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## MOMENCE OF THE OLD FRONTIER

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### "GOOD OLD ELDER BURR"

Shakespeare's witty and somewhat caustic observation, "the good is oft interred with the bones," fails utterly in its application to the Rev. S. P. Burr, Momence's first resident minister. After seventy years he is still recalled among the old settlers in and about Momence, and those who are disposed to relate tales concerning him invariably preface their statements with the significant legend, uttered with a notable emphasis and unmistakable unction--"He was a good old man, was Elder Burr:" That he was a good old man, there is no room for reasonable doubt, since saint and sinner, with one accord, after all these years, join heartily in the happy designation at such times when the good old Elder's name is mentioned.

He was the father of Methodism in Momence. By this we do not mean that he was the first to hold religious services in the little river settlement on the Kankakee. There were other circuit riders who preceded him by many years. Enoch Sargeant, a brother of Asher Sargeant, the first settler at Momence, who came to the river in 1835, although not a circuit rider, held preaching services now and then. Elder Morrison, who lived four miles north of the Momence settlement, is a quaint early-day character whose mannerisms and oddities of speech are still recalled. For many years he, with others, traversed the wilderness and brought to the dwellers therein the message of the gospel, besides serving the limited population of that day on the occasion of a wedding, a christening or a funeral. Elder Morrison officiated at the wedding of Daniel Beebe and Nancy Mellen, which was held at the Mellen home situated near the mouth of Exline Creek, on December 30, 1841. After the ceremony had been duly performed, the Elder, as a fitting finale, offered up a long and fervid prayer, in which apparently, not one of life's serious problems was left untouched. To the bride's great confusion and embarrassment, the good old Elder petitioned the Almighty to bestow upon this couple a numerous progeny, to be directed always in the way of righteousness.

If the congregations of that day were blunt, practical, "home-spun" folk, with little or no education, so, too, were the preachers of the circuit who exhorted them in the language

of the old frontier. If, at times, he spoke in rude and homely phrase, if, sometimes, his statements were pointed with the grim, uncouth humor of the pioneer, it was because he was of them and knew them and understood them. Elder, Morrison used to say to his congregations "Brethren, thar will be preachin' here four weeks from this day--wind and weather permittin' ah, and if the green-heads ain't too bad!" It is hard for twentieth century folk to see anything but humor in this statement. It is harder still to realize that "the wind, the weather and the green-heads," were elemental difficulties to be seriously considered at all times by the lowly circuit rider.

Rev. Elisha Springer rode one of the earliest Methodist circuits, established in 1833, extending from Spring Creek, Iroquois County, to Rensselaer, Indiana, and from the Wabash to the Kankakee. He made this circuit in 1842 and preached in some of the outlying districts to the east of Momence. It is recalled, that, at times, when he was announcing future services, he would say: "I will hold services here two weeks from today," and then, eyeing the male members of the congregation shrewdly, added the following unusual qualification, "that is, if it ain't a good coon-day:" He knew that if it did happen to be a good coon day," the male members of the congregation, unable to resist the lure of the coon in the woods, would not be present at the service, however urgent the call of the gospel might be.

The first of the early-day circuits on the Kankakee was that which embraced a circle extending from Joliet to Wilmington, up the river to Momence, thence to Beebe's Grove, Thorn Grove, Crete, Frankfort, etc., over one hundred miles in extent. When in the fall of 1849, the Rev. S. P. Burr was appointed to this circuit, it had been much shortened, so much so that Elder Burr, as he was known by the settlers, found Momence a convenient center from which to make his ministrations. This circuit on which he served was later called the "Beebe Grove Circuit."

As a rule the pioneer settlers were a people of deep and genuine religious convictions. This, however, does not seem to have been the case with the people who constituted the slender population of Momence of that day. The town bore the reputation of being a wide-open, go-as-you-please, free-for-all sort of town and lived up to its reputation. In that day, from 1847 to about 1856, it experienced its greatest prosperity. It then had some five or six stores and something like two hundred inhabitants, to say nothing of the country tributary. The inhabitants of Momence and those who frequented the place were, in the main, typical frontier types. Musk-rat and coon-skin caps and buckskin vests and coats were the rule rather than the exception. If these people were "hard-nosed," (to use the popular vernacular of today), in their attitudes

towards matters religious, it is not to be taken that they were openly hostile to the circuit rider and his ministrations. They were merely indifferent, decidedly and markedly so-- that's all.

Elder Burr was a shrewd, kindly, friendly, practical sort of man who, in addition to these desirable personal qualities, was distinctively a man of parts, as the little community soon came to know. He brought to the little river settlement of Momence the very first buggy that ever came to town. That buggy was a most important asset in one respect at least. It broke down the barrier of cold reserve and indifference on the part of the citizens of Momence as nothing else could. A community might be unmindful of a lowly circuit rider and preacher, and go their way and show little concern in his affairs, so long as he let them alone and did not obtrude too strongly upon the established order of living. But the buggy, of which the Elder made use in making his rounds, proved a decided spur to public interest. In the stores, in the saloons, on the street, wherever men gathered and talked, the buggy, an innovation of surpassing importance to the backwoods settlement of that day, was discussed in all its phases.

Quite unconsciously, these people of the old frontier town developed, in time, a substantial respect for this grim old warrior of the cross who possessed not only a buggy, but a fine set of carpenter tools, in the use of which he was very expert. A parsonage was built for the Elder in the fall of 1849. It stood on Locust Street just opposite where the ruins of the old brick school house stood for so long. The site later served W. M. Durham as a garden. This parsonage building was 16x24. Chauncey and Albert Chipman, assisted by Rev. Burr himself, were the carpenters who jointly erected this modest domicile. This first parsonage was used up until about the time of the building of the old stone church. At that time W. H. Patterson desired the site to add to his grounds, which later became the Durham home, and arranged with James Mix and the church trustees for an exchange for the present parsonage lot at the corner of Fifth and Range Streets.

John Bennett tells us that in the year 1850 a representative of the Presbyterian faith in the person of Rev. Birze, came to Momence. At that time preaching services were held in the school house, and Elder Burr and Rev. Birze preached on alternate Sabbaths. It happened that on one occasion there was a misunderstanding between the two as to which had the day, both claiming it. Early on that Sunday morning Elder Burr, in order to head off his friend Birze, repaired to the school house, built the fire, swept out and put everthing to rights, and then went home to dress for church. When he returned with his wife three-quarters of an hour later, much to his supprise he found friend Birze in full charge. Elder Burr was not slow to grasp the point, and sat down and, for once in his life, listened to a good, old fashioned Presbyterian sermon.

Elder Burr was returned to this charge by the conference in the year 1851 and thus served the community for two years. An annoying throat trouble, with which he was afflicted, caused him to resign as a regular pastor after 1851, but, for a number of years thereafter, he continued to make Mومence his home, preaching occasionally and working at his trade of cabinet maker. For years he had his shop in the Berg building on River street, near the alley. This building is still standing. Elder Burr, in the eyes of the little river settlement, was, not only a good man, a good preacher, as preachers went in that day, but a good cabinet maker. He was a most helpful and handy man to have around in a day before the commercial era had superceded the rude arts of pioneer handicraft. Some idea of what this plain, kindly, simple old man meant to the settlement of that day may be gained from the varied services he rendered. He married people; then he made the furniture with which they began housekeeping; when a child was born, he christened it, if the parents so desired; when a death occurred, he administered spiritual comfort and preached the funeral sermon, besides supplying, by his own handiwork, the queer, angular, six-sided coffin of black walnut in which they were laid away. Truly his was a service many-sided and indispensable. Here and there about Mومence may be found in this day examples of the plain, sturdy household furniture that had its origin in the unpretentious shop of the old circuit rider long ago. Time has invested these pieces with memories and given them a value quite out of proportion to the humble materials employed.

Though the Elder was patient and unwearying in the cause of Christianity, aside from a very few families in town and the near countryside, the cause of the gospel did not visibly prosper. Men went their way, but that way led invariably to the saloon and the gambling halls and never to the house of God, except in the case of a funeral. There was one "saving grace" the community had--they would attend a funeral. And, at such timest the Elder Burr, quick to take advantage of an opportunity to snatch a brand from the burning; would exhort his hearers to flee from the wrath to come and take refuge in God's justice.

A notable instance is recalled of a funeral at which the old Elder presided. It was that of the two-year old son of James Nichols, a pioneer and a member of the well known family of "Uncle Billy" Nichols, who lived three miles northwest of the settlement. The time was about 1855 or 1856. The Nichols were well known and popular among all classes and numbered among their friends almost the entire population of Mومence, as well as the settlers of the countryside. The tragic death of James Nichols' little son, John, moved the community to an unusual demonstration of sympathy, evidenced by a remarkable attendance at the funeral.

The little fellow one day in the early summer, was romping through the open doors of the house and out in the yard around the end of the house and back through the open doors in a circuit when, suddenly, from out of doors, the mother heard a piercing scream. Hurrying out she found the child, and the nearby ugly form of a prairie rattle-snake indicated only too plainly to the mother what had happened. On one of the child's ankles appeared two bright red spots where the deadly fangs of the reptile had struck. Such remedies as the pioneer made use of to combat the deadly poison of the rattler were employed, but without avail. The little fellow died within three days. A sorrowful errand for the father was when he sought out Elder Burr, and from his pocket drew a string of certain length whereon appeared a knot a certain distance from one-end, indicating roughly the dimensions of a coffin for the toddler, which the Elder then and there proceeded to make.

The funeral was attended by all classes of Momence's mixed population and the Elder therein recognized an opportunity to bring the message of the gospel to a people whom he never met except on the street or on the rare occasion of a funeral. His effort on this occasion was a notable example of vigorous exhortation. For the space of an hour he urged that congregation "to leave off sin and take on righteousness." No sermon of camp-meeting or revival days ever surpassed in earnest intensity this effort of Elder Burr. As one expressed it: "He did everlastingly lambast them on their shortcomings." That audience for days afterwards, felt the moral effect of this appeal of the old parson to their better instincts. His picturization of the evil one, outlined against the fires that glow unceasingly in the abyssmal depths of the brimstone pit, was a fearful, awesome thing, the mere recollection of which loomed like the shadow of a spectre standing back of the chair at feast. Some days later a Momence gambler, a rather likable fellow, on meeting the Elder on the street, asked him point blank why he went after that congregation so hard. The Elder eyed him shrewdly for a moment and replied: "Whenever the devil lets go your coat-tails for a space, that is my opportunity; many of you I never see except at a funeral service! The message of salvation is a vital one whatever the occasion may be!" And the parson smiled a kindly smile so that he to whom his words had been addressed smiled also and remarked, "Elder, you're a trump. In the gospel game you win! You hold aces, kings and queens against ten-spots and deuces."

