catholique de l'Abstinence Totale. a temperance group, was formed in 1871 and the Catholic Foresters, a mutual aid insurance society, were also active in the Twin Cities. Although it was not formally Catholic, the Woodmen of the World, a secret fraternal group, and a French-Canadian chapter in each of the Twin Cities.

The period from the 1880's to the early years of the 20th century marked the high point of organizational

activity. In mid-1888 Minnesota had 21 French societies out of 287 in the United States with a total national membership of 43,051. Over the years 60 French-language newspapers were published in the Upper Midwest - 33 in Michigan, 15 in Illinois and 12 in the Minnesota cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth.

Some old customs seem to have survived in Minnesota, especially in the Gentilly area. For the most part, however, it can be said that the French and French-Canadian people have been so thoroughly assimilated that they are difficult to trace. Nevertheless they are still very much a part of Minnesota's population. As this is written, a locally organized Union Metis is hard at work researching the history and culture of its members' colorful forebears. It is to be hoped that others will follow their example.

## **PILOT - 1882**

### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 2, 1882.**

Norman Bowlby is now home from Valparaiso where he has been attending school. He will remain at home during the summer.

Mr. Smith, of the firm of Gardiner & Co., was down to Colfax a few days last week. He is an old operator, and took charge of the station at that place in the absence of the regular agent.

Chris. Schilling has sold out his stock of harness goods, mostly to Gifford, of Cabery, who will remove them on Wednesday. Mr. S's stay here is short.

The Kelsey boys from Paxton came in town last week with a carload of stock and farming tools. They will work on the Nelson Adams farms.

The women folks of the family of Aaron Munger "yank" the dinner bell rope on the McEwen farm, having moved there last week.

Fred Winzer is loading hardware, etc., on a car to be taken to Bonfield. Bob Wright has sold his meat shop to Geo. Woods who takes possession March 1st. Bob will work his brother Ed's farm.

I understand there is another girl to name down at Thomas Cook's.

I have just heard of the death of Sam Bouk who lived near Eldredgeville. It is said it was caused by vaccination.

The silver wedding anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cannon took place at their residence at Pilot Grove on Wednesday. About eighty persons were present, although the roads were in a very bad condition. Sixty-five dollars' worth of presents were received, I hear.

*We* had two weddings in town last week Wednesday. William Delay and Miss Maggie Brown and Robert Wheeler and Miss Hattie Wright. The latter couple were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wright, by the Rev. Mr. Worrall, of Kankakee. They are already keeping house, having moved on the old Wilcox farm.

### **Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 9, 1882.**

John Wheeler and family now occupy the upper rooms of his store building. Joseph Smeaton will leave the Brown eighty, and will work the Larson farm, while George Holmes will locate on the John Brown

farm, for the present year.

Nels Thorton's 3 year old boy fell backwards in a pail of scalding hot water, and received quite severe injuries. It is doing as well as can be expected.

Albert Ayres' little girl Hattie is quite sick with bronchitis.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 16, 1882.**

S. Inkster will move his family this week in Joseph Speicher's house in Herscher. A Mr. Dougherty from near Bourbonnais will have charge of the Dickey farm this season. Mr. Becker will leave James Bowlby's farm and locate on the Swarhout place in south Norton.

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Michael Murphy has sold his eighty, we learn, to Mr. A. Hossack for \$40 per acre.

Robert Earth, from near Perth, Canada, is visiting his cousin, J. B. Blair. William Blair, of Spink county, Dakota. who was here a few days last fall and has since been to Canada, is again here and will shortly leave for his home.

Miss Anna M. Gillies, who finished her school in the Hubbard district last week, will spend this week in Kankakee visiting, and will then go to Momence where she has relatives.

**OBITUARY - OLDEST LIVING WOMAN PIONEER**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 2, 1882.**

Mrs. Margaret Durham departed this life at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. David Perry, in Bourbonnais township, on Monday, Feb. 20, 1882, at the ripe age of 85 years. Margaret Wyly was born Nov. 22, 1796, in Hunt county, Tenn. At the age of 16 years she was married to Thos. Durham with whom she lived happily until his death in Kankakee county in 1854. She was a member of the society of Quakers 55 years. Her husband and his people were also members of this sect and being opposed to the institution of slavery the family, including "Uncle Tommy" and his brother (the father of "Uncle Billy" and "Uncle Pleasant Durham" set all their slaves free and moved North many years before the war. Thomas and his wife came to Kankakee county in 1838 where they have since lived and died. Mr. Durham was a mason by trade and erected for Mr. Hubbard the first brick building in Chicago. Mrs. Durham's family on her mother's side were a long-lived race, and it is related that when the subject of this article returned to visit her mother after an absence of over forty years, the old lady, then a hundred, could not recall the girl who, just in the dawn of womanhood, at the age of 16, left her protecting care and went out into the world with a young husband. All remembrance of her child had utterly faded from a mind clouded with the lapse of so long a period.

**MANTENO - 1882**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 2, 1882.**

Mr. Louis Trudeau, a young man aged about 23 years, who has been lingering for some time with consumption, died last Saturday morning and was buried on Monday. The silver cornet band, of which he used to be a member, rendered some very fine funeral music on that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lockie have gone East to visit relatives. Mrs. Morris from New York is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilkerson. Miss Libbie Elliot is in town visiting her sister, Mrs. F. Ellingwood.

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 9, 1882.**

Mose Girard, who has been violating the peace frequently of late, has been placed under bonds for three hundred dollars.

N. Blain and some others start for Dakota this week. They are loading half a dozen cars with household goods, farming tools, grain, etc.

M. R. Peters has commenced to build an addition to his house.

**LIMESTONE & SALINA - 1882**

**Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 9, 1882.**

A little daughter of Frank Chester got seriously burned last week by the accidental spilling of some hot grease from a spider. She is better now and is in a fair way to recovery.

Miss Fannie, daughter of C. E. Eggleston, is improving slowly and hopes are entertained that she will be able to walk soon.

The school taught by Miss Daylor in the Eggleston district will close tomorrow, and one in the Lane district taught by Mr. John Stokes closed last week. Miss Connors school in the Taylor district also closed last week. but the protracted meeting continues there yet, but with only moderate success, as only five or six who had not previously been church members have signified their intention of renouncing the pleasures of this material world and life, for those of the spiritual and immaterial, visible to the eye of faith.

The two little girls of Mrs. Henkle have been very sick with the measles but are now nearly well and it is believed that the disease will not spread any further in that neighborhood.

