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PAGES FROM THE PAST

EXCERPTS FROM DEED RECORD McLEAN CO., BOOK A

"Deed Record McLean County", Book A. is indexed; but a comparison of the index with the body of the book by Jeanne Fisher showed some discrepancy in names and spellings and much genealogical material that is not included in the index. The following data is composed of actual extractions from the records and covers "A" through "D". We plan to continue with "E" in the next issue.

"X" indicates individual signed by mark rather than signature. C.C.C.C. indicates Clerk of Court of County Commissioners who were selling some of the land. Person in left column is the one making the purchase and since joint tenancy was not as common then, the wife does not appear but since she is presumed to have a dower right she does sign when a sale is made most of the time. The witnesses are sometimes of interest as they can often show family relationships. "W" = witness. J.P. = Justice of the Peace.

	<u>Purchasers:</u>	<u>Deed from:</u>	<u>Recording Date</u>
p. 6	Albury Anthony w: William Orendorff John Benson	James Latta	Aug. 18, 1831
p. 27	Allen, James w: John Kimler Jacob Spawn J.P.	Parr Rathbun Ruth Rathbun (x)	Feb. 2, 1832
p. 28	James Allen w: David Wheeler William Goodheart	James Latta Elizabeth (David Wheeler, J.P.)	Feb. 1, 1832
p. 29	James Allin w: W. T. Covill Jacob Spawn J. P.	John Greenman Ruth Greenman	Feb. 2, 1832
p. 31	James Allin w: John A. Mullen David Wheeler J.P.	Amasa C. Washburn	April 20, 1832
p. 56, 57	William Ashburn w: James Watson Matthew Robb J.P.	William B. Hase Rachel Hase	June 9, 1832
p. 60	James Allin w: James K. Berry, Clk.	R. H. Peebles Augusta	April 20, 1832
p. 61	James Allin w: William Dimmitt Lazarus Evans	William Evans Effny (her mark)	June 16, 1832
p. 188	Wiltson Allin w: Samuel Durely I. Murphy	Bailey Kimler (Samuel Durley, J.P.)	April 1, 1833

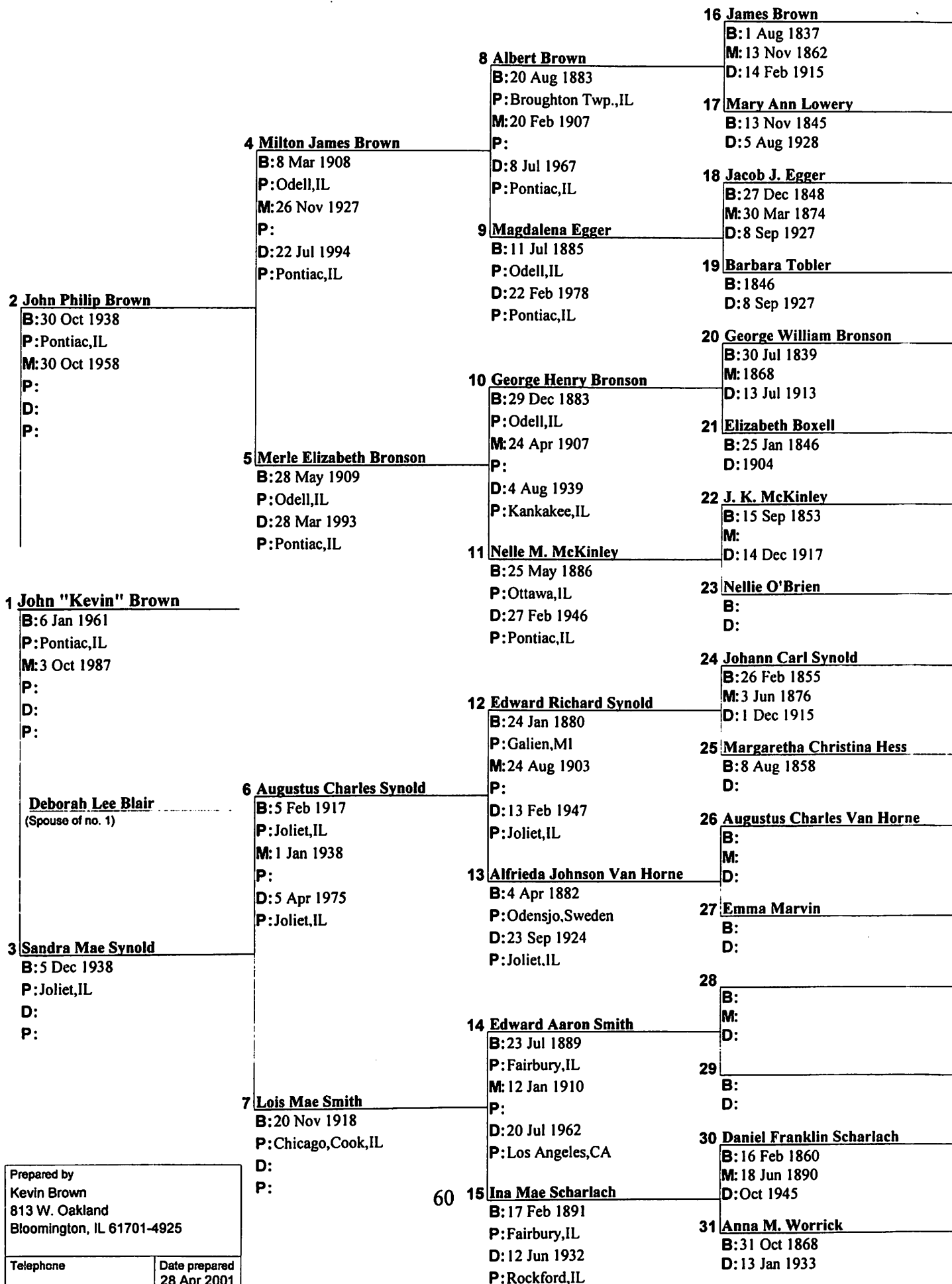
	<u>Purchasers:</u>	<u>Deed from:</u>	<u>Recording Date</u>
p. 198	James Allin w: Isaac Baker, C.C.C.C.	Nathan Lowe Sarah (x)	April 11, 1833
p. 199	James Allin w: M. L. Covell Samuel Durley	County Commissioners: B. Hoblit Seth Baker	Sept. 5, 1832
p. 14	George Baker w: John Darly I. Baker C.C.C.C.	Samuel Beeler (x)	Sept. 22, 1831
p. 66	William Brewer w: I. Baker C.C.C.C.	James Toliver	July 7, 1832
p. 118	Thomas Brown & John W. Brown w: Matthew & Priscilla Robb	Samuel Phillips Elizabeth (Robb JPM)	Sept. 3, 1832
p. 167	Baker, Seth w: Isaac Baker, C.C.C.C.	Hezekiah M. Harbert Elizabeth (x)	Nov. 16, 1832
p. 167	Boyd, John w: William Herndon D. B. Graham	Eli C. Blankenship M. Mobley	Oct. 18, 1830
p. 2	County Commissioners: Johnathan Cheney Timothy B. Hoblit Jesse Havens w: Isaac Baker M. I. Covill	James Allen Catherine (Isaac Baker C.C.C.C.)	July 2, 1831
p. 38	Thomas Cuppy	Daniel Vinson (x) Anna	Feb. 28, 1832
p. 41	Merrit L. Covill (J.P., Jacob Spawn)	Jas. Allin Catherine	March 10, 1832
p. 45	John Copenburger (JPFC Thomas Kirkman)	James M. Duncan Margaret T. Duncan	March 31, 1832
p. 57	Bailey H. Coffey (Isaac Baker C.C.C.C.)	Matthew Harbert Mary Matthew H. Harbert Polly (x)	June 14, 1832
p. 59	Bailey H. Coffey w: James W. Berry J. W. Berry, clk.	William Harbert Lucinda (x)	June 15, 1832
p. 62	Hiram Chapin w: James W. Berry, clk	William H. Brown H. C. Brown (Harriett C. Brown)	June 14, 1832
p. 85	Charles Council w: Gabriel Wat. J.P. George Sims	Allen McKay	Sept. 5, 1832

<u>Purchasers:</u>	<u>Deed from:</u>	<u>Recording Date</u>
p. 136 Merrit L. Covell	Richard Edwards (Samuel Durley, N.P.)	Dec. 20, 1832
p. 139 Hiram Chappin w: W. W. Dunham I. P. Dunham	Valentine A. Sublet (John Glenn, J.P.)	Dec. 25, 1832
p. 145 James Canneda w: David Wheeler P.P.	Peter Withers Avalina	Jan. 3, 1833
p. 175 Bailey H. Coffey (J.P. David Wheeler)	Commissioners: Seth Baker Timothy B. Hoblet Andrew McMellon	Feb. 12, 1833
p. 177 Theopolis Caton w: David Wheeler J.P.	James Allin Catherine	Feb. 12, 1833
p. 202 M. S. Covell	Mortgage Severe Stringfield (David Wheeler J.P.)	April 22, 1833
p. 150 William Dimmett (listed in index-did not find in book)	Mortgage William Evans	
p. 180 <u>Danley, Levi</u> w: Gresham Harvey Robert McClure	<u>Robert Drain</u> <u>Fanny or Fanna</u> (x) (Matthew Robb J.P.)	March 20, 1832

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Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1



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	<u>PURCHASERS:</u>	<u>DEED FROM</u>	<u>DATES: (Recording)</u>
p. 46	Evans, William w. David Wheeler J.P.	James Allin Catherine Allin	Made 14 Apr. 1832 Rec. 14 Apr. 1832
p. 51	Evans, William w. Isaac Baker J.P.	John Kimler Mary Kimler	Made 2 May 1832 Rec. 2 May 1832
p. 107	Edwards, Richard w. I. Baker J.P.	James Allin Catharine Allin	Made 17 Feb. 1832 Rec. 15 Oct. 1832
p. 108	Edwards, Richard w. Isaac Baker J.P.	Hezekiah M. Harbert Elizabeth (X) Harbert	Made 19 Apr. 1832 Rec. 15 Oct. 1832
p. 123	Evans, William Samuel Durley J.P.	J. Latta Elizabeth Latta	Made 13 Nov. 1832 Rec. 21 Nov. 1832
p. 164	Evans, Samuel; of Madison Co., Ohio, apptd. power of atty. for John Herrod, of Logan Co., Ohio, who was admin. of the estate of John Daugherty, late of Champaign Co., Ohio. w. R. Patterson J.P. A. Casad		Made 28 Sep 1832 Rec. 28 Jan. 1833
p. 44	Funk, Isaac Funk, Absalem w. Wm. Lee, D. Ewing, I.T. Eccles J.P.	Jas. W. Berry Fayette Co.	Made 6 Mar. 1832 Rec. 31 Mar. 1832
p. 112	Forquier, George w. M. L. Covell J.P.	James Allin Catherine Allin	Made 27 Sep 1832 Rec. 3 Nov. 1832
p. 140	Funk, Isaac Funk, Absalom Tazewell Co. w. Samuel J. Kennedy John H. Kennedy Alex M. McCeag Wm. (X) Beaver	Sennet Rankin Elizabeth (X) his wife Madison Co., Ohio William Rankin Elizabeth (X) his wife Fayette Co. Ohio	Made 25 Aug 1832 Rec. 27 Dec. 1832 John Moore, Clk. Alex M. McCay, J.P. Jesse Milikan, Clk.
p. 74	Glenn, Samuel P. (John Glenn J.P.)	Jonathan (X) Atherton Elizabeth (X) Atherton	Made 19 Jan. 1832 Rec. 6 Aug. 1832
p. 102	Gorham, Gardner T. Durley, Lewis (David Wheeler J.P.)	James Allin Catharine Allin	Made 8 Oct. 1832 Rec. 8 Oct. 1832
p. 106	Gorham, Gardner T. Durley, Lewis	Bailey H. Coffey (David Wheeler J.P.)	Made 19 June 1832 Rec. 13 Oct. 1832
p. 116	Gates, Stephen F. w. Henry Miller (Isaac Baker J.P.)	William Maxwell Elizabeth (X) Maxwell	Made 5 Sept. 1831 Rec. 16 Nov. 1832

	<u>PURCHASERS:</u>	<u>DEED FROM:</u>	<u>DATES</u>
p. 133	Gorham, Gardner T. Durley, Samuel (Felix Margrave J.P.)	William Durley John Durley Bond Co.	Made 22 Nov. 1832 Rec. 19 Dec. 1832 Willard Twip (Twist) Clk.
p. 134	Gorham, Gardner T. Durley, Samuel (Felix Margrave J.P.)	William Durley John Durley Bond Co.	Made 22 Nov. 1832 Rec. 19 Dec. 1832 Willard Twip (Twist) Clk.
p. 137	Goodheart, William w. David Wheeler J.P.	Isaac Murphy Mary Murphy	Made 15 Nov. 1832 Rec. 21 Dec. 1832
p.	Gorham, Gardner T. Darby, Lewis	Patrick (x) Cunningham (Samuel Durley J.P.)	Made 15 Jan. 1833 Rec. 16 Jan. 1833
p. 168	Gates, Timothy M. w. Chas. C. Gates Isaac H. Rynearson	Matthew Harbert Polly (X) Harbert (David Wheeler J.P.)	Made 2 Mar. 1832 Rec. 31 Jan. 1833
p. 169	Gates, Timothy M. w. Chas C. Gates Isaac H. Rynerson	William (X) Harbert Lucinda (X) Harbert (David Wheeler J.P.)	Made 2 Mar. 1832 Rec. 31 Jan. 1833
p.172	Gates, Timothy M. Morgan Co.	Richard Birks (Burks) Winneford (X) Burks (Tazewell Co.)	Made 16 Nov. 1832 Rec. 31 Jan 1833 (William Orendorff J.P.)
p. 173	Gates, Timothy M. W. A. Gridley	James Allin Catharine Allin	Made 10 Apr. 1832 Rec. 31 Jan. 1833 (David Wheeler J.P.)
p. 184	Grey, Euphany w. Hosea Stout Nathaniel B. Gatlin	John Pettijohn Priscilla Pettijohn	Made 24 Mar. 1832 Rec. 20 Mar. 1833 (Matthew Robb J.P.)
p. 64	Gridley, Asahel w. Isaac Baker, Clk.	James Allin Agent for Co. Comm.	Made 13 Oct. 1831 Rec. 18 June 1832
p. 33	Harbert, Robert A. w. Robert Guthrie	James Allen Catharine Allen	Made 18 Feb. 1832 Rec. 20 Feb. 1832 (David Wheeler J.P.)
p. 49	Harbert, Hezekiah M. w. Isaac Baker, Clk.	Robert A. Harbert Rebecca (X) Harbert	Made 18 Apr. 1832 Rec. 19 Apr. 1832
p. 86	Haines, Benjamin W. Isaac Baker, Clk.	John (X) Canneda Grace (X) Canneda	Made 11 Sep. 1832 Rec. 13 Sep. 1832
p. 90	Hurst, James w. Geo A Philips, Clk.	John Hurst Rebecca (X) Hurst Morgan Co. Ind.	Made 23 Sep. 1831 Rec. 25 Sep. 1832 (Geo. A. Phelps, Clk.)
p. 97	Hoblit, Samuel w. Hiram Bowman Timothy B. Hoblit	Benj. (X) Shipley Sarah Shipley w. Mailen S. Hoblit	Made 13 Apr. 1832 Rec. 28 Sep. 1832 (Gabriel Watt J.P.)