From this it will be seen that in the years that followed, there was an increasing respect for the sincere old parson among all classes in the little river settlement of whom, as a matter of truthful acknowledgement, it must be admitted that they were a wild and harum scarum lot. But the leaven of friendliness and kindness is irresistible and, like "the blood," on which the southerner sets such a store, "is bound to tell in time!"

A marked deference was shown Elder Burr and men of all types touched the brim of their hat in token of respectful salutation. The riverman, the rounder, the hunter and trapper, who spent much of his time in the wilderness, coming to town now and then that he might fraternize with his fellows, load up with needed supplies and liquor, never passed the parson on the street that he did not removed his pipe with one hand, while with the other he tilted the queer muskrat cap he wore.

The old Elder, amid surroundings forbidding and all but hopeless, nevertheless sowed the seed of friendliness and kindness with a liberal hand, as if hopeful and confident of the future. Truly, his was a faith fixed firmly and unshakably on the word of God, which says, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap!" And that his faith and his labors were not in vain, behold, after seventy years, wherever recollection goes back to those years, there is this unvarying testimony to his memory--

"He was a good old man, was Elder Burr,"

#### "THE OLD HILL TAVERN"

Next to William Lacy and Mr. James VanKirk, who settled at the "Upper Crossing" in the fall of 1833, came Robert Hill in the year 1834. He took up a claim on the south side of the Kankakee and immediately constructed a cabin of logs nearby the Chicago-Vincennes trail and opened a tavern. This tavern was destined to become famous for Robert Hill was of the broad, genial, Southern type, a bon-vivant whose stories and cheer and hospitality soon became the "talk of the trail." These qualities, indispensable to a successful tavern keeper, were further aided, sustained and abetted by "Ma" Hill, than whom, no better cook ever basted a turkey or dipped her hands in flour anywhere on the trail between Vincennes and Chicago.

In that early day of the border there were taverns that had achieved something of a reputation with the traveling public of that day, notably the "Buckhorn Tavern," situated south of the Kankakee in the forks of the trail in the near outskirts of the present town of Donovan, Iroquois county. A former townsman, the late Major R. J. Hanna, years ago gave us an idea of the menu of this old-time hostelry in 1857. He was a member of the surveying party that laid out the line of the T. P. & W. Railway. They were in the immediate neighborhood of where the town of Sheldon stands today, and there was but one lone shack visible in all the country roundabout. The man of the shack was too poor to have a floor in it. He was so poor that he could provide nothing more than potatoes with the jackets on and a dish of sow-belly, at which the stomachs of the men revolted. They paid for the dinner they did not touch and then, to quote Mrs. Hanna's words: "We sent our Irishman five miles to the old Bunkum Buckhorn Tavern to order supper for five hungry men. We arrived there

shortly after dark and Oh, my countrymen, what a banquet was there provided! There was a puncheon floor, a puncheon table, and puncheon boards for seats, but all clean as wax. In the center of the table was a large dish filled with mashed potatoes as white as snow, with a tablespoonful of golden butter in the center; cream, snowy biscuits, and a roast joint of beef that would have done honor to King Arthur's Round Table. We sat down to this feast with stomachs twelve hours distant from breakfast."

Robert Hill within the short space of a year or so, found his log hostelry altogether inadequate to the demands of the wilderness public. Such was his fame, so completely did he dominate the spot that the hosts of freighters frequenting the "Chicago-Vincennes Road" called this crossing of the Kankakee "Hill's Crossing." There was everything to indicate that here, where the travel converged, was a most likely spot for a town and Hill, imbued with this idea, proceeded to build a two-story frame structure that would have been a credit to any town of that day. The building of this house took place about 1840. The framework was hand-hewn, the sheathing and smaller timbers being furnished by the saw-mill at Momence, a mile away. The finishing lumber was hauled from Chicago. With the building of the new structure, the reputation of "Hill's Tavern" grew apace and, for a space of ten years or more enjoyed a remarkable run of patronage. Men on the road would put themselves to much trouble and inconvenience in order that they might put up for the night at "Hill's Tavern." There they were sure of a congenial company and the best of fare.

What an interesting insight into the life of that day might have been gathered from the conversation and stories of the pioneers themselves as they drew round the hospitable hearth in the bar-room of this wayside inn? What stories of hardship, adventure and romance that filled the lives of the pioneers were bandied about when the Hoosier from the Wabash, the Yankee from the east, the rivermand, the hunter of the woods and prairies thus met? The historian of today would have found in the varied types that patronized the "Hill Tavern" of 1840, abundant material for a volume, replete with historical fact and the humor of the frontier. It is even hinted that Landlord Hill himself could have supplied the substantial elements of a volume, single-handed and alone, that is, when he was feeling his best.

There is one story told of Hill which was so highly esteemed by the border populace that it has, fortunately, outlived the years. This tale bears the modest title "How Hill made Change." Hill was a convivial fellow and, in his later years, enjoyed thy flowing bowl as well as the companionship of his old-time friends. On one occasion he had for his guests, James Dickey, father of the Dickey family, William Nichols, (Uncle Billy, the father of most all of the Nichols), and John Hayhurst, father of the Hayhursts. It was a particularly



joyful time, for most all of them had come to the country at the same time, in 1834, '35 and '36, and they were doubtless deep in the reminiscences of the old days. Hill was pretty well organized--well lighted up--as they say of one who shows a proper appreciation of the social amenities, when he was suddenly interrupted by a stranger who demanded attention in a decidedly preemptory tone.

Hill was in no hurry to leave off in the middle of a good story and, accordingly, paid no attention to the fellow. The stranger, not to be put off in this manner, became boisterous and commanded attention of Hill who, much to everybody's surprise, gave it to him in the shape of a thrashing, then and there. Naturally, the stranger was indignant, and requested to know where he could find a justice-of-the-peace. Hill told him there was no use going to all that trouble. He could get justice right there. Here was a jury of three good men who had witnessed the assault, and they could retire and make up a verdict, and thus dispense with all the red-tape. The man consented to this novel proposition, and Dickey, Nichols, and Hayhurst retired and discussed the affair. They decided that Hill had struck the man four times and, as a penalty, they declared that he should pay the man a dollar for each blow and give him his dinner free of cost. The verdict thus rendered by Hill's friends was accepted as satisfactory by both sides, and Hill ordered the dinner prepared. After the man had finished his repast Hill handed him a five-dollar bill. Hill had fifty cents coming to him. The stranger could not make the change and so announced. "All right," said Hill, "I make the change," and, forthwith, he landed the fifth blow between the eyes that landed the stranger well up in the corner of the bar-room. The jury helped the fellow to his feet and as they did so, they advised him that although the difference in change now laid in his favor, he had best run along about his business and let Hill keep it.

The register of the Hill Tavern, if they had such a thing, and if it were accessible in this day, would show the names of individuals afterwards famous in the business and political world. Congressman "Long John" Wentworth, of Chicago, used to stop here during his campaigns. At an Old Settlers' meeting, held in the year 1880, at Old Bunkum, now Iroquois, in Iroquois County, "Long John" Wentworth was one of the speakers and related an interesting personal experience at the "Hill Tavern." In the year 1843, he was running for congress, and his district embraced about one-fourth of the state, comprising the east half from Vermilion County north. On one occasion he delivered a speech at some town west of Chicago, and the next day but one was to deliver a speech at Bunkum. It was a long drive and he started the night before, after delivering his first speech. A little after noon the next day he arrived at "Hill Tavern" and procured his dinner. He then explained to Landlord Hill that he had been riding all the previous night and asked if he could not lay down for a three-hour nap. He was shown into a room adjoining

the dining room, where he threw himself across the bed and sought to sleep. Presently he heard the voices of two young ladies, whom he supposed to be Hill's daughters, in the adjoining room.

"I believe that is Wentworth, the man who is running for Congress," he heard a voice say.

"No, it can't be," said the other, "for Wentworth is nearly seven feet tall, and that man isn't that big."

"Well," said the other, "I noticed he was awful big, and I'll bet it's him."

There was considerable discussion as to the identity of the sleeper when one of the girls suggested that they measure him and thus make sure. There was considerable giggling and bantering back and forth, but finally stealthy steps were heard approaching the bedroom door. "Long John" stretched himself at full length and started to snore in a way that fairly jarred the roof. Inch by inch the door opened noiselessly and a pair of mischievous eyes peeped from behind the edge of it. A warning finger was laid on her lips as a sign of caution to the other, and then she whispered, "He's sound asleep!" They then procured a string, tip-toed into the room and and forthwith measured him from the crown of his head to the extreme tip of his big toe. The girls were highly elated at their achievement and the result of the measurement appeared to settle conclusively the fact that it was "Long John" Wentworth himself and no one else.

With the passing of the pioneers who first settled in the near environs of "Hill's Tavern," on the Kankakee, there passed into oblivion also memories of the numerous dances and social functions held there from time to time from 1835 to 1850. Another entertaining volume might be written of these affairs if the past could but speak. "Hill's Tavern" was a spot of happy memories for the belles and beaux and settlers of the nearby wilderness who were wont to gather there. Mr. and Mrs. Hill, who made the Tavern famous, were even more famous as entertainers. There was a wholesome heartiness to the welcome they extended to these friends, and the more of noise and bustle and confusion, the more topsy-turvy things became about the house the better Pa and Ma Hill liked it. There was always a good time at Hill's, and that statement goes as it lays.

About the last that is remembered of the tavern was a grand ball, given by Hill in the spring of 1850, during the days of the California gold excitement, in honor of a number of residents who were leaving the following day under the captaincy of Philip Worcester, for the gold fields of the new Eldorado. Among them was Hill's son, Sam, a well known character it that day. There was a most notable attendance at this function and the fun was fast and furious and lasted until the break of day. Several hours later Captain Worcester and his men on horseback and with wagons carrying supplies, set forth bravely on the trail that extended more than half-way across the continent. They set out on the river trail on the west bank of the Kankakee and Luther Gleason, a lad of nine years, watched the cavalcade as it passed their home on the river, (now the Alice Payne farm)

and saw them turn into the old trail that branched from the river road at the point where the old Rice cemetery is, and lost itself in the unbroken prairie to the west. Captain Worcester, stiff and military looking on his charger, led the van. There was a man carrying the stars and stripes, and following were men on horseback and in the wagons. Among those who made up the party that left Mومence were: Albert and Horace Worcester, John Treverbaugh, Sam Hill, Jake Nickols, A. C. Beadle, John Beebe, Elias VanDeKarr and Henry Case. There were others of the party from the neighborhood of Mومence, but their names are not obtainable in this day.