**KANKAKEE COUNTY SCHOOL RECORDS**

**Teacher's Permanent Record**

The following records were taken from a 1919 Book entitled "Teacher's Permanent Record". Each record was a separate sheet for each teacher listed. Information contained on the sheet included schools attended and dates, graduation date, number of professional credits, subjects taught, district number, and age in addition to the information listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Home Address</u>
Mary Jones	09 Apr 1896 14	Springfield, IL
Elsie Randall	Jul 1900 03	Buckingham, IL
Florence Andrews	Nov 1900 25	Sollitt, IL
Amanda Brunner	May 1897	Peotone, IL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Home Address</u>
Byron Changnon	12 Jul 1901	St. Anne, IL
James R. Lamport	23 Dec 1900	Momence, IL
Lester DuMontell	01 May 1901	Momence, IL
Ethel Young	28 May 1900	St. Anne, IL
Clarence F. O'Connor	20 May 1919	Chebanse, IL
Sherwood Costigan	02 Sep 1900	Chebanse, IL
James T. Gallahue	08 Jun 1899	Piper City, IL
Arthur P. O'Mara	09 Mar 1904	Piper City, IL
Gladys M. Beebe	03 Jan 1899	Kankakee, IL
Marguerite Cannon	20 Jan 1900	Gary, IN
Helen Cannon	18 Dec 1901	Gary, IN
Genevieve Mongeau	28 Aug 1901	Kankakee, IL
Florence Greene	19 May 1901	Chebanse, IL
Juliet A. Smith	01 Nov 1898	Chicago, IL
Ruby Corriveau	13 Dec 1900	St. Anne, IL
Cecile Senesac	26 Oct 1900	Bourbonnais, IL
Edna Gaston		Peotone, IL
Loretta Fordyce	31 May 1900	Chebanse, IL
James J. Shrontz	31 May 1900	St. Anne, IL
Annie Jackson		Herscher, IL
Muriel Lamarre	08 Mar 1900	Manteno, IL
Georgianna Gregoire	16 Oct 1898	Bourbonnais, IL
Cecelia Fallen?		Kankakee, IL, Route 2
Edith L. Piper	17 Jun 1897	Manteno, IL
Ada E. Baker	01 Jun 1899	Manteno, IL
Margaret Harms	01 Apr 1900	Peotone, IL
Marion Jansen	04 Oct 1899	Kankakee, IL
Eva Ann Schimpff	02 May 1901	Peotone, IL
Dorothy M. Schaadt	28 Aug 1895	Peotone, IL
Irene Plante	09 Nov 1900	Manteno, IL
Lillie Monnette	11 Feb 1900	Manteno, IL
Abbie R. Rieke	22 Jul 1899	Reddick, IL
Helen Rowe	31 May 1901	Reddick, IL
Susie Morse	27 Jul 1900	Reddick, IL
Lois Schultz	11 Mar 1898	Shelly, IN
Florence Gerth	16 Jan 1900	Cabery, IL
Jennie Canham	18 Oct 1899	Cabery, IL
Mildred Glass	18 Jul 1901	Buckingham, IL
Hazel Nutt (nee Porter)	31 Aug 1900	Cabery, IL
Pearl Ellis		Kankakee, IL
Lydia Wyatt	07 Mar 1901	St. Anne, IL, Route 1
Tina Todd	25 Feb 1892	St. Anne, IL
Neda Snyder	25 Jun 1867	Buckingham, IL
Jessie H. Vollmar	22 May 1899	Herscher, IL
Mildred Theis	19 Oct 1901	Kankakee, IL
Sara McMahon	05 Nov 1901	Peotone, IL
Martha Daily	10 Feb 1899	St. Anne, IL
Genevieve Daily	28 Mar 1901	St. Anne, IL
D. Muriel Ross	19 Aug 1897	Momence, IL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Home Address</u>
Violet Winnifred Fyffe	03 Mar 1897	Melvin, IL
Miriam Hoehn	05 Feb 1900	Bradley, IL
Elsie Dornburg	01 Aug 1898	Union Hill, IL
Sadie Shapland	24 Nov 1887	Cullom, IL
Henrietta Rogers	11 Apr 1901	Shoals. IN
Hattie L. Riggs	13 Jun 1898	Cabery, IL
Alice M. Healy	05 May 1897	Kankakee, IL
Olive Healy	11 Sep 1898	Kankakee, IL
Irene Koerner	10 Mar 1902	Cullom, IL
Celeste Burns	31, Jul 1902	Ashkum, IL
Mildred Gueste	17 Nov 1898	Reddick, IL
Helen Kuntz Kane	18 Mar 1899	Essex, IL
Jeanette Raymond	17 Sep 1901	Manteno. IL
Florence Keigher	01 Aug 1901	Manteno, IL
Mary L. Clark	25 Jun 1895	Momence, IL
Gertrude D. Porter	12 Nov 1900	Momence, IL
Margaret Nelson	28 Feb 1898	Momence, IL
Thomas Moran	01 Oct 1895	Reddick, IL
Francis Tennyson	04 Jun 1900	Joliet, IL
Edith G. Falter	06 Jun 1899	Kankakee, IL, Route 3
Margaret Moran	17 Jan 1900	Reddick, IL
Irene Moran	15 Dec 1897	Reddick, IL
Irene Mary Moran	05 Dec 1900	Manteno, IL
Flossie Shimmin	03 Feb 1896	Reddick, IL
Frances A. Dunn	26 Jan 1900	Essex, IL
Jennie Westerhoff	21 Dec 1899	St. Anne, IL
Laura M. Kewin	19 Aug 1881	Bonfield, IL
Sybil V. Bibler	04 Mar 1898	Buckingham, IL
Amelia Roggenburg	20 Nov 1898	Campus, IL
Ethel McDonald	13 May 1898	Essex, IL
Marion M. Richey	24 Oct 1899	Kankakee, IL
Cecelia Bumgardner	11 Nov 1899	Kankakee, IL
Mary Finch	28 Nov 1898	Kankakee, IL
Mrs. A. H. Keeley	11 Jul 1884	Kempton, IL
Rosamond Wilson	06 Nov 1898	Grant Park, IL
Belle Rice	20 Sep 1882	Momence, IL
Abbia Hallenbeck (nee Falter)	16 Jul 1897	Kankakee, IL
Jessie E. Ward	09 Mar 1885	Gilman, IL
Mrs. S. F. Bell	20 Mar 1861	Kankakee, IL
Maude Strubinger	17 Sep 1895	Allerton, IL
Frances Meister	02 Mar 1898	Buckingham, IL
Eunice Dickey	16 Dec 1888	Grant Park, IL
Gladys Bibler Reed	25 Jun 1896	Buckingham, IL
Mildred Smith	25 Feb 1897	Clifton, IL
Rosalind E. Hughes	30 Nov 1895	St. Anne, IL
Anita Nourie	12 Nov 1884	Momence, IL
Edith Redfield	02Dec 1890	Kankakee, IL
Jessie Greely	26 Mar 1894	Kankakee, IL
Mayme Greely	14 Sep 1882	Kankakee, IL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Home Address</u>
Gladys Porter	10 Oct 1900	Peotone, IL
Sr. St. John the Baptist (Bridget O'Connor)	28 Feb 1884	Manteno, IL
Edna Fontaine	15 May 1892	Manteno, IL
Sr. Mary Cecile (Leonille Laine)	06 Nov 1895	Manteno, IL
Sibyl Marie St. John	28 Mar 1898	Kankakee, IL
Agnes Barrett	31 Jul 1879	Kankakee, IL
Anna Longton	03 Feb 1887	Manteno, IL
Amy Mattocks	31 Aug 1898	Momence, IL
Clennie Little Schoenwald		Momence, IL
Nellie McCoy	15 Dec 1891	Bradley, IL
Dora Su	17 Jun 1900	Herscher, IL
May Roeth	07 Jan 1871	Kankakee, IL
Louise Roeth	11 Jul 1868	Kankakee, IL
Martha Searls	30 Jun 1899	Lexington, IL
Olivine LeSage	06 Jun 1876	Kankakee, IL
Florence Shipp (nee Gruber)	01 Jan 1901	Manteno, IL
Savilla McPheetes (nee Gruber)	01 Oct 1893	Manteno, IL
Faye Ferris	04 Oct 1899	Irwin, IL
Carrie McDermott	18 Dec 1895	Kankakee, IL
Mrs. Maude Hair	26 Sep 1891	St. Anne, IL
Opal Brunell	12 Sep 1898	St. Anne, IL
M. Antoinette Smith	24 Aug 1893	Manteno, IL
Loretta E. Smith	27 Feb 1897	Manteno, IL (died 1922)
Mildred Offerman	10 Dec 1899	Chebanse, IL
Rhoda Viall	28 Aug 1894	Manteno, IL
Gladys Whiting	20 Oct 1896	Momence, IL
Mary L. Tulley	26 Oct 1888	Symerton, IL
Lawerence Barns	31 May 1894	Chebanse, IL
Margaret Mulligan	08 Jan 1867	Essex, IL
Narcisse L. Marcotte	19 May 1880	Bourbonnais, IL
Ruth Otto (nee Mann)	20 Jan 1899	Manteno, IL
Marian Henry	29 Aug 1892	Kankakee, IL, Route 2
Mary K. Blatt	18 Sep 1893	Elwood, IL
Sister M. Eveline	23 Oct 1878	Concordia, KS
Dora Pasel (nee Dumais)	08 Jul 1897	St. Anne, IL
Mary McGowan	01 Oct 1895	Manteno, IL
Winifred Gray (nee Hamilton)	21 Jul 1892	Kankakee, IL
Elsie Overwright	14 Aug 1900	Buckingham, IL
Mary Esther Pfeil		Arzenville, IL
Margaret Calkins	06 Oct 1883	Aroma Park, IL
Ida Babin	17 Jan 1863	Kankakee, IL
Marie L. Carson	09 Sep 1897	Kankakee, IL
Frank Saltzgiver	01 Jan 1861	Kankakee, IL
Anna E. Maile	13 Feb 1875	Wilmington, IL
Ethel Lakin (nee Weaver)	11 Nov 1881	Kankakee, IL
Nellie Carroll	18 Aug 1875	Kankakee, IL
Bernadette Lavery	25 Aug 1887	Kankakee, IL
Cora A. Loiselle (nee Scroggins)	27 Sep 1886	Essex, IL
Nellie DeWitt Cleary (nee Liston)	28 Mar 1889	Chebanse, IL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Home Address</u>
Cecil Olsen	15 Aug 1894	Kankakee, IL
Katherine L. Adams	24 Sep 1878	Kankakee, IL
Anna Duffy	14 Sep 1884	Kankakee, IL
Flora Myers (nee Hendrix)	27 Jun 1878	Kankakee, IL
Frances E. Smith	01 Aug 1887	Kankakee, IL
Gladys A. Shunk	02 May 1898	Kankakee, IL
Luella Rice	07 Apr 1894	Kankakee, IL
Jennie Engles	31 Jun 1889	Essex, IL
Kathyrn McDermott	06 Dec 1865	Kankakee, IL
Irma B. Lee	06 Oct 1895	Kankakee, IL
Verna L. Dunn	13 Jan 1893	Essex, IL
Cecelia McGinnis	27 Aug 1893	Kankakee, IL
Mrs. Dora Sperry	09 Dec 1864	Kankakee, IL
Effie Lucus Shutters	11 Nov 1897	Kankakee, IL
May Scroggins	11 May 1876	Essex, IL
Irene Clement	29 Mar 1894	Kankakee, IL
Rose Helen Bergin	29 Jun 1894	Campus, IL
Lettie Westerville	07 Mar 1877	Buda, IL
Lillian M. Havens	28 Dec 1873	Kankakee, IL
Mabel Frankec	17 Dec 1880	Kankakee, IL
Mrs. Isabel Durfee	28 Apr 1867	Kankakee, IL (died 27 Nov 1922)
Josephine Durning	20 Aug 1885	Chebanse, IL
Delphine M. Brute	16 Dec 1894	Kankakee, IL
Honora Lavery	24 Dec 1860	Kankakee, IL
Ellen Murphy	02 Oct 1876	Kankakee, IL
Mabel I. Hilliker	21 Aug 1891	Kankakee, IL
Marie Parrell (nee Jackson)	12 Dec 1892	Momence, IL
Margaret Dennis (nee Cleary)	01 Aug 1892	Momence, IL
Lyle Brown	17 May 1898	Momence, IL
Leora Bagby (nee Bishop)	07 Sep 1899	Momence, IL
Blanche Marshall	21 Mar 1893	Momence, IL
Irma Gordimier	04 Jun 1891	Momence, IL
Gilbert A. Willis	26 Jan 1886	Momence, IL
DuWana McKennan (nee Rasmusen)	24 Mar 1896	Momence, IL
Evelyn B. Holmes	29 Oct 1875	Momence, IL
Frances G. Holmes	17 Mar 1874	Momence, IL
Helena B. Hardy	06 Oct 1896	Momence, IL
Margaret Greenwalt	07 Aug 1897	Momence, IL
Jennie M. Cleary	02 Jan 1883	Momence, IL
Mrs. Nelda Nusbaum	07 Nov 1894	Manteno, IL
Frances Knox (nee Fahey)	10 Apr 1899	Bradley, IL
Marguerite Beland (nee Fahey)	07 Nov 1895	Bradley, IL
Earl Hasemeyer	17 Dec 1889	Essex, IL
Lotus Hasemeyer	20 Feb 1892	Essex, IL
Agnes Calahan	08 Dec 1881	Essex, IL
Arline Skinner	29 Jul 1896	Essex, IL
Mary Ruth Murray	21 Apr 1894	Essex, IL
Anna Moffitt	27 Apr 1891	Nauvoo, IL
Aaro V. Soucie (nee Webster)	19 Oct 1894	Chebanse, IL