	<u>PURCHASERS:</u>	<u>DEED FROM:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>
p. 98	Hedrick, Elijah Turman, Samuel	George Hand Barbary (X) Hand (John Moore J.P.)	Made 6 Apr. 1832 Rec. 29 Sep. 1832
p. 99	Harbert, James w. R. A. Harbord Matthew Harbert	William Harbert Lucinda (X) Harbert (David Wheeler J.P.)	Made 4 Oct. 1832 Rec. 4 Oct. 1832
p. 103	Hunt, Enoch w. Moses Dunlap	John (X) Canneda Grace (X) Canneda (Isaac Baker J.P.)	Made 16 Sep. 1832 Rec. 9 Oct. 1832
p. 126	Harbert, Jos. Bailey w. James Block Gibson Garroit	James Hurst Sarah Hurst (X) Sangamon Co. (John Moore J.P.)	Made 8 Sep 1832 Rec. 30 Nov. 1832
p. 129	Hinshaw, George w. Js. W. Berry, Clk.	R. H. Peebles Fayette Co., Ill.	Made 2 Jan. 1832 Rec. 4, Jan. 1832
p. 131	Harbert, Robert A. (Samuel Durley J. P.)	Richard Edwards	Made 13 Dec. 1832 Rec. 13 Dec. 1832
p. 179	Harbert, John W. Decatur Co., Ind. w. Seth Baker, Timothy B. Hoblit, Andrew McMellon, Co. Comms.	C. F. R. Conners (David Wheeler J.P.)	Made 11 Feb. 1833 Rec. 9 Mar. 1833
p. 183	Hiatt, Jesse w. Jonas H. Hittle J.P. Ann (X) Hittle	Stephen Stout Anna Stout Tazewell Co., Ill.	Made 31 Dec. 1832 Rec. 16 Mar. 1833
p. 185	William Harbert Putman Co., Ind.	C. F. Y. Commisionaires w. Sith Baker, Timothy B. Hoblit, And. McMellon	Made 26 Mar. 1832

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P. 186	Harbert, Joseph B. w. Wm. C. Johnson Daniel Trimmer	John Harbert Elizabeth Harbert Tazewell Co.	Mar. 19, 1833 Mar. 20, 1833
P. 191	Harbert, Matthew Sr. w. Samuel Durley	William Harbert Putnam Co., Ind.	Mar. 13, 1833 Mar. 30, 1833
p. 53	Isham, George w. W. W. Dunham	Thomas Cuppy Jensina (Jemima) Cuppy	Nov. 12, 1831 June 4, 1832
p. 13	Kimler, John w. George Henshaw Nicholas Darnall	Parr Rathbun Ruth (X) Rathbun James Allen, Clk.	Sep. 12, 1831 Sep. 12, 1831
p. 47	Kimler, John w. David Whisler John Lindley	William Durley Samuel Durley John Durley	Mar. 23, 1832 Apr. 14, 1832 David Wheeler, J.P.
p. 92	Kimler, John w. David Wheeler	James Allin Catherine Allin	Sep. 11, 1832 Sep. 26, 1832
p. 154	Killip, James M. and Wilson Allen w. Samuel Durley	Robert A. Harbert Rebecca (X) Harbert, his wf Samuel Durley, J.P.	Jan. 15, 1833 Jan. 15, 1833
p. 174	Kimler, Bailey w. Isaac Baker	Seth Baker Timothy B. Hoblit Andrew McMellon, Co. Comm's	Feb. 11, 1833 Feb. 12, 1833
p. 189	Killip, James M. w. Samuel Durley	Caleb Kimler Elizabeth Kimler, his wf Samuel Durley, J.P.	Feb. 18, 1833 Mar. 30, 1833
p. 3	Lowe, Nathan w. William Orendorff Parr Rathbun	John Benson Sr. Sally (X) Benson Tazewell Co.	Feb. 24, 1831 July 2, 1831 Wm. Orendorff, J.P.
p. 4	Low, Nathan w. John Benson William Orendorff	James Benson Polly Ann (X) Benson Tazewell Co.	Feb. 24, 1831 July 24, 1831 Wm. Orendorff, J.P.
p. 16	Out LOTS	James Latta	Sep. 22, 1831 Samuel D. Lockwood, J.P.
p. 42	James Latta w. David Wheeler	James Allin Catherine Allin	Feb. 1, 1832 Mar. 14, 1832

p. 69	Latta, James w. R. H. Peebles	Robert H. Peebles Fayette Co.	Nov. 16, 1831 Aug. 4, 1832 James W. Berry, Clk.
P. 70	Latta, James w. R. H. Peebles James W. Berry	Robert H. Peebles Fayette Co.	Apr. 4, 1832 Aug. 4, 1832 James W. Berry, Clk.
p. 71	Latta James w. R. H. Peebles James Berry	Robert H. Peebles Augusta Peebles, his wf Fayette Co.	Apr. 4, 1832 Aug. 4, 1832 James W. Berry, Clk.
p. 72	Low, Nathan w. Samuel Durley	James Latta Elizabeth Latta, his wf	July 13, 1832 Aug. 6, 1832 David Wheeler, J.P.
p. 81	Logan, Peter w. Moses Timmons Andrew Wheeler	John Logan Wayne Co., Missouri Released from slavery my negro man Peter, 48 yr.	Nov. 18, 1828 Sep. 3, 1832 Alfred Wheeler, Clk.
p. 120	Latta, James w. E. William Covell	James Allin Catherine Allin, his wf	Sep. 1, 1832 Nov. 6, 1832
p. 127	Latta, James	Seth Baker Timothy B. Hoblit Andrew McMellon, Co. Comm's.	Dec. 4, 1832 Dec. 4, 1832
p. 132	Low, Nathan w. O. Covell C. Thomas	Seth Baker Timothy B. Hoblit Andrew McMellon, Co. Comm's	Dec. 5, 1832 Dec. 5, 1832
p. 201	Little, Henry	Omen Olney Triphena Olney	Apr. 13, 1833 Apr. 13, 1833 Isaac Baker, J.P.
p. 8	Mason, James w. Lydia Greenman Isaac Baker	John Greenman Ruth Greenman Edwardsville, Mason Co.	July 18, 1831 Aug. 11, 1831
p. 37	McPherson, Mark w. James Barr Elemor Albrove	Samuel (X) Cartright Sally (X) Cartright, his wf John Glenn, J.P.	Jan. 15, 1832 Feb. 28, 1832
p. 87	Murphy, Isaac w. Wm. McKisson Isaac Baker	Stephen F. Gates	Sep. 5, 1831 Sep. 17, 1832 Isaac Baker, C.C.C.C.
p. 101	McKisson, William w. Ortogrul Covell Mathew Harbord Whitson Packer	A. Gridley	Aug. 29, 1832 Oct. 5, 1832 David Wheeler, J.P.
p. 113	Mason, James of Edwardsville w. M. Scovill	James Allin Catherine Allin, his wf M. L. Covell, C.C.C.C.	Sep. 27, 1832 Nov. 3, 1832

p. 119	Miller, Henry w. David Wheeler	James Allin Catherine Allin, his wf David Wheeler, J.P.	Nov. 17, 1832 Nov. 17, 1832
p. 130	Mason, James Madison Co.	James Latta Elizabeth Latta, his wf Samuel Durley, J.P.	Dec. 10, 1832 Dec. 10, 1832
p. 153	Murphy, Isaac w. David Wheeler	Henry Miller Temperance (X) Miller, his wf David Wheeler, J.P.	Jan. 14, 1833 Jan. 14, 1833
p. 176	Murphy, Isaac	B. H. Coffey Nancy Coffey Samuel Durley, J.P.	Feb. 12, 1833 Feb. 15, 1833
p. 192	Marsh, David W. David Wheeler	David Trimmer Margaret (X) Trimmer, his wf David Wheeler, J.P.	Feb. 25, 1833 Mar. 30, 1833
p. 193	Marble, Pretymen (or Marvel) w. John Moore James A. Stewart	John Slatten Nancy Slatten, his wf John Moore, J.P.	Jan. 15, 1833 Mar. 30, 1833
p. 194	Miller, Henry w. S. Durley H. H. Gates	John Ward (X) Martha Ward, his wife Patrick Cunningham (X) Hanna (X) Cunningham, his wf Samuel Durley, J.P.	Apr. 3, 1833 Apr. 3, 1833
p. 200	Marsh, David w. I. Baker	Nathan Low Sarah (X) Low, his wf Isaac Baker, C.C.C.C.	Apr. 4, 1833 Apr. 13, 1833
p. 39	Olney, Omen w. William Orendorff David Wheeler	Thomas Orendorff Mary Melinda Orendorff Isaac Baker, C.C.C.C.	Jan. 21, 1832 Mar. 6, 1832
p. 40	Olney, Omen w. Charlotte Wheeler David Wheeler	David Simmons Elizabeth (X) Simmons, his wf David Wheeler, J.P.	Jan. 23, 1832 Mar. 6, 1832
p. 163	Olney, Omen w. David Wheeler	Isaac Baker David Wheeler, J.P.	Jan. 19, 1833 Jan. 23, 1833

The headings for the columns (starting with the second) would be "Purchasers", "Deed From" and "Dates".

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**SHORT HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF THE PIONEERS BURIED
IN THE EVERGREEN CITY CEMETERY OF THIS CITY, OF
BLOOMINGTON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

COMPILED BY W. B. CARLOCK.

1.

C. HETHERINGTON.

C. HETHERINGTON, was born August-22-1820, and died July-16-1891 at his home in Bloomington. He was a well known character of this City for many years and was a paper hanger and decorator by trade.

He had a family of children, all of whom are dead. He was a native of Ohio, and was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a Republican in politics and was a descendant of English stock. A suitable monument marks his resting place.

2.

WILLIAM MC. KISSON.

WILLIAM MC. KISSON, died October-5-1862, aged 53 years. He was the father of Mrs. Edward Hardy of this City. The Mc.Kissons came to this State from Ohio. He and his sons carried on a Livery business for many years in this City, just south of the Methodist Church. The late Mrs. Nightwine was also a daughter. He was of Scotch English extraction, was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Methodist Church. A neat monument marks his resting place.

3.

GEORGE DIETRICH.

GEORGE DIETRICH, was born February-9-1816, and died February-5-1900, in the brick house erected by him on the present site of the Pantagraph, and he owned other property across the street.

He was twice married; his first wife Harriett G. was born in 1822 and died December-29-1857. He was in the hardware business for many years under the firm name of Dietrich and Bradner. He had several children, all deceased but one daughter, Mrs. Mary Sprague of Normal, and who is a member of this Society.

He was a Republican and a Methodist, and of English descent. An elegant monument is erected to his memory.

4.

THOMAS F. AYERS.

THOMAS F. AYERS, was born May-2-1832, and died March-9-1911.

He was married and raised a family. He was a carpenter and lived for many years on Robinson St., this City. He was a Republican in politics and independent in religion.

A respectable monument was erected to his memory.

SUICIDES REPORTED IN BLOOMINGTON NEWSPAPERS

Part I, 1857-1899

Compiled By Bill Steinbacher-Kemp and Sara Cushing

[Bill Steinbacher-Kemp is Librarian/Archivist for the McLean County Museum of History. Sara Cushing is Vice President of MCGS.

For the past several years, McLean County Museum of History Librarian/Archivist Bill Steinbacher-Kemp and Museum volunteer Sara Cushing have collected local newspaper accounts of suicides by McLean County residents. More often than not, Bill and Sara stumble across these articles while researching unrelated topics on *Pantagraph* and *Bulletin* microfilm. These articles are then collected in a vertical file labeled "Suicides" held in the Museum Archives.

Below is a list of such articles collected as of March 18, 2007. Given that there is no index or other systematic method available to locate suicides on microfilm, this list is a work-in-progress. Bill and Sara continue to come across additional articles as they spend part of each week winding their way through reels of microfilm.

The first suicide in the file comes from the September 30, 1857 *Weekly Pantagraph*. That article details the suicide by hanging of John Houseman, a German "who had been deranged for some months." Houseman took his own life at the McLean County Jail.

Today, newspapers treat suicides with much more sensitivity than was the norm in the nineteenth century. In fact, it was not unusual for both *The Pantagraph* and *Bulletin* to treat suicides of local residents—be they prominent businessmen or "inmates" of the Poor Farm—with a fair amount of salaciousness.

Although newspaper coverage is less sensationalistic today, the cold, hard facts of suicide remain sadly unchanged over the past 150 years. The reasons these individuals listed below took their own lives include illness, both physical and mental; financial trouble; and spurned love. The methods they selected included hanging, poison, and firearms.

In an era before modern medicine, when physicians were frequently unable to treat chronic pain, suicide was oftentimes the preferred route for those bedridden or suffering from some untreatable condition. For instance, on February 14, 1882, *The Bulletin* reported the suicide of longtime Bloomington resident Peter Greenwaldt, an "old, wealthy and respected gentlemen." According to the newspaper, "Mr. Greenwaldt had been an invalid for a number of years, and this had caused him to become weary of life to the extent that he was willing to make use of the pistol to put an end to his own existence."

The next issue of *Gleanings* will feature Part II of this series: Suicides Reported in Bloomington Newspapers, 1900-1930.

Individual	Article Date	Location	Method
Houseman, John	September 30, 1857	Bloomington; County Jail	Hanging
Giddings (no first name provided)	April 20, 1860	Farm near Towanda	Hanging
Misner, Carrie	September 1, 1864	Bloomington ?	Arsenic
Liston, Perry	June 26, 1872	Pleasant Hill area	Shotgun
Mohneke, August	July 7, 1873	Bloomington	Revolver
Melcher, Ermina	June 18, 1875	Bloomington	Hanging
Hendricks (or Hendryx), Fred	June 22, 1877	Old Town Township	Revolver (after murdering wife)
Binschettler, (or Brinzelter), Henry	April 14, 1881	Gridley	Razor and a knife
Greenwaldt, Peter	Feb. 14, 1882	Bloomington	Pistol
Chrisman, Josephine	February 27, 1883	Bloomington	Morphine overdose
O'Neil, Philip	May 21, 1883	Bloomington	Revolver
Doolittle, Walter	January 24, 1884	Bloomington	Revolver
Thrasher, Mrs. Philip	July 31, 1884	Saybrook	Strychnine
Trow, William	August 4, 1884	Bloomington	Strychnine
Burns, Milton	March 6, 1885	LeRoy	Revolver
Pitt, Annie	February 26, 1886	Bloomington	Rat poison
Tessman, Ferdinand	October 6, 1886	Bloomington	Pistol
McBean, Isaac	April 1, 1887	Bloomington	Hanging
Mahan, Isaac S.	April 11, 1887	Lexington	Knife
Halderman, John	March 12, 1888	Bloomington	Drowning
Reasoner, John P.	May 9, 1888	South of Bloomington	Revolver
Freeman, Mary	May 10, 1888	Bloomington	Drowning
Leipfritz, Mrs. C.	June 2, 1890	Stanford	Overdose of chloral
Dunn, Richard	July 14, 1890	Bloomington	Morphine overdose
McMillen, Fannie C.	September 22, 1890	Bloomington	Morphine overdose
Bunn, Mrs. John	May 30, 1892	Near Arrowsmith	Overdose of insecticide
Swineheart, S. T.	July 4, 1892	North of Stanford	Hanging
Harkness, Mrs. Isaac	May 3, 1893	Bloomington	Poison
Lewin, H. T.	February 24, 1894	Bloomington	Revolver
Smith, David	May 13, 1894	Bloomington	Run over by railroad engine
Brittin, U. John	February 12, 1895	Saybrook	Hanging
Bierbrower, Bert	March 7, 1895	Anchor	Pistol
Staubus, Stephen	February 17, 1896	Dry Grove Township	Knife
Nutt, James	June 8, 1897	Rural Gridley	Revolver
Swaim, Anthony	March 29, 1899	Bloomington	Rifle
Johnson, Claire	June 23, 1899	Normal	Revolver
Maguire, John	December 4, 1899	Bloomington	Razor
Arnold, William G.	December 12, 1899	Bloomington	Revolver

BLOOMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

[In succeeding issues of *Gleanings* we will provide information on additional early fire fighters. Much of this information can be found in the McLean County Museum of History Archives vertical file on the department. Sandy Voyles and Sara Cushing contribution.]

OBITUARIES

**Henry Mayer Is Taken By Death
Veteran Fire Fighter Was In Service Here for Forty-Two Years
Was Chief for 28 Years**

Henry Mayer, former fire marshal of Bloomington passed away last night at 8:30 o'clock at his home 306 East Jefferson street. He has been in failing health for some time and has been confined to his bed during the past two weeks. His condition yesterday was apparently somewhat improved, and his death last night came as a shock to his family and friends.

He was born in Belleville, Ill., April 7, 1858. He received his education from the Belleville public schools and also from a business college there. He came to Bloomington in 1874 and learned the blacksmith and carriage making trade under Lyman Ferre, in a shop at the corner of Center and Front streets, where the Newmarket is now located.