Through the medium of a diary now in the possession of John Nichols, kept by his uncle, John E. Hill while on the memorable overland trip to California, the following particulars are obtained. The party left Mومence on the 11th of March, 1850. Those of the party mentioned in the diary aret John E. Hill, S. M. Hill, John Yates, Washington Allen, P. Thatcher, I. Rutter, William Nichols, T. B. Snapp and J. R. Haddon. Each of these men rode a horse and led a pack-animal. They went to Bourbonnais, Wilmington, Galesburg, and then to Memphis, Tennessee, and from there to St. Joe, Missouri, where they outfitted, leaving there on May 13th, 1850. John E. Hill and party left California for home on board a ship called "The Olive Branch" but he died en route and was buried at sea in January 1851.

At Bourbonnais the ranks of the gold seekers were reinforced by a goodly number, and upon reaching Wilmington three or four more were added, so that there was probably a company of thirty or forty men who started out under the guidance of Captain Philip Worcester. In that day of the fifties, the Hill Tavern had lost much of its patronage, for the bridge across the Kankakee at that place had been carried-out in 1849 and Mومence, one mile to the west, had forged to the front so that freighters found the place more to their liking and stopped there on their trips to and from Chicago. One by one the business people of Hill's Crossing dropped down the river to Mومence and, in the course of time, the Hill Tavern was moved, building and all. The building was owned for many years by John Lundstrum and occupied the site at the corner of River and Market streets. The building was torn down only a few years ago, and thus passed out of existence one of the most notable landmarks in eastern Illinois.

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In Volume 8, No. 4, We will complete the printing of this historical record of Mومence. The index, by way of routine reminder, will be in the No. 1 issue of Volume 9.

Some people want more than the basic data when they search for their family records. Names and dates are ideal building blocks, but where people were married, cause of deaths, various occupations, and addresses make it come alive. For that reason, these marriage announcements from the 1867 Kankakee Gazette's weekly news are presented with a more personal flavor, than merely the names and dates.

Mendee C. Bryant of Kankakee, Ill. married to Miss Charlotte L. McCormick of Farm Ridge, Lasalle Co., Ill. by the Rev. Bakes at the home of John W. McCormick, Esq., in Farm Ridge, Illinois on Christmas day, December 25, 1866.

Mr. Benjamin Morse and Mrs. Sarah Hill, both of Momence, were married at the American House in Kankakee by L. T. Whipple, Esq., on December 21, 1866.

Henry Teesel and Miss Margaret Halschu were married in Salina Township by James Stout, Esq., January 17, 1867. They were all from Kankakee County, Illinois.

Joe N. Platt married Miss Susan R. Smith, at the residence of the bride's father, John W. Smith, on East Avenue, by the Rev, J. M. Whitehead of the First Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois, on January 7, 1867.

Frederick Herscher and Miss Emilia F. Flankenburg were married in Pilot Township of Kankakee County, Illinois by B. L. Cornwell, J. P., on Monday evening, February 20, 1867. The Rev. J. M. Whitehead was the pastor.

Harvey White married Miss Mary E. Chamberlin in the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Kankakee, Ill., by the Rev. Joseph Hartwell on March 17, 1867.

Edward C. Howard and Miss Ella Ophelia Whipple were married in Monee, Illinois by the Rev. Joseph Hartwell on March 20, 1867.

John L. Flint of Otto and Miss Rue Ann Rowe of Rockville, both in Kankakee County, Ill., were married at the Grove City House in Kankakee by the Rev. J. M. Whitehead on March 18, 1867.

Levi Walter and Miss Elizabeth Barber, both of Norton Township, Kankakee County, were married by the Rev. J. M. Whitehead at the residence of Mr. Charles Schroder in Kankakee, Ill. on March 22, 1867.

Russell Denner, Esq. and Miss Emily Breaks, both of Kankakee were married at the residence of Mrs. L. E. Lovering in Kankakee, Ill. by the Rev. W.W. Rafter, rector of St. Paul's Church on March 26, 1867.

Samuel Ostrander and Mrs. Julia Powell, both of Salina Township, Kankakee Co., Ill., were married by the Rev. D. H. Kridler on March 30, 1867.

Dr. W. E. Scobey and Miss Alta M. Johnson, both of Kankakee, were married at the residence of the bride's father by the Rev. F. W. Beecher of the Congregational Church, in Kankakee, Ill. on April 2, 1867.

Edwin C. Stuart of Clinton, Iowa and Miss Laura Hayden of Kankakee, Illinois were married in Kankakee at the home of the bride's father, by the Rev. H. B. Thayer of the Presbyterian Church on April 29, 1867.

Ezekiel Fleming of Watseka and Miss Louisa Erwin of Otto, in Kankakee Co., Ill. were married in Otto by the Rev. G. W. Lewis of the Chebanse Baptist Church on May 12, 1867.

George H. Burnstrager and Miss Mary L. Keady were married at the residence of the bride's father, W. F. Keady, by the Rev. H. B. Thayer, Presbyterian Pastor, on June 27, 1867.

Noah J. Bouton and Miss Elizabeth Ferris were married by Lewis T. Whipple, Esq. in Kankakee, Ill on Independence Day, July 4, 1867.

Arnold Edmonds of Gardner and Miss Julia F. Clague of Pilot, Kankakee Co., Ill. were married at the Baptist parsonage in Kankakee by the Rev. J. M. Whitehead on June 25, 1867.

Lemuel Buck and Mrs. Mary E. Jewett, both of Sumner Township, Kankakee Co., Ill. were married at the city hotel in Kankakee by the Rev. J. M. Whitehead, the Baptist, on June 30, 1867.

H. H. Bradley and Miss Catherine Artik, both of Momence, were married at the American Hotel, Kankakee, Illinois by the pastor of the Baptist Church, The Rev. J. M. Whitehead, on July 3, 1867.

Sylvester D. Bucklin and Miss Elvira E. Shaw, both of Limestone Township, Kankakee, Co., Ill, were married by the Rev. J. M. Whitehead at the Baptist Church in Kankakee, Ill. on July 3, 1867.

Jesse Hawkins of Limestone Township and Miss Anna E. Mead of South Kankakee, were married at the residence of Cornelius Hawkins on July 4, 1867.

Addison B. Baker of East Sumner Township and Miss Julia E. Head of Lebanon, N. Y. were married by the Rev. A. Marshall in Lebanon, N. Y. on June 25, 1867. E. Sumner is in Kankakee Co., Illinois.

Lucius Robinson and Miss Louisa Seward were married in Kankakee, Ill by the Rev. F. W. Beecher, Congregational pastor, on May 19, 1867.

Horace Wardell of Chicago and Miss Malissa P. White of Kankakee, Ill, were married by the Rev. F. A Beecher, the Congregational pastor, in Kankakee on June 3, 1867.

Christopher R. Lafontaine married Miss Marcellin (Masson??) in Kankakee, Ill., by the Rev, H. B. Thayer, Presbyterian pastor, on July 11, 1867. (Printing difficult on the maiden name).

Nazair Mason and Miss Sarah Schenck, both of Momence, were married at the Exchange Hotel in Kankakee, Illinois by the Presbyterian pastor, the Rev. H. B. Thayer on August 12, 1867.

Louis Petre and Miss Eliza Palmer were married in Kankakee, Ill. by the Rev. H. B. Thayer, Presbyterian, on August 19, 1867.

George E. Lewis of Ford County, Illinois and Miss Cora M. Armstrong of Norton Township, Kankakee Co., Ill were married by the Rev. G. W. Lewis of the Chebanse, Ill. Baptist Congregation, on August 20, 1867.

Cyrus M. Eaton, M. D., and Miss Mary A. Armstrong, both of Norton Township in Kankakee County were married by the Rev. G. W. Lewis of Chebanse on August 20, 1867.

George Kosier and Miss Chadace C. Gregory were married at the residence of Judge Wilcox in Kankakee, Ill, by the Rev. H.B. Thayer, Presbyterian pastor, on September 6, 1867.

Benjamin F. Gray married Flora F. Clarke at her father's residence, at Genier, Kankakee County, Ill., by the Rev. S. P. Burr, the M. E. Preacher from Momence on September 5, 1867.

Cyrus W. Hodgkin and Miss Emily Chandler were married at the residence of I. N. Dickerson, Esq., by the Rev. Joseph Hartwell, in Kankakee, Ill. on September 22, 1867.

Chauny F, Shottenkirk and Miss Eliza M. Rowe were married at the M. E. Church parsonage by the Rev. Joseph Hartwell, in Kankakee, Ill. on September 12, 1867.

Henry F. Lewis and Miss Susanna M. Oldham were married at the M. E. parsonage in Kankakee, Ill. by the Rev. Joseph Hartwell on September 19, 1867.

E. S. Richmond married Miss Ella Warren and also

Mark Martin married Miss Amanda Bard on September 18, 1867, at Chebanse, by the Rev. A. G. Goodspeed, M. E. pastor; all of them were from Chebanse.

Henry S. Vanscoyce and Miss Margaret Ann Wees were married in Manteno, September 14, 1867 at the residence of the bride's father, M. Wees, Esq., by the Rev. J.M. Whitehead of the First Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill.

John Sanford married Miss Sophronia Davis on September 26, 1867 at the residence of the Rev. A.M. Whitehead in Kankakee, Illinois. Both were from Rockville, Illinois.

Theodore F. Andrews married Miss Ellen A. Cobb at the First Baptist Church of Kankakee, Illinois on October 15, 1867. Joseph Hartwell, the Methodist Episcopal Minister had the wedding.

George V. Huling, Esq. married Miss Helen Knight at St. Paul's Church in Kankakee, Illinois on Wednesday evening, October 16, 1867. The Rev. D.S. Phillips, the pastor held the service.

Mr. and Mrs, D.F. True (wife's name, "Hattie") celebrated their twenty fifth anniversary on October 21, in 1867, so they were married October 21, 1842. They lived on Merchant street, near the new Methodist Episcopal Church at the time.

Adam Guise and Miss Matilda Reed were married in the residence of the bride's father, in the town of Rockville, Kankakee County, Illinois by Charles P. Grimes, J. P. in October, 1867.

Mr ----- and Mrs. (Angeline) Bristol celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on October 21, 1867, so they were married October 21, 1842. In the meantime, a female burglarized their home; she was a former servant named Miss Melissa Blackburn (and sometimes Blackwell).

William H. Wardan married Minnie Barbour in Terre Haute, Indiana, at the home of her father, Corey Barbour, Esq., on November 19, 1867. He came from Kankakee, Illinois, and married the man's only daughter.