<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Home Address</u>
Josephine Collins	29 Feb 1892	Chebanse, IL
Myrtle Askew	04 Jul 1885	Donovan, IL
Edna Thurston	24 Mar 1897	Manteno, IL
Hattie Keigher	11 Oct 1894	Manteno, IL
Alma G. Lee	28 Oct 1892	Kankakee, IL
Ada Francis	04 Apr 1890	Iroquois, IL
Cora Shreffler	10 Apr 1893	Bonfield, IL
Mabel L. Shreffler	12 Nov 1889	Bonfield, IL
Sanford E. Merrill	14 Jan 1860	Park Ridge, IL
Eva Lilly	22 Oct 1891	Tefft, IN
A. George Cyr	26 Jul 1869	Kankakee, IL
Arletta Ginter	14 Apr 1900	Peotone, IL
Ella Elizabeth Ward	12 Jun 1896	Chicago, IL, 901 Newport Ave.
Mrs. Louise Gish	31 Mar 1871	Kankakee, IL
Gertrude Bouchard Livingston	22 Oct 1888	Miami, FL
Mildred Cora Wright	28 Jun 1900	Malta, IL
Ida Bouchard	31 Oct 1883	St. Anne, IL
John Bouchard	23 Jan 1879	St. Anne, IL
Isabel Bouchard	28 Aug 1878	St. Anne, IL
Bertha J. Collins	08 May 1894	Quincy, IL
Jessie F. Huffman	27 Aug 1885	Charleston, IL
Marguerite E. Fields	06 Sep 1895	Waynetown, IN
Clara B. Rorer	12 Aug 1875	Gilman, IL
Sr. Mary of Jesus (nee Arcolia Gagnon)	10 Jun 1877	Beaverville, IL
Amelia Majorowicz	14 Apr 1877	Cabery, IL
Helen M. Kraft	19 Nov 1893	Normal, IL
Lenore Jackson		Herscher, IL
Minnie Clayton	16 Oct 1889	Kankakee, IL
Miriam Moran	02 Sep 1898	San Pierre, IN
Edith M. Lampport	03 Nov 1898	Momence, IL
Adeline Amidon	26 Oct 1891	Herscher, IL
Meta Schott	06 Jun 1896	Reddick, IL
Ada Bowman	03 Nov 1872	Kankakee, IL
Josephine Richert (nee Joubert)		Kankakee, IL
Geraldine Kindig	27 Aug 1892	Monticello, IN
Marion E. Noble	20 Oct 1897	Bradley, IL
Elizabeth Love	09 Feb 1869	Kankakee, IL
Ruby McFadden	04 Nov 1894	Kankakee, IL
Olive Eleanor Poe	23 Feb 1895	Marengo, IN
Mrs. Agnes Christensen	22 May 1886	Momence, IL
Laura Little	15 Feb 1886	Momence, IL
Vera Jennings		Hebron, IN
Margaret Burns	02 May 1882	Kankakee, IL
Florence A. Thurston	1882	Manteno, IL
Alice V. Christensen	28 Jul 1885	St. Petersburg, FL
Eva A. Marcotte	30 May 1887	Kankakee, IL
Estella Larimer (nee Brouillet)	13 Feb 1900	Bradley, IL
Ethel Mulholland (nee Brouillet)	29 Jan 1898	Bradley, IL
Hazel Saidla	13 Mar 1890	Momence, IL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Home Address</u>
Neta Young	06 Apr 1875	Warsaw, IN
Leo Francis Costigan	06 Aug 1885	Chebanse, IL
William A. Costigan	04 Mar 1891	Chebanse, IL
Lucy J. Warner	03 Jul 1898	Manteno, IL
Bertha Bracken	19 Apr 1897	Kankakee, IL
Clara Wilson	05 Dec 1885	Grant Park, IL
Stella Trudeau	17 Apr 1894	Manteno, IL
Bess G. Walsh	28 Jun 1897	Campus, IL
Millie Kammann Proegler	13 Jun 1890	Kankakee, IL
Robert Dennis	29 Oct 1896	Grant Park, IL
Lomira A. Perry	11 Jun 1889	Willmette, IL
Edna Stehr	30 Nov 1892	Bonfield, IL
Juliane K. Jensen		Kankakee, IL
Mrs. Agnes Shrontz	01 Sep 1876	St. Anne, IL
Franklin N. Tracy	12 Aug 1849	Kankakee, IL
Josephine Gross (nee Klanska)	19 Feb 1899	Bourbonnais, IL
Isabella A. Burley	28 Apr 1871	Molta Montana
Lawerence Savage	11 Mar 1898	Reddick, IL
Verna Unz Gaus	04 Dec 1896	Herscher, IL
Olive Haslett	01 Jul 1897	Momence, IL
Mrs. Mayme Case	27 Jun 1890	Momence, IL
Mrs. Edythe Shunk	21 Jan 1878	Kankakee, IL
Lucy Carlos	18 Mar 1889	Manteno, IL
Marie Hanen Hanson	08 Aug 1896	Momence, IL
Henry Liberty	21 Nov 1871	Naperville, IL
Florence E. Tengdin	09 Oct 1894	Kankakee, IL
Kathryn C. Langan	03 Sep 1892	Kankakee, IL
Ada Obrecht	27 Sep 1891	Kankakee, IL
Dora E. LaMontagne	09 May 1887	Bourbonnais, IL
Daisy McDugle	11 May 1899	Reddick, IL
Mabel Belshaw		Kankakee, IL
Cecilia Helen Horan	06 Oct 1901	Chebanse, IL
Elizabeth Cloonen	1900	Clifton, IL
Laura Wagner	1901	Bonfield, IL
Katherine Mattocks	1889	Momence, IL
Mrs. Lucille Bel Cook	1899	Bradley, IL
Olive Dwyer	1901	Essex, IL
Ethel Fleming	17 Aug 1900	Herscher, IL
Constance Gusman	04 Feb 1900	Essex, IL
Lois L. Swope	14 Aug 1900	Buckingham, IL
Olive Wright	23 May 1900	Cabery, IL
Anna Longton	1893	Beaverville, IL
Sr. Philomena (nee Elizabeth Kavanaugh)	1898	Beaverville, IL
Stephen J. Fulton	15 Mar 1869	Grant Park
Ida L. Law	24 Oct 1884	Chebanse, IL
Aurora Su? Dyer	30 Aug 1895	Chicago, IL
Harriet Burr	19 Mar 1897	Essex, IL
Josephine Martin	16 Jan 1893	Kankakee, IL
Edith Johnson		Kankakee, IL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Home Address</u>
Samuel D. Saltzgeber	13 Mar 1862	Kankakee, IL
Lewis Ogilvie	10 Apr 1874	Kankakee, IL
Grace E. Hults	10 Aug 1891	Kinmundy, IL
Jennie Clute		Kankakee, IL
Dorothy H. Clary	14 Feb 1900	Kankakee, IL
Lula Mae Ross	17 Aug 1894	Hettick, IL
Edith Potter Smith	15 Jul 1898 26	Kankakee, IL
Paul Gray Miller	Mar 1896	Alton, IL
Candace Bally	04 Apr 1900 09	Bonfield, IL
Richard R. Smith Mrs.	Nov 1898 1883	Grant Park, IL
Mary R. Eddy Louise	17 Oct 1889	Gilman, IL
E. Barck Edna	03 Aug 1884	Hammond, IN
Changnon Flora Mae	22 May 1891	St. Anne, IL
Weller Marie R.	01 Feb 1894	Buckley, IL
Beardslee Vida Heeler	26 Sep 1886	Clifton, IL
Helen Henry (nee Ogilvie)	15 Mar 1898	Bonfield, IL
Florence L. Whittum	02 Dec 1896	Kankakee, IL Eaton
George Cyr	26 Jul 1869	Rapids, MI
Hazel Bittourna Hazel	04 Mar 1892	Kankakee, IL
Buhrmester Catherine	20 Dec 1899	Kankakee, IL
Mazur Mabel E.	22 Jul 1892 09	Kankakee, IL
Boyd Olive A.	Dec 1896 28	Momence, IL
Kluckholm' Anna	Feb 1893 08	Buckingham, IL
Louise Vial! Agnes C.	Feb 1897	Reddick, IL
Johce Anna R.	11 Feb 1893	Manteno, IL
Livingston Ellen	1881	Reddick, IL
Durham H. L. Neher	23 Nov 1878	Kankakee, IL
Gladys V. Reynolds	03 May 1892	Kankakee, IL
Pauline Changnon	23 Jun 1900	Kankakee, IL
Merle E. Iler	20 Jun 1899	Kankakee, IL St.
Emma P. Potter	13 May 1891	Anne, IL Thawville,
Katherine M. Quinlan	03 Apr 1892	IL Kankakee, IL
R. R. Robinson	1893	Posotum, IL
Carrie Hobbie (nee Brooks)	03 Feb 1880	Bradley, IL
J. A. Hands	03 Nov 1888	Kankakee, IL St.
Lawerence Benjamin		Anne, IL Momence,
Edna M. Schneider	10 Aug 1900	IL Kankakee, IL
Bessie Helen Skinner	19 Jul 1894	Kankakee, IL
Bert Lester	06 Feb 1901	Momence, IL
Sylvia Nyer (nee Goppert)	21 May 1883	Kankakee, IL
M. Reita Merrill Edith	05 Mar 1898	Kankakee, IL
Bittourna Marietta	21 Nov 1893	Kankakee, IL
Provancal Henrietta	28 Aug 1874	Kankakee, IL
Burr Mariette	31 Aug 1900	Essex, IL
Grandpre	03 Dec 1893	Bourbonnais, IL
Florence Davis (nee Vandervort)	08 May 1892	Kankakee, IL St.
Laura E. Robillard	11 Apr 1898	Anne, IL
	07 May 1894	