Mr. Mayer was in the fire service for forty-two years and during that time served as chief for twenty-eight years. He went thru all the hardships of the service. He saw the force change from a hand brigade to horse-drawn equipment, and then to the present motorized department. He is largely responsible for the high efficiency of the department at present.

He joined the fire department as a call man in 1881. At that time he received only \$10 a month and a place to sleep. He was made chief fire marshal and city electrician on May 6, 1896. In 1900, he was re-appointed chief fire marshal and put in charge of all the department of safety. Later the office of electrical inspector was created by ordinance, and since then, until his retirement last May, he acted as fire chief and superintendent of buildings. His father was a captain in the fire department in Belleville and he always felt that the love of the fire service was born in him.

Mr. Mayer was married in this city on Oct. 6, 1880 to Elizabeth K. Zier, who with two children, Mrs. Lela Mayer Long and a son Raymond, survive. There are also two sisters, Mary Elgle and Mrs. Kate Wilhelm, both of St. Louis. Mr. Mayer attended the First Church of Christ Scientist. He was a member of Mozart lodge, 656 A. F. & A. M., Knights of Pythias, Loyal Order of Moose and Improved Order of Red Men. He was also a member of the International Association of Fire Engineers and the Illinois Fireman's association. The funeral announcement will be made later.

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SHORT HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF THE PIONEERS BURIED IN THE EVERGREEN CITY CEMETERY OF THIS CITY, OF BLOOMINGTON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

COMPILED BY W. B. CARLOCK.

1.

C. HETHERINGTON.

C. HETHERINGTON, was born August-22-1820, and died July-16-1891 at his home in Bloomington. He was a well known character of this City for many years and was a paper hanger and decorator by trade.

He had a family of children, all of whom are dead. He was a native of Ohio, and was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a Republican in politics and was a descendant of English stock. A suitable monument marks his resting place.

2.

WILLIAM MC. KISSON.

WILLIAM MC. KISSON, died October-5-1862, aged 53 years. He was the father of Mrs. Edward Hardy of this City. The Mc.Kissons came to this State from Ohio. He and his sons carried on a Livery business for many years in this City, just south of the Methodist Church. The late Mrs. Nightwine was also a daughter. He was of Scotch English extraction, was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Methodist Church. A neat monument marks his resting place.

3.

GEORGE DIETRICH.

GEORGE DIETRICH, was born February-9-1816, and died February-5-1900, in the brick house erected by him on the present site of the Pantagraph, and he owned other property across the street.

He was twice married; his first wife Harriett G. was born in 1822 and died December-29-1857. He was in the hardware business for many years under the firm name of Dietrich and Bradner. He had several children, all deceased but one daughter, Mrs. Mary Sprague of Normal, and who is a member of this Society.

He was a Republican and a Methodist, and of English descent. An elegant monument is erected to his memory.

4.

THOMAS F. AYERS.

THOMAS F. AYERS, was born May-2-1832, and died March-9-1911.

He was married and raised a family. He was a carpenter and lived for many years on Robinson St., this City. He was a Republican in politics and independent in religion.

A respectable monument was erected to his memory.



5.

REV. WILLIAM E. JOHNSON.

REV. WILLIAM E. JOHNSON, was born August-27-1829 and died August-17-1889. He was married and had one son, William E. Johnson, Jr., who was also a minister, and who died February -20-1891. They were of the Methodist faith. Little is known of his early history. A beautiful monument of granite has been erected to his memory.

6.

MORTON E. WINSLOW.

MORTON E. WINSLOW, was born January-31-1798 and died July-11-1876. He was married to Christina Neff and had eight children, all of whom are dead. Nathaniel F. Winslow, who for many years carried on a soap and candle factory near the Big Four R. R. in this City, was a son. Morton E. Winslow was a native of New York State and was of Scotch-English descent, and located in Bloomington about the year 1859; he was a brother-in-law of James Grover.

Was a member of the Baptist Church, and was a Whig and afterwards a Republican. A monument marks his resting place.

7.

CYRUS OVERMAN

CYRUS OVERMAN, was born May17-1812 and died in the year 1865. He was a well known Nurseryman in Normal for many years. He was married and raised a family of children. He was a Whig and Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was of Scotch-English descent. A beautiful design of a trunk of a tree was erected to mark his resting place.

8.

ORRIN LOOMIS

ORRIN LOOMIS, died December-9-1876, aged 85 years. Married to Mary Ann Eyles and emigrated from Connecticut to Illinois and engaged in farming east of Bloomington. There were six boys and one girl born, all of whom are dead. He was of English extraction, was independent in religious matters and in politics a Democrat.

An appropriate monument marks his resting place.

9.

W. D. HARRISON.

W. D. HARRISON, died Sept-29-1867, aged 51 years. He emigrated from one of the New England states to Illinois about the year 1855.

He farmed for a while near Bloomington, and then retired and resided on or near North Main St. in this City, where he died. He raised a small family all of whom are dead. He was of English extraction, but nothing is known of his religion or politics. A suitable monument commemorates his memory.

10.

EARNEST G. REIMAN.

EARNEST G. REIMAN, died December-28-1868, aged 67 years. He was born in Germany and came to this Country when a small boy. He was the father of a number of children, all of whom are now dead. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and independent in politics. A neat monument marks his resting place.

11.

BENJAMIN L. LUCAS.

BENJAMIN L. LUCAS, was born at Washington Court House, Ohio on November-11-1835. He was married to Miss Mary Wilson, daughter of Robert Wilson in January-1852, and raised a family of children, all of whom are supposed to be dead. He was a well known Dry Goods clerk in different stores in this City for over fifty years, and everybody knew Ben Lucas. He died in St. Paul.

12.

ROBERT WILSON.

ROBERT WILSON, died November-3-1881, aged 87 years. He came to Bloomington from Ohio, and engaged in the harness business here for a number of years. He was married and had a family of children, the above named Mrs. Lucas being a daughter.

He was an old line Whig, and afterwards a Democrat. He had also two sons, Thepholus and Fletcher, both now deceased. He resided on the corner of Main and Clay Sts. for many years.

A simple slab monument marks his grave.

13.

H. W. PIKE.

H. W. PIKE, born August-19-1804, at Cornish, Maine, and was one of 24 children. He came to Bloomington in 1854 with his wife and family of seven children. He was married October-1-1838, and was the father of the following children: Edward M., Noah H., Sue Pike Sanders, Ivory H., Alpheus H., Anna M. and May A. Pike. He engaged in the land and live stock business, and owned a large tract of land near Saybrook. He was of English descent, and was an old line Whig and afterwards a Republican, and was a member of the Unitarian Church. He bought the half block facing Madison St., between Chestnut and Walnut, which was called "Niggers Hill", where he raised his family and died.

A nice monument stands at the head of his grave.

14.

REV. HENRY PEARIS

REV. HENRY PEARIS, was born April-4-1825, and died December-22-1895. He was a native of Pennsylvania. He died leaving his widow and the following children, Mary J., George M., Harry J. and Ralph P. Pearis, the latter a Physician at Normal. He preached for nine years in Heyworth and

for three years in Normal and for a time in Springfield and Iowa. He was a Presbyterian and was an old line Whig and afterwards a Republican and was of English descent. A suitable monument was erected to his memory.

15.

JOHN B. ROUNDS.

JOHN B. ROUNDS, died December-13-1884, aged 43 years. Was a soldier of the Civil War, and belonged to Co. I. 139 Illinois, Vol. Infantry. He was married and had two sons Enoch and Charles. He was a brick mason by trade. The son Enoch married a daughter of Isaac Strain. A neat monument was erected to his memory. He was a Republican in politics and a Methodist in Religion.

16.

FREDERICK PRAHM.

FREDERICK PRAHM, was born March-23-1829 in Germany, and died October-20-1905 on a farm east of this City. He was married and had a family of eight children, only one of whom survive, Herman Prahm, a farmer east of Bloomington. He worked for many years as a car repairer at the C. and A. shops before engaging in farming. He was a successful farmer and a reputable citizen and a man of many good qualities. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and was a Republican.

A fine monument marks his resting place.

17.

JOHN R. HOOVER.

JOHN R. HOOVER, was born February-6-1797 in Ohio, and died in this City September-23-1884. He was the father of the late Dr. Hoover. His home for many years was on West Market St., where he died, and which was later the residence of the late William G. Boyce. He was a Democrat and a Methodist, and was of English descent. A splendid monument marks his resting place.

18.

ALONZO L. BUSHNELL

ALONZO L. BUSHNELL, was born December-3-1811 in Ohio and died in this City June-7-1885. He was the father of Mrs. I. R. Crum and Mrs. Steere. He was engaged in the furniture business here for many years, and the writer of this sketch bought his first furniture of Mr. Bushnell, nearly fifty years ago. He was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

A splendid monument stands at the head of his grave.

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Allin W. S.
Baker James C.
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Baker R. H.
Biggs William
Brady John
Brock C. H.
Brock Justus
Brock Susan
Bovee John
Burkholder John
Burton William
Forrest J. H.
Frisby James Sr.
Funk Isaac
Funk Robert
Green R.
Groves Peter B.

Harless P.M.
Heckard F.
Holmes E. C.
Houghman John
Houghman John W.
Houghman Laman
Houghman Martha
Houghman Wesley
Jones Isaac W.
Kennady Thomas
Kinzel Darron
Kingley Thomas
Loker William
McCallister Wm. H.
McGrath Michael
Middugh E.
Miller John A.

Letters go to Bloomington.

Nicol Joun
Nicol Thomas
Nirk John
Patterson William
Robinson William
Sessions G. W.
Stubblefield A.
Stubblefield John
Stubblefield Robert
Staley Daniel
Stonaker A. C.
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Swineheart Samuel
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Vanordstrand John
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GRIDLEY

Post Office, Gridley

Bacon W. D.
Bates Reuben
Beam Daniel R.
Beam R. B.
Berry Amond
Bigger Samuel
Bodyer John
Brittin Elijah
Brooks James W.
Brooks Joseph D.
Brooks R. G.
Buell William H.

Carman B.
Carrier Jonathan
Carter Joshua
Chance Daniel
Chance James
Cochran Charles
Coday N. A.
Collisson William
Conder H. G.
Coomes Henry
Coomes Upton
Coon Adam

James M. Mitchell, Postmaster

Coon James S.
Coon Jonathan
Coon Isaiah
Cox G. W.
Dixon David
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75 YEARS AGO
OBITUARIES and DEATH NOTICES
RAMSEY NEWS JOURNAL and VANDALIA UNION
October to December, 1926

BECK, William Henry b 9 Sep 1845 Fay. Co., IL d 29 Sep 1926, age 81y 20ds. He was the son of Washington and Jeston BECK. He m Sarah Ann MOORE and they were parents of 4 children. 3 deceased with the wife. Later in life he m 2) Mrs. Tina COSART and they were parents of 3 sons. Surviving were wife, sons Walter of Shelbyville, Oscar and Harvey of Herrick, dau Jeston BADGER of IN and stepson Henry COSART of Shelbyville, IL. Burial was in the Antioch Cem. Ramsey News Journal 8 Oct 1926.

BENEFIELD, Lucy died following an operation at Mark Greer Hosp. Survivors were children, Claud, Ethel, Merle and Earl, her father, William MATHENY and sister Bertha ZIMMERMAN. Burial was in Taylor Cem. Vandalia Union 2 Dec 1926.

BINGHAM, Horatio Henry b 16 Jul 1841 Concord, VT the son of Warner and Laura RANKIN BINGHAM d 27 Oct 1926 from cancer of the throat. He m 4 Jul 1862 Sophia P. MULLEN and she died March, 1915. Surviving were 3 children, Lillie J. PRATER, W.J. BINGHAM and Edith F. FITZGERALD of Bingham. A son Franklin died in infancy. Also surviving was a brother Warner of CT and sister Laura DALLY of Pacific Grove, CA. He also was survived by 4 half-brothers and 2 half-sisters, Lorenzo, Lucy Ann HILL, George and Edward BINGHAM, Edith BALTON and Harry BINGHAM. Harry, George and Edward were lawyers; Edward being Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for a time. H.H. learned the trade of millwright in the east and first settled in Richmond, IN before finally settling in Fayette Co. in 1881. He built a saw and grist mill and a village named for him sprang up around the mill. Burial was in Liberty Cem. near Bingham. Ramsey News Journal 5 Nov 1926, Vandalia Union 4 Nov 1926.

BOLT, Edna age 23 was mysteriously shot and killed in Chicago. It was thought she was hit with a stray bullet in a tea room. The dau of Tom and Emma DONALDSON BOLT, she was born in the Jimson neighborhood. The family had moved to Decatur 6 years ago. Edna had moved to Chicago 9 weeks before to work in restaurants. Surviving with her mother was an aunt Mrs. Arthur ALLEY who lives east of the river bridge. Burial was in Decatur. Her father died a couple of years ago. Vandalia Union 21 Oct 1926.

BOLYARD, Christena LONG died unexpectedly 25 Dec 1926. She was b 31 Oct 1854 near Lafayette, IN and came to this county with her parents when a child. She m 1880 Levi BOLYARD and they were parents of 7 children, 1 died several years ago. The children all live near Vandalia with the exception of Gabe who lives in Spencer, IA. Burial was in the Old Cemetery, Vandalia. Vandalia Union 30 Dec 1926.



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BRITTON, Mrs. George, age 66 died at her home in Vandalia following a 3 month illness with stomach cancer. They had moved to Vandalia 15 years ago from a farm in Kaskaskia twp. The husband along with children, Shirrel and Mrs. Ora HILTON both of Vandalia survived. Burial was in the Old Cem., Vandalia. Vandalia Union 7 Oct 1926.

BROWNING, John W., a well known photographer in Vandalia, died at his home in Mt. Vernon from leakage of the heart. He was getting ready to visit his son Arthur here in Vandalia. He was born 18 Mar 1852 9 miles northwest of Vandalia and at the age of 25 he engaged in the photography business and continued as such for 40 years. He m Elizabeth REVIS in the Fall of 1876 and they were parents of a son, Arthur. Surviving with the son was brother, Warren of Decatur, George of Mobile, AL and Louisa WILLIAMS of St. Louis, MO. Vandalia Union 14 Oct 1926.

CARLOCK, Robert, age 75 died at his home in Fillmore Tuesday night after an illness of several weeks. Survivors were his wife, children, Ed and Otis of near Ramsey, Ethel HICKS, Bertha RHODES and Edith HARRIS of Fillmore, Gordon of New Bingham and Mrs. Earl HOPWOOD of Hillsboro. Burial was in the Carlock Cem., north of Bingham. Ramsey News Journal 26 Nov 1926.

COLE, Baxter Dennis of Macon, IL d 5 Nov 1926 from complication of diseases. He was b 24 Jul 1863 Bond Co. He m 1) 18 Oct 1883 Sarah I. SMITH of Brownstown - they were parents of 4 children all of whom survive, Rolly of Decatur, Pearl HAZENFIELD, Brownstown, Leah AUGESTEIN of Vandalia and Mabel ENGLAND of Girard. His wife d 4 Apr 1896. He m 2) 25 Nov 1897 Amanda PIERCE of Brownstown and they were parents of 5 children. The couple moved to Macon, IL in 1900. Burial was in Macon Cem. Along with his 2nd wife and children he was survived by step-son Jesse PIERCE of Montana, son Gerald of Moweaqua Verla HILDEBRAND, Virginia COLE, Vaughn WILKINGS and Juanita MYERS all of Macon, IL. Vandalia Union 18 Nov 1926.

COX, Frank M. died in Chicago, 7 Nov 1926. He had practiced law in Vandalia 1862-1891 and was a law partner with Judge J.H. WEBB. He came from Ohio to Vandalia in 1879. After teaching for several years he studied law under E.M. ASHCRAFT and was admitted to the Bar in 1882. He formed a partnership with Judge WEBB in 1882, continuing until 1888 when Judge WEBB was elected to the office of County Judge. He then partnered with J.G. WILLS until 1891 when he moved to Rockford where he continued in the practice of law until 1925. He m Apr 1884 Martha ARNOLD, dau of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua ARNOLD. His wife and a dau survived him. Vandalia Union 11 Nov 1926.