James Spalding married Margaret Grimes in Kankakee, Ill. on November 21, 1867. The Presbyterian pastor, the Rev. H. B. Thayer of Kankakee, celebrated the event.

George Hawley of Chicago and Jennie Mackerel were married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Baum, in Momence, Illinois December 3, 1867. The Rev. J. M. Whitehead, of the First Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois had the wedding.

Mr. Aquilla C. Cowgill and Miss Juliette Burns were married in Kankakee, Illinois by the Rev. J. M. Whitehead, at the home of the bride's father, Samuel Burns, Esq., on November 27, 1867.

W. R. Christy and Anna G. Kitchell were married in Kankakee, Illinois by the Rev. H. B. Thayer, the Presbyterian pastor, on December 12, 1867.

John P. Cambell and Miss Lizzie A. Carver, daughter of M. F. Campbell, were married at her home by the Rev. G. W. Woods on December 14, 1867. All were from Norton township of Kankakee County, Illinois. John served in the 113th Regiment.

Lewis T. Whipple and Miss Nellie E Stiles were married in Kankakee at the First Baptist Church by the Rev. J. M. Whitehead on the evening of December 18, 1867. Whipple was a Major in the "39th".

#### The Discipline of Collections

Everyday, in many towns by many newspapers, daily births, obituaries, and wedding news, as well as county license sales, are published. The census is taken every ten years with most of this data, but the personal census is not available to the public. So it is a fine discipline to cut out the genealogical details about your family and friends, and paste them in a scrap book.

More time consuming and difficult is the collection of all the older records. The major obstacle to genealogical research is during the years when people had less education, wrote down very little and kept very few records, and moved from state to state 1750 up to 1900. Almost any complete family record of this period is invaluable. And any compiled records will be helpful to a great variety of people who have more questions than answers.

If you do have a collection of records on your family, think about making a duplicate set of these records. Once lost, it may be gone for good.

Collections have included miniature biographies, pictures with notes on the backs, address books and personal letters. Maybe, someday, you can leave your family an invaluable collection.

Dean T. Austin, Editor



REYNOLDS, H. T. (Lavinia Sawyer) Ch Roy, Merle, Bertha, Harry, Gladys, Frances; Onarga R1 Artesia Sec7E T261a WK. Holz (1913)

REYNOLDS, Ira Ch Alice, Grace, Pearl; Gelman R2 Onarga Sec14E T80a Mrs. E. McIntosh (1892)

REYNOLDS, Lawrence (Bridget Merrigan) Ch Leo, Alice, Thomas, Melvin, Florence; Ashkum R3 Ashkum Sec19 R14W 0110a (1867)

REYNOLDS, T. J. (May O'Brien) Ch Walter, Charles, David, Robert, James, Lester, Willard, Stephenz; Ashkum R2 Ashkum Sec20 R14W 0300a (1865)

REYNOLDS, William (Emma Haxby) Ch Charles, Helen, Margaret, Wilbur; Sheldon R1 Sheldon Sec13 T240a Reynolds Est. (1879)

REYNOLDS, W. M. (Ella Burroughs) Donovan R3 Concord Sec18 073a (1877)

RHEUDE, William (Clara Getting) "Bushland Farm" Sheldon R2 Concord Sec19 T300a Mrs. Clayton Dowell (1913)

RHOADES, Bert (Ida Webster) Ch Lavera, Lois James, Ralph, Louise, John; Watseka R1 Belmont Sec2 0196a (1851,

RICE, J. S. (Ada Royse) Ch Stephen, Sumner, Gerald, Geneva; Milford R1 Stockland Sec12 Foreman A. T. Sumner (1910)

RICH, Oscar (Rosa Kalfise) Ch Wilma; Donovan R1 Beaver Sec6 T92a Albert Rich (1912)

RICHARDS Rollie C. (Jessie Workman) Ch Leonard; Thawville R1 Ridgeland Sec30 Farm Hand Alf Koritz (1916)

RICHARDS, William G. (Nellie Traugh) Ch Leora, William, Jr. Marietta; Watseka R5 Belmont Sec4 015a (1906)

RICHARDSON, Cecil (Irene Wisert) Ch Eldora, Henry; Onarga R1 Onarga Sec2 T80a W. T. Cann (1916)

RICHARDSON, O. A. (Myra Duesler) Ch Nora; Watseka R5 Concord Sec31 T250a C. W. Raymand (1887)

RICHISON, FLOYD (Lydia Wilkening) Ch Erma, Pearl, Glen, Lewis; Donovan R2 Concord Sec3 T120a Henry Leucke (1895)

RIDDLE, William G. (Marietta Ashinhurst) Ch William, Martha, Calvin, Ora, Campbell, James; Watseka R3 Belmont Sec30 Farm Hand G. M. Williams (1913)

RIECHES, Herman Ch Herman, Walter; Buckley R1 Artesia Sec21E 0160a (1887)

RIECHES, William (Eliza Rosaleus) Ch Henry, Jessie, Mattie, William, Emma, Dora; Cissna Park R2 Ash Grove Sec14 R14W Os40a (1887)

These names are continued from the Prairie Farmers Directory of Iroquois County, Illinois of 1917.

RIFE, George (Anna Coleman) Ch Pearl, Floisie, Ida, Roy, Elmer;  
Gilman R1 Onarga Sec8E 080a (1882)

RIFE, John A., Jr. (Alice Nywanting) Ch Elizabeth, Geraldine;  
Gilman R2 Douglas Sec12 R10E T240a Thomas Parker Est (1882)

RIGGS, Jesse (Jennie Reeves) Ch Charles, Mildred; Hoopeston R3  
Prairie Green Sec 22 Farm Hand Frank Butterworth (1917)

RIKER, Mose (Mamie Bowton) Ch Oliver, Edith, Richard, Helen;  
"Sheldon Dairy Farm" Sheldon R2 Sheldon Sec2 028a (1908)

RILEY, C. P. (Johanna Kerns) Ch Isabelle, Eddie; Clifton R2  
Milks Grove Sec25 T320a Hugh Mallaney (1900)

RILEY, J. C. (Lottie Randolph) Ch Harrison, William, Ernest,  
Mamie, Allison, Paul, Ray, Jennie, Goldie, Clyde; Milford R6  
Sec18 T223a Ora Chamberland (1898)

RIMMER, Arends (Olgie Gerth) Ashkum R1 Danforth Sec2 R14W T120a  
Mrs. Mary Hynes (1893)

RINGEISEN, Robert (Stella Robinette) Ch Lylith, Helen; "The  
Elm Farm Safety First" Gilman R2 Douglas Sec2 R10E T200a  
Charles Ringeisen (1897)

RINKENBERGER, Jacob (Lydia Ramseyer) Ch Fannie, Marie, Joseph;  
Cissna Park R3 Pigeon Grove Sec9 T120a John Rinkenberger (1905)

RINKENBERGER, J. C. (Anna Kiefer) Ch Emma, Elmer, Alice, Leon;  
Cissna Park R3 Pigeon Grove Sec9 T200a C. Rinkenberger

RINKENBERGER, L. V. (Emily Anderson) Ch Josephine, Darwin;  
Buckley R1 Artesia Sec30E T130a Chris Rinkenberger (1915)

RIPLEY, Frank J. (Jennie Vreeland) Ch Charles; Blanche, Irvin,  
Lyle, William; Hoopeston R3 Prairie Green Sec20 0320a (1895)

RIPLEY, Lyle H. (Ruby Fanning) Ch Helen; Hoopeston R3 Prairie  
Green Sec20 T80a Jacob Decker (1896)

RIPLEY, Irving F. (Pearl Floyd) Wellington R1 Prairie Green  
Sec4 T200a Robert Burton (1896)

RISTOW, W.F. (Helena Hasselbring) Ch Ruby, Pearl, Mabel, Jessie,  
Helen, Mildred, Bernice; Cissna Park R1 Ash Grove Sec9 R13W  
T120a Salmon Hernan (1881)

RITZMA, Ralph (Maud Bachman) Ch Willis; Gilman R2 Douglas Sec2  
R10E T3a Mrs. Fisher (1890)

RIVARD, George ( Mary Altmeyer) Martinton R1 Martinton Sec14  
T3a Frank Martenau (1917)

ROACH, E. W. (Catherine Hanigen) Ch John, Winford, Joseph;  
Martinton R2 Martinton Sec15 0160a (1870)

RIVARD, William M. (Rose A. Hubert) Ch Alice Margaret; Watseka  
R4 Middleport Sec5 T120a George Dabson (1883)

ROACH, JOSEPH (Ellen Dubois) Ch Velorat Bernall "The Oaks Farm"  
Martinton R2 Martinton Sec25 T200a Mrs. C. Hilscher (1885)

ROACH, Thomas (Agnes Butchel) Ch William, Bessie; "Woodside Farm"  
Onarga R1 Onarga Sec6 070a (1910)

ROACH, W. W. Martinton R2 Martinton Sec15 T160a E. W. Roach (1884)

ROARKt A. C. (Bessie Sloan) Ch John, Peter; Hugh; Hoopeston R4  
Lovejoy Sec32 0240a (1873)

ROARK, Fabe (Margaret Anderson) Ch Erma, Mary, Cecil, Howard,  
Clarence; Hoopeston R4 Lovejoy Sec19 040a Chas Drummert (1876)

ROARK, P. D. Jr. (Agnes MMurphy) Ch Harold; Hoopeston R4 Lovejoy  
Sec32 T320a W. R. Murphy (1887)

ROARK, Peter T. (Amelia F. Staffni) Ch Williaml Hoopeston R4  
Lovejoy Sec29 T160a H. H. Roark and G. Scofield (1876)

ROATH, Nicholis Jr. (Maggie Doran) Donovan R3 Concord Sec5  
T160a Nick Roth (1883)

ROBBINS, James H. (Anna Rothgeb) Ch Ora, Edith; Milford R1  
Stockland Sec20 0113a (1870)

ROBBINS, O. B., (Edna Veach) Ch Rachel, Clarence, Guy; Buckley R3  
Artesia Sec18 T240a H. F. Veach (1885)

ROBERTS, Jesse H..(Christina Kaiser) "Apiary Farm" Watseka R3  
Belmont Sec5 010a (1894)

ROBERTS, Joseph W. (Leona Sandlin) Ch Dorothy, Glenn; Onarga R1  
Onarga Sec6 080a (1884)

ROBERTS, Lester (Rose Eve Kurtz) Ch Asher, Ardene, Marion; Gilman  
R3 Douglas Sec27 R14W T160a Minnie Hettich Est. (1908)

ROBERTSON, C. F. (Jesse Finch) Ch Maynard; Milford R3 Stockland  
Sec4 T480a Reynold Est. (1907)

