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QUARTERLY EXTRACTIONS

Marriage Tidbits

"From early in the 19th century, the typical man married in his middle or late twenties, usually to a bride a few years younger", "most couples were married by a minister at the bride's home, although church weddings grew in popularity from about the 1820's on and were the norm by the nineteenth century. Civil services by Justice of the Peace were available throughout the period," "weddings were usually held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday due to the minister's heavy weekend schedule."

"Due to the slowness of travel and the primarily agricultural society, most weddings were attended by only nearby relatives and neighbors until the 1850's. Distant family members were visited as part of the honeymoon or wedding tour. Sometimes other family members joined the newlyweds on these trips. It was not until the 1860's that the bridal tour became a private affair."

Taken from "the Writer's Guide to Everyday Life in the 1900's" by Marc McCutcheon via Will/Grundy Counties, Illinois Genealogical Society Newsletter. June 2005.

GENEALOGY SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

National Genealogical Society 2006 Conference

The National Genealogical Society will sponsor its 2006 conference at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Chicago on June 7-10, 2006. Look for further information in upcoming quarterlies.

Federation of Genealogical Societies

The FGS in association with the Utah Genealogical Association will present *Reminders of the Past: Visions for the Future*. This event will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, September 7-10, 2005. The event offers over 130 lectures and workshops on all levels of genealogical research. Classes will be sponsored by BCG, ICAPGen, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and other organizations. Registration information is available at www.fgs.org/2005conf/FGS-2005.htm.

ISGS Building Family Bridges: Linking the Present to the Past

The Illinois State Genealogical Society's fall conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, Itasca (4 miles south of Woodfield Mall) on Saturday, October 15, 2005. Cost to ISGS members is \$35; \$40 to non-members. Programs include:

FTM/TMG Genealogy Software Duel, Part 1 & 2
Mourning: A Very Elaborate Communications System, Part 1 & 2
Extra! Extra! Read all about your Ancestors
Internet, LDS Family History Centers, Libraries & On-Site
Preserving your Home Movies for Future Generations
European Ethnic Resources in Chicago
Excavating Grandma's Privy for Family History Data
Creating Order out of Chaos

Carolyn Meeker/Bev Smallwood
Helen Sclair
Jeff Bockman
Maureen Brady
Everett Butler
Jack Simpson
Craig Pfannkuche
Tony Burroughs

For further information, see www.rootsweb.com/~ilsqs/fallconf/2005falconf.html.

PSA 27th Annual Genealogy Conference

The conference is "The Pillars Of Genealogy" at the Schaumburg Marriott in Schaumburg, Illinois. Cost of the conference is \$75 for members and \$97 for non-members. Featured speakers are Adam Jedryka, Mike Karsen,

Grace DuMelle and Sonja Hoeke-Nishimoto. Adam Jedryka's topics will cover Family Research in Galicia, Polish Genealogy Websites and how to use them effectively and Common Problems with Polish Names. Mike Karsen's topics will be How to Find your Central/Eastern European Ancestor's Hometown and Jewish Genealogy. Grace DuMelle speaks on Chicago Genealogy 101, Exploring the Resources of the Newberry Library and Uncovering your Past in Land Records. Sonja's topics are Polish Gazetteers, Hamburg Passenger List and Extracting a Polish Parish. The conference will be held from September 16-18 at the Marriott at 50 N. Martingale Road.

FVGS 23th Annual Conference

The Fox Valley Genealogical Society presents *More Excellent Adventures in Genealogy* on Saturday, September 24, 2005, at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Rd., Naperville, IL. John Philip Colletta is the featured speaker who will present the following programs:

Passenger Arrival Records, 1820-1957
Using Original & Derivative Sources: How to Evaluate Evidence
Lesser-Used Federal Records: A Sampling for Fresh Research Ideas
Using Artifacts in Family History Research & Writing

Cost is \$30 for FVGS members and \$35 for non-members. A registration form can be printed out at their website at www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs/fvgs1.htm.

KVGS WEB NEWS

In case you haven't noticed, we now have posted quarterlies on our website through Volume 15 including the Index to Volumes 1-15.

Chicago Websites:

Chicago Neighborhood Information - ecuip.lib.uchicago.edu/diglib/social/cityofneighborhoods/lws/con_tour_j-k.html
Photographs from the Chicago Daily News 1902-1933: memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpcoop/ichihtml/cdnSubjects267.html
Digitized Guide to the Chicago Street Renumbering System of 1909 www.chsmedia.org/househistory/1909snc/start.pdf

Historyworld

This is a huge fascinating website with worldwide histories and timelines.
www.historyworld.net/default.asp

World War I

Memories and diaries from World War I. Did your ancestor or relative leave an account or a personal narrative? You might find it here www.firstworldwar.com/diaries/index.htm

1883 KANKAKEE COUNTY MARRIAGES

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

(22 Feb 1883) In Buckingham, Jan 17, 1883, by Rev. Joe Bell, Thos. E. Patterson and Miss Alice Cornwell, both of Norton.

(22 Feb 1883) In Pilot, Feb. 12, 1883, by Rev. A. C. Olson, Thomas T. Thorson and Miss Celia Hill, both of Milk's Grove, IL.

(22 Feb 1883) In St. George, Jan. 28, 1883, by Rev. I. C. Lesage, Dennis Cote and Mrs. Mary Broutt, both of St. George.

(22 Feb 1883) In St. George, Feb 6, 1883, by Rev. I. C. Lesage, Moise Dandurand and Miss Exilda St. Aubin, both of Ganeer.

(22 Feb 1883) In Kankakee, Feb. 6, 1883. by Rev. P. Paradis. Adolphus N. Goss and Miss Odille Legerot. both of Kankakee.

(22 Feb 1883) In St. George, Feb. 5, 1883, Edward Manning, of Manteno, and Miss Delia Lagesse, of Bourbonnais.

(22 Feb 1883) In Grant Park. Feb. 12, 1883, by Rev. Geo. B. Millar, Jay Wellington Shedd and Miss Hattie Felt, both of Yellowhead.

(22 Feb 1883) In Manteno, Feb. 15. 1883, by Rev. Wm. Campbell, Henry Gilkerson and Miss Lucy Reed, both of Manteno.

(22 Feb 1883) In Kankakee, Feb. 13, 1883, by A. Zinkann, Eli Odette and Miss May Hess, both of Kankakee.

(22 Feb 1883) Feb. 14, 1883, by Rev. W. K. Collins, Rollin L. Gruver and Miss Effie C. Vining, daughter of Jefferson Vining.

(01 Mar 1883) In Kankakee, Feb. 22, 1883. John Anderson and Miss Annie Young, both of Yellowhead.

(01 Mar 1883) In Kankakee. Feb. 14, 1883, by L. Ripley, Dr. M. H. VanRiper and Mrs. Maggie Fritz, both of Kankakee.

(01 Mar 1883) In Kankakee, Feb. 21, 1883, by Rev. N. H. Axtell, Joshua Bales and Miss Belle Thayer, both of Ganeer.

(01 Mar 1883) In Kankakee, Feb. 20, 1883, by Rev. G. A Mueller. Isaac Stahly and Miss Katie Ziehr. both of Ashkum.

(01 Mar 1883) In Kankakee, Feb. 22 1883. by Rev. W. F. Walker. Leonard Sykes, of Chicago, and Miss Bertha Albert, of Kankakee.

(01 Mar 1883) In Momence, Feb. 18, 1883, by A. S. Vail, John H. Betz, of St. Anne, and Miss Susan Wilson, of Ganeer.

(01 Mar 1883) In Pilot, Feb. 15, 1883, by Rev. G. Bruegmann, Fred Emme and Miss Augusta Lucow, both of Pilot.

(01 Mar 1883) In Yellowhead. Feb. 18, 1883, by Rev. P. Graef, Martus Lau and Miss Dora Storm, both of Yellowhead.

(01 Mar 1883) In Essex, Feb. 8, 1883, by Rev. C. Roloff, Herman F. Schosser and Miss Salome S. Meyers, both of Essex.

1883 KANKAKEE COUNTY BIRTHS

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette.

<u>Son/Dau.</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Date</u>
Daughter	Mrs. I. Bourgeois, St. Anne	10 Dec 1882
Daughter	Mrs. Ed. Pallisore, St. Anne	15 Jan 1883
Daughter	Mrs. Charley Vezine, St. Anne	22 Jan 1883
Son	Mrs. Joseph Caron. St. Anne	11 Feb 1883

<u>Son/Dau.</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Date</u>
Son	Mrs. F. Doret, St. Anne	23 Jan 1883
Daughter	Mrs. R. Marshall, St. Anne	30 Nov 1882
Daughter	Mrs. H. H. Baldwin, Momence	19 Feb 1883
Daughter	Mrs. Rudolph Hoz, Kankakee	05 Feb 1883
Daughter	Mrs. Geo. Kelly, Kankakee	14 Feb 1883
Son	Mrs. Wilhelm Hass, Kankakee	14 Feb 1883
Daughter	Mrs. Gottlieb Strachler, Kankakee	18 Feb 1883
Son	Mrs. Ed Conolly, Kankakee	27 Feb 1883
Son	Mrs. Gottlieb Henderer, Kankakee	14 Feb 1883
Son	Mrs. K. Rickeman, Kankakee	14 Feb 1883
Son	Mrs. Solon Hayden, Yellowhead	17 Jan 1883
Son	Mrs. Fred Kuenstnel, Yellowhead	11 Feb 1883
Son	Mrs. Fred Schroeder, Grant Park	15 Dec 1883
Daughter	Mrs. H. E. Kent, Aroma	25 Feb 1883

1883 KANKAKEE COUNTY DEATHS

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

(22 Feb 1883) In this city, Feb. 17, 1883, of consumption. John Lynch, aged 30 years.

(22 Feb 1883) In this city, Feb. 16, 1883, of dropsy, James Hutchinson. aged 30 years.

(22 Feb 1883) In Kankakee, Feb. 8, 1883, Elisa, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Drolet.

(22 Feb 1883) Charles Carrol. only son of Charles B. and Sarah S. Danforth, departed this life Feb. 11, 1883, after a lingering illness with consumption. A large gathering of friends and neighbors met at the home of Brother and Sister Danforth to pay the last sad rites to their only son. It was a sad scene and solemnity pervaded all present. The services were conducted by W. T. Kerr, of Chebanse, after which the remains were followed by many friends to the Kankakee cemetery. Carrol, for by that name he was best known, was a patient sufferer. never complaining. He arranged all of his affairs, selecting his place of burial and pall bearers, which directions were carried out as requested: and last, but not least, he prepared himself for the future. His hope was in Christ, the sure foundation, and his last words were, "I am going home:" and to the loved ones he said, "Meet on the other shore." He was born in New Hampshire, June, 1850. Moved with his parents to Kankakee county in 1866. Carroll was respected and loved by all who knew him. Lillie, the only daughter and sister. is left with her parents and we hope she may be spared to comfort them in their old age. She feels deeply the death of her only brother and all sympathize with her in this sore bereavement. I feel that I can say that all join me in commending this family who are so much loved and respected in this community to Him who says, "Cast all your care upon me," for we can surely feel that He does care for us and His word says, "Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning."

(01 Mar 1883) In Momence, Feb. 24, 1883, of heart disease, William Moyer, aged 71 years.

(01 Mar 1883) Coroner Schmidt held an inquest last Saturday on the remains of William Moyer, a farmer residing near Momence, who died suddenly with heart disease. The man's age was 71.

(01 Mar 1883) In Aroma, Jan. 31, 1883, of pneumonia, Bertha Benjamin, aged 2 months and 5 days.

(01 Mar 1883) George Beauchamp, whose death occurred last Sunday forenoon, was a well-known business man of this city who numbered his friends by the thousand and was cordially liked for his genial and sensible traits of character - a man whose sterling honesty and candor won for him a respect which time will never diminish. The announcement of his death was received with regret among all classes of our people. Generous and sympathetic to an unusual degree, he entered into the woes or pleasures of humanity with a heartiness that imparted a nobility to his character which it will be his friends chief delight to recall. George F. Beauchamp was born in Canada, Oct. 12, 1844. His family came to Bourbonnais in 1851, and after a residence of a year or so in that village they moved to Chicago where his father, Felix Beauchamp, kept the Lafayette hotel. Their next move was to Aroma where the

senior Beauchamp was landlord of the hotel. In 1860 the family removed to Kankakee and in the year following George entered Thompson's drug store. Soon afterward he continued his apprenticeship in Bonfield's and subsequently became prescription clerk for W. G. Swannell. In 1871 he went into business for himself and was soon recognized as one of the most successful business men in the city. His brother-in-law, George Babel, became associated with him in October, 1878, and the firm of Beauchamp, one in this section. Mr. Beauchamp was a member of the city council for six years and brought the same clear judgment to bear in his official acts that he exercised in prosecuting his own business affairs. In 1871 he married Miss Kate Babel, the step-daughter of our well-known and respected townsman, V. Stamm. One child, a boy, was the fruit of this union. Mr. Beauchamp's last illness dates back a period of nearly two months. its first manifestation being in the form of malarial fever which seized hold of his lungs and developed into quick consumption. A remote cause of his death is a wound he received when a boy in Chicago. While sitting on the pier one day a tug boat crushed his ankle, the injury generating a running sore which closed last August. His system seemed to absorb the poison from that time.

The funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon.

(01 Mar 1883) On Saturday morning of last week, John Fritz, a German resident of South Kankakee, took poison and died after a period of six hours of suffering. It is stated that the deceased has for a number of years been "queer" in his head, and it is also rumored that he once before attempted suicide. Be these rumors true or not it is certain that for six weeks past he had been ill and for several days preceding his death he had been suspected by his family of having some nefarious design and was therefore closely watched, his brother-in-law, William Mink, remaining with him at night to guard as well as nurse him. On Thursday of last week Fritz came over town and bought ten cents worth of arsenic, about half an ounce. On Saturday morning between three and four o'clock he wished to be allowed to go out of the house for a few minutes but was prevented. He then went into the pantry and took the arsenic and came back to bed. After the poison began to take affect he informed the family what he had done. A physician was called and arrived at nine o'clock. By that time Fritz was vomiting and evacuating blood and pieces of the stomach tissue. The poison had permeated his system thoroughly and no treatment could avail to counteract its effects. He died between ten and eleven o'clock. An inquest was held and a verdict in accordance with the above facts was returned. The deceased was last employed in the oil mill, but since the mill shut down he has been idle. He leaves a wife and seven children, ranging in years from fifteen downward. His property consists of a small homestead.

(08 Mar 1883) In Sumner, Feb. 16, 1883, pf pneumonia and measles, Mrs. Zelia Laclaire Bruley. aged 20 years.

(08 Mar 1883) In Sumner, Feb. 23, 1883, of scarlet fever, Clara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. VanWert, aged 1 year, 3 months and 25 days.

(08 Mar 1883) The obsequies of the late George F. Beauchamp were observed at the Presbyterian church last Wednesday afternoon in the presence of an audience which filled even the standing room of both auditorium and parlors. Rev. Mr. Worrall preached a forcible and eloquent sermon and Rev. W. F. Walker, of the German Methodist (so-called) church delivered a prayer. The floral tributes contributed by Howard lodge. I.O.O.F.. were peculiarly appropriate and beautiful, consisting of a three-link emblem, an anchor, a cross and other devices. The bearers were N. Rivard, M. D. Butts, Ulrich Erzinger C. F. Keatley. Fred Broeker and Wm. Gelino, all members of the Odd Fellows order. A procession of forty-five vehicles followed the remains to Mound Grove where the Odd Fellows ritual for the dead was conducted by W. G. Swannell, deputy grand master, and O. Ripley. past grand master. Mr. Swannell's address was extempore and was highly commended.

(08 Mar 1883) Dennis Forisier, a character well-known on the streets here, died at the poor house last Thursday of senile debility. aged about 90 years. He was demented but harmless. He could be seen almost any pleasant day on the street tottering under a huge pack of waste paper, rags and other refuse which he had gathered in alleys. In early life he was a peddler.

(08 Mar 1883) Isaac Caron, Sr., of Bourbonnais village, died last week Tuesday, aged about 63 years, from the effects of a kick in the abdomen by a horse the Sunday preceding. He was stooping to pick up a shovel behind the horse in the stable. The sudden act frightened the animal and it kicked, Mr. Caron receiving the blow just beneath the diaphragm. He laid unconscious for half an hour and then walked to the house where he immediately fainted. Upon recovering consciousness he related the circumstance. He grew worse and death resulted as stated. He had been a resident of the town ten or twelve years, owning a farm a short distance out of the village, and was a respected citizen.