DAVIS, Elizabeth b 12 June 1847 Fay. Co., IL d 3 Nov 1926 age 79y 4m and 11ds. She m 1865 Jonathan F. DAVIS who survives her. She was the dau of Wilburn and Martha RHODES and was the mother of 7 children, 2 deceased. Surviving were Franklin, Mrs. Johnson WHITTEN, Mrs. A.R. HALFORD, Mrs. Harvey SEATON, Hurricane and Mrs. Roy COLE of FAYETTE FACTS, Vol. 30 No. 4

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Houston, TX. She raised 2 granddaughters from infancy, Mrs. Martin WHITTEN and Mrs. Guy MERRIMAN. Also surviving were 2 brothers, James Jerden RHODES and John William RHODES along with 15 grandchildren. Ramsey News Journal 12 Nov 1926.

DAVIS, Henry age about 60 died at his home 3 miles east of Vera Sunday evening, 7 Nov, age 60y 11m 29ds. Burial was in Sharon Cem. He was b in Fay. Co. and m 16 Dec 1892 Mrs. Jane JONES. They were parents of 3 children, Mrs. Clarence POLAND, John and Orval DAVIS. These children along with a step-dau Mrs. Ross DONALDSON survived him. Also surviving were sister Mrs. Margaret CROTHER of Vandalia and John DAVIS of Iowa. Ramsey News Journal 12 Nov 1926, Vandalia Union 7 Oct 1926.

DENNING, Mrs. Jobe died at her home on N. 8th St., Vandalia following several weeks' illness with heart trouble. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Survivors were her husband, son in Chicago and dau, Mrs. James MAHON of Vandalia. Vandalia Union 21 Oct 1926.

DILLBECK, Martha (Mrs. T.A.), died at her home in Greenville, 9 Oct 1926 of typhoid. Surviving were husband, daus., Mrs. Mabel McDONOUGH, Mayhew and son James DILLBECK. Her funeral was held Oct. 11 at Greenville. Ramsey News Journal 1 Oct 1926.

DOYLE, John Harvey son of Harvey DOYLE died recently. He m Chloe FRAILEY and they were parents of Fred H., Clifford C. and Merle DOYLE BOZETT all of whom survived him. Vandalia Union 30 Dec 1926.

EMRICK, Joel, age 69, died at his home on Carlyle Road Saturday, November 6. He had been ill for 2 years with dropsey. He was born in 1857 in Indiana coming to Vandalia with his parents at age 7. Surviving were his wife, sons Charles of Los Angeles and Everett of Chicago, daughters Della STUBBINS, Barrington, IL, Mable GUINN, Centralia and Josie DENNING, Vandalia and grand-dau Wilma EMRICK whom they raised. A dau, Goldie died in infancy. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 11 Nov 1926.

ENGLAND, John C. b 8 Oct 1852 Adair Co., KY d 24 Dec 1926 at his home in Ramsey township. He m 5 Jan 1873 Elvira MACKELLY (McALILLEY) and they were parents of 9 ch: Thomas of Clinton, Clara RADCLIFF, Vandalia, Viola COOK, Springfield, IL, Joseph who died in the boiler shops in Springfield, 12 Nov 1911, Robert of Pekin who died there 25 Sep 1925, Allie who died 9 Jan 1886, William ENGLAND of Morrisonville, Walter ENGLAND of Ramsey and Eva CORSON of Shobonier. Also surviving with his wife were brothers Isaac and James of Ramsey and sister, Mrs. John LAWSON of Dressor, and 14 grandchildren. Burial was at Mt. Pleasant. Ramsey News Journal 31 Dec 1926.

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ENLOW, Hiram son of Wilse and Hulda ENLOW died at the T.B. Sanitarium in Decatur 2 Dec 1926. He was b 13 Feb 1869 in Fayette Co. and a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 65. Burial was in Buchanan Cem. Survivors were 2 brothers James and Allen ENLOW and 2 sisters, Mrs. Grant McFETRIDGE of Centralia, IL and Mrs. Caroline JACKSON of Ramsey. Ramsey News Journal 10 Dec 1926.

ETCHESON, Jesse d at his home in Bear Grove Twp. 4 Dec 1926 of sleeping sickness and kidney trouble. Burial was in McInturff Cem. He was b 6 Oct 1853 Bond Co., IL the son of Jacob and Jerusha ETCHESON and m Cynthia ELLSWORTH 2 May 1878 at Greenville, Bond Co., IL. They were parents of 3 sons, Charles M. who d 9 Jul 1897, John L. of Decatur and William E. a merchant at Shafter. Also surviving with the wife were brother Samuel of Webb City, MO, half-bros Thomas of Vandalia and Charles of Greenville. Vandalia Union 9 Dec 1926.

GILL, D.M., age 65 died of cancer of the stomach at his home in Shobonier, 28 Dec 1926. He was survived by his wife, sons, Osmer and Edwin of Taylorville, Lloyd of Brownstown, daug Stella HOWELL of Assumption and Mrs. Iva WATKINS of Detroit, MI, sisters Mrs. George GREEN of Shobonier and Mrs. Maria AKEMAN of Vandalia. Vandalia Union 30 Dec 1926.

GREEN, J.M. "Uncle Mack" died Tuesday afternoon at the home of his dau Mrs. Commodore BETHARDS in Kaskaskia twp., age 76y. Burial was in Britton Cem. He was b in Marshall Co., TN and came with his parents to Kaskaskia twp. when he was 7 years. He was a veteran of the Civil War and had been a local preacher. In addition to his dau, he was survived by a son Chester GREEN and a brother George GREEN now past 90 years of age and living in Patoka. His wife, 1 son and 1 dau preceded him in death. Vandalia Union 25 Nov 1926.

GRONSO, John G., died in Frederick, S.D.. He was b 15 Sep 1852 Rochester, NY and died 22 Nov 1926 age 74y 2m 7ds. He came to IL with his parents settling at Essex until 1870 when he went to Decatur, Macon Co., IL working for the Wabash Railroad. He m Jan. 1894 Nellie THOMPSON of Vandalia and they li in Decatur until 1895 when they moved to Aberdeen, S.D. and later to Frederick. Surviving with the widow were son, Thompson B. GRONSO of Frederick, 4 grand-daughters Kate SPITTLER, Hamburg, NY and Lavina RANDALL of Chicago and bro David GRONSO of Fremont, MI. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 2 Dec 1926.

GURTNER, John Frederick b 28 Sep 1861 Wabash Co., IN and died 1 Nov 1926 at his home near Brownstown. He was the son of Frederick and Elizabeth GURTNER. His mother died when he was young with the father dying a few years later. At age 15, he came to Fayette Co. to make his home with Fred and Lydia GURTNER. He m 23 Mar 1882 Catherine BAUER and they were parents of Charles GURTNER, Della REETER, Edith QUADE of near Brownstown and Lillian at home. He also was survived by a step-dau Mary L. BAUER. In addition to his children, his brothers C.G. of Wabash, IN, Edward of near Brownstown, sister FAYETTE FACTS, Vol. 30 No. 4

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Mrs. Della BAUSMAN of Los Angeles survived along with his foster parents. He and his wife also raised Mrs. Rosa FELLER whose mother had died when she was an infant. 1 brother and 2 sisters preceded him in death. Burial was in Zion Cem. Vandalia Union 4 Nov 1926.

HALL, Ed born 20 June 1860 and raised in Vandalia committed suicide with a gun at his Hillsboro, IL home. His father died when he was 5 and he was raised by his mother, Surilda HALL. He worked in Henning's store for 18 years before he quit 4 years ago. Shortly after that he was hit by an auto and sustained a broken leg and injury to the skull. His wife had gone blind and with his injuries he decided to move to Edwardsville where he opened up a restaurant. The wife died there 28 Feb 1925 and was buried here in the Catholic Cem. beside her first husband. Ed returned to Vandalia this summer and bought the little restaurant near Hall Filling Station in the west part of town. Within two or three weeks, the road was closed down for grading and hard surfacing and his business faltered. He closed the business and returned to Hillsboro. Survivors were daughters Blanche whose husband died during the war and who lived with him, Lucy BAKER and Lena ROE of St. Louis, MO and Mable BRYAN of Kansas City. There were no funds to bring the body to Vandalia for burial beside his mother which is what he wanted. Vandalia Union 28 Oct 1926.

HANSON, William, age 77 a pioneer resident of Oconee died at the home of his son J.W. in Shobonier. His wife died 26 years ago. Burial was in Mound Cem. at Oconee. Surviving were John W., Andrew of Vernon and Radford of Oldham. Ramsey News Journal 1 Oct 1926.

HASELEY, Annie M., d 15 NO 1926 at her home 2 miles west of Vera from a complication of diseases. The dau of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. JOHNSON she was b 8 Nov 1874 in Germany and came to this country at age 6 years. She married twice and left a son Henry HOLBROOK and Alice WISS to mourn her passing. Also surviving were her father, sisters, Mrs. John BOWMAN of Oconee and Mrs. Otto HASELEY of Vera with 3 grandchildren. Her mother died 11 June 1926. Burial was in the Jehovah Lutheran Cemetery. Vandalia Union 18 Nov 1926.

HARNER, J.H. former resident of Avena Twp. died at his home in Florida from injuries he received while trying to extinguish a grass fire in his orange grove. He had moved there in 1883 and planted a very fine grove there. He was a veteran of the Civil War. He m 30 Dec 1869 Elisah C. MILLER of St. Elmo who survives with sons, George C. of Pueblo, CO and dau Mammie C. of Florida. Vandalia Union 30 Dec 1926.

HAWKEY, Henry, age 53, committed suicide shooting himself in the head with a rifle. His wife died in Effingham Hosp. following surgery for a tumor several weeks ago. Since that time he has not been himself. He was survived by his son, Quentin and a sister Mrs. Leon REICHERT. The funeral was held at the West Point Church near Farina. Vandalia Union 2 Dec 1926.

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HOFFMAN, Harold died at his home 15 Dec 1926 after a few days illness although he had been ailing for a year. The son of August HOFFMAN of near Hagerstown, he attending Vandalia High School. He was a cousin of Miss Lulu HOFFMAN of Bayle City. Surviving was a grandmother in Wisconsin. Ramsey News Journal 17 Dec 1926, Vandalia Union 23 Dec 1926.

IRISH, Mrs. H.P. of Farina died at her home 13 Oct 1926 following an illness of a few weeks. Burial was in the Farina Cem. following services at the Seventh Day Baptist church there. Survivors were husband and daughter Edith BABCOCK of Riverside, CA. Vandalia Union 21 Oct 1926.

JERDEN, Marion Whitfield son of Martin and Thursey JERDEN was b 19 Dec 1862 Fay. Co., IL died 25 Dec 1926 at his home. He m 2 Nov 1884 Edith PARHAM and they were parents of 8 children. Surviving with the wife were children, C.H. of Decatur, Mrs. S.N. ELLER of Bayle City, V.H. of Hanson, Mrs. C.T. SMITH, Clinton, IL, Josephine and W.M. JERDEN at home. Two children Earnest and Claude preceded him in death. Also surviving were half-brothers T.J. CASEY, H.M. CASEY and Delbert WHITTEN of Ramsey and half sisters Mrs. Howard BADGELEY, Ramsey and Mrs. Woodford WHITTEN of Madison, IL. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 31 Dec 1926.

JOHNSON, John Henry a retired farmer of Vera died suddenly from heart trouble at Huber Meml. Hosp, Pana, 18 Dec. He was born 30 Mar 1850 son of Onnen Bennen and Annie Margaret JOHNSON, both natives of Hanover Ger. He m there, Engel Margaretha OLTMANNS 4 Apr 1874 and they came to the U.S. on the steamship "Herman" with 2 small children 22 Mar 1881 landing at Baltimore, MD. They lived in the Allegheny region for a time before moving to Mulvana, KS, where they remained for 5 years before coming to Fayette Co. Surviving were daughters, Mrs. Jennie M. BOWMAN of Oconee and Mrs. Ada HASELEY of Vera. A 3rd dau Annie M. HASELEY died 15 Nov 1926 and his wife preceded him in death 11 June 1926. Burial was in Jehovah Lutheran Church Cemetery. Ramsey News Journal 24 Dec 1926, Vandalia Union 23 Dec 1926.

JOHNSON, Regina infant dau of Mr. and Mrs. Verne JOHNSON was born 16 June 1926 and died 22 Oct 1925. Survivors were the parents, 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Vandalia Union 4 Nov 1926.

KNAUS, Samuel A. b 12 Feb 1858 Tuscarawas, OH son of John B. and Alcinda KNAUS, died 8 Dec 1926 at his home in St. Elmo. He came to Fayette Co. in the fall of 1879. Surviving were his mother, and brother E. KNAUS. 2 brothers and 3 sisters predeceased him. Vandalia Union 16 Dec 1926.

LARIMORE, Charles, a former Ramsey resident died in the hospital in Anna, 30 Nov. He was 65 years of age. Survivors were 2 sisters whose homes were near Long Beach, CA. Ramsey News Journal 3 Dec 1926.

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LEE, John Wesley b 11 May 1873 Rose Hill, IL d 2 Nov 1926. He was the son of John Wesley and Alice LEE and came to Shobonier with his parents at age 21. He m 5 Feb 1907 Nellie DWYER. Burial was in Patoka Cem. He and his wife had just returned from a vacation trip through southern Illinois and Missouri when he contracted a cold which developed into tonsillitis and influenza and finally septic poisoning. Surviving with the wife were brothers Perry of Sturdivant, MO and Albert T. of Detroit, MI, sister, Louisa COWGER, Shobonier, Laura COAD, Hidalgo, IL, Martha PERRY, W. Alton and Dora ANDERSON of Woodriver, IL along with aunt, Mrs. Martha WINTER of Rose Hill. Vandalia Union 11 Nov 1926.

LEDBETTER, John Franklin b 3 Feb 1857 Fayette Co., IL and died 15 Dec 1926 in Sefton Twp. He was the son of George and Louisiana LEDBETTER. He m 1) Harriet Lucille HOLLINGSEAD and they were parents of 8 children; 4 died infancy, She died 26 Jan 1897. He m 2) 1899, Mrs. Stella C. SAGE and they were parents of 8 children, 1 died infancy. His wife and 11 children survived him, Zora, Pana, Albert of Decatur, John of Vandalia, Elva, Brownstown, Millie, Ralph, Harold, Rogay, Fern, Monta and Verle LEDBETTER at home. Also surviving was step-dau Mrs. Beula SAGE and 5 grandchildren with brother Joseph LEDBETTER of Lexington, NE. Vandalia Union 16 Dec 1926, Vandalia Union 30 Dec 1926.

LEIGH, John Wesley age 45, of Pope Twp. died at his home Tuesday morning following a short illness with a throat infection. He m Nellie DWYER and she survives. Vandalia Union 4 Nov 1926.

LINN, Louis H., age 70, b 21 June 1856 Hillsboro, d October 3, 1926 at Oakwood Hosp., Charleston. He was the son of Dr. _ T. LINN of Herrick who died a few years ago in Herrick, well over 100 years old. The deceased was a former J.P., police magistrate of Charleston and retired Clover Leaf engineer. Burial was in Mound Cem. He m Julia PETTIT at Rockdale, TX in 1879 and they were parents of several children. She did 29 May 1923. One son, Harry L., operator and tower man at the Big Four interlocking plant in Charleston survived. In addition to his son, he was survived by a brother, Marshall, Herrick, sisters, Irene MOSS, age 86 and Cady LINN, both of Long Beach, CA and Capitola MOSS of Signal Hill, CA. Ramsey News Journal 8 Oct 1926.

LIVINGSTON, Ivan Earl b 15 Jan 1905 d 6 Nov 1926 Maplewood, MO. He was the son of T.M. and Alpha B. LIVINGSTON. Burial was in Glendale Cem., Fillmore. In addition to his parents he was survived by his twin sister, Inez STORMS of Columbus, OH, Eva SCRIBNER, L.L. and Clyde F., all of St. Louis, Ime L. of Fillmore and Maurice M. of Nokomis. Ramsey News Journal 12 Nov 1926.

MATTES, LeRoy Kenneth son of Mr. and Mrs. George MATTES died at their home on North 5th St. October 30, 1926 of acute diabetes, age 20y 4m 27ds. He was born on a farm in Shafter Twp. where they lived until 1919. Surviving were his parents, 1 brother and 1 sister and grandmother. A brother, Clifford preceded him in death. Vandalia Union 4 Nov 1926.