ROBERTSON, William (Grace Reynolds) Sheldon R3 Sheldon Sec1 T65a  
Mrs. Mary Webster (1903)

ROBERTSON, William H. (Maud E. Hathaway) Ch Benjamin, Florence;  
Milford R1 Stockland Sec11 Farm Hand A. T. Sumner (1910)

ROBINETT, Ezekiel (Charlotte Wright) Ch Wallace; Gilman R1 Douglas  
Sec6 R14W T150a Mrs. F. I. Mann (1876)

ROBINS, H. D. (Stella Day) Ch Mildred, Alice, Wilbur, Ethel;  
Buckley R3 Artesia Sec8 080a (1877)

ROCKE, Andrew J. (Ida Stoller) Ch Eulia, Franklin, Lester;  
Cissna Park R1 Artesia Sec34E T160a Christ Stoller (1895)

ROCKELL, Abbie Ch Bertha, Frank; Paxton R2 Loda Sec36E 080a  
(1877)

ROE, William (Ivy Ribdlet) Milford R6 Ash Grove Sec35 R13W  
T160a L. B. Russell (1915)

ROGERS, LIZZIE (Lizzie Butler) Ch Edward; Chebanse R1 Chebanse  
Sec25 0160a (1882)

ROGERS, Owen D. (Lucy Tucker) Ch Joseph, Elver, Alvira; "Blue  
Grove Farm" Watseka R3 Crescent Sec13 0160a (1902)

ROGERS, W. R. (Lula Sutherland) Ch George; Wellington R2  
Lovejoy Sec 14 T341a Mrs. C. A. Nottingham

ROHR, P. H. (Lizzie Schaner) Ch John Olive, Fred, William,  
Henry, Veronica; Ashkum R2 Ashkum Sec36 R10E T146a (1871)

ROHRBACH, Charles (Iona Norville) Ch Muriel, Lyle, Fern,  
Evelyn; Onarga R1 Onarga Sec31E T360a John Smith (1877)

ROLAND, J. (Daisie Hensley Ch McKinley Ina, Petie; Loda R2  
Loda Sec34 040a T160a George Pochel (1901)

ROLAND, Silas (Mettie Eliston) Loda R2 Loda Sec27 T160a  
Griswold Est. (1913)

ROLL, George (Rosa Bessler) Ch Lena, Eugene Theofield, Lillie,  
Olivia, George, Roselia, Marie; Cissna Park R3 Artesia Sec33E  
T160a William Hawager (1893)

ROMINE, Otto (Maggie McElhaney) Ch Annie, William, Ernest,  
Charles, Robert; Watseka R5 Belmont Sec1 T120a H. C. Parker (1879)

RONEY, C. A. (Gertrude Lallimore) Ch Ethel; Milford R4 Milford  
Sec4 T30a Chris Truman (1915)

RONNA, William (Hulda Steinmann) Ch Georgie; Buckley R2 Artesia  
Sec34 T160a McKinley & Singleton (1910)

ROOME, Mall (Stella Stevens) Ch Nancy, Lothia, Viola; Sheldon  
R1 Sheldon Sec11 Farm Hand R. Hansell (1917)

ROSALIUS, Henry (Mary Molthaun) Ch Hattie, John, Henry Jr.;  
"Pleasant Knoll Farm" Crescent City R2 Crescent Sec20 016a (1887)

ROSALIUS, Herman W. (Lena Lubben) Crescent City R2 Crescent  
Sec29 T95a John Meyer (1899)

ROSEBERRY, J. A. (Susie E Stimpson) Ch Gladys, Wilda, Mildred,  
Burton, Doris; "Sugar Creek Dairy Farm" Milford R1 Milford  
Sec14 T165a J. H. Roseberry (1882)

ROSENBERGER, Dolly Milford R1 Milford Sec26 0160a (1862)

ROSENBERGER, George Watseka R5 Concord Sec22 T248a Katherine  
Robenberger (1866)

ROSENBERGER, Jesse (Lora Green) Ch Lota, Doris; Sheldon R2  
Sheldon Sec8 T208a J. Morrison and L. Eastburn (1891)

ROSENBERGER, John H. (Minnie Canady) Ch Lonnie, Lee, Muriel;  
Watseka R3 Belmont Sec7 040a (1862)

ROSENBERGER O. P. (Anna Saidla) Ch Flossie, Oliver, Jr.;  
Milford R1 Rockland Sec 0160a (1863)

ROSENBERGER, William (Minnie Wester) Ch Emma, Herman; Sheldon  
R1 Sheldon Sec30 0320a (1865)

ROSENBURGER, ALBERT (Mattie Eastburn) Ch Jessie, Maggie,  
Vernie, Donabell; Sheldon R2 Concord Sec22 0156a (1864)

ROSENDAHL, Fred (Jennie Brown) Ch Vernal, Lyman, Ray, Jessie;  
Chebanse R1 Chebanse Sec17E T360a Clabby Bros. (1873)

ROSENDAHL, A. C. (Rose Wolff) Ch Margaret, Lester, Anna, Leo;  
Clifton R3 Chebanse Sec6 R11E T85a S. B. Walton (1875)

ROSHER, Arthur (Mildred Ackroyd) Ch Gwendolyn; Ambia, Ind. R2  
Prairie Green Sec19E Farm Hand James Ackroyd (1915)

ROSS, Birt (Millie Arseneau) Sheldon R1 Sheldon Sec22 T240a  
C. D. and Wilbur Disosway (1881)

ROSS, F. E (Mary Cox) Gilman R2 Ridgeland Sec18 T72a  
J. T. Frazze (1911)

ROSS, William W. (Florence E Patmor) Ch Jennie James, Julia,  
Rosie, Eva Lydia; Sheldon R1 Sheldon Sec15 T240a  
F. E. Rupert (1869)

ROTHFUSS, Harry (Allie Smith) Milford R2 Ash Grove Sec13 R13W  
T80a John Rothfuss (1884)

ROTHGEB, G. A. Milford R5 Milford Sec35 0354a (1877)

ROTHGEB, W. W. (Pearl White) Ch Mildred, Malcolm, Margie;  
Milford R5 Milford Sec33 0354a (1877)

ROYER, Samuel M. (Iva Murphy) Ch Estella, Luella, Grace,  
 Samuel, Casius, Elizabeth, Vera, Helen, Gladys, Ruth;  
 Loda R1 Loda Sec18 T166a Fred Lebare (1901)

RUDIN, Jqseph (Anna Markwalder) Ch Clarence, Margaret,  
 Lester, Willard, Harland; Cissna Park R3 Pigeon Grove Sec15  
 T160a Adolph Rudin (1891)

RUDIN, Samuel (Sarah Rake) Ch Edna, Harold, Freda, Louise,  
 Elmer; Cissna Park R3 Pigeon Grove Sec22 0160a (1891)

RUEBENSAM, August (Emma Voigt) Ch Fredie, Willie, Walter,  
 Mildred; Papineau Papineau Sec28 0280a (1876)

RUEBENSAM, John (Mary Walter) Ch Leona, Mabel, Alice,  
 Myrtle; Clifton R1 Chebanse Sec21E 080a (1874)

RUECK, EMIL O. (Marie Wagner) Buckley R2 Artesia Sec31  
 T120a Mrs. John Otto and Laura Kitsman (1917)

RUNK, Fred V. (Minnie F. Clawson) Ch Verlin; Sheldon R3  
 Sheldon Sec13 T300a V. Runk (1890)

RUSH, C. M. (Winnie E. May) Ch Victor, Mary; Milford R4  
 Milford Sec25 T396a M, J. Rush (1888)

RUSH, HOMER (Ida May Meinhard) Cb Harold, Kenneth, Donald;  
 Milford R2 Milford Sec15 040a (1883)

RUSH, H. F. (Mary Lyons) Ch Mabel; Milford R4 Milford Sec5  
 T250a John Rush (1893)

RUSH, H. L. (Ruby Calahan) Milford R2 Milford Sec8 T92a  
 M. J. Rush (1887)

RUSH, Martin J. (Minnie Mote) Ch Harry, Charles, Laura,  
 Genevieve; Milford R1 Milfond Sec15 037 1/2a (1862)

RUSH, S. W. (Anna Callahan) Ch June; Milford R4 Milford  
 Sec6 T179a Hattie Rush (1892)

RUSSELL, B. B. Wellington R2 Lovejoy Sec7 0200a C. E. Russell  
 (1913)

RUSSELL, Charles E. Jr. Milford R6 Fountain Creek Sec1 T500a  
 L. B. Russell and C. E. Russell (1912)

RUSSELL, Ortie (Lucy Lesage) Ch Lawrence, Georgie May;  
 Martinton R1 Martinton Sec3 T160a Henry Baron (1884)

RUSSELL, R. D. (Laura Reinhard) Ch Dorothea, Florence, Merl;  
 Martinton R2 Martinton Sec7 T260a A. M. Miller (1878)

RUST, Henry (Caroline Nuemburger) Ch Anna, Lizzie, Gusta,  
H.J. Lena, Bertha, Tillie, Frank; Buckley R2 Loda  
Sec1W 0160a (1877)

RUTHERFORD, Hugh (Lura Lemons) Hoopeston R3 Prairie Green  
Sec36 Farm Hand Thomas Kirts (1917)

RUTHFUSS, John (Tremkea Rhaul) Ch Anna, Harry, Katie, Tinie,  
Cenna, Tillie, Hannah, Vutea; Milford R4 Ash Grove Sec1 R13W  
0160a (1878)

RUTLEDGE, Ray (Emma Holzkamm) Buckley R3 Artesia Sec27 Farm  
Hand Ed Trusheim (1894)

RYAN, John Ch Ed, James, Mary, Sadie; Gilman R2 Ridgeland  
Sec9 T240a (1875)

RYEN, John (Alice Carley) Ch Thomas; Ashkum R3 Ashkum  
Sec20R14W Farm Hand T. F. Frin (1892)

SAATHOFF, Ben (Maggie Saathoff) Ch Minnie, Anna, William,  
Bennie, Louis, Jessie, Blanche, Frank, Ida; Buckley R1  
Artesia Sec18E 0104 1/2a (1875)

SAATHOFF, Henry (Anna Parbs) Ch Edna, Leona; Ashkum R1 Ashkum  
Sec35R14W T120a Fred Meier (1899)

SAATHOFF, John (Katie Henrichs) Ch Edward, Elmer, Bertha,  
Helen, Agnes; Danforth R2 Danforth Sec2R10E T80a Efert Saathoff  
(1891)

SAATHOFF, Otto (Anna Tammen) Ch Clarence, Alfred, Loretta;  
Gilman R3 Douglas Sec31R14W T192a C. V. Miles (1871)