COUNTY COURT - 1883

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, February 22, 1883.

Estate Alexis Blanchett. Resignation of Matilda Paradis, co-administrator, accepted; amount found, \$537.37; 0. Durfee appointed administrator de bonis non, bond \$1200.

Estate Margaret Blais. Claims allowed: C. E. Cyrier, \$13.75; P. L. Monast, \$57.75.

Estate Peter Callahan. Executor's report approved.

Guardianship Charles, James and Michael Callahan. Report approved. Bernard Callahan's judgment of \$259.83 ordered paid.

Civil & Criminal: People vs. Katie Hill. Information for selling liquor without a license. Verdict. not guilty. Will Lewis vs. James Hess. Dismissed by plaintiff. George Trembly vs. N. Bergeron. Dismissed for want of prosecution.

Chas. Maffit vs. Joseph Cruise. Continued. J. W. Palmer vs. W. W. Blair, John Blair and R. J. Blair. Dismissed by plaintiff. People vs. Dennott Jones. Attachment ordered returnable forthwith. Same vs. Peter Keeler. Same. Same vs. Cyrus Hayhurst. Same. Same vs. John Bennett. Same. Same vs. Wm. Douglas. Same. Same vs. Wm. Lawrence. Same.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 8, 1883.

Estate John Rapp. Reported approved.

Estate L. B. Lamb. Widow appointed administratrix, bond \$50.

Estate Catharine Walton. Celia Ripley appointed administratrix, bond \$2,500.

Estate H. D. Worcester. Claims allowed: W. M. Durham, \$22; Maria Ballard, \$1087.50.

MOMENCE - 1883

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 1 1883.

The *Reporter* says that invitations have been issued for the marriage of John W. Duvail and Miss Estella A. Goldsburg. That Ed. Cagwin, of Yellowhead, slaughtered a beef cow last week, the carcass of which weighed 860 pounds. She was a short-horn from the herd of Byron N. McKinstry. That N. Drayer has sold his Yellowhead farm for \$42.50 per acre. He moves to Iowa in the spring. That a horse 31 years old died last week on the farm of Vol. Dickey. Said quadruped had been on the same farm for 30 years. That the grandmother of Stephen Pemble died at Paton. Iowa, recently, aged 90 years. She was formerly a resident of Yellowhead. That Merwin Seager and family start for Des Moines, Iowa this week.

EAST OTTO - 1883

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, February 22, 1883.

Cora, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Barnett Jr., has been very sick with the lung fever, but is much better now.

Joseph Vallaincourt is moving to Clifton. Mrs. Pruitt will occupy the house where he lives and James Barnett works the farm.

A new boy at Dave Oaks'. This makes Dave stretch up again.

LOCAL BREVITIES - 1883

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette February 22, 1883.

W. H. Dawson and Albert Magruder have rented the east half of the Rondy store and will put in a stock of clothing and gent's furnishing goods next week. Both young men have a large acquaintance throughout the county and are sober, hard-working pleasant boys. They ought to make a success of it from the start.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette March 1, 1883.

Richard Mumford, the man who was thrown from a horse and so badly injured that he laid unconscious for six weeks, was brought to the asylum last Thursday. He is a mere skeleton and had to be moved on a cot.

Dr. Fraser, of this city, was elected county physician for one year last week by the board of supervisors, at a salary of \$150. Heretofore the county poor have been attended by such physicians as the supervisors chose to employ and the expenses were of course greater than they will be under the new arrangement.

Trustee Reddick, trustee of the Kankakee asylum. says the institution can be enlarged to accommodate all the incurable and criminal insane of the State for less than \$100,000, while a new institution cannot be built, officered and started for less than \$250,000 and when started would cost at least \$75,000 a year to keep in operation.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette March 8, 1883.

Mrs. Claus Ahrens, residing with her husband and children on West Avenue, took 4 ounces of turpentine last Tuesday evening with suicidal intent. A physician was called in time to prevent fatal results. The woman gave no further reason for the act than that she was tired of living.

Asa Woodard enters the lists as a candidate for the office of city marshal. Henry Allers, present city marshal announces himself as a candidate for election at the ensuing city election.

Arrangements are being made by the Odd Fellows of this city to celebrate the 64th anniversary of American Odd Fellowship on the 27th of April. Grand Representative Allen Orendorf, of Springfield, will deliver the address.

Mr. Lillie commences work on his new steamer this week. The machinery will be made especially for it and it will be a staunch and comfortable craft. There isn't a finer stream in the West for boating of every description than our own blue Kankakee.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected last week Wednesday night by the Baptist church: Trustees - S. B. Burchard, G. G. Barber, C. M. Johnson. Clerk - Chas. Crissy. Treasurer - Mm. Williamson.

ROCKVILLE - 1883

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, February 22, 1883.

Mr. A. E. Courville is quite sick with the lung fever. Geo. Gordon has a little girl that is very sick with the lung fever. Wm. Stedtman's youngest child died with the measles last Friday night.

W. L. Mann has purchased Daniel Durham's farm of 160 acres for \$45 per acre. Mrs. Fred Williams is quite sick yet and is convalescing very slowly. The population of Altorf increased by two on the 15th; at John Stevens' a boy, at Greeley Petro's a girl. Eugene, son of Morton Magruder, has the typhoid fever.

Joseph Giroux has purchased the Charles Shreffler farm of 80 acres for \$3000. A. D. Mann has rented the Elkana Gay farm and moved thereon.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 1, 1883.

Rev. Mr. Beatty is holding a series of meetings at the Bloom schoolhouse.

Our sick list is getting large. Mrs. O. A. Sampsell is quite sick with inflammatory rheumatism; Mr. A. E. Courville with lung fever; and Mrs. Oliver Shreffler is quite sick. Alonzo Gordon's children are under the doctor's care; also Thomas Gordon's family. The sick reported last week are improving.

E. R. Durham has moved his family and household goods to Kankakee. Wm. Lownes has rented his farm to Harvey Bromly. Daniel Durham having sold his farm will have a sale on the 7th of March. Fred Grimes has rented his farm to Frank Belgard. Mr. Grimes will go to Dakota in March.

Mrs. Wm. Dawson, of Kankakee, is visiting at her father's, Mr. Hugh Lancaster. Schools will close in districts No. 5 and No. 8 this week.

O. A. Sampsell sold 80 acres of land (from the Deselms farm) to Charles Bell, of Will county. for \$35 per acre.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 8, 1883.

Jason Robinson is quite sick with pneumonia. Geo. Magruder's family are quite sick with typhoid fever and measles. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Walton lost their youngest child on the 27th of February with lung fever.

J. D. Grimes and family started for their new home last Monday at Paxton. Mr. Grimes was raised in this town where he has always lived. While we lose a good citizen Ford county will gain one. Our best wishes go with you, Jerome.

Ed. Grimes has moved onto the farm recently vacated by his brother, J.D. Grimes. Benj. Goodwin, of Frankfort, Spink county, Dakota. is among old neighbors again. Mr. Goodwin says that they have had the finest winter he has seen in ten years, having no sleighing, water not freezing in their pumps.

Fred Mann has closed his school in the Burchim district and is round among his neighbors.

It is with sorrow that we record the death of Thomas Bray, on March 2d, at his home in Bourbonnais township, after a short illness of one week of typhoid pneumonia. Mr. Bray was 41 years of age. He was born on what is now the farm of Louis Brosseau in the township of Bourbonnais, where he resided until 1865. When President Lincoln made his last call for soldiers, Mr. Bray went to serve his country along with O. J. Sampsell, Geo. Grimes and J. B. Deselms, of the town of Rockville, serving in company F, 156th Ill. Regiment, under Captain H. J. Allen, of Marengo, Ill. The war ending Mr. Bray came home and resided at the old homestead until about the year 1873. when he purchased a farm on Rock creek. in the town of Rockville, where he lived about five years, then selling his farmland purchasing a farm just back on the old homestead, joining it on the south. in the township of Bourbonnais, where he resided until his death. Mr. Bray has filled the offices of township collector and road commissioner; was school director for a term of years and was filling that office at the time of his death with satisfaction to the public. His life partner was Miss Fannie Alexander, of Bourbonnais township, whom he married about the year 1862, and who survives him. From this union there are seven children, four boys and three girls. Funeral services will be conducted by the Catholic society today, March 5, at the Catholic church in the village of Bourbonnais.

Our citizens will also mourn the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. O. A. Sampsell, nee Jenny Deselm. This sad event occurred on Monday. March 5, at 5 p.m. Mrs. Sampsel has been ill for a week with inflammatory rheumatism, but on the day of her death she was feeling so much better that she got up and looked after some household matters. and expressed the hope to her husband who was going to Kankakee that the doctor would not come that day. In the afternoon she was suddenly stricken ill and in a few hours with her husband and other relatives about her she passed away, conscious to the last. Her death was from neuralgia of the heart. She was 41 years of age, and before her marriage was well known throughout Kankakee and Iroquois counties as one of the most intelligent and progressive teachers. She married O. A. Sampsell about twelve years ago. Their only child died several years since.

PILOT - 1883

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, February 22, 1883.

Ed. Amidon moved off A. Buck's farm last week and into the village where he will probably stay this summer.

William H. James and family are moving into Herscher today. He occupies the old Speicher building. George Holmes is moving to Mr. James' farm.

James A. Chatfield, from the north end of town, showed his smiling face to his friends in this vicinity last Thursday. Greeley Pyle, who moved around the town considerably last summer, was in town again last week after a visit to Wheeling, West VA., and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stowitts, who have long been residents of this town, went to Keene, New Hampshire, last week to visit their old home. Eben Hill's little girl Susie is sick with scarlet fever.

MANTENO - 1883

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, February 22, 1883.

We learn with regret that John Parker Jr., who has been very sick for three weeks, is not improving, and the prospects of his recovery are very poor indeed. John is one of our very best young men and his death, should it occur, will cast a shadow of gloom over our young society.

Mr. Henry Peters, who went to New Hampshire with Mr. Bailey a few weeks ago, to assist in the care of their mother, returned on Thursday last via the Canado Southern and was in the train that was wrecked (as was recorded by the newspapers), and barely escaped with his life. One of the parties who was killed expired in his arms while he was carrying her away from the wreck.

It is already known by most of Mrs. Peters' friends that she arrived safely at her destination, but was attacked with congestion of the lungs only a few days after her arrival and died two days later.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 1, 1883.

George Blessing is the happy man this time, and it is an eight pound boy. John Parker, although not improving rapidly, is thought to be in a fair way to recover from his serious illness.

We learn that the Rev. Mr. Facett, who has decided to make Manteno his future home, is negotiating for the purchase of a residence, and expects to establish here with his son Charley and A. R. Nesbett, a hardware store.

We had a hearty hand shake with Fred Senechal last week who was here on a short visit from his new home in Ashton, Dakota. He is remarkably well pleased with his location. He returned on Saturday taking with him his sister Mrs. Jos. LeBeau and her little family.

We had thought the epidemic of Dakota fever abating, but it has broken out anew with increasing virulence. Charley Drayer, Wm. Thurston, Wm. Townsend and Urb Cook and some others are all going within the next five or six weeks. Hamlin Smith sold his farm before he went, with the expectation of locating there, and came back and bought Mr. Ed. Durham's farm in Rockville, and like the sensible young man that he is, will make a first-class stock farm of it, receiving the benefits of a well settled section, and nearness to market, and also of Mr. Durham's labors in the improvement and adornment of the farm.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette March 8, 1883.

Another horrible accident is added to the already too long catalogue of accidents growing out of the careless use of firearms. A young man by the name of Samuel Hall about 16 years old, youngest brother of Mames Hall, of

Sumner township, living six miles east of Manteno, traded for a rusty revolver with one of the school boys, and on Saturday morning last undertook to clean it. Having completed the operation he loaded the chambers and tried to fire it but it would not go off. He then took the revolver in his left hand with the muzzle pointing directly toward his left breast and began scraping the rust off with his knife, when the revolver was discharged. He said to his sister, "take my coat off; I'm shot," and started toward his father who was in the yard. He fell on the grass a short distance from his father who picked him up and carried him back to the porch where he immediately expired. His funeral occurred on Monday from the ME. Church, Manteno.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frudeau died on Saturday evening last and was buried on Monday of this week.

CHEBANSE - 1883

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, February 22, 1883.

I. G. Westervelt intends to start for Norfolk, Neb., the first of next week, where he will make his future home. At a public sale of personal property of John Myron, deceased, 800 bushels of corn in the crib sold for 47 cents per bushel, and a lot of seed corn sold for \$3 per bushel. Wm. Hickey purchased of Luther Gubtail, one hundred bushels of old corn, that is corn raised during the season of 1881 for which he paid \$125. Mr. H. bought it for seed corn.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS - 1883

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, February 22, 1883.

It is thought by some that more building will be done in Kankakee this year than last. Among the residences under way are W. W. Todd's, W. F. Gorrell's (both of which have been heretofore notices) and R. Green's. The latter will be put up on North Indiana avenue. next to the dwelling he erected last year, a two-story frame residence, of modern style. to cost nearly \$3,000. Including the bedroom on the north it will be about 24x45. Work will be commenced in early spring.

Mr. Bernard has commenced laying the foundation for a frame business structure on West avenue, between Court and Merchant streets, 24x40. two stories in height. The lower story will be occupied by DeVelving. of Chebanse. with a stock of agricultural implements, the upper story as family apartments.

Our friend Jacob Myers is strongly inclined to build and it is not unlikely that the coming summer will see a handsome and commodious residence reared on the lots opposite J. H. Shaffer's.

Adam Funk is getting out the timber for two two-story frame cottages, each 18x26, with 14x16 additions, to be located on Entrance avenue north of Court street.

BONFIELD - 1883

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 1, 1883.

Anthony Hess is loading his household goods, farming utensils and stock into a car for transportation to Lostant. LaSalle county, Ill., where he has rented a farm.

Mrs. M. S. Taylor is very low with measles. Several other members of the family are coming down with them.

Mr. John Verkler has all the grinding he can do with his feed mill two days in the week. School closed in joint district No. 6 last Saturday, Miss Emma Bally teacher.

Miss Viola Linten is now able to be out after an illness of five weeks. Jake Arnold has sold off his stock of wagon material and will, we learn, go to Chicago to work at his trade.

Taken from the Kankakee Gazette, March 8, 1883.

Mr. Meyer, Jr., of Barrington, was in town Saturday and made preliminary arrangement for starting a creamery here. A committee composed of R. A. Lane, John Verkler, Henry Frieze, A. B. Henry, Thos. Stroud and Newton Chatfield were appointed to canvass the neighborhood to see how much milk, or how many cows' milk can be obtained. The senior will be in town one week from Wednesday and if cows enough are pledged, work will at once commence on the building.

Mr. Merillat's house is nearly enclosed. He will not plaster till warm weather. John Foos is building an addition, 18x18, on his blacksmith shop, to be used for a wagon shop. He has now so much work on hand that he has a man to help him.

Walter Dubois is loading a car with his effects. He goes to Nebraska. School in district No. 4 closed Saturday, Ida Bally teacher. Moses Snyder moved to Kankakee last week. A man from Peoria, whose name we have not learned, moves on the McLane farm lately occupied by Mr. Snyder.

KANKAKEE MASONRY

Excerpts from Kankakee Lodge No. 389 Centennial Anniversary, 1863-1963.

The brand new "Town of Kankakee City" was not quite three years old when Masonry was organized in Kankakee. The first meeting was held in the brand new Court House on May 25, 1856, under a dispensation issued by William B. Herrick, Grand Master, to Thomas P. Bonfield, as Master, and the requisite number of Masons.

On October 8, 1856, the Grand Lodge issued the Charter to Owisco Lodge No. 225, and on October 22, R. W. Bro. J. J. Huntley, District Deputy, constituted Owisco and installed Bro. Bonfield and the other officers for the rest of the year 1856. Meetings were held in the Court Room until July, when they moved to the brick building at the corner of W. Court St. and Washington Ave. Sometime in 1857 they moved to Bro. Wm. G. Swannell's new hall, on the south side of Court St. about halfway between East Ave. and the alley east of it.

