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# MCLEAN COUNTY DIVORCE CASES (1850 - 1873)

Circuit Court, Bloomington, IL

By Nola Marquardt

The following divorce cases were gleaned from the Newspaper Index in the Stevenson-Ives Library. Unless otherwise noted, the cases were published in the *Weekly Pantagraph* on the date given.

Barker, Edwin	vs	Barker, Matilda	Jan. 6, 1864	
Caskey, John W.	vs	Caskey, Rhoda M.	July 3, 1867	
Chalmer, Eliza. Jane	vs	Chalmer, George M. L.	May 9, 1860	
Chester, Elisha F.	vs	Chester, Eliza A.	Jan. 15, 1868	
Coffman, Artemey	vs	Coffman, Adam	Jan. 10, 1866	
Cornwell, George W.	vs	Cornwell, Margaret	May 15, 1867	
Cummings, Martha	vs	Cummings, Ebenezer J.	Jan. 15, 1866	
Dean, Bridget	vs	Dean, James	Oct. 14, 1863	
Edwards, Adaline	vs	Edwards, George W.	July 1, 1863	
Fling, Rebecca	vs	Fling, Owen	June 26, 1867	
Gillett, Fidelity J.	vs	Gillet, Augustus B.	June 8, 1870	
Gillet, George W.	vs	Gillett, Sarah M.	Mar. 19, 1862	
Grogg, Sarah M.	vs	Grogg, Solomon	Jan. 10, 1866	
Groves, Frederick	vs.	Groves, Elizabeth Ann	Jan. 15, 1850	Published in <i>Western Whig</i>
Houghtling, Mary E.	vs	Houghtling, Charles	Dec. 9, 1863	
Jones, Sabina	vs	Jones, Edward	Oct. 19, 1864	
Kelly, Mary J.	vs	Kelly, John M.	May 24, 1872	Granted for Desertion
Killian, Andrew	vs	Killian, Amanda	Feb. 23, 1872	Granted
Lamorenx, Harriet E.	vs	Lamorenx, Norman L.	Feb. 2, 1872	Granted; Alimony \$150
Materson, Theodore	vs	Materson, Jane	May 5, 1869	
McClatchey, Sarah	vs	McClatchey, William	Aug. 19, 1868	
McKinzie, John D.	vs	McKinzie, Caroline	Sept. 20, 1872	Granted
Penniman, Isaac H.	vs	Penniman, Dorothy C.	Juen 26 1867	
McLaughlin, Phena	vs	McLaughlin, William	Dec. 29, 1871	Granted 4 yr Desertion
Newton, Sarah E.	vs	Newton, Wallace W.	May 17, 1872	Granted for Cruelty
Parrish, Lydia E.	vs	Parish, Edwin E.	Nov. 28, 1873	Granted
Popple, Rachel	vs	Popple, Samuel	Sept. 20, 1872	Granted for Cruelty & Drunkenness
Powell, Ambrose	vs	Powell, Susan	June 26, 1867	
Ramsey, Jacob	vs	Ramsey, Catharine	July 4, 1860	
Rice, Jacob	vs	Rice, Mary	Oct. 17, 1866	
Saltzman, Susan	vs	Saltzman, Nicholas	Feb. 2, 1872	Granted
Sears, Harriet	vs	Sears, David	Jan. 10, 1866	

Smith, John L.	vs	Smith, Jane	Nov. 2, 1864	
Spaulding, Sarah J.	vs	Spaulding, Daniel F.	Sept. 13, 1872	Granted
Stanefirth, Mary	vs	Stanefirth, John	Mar. 16, 1870	
Stansbury, Wm. K.	vs	Stansbury, Sarah J.	May 19, 1858	
Stockdale, Thomas	vs	Wife Not Mentioned	Dec. 29, 1871	Granted
Stout, Martha	vs	Stout, James	Sept. 24, 1864	
Stout, Martha	vs	Stout, James	Oct. 19, 1864	
Thomas, Margaret J.	vs	Thomas, William H.	Dec. 31, 1861	Also Jan. 20, 1862
Wedgwood, Jesse A.	vs	Wedgwood, Judith A.	Oct. 3, 1860	
West, Mary	vs	West, John	Jan. 26, 1870	
Wine, Julia Ann	vs	Wine, John	Aug. 24, 1864	
Winn, Henry	vs	Winn, Caroline	Dec. 31, 1862	

### Marriages, divorces, and rates: United States, 1867-1967

Year	Marriage		Divorce	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
1867	357,000	9.6	10,000	0.3
1967	1,927,000	9.7	523,000	2.6

National Center for Health Statistics, Div. of Vital Statistics,  
Vital and Health Statistics-Series 21-No. 24, Table 1, pg. 22  
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## MCLEAN COUNTY POOR FARM

BRIEF ANALYSIS OF POOR FARM CENSUS DATA  
1860-1880 AND 1900-1930By Nola Marquardt, Director of Acquisitions, MCGS  
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In 1860 the first Poor Farm census was taken shortly after it had moved to its permanent location in Bloomington Township, south of the city. There were 26 paupers: 8 females (2 under 15) and 22 males (1 under 15). There two females each with a young child. One of these females was only thirteen years old. There was also one married couple, one insane person, and one person without a last name. All residents were white except for the husband and wife who were noted as mulatto and black, respectively. Of the 24 persons whose birthplace was given: 13 were immigrants, 9 were born outside Illinois with only the 2 youngest children born in Illinois. David Simmons was the Poor Farm Keeper, assisted by his wife, Elizabeth, son Levi, and his wife Elonor. Other labor was provided by Diana Rogers and B. Sainders (male).

The 1870 census showed the same number of paupers as 1860. There were 8 females, 18 males (2 were black), no children. Eleven people did not have a last name. Fourteen were insane and three were idiots. There were 13 immigrants, 4 persons born in Illinois, 9 born in other states. Levi Simmons was running the farm with his wife Ellener D. James Adams was a farm worker and Orlean Morant (female) was a domestic servant. In the Simmons' household there was also an unrelated nine-month-old child named Lydia Walker.

The number of inmates doubled to 52 in 1880: 21 females (3 children under 15), 31 males (2 were under 15). Four had only a first name; two had no names at all. Everyone was white. Thirty-one persons were considered insane and/or idiotic; nine were disabled. Seventeen of the males had an occupation while only one of the women did. There were 19 immigrants, 19 born in Illinois and 14 born in other states. J. D. Vandervoort, his wife Sarah, and their children ran the farm. There did not appear to be any outside help living on the farm.

In 1900 the number of inmates more than doubled the 1880 figure: 131 persons, 47 females (3 under 15) and 84 males (6 under 15). There were one married couple and four mothers living with one or more of their children. All residents were white. Mental status was dropped from the information. The foreign born persons numbered 43; 49 were Illinois natives; 36 were born in other states; 3 had no place of birth listed. Phillip A. Karr and his wife Willie A. were in charge of the farm. Their son Homer was the night watchman. Wirt D. Dyke, Willie's brother, Irwin Bond, and Thomas Finley were laborers on the farm.

By 1905 insane persons were no longer housed at the farm. The 1910 census figures reflect that change, showing a population of only 75 persons. Among them were 18 females (2 under 15) and 57 males (3 under 15). There was one black person and one mulatto. There were two mothers living with one or more children. Nineteen residents were of foreign birth; twenty-four had been born in Illinois; thirty-two born in other states. Many of the inmates performed tasks in the dairy, laundry, kitchen, sick room, dormitories, heating plant, fields, and superintendent's house. The farm remained in the care of Philip A. Karr and his wife Willie. Their staff included

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Etta Brans, housekeeper; Henry C. Schenk, farm overseer; Clayton Slichter, electric light plant engineer; Charles Gray and Otto W. Fischer, farm laborers.

The population stayed about the same in 1920. Of the 78 persons enumerated, there were 15 females (1 under 15) and 63 males. The number of immigrants was 15. There were 25 born in Illinois, and 38 born in other states. There were 3 Negroes. The farm's population was definitely aging. About 75% of the people were over 65. Arthur J. Jones and his wife Callie M. were in charge of the farm. The staff included Eugene Coffey, engineer; Anna Harris, cook; Daisy Hempstead, kitchen maid; William H. Barkhurst, laborer.