SAILOR, J. C. (Belle Hickman) Ch Ira, Ethel; "Silver Maple  
Farm" Cissna Park R1 Ash Grove Sec25A14W 0120a T300a E. G.  
Hickman (1890)

SAINDON, L. J. (Philanse Arseneau) Ch Rosella, Aline, Marguite,  
Annita; Beaverville R1 Beaver Sec19 064a Sec30 065a (1856)

SAINDON, Philip (Helen Regnier) Ch Maryellen, Saindon, Juliette,  
Louis, Oswald, Dellis; Beaverville R1 Papineau Sec25 T220a  
L. J. Saindon (1909)

SALDEN, E. A. (Ellen Stoltz) Ch Olivia, Esther; Harry, Arthur,  
Frederick, Paul, Edna, Theodore, Elsie; Paxton R2 Loda  
Sec33 T184a William Stewart Est (1885)

SALKELD, S. C. (Louise Albright) Ch Pearl, Fred; Iroquois GD  
Concord Sec11 092a T80a J. B. Salkeld (1874)

SALMON, Henry C. (Emma Rehborg) Ch Vernon; Milford R2 Ash Grove Sec10R13W T110a H. J. Salmon (1890)

SALMON, Henry J. Ch Henry, William, Minnie, John, Tillie, Ernest, Martin; Milford R2 Ash Grove Sec9 R13W 0160a (1875)

SALMON, H. H. (Lizzie Munserman) Ch Herman, Lydia, Arthur; Milford R2 Ash Grove Sec9R13W 040a (1875)

SALMON, William H. (Minnie Munsterman) Ch William Jr.; Milford R2 Ash Grove Sec10R13W T110a H. J. Salmon

SALOMON, Fred (Minnie Leughus) Ch August, Henry John, Carl, Nellie, Louis, Edith; Gilman R1 Onarga Sec15E 004a (1901)

SAMET, Henry (Rachel Rocke) Ch Ralph Jesse, Alvin, Jenna, Walter, Dorothy; Cissna Park R3 Pigeon Grove Sec23 T160a George Steiner (1895)

SAMUELSON, Edward (Bertha Kirchman) Donovan R1 Beaver Sec29 T200a Charles Waterstradt (1878)

SAMUELSON, Oscar (Kittie Karr) Ch Gracie, Lesley, Lyle, Carl, Maxwell; Donovan R3 Concord Sec9 T160a James Richey (1884)

SANDERS, George W. (Laura Lutton) Ch Edwin; Ashkum R3 Ashkum Sec16R14W T80a W. G. Sanders (1888)

SANDERS, John (Blanche Thomas) Ch George, Carl, Ella, Donald; Donovan R1 Beaver Sec22 T160a Isaac Thomas Est. (1886)

SANDERSON, Horton E. (Maud M. Hathaway) Ch Lloyd, Lynn, Glenn; Sheldon R1 Sheldon Sec13 T120a Hathaway Est. (1886)

SANDHAGEN, Herman (Mae Simmon) Ch Irene, Florence, Clarence; Loda R2 Pigeon Grove Sec19 T150a John Hackerson (1868)

SARJENT, Watson W, Jr. (Ruby Breeding) Ch Doris, Annamay, George; Milford R3 Stockland Sec6 T127a William Sarjent (1888)

SARJENT, W. W. (Martha M. Johnson) Ch Watson, Laura, Bert; Milford R4 Milford Sec10 051a (1863)

SATCHWILL, Alfred (Alma Fidler) Ch Edmond; Watseka R6 Iroquois SecA T40a J. Johnson (1894)

SAVOIE, Arthur (Rosie Levau) Ch Eva, Maxine, Leonard, Archell, Anthony; Ashkum R2 Ashkum Sec22R10E T120a David Levau (1884)

SAVOIE, Dave (Rose Lecocq) Clifton R1 Chebanse Sec9R13W T160a Joseph Savoie (1886)

SAVOIE, Eddie (Jennie Rabideau) Ch Viola, Leroy; Clifton R1 Chebanse Sec4R13W T120a William Marcotte (1887)



SAVOIE, Ezra (Lillian Cailteux) Clfiton R1 Chebanse Sec10R14W  
080a T80a (1888)

SAVOIE, Mrs. F. (Odieve Baron) Ch Lucile, Melise, Anna, Ted,  
James, William; St. Anne R3 Papineau Sec22 T175a Mrs. F. SAVOIE

SAVOIE, George (Nettie Ponton) Ch Clifford, Alvin; Clifton R1  
Chebanse Sec33E T166d Octave Tatro (1882)

SAVOIE, Joseph (Mary Patnaude) Ch Ida, Philip, Addie, Dave,  
Ezra, Georgiana, Hbmer, Alma, Emile; Clifton R1 Ashkum  
Sec16R13W 0240a (1867)

SAVOIE, Nelson (Clara Delhante) Ch Della, Elmer, Bertha; Clifton  
R1 Chebanse Sec34 0120a (1882)

SAVOIE, Z. A. (Stella Mayette) Ch Lavern; Martinton R1 Martinton  
Sec3 0120a (1886)

SAVOYE, Elric (Lucile Lafond) Ch Irene, Ethel, Isabell;  
Martinton R1 Martinton Sec10 T120a Jo Demiere (1912)

SAXSMA, Cornelius (Grace Bensema) Ch Minnie, Fred, Harold,  
Bertha, Roy, Marie; Ashkum R1 Danforth Sec4R14W T83a Hbrman Free  
(1886)

SAXSMA, PETE (Tena Janssen) Ch Bernice; Dorothy, Florence;  
Danforth R1 Danforth Sec22R10E T160a Margaret H. Crawford (1889)

SAYLER, Henry P. (Mae Rush) Ch Marion, Dorothy, Susan, Ruth, Genner,  
Harvey; Watseka R2 Middleport Sec8 T220a Drercoff & Sayler (1883)

SCANLIN, James A. (Rena M. Struble) Ch Margaret, Louise, Violet;  
St. Anne R3 Papineau Sec20 T100a Napoleon Fortier (1913)

SCANLON, James (Nelda Trembley) Ch Naomi; Chebanse R3 Milks Grove  
Sec13 Th0a W. A. Duckworth (1913)

SCANLON, John (Delia Denault) Herscher R1 Milks Grove Sec15  
T320a S. P. Bushnell Est. (1911)

SCARLETT, Roy (Stella Cooper) Ch Bernice, Dorothy, Herbert;  
Wellington R2 Lovejoy Sec7 Farm Hand B.B. Russell (1916)

SCHAEFFER, Jacob (Alice) Ch Samuel, Anna, Rose, Edward, Robert,  
Philip, Jess, Louis; Rankin R3 Pigeon Grove Sec33 T160a Grace  
Kilgore (1893)

SCHAFFER, Roy P. (Mildred Chipman) Ch Francis; Buckley R3 Artesia  
Sec20 T160a L. E. Schafer (1890)

SCHARLACH, John E. (Lydia Bolliger) Ch Ella, Clyde, Arthur, Cora,  
Clara, Aaron, Lester, Nettie, Bertha, Harry, Mary; Rankin R3  
Fountain Creek Sec32 0160a (1896)

SCHARP, William (Lena Sachtjen) Buckley R3 Artesia Sec13 T160a  
Mrs. Emma Sachtjen (1891)

SCHARTIGER, F. A. (Tallie Eppernetta) Ch Edna, Bernie, Letha,  
Claud, Mary, Bernice, Eva; Buckley R2 Loda Sec7 T166a J. L.  
Armstrong (1917)

SCHAUMBURG, H. W. (Sina Lauterbach) Ch Robert, Mildred; Milford  
R6 Milford Sec18 T160a Mary L. Marquis (1892)

SCHAUMBURG, Jonas (Lena Ferdinand) Ch Harm, Johanna, William,  
Anna, Peter, Lilly; Milford R2 Milford Sec6 T100a H. Schaumburg  
(1879)

SCHAUMBURG, William H. (Lizzie Rapp) Ch Hiram, Lena, Anna, Carl,  
Emma, Engel, Alworth, Minnie, Frank, Rudolph, William; Milford  
R2 Milford Sec7 T160a Harron Schaumburg (1877)

SCHAUMBURG, Wirtze (Anna Rapp) Ch Anna Carl, Louise, Lizzie, Paula,  
Clara, Edwin; Milford R2 Milford Sec8 0131a (1877)

SCHEIDECKER, Emile (Mary Grendadam) Clifton R2 Chebanse Sec33  
R14W T160a S. B. Walton (1901)

SCHEIDECKER, Louis Clifton R2 Chebanse Sec33R14W T160a S.B. Walton  
(1895)

SCHEIWE, Christ (Engel Luecke Ch Frank, Alfred, Gustav, Elmer,  
Alma, Clara, Erna, Arnold, Edward; Cissna Park R1 Ash Grove Sec25  
R13W T182 1/2a John Lucke (1887)

SCHEIWE, Henry (Henrietta Kuhlmann) Ch Edwin, Walter, Willie,  
Ewald, Alfred, Harry, Arthur, Alice; Cissna Park R1 Ash Grove  
Sec21R13W 0200a (1892)

SCHERER, Adam (Emma Bessler) Ch Theodore, Joseph, Bertha, Anthony,  
Leo, Leona; Ambia Ind. R2 Prairie Green Sec7E T240a Charles  
Schwartz (1911)

SCHERER, Louis (Alvina Stiegman) Ch Cecil; Thawville R1 Ridgeland  
Sec30 T80a Grace Garvin (1887)

SCHILL, C.A. (Amanda Alcen) Ch Herald, Chesterl Donovan R1 Beaver  
Sec14 T159a Farm Hand C.W. Anderson (1916)

SCHILL, John (Aldin Anson) Ch Willie; Donovan R3 Concord Sec6  
080a (1884)

SCHILLING, R.H. (Elizabeth Aberhausen) Ch Aubrey, Mildred, Margaret,  
Stephen, Joseph; Ambia, Ind, R2 Prairie Green SecF6 T80a  
William Schwartz (1917)

SCHINDLER, Carl (Alice Wise) Ch Margaret; Hoopston R3 Prairie Green Sec22 0120a (1886)

SCHINDLER, Jacob M. (Ada Torbet) Ch Alda; Watseka R6 Iroquois Sec23 T154a John Eby (1886)

SCHIPPERT, Carl (Lea Miller) Ch Oscar, Anna, Karlice, Charlie, Lidia, Christian, Ida, Julius; Cissna Park R3 Pigeon Grove Sec3 0258a (1909)