On November 19, 1856, they received the petition of Kankakee's first banker, Mr. A. S. Perry, age 24, and on March 1, 1858, Owisco moved to Perry's three story brick building on the northeast corner of Station and East Ave., at a cost of \$3.75 for "moving and hauling the lodge furniture".

The first annual meeting was held on December 24, 1856, and William A. McLean was elected Master. His election, in place of Bro. Bonfield gives the first indication of the discord that broke up Owisco just three years later. September 16, 1857, Rodney Ashley, J.W. preferred charges against Bro. Andrew Kerr, Jr., and that was the beginning of a series of charges, one faction against the other, although the charges were generally dismissed.

The Annual Return, September 15, 1859, shows a membership of 47. Rent of \$150 per year became a burden. At the annual meeting on December 21, 1859, W. Bro. McLean became Master again, and at the meeting held on February 15, 1860, the factions agreed on a resolution to "surrender the Charter because of discord" The Minute Book of Owisco has survived and is kept among other records of Kankakee Lodge No. 389.

Another little known bit of ancient history is that Elwood Chapter No. 39, Royal Arch Masons was chartered on October 3, 1857. Lodge Room expenses were divided equally between Owisco and Elwood, and they died together. The name "Owisco" is that of an Indian Chief who was buried in Todd's Woods in the Rockville area.

When the discord of Owisco No. 225 had subsided, many of those same Masons petitioned for a new charter. It was granted by M. W. Grand Master. F. M. Blair. On July 17, 1863, Kankakee Lodge met under dispensation for organization. They met in the same Wm. G. Swannell Hall that Owisco had occupied. It was then known as the Odd Fellows Hall. The Dispensation had been granted to: Rodney Ashley, W.M.: J. B. Dusenbury, S.W. and Simon Minchrod, J.W.

At that first meeting the Master appointed the following officers: Daniel G. Bean, Treasurer; E. B. Warringer, Secretary; Geo. W. Byrns, S.D.; Henry S. Sherman, J.D.; R. D. Sherman. S.S.; Ira W. Smith, J.S.; Jas. W. Vanmeter, Tyler.

Others who had contributed to the \$50.00 for the Dispensation were Thomas P. Bonfield and J. E. Schobey. Their names are shown later as Charter Members on the Charter. All 12 had been members of old Owisco No. 225. A committee was appointed to "procure the old furniture of Owisco Lodge" and the first meeting was adjourned.

The first petition was presented by Patrick Flanigan. He was accepted and received the Third Degree September 26. 1863. At that meeting. thirteen members paid their seventy cents annual dues to the Grand Lodge.

On October 10, 1863, W. Bro. Rodney Ashley reported that he had attended the Grant Lodge meeting at Springfield and secured the Charter, dated October 8, 1863. On October 20, a payment of \$16.65 to Howard Lodge No. 182 1.0.0.F. was ordered for three months rent. On December 15. Ara Bartlett and N. C. Terrel, former members of Owisco Lodge. petitioned for admission and were accepted in due time. That being the Annual Meeting, the five leading officers were re-elected.

In 1864 seven brethren asked for and received a recommendation to the Grand Lodge to form a lodge at Chebanse, it was agreed to lease the Odd Fellows Hall for another year and old time members of Owisco Lodge were restored to full standing

In 1866 Kankakee Lodge No. 389 approved the recommendation that Brethren at Momence be given a Lodge and a request was approved to form a second lodge in Kankakee. On January 1, 1867, fees for the degrees were increased from \$21 to \$30. On June 16, 1868, arrangements were made for the funeral of "our late Brother, A. S. Perry", Kankakee's first banker and an early candidate of the old Owisco. His funeral cost Kankakee Lodge \$55.00.

After serving as Master for six years, Rodney Ashley was succeeded by Wm. A. Sibley at the Annual Meeting of December 15, 1868. The last meeting in the Knecht building was held on February 16. 1869. A pencil addition to the minutes states that the Knecht building burned on February 27 and the Lodge Room was moved back to Wm. G. Swannell's Odd Fellows Hall just east of the burned building. One of the unexplained wonders of that fire is that while the Charter was burned, the minute book of Kankakee Lodge was not destroyed: and also the minute book of Owisco No. 225 has been preserved.

Presiding Officers

<u>Year</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Commandery</u>
1863-68	Rodney Ashley	R. Ashley	
1869	W. A. Sibley	H. C. Clarke	R. Ashley
1870	W. A. Sibley	H C. Clarke	T. P. Bonfield
1871	J. B. Dusenbury	M. D. Butts	T. P. Bonfield
1872	Israel B. Hatch	F. S. Hatch	H. C. Clarke
1873	Rodney Ashley	J. F. Leonard	T. P. Bonfield
1874	H. C. Clarke	R. Ashley	R. Ashley
1875	H. C. Clarke	F. S. Hatch	M. D. Butts

Two men stand out so prominently in our early history that they have earned individual mention in the story of the Kankakee Lodge.

Rodney Ashley

Among the first petitioners received by old Owisco No. 225 was that of Rodney Ashley, age 31, and he received the Third Degree. on October 25, 1856, just three days after Owisco received its Charter. He was elected Junior Warden for the year 1857, Senior Warden in 1858, and served as Master in 1859. Grand Lodge reports for 1859 show that Owisco had 47 members at that time.

In 1863 Ashley organized the successful launching of Kankakee No. 389 and he served as Master for the first six years and again for the year 1873. He was Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge 1861-1874, District Deputy 1868-1872 and Junior Grand Deacon in 1869. It was Ashley who organized Kankakee Chapter No. 78 R.A.M. on October 7, 1865, and served as High Priest the first four years and held an office in the Grand Chapter in 1868. He also headed the list of those who petitioned the Grand Commandery for a Charter and was the first Commander of Ivanhoe No. 33. and served again in 1874.

Ashley was re-elected Master of No. 389 at the Annual Meeting held December 16, 1873, but the Grand Master stopped the Installation, and ordered another election, at which Haswell C. Clarke was elected Master. It was the Judges who counted the ballots who were guilty rather than Ashley, but it practically ended Ashley's Masonic career. Ashley's wife died in 1884; he married again in Chicago in 1885; applied for a demit in 1886 and moved to Chicago.

Lt. Col. Haswell Cordis Clarke

Bro. Clarke was born in Boston, September 28, 1842. He served four years in the Civil War and earned the title of Lieutenant Colonel. Came to Kankakee soon after War's end; became a member of the new Owisco Lodge No. 571 December 11, 1867, and served as its Master in 1868. He served as District Deputy from 1872-1879. He was High Priest of Kankakee Chapter No. 78 in the years 1869 and 1870 and three other times in later years. He was a Charter Member of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 33 and was its Commander only once, year 1872. but he made a name for himself and for Kankakee by working his way through the lines of Grant Chapter and Grand Commandery and becoming M.E. Grant High Priest in 1875 and Grand Commander on October 29, 1884. He was S.G.D. of Grand Lodge in 1899.

When Emory Cobb started the First National Bank, Clarke became its Cashier. He was Mayor of Kankakee when he died. January 16, 1901.

Kankakee Lodge No. 389 after the Fire

The Knecht Building burned February 27, 1869, and Kankakee No. 389 and the Chapter moved back temporarily to crowded quarters in Odd Fellows Hall in the Swannell Building. The third floor of the building owned by Truman and George V. Huling, just east of Schuyler on the north side of Court St. was narrow and long, but the best that could be had. In those days it was No. 33 East Court Street, later renumbered to its present No. 217, the building owned and occupied by Jaffe's Drug Store in 1963.

The Aurora Insurance Company paid \$1,016.66 for the fire loss and the Lodge and Chapter moved into Huling Hall during August. In December the committee reported that the Lodge's share of replacing the furnishings of the Huling Lodge Room was \$1,366.29. William A. Sibley was elected Master for the year 1870 and, at that meeting, it was resolved that the Lodge take steps to organize a Chapter of the "Eastern Star" but that was as far as it went. The rent of Huling Hall was \$150 per year.

On August 6, 1875, a committee was appointed to investigate the idea of getting gas light into the Lodge Room, instead of the universally used kerosene. The real result of that investigation was that the committee was ordered to investigate a "hall for future use" and that led to the renting of the new Knecht Hall, at the corner of East Avenue and Court Street for \$200 per year, the Lodge to furnish its own light and heat and to pay all the cost of building such partitions as it required in the empty third floor. The expenses of the move (split three ways between Lodge, Chapter and Commandery) were as follows:

Michael Erzinger. Fitting the Hall	\$ 545.00
Field & Leiter & Co., Carpets	231.21
Kankakee Gas Co., Installing Line	143.76
Petterson, Gas Fixtures	19.00
Fred K. Swannell, Carpets	35.70
R. J. Bennett, Pipes, etc.	52.90
Fayette S. Hatch, 6 Walnut Sofas	\$96.00
Fayette S. Hatch, Other Furniture	42.15
Jewett & Root, Stoves	97.77
Frank D. Hatch, Spittoons, etc.	20.00
L. A. Burch, Dray and Freight	17.90

Sundry others	<u>129.23</u>
Total	\$1,430.62

(In 1963. the six walnut sofas, at \$16 each, were still serving the Lodge in the parlor.)

The first time the Kankakee Lodge had a public installation was on January 7, 1879. There were several in the next few years and then the custom was discontinued. They must have been elaborate affairs. The minutes mention one costing \$70, paid for by subscription.

It was Kankakee Lodge No. 389 that "laid the Corner Stone of the Eastern Illinois Insane Hospital" as it was called in those early days.

In 1887 the Kankakee Lodge really went in for "modern conveniences" and installed a toilet room with running water and put a sink and running water in the kitchen, all at a cost of \$171.66. From that time on there was a semi-annual bill of \$6 from the Kankakee Water Company.

On July 17, 1888, the Lodge celebrated its 25th anniversary with a big picnic at Gouger's Grove, with transportation to and fro on Capt. Gouger's "Minnie Lily". all at a cost of \$119.

At the annual meeting of December 20. 1892, Bro. Charles Frederick Whitmore was elected Secretary. and held that office almost continuously until his death on February 29, 1935.

In 1897 the Lodge sold the old coal cook stove for \$5 and installed a gas stove for \$17. It was in 1901 that the Telephone Company put a phone in the Reception Room free of cost for six months and then removed it.

On October 4. 1904, the Lodge established the custom of giving jewels to Past Masters, as a token of appreciation, and bought seven at \$9 each for living Past Masters. On December 20. at the annual meeting. there were "74 members and visitors as per register" and that is when Register No. 1 was bought and members registered instead of being listed by name in the minutes of every meeting by the Secretary. W. R. Hickox was elected Master and that was the start of the custom of advancing subordinate line officers each year.

The burial of J. Frank Leonard on May 12, 1905, was another Civic Event. The Commandery furnished an Honor Guard from 10 a.m. until noon; Lodge Stewards stood guard until 1 p.m. The Rev. Bro. H. A. Chouinard gave the Episcopal Burial Service in the old frame Armory (replaced by Hertz Funeral Chapel) and over 200 Masons marched to the cemetery for the Masonic Service.

On November 5, 1905, initiation fees were advanced to \$50. In 1906 a lot 60 feet by 145 feet at the northeast corner of Merchant Street and Schuyler Ave. was bought from Mrs. Leoni Fellows. sole heir of the estate of Harrison Loring. for \$12,000. A Building Committee was appointed and presented sketches of a 5-story building to cost \$65,000 and a 3-story building to cost \$38,000. Members lacked enthusiasm for what seemed an impossible task and the lot was sold in January of 1909.

At the annual banquet on December 18. 1906. some 125 were fed for \$55. The newly elected officers were: W. I. Holcomb, Alfred Beaumont and F. M. Lockwood. Both sons of William I. Holcomb became members (Edward D. and William I. Jr.). From 1900 to 1910 the Lodge increased its membership 60% from 145 to 233, Chapter 140% from 65 to 157 and Commandery 65% from 93 to 153. Once again the prospects of a new Lodge were investigated. On March 17, 1909. the Board of Directors of the YMCA approved the sale of a 60 foot lot for \$4,700. It was November before a resolution was adopted to consider building a Temple on the lot. On December 21. 1909. the newly elected officers were Geo. Wohner, Herbert Griffin and Christian Ruhle.

On May 28. 1910. the "Masonic Temple Association of Kankakee. Illinois" was incorporated not for profit for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a Masonic Temple in Kankakee. Illinois. Directors until May 28. 1911. were: George J. Wohner, W. M., Warren R. Hickox, Past VV.M., Oakley Roat, Building Contractor, H. H. Troup. Lumber Merchant, J. Bert Miller, Attorney, and H. K. Wheeler, Attorney. The Articles of Incorporation were filed at the Court House, Corporation Record C, Page 393.

On September 20. 1910. Bro. Hickox, Secretary of M.T.A. secured the adoption of a resolution to erect a Temple. On October 24. 1910. the Cornerstone was laid by Owen Scott. Past Grand Master, assisted by 20 subordinate officers. and some 250 other Masons. The last lodge meeting in the Knecht Building was held on May 16, 1911.

and the first meeting in the new Temple on June 6th

It was Ivanhoe Commandery No. 33 that put on the first degree work in the new Temple. On Saturday, June 24, the Order of the Temple was conferred on Judge Charles B. Campbell. At that time W. Bro. Wm. J. Martin was Commander and W. Bro. F. M. Lockwood was Generalissimo. Grand Commander. Harry Hayes Cleveland was present and properly received. On July 28, Kankakee Chapter No. 78 dedicated the Temple with the aid of the Grand High Priest, John C. Hollenbeck and several members of his staff, using the Most Excellent Master's Degree as the very appropriate Dedication ceremony. On August 7, the Lodge put on its first degree work, very properly initiating Edw. Moroff, who had such an important part in building the Temple, and three other candidates. On September 18 Bro. Moroff received the third Degree.

On May 24 the ex-officio members began their work as Directors. They were: Herbert C. Griffin, W.M. No. 389, A.F. & A.M., Wallis R. Sanborn, H.P. No. 78, R.A.M., and Dr. William J. Martin, E.C. No. 33, K.T.

On December 23, 1912, Harold J. Troup received the Third Degree and became Commander of Ivanhoe in 1921-22. On January 23, 1913, the lodge buried Thomas P. Bonfield, the organizer of Owisco No. 225 and the last Charter Member of No. 389.

On April 21, 1913, Dr. Edwin S. Hamilton received the Master Mason's degree. Bruno E. Gast made Master Mason March 13, 1911, and served as Master in 1919. Jesse A. Kurrasch made a Master Mason January 30, 1917. and served in 1913.

It was a sad day for Kankakee Lodge No. 389 when it buried W. I. Holcomb, Sr., on March 13, 1917. About 180 Masons escorted the body to Mound Grove and the Lodge Room was draped for 30 days in memory of the Master Mason.

From July 16 to November 25, 1918, there was no degree work conferred. As World War I neared its end, our country was plagued with a very fatal type of influenza. It had the doctors baffled and there weren't enough nurses and hospital facilities to handle the contagious disease. The death rate was very high. The Red Cross asked for and was given the entire first floor for a hospital. On December 3, 1918. the Kankakee Chapter of the American Red Cross thanked "the Masonic Fraternity for the use of the Masonic Temple for Hospital purposes during the recent Influenza Epidemic".

In the years 1914, 1915, 1920 and 1921, the Lodge made 160 Master Masons. The Chapter had a net increase of 65 and the Commandery added 72 to its memberships.

On July 22, 1918, Attorney H. K. Wheeler, who had been President of M.T.A. since he designed its organization was buried.

On October 21, 1919, the Lodge changed its habit of giving Past Masters an emblem to pin on the coat and decided a Masonic Ring or some such token should be given to retiring Masters.

On January 18, 1921. the Lodge sent \$65 to relieve San Francisco earthquake sufferers.

On January 10, 1927, for the first time, there was an open joint installation of Lodge and Eastern Star. E. C. Mullen, R.W.J.G. Warden served as Master and W. Bro. Bates Lott as Marshall. Bro. J. D. Nichols, aged 99 years 4 months, died August 5, 1927. He had been a member of Kankakee Lodge since February 7, 1865, the last of those old pioneers.

On October 28, 1929. came the Stock Market Crash that precipitated the Big Depression. Masonry was not exempted though it was not to be discovered until later.

On January 25, 1930, Dr. Charles F. Smith, the Lodge Treasurer for many years was buried.