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Josephine Fortier (nee Mulvaney)	08 Apr 1890	Kankakee, IL
Rita Mary Naughton	30 Aug 1885	Manteno, IL
Harriet B. Johnson		Lockport, IL
Eleanor Keigher	1886	Braidwood, IL
Sr. of the Holy Redeemer	18 Jan 1879	Bourbonnais, IL
Sister St. Valerie	22 Jun 1890	Bourbonnais, IL
Sister St. Mary Achille	18 Nov 1888	Bourbonnais, IL
Sister St. Henry of Sweden	04 Dec 1883	Bourbonnais, IL
Sister St. Mary Hildegard	27 Dec 1886	Bourbonnais, IL
Sister St. Anastasia	20 Aug 1893	Bourbonnais, IL
John Danisage	02 Mar 1899	Braceville, IL
Willie Wood Carter	13 Aug 1899	Pembroke, Kent
Regina Caron	11 Sep 1896	Bourbonnais, IL
Inez Guest	30 Sep 1895	Reddick, IL
Mrs. Golda Carey Adams	17 Aug 1894	St. Anne, IL
Alva Christian Wolf	20 Apr 1901	Kankakee, IL
Mrs. Ella G. Anderson	31 Jul 1874	Chicago, IL
Nannie Cox		Stockland, IL
Anastasia O'Brien		Odell, IL
Caroline Luther		Champaign, IL
Mildred Manny		St. Anne, IL
Martha Mussman	22 Feb 1899	Grant Park, IL
Helen Galbraith	31 Dec 1895	Rockford, IL
Gertrude Ketcham	25 Jul 1896	Dwight, IL
Elsie E. Fleming	04 Aug 1893	Herscher, IL
Allice J. Richards	28 Mar 1890	Colorado Springs, CO
Laura L. Glass	14 Oct 1898	Buckingham, IL
Nancie Klein	31 Jul 1889	Urbana, IL
Louis L. Coty	23 Sep 1900	St. Anne, IL
Russell L. Giffin	05 Jun 1898	Charleston, IL
Aileen M. Crapo	13 Mar 1897	Kankakee, IL
Reba Randall	21 Dec 1897	Kankakee, IL
Mary Elizabeth Stallings Miller	16 Jun 1896	Alhambra, IL
Velma Loyds Greer	21 Jan 1893	Urbana, IL
Mrs. Alice E. Gray	04 Feb 1877	Idabell, OK
Mrs. Rose Deane Kibler	24 Apr 1889	Chicago, IL
Mrs. Nettie Bellinger Foster	20 May 1891	Momence, IL
Mary T. Courtney	07 Jan 1894	Kankakee, IL