The number of inmates in 1930 was 87, of whom 20 were female and 67 male. There were no children, only a few persons under 40 and 2 African Americans. One couple was married. The 4 persons born outside the U. S. were naturalized citizens. Illinois natives numbered 26 with 57 born in other states. Arthur and Callie M. Jones were still at the head of the farm. The Jones' son-in-law Edward Cofer was the farm's engineer and their daughter Emma Coffey was a housekeeper. The rest of the staff was Artie Allen, hired man; Nellie Allen (probably Artie's wife), cook; Elizabeth Sloat, cook.

#### COMPILED LIST OF POOR FARM INMATES FROM 1860 TO 1930 IN FEDERAL CENSUS

Surname	Given Name	Age	Sex	Race	Status	Occupation, etc.	Birth	Other Info	Census Year
Unknown	Con	25	M	W			Ireland	Insane; Pauper	1860
Mackey	James	15	M	W			Unsure	Pauper	1860
Newell	Benjamin	25	M	W			Unknown	Pauper	1860
Fitzgerald	Mary	28	F	W			Ireland	Pauper	1860
Shean	Mrs.	40	F	W			Unknown	Pauper	1860
Taylor	Samuel	29	M	W			Ireland	Pauper	1860
Wiswall	Franklin	39	M	W			Ny	Pauper	1860
Parker	Anna	59	F	W			Ohio	Pauper	1860
Duncan	Nancy	62	F	W			Unknown	Pauper	1860
Rue	Jane	13	F	W		Mother	Ohio	Pauper	1860
Rue	Florinda	1mo	F	W		Daughter	Ills	Pauper	1860
Jackson	Cyrus	75	M	M			Ky	Pauper	1860
Jackson	Anna	65	F	B			Ky	Pauper	1860
Congreve	Edward	29	M	W		Laborer	England	Pauper	1860
Neisar	Otis	38	M	W		Laborer	Prussia	Pauper	1860
Shultz	John	68	M	W		Laborer	Prussia	Pauper	1860
Boyle	Patrick	42	M	W		Laborer	Ireland	Pauper	1860
Adam	W. W.	70	M	W		Laborer	Mass	Pauper	1860
Welch	Elizabeth	28	F	W			England	Pauper	1860
Welch	James B.	2+	M	W			Ills	Pauper	1860
Johnson	Harris	30	M	W		Laborer	Hese Cassel	Pauper	1860
Saathoff	J. A.	26	M	W		Laborer	Hese Cassel	Pauper	1860
Cleveland	David	26	M	W		Laborer	Scotland	Pauper	1860
Ryan	Patrick	50	M	W		Laborer	Ireland	Pauper	1860
Knox	James	29	M	W		Laborer	Scotland	Pauper	1860

Surname	Given Name	Age	Sex	Race	Status	Occupation, etc.	Birth	Other Info	Census Year
Lane	William	20	M	W		Laborer	Pa	Pauper	1860
McCarty	Timothy	32	M	W		Pauper	Ireland		1870
Harris	Squire	21	M	W		Pauper	Kentucky		1870
	Alexander	85	M	B		Pauper	Kentucky		1870
	Flannegem	65	M	B		Pauper	Ireland		1870
	Pallada	70	M	W		Pauper	Ireland		1870
	Clark	40	M	W		Pauper	U S	Insane	1870
Claus	Christopher	40	M	W		Pauper	Germany	Insane	1870
	John the Baptist	35	M	W		Pauper	Ireland	Insane	1870
McLay	James	25	M	W		Pauper	Ireland	Insane	1870
	Sneedle	16	M	W		Pauper	Norway	Insane	1870
	George	28	M	W		Pauper	Germany		1870
	Gypsey	60	M	W		Pauper	Germany	Insane	1870
Lee	Charles	25	M	W		Pauper	U S		1870
Danty	Matison	23	M	W		Pauper	Illinois	Insane	1870
Stevens	Charles	21	M	W		Pauper	Illinois	Idiot	1870
Baker	Milly	23	M	W		Pauper	Illinois	Idiot	1870
Newel	Benjamin	35	M	W		Pauper	England	Insane	1870
N/A	Con	40	M	W		Pauper	Ireland	Insane	1870
Shean	Elizabeth	50	F	W		Pauper	Ireland	Insane	1870
Farrell	Mary	21	F	W		Pauper	New York	Insane	1870
Coleman	Mary	40	F	W		Pauper	U S		1870
	Sally	30	F	W		Pauper	Ireland	Insane	1870
	Christena	50	F	W		Pauper	Germany	Insane	1870
Tomlinson	Lydia	30	F	W		Pauper	U S	Insane	1870
Watson	Viney	16	F	W		Pauper	U S	Idiot	1870
Perry	Susan	25	F	W		Pauper	Illinois		1870
Klaus	Christian	65	M	W	S	Potter	Germany	Insane	1880
Unknown		74	M	W	S		Germany	Insane	1880
Unknown		50	M	W	S		Ireland	Insane	1880
Doty	Matteson	30	M	W	S		Illinois	Idiotic; Insane	1880
Alsop	Wm.	28	M	W	S		Illinois	Idiotic; Insane	1880
Levick	Wm.	22	M	W	S		Illinois	Insane	1880
Dunham	Albert	30	M	W	S	Farmer	Illinois	Insane	1880
Swanson	Barton	40	M	W	S		Illinois	Insane	1880
Galligher	Chas.	50	M	W	S	Railroad Hand	Ireland	Insane	1880
Hallisey	Micheal	38	M	W	S	Railroad Hand	Ireland	Insane	1880
Benedict	Darvell	21	M	W	S	Painter	Illinois	Insane	1880
Baptist	John	48	M	W	S		Ireland	Insane	1880
	Ben	50	M	W	S	Sailor	England	Insane	1880
	Jacob	46	M	W	S		Germany	Idiotic; Insane	1880
Alsop	John	25	M	W	S		Illinois	Idiotic	1880
Alsop	Ben	20	M	W	S		Illinois	Idiotic	1880
Stevenson	Charles	28	M	W	S		Illinois	Idiotic; Disabled	1880

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Surname	Given Name	Age	Sex	Race	Status	Occupation, etc.	Birth	Other Info	Census Year
Lorring	James	47	M	W	S	Peddler	Indiana	Blind; Idiotic; Disabled	1880
Franks	Isaiah	68	M	W	Wd	Carpenter	Kentucky		1880
Kress	Asaniah	81	M	W	Wd	Mason	Kentucky		1880
Flanady	Stephen	60	M	W	S	Farmer	Ireland	Disabled	1880
Gates	S. F.	75	M	W	S	Farmer	Ohio		1880
Belay	Reason	40	M	W	M	Farmer	Ohio	Insane	1880
Thomas	Geo.	40	M	W	M	Farmer	Ohio	Insane	1880
Gayheart	Jurgen	66	M	W	S	Farmer	Germany	Disabled	1880
Johnson	Wm.	38	M	W	Wd	Farmer	Virginia		1880
Kidwell	Wm.	28	M	W	S		New York	Disabled	1880
Schindler	Otto	44	M	W	Wd	Blacksmith	Germany	Disabled	1880
French	John	60	M	W	Wd	Laborer	Ireland	Disabled	1880
Henderson	Frank	14	M	W	S		Illinois	Disabled	1880
Fox	Wm.	6mo	M	W			Illinois	Born in December	1880
Clark	Hattie	38	F	W	S	Cook	Kentucky		1880
James	Gertrude	6	F	W			Illinois		1880
Hyat	Mary	26	F	W	M		Ohio	Blind	1880
Hyat	Effie	5	F	W			Illinois		1880
Dygon	Kate	60	F	W			Ireland	Disabled	1880
Ashby	Amanda	77	F	W	Wd		New York		1880
Atwater	Ann	50	F	W	Wd		Ireland		1880
Perry	Susan	36	F	W	S		Illinois	Idiotic; Disabled	1880
Dunn	Alice	36	F	W	M		Ireland	Insane	1880
Tously	Jane	22	F	W	S		Illinois	Idiotic	1880
	Lily	9	F	W			Illinois	Idiotic	1880
Hill	Nancy	50	F	W	S		Kentucky	Idiotic	1880
Swader	Carolina	50	F	W	S		Germany	Disabled	1880
Larkins	Ann	35	F	W	S		Ireland		1880
Benjamin	Lyda	45	F	W	Wd		Mass.	Idiotic	1880
Downey	Mary	25	F	W	S		Illinois	Idiotic	1880
Watsin	Lavinia	22	F	W	S		Illinois	Idiotic	1880
Stanford	Mary	65	F	W	M		Ireland	Insane; Disabled	1880
Carl	Mary	40	F	W	S		Ireland	Insane; Disabled	1880
Gibbs	Malinda	40	F	W	S		Illinois	Insane	1880
Wilson	Sarah	41	F	W	Wd		England		1880
Timmerman	Eli	77	M	W	Wd	Dependent	New York		1900
Smith	Davis	44	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Morris	Michael	52	M	W	S	Dependent	Ireland		1900
Philips	William	28	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Backmann	Ernest	80	M	W	Wd	Dependent	Germany		1900
Smithe	Hinry	67	M	W	M	Dependent	Germany		1900
Stuart	Thomas	57	M	W	S	Dependent	Virginia		1900
Warceski	Herman	40	M	W	S	Dependent	Germany		1900