By 1932 the Lodge had lost 40 members over the past 3 years. The Chapter lost 58 and the Commandery 44. The recovery started in 1942 with a fixed level of about 386 members from years 1938 to 1942. The ten years 1942-1951 were almost as busy as the first ten years in the Temple. Raised 241; buried 99; suspended only 27 and showed a net gain of 151 membership or 40%. In 1963 the Masons celebrated their 100th Anniversary and listed the following 50-year members: William C. Adams, Lawrence H. Becherer. Bruno E. Gast, Fred Grundler. Edwin

S. Hamilton, Henry William Kircher, Howard L. Mann, Hiram W. Massey, Edward H. Moroff, Wallis R. Sanborn. Charles K. Smith, Frederick W. Swannell, Harold J. Troup and Harry D. Parker.

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<u>Estate</u>	<u>Name of Administrator, Executor, Guardian or Conservator</u>	<u>Nature of Estate</u>	<u>Box No.</u>
Brown, Alfred	Lillie Mae Corsby (Crosby?)	Guardianship	64-1423-P
Brown. Leslie S.	Ruth M. Cole	Admin. WWA	64-2155-P
Brouillette, Elsie C.	Robert Brouillette	Will	67-8-P
Brosseau. Bernard	Orville Brosseau	Conservatorship	1467
Brooks. Kenneth	1s: & Savings Bank	Conservatorship	1467
Brown, Alvin E.		Inheritance Tax	70-P-102
Brodeur, Flavie	Omer Tetrault	Will	68-226-P
Brown, Glenn	Ruth V. Bacon	Admin.	68-P-227
Broadus. Velma L.	Edgar G. Carter et al	Will	71-P-26
Broers, Gretje F.	Lena Palzer	Admin.	68-P-132
Brouillette. Emile	Adlore Brouillette	Will	70-P-152
Brown. William Arthur	Elizabeth R. Brown	Will	71-P-272
Brown. Wilbur E.		Inheritance Tax	72-P-86
Brouillette. Opal	Maynard Cyrier & Richard Ackman	Will	72-P-223
Brouillet, Lloyd	Thrasilla Janczak & Veral	Will	73-P-21
Brown, Edna A.	Jeannette Lesage	Will	73-P-167
Brosseau, Orville	1st Trust & Savings Bank	Will	73-P-304
Brouillette Carrie	Aklore (Adlore?) Brouillette & Mailloux Brouillette	Will	73-P-365
Brown, Joseph	1st Trust & Savings Bank	Conservatorship	68-51-P
Brosseau, Albert D.	Venita Zullo	Will	74-P-115
Brown. Mary	Burton A. Brown	Will	75-P-30
Brown, Edgar Lewis	Mary Virginia Brown	Admin.	75-P-91
Bronz, Henry G.	Patricia Emling	Will	75-P-138
Brooks, Melody Surless	Wilmer Berry	Guardianship	75-P-410
Brouillette, Art		Inheritance Tax	76-P-393
Brown. Lola. Murlean & Denise	James H. & Lucy Brown	Guardianship	7i6-P-398
Brown. Dora B.	City National Bank	Admin.	76-P-451
Brunell. Chas.	Florence Brunell	Will	2
Bruckmayer, Catherine	Adam Zinkann	Will	3
Bruley. Flavion	Henry Bruley	Will	74
Brule, Prosper	Henry Brule et al	Will	103
Bruley, Henry	Louis Brule	Admin.	110
Bruggert. Frederick	John Haselow	Admin.	149
Bruns, Laura	T. J. Wheeler	Admin.	154
Brule. Selma et al	Eloise Brule	Guardianship	200
Brunner. John Adam	William L. Brunner	Will	257
Brule. Louis	Mary L. Brule	Will	267
Bruns. Henry	Charles Raygorn	Admin.	284
Bruley. Oscar et al	Mary Bruley	Guardianship	447
Brule, Mary Lenore	Mary Louise Brule	Will	545
Brueggert, Richard	Ralph Brueggert	Admin.	560
Brunner, John	Geo. A. Brunner	Admin.	605

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Bruck, Peter M.	Tony Bruck	Admin.	769
Brule, Jerry	Delphine Brule, et al	Will	792
Brule, Alphonsine	Martin Obertin	Will	834
Brunner, William L.	Benjamin W. Brunner	Will	855
Brunner, William L.	Elmer Brunner	Conservatorship	861
Bruckman, Verle	Pearl Bruckman	Admin.	933
Brunner, Mary S.	Elmer E. Brunner, et al	Will	1025
Bruce, Clifford	Dorothy L. Eckhoff	Admin.	1034
Brueggert, James	Vernon R. Brueggert	Guardianship	1087
Bruckman, Alma Irene	Earl Bruckman	Admin.	1109
Brunner, Benjamin W.	Elmer E. Brunner	Admin.	1226
Brule, Delma R.	Richard L. Johnston	Conservatorship	1245
Brumitt, Bessie	Gladys Mason	Conservatorship	1245
Bruner, Millie	John Collins	Will	1335
Brueggert, Kay	Vernon Brueggert	Guardianship	1396
Bruck, Anton		Inheritance Tax	64-2612-X
Bruckman, Henry	1st Trust & Savings Bank	Guardianship	1435
Brumitt, Elsie	Delores Wells	Will	64-3018-P
Bruhn, Ernest F.	Fred Bruhn	Will	68-43-P
Brunner, Elmer E.	Rosemarie A. Brunner	Will	69-P31 B
Brunner, George A.	Laura M. Brunner	Will	70-P-282
Brucker, Josephine	John E. McDermott	Will	74-P-227
Brunner, Walter J.		Inheritance Tax	75-P-56
Bryan, Russell L.	Mayme Bryan	Guardianship	983
Bryan, Lena	City National Bank	Conservatorship	1467
Bryan, Lena	George Bryan	Admin.	69-P-80
Buchanan, Franklin	B. H. Nichols	Guardianship	36
Buckley, Nora	Timothy J. Buckley	Conservatorship	55
Buckmann, Eliza (Louisa)	Amos M. Hertz	Will	97
Buche, John D.			106
Buck, John H.	C. H. Atkins	Admin.	117
Buckley, James	T. J. Buckley	Admin.	119
Buck, Guy A. et al	Harriet A. Buck	Guardianship	111
Buckman, Fred	Frank Koon	Will	186
Buckley, Cornelius	T. B. Buckley	Conservatorship	236
Buell, Levina	E. H. Buck	Admin.	78
Buente, F. C.	John Buente	Will	113
Buffo, James	John Buffo	Will	131
Buffington, M. F.		Will	138
Buhler, Peter	F. Horneberger	Will	2
Buhrmeister, Charles	Christen Buhrmeister	Admin.	74
Buhrmeister, Christ et al	Joseph Gruger	Guardianship	108
Buhrmeister, Cardine	Christ Buhrmeister	Admin.	163
Buntain, James N.	Alice Buntain	Admin.	3
Buntain, Wesley F.	James N. Buntain	Guardianship	36
Buntain, William	C. M. C. Buntain	Admin.	103
Buntain, T. J.	Anna V. Buntain	Admin.	110
Burghard, Catharine	Wm. Smith et al	Will	3
Bruan, Anna F.	1" Trust & Savings Bank	Will	67-92-P
Burnside, Nicholas	James L. Burnside	Admin.	3
Burgess, Henrietta	Chas. A. Burgess	Will	3
Burgess, James W.	Henrietta Burgess	Will	3
Burham, Flora A.	S. A. Randall	Guardianship	36

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Burnside. Julias C. et al	Sarah M. Burside	Guardianship	36
Burchard. Mattie I. et al	S. B. Burchard	Guardianship	42
Burns, Patrick	David Lavery	Conservatorship	55
Burchard, Seneca A.	S. B. Burchard, Jr.	Will	70
Burns, Morgan	James O'Donnell	Conservatorship	79
Burghart. John	Christin Burchart	Will	110
Burchard, Celestia L.	T. J. Wheeler	Will	110
Burgess, Barney J.	Martha J. Burgess	Admin.	118
Burgess, C. A.	W. G. Burgess	Admin.	124
Burns, Morgan	Samantha O'Connell	Admin.	138
Burgess, John M.	Jacob Anderson	Admin.	148
Burch. Charles	Charles M. Burch	Admin.	154
Burgess, Irma	W. J. Burgess	Guardianship	202
Burke. Daniel	Patrick & C. Burke	Will	216
Burd, James S.	Rachel Burd	Admin.	3
Buse, Fred	Fred C. Buse	Admin.	78
Butz. Michael	Philipina Butz	Will	130
Butz, Phillipina	Minnie E. Potter et al	Will	165
Butz. Phillipina	W. T. Gougar	Trustee Fund	165
Butz, Geo. P.	Chas. J. Butz	Admin.	166
Buffo, Lucy et al	Libbie Buffo	Guardianship	344
Butz. George	Geo. P. Butz	Guardianship	200
Butz, Michail et al	Michael W. Butz	Guardianship	200
Butler. Daniel (David)	Not Probated	Will	224
Butler. Ann	Carl T. Porch	Conservatorship	245
Butterfield. Mary E.	J. C. Butterfield	Conservatorship	245
Burkett. Nancy C.	Peter J. Marlaire	Admin.	253
Buck, Azariah	James Inkster	Will	259
Butts. David	August Schutte	Will	267
Buckner. Ada	Geo. H. Ehrich	Admin.	278
Buck. William Edward	Frank Buck	Admin.	287
Burton. Ida	James J. Kirby	Guardianship	288
Burmeister, Henry	Frank T. Butzon	Will	308
Burroughs. Fred M.	Emily P. Boorroughs	Admin.	318
Bunge, Augusta	August Sondag	Will	318
Burling. Mabel	John Burling	Will	320
Bukowski, William	Wladyslaw Bukowski	Admin.	320
Butler. Hanson	Prudence Butler	Admin.	328
Burchard, Hannah M.	Edward D. Caulkins	Will	333
Buckmann, Harry	William Buckmann	Guardianship	345
Burd. Rachel	John Burd	Admin.	353
Burton, Fred	Daniel Devere	Will	410
Burrill. John	Ella A. Burrill	Will	360
Buffum, John P.	Mary K. Buffum	Will	362
Buckley, Thomas	F. J. Hennessy	Will	375
Burford, George	City Trust & Savings	Will	400
Burt. Albert S.	Clara F. Burt	Will	392
Burrill, Ella	George W. Burrill	Will	413
Burgess, B. A.	Lucy A. Burgess	Will	423
Burton, Ozilda	Thomas Fraser	Will	425
Buente. Elmer	Henry Buente	Admin.	426
Buck, Catherine E.	Henry H. Edmunds	Will	523
Buckley, Mary	Wm. J. Buckley	Admin.	440
Burling, Viola et al	John D. Burling	Guardianship	447

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Button, Thyra V.	W. W. Adams	Guardianship	447
Bumpus. Elmer et al	Ermina Clark	Guardianship	447
Buntain, C. M. Clay	Alice B. Buntain	Will	449
Buffum, Mary K.	Vida G. Kirk	Admin.	458
Burgard, Anna		Heirship	468
Buckman. Arthur		Heirship	468
Buckman, Fred		Heirship	468
Butler. George	A. J. Butler	Will	470
Bundy, James A.	Mary A. Bundy	Will	473
Buhrmester. Harry	Albert G. Goepper	Admin.	481
Bukowski. Michail	Edward Bukowski	Will	508
Buente, Elmer	Henry Buente	Conservatorship	543
Burt, John C.	Will C. Schneider	Will	568
Buche. Daniel J.	Leonora Cuehe (Buche?)	Admin.	548
Buck, Charles J.	Luella Buck	Will	548
Burdick, Orson A.	Elizabeth Burdick	Will	555
Buckman. Carrie	Bessie Wadleigh	Admin.	560
Burrell, William D. Sr.	Cicely F. Burrell	Admin.	560
Buck, Leulla H.	N. G. Halsey	Admin. WWA	565
Bunker, Park J.	Una Bunker	Will	577
Burgess. Wallie J.	Christena Brink	Will	586
Burns, Thomas		Admin.	587
Burroughs, Albert E.	Lulu Burroughs	Will	589
Butz. Michael E.	Ada R. McKnight	Admin.	589
Burgess. Martha	William Johnson	Admin.	592
Butz, Sophia M.	Michael W. Butz	Will	592
Buckley, Daniel J.	Wm. E. Clodi	Admin. WWA	608
Burkhart, William	Clara Burdhart	Will	609
Bunker, Stephan	Alice Bunker	Guardianship	10
Butler. Eliza	John Greep	Will	614
Bunte, Charles	Herman Matthias	Will	626
Bunte, Henry H.	Edwin Bunte	Admin.	626
Burrell, William E. Jr. et al	Mary A. McLaughlin	Guardianship	626
Buckler, Zelna	Alice Buckler	Admin.	626
Buckley. Timothy J.	Catherine Buckley	Will	645
Buchmeyer. August	Tillie Jacobs	Admin. WWA	674
Burson, John H.	Margaret A. Burson	Will	676
Burns, James T.	Anna Laura Burns	Will	680
Burns. Michael		Heirship Only	713
Burns. Amry (Mary?)	Ray M. Foreman	Admin.	728
Burson, M. R.	Pauline Burson	Admin.	728
Bundy. Herman W.	Bessie B Collins	Admin.	736
Buchmeyer. August Jr.	Elmer J. Buchmeyer	Admin.	740
Burt, Alonzo H.	Franc' Vurt (Burt?)	Will	775
Burum. Ed. Bell	Mary K. Buffum	Guardianship	782
Burks. Rose Mary	Martha L. Hutton	Guardianship	782
Buck, Vincent et al	Frank Buck	Guardianship	782
Buhrmester. Owen et al	Albert G. Goepper	Guardianship	796
Butler, Prudence	Everett Butler	Will	820
Buckner, H. A.	Cora E. Buckner	Admin.	820
Burling. Isabella	Amos H. Robillard	Will	831
Burrell. W. C.	Emily Burrell	Will	837
Bushey. Anthony	Joe L. Stith Sr.	Will	841
Built, Albert F.	Lula M. Burt	Will	841

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Buente, John	John M. Buente et al	Will	847
Butcher, Loren et al	John L. Endacott	Guardianship	857
Burrell, Cicely F.	Clyde J. Worth et al	Will	858
Burda, Otto	Mary Burda	Admin.	861
Burnside, William	15t Trust & Savings Bank	Guardianship	868
Bundy, Mary A.	Ralph E. Francis	Will	878
Burmeister, Robert Gene	Margaret Daniels	Guardianship	884
Bukowski, Rosealia	Mary Bukowski	Admin.	886

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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.