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McKENZIE, Edwin Yates d at his home in Chicago Thanksgiving Day. He was b 8 May 1861 in Vandalia the son of Edwin and Maria McKENZIE and moved with this parents to Villa Ridge when a boy. His parents died in 1872 and 1873 respectively and at age 12 he returned to Vandalia with his sister Carrie making their home with half-sister Mrs. J.M. ESHLEMAN. He studied pharmacy and worked for Benjamin and J.M. ESHLEMAN and later George B. CAPPS. He m June 1891 Mary Belle FRAM who died 5 years later. He m 2) Jan 1901 Anna FINK. Burial was in the Mausoleum, Vandalia. He had lived in Chicago for the past 10 years. Vandalia Union 2 Dec 1926.

McNEELY, Martha nee TAYLOR b 1 May 1849 Knox Co., OH d 26 Sep 1926 at her home 4 miles west of Beecher City. She m 25 Jul 1866 Thomas B McNEELY and they were parents of 10 children, the 2 eldest Elgin M. and Dow T. preceded their mother in death several years ago. A daughter, Mrs. B.B. DAYHUFF died 23 June 1925. Her husband died 10 Sep 1910. Survivors were children, Burl H., Bliss and Leslie D., all of Beecher City, Boyd T. of Shelbyville, Lillian ENGLER, Bessie M. BUZZARD and Patti BUZZARD all of Beecher City, IL. Burial was in Beecher City Cem. She had been a constant sufferer for the past 5 years unable to leave her home. Vandalia Union 7 Oct 1926.

MIDDLETON, Rosa Augusta DAYTON b 12 Mar 1858 Scarlet Co., OH and d 24 Dec 1926 at the home of a niece, Mrs. John BAUMAN of Hagarstown. She m 2) William BENNETT who d 28 Jan 1899 - they were parents of a son Floyd B.. who survives. She m 2) John T. MIDDLETON who died about 2 years ago. He had been a telegraph operator on the Pennsylvania Railroad in Vandalia and Greenville. She was also step-mother to 5 boys and 1 daughter who survived as did a brother Abram DAYTON. Vandalia Union 30 Dec 1926.

MILLER, Austin died at his home in Alton following a year-long illness. He was survived by his wife, 2 daughters and 1 sons, brothers George and Floyd of Vandalia, Will of Meade, WA and Frank of CA. Vandalia Union 7 Oct 1926.

MILLER, John, age 58, who has suffered for more than a year from cancer of the face, died Wed. morning at the home of George BRITTON with whom he had been living. Burial was in McInturff Cem. He was born 15 Nov 1868 near Casey and son of John and Eliza MILLER but had lived in this area most of his life. He lived for a time with his uncle Abe SMITH and was employed at the Ford Roofing Plant. Surviving were sisters in MN and Buffalo Center, IA and a brother in Clark Co. Mrs. Anna BAHNE and Mrs. Del WHITE were cousins. Vandalia Union 21 Oct 1926.

MOREY, Hon. Thomas P., b 27 Sep 1847 Mulberry Grove, IL son of Hiram and Eliza J. MOREY, d at his home in Greenville 24 Dec 1926. He was a former circuit clerk and member of the Legislature in 1892. He had been ill for 8 days with pneumonia. He taught school 4 years and then became principal of the high school in Sandoval. Vandalia Union 30 Dec 1926.

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MORRELL, Meda Lee, b 14 Jan 1926 d 16 Oct 1926 age 9 m 2ds. The child had been afflicted with stomach trouble and had been ill since birth. The dau of Mr. and Mrs. John MORRELL, she was survived by her parents, half-sister Martha and half-bro Edmund grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John MURPHY and aged grandmother, Mrs. Sarah J. MORRELL. Burial was in Mt. Carmel Cem. Ramsey News Journal 22 Oct 1926.

MUNTON, Noah age 29 was killed instantly by falling rock at the Panama mine. The deceased was born in Fayette Co. 22 Sep 1897 and had spent a greater portion of his life in Taylor Springs. Surviving were his widow, 2 children, parents, 3 brothers and 1 sister. Ramsey News Journal 10 Dec 1926.

MUSSER, Johnny b 7 May 1900 d 25 Nov 1926, age 26y 6m 13ds. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha MUSSEY and m 5 Apr 1919 Ellen WRIGHT. They were parents of 2 children, Beulah Elleen age 7 and John William MUSSEY, age 5 both of whom survived him. Also surviving was his mother, sisters Mrs. Albert SARVER of Charleston and Kathryn of Herrick, brothers, Clarence, Pana, Chester, LaPorte, IN, Don, Athol, Rhodell, Milton and Mallie all of Herrick. His father died 17 Feb 1924. Burial was in Burrus Cem. Ramsey News Journal 3 Dec 1926

NELSON, Ella J. nee KESSINGER b 23 Dec 1867 d 21 Sep 1926 in St. Francis Hosp., Litchfield, Montg. Co., IL, age 58y 8m 29ds. She was survived by husband Edward E. NELSON a barber in Fillmore, son Clarence who is with the Fillmore State Bank and a foster daughter Doris FULLER, the child of the deceased's sister. A son Charles died in infancy and brother Charles KESSINGER died August 29. She was survived by her mother, Mollie KESSINGER who was quite aged and blind, sister Mrs. Jonathan BROWN of Ramsey, brothers Mike B., of Pana, William F. and George of Fillmore. Burial was in Glendale Cem., Fillmore, IL. A sister Mrs. Hattie FULLER predeceased her. Ramsey News Journal 1 Oct 1926.

NILES, Sarah nee JORDAN, age 83, of Hanson died Thursday at the home of her dau Nora RICKENBILL, Decatur. She m Harrison NILES and he died 8 years ago. She was b 3 Jan 1843 South Carolina and came with her parents to Shelby and Moultrie counties. In addition to her dau she was survived by sons, Charles of Hanson, Norton of Depew and Allman NILES of Centralia, IL. Burial was in New Hope Cem. Ramsey News Journal 10 Dec 1926.

OLDHAM, John Wesley b 14 Jul 1856 Guernsey Co., OH moving to Perry Co., IL with his parents when he was 8 years old. In 1881 he moved to Otego Twp. He m Mary Caroline MONTGOMERY and they were parents of 6 sons, Freddie Lee and Dennis Luther both dying when young. Surviving were sons, Charles of Kaskaskia twp., William, James and Selby all of Vandalia. Burial was in Pinhook Cem. His wife died August 10, 1914. Vandalia Union 25 Nov 1926.

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PRUETT, Mrs. John d in Early, IA Tuesday morning. The family had moved there 4 years ago from Wilberton Twp. She was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. Charles CROW of Altamont, IL. Surviving were sisters, Abbie of Altamont, Myrtle of Decatur, Mrs. William URBANI, Jr. of Macon and a brother not named of Macon. Her husband was a brother to Rock PRUETT who li on the ETCHESON farm west of Vandalia. Vandalia Union 2 Dec 1926.

RENSHAW, Mrs. J.F. died Wed. evening at her home in Hillsboro of carcinoma. Burial was in Glenwood Cem. She was the dau of Horace L. MARTIN editor of the *Shelbyville Union* and an accomplished pianist. Her husband is in the grocery business in Hillsboro as he was here and he survives with son Kenneth and daughter, Mrs. Homer HERRRON who lived in Shelbyville. Vandalia Union 14 Oct 1926.

RHODES, Idell, age 15, died recently with burial in Mt. Carmel Cem., a suicide. There had been a family dispute when she wanted to visit in the home of Tom COTHEN and her father, Joe RHODES, said "no". When he returned to the house he smelled carbolic and found that she had drank 2/3 bottle. They administered raw egg and lard but she died within 20 minutes. Survivors with the parents were 4 brothers and sisters. Ramsey News Journal 22 Oct 1926.

RIDLEN, Eva FAIR d 25 Sep 1926 in Daniel Boone, KY just 3 months following her marriage to Charles T. RIDLEN. She was b 27 Jul 1904 near Vandalia. Surviving with the husband were mother, 2 brothers, 2 sisters, 2 half-bro and 2 half-sisters, namely, Hess and Hugh of Vandalia, Mrs. Ray HUNT, Decatur, Della TAYLOR Blue Mound, Mrs. Forest FEEZLE, Woodriver and Jim of Decatur. Her father died a few months ago. Burial was in Fairview Cem. Vandalia Union 7 Oct 1926.

RIGGLES, Jack, age 30 died in a Chicago Hosp. Friday of pneumonia. Funeral was in Danville with burial in South Hill Cem. He was the son of William RIGGLES formerly of Bluff City. His mother, now deceased, was the oldest dau of Mr. and Mrs. Jack SHAW. He was survived by 3 brothers and 1 sister. Vandalia Union 25 Nov 1926.

ROBERTS, Barbara, infant dau of Mr. and Mrs. Andy ROBERTS, born 6 Nov 1926 died Thursday of last week, age 13 days. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cem. Ramsey News Journal 26 Nov 1926.

ROBERTS, Charles, died 22 Dec 1926 age 72y. He m Lucinda CHANDLER, 7 Dec 1873 and they were parents of 11 children, 4 of whom are deceased. His first wife died and he m 2) 27 Sep 1916 Julia KIRKMAN who survives him. Vandalia Union 23 Dec 1926.

SAPP, Glenn Eugene b 17 Nov 1926 at Brownstown died 19 Dec 1926 at the home of his parents Leland C. and Vina A. SAPP. Ramsey News Journal 24 Dec 1926.

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SCOTT, W.T., age 71, died at his home in Dwight, IL, 29 Oct. Death was due to acute indigestion and heart failure. The deceased was born in Otego twp. and lived there until age 20. He clerked in stores in Vandalia for 2-3 years before moving to Dwight where he engaged in the Hotel Business. He was survived by his wife and 2 daughters, and brothers, D.D. and John SCOTT of Otego Twp., this county. Vandalia Union 11 Nov 1926.

SHARP, William H. died Monday, 25 Oct 1926 in Washington Park Hosp., Chicago. He was 87 years of age. Burial was in South Hill Cem. He was born and raised in Seminary Twp. Following the death of his wife 10 years ago, he went to live with his daughter Mrs. E.J. BURNS of Chicago. Also surviving were Mrs. Clem RITTER, Vandalia, sons, J.L. of Ottawa, IL and Thomas of Seattle, WA. Vandalia Union 28 Oct 1926.

SHELTON, J.B. died recently. He was a veteran of the Civil War serving in Co. K 14th IL Infantry. He m 20 Jul 1865 Mary A. MANION and they were parents of 9 children - 2 sons and 3 daughters preceded him in death. Surviving were Minnie M. HOOVER of Hersey, MI, Mrs. A.B. BANCHEREL of Otego, James H. and D.E. at home, 20 grandchildren, aged sister, Sarah A. MILLS of Wilberton Twp. and brother W.H. of Colorado. Burial was in Maplewood Cem. Vandalia Union 30 Dec 1926.

SMITH, Charles Howard son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace SMITH of Seminary Twp. Died at St. Joseph's Hosp. in Highland. His truck was struck by a Pennsylvania fast train last Wednesday. Burial was in Noffsinger Cem. Surviving were parents, sisters, Beulah SHOEMAKER, Jaunetta and brother, Leo. He had lived in Flint, MI for 2 years working in the Chevrolet factory there. He had just returned home Sunday and was hauling a load of milk to the Highland Dairy Farms plant. Vandalia Union 11 Nov 1926.

SPIRES, Mrs. John died in Texas last Wednesday. She had gone west for her health 18 months ago. Surviving with the husband were 5 daughters, the youngest age 4 and a son. 2 children predeceased her. Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cem. Ramsey News Journal 19 Nov 1926.

STEIN, Samuel H., son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam STEIN b 16 Mar 1877 at the old homestead near St. James, IL and died 3 Nov 1926 age 49y 7m 17ds. He m Lucy SCHAUB, 3 Oct 1900 and they were parents of 4 children, Nola Grace preceded her father in death 22 years ago. Surviving were his mother, wife, children, Fairy, 19, John, 13 and Ruth age 9 along with brothers, Elzabad, Wilbur, Clinton and Nelson and sisters, Nancy CALVERT, Lucy MILES, Lottie BOSOMWORTH and Clara SMITH of Decatur. He was a farmer and threshing machine operator. Burial was in the family cemetery. Vandalia Union 11 Nov 1926.

TISH, Emila Viola only dau of Ervin P. and Mary C. MILLS was b 24 Mar 1878 near Hogge Creek southwest of Beecher City and d 1 Nov 1926 as a result of injuries she received in an auto accident. She m 2 Oct 1902 Melvin TISH and they were parents of 3 children, all of

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whom survive, Preston, Bertha and Mary TISH. Burial was in Maplewood Cem. Her parents, and 2 brothers predeceased her. Surviving in addition to her husband, children were brothers F.M. MILLS, Altamont and O.E. of Avena. Vandalia Union 11 Nov 1926.

TURNER, Abbie M. died in High Grove, CA. She was born and reared in Barrington, R.I. and came here in the early '90s to live with her uncle "Yankee" MARTIN who owned a large farm north of Vera. He died soon after and she returned to Rhode Island, but the attorney who settled her uncle's estate, George T. TURNER, followed soon after and they married 30 Dec 1896 in that state. They returned to Vandalia where the husband died 8 May 1914. Surviving was her brother W.A. MARTIN of Chicago. She was a devout Christian Scientist. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 14 Oct 1926.

WASHBURN, Tolton Sylvester b 4 Oct 1858 son of Leroy and Susan F. WASHBURN d 29 Nov 1926. He was born 1/2 mile from where he passed away. He was in business with William PETERSON in the Washburn & Peterson feed company. This business dissolved 8 years ago. He m 11 Sep 1878 Mary Jane SEFTON and they were parents of 3 children, a dau Ora WILLIAMS preceding him in death in 1913. Burial was in Maplewood Cem. 5 years ago his dau Maude and her family moved in with the deceased and his wife to care for them. 1 year later her husband James Walter JONES died leaving her and sons, Richard and Howard JONES to care for the aged couple. Surviving are the wife, dau Maude JONES, Polly and son William S. WASHBURN. Vandalia Union 2 Dec 1926.

WILLIAMS, Wanda Lee, infant dau of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin WILLIAMS, Jr. of Ramsey was born 22 Dec 1925 and died 2 Dec 1926 age 11 m 10ds. She was their only child. The mother was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. M.B. FRANKLIN and the father was the son of Mrs. Jack SANDERS of Ramsey. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 17 Dec 1926.

WOMACK, Eunice Todd b 2 Sep 1876 Hurricane Twp. d 19 Dec 1926 from a cerebral hemorrhage. She m 18 Aug 1901 George E. WOMACK and they were parents of 7 children. Marion, the 4th son died March 5, 1920 age 12 years. Surviving were Everett, Dave, Harry, Tonnie, Elsie and Geraldine WOMACK. Also surviving were brother, Rollie, sisters, Mrs. John CASEY of near Bingham, Mrs. Eurora CHILSON of El Segundo, CA and Martha DAVIDSON of Lamont, IA. Ramsey News Journal 31 Dec 1926, Vandalia Union 23 Dec 1926.

YOUNG, Belmina b 4 Sep 1844 OH the dau of Leonard and Matilda LICHTENWALTER died 19 Oct 1926, age 82y 25ds. She m 1) John KREAMER, 12 Sep 1867 and they were parents of a son, who died in infancy. Mr. KREAMER died in 1890 and she m 2) 1898 Albert YOUNG who died 12 Feb 1910. A sister, Carrie MOREY survived her. Deceased brothers and sisters were John, Adam, Henry, Samuel, Edward and Catherine LICHTENWALTER. Burial not given. Vandalia Union 28 Oct 1926.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER RECORDS

1832

(Continued from Fayette Facts, Vol. 29 No. 3)

Nearly 30 years ago, the Circuit Clerk, James CARTER copied the first 370 pages of the County Commissioner Records for the years 1821 to March, 1832 and presented a copy to the then-Editor Alenia McCORD for publication. Upon the death of Miss McCORD, this Editor "inherited" these copies.

