

SPRINGFIELD'S SETTLERS

Compilation of Data as to Pioneer Inhabitants of City That Will Be of Interest to Springfield's Residents.

After years of labor and assiduous research, Mr. Zimri A. Enos of 434 North Second street, has completed a compilation of extensive data relative to the early settlers of Springfield. This matter will be of keen interest to the surviving "Snow Birds" and to their descendants. Nothing of the sort was ever before attempted in this city and the work of Mr. Enos has been solely a labor of love. Work on the compilation was begun years ago, during the lifetime of William H. Herndon and Judge James H. Matheny. These two and Mr. Enos frequently discussed the importance of such a work, but the matter was delayed from time to time without taking the necessary steps for its inception. Finally, on the death of Mr. Herndon, with the assistance of Mr. Wesley Elliott, the work was begun by Mr. Enos, and since that time much of his time has been thus occupied.

It is believed that these data are as nearly complete as is possible in a work covering such a vast amount of ground. Messrs., Enos and Elliott were both acquainted with probably every early settler of the territory embraced in their work. Both were possessed of faultless memories and after a systematic preparation of the list of early settlers, they found only a few names could be added by the surviving pioneers. Judge Matheny added two names to the list and a few were added by Mr. Isaac Hawley. It is hoped that the publication of this data will interest the descendants of these honored pioneers sufficiently to bring out additional information and to furnish such corrections in the information received as may be necessary to make the list complete and accurate in every detail.

This list deals with the inhabitants of that territory now embraced in the limits of the city of Springfield who came here from the first settlement in 1818 to the time of the deep snow, during the winter of 1830-'31. The Ellis and Kelly families were the first settlers, in this section, coming here during the winter of 1818-19. At first other settlers came in slowly, but before many years a community of some significance was established. About the time of the big snow new arrivals were numerous and as it was a difficult matter for Mr. Enos to determine from memory those who came before and immediately after this epoch-marking event, there is a possibility of the omission of a few names of settlers who belong to this chronology.

The appended table gives the date of arrival and names of each settler, a description of the land occupied by each as it was afterwards platted, the genealogy of each, together with other brief facts of interest in connection with the lives of these venerable pioneers.

(This article was abstracted from "THE JOURNAL. SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS. WEDNESDAY MORNING AUGUST 16, 1899.)

Date of coming & where from	Names of men and their wives, if married	Names of children and members of families before the big snow	Date of location or purchase	The location or purchase	Occupation & remarks
1821 - NY	ADAMS, James..... Harriet DENTON (Marr 1809)	Lovenia, Charlotte B. Laden B, Vienna M	Sept 24, 1824	Lot 1&2, Blk 9	Lawyer
1825 - KY	ADAMS, Truman ALVEY, William..... Madeline WATSON Marr Nov 6, '25	Melvin, Will, Simon B. and Eliza A.	Dec 20, 1823 Sept 20, 1825 June 15, 1827	Lot 1&2, Blk 9 -1/2 Of lots 3&4, Blk 3, Lot 4. Blk 11	atter
1827	ABRAMS, Lewis..... Mrs Sally JOHSON	Charles and James	Jan 11, 1827	Lots 3&4, Blk 7	Tavern Keeper
1829	ABRAMS, William G..... Jane KLEIN	Elizabeth, Kate	May 27, 1829	Lots 1,2,3, Blk 4	Horse trader & trainer