Date	Name	Address	Where Educated	Age	Nativity
05 Sep 1908	Mae M. Minninger	Grant Park	Valparaiso	20	IN
05 Sep 1908	Alice McLane	Reddick	Valparaiso	30	IL
05 Sep 1908	Hild M. Campbell	Kankakee	N.W. Univ.	22	IL
05 Sep 1908	Bertha Schmal	Lowell, Ind.	Valparaiso	23	IN
04 Sep 1908	Frank E. Harter	St. Anne	Valparaiso	19	IL
04 Sep 1908	Jno. E. Stockton	St. Anne	Corn. School	18	IL
04 Sep 1908	Kathryn McCormick	Manteno	St. Xavier	17	IL
04 Sep 1908	Bertha C. Stanley	Kankakee	Forreston	35	IL
04 Sep 1908	Chas. H. Kingman	Kankakee	Brown Univ.	26	IL
19 Sep 1908	Lucy E. Babcock	Kankakee	Syracuse Univ. NY	25	IL
05 Sep 1908	Charlotte Wolf	Kankakee	Wilmington H.S.	18	IL
01 Sep 1908	R. E. Selby	Momence	Normal, IL	18	IL
01 Sep 1908	Sadie Higgins	Braceville	Normal, IL	23	IL
01 Sep 1908	Rev. Bro. F. Hagen	Bourbonnais	St. Vit.		
01 Sep 1908	Rev. Bro. Dumont	Bourbonnais	St. Vit.		
01 Sep 1908	Rev. Bro. Stevenson				
05 Sep 1908	Johannah Ahern	Kankakee	Neb. State Nor.		NE
03 Oct 1908	Edith B. Redfield	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	18	IL
03 Oct 1908	Jas. Ryan	Momence	Momence H.S.	18	IL
03 Oct 1908	L. Myrtle Stilson	Crown Point	Lowell H.S.	19	IN
03 Oct 1908	Mae Minninger	Lowell Ind.	Valparaiso	20	IN
03 Oct 1908	Jennie W. Clute	Kankakee	Univ. Mich.	38	IA
03 Oct 1908	Emma A. Johnson	Monee	Peotone H.S.	18	IL
03 Oct 1908	Eva M. Fellingham	Verona	G.P. Sem. Onarga	35	IL
03 Oct 1908	Bertha Schmal	Lowell, Ind.	Valparaiso	23	IN
03 Oct 1908	Henry J. Laudrigan	Buckingham	Corn. Schools	18	IL
03 Oct 1908	Bessanna Kelly	Kankakee	Wilmington H.S.	28	IL
03 Oct 1908	Lolo Miller	#200 S. Clarkson St., Den ^y .	Wilmington H.S.	40	IL
03 Oct 1908	Mrs. Alice M. Essex	Milwaukee	Momence H.S.	41	IL
07 Nov 1908	Grace A. Snow	Bradley	Forreston H.S.	20	IL
07 Nov 1908	Myrtle Gibeault	Momence	Momence H.S.	23	IL
07 Nov 1908	Winnifred C. Vining	Kankakee H.S.	Kankakee H.S.	17	IL
07 Nov 1908	Dorothy Juneau	Chebanse	Chebanse H.S.	26	IL

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07 Nov 1908	Geo. L. Caldwell	Kankakee	Bellville Ont.	46	Canada
07 Nov 1908	Mabel Keigher	Manteno	Normal DeKalb	19	IL
07 Nov 1908	Rev. Bro. Pommier	Bourbonnais	St. Vit. Col.	23	IL
01 Jul 1908	Mrs. Elizabeth Durfee	Kankakee	NY State Nor.	44	NY
12 Dec 1908	Jno. Bouchard	St. Anne	St. Anne H.S.		IL
12 Dec 1908	Anna Freise	Bonfield	Bonfield & Nor.	19	IL
12 Dec 1908	Maude Schupe	Mazon	Nor. Valparaiso	22	IL
12 Dec 1908	Kathryn Wynne	Manteno	Kankakee H.S.	34	IL
12 Dec 1908	Winnifred Martin	Kankakee	Normal Univ.	28	IL
22 Dec 1908	V. R. McKnight	Manteno	Ind. State Nor.	49	IL
29 Sep 1908	Anna Kenaga	Kankakee			
02 Jan 1909	Luella Seidholz	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	19	IL
02 Jan 1909	Anna L. Carroll	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	16	IL
02 Jan 1909	Agnes Gilkinson	Remington, Inc.	Com. Schools	19	IL
23 Jan 1909	Mayta O. Hobba	St. Anne	Mich. Normal	28	IL
23 Jan 1909	Mollie B. Little	Kankakee	Chicago Univ.		
	M. Evelyn Crothers	St. Anne	Chicago Univ.		
06 Feb 1909	Edna Stehr	Bonfield	Bonfield P.S.	17	IL
06 Feb 1909	Opal McBroom	Bradley	Bradley H.S.	19	IL
06 Feb 1909	Olive M. Roe	Essex	Essex P.S. & Val. N.	17	IL
06 Feb 1909	Ruth McBroom	Bradley	Bradley N.S.	17	IL
09 Feb 1909	Ada L. Obright	Bonfield	Bonfield	17	IL
09 Feb 1909	Elsie H. Rae	Essex	Essex P.S. & Normal	19	IL
09 Feb 1909	Hattie J. Lunde	Kankakee	Elgin & DeKalb	22	IL
09 Feb 1909	Nellie J. McCoy	Bradley	Bradley H.S.	18	IL
09 Feb 1909	Edna Lane	Bradley	Bradley H.S.	17	IL
06 Mar 1909	Maude R. Giasson	St. Anne	St. Anne H.S.	17	IL
06 Mar 1909	Harriet M. Hawkins	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	17	IL
06 Mar 1909	Catherine C. Langan	Kankakee	St. Joseph's Sem.	17	IL
06 Mar 1909	Mary Z. Eddy	Kankakee	St. Joseph's Sem.	17	IL
06 Mar 1909	Frances M. Dillon	Kankakee		18	IL
06 Mar 1909	Grace White	Essex	Essex P.S.	17	IL
06 Mar 1909	Clara I. White	Essex	Essex & Normal	20	IL
06 Mar 1909	Frank H. Smith	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	20	IL
06 Mar 1909	Mayme Greeley	Kankakee	Normal	26	IL
06 Mar 1909	May Scroggins	Essex	Essex & Val.	32	IL
06 Mar 1909	Alma Lee	Essex	Essex P.S.	18	IL
06 Mar 1909	Beatrice L. Brule	Kankakee	St. Joseph's Sem.	18	IL
06 Mar 1909	Leslie E. Gardner	Chebanse	Chebanse H.S.		IL
06 Mar 1909	Selma Johnson	Kankakee		18	IL
06 Mar 1909	Faye K. Elliot	Chebanse			IL
06 Mar 1909	Irene M. Porter	Chebanse			IL
06 Mar 1909	Laura B. A. Irps	Chebanse			IL
06 Mar 1909	Joseph Ulbrich	Chebanse	Chebanse & Urbana	21	IL
06 Mar 1909	Eva Legg	Waldron	Waldron P.S.	17	IL
06 Mar 1909	Anna Ulbrich	Manteno	Clarke City & Valparaiso	21	IL
06 Mar 1909	Addie Amidon	Herscher	Onarga	17	IL
06 Mar 1909	Nellie M. Easton	Herscher	Onarga	25	IL
06 Mar 1909	L? Strashner	Buckingham	Buckingham	17	IL
06 Mar 1909	Vernon W. Redfield	Buckingham	Normal U.	18	IL
06 Mar 1909	Ethel V. Brockway	Chicago	Englewood HS.	20	IL
06 Mar 1909	Mary A. Nugent	Cabery	Cabery P.S. & Normal	17	IL
06 Mar 1909	Edith Warfel	Chicago	Gilman H.S.	37	IL
06 Mar 1909	George H. Daly	Union Hill	Kankakee P.S. & Val.	18	IL
06 Mar 1909	Mary M. Kelly	Kankakee	Wilmington H.S.	36	IL
06 Mar 1909	Laura Mellanson	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	20	IL

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06 Mar 1909	Fronie Engles	Essex	Essex P.S.		IL
06 Mar 1909	Blanch Skinner	Essex		17	IL
03 Apr 1909	Irene Malo	Kankakee	St. Joseph's	18	IL
03 Apr 1909	Laurette Chamberland	Kankakee		17	IL
03 Apr 1909	Edna I. Luehrs	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	17	IL
03 Apr 1909	Elizabeth H. Dwyer	Momence	St. Patrick's Aca.	18	IL
03 Apr 1909	Anna M. Durham	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	19	IL
03 Apr 1909	Mayme Haslet	Momence	St. Patrick's Aca.	18	IL
03 Apr 1909	Alma N. Baldwin	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	21	IL
03 Apr 1909	Lenore R. Halpin	Momence	St. Patrick's Aca.	17	IL
03 Apr 1909	Agnes Peterson	Momence	Momence H.S. & Nor.	22	IL
03 Apr 1909	Anna M. Green	Momence	Notre Dame		IL
03 Apr 1909	Laura M. Carpenter	Momence	Odell H.S.	30	IL
03 Apr 1909	Rosa T. Morrow	Odell	Normal & Val.	39	IL
03 Apr 1909	Leah Brodeur	Tucker	Notre Dame	17	IL
03 Apr 1909	Kathryn Sweeney	Bonfield	Valparaiso U.	22	IL
03 Apr 1909	Jennie Engles	Essex		20	IL
03 Apr 1909	Earl Hasemeyer	Essex		19	IL
03 Apr 1909	Adrian J. Ponton	Clifton		23	IL
03 Apr 1909	Marie Snow	Bradley	KKK H.S. & Hyde Park	19	IL
03 Apr 1909	Cora Shreffler	Bonfield	Bonfield P.S.	15	IL
03 Apr 1909	Ruth Horan	Braceville	Braceville H.S.	17	IL
03 Apr 1909	Hilda Frerichs	Kankakee	Normal U.	20	IL
03 Apr 1909	Bena J. Frerichs	Kankakee		29	IL
03 Apr 1909	Wm. R. Towsley	Kankakee	Albion College	26	IL
03 Apr 1909	Pansy Hertz	Union Hill	Valparaiso U.	17	IL
03 Apr 1909	Leona F. Follen	Reddick	Reddick H.S.	16	IL
03 Apr 1909	Mata E. Schroeder	Union Hill	Union Hill P.S.	18	IL
03 Apr 1909	Estella M. Cart	Herscher	Dis. 20 Ir. Co.	17	IL
03 Apr 1909	Honor A. Sweeney	Bonfield	Bonfield P.S.	18	IL
03 Apr 1909	Irene Mortensen	Reddick	Ottawa Col.	20	IL
03 Apr 1909	Lulu M. Fleming	Herscher	Onarga S.	18	IL
03 Apr 1909	Clarice I. Davis	Lake Village Ind.	Valparaiso	16	IN
03 Apr 1909	Anna L. Berns	Chebans	St. Joseph's Aca.	24	IL
03 Apr 1909	Nellie Buckley	Buckingham	Normal U.	25	IL
03 Apr 1909	Kathryn Corcoran	Buckingham	Valparaiso U.	22	IL
03 Apr 1909	Lotus Hasemeyer	Essex	Valparaiso U.	18	IL
01 May 1909	Juliane Jensen	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	19	IL
01 May 1909	Blanch E. Bloxam	Kankakee	Reddick H.S.	20	IL
01 May 1909	Mary Townsend	Manteno	Melvin H.S.	25	IL
01 May 1909	Charley A. Daly	Union Hill	Valparaiso	21	IL
01 May 1909	Mabel L. Shreffler	Bonfield	Bonfield P.S.	19	IL
01 May 1909	Lottie West	Momence	Momence	18	IL
01 May 1909	Ethel D. West	Momence	Momence	17	IL
01 May 1909	Lucy D. Weise	Reddick	Reddick H.S.	18	IL
01 May 1909	Gilbert A. Willis	Momence	Momence H.S.	22	IL
01 May 1909	J. Loyd Crosby	Momence	Momence H.S.	26	IL
01 May 1909	Grace L. Porter	Momence		17	IL
01 May 1909	Irma Gardinier	Momence		17	IL
01 May 1909	Ida Anderson	Momence		20	IL
01 May 1909	Lottie Graham	Momence			IL
01 May 1909	Hilda M. Campbell	Momence	Onarga Sem.		IL
01 May 1909	Anna E. Keeler	Momence	Momence H.S.	19	IL
01 May 1909	Hazel Hess	Momence	Momence H.S.	18	IL
01 May 1909	Myrtle Crosby	Momence		21	IL
01 May 1909	Mary E. Evans	Bonfield	Bonfield	16	IL

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01 May 1909	Lannie Shapley	Donovan	Donovan P.S.	17	IL
01 May 1909	Marie Lane	Bourbonnais	Notre Dame	17	IL
01 May 1909	Pearl H. Finch	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	18	IL
01 May 1909	Bessie V. Bowler	Bradley	Oregon H.S. & DeKalb	21	
01 May 1909	Violet L. Schott	Union Hill	Union Hill P.S.	17	
01 May 1909	Bertha Schmal	Manteno	Valparaiso U.	23	
01 May 1909	Agnes Calahan	Essex	Essex P.S	18	
01 May 1909	Lavilla M. Griebler?	Manteno	District 56	15	
01 May 1909	Maude Cox	Chebans	Normal U.	33	
01 May 1909	Margaret Calahan	Essex	Valparaiso	23	
01 May 1909	Rose McGovern	Essex		18	
01 May 1909	Elsa Woodruff	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	21	
01 May 1909	Katherine Keigher	Manteno	Dis. 56	17	
01 May 1909	Ina G. Bouk	Cabery	Cullom H.S.	18	
01 May 1909	DeEtte D. Beck	Chebans	Chebans H.S.	27	
01 May 1909	Josephine Joubert	Kankakee	St. Joseph's Aca.	17	
01 May 1909	Nellie D. Liston	Chebans	Chebans H.S.	20	
01 May 1909	Irene Wheeler	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	18	
05 Jun 1909	Mary F. Quigley	Manteno	Notre Dame	24	IL
05 Jun 1909	John Bouchard	St. Anne	St. Anne H.S.	30	IL
05 Jun 1909	Hazel Ulbrich	Kankakee	Dis. 82	19	IL
05 Jun 1909	Fannie B. Porch	Kankakee	U. of NY	33	NY
05 Jun 1909	Ellen M. Murphy	Kankakee	Chebans H.S.	32	IL
05 Jun 1909	Cora Smith	Piper City	Normal U.	43	IL
05 Jun 1909	Lulu M. Sharp	Sharpsburg	Montrose Col. H.S.	36	IL
05 Jun 1909	Emile G. Kerger	St. Anne	St. Anne H.S.	21	IL
05 Jun 1909	Emma I. Peterson	Herscher	Dixon Col.	20	IL
05 Jun 1909	Irene M. Guittner?	Cabery	Cabery H.S.	24	IL
05 Jun 1909	Clara Wilson	Grant Park	Momence	22	IL
05 Jun 1909	Jessie Tanner	Custer Park	Valparaiso	23	IL
05 Jun 1909	Marie Snow	Bradley	Kankakee H.S.	17	IL
05 Jun 1909	Vina B. Bridge	Gardner	Dis. 68	17	IL
05 Jun 1909	Ethel E. Crane	Gardner	Dis. 83	18	IL
05 Jun 1909	Lucy W. Carlos	Manteno	St. Joseph's Sem.	21	IL
05 Jun 1909	Mary A. Halloran	Reddick	Normal U.	17	IL
05 Jun 1909	Josie Durning	Chebans	Chebans H.S.	23	IL
05 Jun 1909	Birdie Evans	Chebans	Chebans H.S.	21	IL
05 Jun 1909	Ora E. Reynolds	Guthrie; IL	Normal U.	27	IL
05 Jun 1909	Glennie M. Montieth	Buckingham	Buckingham P.S.	17	IL
05 Jun 1909	Ida J. Johnson	Buckingham		19	IL
05 Jun 1909	Nellie M. Orwig	Bonfield	Dis. 72	21	IL
05 Jun 1909	Elmer F. Moore	Bonfield	Normal U.	38	IL
05 Jun 1909	Lillian B. Orwig	Bonfield	Dis. 74	19	IL
05 Jun 1909	Amanda Rathman	Bonfield	Dis. 70	19	IL
05 Jun 1909	Lizzie Mulligan	Essex	Valparaiso	34	IL
05 Jun 1909	Lou B. Murray	Essex	DeKalb	19	IL
05 Jun 1909	Kathryn Mulligan	Essex	Dis. 78	21	IL
05 Jun 1909	Maggie Mulligan	Essex	Valparaiso	31	IL
05 Jun 1909	Lois Parmley	Momence	Dis. 14	17	IL
05 Jun 1909	Emma G. Hanen	Momence	St. Patrick's A.	19	IL
05 Jun 1909	Nellie A. Hanen	Momence		21	IL
05 Jun 1909	Mayme L. Halpin	Momence	Momence H.S.	21	IL
05 Jun 1909	Charles Forburger	Momence		18	IL
05 Jun 1909	Romeo O. Wadleigh	Momence	Herscher H.S.	18	IL
05 Jun 1909	Laura H. Little	Momence	Momence H.S.	22	IL
05 Jun 1909	Olen-in-lie? B. Little	Momence		20	IL