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Surname	Given Name	Age	Sex	Race	Status	Occupation, etc.	Birth	Other Info	Census Year
Byitt	Charles	53	M	W	S	Dependent	New York		1900
Hanan	Scott	53	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Gates	William	53	M	W	M	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Short	Christiana	70	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Germany		1900
McCabe	Margaret	68	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Ireland		1900
Kenney	Mary	27	F	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Bokaw	Mary	45	F	W	S	Dependent	Germany		1900
Cennwell	Olive	52	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Pennsylvania		1900
Farrell	Lucy	30	F	W	S	Dependent	Illinois	Mother of 1	1900
Farrell	Laura	2	F	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Lask	Rhoda	50	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Ohio		1900
Hays	Hattie	40	F	W	S	Dependent	Germany		1900
George	Maryann	42	F	W	M	Dependent	Virginia	Mother of 2	1900
Burns	Martha	46	F	W	S	Dependent	Ohio		1900
Maschek	Rudolph	76	M	W	S	Dependent	Germany		1900
Deail	Charles	80	M	W	Wd	Dependent	Germany		1900
Kidwell	William	53	M	W	S	Dependent	England		1900
Conger	Samuel	27	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Schwandt	Paul	30	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Peltz	Gotleb	45	M	W	S	Dependent	Germany		1900
Woodworth	William	65	M	W	M	Dependent	Pennsylvania		1900
Clause	Chris	75	M	W	S	Dependent	Germany		1900
Ryan	James	55	M	W	M	Dependent	Ireland		1900
Wills	John	45	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Gleason	John	50	M	W	S	Dependent	Ireland		1900
Helge	Nick	45	M	W	S	Dependent	Sweden		1900
Alsop	Benjamin	35	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Smachel	William	17	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Dowdey	Mathew	52	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Puphrey	Lemuel	50	M	W	S	Dependent	Kentucky		1900
OBrien	John	60	M	W	S	Dependent	Ireland		1900
Mullon	James	34	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Palock	John	37	M	W	S	Dependent	Germany		1900
Flannery	Patrick	63	M	W	S	Dependent	Ireland		1900
Young	Robert	37	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Remann	Susan	60	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Schalke	Johannah	27	F	W	S	Dependent	Germany		1900
Gates	Laura	47	F	W	M	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Holt	Charles	34	M	W	S	Dependent	Indiana		1900
Barst	John	50	M	W	Wd	Dependent	Germany		1900
Anderson	Frank	40	M	B	S	Dependent	Kentucky		1900
Carter	Eliza	32	F	W	M	Dependent	None Given		1900
Stout	Samuel	81	M	W	Wd	Dependent	Tennessee		1900
Barno	William	77	M	W	S	Dependent	Germany		1900
Derhon	John C.	75	M	W	Wd	Dependent	New York		1900
Quinn	Jane	44	F	W	M	Dependent	Ohio	Wed 19 yrs; Mother of 3	1900
Quinn	John	13	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Quinn	Arther Jr.	16	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900



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Quinn	Arthur Sr.	75	M	W	M	Dependent	Ireland	Wed 19 years	1900
Welck	Walter Jr.	28	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Welck	Walter Sr.	66	M	W	Wd	Dependent	Ireland		1900
Green	George	55	M	W	S	Dependent	Germany		1900
Moore	May	21	F	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Gates	Britha	20	F	W	M	Dependent	Pennsylvania	Wed 5 yrs; Mother of 2	1900
Swearingin	John	73	M	W	Wd	Dependent	Pennsylvania		1900
Trumbley	Herman	17	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Trumbly	Lizzie	52	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Indiana		1900
Litzengrath	Fred	53	M	W	M	Dependent	Germany	Wed 25 years	1900
Litzengrath	Louise	62	F	W	M	Dependent	Germany	Wed 25 years	1900
Young	William	42	M	W	S	Dependent	None Given		1900
Pietch	William	50	M	W	S	Dependent	None Given		1900
Finn	Patrick	20	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Campton	Charles	41	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Blair	Roland	70	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Keck	James	27	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Hour	Henry	26	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Keck	Danuel	28	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Johnson	William	51	M	W	Wd	Dependent	Virginia		1900
Gander	Sarah	53	F	W	S	Dependent	Ohio		1900
Couch	Angeline	45	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Indiana	Mother of 3	1900
Silsby	Carie	30	F	W	S	Dependent	Pennsylvania		1900
Erickson	Anna	34	F	W	S	Dependent	Sweden		1900
Waterhouse	Ellin	64	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Kentucky	Mother of 4	1900
Higgins	Hal	20	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Bender	Nellie	65	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Ireland	Mother of 3	1900
Deitrich	Lizzie	32	F	W	S	Dependent	Germany		1900
Engle	Anna	18	F	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Hall	Hattie	18	F	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Boyland	Maggie	34	F	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Carl	Mary	75	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Ireland		1900
Lyons	Daniel	68	M	W	Wd	Dependent	Ireland		1900
Mann	William	59	M	W	S	Dependent	England		1900
Gibbs	Philo	56	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Karr	Aaron	58	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Hornbery	John	64	M	W	Wd	Dependent	Sweden		1900
Watson	Benjamin	76	M	W	Wd	Dependent	Ohio		1900
Harrigan	Mike	87	M	W	S	Dependent	Ireland		1900
Jassman	William	28	M	W	S	Dependent	Germany		1900
Castello	Bartholomue	55	M	W	S	Dependent	Ireland		1900
Seibert	John	19	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Cardwell	Leander	49	M	W	S	Dependent	Tennessee		1900
Martin	Frank	64	M	W	Wd	Dependent	Indiana		1900
Ketelson	Henry	66	M	W	S	Dependent	Germany		1900

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Jones	Charles	52	M	W	S	Dependent	Indiana		1900
Builta	David	42	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Howard	Charles	52	M	W	S	Dependent	New York		1900
Keeran	Allison	78	M	W	Wd	Dependent	Virginia		1900
Comfort	Edward	68	M	W	Wd	Dependent	Ireland		1900
Phillips	Del	30	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
White	Rona	39	F	W	S	Dependent	Germany		1900
OConnors	Bridget	41	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Ireland	Mother of 4	1900
Dunn	Alice	56	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Ireland	Mother of 2	1900
Gregory	Sophia	50	F	W	S	Dependent	New York		1900
Hiett	Mary	48	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Illinois	Mother of 3	1900
Ostolow	Minie	60	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Germany	Mother of 2	1900
Mapes	Mary	56	F	W	M	Dependent	Kentucky	Mother of 6	1900
Whalen	Mary	38	F	W	S	Dependent	Ireland		1900
Kuntz	Nora	39	F	W	M	Dependent	Illinois	Mother of 2	1900
Simmons	William	32	M	W	S	Dependent	Massachuetts		1900
Sweny	Dora	40	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Kentucky	Mother of 4	1900
Sweny	John	8	M	W	S	Dependent	Kentucky		1900
Sweny	Michael	6	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Reed	Julia	3	F	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Sigler	Mahala	43	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Pennsylvania	Mother of 3	1900
Sigler	Edward	12	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Sigler	Walter	4	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Sigler	Hattie	3	F	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Sullivan	Anna	32	F	W	Wd	Dependent	Missouri	Mother of 1	1900
Sullivan	Earl	5	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Wilson	Frank	11	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Wilson	George	7	M	W	S	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Calhoun	Edward	45	M	W	Wd	Dependent	Illinois		1900
Burr	Oscar C.	27	M	W	S	None	Illinois		1910
Lucas	Sarah	82	F	W	Wd	None	Indiana		1910
Arnold	Julia	12	F	W	S	None	Illinois		1910
Graves	Rachel E.	54	F	W	Wd	None	Indiana		1910
Feust	Christine M.	70	F	W	Wd	Helper	Germany	In Domritory	1910
Thompson	Bessie	15	F	W	S	None	Illinois		1910
Simon	Amelia C.	74	F	W	Wd	None	Germany		1910
Hayes	Hattie	46	F	W	S	Helper	Germany	In Kitchen	1910
Gates	Louise B.	53	F	W	Wd	Helper	Illinois	In Kitchen	1910
Gregory	Sophia	65	F	W	Wd	Laundress	France	For Inmates	1910
Hieatt	Mary	40	F	W	D	Laundress	Ohio	Supt.'s House	1910
Hieatt	Frank	10	M	W	S	None	Illinois		1910
Claflin	Walter	1.5	M	W	S	None	Illinois		1910
Hall	James	71	M	W	Wd	None	England		1910
Hazelwood	John G.	65	M	W	Wd	None	Kentucky		1910
Hicks	James	70	M	W	Wd	None	Tennessee		1910
Norman	George H.	53	M	W	Wd	Dish Washer	Ohio		1910
Howell	Henry H.	71	M	W	Wd	None	Kentucky		1910
Ackstein	William	68	M	W	S	None	Germany		1910