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## KVGS MEETINGS & NEWS

### Upcoming Meetings:

Nov. 3, 2001  
 December 8, 2001

**Change of Location** - Bradley Public Library at 1 p.m.  
 Christmas Luncheon at noon - Green Briar  
 Restaurant Bring something of your ancestors or a  
 family story you wish to share with the group.

Thanks needs to be given to Toni Betourne for donating / *Remember.....Reminiscing on 78 Years of Mennonite Life in Denbigh*. Thanks also to Harry & Norma Olson for giving us a wonderful program as well as the book they compiled, *The Story of Ulysses Moore & Ollie Snyder, their Ancestors and their Descendants*. Thanks to member Wilfred Mateer who has provided the society with a copy of *1901-1902 Historical Souvenir of St. Paul's Church, Odell, Illinois*.

**Members** - we need your help in many ways!!! The society has grown and prospered for the last ten years due to the dedication of a small number of members. We need all members to donate time or resources to our society and collection. Now is the time to volunteer your services. Most of our officers have served in the same position for at least 8 years. We need people to oversee each new project and serve on the various committees. Please try to volunteer to help with the many duties necessary to keep our society going! We have never had a chairman of the Research Committee. If someone does not volunteer for this position in 2002, we will have to discontinue our current research policy.

A special thanks to Nelda Ravens who donated *1872-1972 St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Woodworth, Illinois*, as well as *Searching American Probate Records* by Fran Carter. A special thanks also to Pauline & Harlan Murphy who donated *Immigrant Kids* by Russell Freedman. The society purchased *Herscher High School - 100 Years of Excellence in Education* by Jim Ridings and *Lockport Cemetery - Inventory of Gravestones with History, Maps and Index* by Will/Grundy Co. Genealogical Society.

Research meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month and out-of-town members should write to the society requesting assistance with a particular ancestor. The Research Committee will look up information in all our publications as well as various histories and centennial books. Please realize it may take 4-6 weeks for a reply during our busy months.

The society has two new publications available. *The First Methodist Church 1854-1920* is now available softbound at a cost of \$18.00 (\$3.00 p&h). Hardbound copies will be available sometime in November at a cost of \$32.00 (\$3.00 p&h) This book contains 245 pages including surname index. Also available is the 1855 & 1865 Kankakee County Census at a cost of \$12.00 (\$2.50 p&h). This book contains 158 pages including surname index.

When a ship's `log' really was a log - Today, any bound record kept on a daily basis aboard ship is called a "log". Originally, records aboard sailing ships were kept by inscribing information onto shingles cut from logs and hinged so they opened like books. When paper became more readily available, "log books" were manufactured from paper and bound. Shingles were relegated to naval museums, but the slang term stuck.

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market, harness and barber shop, furniture store and other business houses. The shops and roundhouse of the Clarke city division of the Kankakee & Southwestern railroad are located at this place.

### KANKAKEE TOWNSHIP.

Kankakee is the smallest township in the county in area, consisting of seventeen and one-half sections of land, or about 11,000 acres. It lies in Township 31 North, Ranges 11 and 12 East, and Township 30 North, Ranges 13 and 14 West. It is irregular in shape, being six and one-half miles long on the north line, three miles on the south line, one mile in-width at the extreme east end, and four miles at the extreme west end, the reduction in width being accomplished by means of two jogs or insets on the south side of the town. The township was established February 11, 1855, that portion lying south of the Kankakee river being taken from Limestone and Aroma and the portion north of the river from the towns of Bourbonnais and Aroma, Limestone and Bourbonnais furnishing the largest amount of land.

The territory of the town and city of Kankakee is so nearly identical that separate records are kept only of highways and the care of the poor.

The public roads of the town, formerly almost impassable at certain seasons of the year, now are well macadamized with stone from the quarries in the city. While the commissioners of highways have spent a large amount of money on the roads, it has added much to the prosperity of the city, which probably pays 85 per cent of the money going into the hands of the commissioners of highways.

The cash system prevails in road improvements. Since 1892, when the city of Kankakee abandoned its special charter and organized under the general law, the commissioners of highways have received one-half of all the road and bridge taxes collected on property within the city limits.

Although the care of the poor is wholly a township matter, the officers have invariably been residents of the city. The greatest outlet for the poor fund is in the extension of temporary relief to needy citizens, although a small per cent of the poor have at times been inmates of the city or county almshouse.

Since its establishment certain of the poor have been kept at the county house, the expense for each occupant for board and medical attendance being two dollars a week.

At the present time Miss M. L. Hutton is employed jointly by the town and county of Kankakee to investigate personally all matters relating to the poor, and to report the same to the supervisor and officials, with such recommendations as she may deem wise in individual cases. For her services as agent the town pays \$40.00 a month and the county \$25.00.

This manner of caring for the poor has proved very satisfactory, the needy being better cared for, while those who have made a practice of imposing on the town when perfectly able to support themselves, have been compelled to go to work or seek new fields in which to practice their impositions.

The city of Kankakee was organized under a special charter, which provided that the mayor be ex-officio member of the board of supervisors. Under this provision the mayors took part in the proceedings of the board of supervisors from 1860 to 1892, at which time the city was reorganized under the general law, and the chief executive ceased to be a supervisor.

The town of Kankakee at present is represented on the county board by a supervisor and three assistants.

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

Real and personal property	\$1,899,234.00
I. I. & I. Railroad.....	52,423.00
Big Four Railroad .....	46,415.00
Kankakee & Seneca .....	8,896.00
Telegraph .....	385.00
Telephone .....	5,890.00
 Total	 \$2,013,244.00

Robert N. Murray was the first mayor of the City of Kankakee, who as such acted as ex-officio supervisor, and William Durham was the first supervisor, elected in 1855. Following him were: John C. Holliday, 1856; George V. Huling, 1858; Harrison Loring, 1860; John C. Holliday, 1861; Charles C. Wilcox, 1862; Henry Seeberger, 1865; James McGrew, 1869; Henry Seeberger, 1870; George V. Ruling, 1872; Daniel C. Taylor, 1874; George V. Huling, 1880; Daniel C. Taylor, 1881; Solon Knoght, 1884; J. Frank Leonard, 1886; D. C. Taylor, 1890; I. B. Hanna, 1892; W.' T. Gougar, 1898; J. Frank Leonard, 1900; and W. T. Gougar, 1904, the present supervisor.

# PART III.

## CITY OF KANKAKEE

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### CHAPTER XXVII.

#### CITY OF KANKAKEE.

The city of Kankakee was originally platted as the town of Bourbonnais. The name was changed in 1855 to the Town of the City of Kankakee, and in 1865 to Kankakee City, or city of Kankakee.