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05 Jun 1909	Sister M. Eveline	Bourbonnais			
05 Jun 1909	Mabel M. Popejoy	Momence	Momence H.S.	16	IL
05 Jun 1909	Ethel M. Lamport	Momence	Dis. 88 & 41	20	IL
05 Jun 1909	Myrtle H. Lamport	Momence	Normal U.	18	IL
05 Jun 1909	Ida B. Burns	Kankakee	Blue Island H.S.	21	IL
05 Jun 1909	Mable I. Hilliker	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	17	IL
05 Jun 1909	Winifred Wildman?	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	18	IL
05 Jun 1909	Merle Nichols	Kankakee		19	IL
05 Jun 1909	Jennie Yeates	Kankakee R#2	Dis. 67	16	IL
05 Jun 1909	Geo. L. Caldwell	Kankakee	Belleville, Canada	47	Canada
05 Jun 1909	Edna B. McKee	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	18	IL
05 Jun 1909	Clifford McFarland	Kankakee		20	IL
05 Jun 1909	Mabel O. Frankee	Kankakee	Normal	26	IL
05 Jun 1909	Jennie Clute	Kankakee	Mich. U.	39	IL
05 Jun 1909	Louis Todd	Kankakee	Oberlin Col.	25	OH
06 Jul 1909	Hariet L. Isaacson	Buckingham	Dixon	19	IL
06 Jul 1909	Mabelle LeDesky	Bonfield	Bonfield	16	IL
06 Jul 1909	Fred O. Hartleb	Bradley	U. of IL	35	IL
06 Jul 1909	Ella B. Emett	Grant Park	Wilmington	30	IL
06 Jul 1909	Cora B. Piper	Peotone	Peotone	20	IL
06 Jul 1909	Wm. W. Lish	Manteno	Gardner	22	IL
06 Jul 1909	Ina E. Lish	Manteno	Gardner	20	IL
06 Jul 1909	Flora Mills	Chicago	Chicago H.S.	19	IL
06 Jul 1909	Olga F. Holtz	LaPorte	Kingsburg H.S.	17	IN
06 Jul 1909	Effie Day	LaPorte	Onarga	21	IN
06 Jul 1909	Vera Dixon	Onarga	Stanford U. of Cal.	19	IL
06 Jul 1909	Minnie T. Christ	Cabery	Normal	21	IL
06 Jul 1909	Floyd L. Heaoner?	Momence	Normal	23	IL
06 Jul 1909	Rose V. Vought	Kankakee	Kankakee H.S.	21	IL
06 Jul 1909	Mabel L. Eggleston	Kankakee	DeKalb	26	IL
06 Jul 1909	Millie L. Kamman	Kankakee	Kankakee	19	IL
06 Jul 1909	Edna M. Lowe	Kankakee	Kankakee	21	IL
06 Jul 1909	Rebecca Milburn	Kankakee	Kankakee	17	IL
06 Jul 1909	Elizabeth Wetmore	Kankakee		21	IL
06 Jul 1909	Evelyn Taylor	St. Anne	"	24	IL
06 Jul 1909	Charlotte Wolf	Wilmington	Wilmington	19	IL
06 Jul 1909	Clara M. Law	Momence	Normal	26	IL
06 Jul 1909	Jennie M. Cleary	Momence	Normal	26	IL
06 Jul 1909	Cora J. Nichols	Momence	Momence	42	IL
06 Jul 1909	Martha Barchler?	Momence	Momence	25	IL
06 Jul 1909	L. Y. McClintock	Momence	Ind. Normal	22	IL
06 Jul 1909	Mary E. Bukowske	Momence	Momence	30	IL
06 Jul 1909	Belle Rice	Momence	Momence H.S.	26	IL
06 Jul 1909	Mattie B. Stetsen	Momence	Momence H.S.	18	IL
06 Jul 1909	Anna M. Hansen	Momence	Normal	24	IL
06 Jul 1909	Gertrude V. Nelson	Momence	Momence H.S.	19	IL
06 Jul 1909	Stella M. Dwyer	Momence		22	IL
06 Jul 1909	Myrtle Gibeault	Momence	..	22	IL
06 Jul 1909	Kathryn Mattock	Walker. IN	Walker, IN	20	IL
06 Jul 1909	Frances G. Holmes	Momence	DeKalb, Normal	33	IL
06 Jul 1909	Evelyn B. Holmes	Momence	DeKalb, Normal	30	IL
06 Jul 1909	Frances H. Halpin	Momence	Momence	19	IL
06 Jul 1909	Harry E. Knorr	Herscher	Valparaiso	28	IL
06 Jul 1909	Estella M. Cart	Herscher	District School	18	IL
06 July 1909	Ella I. Thorson	Herscher	Valparaiso	22	IL
06 Aug 1909	Cora Thorson	Herscher	Valparaiso	23	IL

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06 Aug 1909	Maude F. Schott	Union Hill	Dwight	21	IL
06 Aug 1909	Caroline Desens	Union Hill	Highland Park	19	IL
06 Aug 1909	Pearl M. Shott	Union Hill	Valparaiso	18	IL
06 Aug 1909	Violet L. Shott	Union Hill	Public School	17	IL
06 Aug 1909	Ruby J. Brown	Manteno	Manteno H.S.	20	IL
06 Aug 1909	Mary Slater	Manteno	Wilmington H.S.	24	IL
06 Aug 1909	Caroline Lenchen	Manteno	DeKalb Normal	26	IL
06 Aug 1909	Florence Thurston	Manteno	Manteno H.S.	29	IL
06 Aug 1909	Gladys Thurston	Manteno	Manteno H.S.	19	IL
06 Aug 1909	Dora E. LaMontaigne	Bourbonnais	Notre Dame Aca.	22	IL
06 Aug 1909	Pearl M. LaMontaigne	Bourbonnais		19	IL
06 Aug 1909	Maude Box	Chebanse	Normal	33	IL
06 Aug 1909	Mammie Cunningham	Chebanse	Chebanse	19	IL
06 Aug 1909	Lela B. Green	Chebanse	Chebanse	18	IL
06 Aug 1909	Lottie Patterson	Chebanse	Normal	29	IL
06 Aug 1909	Mary I. Denny	St. Anne	Ind. Normal	20	IL
06 Aug 1909	Goldie DeHart	St. Anne	Arcola H.S.	24	IL
06 Aug 1909	Frank J. Pallissard	St. Anne	St. Anne H.S.	19	IL

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KVGS MEETINGS & NEWS

Upcoming Meetings:

August 13, 2005	Pat Chalmers will speak on the Masons
September 10, 2005	Charlene Reinhart will present a program on her recent trip to Ireland
October 8, 2005	Pere Jacques Gravier, SJ: Illiniwek Connection by Dan Heckenberger
November 12, 2005	To be announced
December 10, 2005	Christmas Lunch at Green Briar Restaurant

The society extends its thanks to Norma Meier for donating Irish Chronicles. Thanks to Dale Monty for scanning Volumes 11-15 as well as the Index to Volume 1-15 for posting on our website. Dale also donated a copy of Family Tree Maker #11 plus 9 Family Tree Maker CD's. Thanks also to Marjorie McCorkle who donated a copy of the 150 Year History of the Manteno United Methodist Church to our collection. New books added to the collection this month include *Greetings from Kankakee*. a picture postcard look at old Kankakee, and *Images of Rail - Kankakee Railroads* by the Kankakee County Historical Society.

A special thanks needs to go to three members who are presenting programs for the society this year. In April Dorothy Riegel presented a program on her trip to England and Scotland. In May Bob Worth gave us a program on the History of the Kankakee Nursery and in September Charlene Reinhart will be presenting a program on her trip to Ireland. We love having our members present programs and encourage them to let us know if they'd like to be one of our speakers!

Thanks to Nelda Ravens who always seems to find where different records are located. She found out that the Hickey Funeral Home Records are now located at Clancy's in Bourbonnais. They were contacted and agreed to let us copy those records. We also contacted the individual who has the St. Joseph Cemetery records in Manteno and he has also agreed to let us copy those records.

The office at Mt. Calvary Cemetery has closed as of June 30, 2005. Millie Williams is being relocated to the new office at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais. Telephone is 815/936-9378 and all records will be transferred to the new office.

The society is working hard on the Zion Lutheran Church Records, Bonfield, and have completed Books 1 and 2 and are working on Book 3. A special thanks needs to be extended to Linda Willibey for completing Book #1 which she had to put into the computer twice after an unexpected crash. We also are planning to copy the St. Rose Catholic Church Records this year. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

Member Ardis Boone has been coordinating with Steve Bertrand of the Kankakee Public Library for a grant to fund the microfilming and digitizing of the old issues of the St. Anne Record. This was a local newspaper which contained a wealth of information on local citizens and events and no attempt has been made to preserve it. The oldest issues are already gone but at least issues for the past 100 years can be preserved with this grant.

Thanks to Wilfred Mateer, we now have available for purchase the Livingston County Portrait & Biographic Record. This reprint does not include the information on Presidents and Governors but contains all the Livingston County portraits and biographical sketches of prominent and representative citizens of the county originally published in 1888. This softbound book contains over 1,000 pages and is available at a cost of \$60.00 plus \$5.00 postage and handling.

Member Betty Spreen has generously donated another of her wonderful afghans to the society. Starting at the August meeting we'll start selling raffle tickets for this afghan with the drawing at our Christmas lunch in December. We hope you'll all make this a successful raffle!

Olivet Nazarene University is sponsoring a one-day program entitled *Bridging the Gap* on September 22 and has asked our President to present a 1-hour Beginning Genealogy Program.

It's with great sorrow I announce that we lost two members of the genealogy society this past week. Our Treasurer, Bob Teders had a stroke and fall which resulted in his death on July 7, 2005. Bob was an enthusiastic member who took on the duties of Treasurer this past year in his usual thorough manner and had been so helpful with the German translations of the Zion Lutheran Church in Bonfield. Bob will be buried at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. He will be sadly missed. We also lost Leona Shreffler, who was 97 years old, and had been living in Baton Rouge near her son for the past several years. Leona was a charter member and tireless genealogist who did so much work documenting the cemeteries of Kankakee County. Leona will be buried in the Shreffler Family Cemetery in Limestone Township. Our condolences go out to Joyce Teders and Norman Shreffler and their families.

all matters social has won for him' a wide circle of friends, while in business his word is as good as a bond, and his integrity unimpeachable. Honor and uprightness came to him from his Puritan forefathers, and is inherent in his very nature.

Mr. Bradley was united in marriage in 1872 with Miss Margery J. Peuguet, of Brooklyn, New York, who, after a happy married life of nearly a quarter of a century, was called to her eternal home, November, 1896. There was born to them four daughters and a son, the latter having died in infancy.

BRADLEY, J. T.—The owner and proprietor of a billiard hall and saloon in Kankakee since 1893, J. T. Bradley has the reputation of thoroughly understanding his business, and of being a financial success. He is a representative of one of the early pioneer families of the state, and was born at Lockport, Will county, Illinois, August 14, 1853. His parents, James and Mary (Moran) Bradley, were born and married in County Tyrone, Ireland, immigrating to the United States in 1836, and settling in Lockport, where the father was for some years employed on the construction of the Illinois and Michigan canal. He was a worthy and industrious man, kind to his wife and children, and a credit to his humble but upright calling. His death occurred in 1856, two years and six months after his son, J. T., was born, and his wife died in 1853, while J. T. still was a babe in arms. Of the seven other children in the family, Susan is the widow of Joseph Breen, and lives in Elwood, Illinois; Rose is the wife of Henry Hamilton, of Springfield, Illinois; John died at the age of thirty-eight; Hugh is a resident of Schanahan, Illinois; Mary died as the wife of Thomas O'Conner, at the age of fifty-four; Sarah is the wife of M. F. Laughran, of Joliet, Illinois.

After finishing his education in the public schools of Elwood, Illinois, Mr. Bradley engaged in railroad work as brakeman for five years, and then ran a train for the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company. In 1885 he engaged in the saloon business in Reddick, Illinois, and in 1891 removed to Wilmington, and conducted a similar business, coming

to Kankakee in 1893. October 12, 1880, he married Rose Reilly, a native of Will county, Illinois, and daughter of Frank and Mary (Bradley) Reilly, who also have two sons, Michael and Thomas, in the mercantile business in Reddick. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are the parents of nine children: Frank, a resident of Kankakee; Rose and Ella, twins, the former a stenographer, and the latter a housekeeper; Edward, with the Electric Light Company; Mary; George; Howard; Loretta; and Lawrence. With his family, Mr. Bradley is identified with the Roman Catholic church. Fraternaly he is connected with the Catholic Foresters, and Lodge No. 296, B. P. O. E., of Joliet. He is genial and obliging, and possesses the qualities necessary to a successful conduct of his business.

BRADLEY, LEONARD P.—Canada has furnished Kankakee county with many sturdy and industrious citizens who have done much to aid in the progress and upbuilding of this part of the state through their habits of industry and the great interest they take in the welfare of the community with which they have cast their lot. Among those who have contributed to the agricultural advancement of Kankakee county is Leonard P. Bradley, a native of Northumberland county, Ontario, Canada, where he was born February 28, 1859, a son of William H. and Rachel A. (Palen) Bradley. The parents are both natives of Northumberland county, Canada, the father's birth having occurred July 10, 1835, and that of the mother December 23, 1835. They were married in their native county May 21, 1856, and in 1868 moved to Woodstock, Canada. In 1876 they came to Kankakee county, remained here about two years, moved to Porter county, Indiana, then to Lake county, in the same state, then to Pike county, Missouri, and subsequently returned, in 1888, to Kankakee county, where they now reside. Five children were born to this couple, as follows: Minnie E., Leonard P., Viola E. (deceased), Stella H. (deceased), and Dora E. Leonard P. Bradley accompanied his parents to Kankakee county in 1876, and returned with them to this county when they came from Missouri in 1888. After his marriage he first settled in Lake county, Indiana, and in' 1886 moved to Pike county, Missouri, where he resided until 1888, in the

latter year returning to Kankakee county and settling in Momence township, residing there about three years. He then moved to the farm where he now lives and has since successfully followed the occupation of tilling the soil.

On November 25, 1885, Mr. Bradley was united in marriage in Kankakee county to Miss Florence E. Beebe, who was born in this county March 16, 1863, a daughter of Samuel and Laura (Chipman) Beebe. She died May 16, 1889, having borne one child. Harden L., who was born August 30, 1887, and died April 14, 1889. On March 18, 1891, Mr. Bradley married the sister of his first wife, Bertha L. Beebe, whose birth occurred in Kankakee county January 5, 1865, and they became the parents of the following four children: Elwyn F., born November 28, 1892; Ethel F., born October 27, 1894; Edith D., born June 6, 1896; and Howard S., born June 23, 1899. In his fraternal relations Mr. Bradley is an Odd Fellow, a member of the Encampment, and is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is one of the substantial and progressive citizens of Kankakee county, and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

BRADY, BENJAMIN F., one of the pioneers of this section of the country, a retired agriculturist and a justice of the peace, makes his home in Kankakee, where he is highly respected and honored. He came of pioneer stock, some of his ancestors settling at Cincinnati, at the birth of that city. Although he has attained many more than the years allotted by the Psalmist, he is still alive and takes a deep interest in all that goes to make life pleasant, and that is for the advancement of his fellow man.

Mr. Brady was born at Attica, Fountain county, Indiana, October 16, 1823, when that was but a frontier village. His father, John Brady, was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was the son of James Brady. They were of that hardy race of Scotch-Irish who crossed the mountains of Western Pennsylvania, and moving down the Ohio river opened to settlement the lands now known as Kentucky, Tennessee, and, later, Ohio and Indiana. Among the pioneers on the Ohio side were the ancestors of the subject of this memoir. His mother, Jane (Bell) Brady, was born in New York and

was of English descent.

Benjamin F. Brady was the youngest of a family of eleven children born to his parents. His brothers and sisters all grew to maturity, but all are now numbered with the dead. He remained at home with his parents until attaining his twentieth year. Starting out in the world for himself, he came to Illinois in 1843, took up a claim in Iroquois county, and commenced to develop it and make a farm. He still owns this 160 acre place, which he purchased from the Government over sixty years ago. He lived on this farm, engaged in tilling the soil, until, in 1864, he removed to Kankakee to educate his only son, and has been a resident ever since.

The marriage that united Mr. Brady and Miss Mary Day took place December 30, 1855. The lady, who is still living, is a native of Canada. They have had but one son, John F. now a resident of Atkinson, Neb. He is a large ranch owner, having a place of 6,000 acres, is a prominent cattle dealer and real estate broker. He is a fine representative business man.

Benjamin F. Brady has been a republican since the birth of that party, voting for Fremont in 1856, and for every republican candidate for the presidency since. He takes quite an active interest in public affairs. He has been justice of the peace and police magistrate since 1864. He is now commissioner of highways.

Fraternally our subject is a member of the Masonic order. He was a charter member of the first lodge started in Kankakee. He is well known throughout the county, and he and his wife have a high place in the esteem of a wide circle of friends. He has been closely identified with the growth and development of this portion of the state, and takes pride in the position that Illinois now holds in the Union. When he came to the state it had less than 500,000 and now it has nearly 5,000,000 inhabitants.