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Motter	Manford	57	M	W	S	None	Illinois		1910
Lander	John	52	M	W	S	None	Germany		1910
Kegler	Charles	73	M	W	S	None	Germany		1910
Butler	Herbert	53	M	W	S	Houseman	Massachusetts	Men's Dormitory	1910
Gilham	James	51	M	W	S	None	Indiana		1910
Brennan	William T.	46	M	W	S	None	Ohio		1910
Keefe	Michael	74	M	W	S	None	Ireland		1910
Babbitt	George W.	58	M	W	Wd	Painter	Vermont		1910
Phillips	William	20	M	W	S	Helper	Illinois	In Kitchen	1910
Thompson	Thomas	87	M	W	S	None	Ohio		1910
Chairman	Michael	64	M	W	S	None	Ireland		1910
Kohrs	Barney H.	69	M	W	Wd	None	Ohio		1910
Owen	Joseph M.	74	M	W	Wd	None	Illinois		1910
Kuever	Matt	73	M	W	S	None	Germany		1910
Watts	Joseph	43	M	W	Wd	None	Ohio		1910
Flynn	Matthew	58	M	W	S	Helper	New York	In Boiler Room	1910
Mann	William	69	M	W	S	Helper	England	In Dormitory	1910
Donohue	John R.	42	M	W	S	None	Pennsylvania		1910
Ward	Jerry R. M.	54	M	W	Wd	None	Illinois		1910
Hammer	George L.	68	M	W	S	None	Germany		1910
Burke	John	78	M	W	S	None	Ireland		1910
Bradley	Michael	70	M	W	Wd	None	Ireland		1910
Finn	Patrick	28	M	W	S	None	Illinois		1910
Newcomb	George	34	M	W	S	None	New York		1910
Kennedy	James	75	M	W	Wd	None	Maine		1910
Gatliff	Charles H.	52	M	W	S	None	Kentucky		1910
Snedaker	George W.	63	M	W	M	None	Ohio		1910
Johnson	William	61	M	W	Wd	None	Virginia		1910
Remey	John A.	58	M	W	D	None	Ohio		1910
Woodward	William	73	M	W	D	None	Pennsylvania		1910
Kidwell	John W.	63	M	W	S	None	England		1910
Clark	James A.	55	M	W	Wd	None	Illinois		1910
Brown	James W.	26	M	W	S	None	Illinois		1910
Craig	James H.	72	M	W	Wd	None	Kentucky		1910
Spencer	Jonathan	40	M	W	S	None	Illinois		1910
Bartz	John	54	M	W	Wd	None	Illinois		1910
Robert	Louis	61	M	W	S	Nursing	Switzerland	Sick Inmates	1910
Lewis	Sampson P.	89	M	Mu	Wd	None	Virginia		1910
Callahan	Emanuel E.	88	M	W	Wd	None	Ohio		1910
Couger	Samuel	36	M	W	S	None	Illinois		1910
Patterson	Charles F.	62	M	W	Wd	None	Pennsylvania		1910
George	Mary A.	48	F	W	Wd	Helper	Virginia	In Dairy	1910
Calhoun	Edward P.	55	M	W	D	None	Illinois		1910
Keck	James	46	M	W	S	Milkers	Illinois		1910
Keck	Daniel	44	M	W	S	Milkers	Illinois		1910
Jones	Charles	60	M	W	S		Ohio		1910
McCurdy	Hulda	24	F	W	M		United States		1910

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McCurdy	Clifford	6	M	W	S		Illinois		1910
McCurdy	Edna	3	F	W	S		Illinois		1910
McCurdy	Walter F.	9mo	M	W	S		Illinois		1910
Walker	Anna	74	F	W	S		United States		1910
Donohue	Margaret	80	F	W	Wd	Nursing	Ireland	Sick Inmates	1910
Welch	Maggie	40	F	W	Wd	Laundress	Illinois		1910
Bender	Ellen	65	F	W	Wd	None	Illinois		1910
Burk	Matt	69	M	W	Wd	Gardener	Germany		1910
Johnson	Ruth E.	17	F	B	S	Gen Housework	Missouri	Supt.'s House	1910
McAttee	J. D.	86	M	W	M	Inmate	Florida		1920
Connors	Frank	37	M	W	S	Inmate	New Jersey		1920
Armstrong	John	65	M	W	M	Inmate	Pennsylvania		1920
Sedeckum	Charles A.	57	M	W	W	Inmate	Ohio		1920
Pearson	Bender	71	M	W	S	Inmate	Sweden		1920
Odonnell	James D.	53	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Messer	Robert	53	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Craig	James H.	81	M	W	W	Inmate	Kentucky		1920
Helpen	Patrick	72	M	W	W	Inmate	Ireland		1920
Mason	T. W.	84	M	W	W	Inmate	Ohio		1920
Jones	Joe	60	M	W	S	Inmate	New Jersey		1920
Hamilton	Jesse	68	M	W	M	Inmate	Kentucky		1920
Morrison	Peter	67	M	W	S	Inmate	Ohio		1920
Mitchson	Davy	66	M	W	S	Inmate	Ohio		1920
Flynn	John A.	51	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Clark	J. C.	65	M	W	W	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Hays	Thomas B.	53	M	W	W	Inmate	U. S.		1920
Benton	Harry	77	M	W	S	Inmate	New York		1920
Brewer	Chester	41	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Bremen	William	56	M	W	S	Inmate	Ohio		1920
Mahoney	John	56	M	W	W	Inmate	Virginia		1920
Barney	Herbert	61	M	W	?	Inmate	Indiana		1920
Mann	William	78	M	W	S	Inmate	England		1920
Johnson	Rolla	35	M	W	M	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Ward	Jerry	64	M	W	M	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Motter	Charles Mann	66	M	W	W	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Flynn	Mattie	68	M	W	W	Inmate	New York		1920
Johnson	George	63	M	W	M	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Baylor	Edward	52	M	W	W	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Hamilton	A.	70	M	B	W	Inmate	Florida		1920
Schonake	Fred	83	M	W	M	Inmate	Germany		1920
Johnson	George	67	M	W	M	Inmate	Kentucky		1920
Howell	Harvey	80	M	W	W	Inmate	Kentucky		1920
Hughes	James	70	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Blythor	Robert	65	M	W	S	Inmate	Ireland		1920
Thornton	Thomas	82	M	B	M	Inmate	Virginia		1920
Reed	Lewis	82	M	W	M	Inmate	Indiana		1920
German	Frank	73	M	W	M	Inmate	Pennsylvania		1920
Rose	John	77	M	W	W	Inmate	Ireland		1920