The town of Bourbonnais, as the city of Kankakee, as platted in June, 1853, lay in three Indian reservations set off to the chiefs or headmen of the Pottawatomies at the treaty of Camp Tippecanoe, October 20, 1832, and which was ratified January 31, 1833. These reservations were known as the Catish, Monteno and the Washington-Bourbonnais reservations.

The first, the Catish, is in township 30 North, Range 13 West, and the Monteno and Washington-Bourbonnais are in Township 31 North, Range 12 East, thus throwing the original town in two congressional townships.

The plat of the town was laid out to correspond to the direction of the railroad and not with the points of compass, and we find the township line running from East Court street, at a point in front of Mrs. Francis L. Hobbles' residence in a diagonal line across the city to the iron bridge across the Kankakee river at Station street, Court street east of Mrs. Hobbles' and the town line road west of the bridge being coincident with the township line.

All of that portion of the city lying north of

this line and east of Entrance avenue lies in the Monteno reservation, while that portion north of the line, and west of Entrance avenue, is in the Washington-Bourbonnais reservation. The lands east of Third avenue and south of the Iowa line, in VanMeter, Lindsay, Newton and Bacon's addition, and south to the north bank of the Kankakee river, is in the Catish reservation.

In those early days, as at the present time, there were those who succeeded in getting in on the ground floor, while others had a hard time crawling in the garret window. Such was the case in the purchase of land by the acre, and the subsequent platting of the same into lots, each of which sold for at least five times the price paid for one acre.

Title to the Catish and Monteno reservations was obtained by Isaac C. Elston, who transferred the same to George Griswold and others. Hiram Ketcham and George Gray were appointed trustees with full authority to sell, execute and deliver deed or deeds to the land, and the trusters in turn appointed R. B. Mason their attorney in fact, whose name appears on all deeds of conveyance of any lot or lots sold and deeded by the owners of the original town site.

The original town consisted of forty-three blocks. In 1854, Thomas R. VanMeter, Charles and D. C. Lindsay, Alvin Newton and Henry Bacon laid off what is known as the VanMeter, Lindsay, Newton and Bacon addition, lying west of the original town site and north of the town line in the Washington-Bourbonnais reservation.

In 1854 VanMeter and True's addition of two blocks was laid off by Thomas R. VanMeter and Abram True, and the same year Thomas R. VanMeter laid off two blocks north of the stone quarry, known as the VanMeter subdivision. The Associates addition of eighty blocks on the east and north side of the original platting was laid off by Ketcham and Gray in 1855.

In 1868 and 1872 the Associates second addition and the Associates north additions were platted. In 1854 Edward Chappel laid off twenty-four blocks south of the river and east of the Illinois Central tracks, and gave it the name of South Kankakee. Samuel M. Ayres and L. Boyd laid off forty-six blocks west of the Illinois Central tracks and south of the river, which was platted as the South addition to the city of Kankakee. Solon Knight laid off four blocks south of the river, and west of the railroad, which was designated Knight's addition.

Although platted as Bourbonnais, this city was first known as Kankakee Depot, which name it retained until February, 1855, when, *by* act of the legislature, it was changed to Kankakee city.

At a meeting held to effect village organization, the question of a change of the name came up, and although the name Kankakee city had a large support, the name Winnemac was the choice of the majority. Winnemac was an Indian chief whom Vasseur and Hubbard wished to honor, and in 1836 they had laid off a village and called it Winnemac. When the final charter was granted, Kankakee city was substituted for Winnemac, and in March, 1865, when a new charter was granted, the word city was eliminated.

The first charter, obtained in March, 1855, vested corporate power in the president and the board of trustees, and appointed Charles R. Starr, president; Hiram Whittemore and Charles R. Strong, trustees of the First ward; and Samuel L. Knight and Cyrus B. Ingham trustees of the Second ward.

The boundaries were limited to not exceed two miles square, with the Illinois Central depot as the center of the town. The city was divided into two wards, the east side of the Illinois Central railroad being the First ward, and the west side of the tracks the Second ward.

The duties of the first and appointive officers were to organize as a board, give proper notice of an election, canvass the vote and install the officers

elected.

The first election was held the second Tuesday in April, 1855, and there were three candidates for election for president: C. A. Lake, on the no-license ticket; Thomas P. Bonfield, on the license ticket, and Samuel L. Knight on an independent ticket. Thomas P. Bonfield was elected president.

The trustees elected were O. G. Butts and Robert Bradford for the First ward, and John Lamb and W. N. Bailey for the Second ward.

The offices of collector and constable were combined in the election of George Kerns. George M. Stowell was elected surveyor, and John W. Paddock attorney.

Much of the town site was heavily timbered, especially from Station street north to the Big Four, and it is a matter of regret that so little of the natural timber has been left standing.

We quote the following from Mr. Paddock's history, as to the action taken by our first board of city fathers relative to the disposition of trees or timber in certain streets:

"One of the first acts was to ordain against the proprietors of the town site and others to prevent them from cutting timber in the streets and alleys of the city.

"Another, that the constable sell at public auction on Monday, May 28, between the hours of nine and eleven A. M., all of the wood belonging to the town of the city of Kankakee, between the public square and Fifth avenue on Court street and Hickory street, and all logs lying on the river bank belonging to said town."

A rather unique ordinance was introduced by trustee Butts and passed by the board, which reads thus, "That the street commissioner be instructed to commence working the street at the mud-hole on East avenue, near the restaurant, and remove the hill in front of that place and fill up said hole."

The only fuel available in the early day was wood, and it was cheaper to cut and utilize the free wood from the property of others than to purchase from the farmers, and to such an extent was the destruction of trees both large and small carried on, that on June 11, an ordinance was passed imposing a heavy fine on those cutting timber from property other than their own. In 1859 all that portion of the city lying



south of the river was set apart as the Third ward, now the Fourth ward.

Thomas R. Perry, the first village engineer, established the grade of Court street and East avenue.

The city was at that time divided into four wards, the First ward included the territory north of Merchant street and east of the railroad. The Second ward that south of Merchant street to the river and east of the Illinois Central tracks; the Third ward that west of the railroad and north of the river; and the Fourth ward comprised that south of the river.

The aldermen were as follows: First ward, Frederick Swannel and John Durham; Second ward, Edwin B. Warriner and Stoton A. Robinson; Third ward, Stephen R. Moore and George Diehl; Fourth ward, Aaron A. Ames and J. Inghram.

The following year that portion of the Third ward north of Court street was detached and became the Fifth ward, its first officers being Adam Funk and George Diehl.

At the time of the reorganization of the city in 1892, the following changes in the ward boundaries were made:

The First ward includes all the territory north of Court street and between Chicago avenue and the Illinois Central tracks.

The Second ward, all of the territory south of Court street and between Chicago avenue and the Illinois Central tracks.

The Third ward all of the territory south of Court street and west of the Illinois Central tracks, extending to the river.

The Fourth ward, includes all of the territory south of the river within the city limits. The Fifth ward, all the territory north of Court street and west of the Illinois Central tracks,

The Sixth ward, all of the territory east of Chicago avenue and south of Court street.

The Seventh ward, includes all the territory north of Court street and east of Chicago avenue.

In the early days much of the grain was handled in bags, which the buyers furnished the farmers, receiving the grain direct from the threshing machines or corn sheller.

Each dealer would keep on hand from 3,000 to 6,000 sacks for the accommodation of the farmers, and as these sacks cost forty-five or fifty cents each, and on the average did not last longer than two years, the expense attached to this method was considerable. As the

farmers became established and prosperous, granaries were built, and the furnishing of sacks was discontinued.

Corn marketed in the ear was shovelled into cribs and shelled at times when there was not such a rush of grain coming to town. The writer remembers lines of wagons waiting to unload, that extended as far east as Dearborn avenue on Court street. This was the rule rather than the exception.

The advent of the present platform wagon dump, the invention of Samuel C. Kenaga, at that time in the grain business in Kankakee, greatly facilitated the handling of all kinds of grain.