SCHIRE, John (Tillie Meierle) Donovan R2 Beaver Sec35 T80a Gus Hanson (1887)

SCHLADENHAUFFEN, Paul (Hannah Kaufman) Cissna Park R1 Pigeon Grove Sec2 T120a William Yergler (1896)

SCHLEEF, Henry (Sophia Zummallen) Ch Arnold; Cissna Park R1 Ash Grove Sec1R14W 0100a (1886)

SCHLEEF, John Cissna Park R1 Ash Grove Sec1R14W 0100a (1868)

SCHLEEF, Tietish (Hanke Ninrichs) Ch Fred, Martin, Henry, Anna, Lena, Theo, Bertha, John, Albert, Edmin, Rudolph; Onarga R1 Onarga Sec35 0200a (1868)

SCHLEMMER, Henry A. (Lena Rapp) Ch Victor Rollin; Crescent City R2 Crescent City Sec27 T160a J. Schlemmer (1899)

SCHLOTMAN, Oscar F. (Gertrude Quinn) Ch, Daniel; Dorothy; Sheldon R3 Sheldon Sec36 0180a (1876)

SCHLOTMAN, Mrs. R. E. Ch Oscar, Charles, Ida, Robert; Sheldon R1 Sheldon Sec24 080a (1876)

SCHMID, Ferdinand (Mary Harper) Ch Emory, Earnest; Gilman R1 Douglas Sec2R14W 0180a (18725)

SCHMIDT, Charles H. (Lilly Emme) Ch Iliah, Frederick; "Woodbank Farm'" Chebanse R1 Chebanse Sec30E T200a Aug. Nordhousen (1910)

SCHMITT, Christine (Schepp) Ch Louis, John, Emil; Cissna Park R3 Pigeon Grove Sec16 0260a (1891)

SCHMOE, John (Leta Schumacher) Ch Raymond; Buckley R Artesia Sec21E T80a Aug. Seggebuch (1910)

SCHNURR, Charles (Amelia, Sister) Buckley R1 Artesia Sec7E T160a L. Schnurr (1894)

SCHNURR, Louis (Edna Lesch) Ch Clifford Buckley R1 Artesia Sec7E T160a L Schnurr (1894)

SCHONEMAN, Ben (Rena, Annie, Jane; Sisters) Ashkum R2 Ashkum Sec21R10E 0160a (1891)

SCHONEMAN, John L. (Rachael Monk) Ch Annie, Ben, Henry, Dave,  
John, Jr., Rena; Ashkum R2 Ashkum Sec23R10E 0136a (1877)

SCHOOLMAN, William (Lena Augustine) Ch Harold; Gilman R3 Douglas  
Sec35R14W T320a. C. E. Clawson (1906)

SCHOOLMANN, John (Annie Albes) Ch Weert, Theodore, Jennie,  
Annettie, August; Gilman R2 Doukglas Sec3R10E T340a Logan Edmunds  
(1905)

SCHOON, George J. (Martha Hethke) Onarga R2 Ridgeland Sec22  
T160a Dan Kewley (1915)

SCHOTH, John H. (Minnie Paris) Ch Theodore, Willie, Elmer;  
Martinton R1 Papineau Sec 080a (1875)

SCHRADER, John (Frances Pilden) Ch Chester, Frederick, Frances,  
Paul, Harmon; "Schrader Park Farm" Clifton R1 Chebanse Sec10  
R14W 0151a (1867)

SCHRAEDER, Fred (Eva Roth) Ch Donald, Paul, Dorothy, Helen,  
Milton; Clifton R2 Milks Grove Sec28 0173a T120a (1882)

SCHREIB; Charles F.. (Geo. M Bovie) Ch Wesley, Arilla, Luella;  
"Oak Grove Farm" Martinton R1 Papineau Sec33 0100a (1885)

SCHRIB, Will (Mary Hub) Ch Esta, Ora Elmer; Martinton R1  
Papineau Sec32 T80a C. Schreib (1878)

SCHRIEFER, Henry (Mary Wilken) Gilman R1 Douglas Sec34R14W T240a  
Aug. Schriefer (1890)

SCHRIEFER, Berman W. (Lena Behrends) Ch Emma, Bertha, Willie, Otto;  
Gilman R1 Douglas Sec33R14W 0280a (1882)

SCHRIEFER, H.H. (Trace Foeken) Ch Henry, Tobe, Bennie, Garry, Albert,  
Florence, Harry; Gilman R3 Douglas Sec28R14W 080a (1875)

SCHRIEFER, H.J. (Maggie Schroeder) Ch Roy, Alfred, Helen, Hhzal;  
Gilman R3 Douglas Sec29R14W 080a (1885)

SCHRODER, Fred T. (Mary I. Griffin) Ch Harry, Herman, Bernal, Leslie;  
Milford RD Belmont Sec35 0166 1/2a (1892)

SCHRODER, Harry E. (Marie R. Hoerr) Milford R2 Milford Sec7  
T160a Jim Crink (1890)

SCHRODER, HERMAN (Nannie Lesch) Martinton R2 Martinton Sec7  
092a (1878)

SCHRODER, H.F. (Anna Noyder) Ch Wilber, Amanda; "Ash Grove Farm"  
Milford R4 Ash Grove Sec2R13W 0100a (1874)

SCHRODER, John W. (Anna Enchner) CH Walter, Elmer, Clarence;  
"Fairview Farm" Martinton R1 Martinton Sec1 0200a (1871)

SCHROEDER, Carl J. (Emma Lupke) Ch Erna, Elma, Arthur, Edwin, Gilbert, Herbert, Victor; "Maple View Farm" Milford P2 Crescent Sec33 0160a (1881)

SCHROEDER, F.W. (Amelia, Sister) M[artinton R1 Martinton Sec1 0186a (1860)

SCHROEDER, George F. Sre (Jane Brown) Ch George, Clara, Emma, John, Charles, Hattie, Flora; Chebanse R1 Chebanse Sec13W 0240a (1854)

SCHROEDER, G.F. (Margretha Schodt) Ch Bertha, Elma, Albert, August; Martinton R1 Martinton Sec6 0320a (1860)

SCHROEDER, Henry (Lena Folkan) Ch Mary, Bernard, Della, Harry, Freddie; Danforth R1 Danforth Sec13 R10E T160a H. E. Rose (1875)

SCHROEDER, Henry (Sophia Behrens) Ch Freda, Edna, Leona, Arella, Clarence; Crescent City R2 Crescent Sec32 080a (1878)

SCHROEDER, Henry H. (Sofa Rapp) Ch Louise, Edward, Christian, Helen, Mabel; Milford R6 Milford Sec19 T102a Chris. Van Hovelin (1880)

SCHROYER, Fred (Daisy Wade) Buckley R1 Onarga Sec5 T160a C. H. Locke (1910)

SCHUBERT; 'A.W. (Margaret Hapenny) Ch Lawson; "Maple Lane Farm" Thawville R1 Ridgeland Sec29 T200a Mrs. B. Shubert (1888)

SCHUCK, George (Caroline Kline) Ch Jacob, Johnnie, Willie; Herscher R1 Milks Grove Sec16 Lee Wadleigh (1916)

SCHLULC, A.L. (Josephine Weller) Ch PAilip, Edward; Ashkum R2 Ashkum Sec19R11E T255a Pat Cloonan (1911)

SCHLULDT, William (Bertha Pfingsten) Ch Edna, Linda, Wilbert, Mildred, Levina; Milford R2 Ash Grove Sec3R13W 0160a G. Pfingsten (1906)

SCHULER, George (Bena Hanson) Ch Leona, Arthur, Vernon; Danforth R2 Danforth Sec15R14W T242a Danforth Est. (1890)

SCHULER, Herman (Mary Hansen) Ch Florence, Andrew, Earl, Georgie; Ashkum R3 Ashkum Sec17R10E T160a Betty Johnson (1883)

SCHULER, John (Tillie Welkening) Ch Esther; Onarga R3 Onarga Sec23 IT160a T. Schuler (1898)

SCHULTZ, Charles (Julia Shade) Ch Lawrence, Marguerite, Edwin, Alice Wendall, Everett, Robert; Clifton R2 Chebanse Sec34R14W T250a H.H. Sheldon Est. (1874)

Family Records,

Joseph Auslin married Jenny Alford, WKnesdayt June 3, 1800, in Amherst County,, Virginia. It was celebrated by the Rev. James Boyd (or Floyd--writing indistinguishable); William Alford, the bride's father gave consent; Thomas Alfand and Benjamin Austin witnessed the event. So the records go back to the home of William Alford on the late spring evening in a fine leap year event. This is their family record.

1 Joseph Austin

b. d.

m. June 3, 1800

Jenny Alford

b. d.

Children:

11 Benjamin Robert Austin

b. 26 March 1802 d. 27 Feb. 1852

12 William Alford Austin

b. 28 April 1806 d. 5 March 1893

13 Joseph

b. ca 1810 d.

(Jessie Austin, born May 3, 1818 in Tennessee, lived with Joseph and his boys in Illinois around 1830, but how he is related is uncertain.

Notes--Since a Benjamin Austin and a William Austin lived in Albemarle County, Virginia, Joseph, may have come from Albemarle area.

--In the 1790 census, a William Alford, living alone, and a Joseph Austin, with a large household, lived in Pittsylvania ACounty, Virginia. So Joseph nay have come from Pittsylvania.

--In 1790, a William Alford and a John Alford had households in Amherst County, Virginia; William had a large household.

--About 1810, Joseph and the boys moved on to Tennessee; and on to Illinois about 1830.

--Joseph settled near Colonel Jackson's Hermitage and went to war.

Benjamin Robert Austin came to Illinois in 1825, when only two or three other families lived in the entire area, now called Macon County. One of those families belonged to William Warnick who had just arrived from Tennessee; indeed, Austin may have known him in Tennessee, or traveled some of the distance with him. Shortly, he married the oldest daughter.

11 Benjamin Robert Austin  
b. 26 March 1802 d. 27 Feb. 1852  
m. Fall, 1825  
Margaret M. Warnick  
b. 121 Feb. 1807 d. 23 Jan. 1843

Children:

- 111 Mary Jane Austin  
b. 27 May 1826 d.
- 112 William Warnick Austin  
b. 22 Dec. 1828 d. 14 Jan. 1911
- 113 Nancy Carolyn Austin  
b. 15 Sept. 1830 d. 15 Oct. 1933
- 114 Perlina Austin  
b. 5 Sept. 1834 d. 3 May 1870
- 115 Susan Austin  
b. 28 Nov. 1834 d. 5 March 1837
- 116 Margaret Ann Austin  
b. 23 Feb. 1839 d.
- 117 Edmiston Austin  
b. 25 Sept. 1841 d. 20 Dec. 1895
- 118 The eighth child evidently died at birth, or near it.  
One record lists a Lucinda, birth date same as Perlina Austin's.