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Hall	James	80	M	W	M	Inmate	England		1920
Pever	Frank	47	M	W	S	Inmate	New York		1920
Wilson	Alonzo	65	M	W	S	Inmate	U. S.		1920
Gathiss	Charles	67	M	W	S	Inmate	Kentucky		1920
Sass	Peter	77	M	W	M	Inmate	Denmark		1920
Butler	Herbert	62	M	W	S	Inmate	Massachuetts		1920
Westfall	Nathan	70	M	W	M	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Gammon	John	72	M	W	S	Inmate	Ireland		1920
Underwood	B. Frank	65	M	W	M	Inmate	Ohio		1920
Roberts	Louis	72	M	W	S	Inmate	Switzerland		1920
ONeal	Hezekiah	68	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Reddick	William	64	M	W	M	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Eckstine	William	79	M	W	S	Inmate	Germany		1920
Newcomb	George	###	M	W	S	Inmate	New York		1920
Bork	Matt	82	M	W	?	Inmate	Germany		1920
Keck	James	50	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Keck	Daniel	45	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Conger	Samuel	52	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Phillips	William	50	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Ramey	John A.	68	M	W	M	Inmate	Ohio		1920
Kuhlman	Edwin	54	M	W	M	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Lynch	Edward	68	M	W	S	Inmate	U. S.		1920
Donahue	Ross	71	M	W	S	Inmate	Denmark		1920
Artel	Philip	75	F	W	S	Inmate	Holland		1920
Carlin	Katherine E.	68	F	W	W	Inmate	New York		1920
Brown	Anna	38	F	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Thornton	Malinda	100	F	W	M	Inmate	Kentucky		1920
Gates	Laura	65	F	W	W	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Cramer	Anna C.	77	F	W	W	Inmate	Germany		1920
Johnson	Florence	39	F	W	M	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Carpenter	Mary	68	F	B	W	Inmate	Indiana		1920
Kalusy	Elizabeth	74	F	W	W	Inmate	Kentucky		1920
Welch	Maggie	48	F	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Ralsback	Sarah Jane	70	F	W	W	Inmate	Pennslyvania		1920
Poppendick		60	F	W	S	Inmate	U. S.		1920
Williams	Mary Anna	50	F	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Gunter	Edward	21	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Morely	Stella	34	F	W	D	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Simeroth	Lillian	14	F	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1920
Davis	Martha	80	F	W	Wd	Inmate	Ohio		1930
Dillion	Alberta	70	F	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930
Cannon	Robert	65	M	W	M	Inmate	Tennessee		1930
Davis	Jake	73	M	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930
Johnson	Charlie	67	M	W	S	Inmate	United States		1930
McCain	Robert	82	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Zueng	Marquis	24	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Ault	Mary	76	F	W	Wd	Inmate	Ohio		1930
Armstrong	Charley	70	M	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930
Brady	John	60	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930



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Barron	James M.	64	M	W	S	Inmate	Kentucky		1930
Bunn	J. M.	74	M	W	M	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Brewer	Chester	50	M	W	S	Inmate	United States		1930
Brennen	William	67	M	W	S	Inmate	United States		1930
Baker	John	50	M	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930
Baker	Frank	67	M	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930
Cruikshank	J. B.	72	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Chase	Charley	69	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Chaddock	Ben	76	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Iowa		1930
Callahan	Frank	34	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Cook	Charles	75	M	W	S	Inmate	New York		1930
Corney	Pat	71	M	W	S	Inmate	United States		1930
Cardwell	L. H.	79	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Carpenter	Mary	76	F	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930
Beblow	Stella	45	F	W	M	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Cramer	Anna	91	F	W	Wd	Inmate	Germany	Naturalized Citizen	1930
Downey	James	75	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Iowa		1930
Fenn	Pat	51	M	W	S	Inmate	United States		1930
Flynn	John	62	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Fielder	Frank	72	M	W	S	Inmate	Kentucky		1930
Goings	James	55	M	W	M	Inmate	Kentucky		1930
Gunter	Edward	41	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Gates	Laura	78	F	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930
Garrity	Nellie	76	F	W	S	Inmate	United States		1930
Hulery	Jennie	76	F	W	S	Inmate	United States		1930
Hutchinson	L. C.	47	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Hutchinson	Jim	61	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Hendrix	John	74	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Brittenham	Charles	72	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Ohio		1930
Corrigan	John	59	M	W	S	Inmate	United States		1930
Johnson	Rolla	42	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Illinois		1930
King	W. N.	72	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Ohio		1930
Keck	Dan	50	M	W	S	Inmate	United States		1930
Kuhlman	Ed	62	M	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930
Lucas	Henry	59	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Langhoff	Gus	60	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Land	Dick	71	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Kentucky		1930
Lemme	Minnie	53	F	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Lewis	Wiley A.	58	M	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930
Lewis	Jim	54	M	W	S	Inmate	United States		1930
Lackey	Carl	79	M	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930
Lynch	Ed	79	M	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930
Monroe	John	68	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Indiana		1930
Mayers	Charles	79	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Newcomb	George	50	M	W	S	Inmate	United States		1930
Phillips	Sam	72	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Indiana		1930
Phillips	Will	60	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Pew	Martha	66	F	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930

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Rayburn	Mary	74	F	W	Wd	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Reagan	Louise	71	F	W	Wd	Inmate	West Virginia		1930
Riggs	Charles	72	M	W	S	Inmate	United States		1930
Ross	Alfred	52	M	W	M	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Rasback	Minnie	81	F	W	Wd	Inmate	Germany	Naturalized Citizen	1930
Mott	Anna	72	F	W	Wd	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Mahoney	Jack	69	M	W	S	Inmate	Virginia		1930
Motter	C. M.	78	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Maloney	James	61	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Barney	Herbert	72	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Shearer	Jim	79	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Kentucky		1930
Seibert	John	46	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Sterling	Sue	67	F	W	M	Inmate	United States		1930
Sterling	Charles	72	M	W	M	Inmate	Ohio		1930
Smith	Charles W.	72	M	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930
Savory	Hubbard	76	M	W	S	Inmate	West Virginia		1930
Smith	Ellen	72	F	W	Wd	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Schilling	Emil	50	M	W	S	Inmate	Germany	Naturalized Citizen	1930
Trumbo	William C.	62	M	W	S	Inmate	West Virginia		1930
Thompson	J. A.	73	M	W	M	Inmate	Ohio		1930
Taylor	Martha	66	F	W	Wd	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Dowlin	Thomas	34	M	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Wilson	Arminda	82	F	W	Wd	Inmate	Kentucky		1930
Wilson	Al	69	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Walston	Harry	60	M	W	Wd	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Welch	Maggie	57	F	W	S	Inmate	Illinois		1930
Walkins	Dillard	80	M	W	S	Inmate	Kentucky		1930
Wilson	Albert	73	M	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930
Weeks	George	79	M	W	Wd	Inmate	England	Naturalized Citizen	1930
Martin	Fred	62	M	W	Wd	Inmate	United States		1930

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**POOR FARM RELATED ITEMS FROM *THE PANTAGRAPH***  
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Mrs. Rockhold, a former resident of Bloomington, was residing at the Poor Farm July 29, 1869. She had been judged as incurably insane at the Jacksonville Hospital. Although despondent, she appears to be improving but she continues to destroy all items placed in her room.

Mr. Pallady of Normal was another resident of the Poor Farm on July 29, 1869. He was described as "a very neat, quiet, inoffensive old man" who passed the time by whittling whip

stocks and rolling pins. Further commentary notes Pallady's son had several thousands of dollars in property in Normal and should not be subjecting his father to such degradation.

Thomas Neal of LeRoy was killed by a train in Bloomington on April 5, 1883. Neal, aged 50, left a wife and children. He was drawing a monthly \$30.00 veteran's pension for loss of an arm in the Civil War. He was first buried at the Poor Farm but was later moved to LeRoy.

Frank Cheney, 22, of Saybrook, was tried and convicted for bastardy on December 12, 1882. He was required to give a \$1,200.00 bond to support the daughter he fathered. In October, Nannie C. Carey, 19, also of Saybrook, had given birth to the child at the Poor Farm. Both were still living at the time of the judgment.

July 31, 1884, the Poor Farm became the home of Jonathon O. Thomas, 66, the first white child born in Cheney's Grove Township. Some Saybrook residents believed Thomas' wealthy relatives should be supporting him instead of the taxpayers.

August 7, 1884, William Pfitzenmeyer, a farmer near LeRoy, found a month-old baby boy in a wheelbarrow on his property. Nearby were buggy tracks and the footprints of a man and a woman. The child was taken to the Poor Farm by Dr. McKenzie.

William Gates & Laura B. Curtis met while residents of the Poor Farm. Upon their release they married in McLean Co. August 16, 1882. On February 22, 1886, the couple was brought before Judge Benjamin upon complaint of their neighbors in Old Town Township. The neighbors felt the couple was crazy because they had threatened to kill several people. The judge, upon finding the couple "simple" rather than crazy, placed them in the custody of Sheriff Swaim.

John Decker escaped from the Poor Farm May 3, 1887. He had been judged insane but a more recent evaluation determined he was epileptic and under a great deal of stress due to the illness of his son, a resident of Padua. Mr. Decker was allowed to remain at his home in Blue Mound Township.