The territory which contributed grain to the Kankakee market. extended as far west as Norton township, and as far east as forty miles, and many of the wagons returned loaded with lumber.

The city was hampered by the restrictions of the old charter, granted in 1855, and a second charter was granted in 1865 giving the city extended privileges and authority. The first officers under the new charter were: Mayor, William G. Swannell; collector, Richard Lavery; treasurer, A. E. Davis; assessor, Rodney Ashley; attorney, Mason B. Loomis; clerk, Milton D. Butts; marshal, Charles G. Willis; street commissioner, J. C. Adams; surveyor, William H. Matthewson.

March 12, 1892,- a special election was held to vote on the question as to whether Kankakee should incorporate under the act of April, 1872. The election resulted in the affirmative by a vote of 604 for, and 219 against such incorporation. At the time George R. Letourneau was mayor of the city.

Under the mayorship of Mr. P. J. Kelley, the requirements were fulfilled and the organization completed.

In 1895, John H. Brayton was elected mayor, and through his efforts twelve blocks of the business streets were paved with brick, and Indiana avenue was macadamized from Cypress street south to the river. This work was done by special assessment on the frontage of the property, and paid for with a bond issue running five years. The city's proportionate share for the work was about sixteen thousand dollars. Prior to and since that time all street

work has been at the expense of the city. Much credit is due Mr. Brayton for his efforts in the prosecution of this work, which has been of great practical value to the city. Kankakee has forty-four miles of macadamized streets, thirty-two miles of cement curbing, fifty miles of cement walks, and twenty-nine miles of sewers.

The city owns and operates a stone quarry and crusher, in consequence of which the material for the construction and repair of our streets is obtained at a very low figure, far below the amount charged for work done by special assessment on Indiana avenue in 1895.

The city has a bonded indebtedness of about \$65,000.

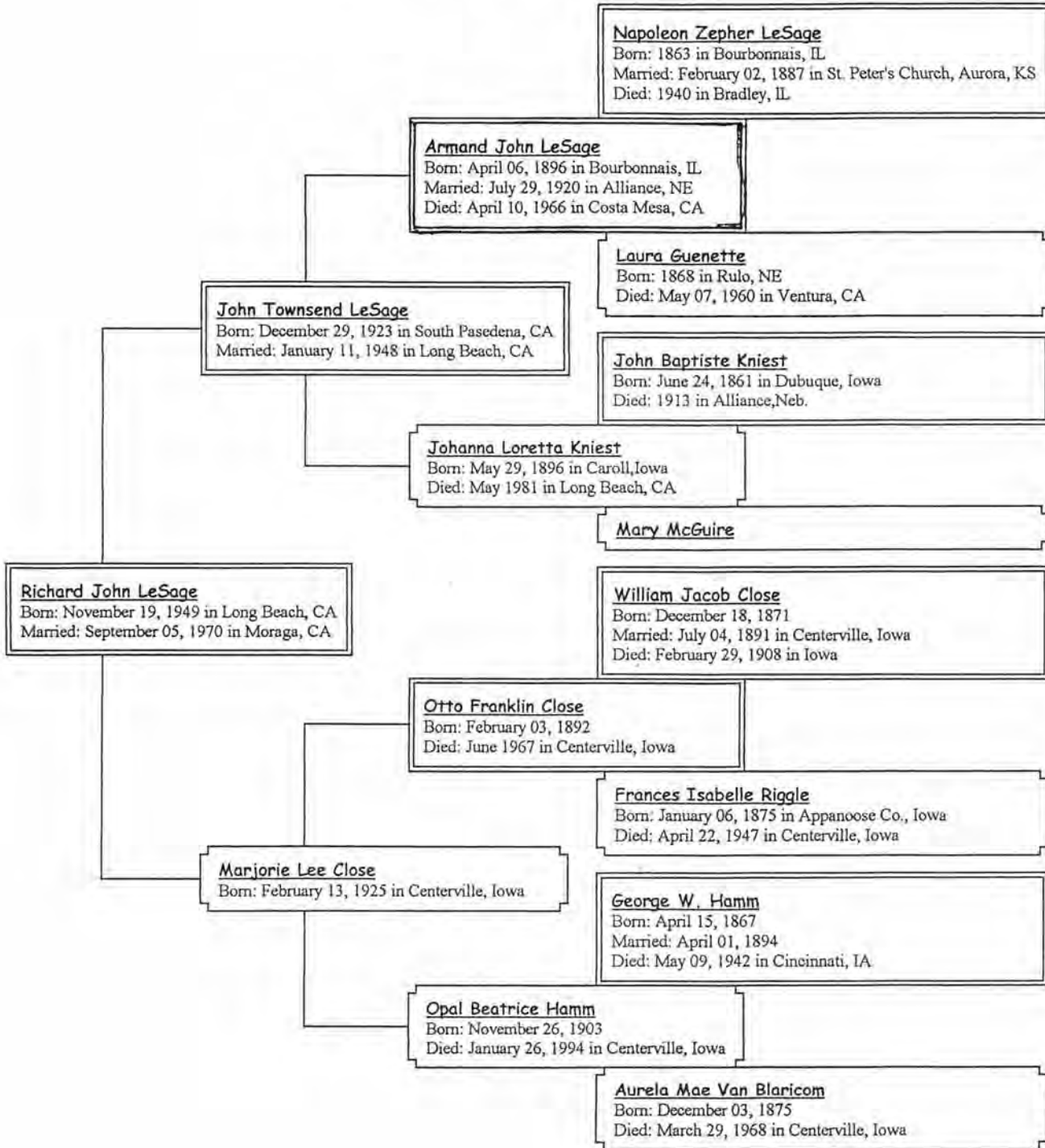
## EARLY SETTLERS.

Among the early settlers of the city of Kankakee were the following:

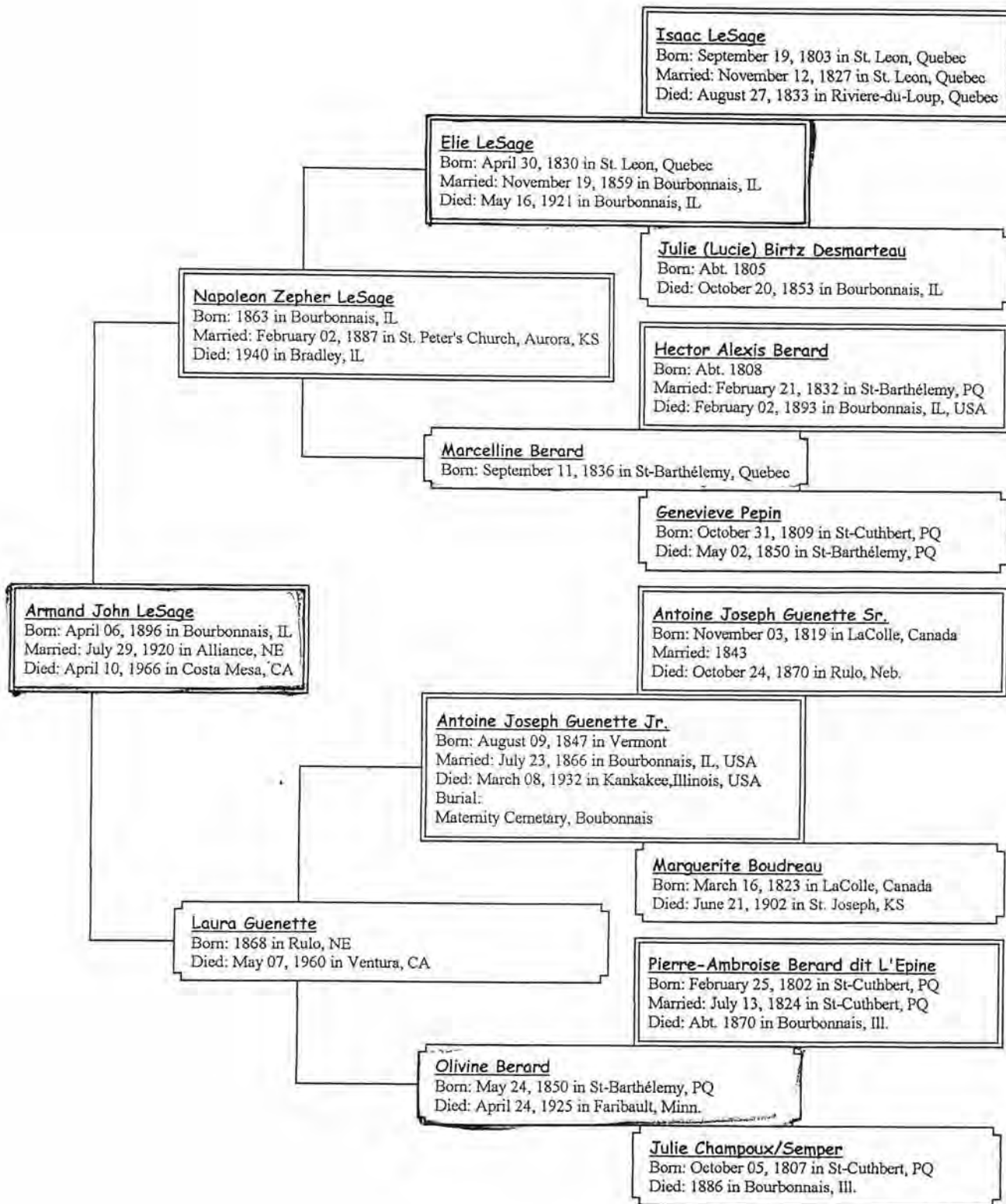
Abram True, proprietor of the Half-Mile House; Samuel L. Knight, proprietor of the American House and the first postmaster; Solon Knight, dealer in lumber, later in the stone business; C. R. Starr, attorney; Philip Worcester, first county judge; John W. Paddock, attorney; William Durham, merchant; John Durham, merchant; Jephtha and Lorenzo Ripley, hardware merchants; Dr. J. M. Mack, physician; Dr. C. W. Knott, physician; Thomas, Albert and Henry Perry, bankers; A. W. Mack, banker; Hiram Whittemore, banker and real estate; Truman, Alonzo and George Huling, brokers and dealers in grain; John B. and William Dusinbury, painters; Peter Wilbur, grocer; Cyrus Ingham, farmer; Rodney Ashley, justice of the peace; Charles M. Vaughn, justice of the peace; Edward Chappell, owned and platted the town site east of the Illinois Central; Alexander E. Diamond, proprietor of the Grove City hotel, now standing east of the Chicago store; Albert G. Hobbie, farmer on East Court street, built the stores now owned and occupied by Norris and Frith; Thomas P. Bonfield, attorney; Clark P. Strong, merchant; James McGrew, George Vail and Benjamin Lease, farmers and extensive raisers of broom corn; Thomas and Andrew Kerr, hardware; Stephen R. Moore, attorney; Louis Goudreau, hardware; Frederick Swannell, dry goods; William G. Swannell, druggist; Samuel C. Kenaga, farming and grain dealing; William F. Kenaga, farming and grain dealing; Newton and Herman Kenaga,

print. ers; Daniel Kenaga, student; William H. Bristol, proprietor of the County Democrat; N. G. Halsey, grocer; Deidrich Ehrich, grocer; Vincent Stamm, baker; Joshua Aldrich, painter; Dr. Auringer, physician; John Tunnison, employee of the Illinois Central railroad; William Whitcomb, boots and shoes; Thomas Beedy, dealer in live stock and later grocer; Charles P. Townsend, jeweler; Daniel Taylor, farmer and constable; William Sibley, general store keeper; D. S. Parker, editor of the Kankakee Gazette; Pleasant Durham, retired farmer; C. A. Lake, attorney; Augustus Chester, first proprietor of the Kankakee Gazette; Augustus M. Wylie, farmer; James C. Perry, transfer business; Washington Selby, laborer; S. P. Smith, photographer; Joseph Lecour, dry goods; Bliss Sutherland, dry goods and groceries; Jacob Fluke, boots and shoes; John C. Mateer, contractor; R. O. Scovill, contractor; Aaron Ames, dentist; M. D. Butts, lumber; Daniel H. Paddock, James H. Paddock, Henry C. Paddock, students; Rev. W. B. Mack; James Lamb, proprietor of the Earthquake block; Roger D. Sherman, carpenter; Benjamin Morrow, proprietor of the Murray house; Jerry Smith, blacksmith; Rev. James C. McLean, first Methodist minister; "linchrod and Eppstien, clothing; Husted, contractor and builder; Knecht and Walker, clothing; C. B. Woodruff, private school; Vene Williamson, marble business; Volney Bailey, druggist; E. D. Kenworthy, tailor; A. Babst, cabinet maker; L. A. Bristol, dry goods and groceries; John Dale, grocer; James Fenton, architect and builder; Holiday & Reed, grain; Alanson Hawkins, butcher; William McNaughton, harness shop; James M. Perry, second county clerk; Powers & Earl, livery; Captain Stiles, grocer; W. Henry Tower, stationer; Dr. A. D. Wilson, physician; Peter Webler, foundryman; Beach & Massman, painters; E. A. Sizer, dry goods; John Castle, dry goods; John B. Welch, grocery; Nelson Dufault, bricklayer and plasterer; Hoaglin Brothers, lumber; W. S. Hoyt, toll collector Kankakee bridge under the Illinois Central track; Alpiner & Weinreb, tobacconists; William A. Ott, butcher; Chauncey M. Payne, proprietor of the VanMeter hotel, still standing; Robert Bradford, merchant; John P. Gamble, blacksmith; Hitt, Clark & Lease, lum-

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## CHRISTMAS WISHES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

If I could do what I would like to do, I'd give  
a special Christmas gift to you. No fancy  
package or a satin bow-- Just magic wishes  
for the ones I know.

I'd zig your body where it may have zagged, And  
lift you up in places that have sagged, You'd wear  
no bridge to fill a toothless space  
Or store-bought teeth designed to warp your face.

I'd make you slim without one diet pill,  
And folks would never know you've climbed the hill. I'd  
take away the fat beneath your chin, And you could find  
your hidden neck again.

I'd mix a tasty drink to end all pain,  
And you could throw away your walking cane. Then  
I'd perfect a good cholesterol,  
So greasy food would be the best of all.

I'd plant a button just beneath your skin, That you  
could punch to hold your stomach in. And then to  
prove how much I really care, I'd put a motor on  
your rocking chair.

But since the gifts that you'd receive from me Cannot  
be placed beneath a Christmas tree, I wish you loads  
of love and Christmas cheer And may God bless you  
day by day next year.

(by: Author Unknown)

Given to Nelda Ravens by her friend, Verna May Fitch  
January - 2001

### INTERESTING FACTS

Although we all know the song "Happy Birthday to You", few people know its history. It was written in 1893 by 2 school-teaching sisters in Lexington, ICY, Patty and Mildred Hill. They first wrote it as "Good Morning to You" for a classroom greeting. Later, they changed the lyrics to "Happy Birthday to You" - and the song became world famous.

Who was the only U.S. President who studied to become a medical doctor? Answer is the 9th President, William Henry Harrison, who studied at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

Strangely enough, 32% of all the names of states in the U.S. start with either the letter "M" or

Of all the states east of the Mississippi River, which was the last one admitted to the Union?  
Answer: West Virginia.

Three U.S. Presidents were born in the same county - Norfolk County, Massachusetts - and all were named John: John Kennedy, John Quincy Adams and John Adams.

Which is the only major U.S. city founded by a woman? Answer is Miami, Florida. In 1895, Julia Tuttle convinced railroad officials to extend their railroad south to where Miami is now -and the city grew from that.

Contrary to popular opinion, the Liberty Bell didn't crack during the Revolutionary War. Its famous crack occurred when it rang for the funeral of Chief Justice Marshall in 1835.

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