This record of the early transactions of our county is invaluable - roads were surveyed and declared public roads, voting districts were set, jurors were selected for the Grand and Petit Juries, wards of the county were cared for. For a genealogist this is a true gem because it helps to place our ancestors here at a certain date.

Over the years we have published excerpts of these records through the pages of *Fayette Facts*. In this issue, with the printing of the County Commissioner Records to March, 1832, we have now published 11 years of transactions of Fayette County Commissioners - the first 370 pages of county business.

1821	Vol. 2 No. 3 pp 25-32	1827, 1828	Vol. 27 No. 3 pp 36-43
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Page 344. January 2, 1832. Commissioners Samuel HOUSTON and John WATWOOD. Thomas C. KIRKMAN, acting justice presented the court with a list of fines he had assessed. James WHITLOCK, acting justice presented his assessment.

Ordered that John CHARTER be licensed to keep a tavern in Vandalia for 1 year ending 15 Nov 1832. He entered a Bond with security and paid \$12 into the Treasury. Ebenezer CAPPS was licensed to keep a Grocery and to vend goods and merchandize in Vandalia for 1 year - he paid \$20 license fee, likewise for SLOVER and HAWKINS who also paid \$20.

Zela F. WATWOOD was allowed \$50 for his services in taking lists of taxable property for the year 1831 - 5 days. Thomas REDMOND was allowed fifty cents for wood furnished the Circuit Court at October term, 1831 and E.C. BERRY was allowed seventy-five cents for candles. C.B. BERRY, jailor was allowed the same amount for keeping Jno. GORDON 2 days.

Akin EVANS, S.R. POWELL and A.P.H. DOYLE were each paid \$1 per day for 3 days constable service to the Circuit Court. C.B. BERRY was allowed \$3 for services as Sheriff. Commissioners HOUSTON and WATWOOD were each paid \$1.50 for their services and James W. BERRY was paid the same for acting as Clerk.



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Page 347. March 5, 1832. Commissioners, Samuel HOUSTON, John WATWOOD and John HALEY. Judge James HALL moved the court to suppress the licenses of Ebenezer CAPPS and Frederick REMANN for permitting drunkenness, riots and disorder in their respective houses. After examining diverse witnesses and the argument of counsel this was done.

March 6, 1832. C.B. BERRY presented his delinquent list for 1831. William Lee D. EWING made motion to amend the several Revenue Laws Of The State approved 12 Feb 1831.

Zela WATWOOD, Treasurer for Fayette Co. and made his report and paid into the Treasury the following:

Received for	Fines	\$	85.00	
	Licenses		168.00	
	Revenue		460.08	
	Sale of Estrays		40.81	Total \$ 753.89

A 5-page listing follows in which some of the names appear more than one time. Joseph OLIVER, John HALEY, James BREEZE, Elias MILLER, Joseph RANEY, James W. BERRY, John ENOCHS, James PILCHER, Thomas S. THOMPSON, Irvin CURLEE, Enoch SANFORD, William J. HANKINS, James B. CAMPBELL, William STEWART, Archabold SMYTH, Stephen KELLY, Benjamin BUCKMASTER, Zela F. WATWOOD, James M. DUNCAN, C.B. BERRY, Moses BECK, Seymour POWELL, James WHITLOCK, Peyton R. BANKSON, John O. W. RILEY, William SIDWELL, Isaac SIDWELL, A.P.H. DOYLE, Joseph H. GILLESPIE, William J. HANKINS, Caleb WELD, Ben F. BERRY, John D. GORIN, D.L.M. JONES, James BLACK, Thomas C. KIRKMAN, Aiken EVANS, Lemuel LEE, Jonathan PARKHURST, James T.B. STAPP, John F. POSEY, John B. WILLIAMS, George D. NEVILL, Samuel THOMASON, Henry ECCLES, Thos. REDMOND, Charles PRENTICE, Alfred COWLES, James BRAZLE, John DEPEW, Emsley WILEY, Edward H. DEPEW, William LAWLER, John LAWLER, John B. WATSON, John WATWOOD, John & William RILEY, John WARD, James JONES, David LESTER, Sarah McCOLLOM, Paul BECK, Jr., James HALEY, James GALLOWAY, Henry GINGER, Daniel SNYDER, John YARBROUGH, Duke ROBINSON, William WILLIAMSON, and Thomas R. GATEWOOD.

Page 354, March 7, 1832. Same commissioners. Ordered that the county be divided into the following districts.

1st District - To continue to be bounded out same as before with Josiah GINGER as supervisor of the roads.

2nd District - Same as from March 1831 term with Anderson CHANDLER as Supervisor.

3rd District - Same as before with Bennet BOAZ as Supervisor.

4th District - Same with Boling JONES as Supervisor.

5th District - Same with John LAWLER as Supervisor.

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- 6th District - To commence at the western boundary of Fayette Co. where the township line between townships 6 and 7 strikes the said western boundary running north with the western boundary line then southeast until it strikes a due north/south line from the lone tree in the prairie near the Sangamon Road then south with said due north/south line to the line between twps. 6 and 7 then west to the western boundary. Simon LANDERS was appointed Supervisor.
- 7th District - Commence at the corner of Gallatin and Fourth Streets running south with Fourth street to Johnson then west to Fifth Street then south until you strike the Carlyle Road running by B. THOMPSON's the southwardly with said road to the northern line of College Twp. then west with said northern line to the western boundary of Fayette Co. then north to the line between sections 18 & 19 in Twp. 6 North then east to the middle of the prairie then north along the middle of the prairie to a due east and west line running out of Gallatin Street. Robert BOWLES was appointed Supervisor.
- 8th District - To commence at the corner of Gallatin and Fourth streets in the town of Vandalia and run east with said Gallatin to the Kaskaskia River and to be continued as laid out at the March term 1831. Harrison THOMPSON was appointed Supervisor.
- 9th District - To be continued same as March term, 1831. Paines TERRILL was appointed Supervisor.
- 10th District - Commence at the western boundary of the county between sections 18 and 19 in township 6 North until it strikes said western boundary then east to the center of the prairie then due north along the middle of the prairie to the line between twps. 6 and 7 then west to the western boundary of the county. Dempsey YARBROUGH was appointed Supervisor of the roads in said District.
- 11th District - To commence at the west end of the causeway of the Kaskaskia river bottom on the Vincennes Road running east to the county line of Fayette Co. and north of the south fork of bluff creek. John M. NICHOLS was appointed Supervisor.
- 12th District - To be continued as laid out at March term, 1831 with Henry GINGER appointed Supervisor.
- 13th District - Ordered that Thomas BROCKET be appointed Supervisor of the road leading from the county line of Clay Co. to the County line of Shelby County and that all the hands living in Effingham now attached to Fayette work on said road.

Page 358. Ordered that Joseph HINDS be appointed Treasurer of the county through next March Term and until his successor be appointed and qualified. He was to enter in a bond for \$2000. Ordered that the fine imposed on Samuel CARSON by Guy BECK, Esqr. for peddling goods without a license be remitted upon his taking out license. J.T. ECCLES, Justice of the peace returned to court a list of all fines assessed by him since the last regular term of court amounting to \$40. Constable EVANS charged with the collection of \$4; Constable WILLIAMS charged with the collection of \$3. Thomas C. KIRKMAN, Justice of the Peace returned to the court of list of fines assessed by him amounting to \$14; William J. HANKINS, Justice returned a list of fines amounting to \$3; Justice Demsey YARBROUGH assessed \$3.

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Page 359. Ordered that the following named persons be appointed to serve as Grand Jurors for May term, 1832: John HALL, Binns J. WREN, Thomas RAYBURN, Joel HARRIS, Charles RATCLIFF, William MADING, William VERDON, Jacob LANDERS, John SEARS, Gideon BUCKMASTER, Samuel RUSSELL, Jeremiah ABBOTT, William HOCKETT, N.M. McCURDY, William McCONNELL, E.C. BERRY, Philip LESTER, Jesse DOOLIN, William HOWARD, Eli FORBES, Jno. WILLIAMS, William HOWELL and John CONDRA.

Petit Jurors: Z. CASE, J.B. HICKMAN, J.T. ECCLES, John WASH, Gholson STAPP, Harvey LEE, Ezekiel WOOD, Moses PHILIPS, John KNIGHT, Hudson COTHRAN, David HARRIS, John NOWLIN, Joseph HALL, Robert E. LARRIMORE, Samuel DAVIDSON, Peter RUSSELL, Hugh McCRARY, John HANKINS, Thomas S. THOMPSON, John EVANS, Blank WELDING, John SINN, Daniel SNYDER and Mathew DUNCAN.

Ordered that E. CAPPS be allowed \$3 for a screw and tap furnished for use of the clerk's office; George F. STOLLE allowed \$4.75 for making seal press for clerks office and \$8 for paper press furnished for the use of the clerks of the circuit court.

Z.F. WATWOOD, Justice of the Peace reported that no fines had been assessed by him since last term. James DURLEY and Benjamin ROBERTS were allowed \$4 for their services as commissioners in locating a _____ pages 361 and 362 missing.

Page 363. A.P.H. DOYLE paid \$6 dollars, the amount collected by him in fines.

Ebenezer CAPPS and Frederick REMANN by their counsel, William Lee D. EWING asked the commissioners to reverse the ruling made by earlier court suppressing their licenses. After argument being heard on both sides, the motion was overruled. Whereupon said CAPPS and REMANN by their attorney filed their bill of exceptions and appeal to the Supreme Court.

Order that the sum of \$20 be allowed the county court for rents for the year 1831. Ordered that James BLACK, Robert BLACKWELL, SLOVER and HAWKINS and William McCONNELL be licensed to vend goods and merchandize for one year ending 8 Mar 1833. They each paid licensing fees into the treasury. Samuel CARSON paid \$5 his license to end Dec. 1832.

John DEPEW was allowed \$1.50 for bearing election returns from the Northern Dist. of the county at the August, 1831 election. Josiah STEWART was allowed \$2.30 for bringing polls from the eastern district.

Abraham STARNES, Coleman NORRIS and James BRAZLE were allowed \$2 each for their services in attending upon the circuit court, May term 1831 as were Samuel HOUSTON, John HALEY and John WATWOOD for their services as county commissioners. James BERRY was allowed \$6 for acting as Clerk and C.B. BERRY and was allowed \$4 as Sheriff.

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Page 367. C. BERRY, Sheriff was allowed mileage in summoning Grand and Petit Jurors to the May term, 1832 court. Akin EVANS, A.P.H. DOYLE and Andrew DANLEY were each allowed \$2 for their services. Jailor C.B. BERRY was allowed money for guarding A.O.J. HELM 3 days, Henry WILEY, 5 days and Daniel TROXELL, 2 days.

Ordered that Fayette County be laid off into the following Districts for general Election:

- 1st - Commencing at the western boundary of the county where the twp line between townships 7 and 8 N crosses the same, then east with said twp. line to the Eastern Boundary of the county then north with said eastern boundary to the northern boundary of said county, then west to the western boundary, south to the place of beginning to be called Nichols Precinct. Elections to be held in the home of John WATWOOD with William NICHOLS, Sr., Paul BECK, Jr. and Jeremiah GOODWIN be appointed judges.
- 2nd - To be called Vandalia Precinct commencing at the western boundary of Fayette Co. where the twp. line between twps. 7 and 8 N cross then east to the eastern boundary, then south with said eastern boundary to the southern boundary then west and north to the place of beginning. Elections to be held at the State House in Vandalia and Joseph CHAFFIN, Joel THOMAS and Winslow PILCHER be appointed judges of the election.
- 3rd - That all of Effingham County now attached to Fayette Co. shall pompose a Precinct to be called Wabash Precinct and that the election therein be held at the house of Thomas J. BROCKETT. William BROCKETT, Jacob STOVER and William STEPHENS be appointed judges therein.

Page 369. James W. BERRY was allowed \$30 for ex-officio services as clerk of the Circuit Court up to the 1st day of June, 1832. He was also allowed \$15 for stationery furnished for the use of the clerk's office and county commissioners court up to the ninth of March, 1832.

Samuel HOUSTON and John WATWOOD were each allowed \$1.50 for acting as commissioners; C.B. BERRY allowed \$1 for services as Sheriff.

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MCLEAN COUNTY OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION

1892 McLean County Old Settlers' Association Membership
and List of Deceased Members

The McLean County Old Settler's association was organized in 1883 and has ever since held annual picnic's in Christina Park. The land on which this beautiful park is situated belongs to Mr. Matthew Richardson and forms part of the old John Dawson farm. The president of this association is Mr. Mark Banks, who came to this county in 1834. The vice-president is Mr. Henry Arrowsmith, who came to this county in 1838, while the secretary is Mr. Theodore Dunlap, who was born here. The marshal is Mr. J. Frankenburger, who was born in this county.

Settler & Year of Migration

Wm. H. Thompson	1829
Marks Banks	1834
Alfred Frankenberger	1829
George W. Bane	1857
Chas. Stine	1846
Augustus C. Brannaman	1836
Charles O. Rider	1853
James Reid	1854
George W. Curr	1850
Dan Arrowsmith	1839
Nathan Richardson	1852
Henry H. Arrowsmith	1839
C. H. Whittaker	1839
John Campbell,	1834
Wm. VanGund	1853
Albert J. Harrison	1848
R. Renstermaker	1853
Wm. Harrison	1838
A. P. Brannaman	1836
John Wirt	1850
Luke Carroll	1854
Walter Vanscoyoc	1831
Z. Arnold	1854
A. Dunning	1848
P. Pierce	1833
Isaac P. Carroll	1854
T. W. Maurice	1847
John D. Lewis	1847
W. C. Banks	1850
R. Wirt	1850
Wm. Lawler	1856
D. E. Arrowsmith	1842

Settler & Year of Migration

O. Owen	1837
L. C. Hendryx	1837
Mrs. M. Hedrick	1851
O. A. Means	1831
Lewis Case	1833
A. Wightman	1844
John Newman	1828
Rebecca Banks	1829
Elizabeth Frankenberger	1848
Mrs. James Reid	1854
C. Richardson	1852
Margaret Lewis	1831
E. F. Stine	1831
M. J. Hendryx	1842
J. H. Wampler	1849
S. W. Wampler	1854
A. Wirt	1851
E. A. Bane	1846
H. H. Mallary	1841
M. Thompson	1844
Sarepta Case	1844
James Goodheart	1836
Mrs. R. Collins	1832
R. C. Collins	1836
M. Adams	1834
Mrs. S. T. Bane	1840
D. Starger	1844
Thomas Banks	1832
G. W. Hedick	1836
W. H. Riggs	1834
E. Arbogast	1838
J. M. Crigler	1849

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No. 6 School

A room, Maggie Cotter, \$50; B room, Mamie Slattery, \$50; C room, Kate Clancy, \$50; D room, Ida Niergarth, \$50; E room, Lizzie McQueeny, \$50; F room, Etta Williams, \$55.

No. 7 School

A room, Kate Cavanaugh, \$40; B room, Lucy Burke, \$30.00

Raymond School

B room, Susan Johnson, \$30; C room, Louise VanBuskirk, \$45.

Jefferson Street School

A room, Orilla Sikes, \$60; B room, Lucy Hyde, \$50; C room, Adele Vaughn, \$50; D room, Etta Walker, \$50; E room, Sallie Russell, \$50; F room, Cassie V. Porter, \$50; G room, Franc Ward, \$50; H room, Marie Gmehlin, \$50; I room, Rachael Aldrich, \$55.

In the matter of appointing teachers for the high school, the whole matter was postponed until the next meeting. It is understood that three changes will be made then, as it is said that Mrs. Anderson and Prof. Seibel have resigned and Miss Pollock will go to Europe. There were fifteen applications for the vacant principalship of No. 4. Mr. Tavenner who was finally selected taught last year at Leroy and has also been principal of the Williamsville schools. He formerly resided in Normal with his parents.

It was decided to celebrate Columbus day on October 12 next, by a general union exercise of all the city schools.

The board decided to drop the names of all married ladies from the list of teachers who have husbands able to support them. This was done, as was explained, so as to give the young and capable lay teachers a better chance, and with no other idea. The next school year is to consist of nine months of twenty days each, with a fourteen week term before the holidays, beginning September 12, 1892, and the winter term is to begin with January 2, 1893.