Mrs. Caroline Schrader, formerly of Lexington, died January 16, 1892 at Poor Farm. She was one of the oldest inmates.

Kate Dagon, one of the oldest residents, died at the Poor Farm on May 8, 1892. She was blind.

Mr. A. Durman, 78, a former resident of Normal died at the Poor Farm May 23, 1892.

September 3, 1892, Mr. Philip Kadel, 78, passed away at the Poor Farm. He had come to Bloomington from Germany about 1862 and settled two miles southwest of the city. He was a market gardener. He moved into the city about 1875 and resided at the corner of West and Market Streets for many years. He grew more and more eccentric as the years passed and was finally taken to the Poor Farm April 24, 1892. He was unmarried and had never learned to speak English. His known relatives were a sister Mrs. G. C. Kehr, who lived southwest of the city, and a cousin Mr. Charles Kadel of South Madison Street. Interment was in the City Cemetery two days after his death.

May 22, 1893 a Mrs. Tappe, aged about 60, died at the Poor Farm. She had been at the farm two or three years. She left a son in Kankakee. She was buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Robert Goglin, age 53, died at the Poor Farm February 11, 1894, from an inflammation of the stomach. He had lived at the farm for eleven years. He was born in England and was from Chenoa Township. His father had also died at the Poor Farm. Surviving relatives were an uncle and two nephews in Chenoa.

Major Fado, a.k.a. "Whistling Major", died at the Poor Farm December 21, 1898. Fado was feeble in his later years and was described as a "genial old colored man.....helped by his white friends on West Market Street". Otto Gaffron, a good friend, said Fado claimed he was 86 years old. Before the Civil War, Fado was a cook on a Mississippi River steamboat. During the war, he was a cook at General John A. Logan's headquarters. Fado accompanied Logan's regiment to Illinois when it disbanded. He lived in Belleville a short time before coming to Bloomington where he worked at white-washing and paper-hanging. Major Fado spoke German fluently and was considered highly intelligent.

February 13, 1895, Mrs. Sarah Sawyer, 44, a long-time Bloomington resident, died at the Poor Farm after a brief stay. Her death was caused by dropsy.

"Big Henry" Coolidge, 51, died of complications from grip at the Poor Farm March 19, 1899. His early years were spent in Kankakee and many of his last at the farm. Nothing was known of his family. He was nicknamed "Big Henry" due to his 325 pound weight. His size made it necessary to construct a special coffin that required two regular size plots for burial. He was interred on the farm.

About 1897 Frank Quinn, a Poor Farm inmate, learned he was the heir of his wealthy brother, a resident of Lancaster, Pa. Although the brother had been married, his wife had been missing for over twenty years and presumed dead. In anticipation of his inheritance Quinn was showered with gifts and advanced many favors. Two years later Col. John Reed of Bloomington wrote to the Lancaster attorney concerning the estate's status and learned the brother's widow had been found and was enjoying her new wealth. Quinn remained at the Poor Farm.

In late August 26, 1899, a man by the name of Albert Knease, aged 45, became an inmate at the Poor Farm. Albert had married Eliza S. Victor, Normal, in McLean Co. September 1, 1881. Knease was set up in business by his father-in-law but quickly went \$800.00 in debt. He abandoned his wife but promised to return when his father-in-law agreed to cover the debts. Knease then went to work for Mr. Gregory. He sold one of Gregory's horses to I. H. Light for \$100.00 and absconded with the money for parts unknown. Knease was not heard of again until he fell seriously ill while threshing near Lexington and was taken to Deaconess Hospital. From the hospital he was released to the Poor Farm where he refused to provide information about his whereabouts for the last eighteen years. Upon the return of her husband, Mrs. Knease filed for a divorce upon grounds of desertion.

February 24, 1900, Charles Symkie died at the Poor Farm. He had been judged incurably insane.

A long time resident of the Poor Farm died March 7, 1900. He had become a resident in 1857 and was known only by the name John the Baptist. He was about 65 years and had been judged incurably insane.

W. Willson, 54, a McLean Co. veteran of the War of the Rebellion, died at the farm March 26, 1900, after being a resident for two months. His mother and a sister live in Connecticut.

Threat of smallpox brought Luther Spotser, his wife, and child to the Poor Farm on January 9, 1901. They were quarantined there until danger of getting the disease was past. The Spotsers were exposed to the disease by Arthur Cousley who lived with them in the upstairs of 1502 Fell Avenue. All persons involved were described as colored.

Matthew Haley came to Bloomington in early November 1901. He was sick and homeless and taken to the Poor Farm where he soon died on November 10. He was buried in Potter's Field. A month later his long-lost brother Dennis Haley of Jefferson, Iowa, arrived to claim his brother's remains and have them moved to St. Mary's Cemetery. Dennis Haley had lived in Peoria before moving to Iowa.

January 28, 1907 was the date John Fox or Yoder (two different last names were given in the original article) died at the Poor Farm where he had lived about a month. He had worked at various livery stables in the county. His last place of employment was in Arrowsmith.

Katherine Buck, 42 from Peoria died from a lingering illness at the Poor Farm March 29, 1907. She had come from a good family and was described as handsome and intelligent. Burial was at the farm.

Mrs. Sarah Quinlan came from England to the U. S. early in 1908 to live in Lexington with the sons she had not seen in 24 years. The sons had located her through an ad placed in a London newspaper. After a bizarre set of circumstances, Mrs. Quinlan became a resident of the Poor Farm in February 1909 under threat of deportation. The Quinlan sons had moved to Iowa from Lexington and abandoned her, claiming she was not their mother, a dope fiend, and a drunkard. Supt. Karr noted that when Sarah was offered whiskey and morphine she did not react as if addicted to either. Mrs. Quinlan said she was born Sarah Plunkett in Palace Street, Westminster. January 19, 1867 she married John Quinlan, born in Ireland, at Royal Bavarian Church, London, in a ceremony performed by Father Burke. Her children were: twins John and Thomas, born November 21, 1867; Robert, born November 21, 1868; Joseph, born November 20, 1872; James, born January 26, 1874; Charles, born November 21, 1875; Susan, born June 4, 1878. She had been deserted by her spouse before he died on April 1, 1890 from a fall over a banister.

February 25, 1908. John Spencer, 80, was taken with his consent to live at the Poor Farm. Since his wife left him thirty years ago, he had lived in the basement of the Royce Block. His current residence was under the Dunn Drug Store Building where he had amassed a large quantity of junk. Spencer requested that his possessions be moved with him. Three wagon loads were brought to the farm; the rest sacrificed to a bonfire that lasted all day. Spencer had supported himself by peddling whatever he thought would be profitable. He had no known relatives.



In the spring of 1909, Supt. Karr received a letter from former inmate Mrs. Ida McCarmack-McConkey, requesting that Karr come to Tennessee to bring her and her children back to the Poor Farm. Mrs. Ida McCarmack and four children had moved from Lansing, Tennessee to Bloomington. Here she married Samuel McConkey a couple of days after she learned of the death of her Tennessee husband J. N. McCarmack. Somehow Ida and the children ended up at the Poor Farm. It turned out her first husband was still alive and she decided to return to him in Tennessee. After a short stay, she complained of ill treatment, lack of decent food and wanted to return to the farm. Supt. Karr did not make the trip to Tennessee.

August 22, 1909 was a day that Albert Newhouse, inmate at the Poor Farm, would long remember. Supt. Karr brought him the news that he was heir of Oliver Newhouse, a farmer near Indianapolis, Indiana. The estate was worth over \$200,000.00. Newhouse, 30, had been a porter at the Hills House until he was afflicted with rheumatism and came to live at the farm. When asked what he would do with the money, he told Supt. Karr that he would pay the county back for the expense it had incurred for his care. [Article appeared in the Bulletin]

Ex-Sheriff George Johnson was in critical condition at the Poor Farm on September 28, 1914. He had been taken there two years previously after he suffered a prolonged illness and financial reverses.

August 23, 1915, Alexander Grady, 56, died at the Poor Farm. He had been born in Woodford County near Eureka. He spent the greatest portion of his life near Weston and Chenoa. He never married. He was survived by brother Robert Grady in a hospital at Bartonville; sisters Mrs. Mary Zenser, Washington, Illinois; Mrs. Joseph Figg, Hoopeston; nephew Grant Hornish, Washington. Grady was buried in Washington.