Notes--Benjamin Austin, a surveyor, helped organize Macon County, Illinois, laid out the town of Decatur, and served as a justice of the peace for several years. He was the first treasurer for Decatur; Austin Township is named in his honor.

--William Warnick, his father-in-law, became the first sheriff of Macon County, fought in the Black Hawk War, and farmed.

William Alford Austin came to Illinois in 1828, and helped his brother Benjamin lay out the town of Decatur. Like Benjamin, he married a daughter of William Warnick. He taught school at an early date, farmed, and served well over forty years as a justice of the peace in Blue Mound Township. He left a phenomenal family record, which he wrote out for his daughter-in-law. All have died, and this record, based on his, is now complete. He had two families,

12 William Alford Austin	
b. 28 April 1806	d. 5 March 1893
m. January 5, 1852 (1st, wife)	
Eleanor Warnick	
b. 23 Jan. 1810	d. 16 Nov. 1853
Sarah A. (Woodward) Dudley Widow)	
b. 12 Nov 1827	d. 5 Dec. 1894
m. August 12, 1858 (2nd wife)	
Children:	
121 Henrietta Lucinda Austin	
b. 18 Nov 1832	d. 20 Dec. 1894
122 Letticia, Jane Austin	
b. 3 July 1834	d. 20 Sept. 1835
123 Mary Elizabeth Austin	
b. 31 May 1834	d. 13 June 1840
124 Joseph Austin	
b. 31 Oct. 1837	d. 4 Nov. 1913
125 Benjamin Franklin Austin	
b. 26 Nov. 1839	d. 10 Oct. 1921
126 George Washington Austin	
b. 21 Aug. 1841	d. 15 May 1860
127 William Clark Austin	
b. 1 Jan. 1843	d. 24 March 1909
128 Louisa Marion Austin	
b. 11 Aug. 1845	d. 22 Aug. 1845
129 John Alford Austin	
b. 19 July 1846	d. 11 March 1882



- 12(10) Nancy Jane Austin  
b. 22 April 1849 d. 31 May 1901
- 12 (11) Lewis Napoleaa "Austin  
b. 25 Feb. 1851 d, 16 March 1943
- 10(2) Thomas Jefferson Austin  
b. 5 Nov. 1853 d. 11 Oct. 1926
- 12(13) Kate Henry Austin  
b. 24 April 1859 d. 1937
- 12(14) Samuel Houston Austin  
b. 12 Jan. 1861 d. 10 May 1957
- 12(15) Alvin Wallis  
b. 13 Sept. 1864 d. 1 Aug. 1950
- 12(16) Mary Ellen, "Bird" Austin  
b. 4 Sept. 1867 d.
- 12(17) Unnamed little boy  
b. 19 Sept. 1869 d. 19 Sept. 1869
- 12(18) James Madison Austin  
b. 4 May 1873 d.

Notes--William Austin was known as Squire. He knew Lincoln and lent him books. The History of Napoleon Bonaparte, being a favorite. Lincoln and William were both courting the daughters of Sheriff Warnick at the same time.

--Eleanor, his first wife, died the same month Thomas Jefferson Austin was born; William wrote simply, "disease not known." She was born in Tennessee, and, a charter member of the Blue Mound Circuit of the M. E. church.

--Lettica Jane, Mary Elizabeth, and Louisa Marion, George Washington, John Alford, and the unnamed little boy all died without issue, or marriage,

--William was born in Amherst County; he and his second wife are buried at Brown Cemetery, so are Joseph, Thomas Jefferson's family, and possibly John Alford Austin. Eleanor and the three little girls are buried in Huddleston Cemetery, variously called "Eckle's" and "Peru."

--Henrietta, and Lewis Napoleon are buried in Missouri.

--William Clark, Nancy Jane, and many descendents are buried in Salem Cemetery in Macon County.

--George Washington and Benjamin Frankin are in Hall Cemetery, Macon County.

This is the family record of Jesse Austin. His relationship with the family of Joseph Austin needs research.

Jesse Austin  
b. 3 May 1818 d.  
m. 1847  
Catherine Faris

Children:

a) Nancy E. Austin	b. July 1848	d.	1853
b) Joseph H. Austin	b. 16 Feb. 1850	d.	
c) Rosetta E. Austin	b. 14 Sept. 1851	d.	
d) William I. Austin	b. 16 July 1853	d.	
e) Malissa E. Austin	b. 25 Aug. 1862	d.	
f) Elizabeth Austin	b. 2 April 1865	d.	
e) Mary J. Austin	b. 3 Oct. 1857	d.	

Notes--Rosetta E. married William Getts March 24, 1870

--Why Jesse had little respect for the other Austins is unknown.

--If Joseph was his father, and his father died while he was still a teenager, a dispute over discipline, the settlement of the estate, or any number of resentments might have grown.

It is also known that an Austin family settled in Coles County, Illinois. William Austin brought his son John to Coles County in 1828. John was born near Nashville, Tennessee in 1809. That was near the Austin settlement of Joseph, evidently. It is also known that a Benjamin Austin lived in Coles County for a time; he was born in Virginia in 1791. The records illustrate the common use of Joseph, William, and Benjamin in the families; they may have been related. Many of the Austin family boys fought in the Civil War. Bird Austin fought at Vicksburg, from Evans Mills, Illinois. William Alford Austin had a daughter called Bird, (Not given name).

Since both Benjamin and William married daughters of William Warnick, and another daughter had a grand-daughter who married an Austin, this is his family record.

William Warnick

b. 16 April 1784

d. 13 Feb. 1855

m. December 5, 1803 in Davidson County, Tennessee

Nancy Jane Griffin

b. 4 July 1784

d. 31 Aug. 1835

Children:

a) John Griffin Warnick	b. 8 Oct. 1805	d. 25 March 1839
b) Margaret M. Warnick	b. 21 Feb. 1807	d. 23 Jan. 1843
c) Mary Dillard Warnick	b. 29 Jan. 1808	d. 31 Aug. 1842
d) Eleanor Warnick	b. 13 Jan. 1810	d. 16 Nov. 1853
e) James Warnick	b. 24 July 1813	d. 19 Feb. 1853
f) Lucinda Warnick	b. 20 Oct. 1814	d. 3 Jan. 1840
g) Elizabeth Warnick	b. 17 April 1816	d. 25 Nov. 1847
h) William Clark Warnick	b. 7 June 1819	d. 4 Oct. 1879
i) Ira Griffin Warnick	b. 7 Aug. 1823	d. 19 Jan. 1901
j) Robert Warnick	b. 21 Dec. 1824	d. 5 Jan. 1915
k) Sarah J. Warnick	b. 1830	d. 12 April 1864

All these children lived to marry, and have children, even though seven died before their father died.

Notes--Mary Dillard, called "Polly", was courted by Abraham Lincoln, and the family record says he proposed to her, but she married Joseph Stevens and Lincoln did attend the wedding.

--Mary had a granddaughter named Virginia Stevens, who married her father's first cousin, the oldest son of Eleanor Warnick Austin. So the families have many common records,

--Many of the Warnick's are buried in Huddleston Cemetery in Macon County. Robert was about the last burial in that place.

--The Warnick Geneology contains Joseph Austin's family records.

124 Joseph Austin, Son of William Alford Austin

124 Joseph Austin

b. 31 Oct. 1837 d. 4 Nov. 1913  
m. 30 Oct. 1867

Martha Ellen Abbott, daughter of Henry and Martha

b. 7 Sept. 1847 d. 15 Mar. 1881  
m. 23 Sept. 1886

Virginia Stevens (divorced from Owens)

b. 22 Sept. 1860 d. 6 May 1926

Children:

1241 William Henry

b. 13 Aug. 1868 d. 19 July 1870

1242 Orlando

b. 28 Dec. 1870 d. 20 May 1878

1243 Elizabeth Ellen

b. 13 Nov. 1871 d. 10 Oct. 1943

1244 Armineta

b. 24 Jan. 1874 d. 3 Mar. 1942

1245 Ellmore

b. 26 June 1876 d. 24 Aug. 1880

1246 Hiram

b. 15 Oct. 1879 d. 26 Sept. 1880

1247 Infant Son

b. Jan. 1881 d. 22 Jan. 1881

1248 Elsie Ethel

b. 30 June 1889 d. 30 June 1966

1249 Lillie May

b. 20 Sept. 1890 d. 25 Aug. 1891

124(10) Lelah Augusta

b. 30 Dec. 1892 d. 6 Nov. 1977

124(11) Joseph Stevens

b. 10 July 1893 d. 20 Sept. 1971

124(12) Polly Ann

b. 2 Mar. 1895 d. 2 April 1976

124(13) Ruby Dillard

b. 28 Dec. 1896 d. 7 Nov. 1913

124(14) Thomas Everett

b. 25 Jan. 1900 d. 19 Nov. 1951

Thomas Everett Austin, XIVth Child of Joseph Austin

124(14) Thomas Everett Austin  
b. 25 Jan. 1900 d. 19 Nov. 1951  
m. 24 Aug. 1924  
Verna Gladys Miller, daughter of Noly Willis Miller  
b. 28 Sept. 1899 d. 1 Mar. 1970

Children:

124(14)1 Everett Stevens  
b. 25 July 1925

124(14)2 Kathryn Virginia  
b. 2 Nov. 1926

124(14)3 Wayne Miller  
b. 12 Jan. 1930

124(14)4 Mary Sue  
b. 15 Mar. 1933

124(14)5 Betty Jean  
b. 3 July 1934

124(14)6 Dean Thomas  
b. 3 May 1936

124(14)7 Nancy Louise  
b. 29 April 1937

124(14)8 Jack Dale  
b. 25 Aug. 1939

Notes--Every birth listed in these records after 1830 was  
in Macon County, Illinois. (Uncertain about Jesse's  
Family record)

--Dean Thomas Austin, above (124(14)6) became interested  
in his family records when he found many of them in  
the histories of Macon County, and discovered that his  
greatgrandfather, William A. Austin, knew Abraham  
Lincoln. William Warnick, the first sheriff of the  
county of Macon, hired Lincoln in the hay field; he  
was William's father-in-law. Lincoln also had a  
romantic attitude toward "Polly" Warnick, who married  
Joseph Stevens in 1830. By another lineage, she is  
Dean Austin's Great, Great Grandmother. Researchers  
claim Lincoln attended their wedding.

--Dean Thomas Austin, the United Methodist Minister in  
Aroma Park, Illinois is the editor of this edition  
of the county geneological journal.