Special commendatory reports were made in reference to the work of Miss Josie Munholland, Miss Ida Niergarth and Miss Marie Gmehlin.

Transcribed from *The Pantagraph*, June 7, 1892
Contributed by Sara Cushing

McLean County Settlers who died within the year 1892

<u>Settler</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Spouse/Date of Death/Origin</u>
Barbara Harrison	Elsworth	Wife of William Harrison who died October 23, 1891, 71 years. She came to McLean county in 1850 from Ohio.
Thomas Campbell	Dawson	Died last February, aged 60 years. He came to this county from Kentucky in 1834.
Wilson Vandervort	Dawson	Died January 10, 1892, aged 61 years. He came to McLean county in 1848 from Ohio.
Ruth Wall	Arrowsmith	Wife of Garrett V. Wall, who died February 3, 1892, aged 67 years. She came to McLean county from Ohio in 1834.
James McMackin	Cheney's Grove	Died January 7, 1892, aged 78 years. He came to this county from Tennessee in 1838.
Henry Grizzel	West	
Jesse Gildersleeve		
Ephrian Myers	Cheney's Grove	September 14, 1891, aged 90 years. He came from Kentucky to this county in 1826.
Dr. D. Cheney	Empire	
Dr. George Espy	Empire	
D. O. Howard	Empire	
Mordecai Rike	Empire	
Mrs. Jessie Cox	Empire	
Cornelius Covey	Empire	
William Clark	Empire	
Mrs. Squire	Empire	
Gilbert Simpson	Empire	
Thompson Perry	Empire	
Bailey		
John Land	Empire	

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Early Pioneers of Bloomington Township Yet Living In It [1881]

It will be remembered that last year the Old settlers' Association elected a vice president in every township in McLean County who were charged with the duty of collecting lists of all those who lived in it in 1830 and are living in it now. Mr. John Dawson is the vice president for Bloomington township, and he has found the following persons who came within the class designated. I any have been omitted he would be pleased to have them make the fact known to him. The list includes thirty-one names, viz:

John Dawson, Mrs. Maria Paist, Mrs. Dr. A. U. Luce, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Orendorff, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. P. Orendorff, John B. Orendorff, John L. Orendorff, A. Guthrie, Margaret Steel, Peter Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Rhodes, Wm. J. Rhodes, O. N. Hodge, Lee Allen, Mr. and Mrs. David Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel W. Cox, Mrs. Albert Welch, Mrs. J. B. Orendorff, Mrs. Melinda Blunt, Mr. and Mrs. David Simmons, Hiram Halbert, William Lindly, Johnathan Maxon, Mrs. Isaac Lash, John Bishop, James Goodheart.

Most of these were young, some of them babies, in 1830, and the oldest were not over thirty-five or thirty-six. Several of these people are now octogenarians, and all must, in the natural course of human life, soon pass away. The entire list of the county will be published in book form when completed.

The Pantagraph, Friday, June 21, 1881, p. 4

More Old Settlers

Mr. John Dawson reports some additional names to those old settlers of Bloomington township who live here now and lived here in 1830. They are Nancy Thompson, Sidney D. Baker, Mrs. Abraham Stansbury, Benjamin Johnson, Mary Barnard and Mrs. Stephen K. Noble.

The Pantagraph, Saturday, June 22, 1881, p. 3

THE MILLER CEMETERY

The Lives And Times of Randolph Township Pioneers

By Jack Keefe

[Jack Keefe is a Bloomington native, and a long time MCGS member. Photos for this article were taken by him.]



Miller Cemetery began in the 1830's on Amos Miller's land in Section 26, Randolph Township. Burials ended in the 1880's, and the cemetery fell into disrepair for almost 90 years thereafter. Heyworth veterans restored it in the 1970's, and in 2000 there was another burial, following the previous one by 115 years. The Miller is maintained today by Randolph Township.

Known burials are as follows:

ADAMS

Hester	1849-1851
John T.	184?-1852
Mary	1850-1852
Susannah I.	1853-1854
Infant Son	Died 1844
Infant Daughter	Died 1848

All six of these children were born to Jesse and Barbara Mabary Adams. Barbara's father was John Mabary, on whose land the Shilo Cemetery began in Section 25. So far as is known, neither parent is buried in the Miller or the Shilo.

BISHOP

Sarah F.	1853-1853
Susannah J.	1827-1855

Susannah was the wife of George Bishop. She was the daughter of Jacob Chambers and Nancy Ellett Wright. She was the sister of James, John and William Wright, who are also buried here.

CROSE

Philip	1757-1848
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NAME	NEWSPAPER & DATE	RECOLLECTION
Hitch, Mary E.; El Paso	<i>Pantagraph</i> ; December 8, 1928	Employed as a teenager at a Bowling Green (Woodford County) hotel, Hitch related several stories of Lincoln stopping at hotel.
Pike, Ivory; former Bloomington resident living in Oak Park	<i>Pantagraph</i> ; February 8, 1931	Pike's uncle operated the Pike House, another Bloomington hostelry.
Porter, W. H. and Williams Gibbs; LeRoy and McLean respectively	<i>Pantagraph</i> ; February 15, 1931	Both claim to have attended the Anti-Nebraska Convention.
Fifer, Joseph W.	<i>Pantagraph</i> ; December 5, 1935	Additional recollections by the ninety-five-year-old former governor.
Funk, Adolph; Danvers	<i>Pantagraph</i> ; February 12, 1937	Several stories dating to immediately before and after Lincoln's nomination for president.
Northrup, Rose; Bloomington	<i>Pantagraph</i> ; February 12, 1938	Claimed Lincoln nicknamed her "Silverhair" when she was a young child.



Abraham Lincoln rests in front of the McLean County Museum of History. Artist: Rick Harvey. Donated by Judy Markowitz, former Mayor of Bloomington, IL; unveiled July 2002. Photo: William P. LaBounty.

"Peace does not appear so distant as it did. I hope it will come soon, and come to stay; and so come as to be worth the keeping in all future time."

Abraham Lincoln, August 26, 1863 - Letter to James Conkling

Philip was a Revolutionary War veteran, and the oldest person believed to be buried here. He is the father of Barbara Crose Hand, and the grandfather of Lucinda and Melissa Hand, all of whom are buried here.

Priscilla Becks dates unknown

She was the wife of Philip Crose. Actually, there is little hard evidence that either Crose is really buried here. Records do show that Philip was buried here, but these are not government records. No gravestone was visible for him until after Miller Cemetery's restoration. There is no stone for Priscilla.

HAND

Barbara Crose 1787-1870

Barbara (sometimes spelled "Barbary") was the wife of George C. Hand, and the daughter of Philip Crose. She was the mother of Melissa and Cynthia Hand, and was the second last burial in the Miller Cemetery before it fell into disuse.

Cynthia 1829-1845

Daughter of George and Barbara Hand and the granddaughter of Philip and Priscilla Becks Crose

Melissa 1830-1856

Melissa was the daughter of George and Barbara Hand, and the granddaughter of Philip and Priscilla Becks Crose. According to the 1850 Census, she was mentally retarded (noted as "idiot" on the census sheet), and is the only known burial in the Miller with any such designation.

George Callahan 1789-1845

George was a veteran of the War of 1812, and is the only veteran of that war known to be buried in the Miller Cemetery. His military records show he rode with Captain Renick's outfit from Ross County (Chillicothe), Ohio.



JOHNSTON

Lillian Ruth 1912-2000

The Johnston burial was the last in Miller Cemetery, 115 years after the previous one. Mrs. Johnston is not known to be related to anyone else buried here, and it is not known why Miller Cemetery was chosen as her final resting place.

MILLER

Albert H. 1868-1869

Son of W.C. and S.L. Miller

Albert K. 1861-1862

Son of A.K. and N.M. Miller

Amos A. 1806-1845

Amos is the "founding father" of the Miller Cemetery, for it was upon his land that this little graveyard was built. He was the husband of Margaret Miller, who is not known to be buried here.

Frances R. 1838-1838

Frances was the daughter of Amos and Margaret Miller, and the first of the Miller children to be buried here. Although this is not the first known burial in the cemetery, it begs the question as to whether the cemetery was begun for burial of an earlier Miller child, records of whom did not survive.

Margaret 1844-1844
Another child of Amos and Margaret Miller

Iris 1860-1861
Daughter of M.J. and W. K. Miller

Margaret 1864-1866
Daughter of M.J. and W.K. Miller

William E. 1859-1859
Son of Aaron K. and Harriet E. Thrasher Miller



PARMER

Samuel A. 1843-1862
Son of B. and S.A. Parmer

PEARSON

Joan D. 18??-1855
Daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca Pearson

Mary C. 1845-1848
Daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca Pearson

Daniel J. 1851-1855
Son of Jonathan and Rebecca Pearson. No marker is now visible for Daniel, but he appears in the records of McLean County Genealogy Society cemetery chairman William North in 1982.

Rebecca 1825-1866
Wife of Jonathan Pearson, who is not known to be buried in this cemetery

PITTS

Martha Ann 1839-1847
Daughter of Henry and Martha Wright Pitts

RUTLEDGE

Elmira 1841-1842

Daughter of Thomas O. and Cynthia Rutledge, both of whom are buried in the Randolph Township Cemetery on the northeast side of Heyworth.

William 1829(?) - 1839

Son of Thomas O. and Cynthia Rutledge

These Rutledges are distant relatives of Ann Rutledge, famed lady friend of Abraham Lincoln before his marriage to Mary Todd. Ann died in the 1830's, and her name has been perpetuated as a poem in Edgar Lee Masters' *Spoon River Anthology*, and as the name of a passenger train on the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad.

STRINGFIELD

Andrew J. 1827-1862

Andrew was a Civil War Veteran who died from illness taken at Camp Butler, where his outfit (70th Illinois Infantry) had been assigned to guard Confederate prisoners. The camp was filthy with disease, and Andrew was just one of its many sad casualties.



His commanding officer in the 70th Illinois Infantry was Owen T. Reeves, a Bloomington attorney who was later elected to the position of Judge. Colonel Reeves was also a founder of the law school (now defunct) at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The best sources say Andrew was the son of James and Minerva Orr Stringfield. He was the husband of Charlotte Bishop Stringfield, who lies buried in the Shilo Cemetery probably because the Miller was no longer in use when she died about 1916. Andrew Jackson Stringfield lies buried beside two of his children.

After the cemetery restoration, his new government grave marker spells his last name as "Springfield." But Stringfield is the correct name.

Charles E. 1855-1856

Son of Andrew and Charlotte Bishop Stringfield

Melvina 1852-1853

Daughter of Andrew and Charlotte Bishop Stringfield

WEEDMAN

Charlotte 1774-1836

Charlotte Hume was the first wife of George Weedman, who is also buried here. Her burial is the first known in the Miller Cemetery. The year, 1836, was the birth date of the last person to be buried here before the cemetery fell into disuse.

George 1773-1848

After his first wife Charlotte died, he remarried to Phoebe Halsey (some records say Holsey). She is not buried here. A Methodist minister, George is the only preacher known to be buried here.

The name Weedman is still common in southeastern McLean County and into DeWitt County. A whistle stop on the railroad between Farmer City and Bellflower is named Weedman, and is marked today on Illinois Route 54 and various highway maps. George Weedman was a part of that same Weedman clan.

WHITELAKE

Fred K. 1836-1885

No family information on Fred Whitelake has turned up, but his was the last 19th Century burial in the Miller Cemetery. The year of his birth, 1836, was the year of the first burial that is known, or possibly 1828, according to another source.

He was a Civil War Veteran (20th Illinois Infantry), fought at numerous battles, and was even taken prisoner by the Confederates. He served time in the South's notorious Andersonville prison.

Fred Whitelake was a farm hand by trade, and an accomplished fiddle player. He died at home one morning, but a group of young people awaited his appearance to play at a dance in Heyworth that night. The *Pantagraph* reported they had not learned of his death, and that the dancing portion of the party was omitted.

This is another case of questionable spelling, and perhaps a good illustration of the use of phonetics during the Civil War years, when literacy was at a lower level than today. His military records from the National Archives give several different spellings to the name Whitelake.

WRIGHT,

James F. 1830-1852

Son of Jacob Chambers Wright and Nancy Ellett Wright

John E. 1845-1845

Son of Jacob Chambers Wright and Nancy Ellett Wright

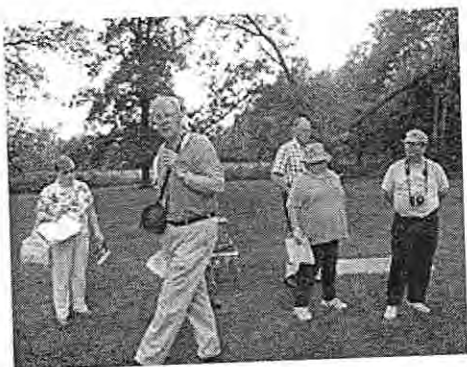
William A. 1844-1844

Son of Jacob Chambers Wright and Nancy Ellett Wright

These three children of Jacob and Nancy Wright were brothers to Susannah Bishop, who is also buried in the Miller Cemetery with a child of her own. Their parents are not known to be buried here.

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The foregoing "WanderGuide" was prepared by the author for presentation at a meeting of the McLean County Genealogical Society at the Miller Cemetery July 19, 2005. Every effort has been made to avoid errors, although there may be some. Additions, corrections, and fresh leads to new information are always welcome.



William P. LaBounty photo

Mr. Keefe leading the Miller Cemetery walk, in July 2005.

To visit the Miller Cemetery: Take Route 136 east from Heyworth to county road 1700E. Turn north and go to county road 325N. It is more of a lane than a road. You'll see a sign marking the cemetery. Turn left and go ¼ mile to the end of the road. The Miller Cemetery is fenced off just to the left. Parking is sparse, and be careful not to block the road, which serves as access to properties next to the cemetery. Reflect, enjoy, but please leave it as you found it.

Sources:

The primary sources for this information were my own research, plus an inventory of tombstones in the Miller Cemetery as read by the DAR in 1948, and records supplied by William North of the MCGS in 1982.

The National Archives supplied military and pension records where possible for the soldiers buried here. Further information came from public records on file at the McLean County Law and Justice Center in Bloomington, plus U.S. Census records 1830-1880. Various histories of McLean County, most notably by Duis, Bateman, Merriman and Hasbrouck, were also used in preparing files on the individuals buried here.

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"MILLER TIME"
Other Historic Events in the Lives of Miller Cemetery Pioneers
By Jack Keefe

The selected events chronicled below give some idea of social, literary, and technological advances of the times. An observer might conclude this was an exciting time to be alive, and for many it must have been. But it is doubtful most of those buried in the Miller Cemetery even took note, as they battled hard times every day just to eke out a living on the Illinois prairie.

- 1757 Earliest known birth of anyone buried in Miller Cemetery (Philip Crose)
French build Fort Ascension, later known as Fort Massac, on Ohio River near Metropolis, Illinois.
Whale oil street lamps, designed by Benjamin Franklin, installed on a few streets in Philadelphia.
- 1773 Boston Tea Party
- 1774 England closes port of Boston, places further burdens and restrictions on the Colonies.
- 1787 Continental Congress creates the Northwest Territory, which includes Illinois.
- 1789 George Washington inaugurated as first President of the United States
Thanksgiving celebrated for the first time as a national holiday
- 1806 Zebulon Pike explores the American southwest, discovers Pike's Peak
Lewis and Clark conclude their Louisiana Territory expedition.
- 1818 Illinois becomes a state.
- 1825 Completion of the Erie Canal
Illinois General Assembly enacts first tax for public schools in the state.
First experimental steam locomotive in the U.S. runs in New Jersey.
- 1827 First African-American newspaper in the U.S. published in New York City (*Freedom's Journal*).
John James Audubon publishes the first of his drawings of the colorful birds of North America.
Ludwig van Beethoven dies of pneumonia; age 56, in Vienna, Austria.
- 1829 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad carries its first passengers on an excursion train drawn by horses.
- 1836 Texans defeated at the Alamo by Mexican army
Construction begins on the Illinois and Michigan Canal.
Joseph Smith organizes the Mormon church in Fayetteville, New York.
- 1838 Cherokee Indians forced to march the Trail of Tears. Of 15,000 marchers, 4,000 die along the way.
Illinois' first railroad, the Northern Cross, begins construction between Meredosia and Springfield.
- Coronation of Queen Victoria.
- 1839 Invention of the bicycle.
First photograph taken in the United States.
State capitol moved from Vandalia to Springfield.
National Road completed from Cumberland, Maryland to Vandalia.
Mormons found Nauvoo on the Mississippi River.
- 1841 *Prairie Farmer* magazine begins publication
Invention of the saxophone in Brussels, Belgium.