BRANDT, JOHN.—The seeker after success along farming lines may learn much from the life and efforts of John Brandt, whose home, character and ideals, place him among the most progressive and substantial of the agriculturists of Manteno township. Mr. Brandt

owes his early training and right start in life to the conditions existing in Holstein, Germany, where he was born February 6, 1842. His father, Francis Brandt, was frugal, industrious and exacting, as were the neighbors who occupied adjoining farms. The lad knew no such thing as unwarranted leisure, or such a thing as money which he had not earned twice over. As manhood approached, his own exertions made him practically independent, just as his right disposal of spare time had given him the knowledge which supplemented his meagre school attendance. During 1869 he came to America to investigate the prospects of settlement, but returned the next year. In 1871 he formally renounced his allegiance to the German flag. Sailing in this year to America for the second time, Mr. Brandt located at once in Will county, Illinois. and after working on a farm for ten months moved to Kankakee county, where he rented land for three years. He then bought the farm of eighty acres in Indiana where he lived thirteen years, when, after selling out at a fair profit, he rented a farm in Kankakee county for a year. He then rented the V. L. Morey farm for six years, during which time he accumulated quite a sum of money, and purchased the John Moissart farm of three hundred and seventeen acres, one and a half miles north of Manteno. This place, while rich in soil and abundant in water supply, was sadly in need of tiling and draining, and the result has been that the present owner has spent several thousand dollars in bringing to its present state of excellence his now valuable farm. Many evidences abound of Mr. Brandt's superiority over the ordinary farmer. He has never been content with what already has been accomplished, and he never has made the mistake of improving only to the extent of insuring a liberal income. His nature appreciates the finer things of life, and his energy is directed to bringing them his way. An example is found in a fine iron fence which surrounds his property, when doubtless a wooden one would have done as well, and from a financial standpoint better. The house in which his family find shelter once stood in the glare of the sun and in the teeth of the north wind, but now it is surrounded by shade trees, those grateful and comfortable acquisitions which indicate a fine nature and a large heart. About seven hundred fruit trees, all placed by Mr. Brandt, furnish a yearly output

of various fruits, and a vegetable garden supplies his table with all of the delicacies of the season. He is a thinker after broad and progressive lines, as his constant improvements and additions indicate

Mr. Brandt became a citizen of the United States in 1880, and since has voted the republican ticket, and served on the school board. He is known as a consistent and helpful member of the German Lutheran church. He married, a fellow countrywoman in 1873, who formerly was Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Stolzenbach, a native of Hesse, Germany, and who came to the United States with her father in 1872. Mr. Stolzenbach settled in Grant Park, Kankakee county, and there engaged in the butchering business until his death in 1893, his wife having pre-deceased him in 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Brandt are the parents of eight children: Frances, who died in infancy; John Henrich; Wilhelm, who lives at home; Anna, the wife of August Beaman, of Momence; Mary, the wife of William Richmond, of Manteno; Peter; Jacob. and Dorothy. Mr. Brandt has impressed his worth upon the community which is honored by his citizenship, and among its toilers he has many sincere and appreciative friends.

BRASSARD. PETER.--When Peter Brassard, tanner, came to Momence in 1850, he brought with him many things just as desirable as a useful trade. Among these were perseverance and good judgment, qualities much needed and appreciated in an infant community. He was a plain man with a plain calling, but he dignified that and agriculture by knowledge and thoroughness, and created a name and reputation which has in no wise diminished in the hands of his capable and honorable sons. Mr. Brassard was born near Montreal, Canada, April 9, 1818, and, feeling the limitations of the home farm, apprenticed to a tanner, under whom he became an expert. He was seventeen when he left the family roof in search of independence and opportunity, and he thereafter followed his trade in Watertown, N. Y., until coming to Joliet, Illinois, in 1848.

After living a couple of years in Momence,

Mr. Brassard returned to Joliet for a year, thereafter continuously making his home in town, or on a farm near by, where he achieved practical results. In those days there was ample opportunity for the exercise of his favorite amusement, which was hunting, and probably no more successful Nimrod ever invaded Kankakee county. He was one of the finest shots in the county, and brought down many animals whose kind long since have disappeared from the range of the hunter in these parts. Mr. Brassard married, in Albany, New York, March 4, 1842, Aurelia Trudeau, who was born about twelve miles from Montreal, Canada, June 25, 1821, and who became the mother of seven children: Josephine, born in May, 1845, the wife of William G. Graham, of Momence; Emelia, born July 21, 1846, died in 1848; Charles, born May 28, 1850, a resident of Momence; Victor T., born August 24, 1852; Orlando, born October 5, 1855, and now a resident of Chicago; Helena, born February 7, 1861, the wife of M. A. Hand, of Momence; and William, born June 3, 1865, also of Momence. Mr. Brassard prospered in his work, and made many friends, and it is to men of like strong and rugged nature that the county owes much of its pioneer and later development.

Victor T. Brassard was born in Joliet, and removed to Momence with his parents when he was about a year old. Educated in the public schools, he was partially reared on the paternal farm, and gradually worked his way into the real estate and brokerage business, of which since he has made a pronounced success. Possessing a thorough knowledge of land values, and their respective relations to the industrial and commercial concerns in the town, as well as to the outlying populous districts, he has not only carried through many of the largest transactions in the history of the town, but has himself become a large owner of farms, as well as of valuable city property.

Mr. Brassard has been active in republican politics for many years, has held many local offices of importance, and at present is serving as police magistrate. Fraternally he is connected with the Blue Lodge and Chapter, A. F. and A. M., of Momence, and he is otherwise identified with the societies in which the city abounds. November 22, 1886, he was united in marriage to Bessie Robertson, a native of Pitlockry, Scotland, a daughter of James and

Bessie Robertson. After a residence in Momence of forty-nine years, Mr. Brassard finds himself one of its most substantial and honored citizens, a credit to the world of finance and society, and the recipient of the good-will and appreciation of the entire community.

BRATTON, LUTHER B.—Representative of that class of young agriculturists who combine the scientific pursuit of their calling with meritorious interest in the political and general welfare of the community in which they dwell, Luther B. Bratton, who has served continuously as supervisor of Limestone township since 1899, is also a native son, having been born on the farm he now occupies, on section 27, February 13, 1873. He is a son of Luther B. and Ursula E. (Bowdle) Bratton, and grandson of John L. and Mary Bratton, the latter of whom were natives of Kentucky, and early settlers of Daviess county, Indiana.

Luther B. Bratton, Sr., was born in Daviess county, Indiana, August 5, 1834, and when seven years old lost his father by death, his youth thereafter being attuned to somewhat of hardship, and to invariable industry. At the age of twenty-three, in 1857, he removed to Minnesota, took up a homestead near Mankato, but abandoned it after a year, owing to the prevailing panic. In 1859 he came to Illinois, located in Kankakee the following year, and on January 12, 1860, in Bourbonnais township, was united in marriage to Ursula E. Bowdle. Miss Bowdle was born August 25, 1836, in Allen county, Ohio, the only daughter of Henry W. and Catherine A. Bowdle, natives of Ohio. Mr. Bowdle came to Illinois in 1844. Mr. Bratton began farming in Bourbonnais township, and in 1865 located on the farm now occupied by his sons where his death occurred May 19, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Bratton were the parents of nine children: Katie M., residing on the home place with her mother; Jessie B., deceased; Grace E., the deceased wife of E. J. Smith; Ruby, a school teacher in Bonfield, Kankakee county; Cora E., the wife of Michael Falter; Luther B.; Walter G.; Henry R.; and Maude E., a teacher in the public schools of Kankakee. Luther B., Walter G., and Henry R., are farmers and stock-raisers in Kankakee county.

Educated primarily in the public schools of Limestone, Luther B. Bratton, Jr., attended also the Kankakee high-school, and in 1893 completed the course in the scientific department of the Valparaiso College. Subsequently he engaged in school teaching in Limestone township, later turning his attention to farming and stock-raising on the home place with his father and brothers.

A staunch and consistent republican, Mr. Bratton has been a member of the Republican Central Committee for several years. In 1897 he was elected town clerk, holding the office two years, and then was chosen supervisor of Limestone township, at that time being the youngest who had served on the county board of Kankakee county. He now is serving his fourth term as supervisor. During the winter of 1902-3, he was clerk of the House Appropriation Committee, at Springfield, Ill., this being the most important committee in the legislature. It is to such men as Mr. Bratton that the county looks not only for the maintenance of its present high standards, but for the establishment of conditions which combine the practical wisdom of the past, with the better advantages, clearer minds, and more vital energy of those who live in the immediate present.

BREAULT, LOUIS.—An honorable position among the retired farmers of Bourbonnais township is willingly accorded this gentleman by the entire community. He owns one of the large and well developed farms of the county, settled on by his father, one of the pioneers of this region, and is greatly respected in the township where he has spent his entire life.

Mr. Breault was born in Bourbonnais township, June 12, 1865, and is the son of Leander and Aurelia (Lambert) Breault. His father was a native of the province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, and a farmer by occupation. He came to the United States in 1851 without means, and for three years carried on agricultural pursuits in Kane county, Illinois, near Aurora. He came to Kankakee in 1854 and was employed in farm work for a time, but later bought the farm now in possession of our subject. He carried on farming in Bourbonnais township until 1888, when having achieved an easy competence, he retired from the more strenuous life and settled down to

enjoy his ease. He died June 7, 1894, when he was sixty-seven years old. He was somewhat crippled and hence could take no active part in the Civil war, but as a republican was patriotic and endorsed an active policy in carrying on the war. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Matilda Senesac, a native of Canada, by whom he had seven children. His second wife was Miss Aurelia Lambert, who bore him 8 children. The mother of our subject was a native of Canada, who came to Bourbonnais when a girl and was there married. She died here February 26, 1904. She was born October 23, 1837, and was the daughter of Jarves and Aurelia (Frechette) Lambert.

Louis Breault was reared and educated in his native town, and like other boys, worked on the home farm in the interval between school hours. He assumed life's duties in 1888, setting out then for himself, and was actively engaged in farming until 1904, when, having accumulated enough of life's goods, he retired from the more active life and settled down to enjoy the fruits of his labors.

Mr. Breault was married December 28, 1886, to Miss Phoebe Marcotte, a native of Kankakee county, and the daughter of Francis, and Elmira (Legris) Marcotte. Her father died March 15, 187., at the age of thirty-nine years. Her mother still survives. Mrs. Breault is one of ten children born to her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Breault are the parents of seven children: Alma and Adelard, who died at the age of nine years; Lucy; Oscar, who died when five years old; Lillie, whose death occurred when she was but a year and a half old; Irene, and one who died in early infancy. The family, like their forebears on both sides, are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Breault is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and of St. John's society. He is a republican and has held the office of commissioner of highways and of school director.

BREEN, JAMES W.—An example of clean, interest-compelling, and high minded journalism is found in the Manteno Independent, edited since the spring of 1896 by James W. Breen, one of Manteno's prominent and in-

fluent native sons. Mr. Breen's father, John D., arrived on the present site of Manteno as early as 1859, coming from Kentucky, where he was born on a slave-equipped plantation. The elder Breen made the most of his early educational advantages, and for fifteen years taught school in Manteno and Rockville townships, subsequently engaging in the hardware business with D. W. Dole for several years. In 1881 he was appointed postmaster of Manteno by President Garfield, and after serving four years became interested in the real estate and insurance business, which he continued for the balance of his active life. He held various elective offices, including that of justice of the peace and town clerk, and invested these positions with the dignity and public spiritedness which characterized his long and well directed business life. His death occurred in the spring of 1890, but he is survived by his wife, now living with her son, James W., and who formerly was Lydora Gilmore. Mr. and Mrs. Breen were married in Rockville, Illinois, in 1861, and had, seven children, of whom James W. is the third oldest, being born in 1867. W. W. is agent at Chicago for the Black Rock Gold & Copper Mining Company, of Arizona; C. C. is secretary for a rice packing company of New Orleans; F. S. is a resident of Flagstaff, Arizona, where he is secretary and treasurer of the Black Rock Gold & Copper Mining Company, and supervisor of the timber reservations of Arizona; Eva A., deceased in 1902; Mrs. J. J. Nixon, of Manteno; and the wife of Dr. A. F. Switzer, of Manteno.

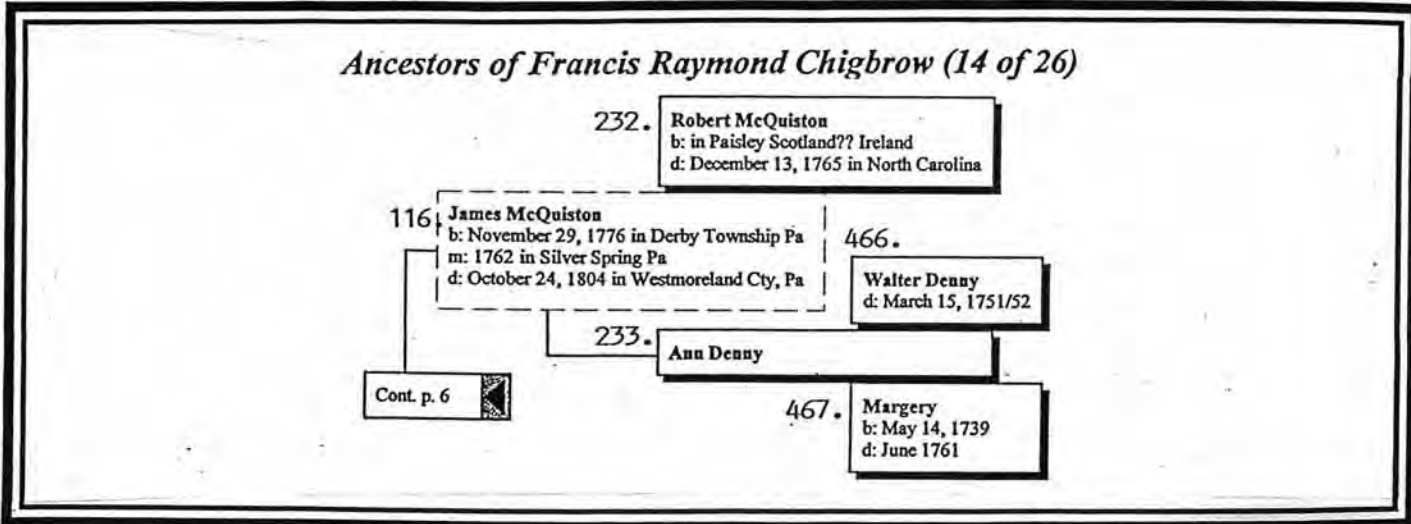
Prior to undertaking newspaper work, James W. Breen acquired experience in various lines of activity. After leaving the public school he filled clerical positions for a time, and at the age of eighteen became an attendant at the Kankakee Hospital for the Insane. Three years later, in 1889, he went to Tacoma, Washington, and engaged in railroading business for several years, during one year representing a hardware firm on the road. Returning to Manteno in the spring of 1896, he took up his present responsibility with the Independent, his occupation being interrupted by the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, in which he enlisted in 1898, in Company L, Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Joining his regiment at Newport, he proceeded to Porto Rico, and there served under Generals Grant and Brooks

until his honorable discharge, November 11, 1898. After the war he assumed charge of the Independent. In 1900 he was elected mayor of Manteno, serving until the fall of 1901, when he resigned to accept the office of postmaster. Eminently social in his tendencies, Mr. Breen joined the Tacoma Lodge, No. 68, A. F. and A. M., in 1902, and is now a member of the Chapter and Knights Templar lodges of Kankakee.