Although William Woodward died at the Poor Farm on February 19, 1916, his funeral at the Christian Church in Blooming Grove would be a grand event well attended by his many friends. Woodward had been born in Pennsylvania October 19, 1835. There he had a wife and children but they abandoned him after he became temporarily insane from an injury. Upon his recovery Woodward came to McLean Co. and worked for many years as janitor of Blooming Grove Church. When he suffered a stroke, \$164.00 was discovered sewn into his clothes. Woodward directed that the money be used for his funeral.

Carl Cordes, 50, an inmate at the Poor Farm, died of starvation in St. Joseph's Hospital April 22, 1918. He had come to the U. S. from Germany about 1913. He had no family or friends, hanging around the Bloomington Jail. He was incarcerated there late in 1917 and transferred to the Poor Farm in March 1918. He spoke German and was strongly disturbed that the Kaiser had lost the War. At the farm he refused to eat and literally starved himself to death.

July 6, 1928 Louis Godfry, 53, died at the Poor Farm after a short stay. His funeral was conducted by William Shelper of the Home Sweet Home Mission. Godfry had lived in Bloomington most of his life. He was a cigar maker and had worked at one time for Phil Strain.

From the Stevenson-Ives Archives McLean County Poor Farm Collection

## GENEALOGY HAPPENS

By Jack Keefe, MCGS member

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**I**t is only inconvenient to find gold if you really need to find something else. For example, when someone is mining for silver or diving for pearls, gold is just something that happens by accident. On the other hand, it can also be ten dollar bill the casual pedestrian finds in the gutter when no one else is around. In other words, a windfall.



Verry Street can be found at the east end of the village. It's one block long.

The following article is an illustration of such serendipitous fortune. It comes from the *Pantagraph* of February 1, 1907 (page 3). While making a few notes on a story in the adjacent column, the phrase "ancient bible" caught my eye. So—I knew if it wouldn't ring any bells for me, it could still be a symphony of information for someone else.

The headline: "Ancient Bible and Record." The story follows, as printed.

"The Armington correspondent of the Atlanta Argus tells of an old Bible owned by W. E. Verry, a citizen of that place. This book, in addition to being a book of ancient print, is a relic left to each generation of the Verry family. In the early settlement of the country, a family by the name LaVerry came from France and settled in Massachusetts. After coming to America, (the) French prefix La was dropped and the name Verry adopted. One of the provisions made by the early settlers in regards to the handing down of this heirloom was that in each generation of that name, the oldest son should be named William, and to him the book should descend. The book was printed in the year 1761 in London and we copy the family record of that generation giving birth and death record, as it will be of interest to some to see it in print.

James Verry, son of Joseph and Ruth, born February 16, 1730.

William Verry, born September 23, 1760.

Mary W. Verry, July 30, 1759.

Clarissa Verry, April 26, 1790.

Lettie Verry, January 29, 1793.

William Coddington Verry, May 30, 1795.

Charlotte Verry, March 22, 1789.

Hannah Wisewall Verry, December 24, 1800.

William A. Verry, January 17, 1819.

Sarah A. Farnsworth, July 16, 1832.

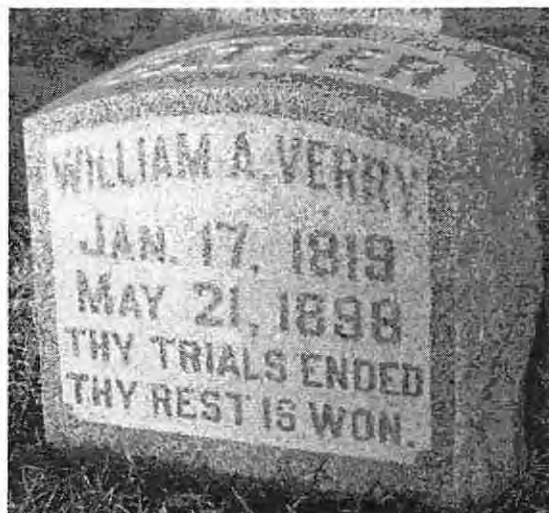
William E. Verry, February 10, 1844.

Mary B. Wood, October 12, 1848.

William L. Verry, March 28, 1880.

## Death Record

James Verry died April, 1880.  
Abigail Verry, March 1816.  
William Verry, May, 1819.  
Mary Verry, October, 1800.  
Hannah W. Verry, Nov. 1836.  
Lucinda H. Verry, 1831.  
Charlotte Verry Chase, 1819.  
Clarissa Verry Whipple, 1864.  
William Verry, March, 1877.  
Rosalind Verry, April 24, 1856.  
Sarah Verry, his wife, and the mother of  
the present heir to this book, died March  
22, 1898.



William A. Verry lies buried in the cemetery west of  
Armington, along with numerous relatives.

"William Augustus Verry, the father of W. E. and E. F. and George Verry, was raised near Jacksonville, Ill. When he reached man's estate he was married to Sarah Farnsworth in the year 1843. He came to Tazewell County, Hittle Township, and bought 40 acres of land near what is now the village of Armington. This was but the beginning of the accumulation of a fine estate. There were three sons and one daughter born to them, all of whom live at or near Armington, except George, who is a resident of Atlanta. William E., being the oldest of the boys, received the old Bible at his father's death. At his death, it will go to his son, William L. Verry, and so on until the book is worn out or the name becomes extinct, which may not be for many generations to come. Much more of interest might be written in regard to this book: of the consolation received from its sacred pages when the dark days came; how, in sorrow, it was a counselor and guide of the rejoicing at marriage or birth and sadness at death. But its pages to not reveal all this, and we can only surmise that the book has been a silent witness to all those things."

The Verry name is still alive around Armington. A street on the east end of the village bears the family name. There are

Verrys buried in the cemetery just west of town. But one has to wonder what became of the beloved family Bible, and the tradition of naming the first-born sons William?



Armington has lost its old high school, but not its  
pride in its student athletes, who now attend Olympia





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## Marriage Licenses Granted in S

No.	Gentlemen's Names	Ladies Names	Security, Parents or Guarantors Name	Place of Date of
21 <sup>st</sup> 1	John F. Ross	Melinda Osborne	James S. Dorey	1821
ly 7 2	Henry Lyster	Elizabeth Roach		July 7
11 3	James Glaff	Peggy Moore	Margt Moore	1821 Dec 22
21 4	Alexander H. Mitchell	Elizabeth Thompson		
12 <sup>th</sup> 12	William Sumner	Polly Moore	Randolph White	Sept 13
9 <sup>th</sup> 9	John Martinell	Parthena Bleeto		
14	John McQuaigne	Rosinah Vineyard	John Foley & J. R. Harris	
1 1	Patrick Markey	Polly Wallace		
" "	James Haley	Sarah Scroggins		Dec 2
29	Charles Whitley	Sarah Little	John A. Whitley	Jan 29
Jan 1	Lemuel Lee	Ethel Webber		
" 19	David Luster	Polly Nichols		1822 Jan 20
" 28	Delah F. Malwood	Charity Thomas	John Hall	
Feb 5	Augustus Rossmore	Dorothy Piesmann		
" 7	William Turnstall	Polly Patterson		1822 Feb 7
" 20	Henry Rotheloff	Elenore Domhof		" "
May 4	James Mack	Polly J. Deper		May
" 17	Samuel Horation	Jane Evans		" "
June 4	Charles Strick	Polly Haffner		1822 June
12	Thomas Inman	Polly Glaff	James Gallaway	" 12 Sept
Oct 4	Lambert Smith Barclay	Haney Ward	Mary Ward	Oct 4
" 26	John Martin	Matilda Duval	Mary Dickson	" Oct 27
16	Another Inman	Polly Ryle	James Gallaway	" "
31	John Frederick Herber	Joannah Christiana Greening		1822
1 <sup>st</sup> 1823	Rowland R. Holmes	Louisa J. Smorles		Jan
Feb 20	Benjamin Myers	Ruth Nut	Galtier	Feb 20
16	George L. Liddig	Sophia Piesmann		April
17	William Haley	Polly Smith	James Glaff	
24	Joseph Blair	Eliza Bathrick		1823 May
7	Charles Wakefield	Elizabeth Hall	Certificate	" June
24	Matthew N. Brown	Jane Bathrick		" "
25	John Watwaser	Ellenor Nichols	Certificate	" June
8	John W. C. Wergemann	Catherine Little		" July
26	Daniel Eagle	Polly Newell		" "