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SHERIFFS OF MCLEAN COUNTY
Continuing Series by Sara Cushing, MCGS Member

16th Sheriff Richard Osborn

Richard Osborn was born in McLean County December 25, 1845, the son of Wallingford and Nancy (Brown) Osborn.

In 1856 he and his father went to Missouri where he worked on a farm and continued his education. He enlisted at age 16 in the 23rd Missouri Infantry. He was captured by guerrillas in 1862 and robbed, but then released. He was with Sherman during the Atlanta campaign and was seriously wounded. He was discharged in November 1864.

He finished his education in Iowa and for a time, taught school there. In 1866 he returned to McLean County and began teaching in Randolph Township. He continued his education in various places, and in the fall of 1870 was elected sheriff. After his term, he entered the first class of The Wesleyan Law School and was admitted to practice January 8, 1875. He formed a partnership with John Lillard in Bloomington, and continued until 1880 or 1881, which was the last entry for him in the Bloomington city Directory.

Mr. Osborn married Miss Kate, daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Baldwick) Popple in McLean County off August 30, 1871. They had three children listed in the 1880 census: Lotta, Walter and Frank.

In 1900 Mr. Osborn was living in a boarding house in Seattle, Washington. He was married, but Kate was not living with him.

LeBaron's 1879 History of McLean County, Illinois
Obituary of Rachel Popple, The Pantagraph, Friday, February 3, 1899
1880 census of McLean County, Illinois
1900 census of Seattle, Washington

17th Sheriff Henry Honscheidt

Henry Honscheidt was born in 1835 in cologne, on the Rhine River in Germany. He received a fair education there and learned the trade of cabinet maker. He came to the United States in 1854 to seek his fortune. In 1856, he married in New York to Miss Katherine Ortloff of Millerystadt, Bavaria. Mr. Honscheidt worked three years in New York and then they moved westward to La Porte, Indiana. They came to Bloomington in 1859.

In 1862, Henry enlisted in the 94th Illinois volunteer Infantry as a private. He served in many battles, including Vicksburg, and at the time of mustering out was a lieutenant, then brevetted captain. He returned to Bloomington and resumed his trade after the war, for a time working at

the C&A railroad shops. In 1868 he was appointed assistant assessor and in November of 1872 he was elected sheriff.

Henry and Katherine had eight children, only one of whom was living at the time of Henry's death on Wednesday, December 16, 1874. Mr. Honscheidt had finished out his term of office only a few days before his death. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

LeBaron's 1879 *History of McLean County, Illinois*
Obituary, *The Pantagraph*, Thursday, December 17, 1874
Obituary of Katherine Honscheidt, *The Pantagraph*, Monday, March 2, 1914

18th Sheriff James Goodheart

James Goodheart was born in Dawson Township, McLean county, March 30, 1830, a son of William R. and Sarah Ann (Clouse) Goodheart. His parents moved to Bloomington when he was quite young, and he attended school there until he was about 12. When he was 17 he went to Meridosia to work with his brother as a blacksmith. One year later he returned to Bloomington and learned the mason's trade with Adam Guthrie and began contracting the building on his own.

He served in Company a, 94th Illinois during his Civil war service, acting as a civil engineer, laying brick at Fort Brown. After a bout of scurvy, he was reassigned to the ambulance corps at Pascagoula, later serving in Texas and Louisiana, where he was mustered out in July of 1866.

He returned to Bloomington, working at the building trade for several years. He had the contract for the Soldier's Orphans' Home, and was a successful contractor until 1874, when he was elected sheriff. He later served two years as United States Deputy Marshall and then returned to the building trade.

Mr. Goodheart married Miss Catherine O., daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Lucas) Fordice on August 26, 1852. Twelve children were born to them, of whom seven survived [1913]: Mrs. Irene Fundle, of Pekin, IL; Luke and James of Denver, CO; Palmer Lincoln, of Chicago; Dr. J. W. Goodheart of Bellingham, Washington; and Jesse M. and Ben L., both of Bloomington. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Rankin of Cheney, Kansas, his oldest sister, aged 97.

Mr. Goodheart died December 20, 1913. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and Lodge #33, A.F.&A.M., but was not active in that fraternity. He was a member of Wm. T. Sherman Post G.A.R., having served as past commander. Mrs. Goodheart died in 1915. They are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Bloomington.

LeBaron's 1879 *History of Mclean County, Illinois*
The Pantagraph, December 20, 1913, p. 3

19th Sheriff Joseph Ator

Joseph Ator was born at Dayton, Ohio, November 9, 1839, a son of William and Isabel (Dodds), Harry Ator. His father died when he was three and his mother a short time later. He spent his boyhood with an uncle, Thomas G. Ewing. At the age of 15, he moved to Perrinsville, Ohio, where he learned the cooper's trade. He spent several years traveling to Louisville, St. Louis, and he also made a wagon trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mr. Ator returned to Dayton and was married on February 14, 1856 to Miss Margaretta Waltz, a daughter of Elias and Rachel (Reeder) Waltz. In 1857 the Ators came to McLean County, settling at Towanda, where he opened a cooper shop. He joined the 145th Illinois volunteer Infantry at the start of the Civil War and served in the state of Missouri throughout the war.

In 1875, they moved to Bloomington and he opened a cooperage on West Market Street, near the old distillery, and later another shop near the Eagle Roller Mills on the east side of Robinson Street.

An active Republican, he was appointed deputy under Mr. Honscheidt. He sold his cooperage shops and remained a deputy under both Mr. Honscheidt and Mr. Goodheart until November of 1878, when he was elected sheriff, serving two terms. For eighteen years he was assessor of Bloomington Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Ator celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on February 14, 1906. Mrs. Ator died March 3, 1912, and since then Mr. Ator has lived with his children, principally, his son, Harry at Waukegan.

Joseph Ator died in Waukegan on August 4, 1917 at the home of his son, Harry. He is also survived by Mrs. Dr. Ernest Ready of Alaska, and Mrs. A. L. Cox of Kansas City. His only brother was killed in an unknown location during the Civil War, and a grandfather on his mother's side was killed in the War of 1812.

He was a member of William T. Sherman Post G.A.R. and the Odd Fellows. He devoted much time to charitable works and was for many years president of the Bloomington Benevolent society.

LeBaron's 1879 *History of McLean County, Illinois*
The Pantagraph, August 6, 1917, p.7

INDUSTRIAL SURVEY OF BLOOMINGTON AND NORMAL, ILLINOIS

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Banks: Bloomington and Normal

Name			Total Resources	Total Deposits
First National Bank	President	Wilbur M. Carter	4,613,503.03	3,864,054.91
	Cashier	Frank M. Rice		
Corn Belt Bank	President	John J. Pitts	3,584,050.63	3,206,839.31
	Cashier	C. J. Moyer		
American State Bank	President	Albert Wochner	3,502,417.78	2,850,251.12
	Cashier	Adolph Wochner		
Peoples Bank	President	Wm. L. Moore	3,210,176.14	2,586,828.29
	Vice Pres.	G. F. Dick		
First Trust & Savings Bank	President	Wilbur M. Carter	1,240,906.42	1,035,925.86
	Cashier	Leonne Robinson		
McLean County Bank	President	Lee H. Rust	1,286,327.87	998,550.81
	Cashier	W. L. Rust		
Liberty State Bank	President	John W. Rodgers	774,561.58	591,608.55
	Cashier	P. A. Johnson		
First National Bank, Normal	President	William H. Odell	641,718.62	651,326.35
	Cashier	T. H. Keys		
Normal State Bank	President	Everett E. Fincham	736,376.57	623,722.19
	Cashier	J. F. Shepherd		



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SHERIFFS OF MCLEAN COUNTY

Continuing Series by Sara Cushing, MCGS Member

HENRY H. SWAIM 20th Sheriff Of Mclean County

William Henry Harrison Swaim, or Henry H., as he preferred, was born December 18, 1840 at Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana, a son of Manoah and Eliza Jane (Moore) Swaim. Henry was my great-great uncle, and the reason I became interested in the history of the sheriffs of McLean County.

When he was 15, his grandfather, Anthony, died, and Henry's father took his share of the estate and bought land in the Platte Purchase in Missouri. The family, consisting of Mary Jane, Henry, Anthony, James and Zachary, moved to the vicinity of Maryville, Nodaway County.

When the war broke out, Henry enlisted in Company 8, 13th Missouri volunteers. He was later captured at Lexington, and then paroled to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he soon joined up again, this time in the 25th Missouri, under Capt. Dill and remained with this unit through the Battle of Shiloh. Henry claimed to have fired the first Union shot at that battle. The 25th was subsequently merged with the 1st Missouri Engineers and he remained with this unit until his discharge in 1864.

Immediately after the war, the family, except Eliza, who I believe died in Missouri, moved to Normal, Illinois. On March 3, 1871, Henry married Miss Pauline Stewart. They had two children, Hal M., who died in 1918 and Leota P. (Mrs. William) Frink.

Henry was a charter member of the William T. Sherman GAR post and was largely responsible for naming the local post after General Sherman. He was actively interested in politics and was deputy from 1878-1883 under Sheriff Joseph Ator. He was elected sheriff for one term 1883-1884, after which he was a contractor and builder.

Henry died February 24, 1932, aged 91. He and Pauline are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Bloomington.

Information taken from Swaim's obituary in *The Daily Pantagraph*, February 25, 1932;
Civil War Pension Files; and family oral history.

LABOR v s. CAPITAL: The 1885 Coal Miner Strike

By Tim Pinnick

The second half of the nineteenth century was a time of major transition for America. The industrial revolution was transforming the country, in concert with the burgeoning railroad industry. Key to this dramatic change was the rapidly expanding use of coal. Bituminous coal, less efficient but more plentiful than its anthracite counterpart, could be found in dozens of states. Illinois proved to be a mineral rich state, with an estimated 60-70 percent of the land within its borders containing coal deposits. In 1870 Illinois coal production topped 2.6 million tons, and by 1880 that figure had risen more than 234 percent.

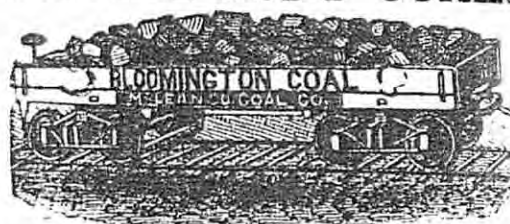
Although McLean County was not among the top coal producers, it was a significant contributor. Total output during the period from 1882 through 1892 ranked it 23rd out of 51 counties engaged in coal mining. The bulk of this yield can be attributed to one operation: The McLean County Coal Company of Bloomington.

Serving a customer base in central Illinois, the company began operations circa 1880, using a single deep shaft mine, which penetrated two sizeable coal seams. Despite evidence of unusually warm relations between company management and their work force of approximately 200, it was not long before conflict arose to a degree that necessitated a work stoppage. Receiving authorization by an unidentified labor organization, possibly the Knights of Labor, the workers walked out on February 28, 1881 in a dispute involving the discharge of a fellow employee. Ten days later the mine employees returned to work having failed to achieve their objective. It would be four years before they would try again.

Late March of 1885 found the miners of the McLean County Coal Company at odds with the proprietor over an impending reduction of the price paid per ton of coal mined. Rumors of a strike permeated the community. The first day of April the walkout became official. Details appeared in the April 2nd issue of *The Pantagraph*, the local paper, bearing the headline, "A Strike It Is."

At the outset, it was apparent that this strike was not going to follow the raucous pattern established in many of the early labor-management confrontations in the Illinois coalfields; a pattern of deep animosity and violence. On the eve of the strike, a company official characterized their workers as "a superior and law-abiding class of men". In addition, shortly after the strike was begun the men were not only paid for work done to date, but received their earnings several

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McLean County Coal Company [owned by the ancestors of Sen. Adlai E. Stephenson III], display ad, *Daily Pantagraph*, October 6, 1881, p. 4.

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75 YEARS AGO
OBITUARIES and DEATH NOTICES
RAMSEY NEWS JOURNAL and VANDALIA UNION
October to December, 1926

BECK, William Henry b 9 Sep 1845 Fay. Co., IL d 29 Sep 1926, age 81y 20ds. He was the son of Washington and Jeston BECK. He m Sarah Ann MOORE and they were parents of 4 children. 3 deceased with the wife. Later in life he m 2) Mrs. Tina COSART and they were parents of 3 sons. Surviving were wife, sons Walter of Shelbyville, Oscar and Harvey of Herrick, dau Jeston BADGER of IN and stepson Henry COSART of Shelbyville, IL. Burial was in the Antioch Cem. Ramsey News Journal 8 Oct 1926.

BENEFIELD, Lucy died following an operation at Mark Greer Hosp. Survivors were children, Claud, Ethel, Merle and Earl, her father, William MATHENY and sister Bertha ZIMMERMAN. Burial was in Taylor Cem. Vandalia Union 2 Dec 1926.

BINGHAM, Horatio Henry b 16 Jul 1841 Concord, VT the son of Warner and Laura RANKIN BINGHAM d 27 Oct 1926 from cancer of the throat. He m 4 Jul 1862 Sophia P. MULLEN and she died March, 1915. Surviving were 3 children, Lillie J. PRATER, W.J. BINGHAM and Edith F. FITZGERALD of Bingham. A son Franklin died in infancy. Also surviving was a brother Warner of CT and sister Laura DALLY of Pacific Grove, CA. He also was survived by 4 half-brothers and 2 half-sisters, Lorenzo, Lucy Ann HILL, George and Edward BINGHAM, Edith BALTON and Harry BINGHAM. Harry, George and Edward were lawyers; Edward being Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for a time. H.H. learned the trade of millwright in the east and first settled in Richmond, IN before finally settling in Fayette Co. in 1881. He built a saw and grist mill and a village named for him sprang up around the mill. Burial was in Liberty Cem. near Bingham. Ramsey News Journal 5 Nov 1926, Vandalia Union 4 Nov 1926.

BOLT, Edna age 23 was mysteriously shot and killed in Chicago. It was thought she was hit with a stray bullet in a tea room. The dau of Tom and Emma DONALDSON BOLT, she was born in the Jimson neighborhood. The family had moved to Decatur 6 years ago. Edna had moved to Chicago 9 weeks before to work in restaurants. Surviving with her mother was an aunt Mrs. Arthur ALLEY who lives east of the river bridge. Burial was in Decatur. Her father died a couple of years ago. Vandalia Union 21 Oct 1926.

BOLYARD, Christena LONG died unexpectedly 25 Dec 1926. She was b 31 Oct 1854 near Lafayette, IN and came to this county with her parents when a child. She m 1880 Levi BOLYARD and they were parents of 7 children, 1 died several years ago. The children all live near Vandalia with the exception of Gabe who lives in Spencer, IA. Burial was in the Old Cemetery, Vandalia. Vandalia Union 30 Dec 1926.

1826, May	25	William Nichols	Justice of peace	Certificate
"	28	John F. Matwood	Do	Do
"	19	William Bronsloff	Justice of peace	Certificate
"	31	William Nichols	Do	Do
" June	1	Same	Do	Do
"	17	Same	Do	Do
1826 July	20	William Nichols	Justice of peace	Certificate
" Aug	27	Jacob J. Safford	Do	Do
1826 Aug.	19	John Whitley	county commr.	
1826 Nov.	22	James Jones	Justice of peace	Certificate
1827 Jan.	13	William Hall	Justice of peace	Certificate
1826 Dec.	30	William Bronsloff	Justice of peace	Certificate
1827 Jan.	14	William Hall	Justice of peace	Certificate
1827 March	15	William Nichols	Justice of peace	Certificate
1827 April	14	James Jones	Justice of peace	Certificate
"	15	John Knight	Minister	Do
"	26	William Nichols	Justice of the peace	Certificate
May	3	Same	Do	Do