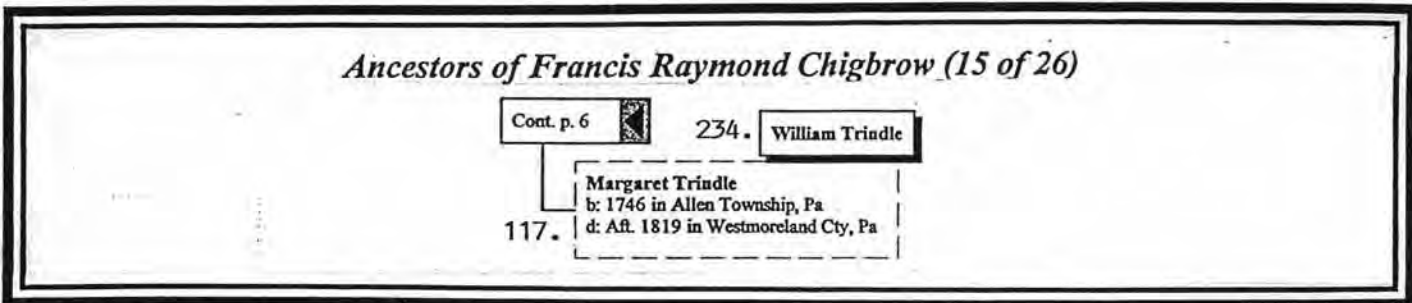
BROCK, JOHN.—During the forty and three years of his occupancy of the same farm in Otto township, Kankakee county, John Brock has invariably upheld the dignity, usefulness and progressiveness of his time-honored calling. The inherited thrift of English ancestors, a genuine liking for the agricultural life, and a keen desire to do well all allotted tasks, have been more important factors in his success than any material encouragement or help in his younger years. For generations his forefathers were known and respected in Lincolnshire, England, the second largest county in the country, and which is noted for its agriculture, and the beauty of its parish churches. Here he was born at Epworth, the birthplace of John Wesley, March. 4, 1831, a son of William and Catherine (Stranding) Brock, and grandson of George Brock, all natives of the same town and shire. William Brock was born in 1789, and died in 1860. He was the third of six children, the others being Thomas, Judith, Ann, John and Susan. His wife, who was a daughter of Samuel Stranding, was born in 1791, and died in 1876. She was the mother of seven children, of whom Mary, George, Judith, Ann and Hannah are deceased; Samuel, who lives, at Clifton, Iroquois county, Ill., and John, the farmer, of Otto township, being the sole survivors.

John Brock was twenty-three years old when he landed in Quebec, Canada, in June, 1854. After a short sojourn in Brockville, Canada, he came to Plainfield, Will county, Ill., and lived on a farm until 1862. In the meantime, December 23, 1858, at Joliet, Ill., he married Anna J. Bird, who was born in Canada, December 16, 1839, a daughter of William and Anna (Sanderson) Bird, who moved from Canada to Illinois in 1852. In the fall of 1862

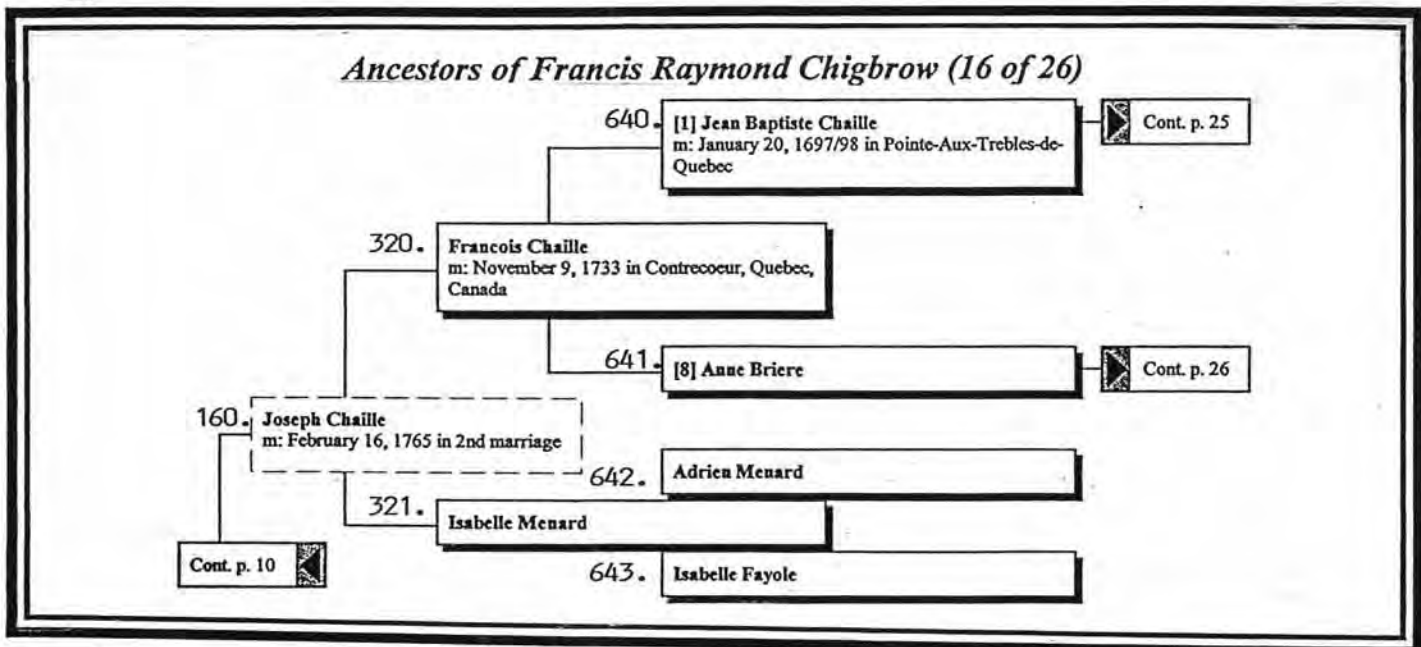
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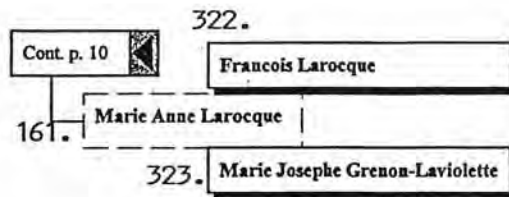
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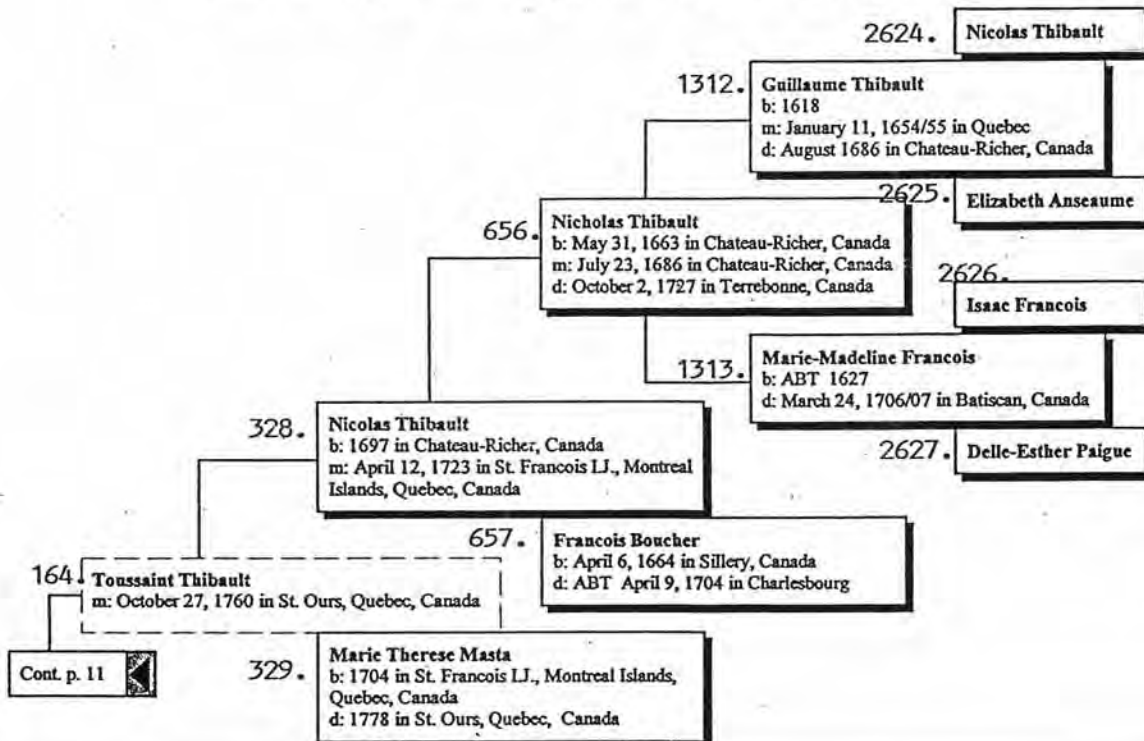
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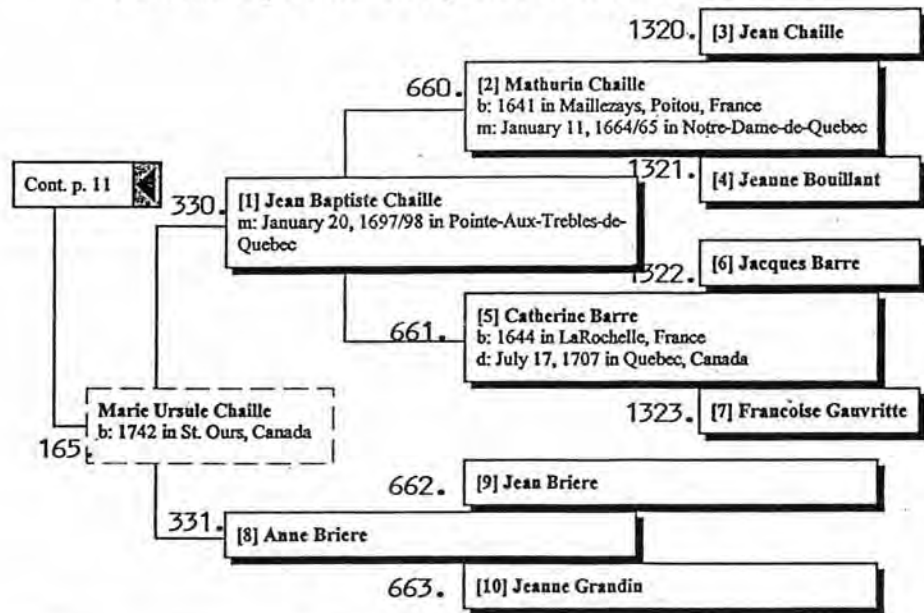
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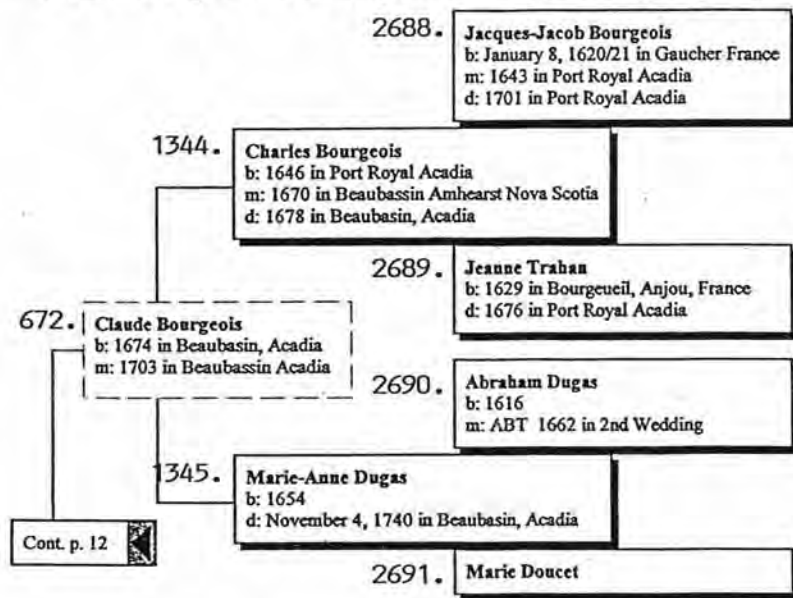
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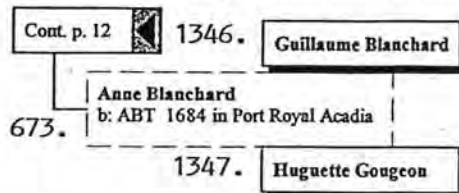
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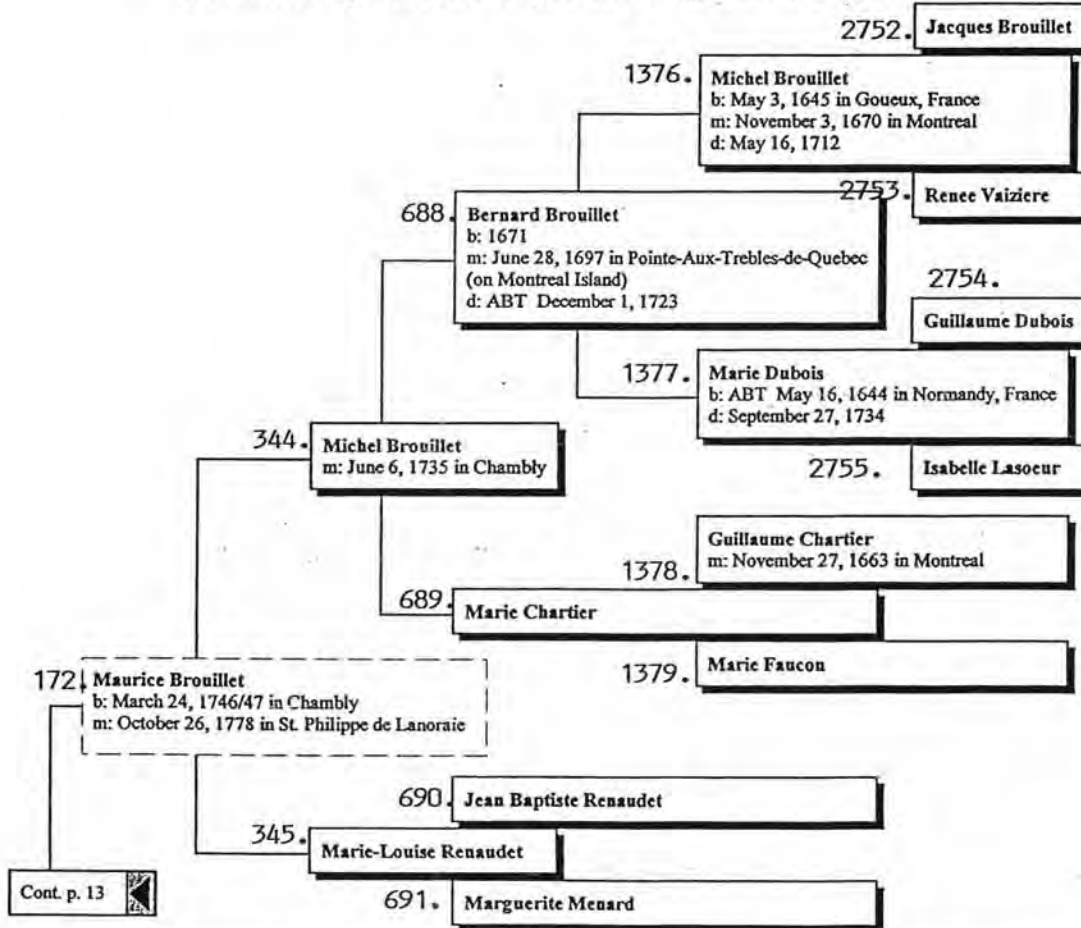
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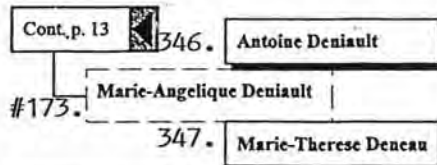
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Which U.S. President carried the most states in any Presidential election? Richard Nixon who carried 49 states (all but Massachusetts) in the 1972 election.

Two of America's favorite things - ice cream cones and ice tea - were both introduced for the first time at the same place, the St. Louis World's Fair of 1904.

Bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers were all invented by women.

The U.S. Navy hymn "Anchors Aweigh" was written by Midshipman Alfred Miles and Lt. Charles Zimmerman not for any event at sea but for the Army-Navy football game of 1906.

Surprisingly, Lafayette, the famous French soldier, was only 19 years old when he was made a general in the U.S. Army during the American Revolutionary War.

According to a recent survey, many Americans can't name the man America was named after. America is named after Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci.

Oddly enough, the famous Eiffel Tower in Paris was never expected to be a permanent landmark. It was originally built only for the Paris World's Fair of 1889 and was supposed to be torn down after the fair. It proved so popular that it was left standing and today is one of the best-known structures in the world.

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