## WILLIAM TAYLOR FAMILY

1. Julia Ann TAYLOR b 1878 d 1951 m William WRIGHT
  2. Thomas B. TAYLOR b 1881 m Alice HILL
    - a. Dorothy TAYLOR
    - b. Harold TAYLOR
    - c. Oral TAYLOR
    - d. Edna TAYLOR
  3. Leroy Basel TAYLOR
  4. Lewis Clayton TAYLOR
- B. George Washington TAYLOR b 1858 Loudon Twp., Fay. Co., IL m 23 Jan 1879 Greenland, Fay. Co., IL Ellen FORTNER b 1858 Shelby Co., IL dau of John M. and Nancy M. BANNING FORTNER.
- C. Minerva TAYLOR b 1862 London Twp., m 29 Mar 1883 William SIMMONS b 1857 son of James and Jane MATHEWS SIMMONS.
- D. Martha TAYLOR
- E. Jane TAYLOR
- F. Nancy TAYLOR

AMERICAN YOUNG WOMEN  
YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

# Marriage Certificates entered

Date of	N.	Officer's Name	Kind of officer solemnizing marriage	Signature of the peace
1821	1	James Long	Justice of the peace	May 1. 1821
July 7	2	Henry Maker	Justice of the peace	
1821 Dec 2	3			
September 13	4	John A. Mathefeld	Commissioner	
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Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	9	John A. Mathefeld	Commissioner	
29	10	same	same	
	11			
1822 Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	12	John A. Mathefeld	Commissioner	
	13			
	14			
1822 Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	15	John Baugh	Justice of peace	By certificate
" " 20	16	do	do	do
" May 16	17	Lepie White	Clerk of the H. C. C.	do
" " 21	18	James Long	Preacher H. C. C.	do
1822 Aug 6	19	John Baugh	Justice of the peace	do
" 12 Oct	20	Henry Inman	same	do
" 16 Oct	21	Henry Maker	same	do
" Oct 28	22	John Baugh	Justice of the peace	do
	23			
	24			
1823 Jan 1	25	Thomas C. Brainerd	Justice Supreme Court	
Feb 20	26	James Galloway	Justice of peace	
April 16	27	same	same	do
	28			
1823 May 25	29	James Galloway	Justice of peace	do
" June 10	30	William Nichols	same	do
" 21	31	James Galloway	same	do
" June 29	32	John Deffen	same	do
" July 10	33	John Whitley	County Commissioner	do

1823	May 20	27	John Thomas	Margaret Hammon		1823
"	Oct 31		Nathaniel Hamilton	Elizabeth Wakefield	Bond	"
"	Nov 19		John Ellis	Margaret Walker	Leave of absence	1820
"	Dec 1		Andrew W. Wakefield	Patsy Corley	with permission to leave	1822
"	"	9	Bowling Jones	Elizabeth Thomason	certificate	"
1824	Feb 18		Spencer Nichols	Eliza W. Reed	do	"
"	Mar 1		Thos Cook	Sarah Leighton		1822
"	"	"	Isaiah Daniel	Elizabeth Price		"
"	"	6	Demmy Garbrough	Polly Smith	affidavit	"
"	Apr 9		Ethelred Garbrough	Nancy Puse		"
"	"	14	John Garbrough	Polly Egell		"
"	"	17	Charles B. Hoffman	Martha Chaffin	Bond	1822
"	June 7		Thomas Patterson	Elizabeth Phelps		"
"	July 10		Levi Dannel	Maria Bishop		"
"	Sept 2		Henry Sumner	Nancy Daniel		1822
"	Oct 27		Byrd A. Miles	Phoebe Bartow	of age	"
"	Dec 25		William Hall	Elizabeth Pugh	Thos Pugh	39
1825	Jan 21		John Jordan	Polly Eno		1822
"	"	16	John Thomason	Michael Egell		"
"	"	24	John Dickerson	Susan Hammon		"
"	Feb 16		Samuel Davidson	Samy Russell	certificate	"
"	March 21		Larkin Deok	Melinda Starks	Bond	1822
"	June 11		Daniel M. Kinney	Frances Ann Williams	of age	"
"	"	22	William Williamson	Mary Montgomery		"
"	Aug 19		Leahart O. Shrader	Mary Eno		1822
"	Sept 1		Anderson W. Petty	Nancy L. Milton	of age	"
"	"	2	Henry Watley	Elizabeth Michael	of age	"
"	"	26	Thomas Steel	Polly Lindley	certificate	"
"	Dec 30		Orion Corley	Elizabeth Lee	Bond	"
1826	Jan 28		George Smith	Linney Daniel		1822
"	Feb 2		Jonas Daniel	Polly Rice	Bond	"
"	"	11	Joseph Thomas	Lucy Perry	of age	"
"	"	13	David Hinton	Phoebe Lee	parental	"
"	"	21	Garrett Harris	Rebecca Lipsord	certificate	"
"	"	25	Henry Smith	Rebecca Chandler		"

1822.21. Aug 35	James Galloway J. P.	Certificate
" Nov. 30	Josh Wakefield J. P.	Do
1820. Nov. 30	James Galloway J. P.	Certificate
1823. 27 38	Henry Walker Justice of peace	
" 11. 39	John Depeu same	Certificate
41		
1824. Mar. 25	Levi Sewell preacher	Certi
" Mar. 11 43	John Whitley county Commr.	Certificate
" Apr. 11 45	John Whitley County Commr.	Certificate
" " 15 46	same	same
1824. Apr. 15 47	L. F. Matwood J. P.	Certificate
" June 1 48	John Whitley county Commr.	same
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1824. Apr. 2 49	John Whitley county Commr.	Certificate
" Dec. 27 51	same	same
50 Dec. 30	Jeha F. Matwood Justice of peace	same
1825. Jan. 2	Daniel Parker Minister	Certificate
1825. Mar. 26	William Hallen. Jus. peace	Certificate
1825. Aug. 19	James Jones Justice of the peace	Certificate
" Sep. 6	John Depeu Do	Do
" " 20	John Whitley County Commissioner	Do
" " 27	Levi Loran Justice of the peace	Do
1826. Jan. 29	John Whitley County Commissioner	

March	1	Isaac Leford	Lucener Harris	Certificate	
"	8	James Drayil	Milley Carson Jones	of age	
May	6	John Jordan	Louisa Hornock	same	
"	22	William Hooper	Bertha Crocker	certificate	1826
"	27	Edward Wollen	Nancy Stark		
		William B. Battell	Margaret Ellington	published	"
"	30	John Robinson	Piety Wakefield	certificate	"
"	31	Charles Prentice	Mary Kindz		"
June	15	Nathaniel D. Robinson	Evelina Wakefield	certificate	"
July	10	Benjamin H. Haley	Betsy Hoodge		
"	13	George Thompson	Serena <del>Thompson</del>		1826
"		Phlegmon Beck	Chaimy Lister	Advertised	"
Aug.	7	John Riley	Elizabeth Garbraugh	Father	
"	8	Jonathan Anderson	Nancy Carson	certificate	1826
Sept.	28	William Bone	Nancy Council Carr	of age	
"		Bennett Robinson	Sally Jordan	"	
"	24	Vincent Moore	Sally Jordan	certificate	
Oct.	26	John Berry	Oliver Milton		
Nov.	22	William Day	Parah <del>Est</del>	of age	1826
Dec.	18	Barton Daniel jr	Phoebe Howell		
"	22	Clarke Crocker	Annes Carpenter	widow	
1827 Jan.	14	James Lance	Mahala Miller	of age	
"	12	James Ammerman	Polly Ann Miller	do	1827
<del>1826 Dec.</del>	<del>17</del>	Jacob Spawr	Eliza Ann Trimmer	Published	1826
1827 Feb.	12	Moses McKinney	Elizabeth Ball	of age	
"	5	Jonathan B. Howard	Margaret Virdin	affidavit	1827
"	26	Archibald Harris	Patsy Ammerman	certificate	
March	7	John Smith	Rathsheber Boze	of age	1827
"	15	Henry Hinton	Betsy Sanders	Leave of father	
"	17	Elias Miller	Nancy Hughes	of age	
"	9	Parker Moore	Lucretia White	do	1827
"	14	Thomas Nichols	Melinda Ginger	certificate	"
"	23	John Knight	Anne Kindz	of age	"
May	2	Mrs D. Ewing	Caroline L. Perry	certificate	"
June	25	Edward H. Deppu	Priscilla McLean	certificate	"



1826 May	25	William Nichols	Justice of peace	Certificate
"	28	Jeha F. Matwood	Do	Do
"	19	William Bronsdorff	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
" April	27	Jacob J. Snafford	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 Bronsdorff	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