1827 - Ohio	ALLSBERRY, Brice.....		Mch 17, 1827	Lot 7, Blk 12	
1827	Rachel TUCKER				
	ALLENDER, Jacob J.....		Apr 25, 1827	Lot 7, Blk 12	
1827	Martha				
	ANDERSON, Mrs. Mary....		May 8, 1827	Lots 6&7, Blk 3	
1829	see STRAWBRIDGE				
	AMSTRONG, Hugh M.....				Hatter
	Lavina M. DRYER,				
	Marr Jun 4, ---				Hatter
	ARMSTRONG, Hesp G.....		Jun 2, 1829	Part Lot 8, Blk 10	
					Merchant, Edwardsville Madison Co.
	ATWATER, Joshua		Sept 30, 1826	Lot 3, Blk 1	
	Rebecca				
	ARNOLD, Robert.....	Howard and John	Jun 19, 1829	Lot 1, Blk 1-	
1827 - Ohio	Rebecca HOWARD				
	ALSBUry, Charles pr	Alexander, Anna & Levi			
	AYLESBURY.....				Farmer-1st Baptist sermon ever preached in Spfd, was delivered in his house
	Mrs Jane HUGGINS				
	ANDERSON, G.W.....				
	ALFORD- Surfel...				
	ADKINS, Isom.....				
	ADAMS, Jerry.....				
	Malinda TRUMBO				
1825	ADAMS, William.....				
	BALLARD, Chrs A.....	Mossman, Anthony, Louisa, Ezekiel	July 18, 1825	Lot 5, Blk 2	Watch maker
	Eleanor	Pileher, May 8, 1826, Margaret - Samuel C. MEREDITH May 27, 1829			
1824	BOYD, Charles.....	Nathan/el, Daniel	Feb 14, 1825	Lots 2,3,4 Blk 10-OTP	Tailor
	Eliza				
1825	BONESTEEL, Luke.....		Mch 23, 1826	Lot 6, Blk 4	
	Catherine		July 8, 1825	Lot 2, Blk 8	
1825	Berry, Garrison W.		Sept 20, 1825	S1/2 Lots 3&4, Blk 8	
	Nancy				
	BRITTON, Isaac.....		Aug 26, 1820	Part lot 1-, Blk10, Entered W1/2, SW 1/4	A merchant of the firm of Campbell & Britton, on lot 8, blk 6
1823/8?	BRIGHAM, Ebenezer.....		Nov 17, 1823	S 24, T 16 N, R 6 W, 3 PM	Brigham & Roll, Sangamo Town trader at Chicago & Green Bay Minister
1828	BERGEN, John G.....	Jane, Eliza, Catherine H., Amelia M.	Jan 9, 1829	Lots 3 & 4, Blk 14	
	Marg't M. HENDERSON	Thos. H. and George			
1826	BOGARDUS, John L....				Lawyer
	BUTLER, William				Merchant Clerk
	BARNES, Charles.....		Apr 12, 1830	Lots 5, 6 & 7, Blk 25	
	Elizabeth				
	BEAMAN, Andrew.....		Oct 30, 1828	Lot 7, Blk 2	
	BREEDER, William....		Feb 23, 1828	Lots 3 & 4, Blk 14	
	Mary				
1826	BELL, John D.....		Sept 1, 1827	Lot 5, Blk 21	
	Phebe Ann		Sept 6, 1826	Lots 5 & 6, Blk 22	
	BROWN, Jacob I.....		Sept 3, 1827	Lots 3 & 6, Blk 28	
	Ann				

1830	1830	BARTLETT, Ebehzer..... Rebecca BLANKENSHIP, Eli C..... BELL, James.....		Oct 25, 1830	Lot 4, Blk 31	Merchant Clerk Merchant-Firm of Bell & Tinsley Store on Lot 6, Blk 5
KY	1829	BAGBY, Robert.....	John, Patsey- Martin HINKLEY 1827, Elizabeth, Nancy BROWN, Valentine			Farmer-Baptist minister and brick maker, plasterer & brick mason
1827		BURNS, John BROOKER, Thomas				Brick mason & plasterer
		BRYANT, Larken	William, Mary, Sarah, James Dorothy Ann, Larkin Matilda Maria, Sam, George, Bill & Jim	Aug 1, 1826	6 A, pt W1/2, SE 1/4, S 27, T 16 N, R 5 W, 3 PM	Farmer
		BATS, Harvey -Bass				
		BAKER, William Betsy	Nettie- Ed Taylor, Elizabeth- Wood, Eliza, Polly-Jackson Drennen & James Henry C & Caroline M.			
1830		BEEVES, Philo Martha STILLMAN			NW corner Madison & 5th Street	Tailor
		BELL, Zephaniah				
1820		ALSBURY, Charles, Jr...	John, Elizabeth, Mary and Edward	Nov 2, 1826	Lot 6, Blk 23	Farmer, never lived in Springfield
Ohio		Mary Kay	Ray			
1823		COX, Thos..... Reba	Daniel, Flora		Entered SF 1/4, Sec 28 R.5, one of 4 props, of Spfd.	Surveyer and 1st Register of the Land office
		COX, Alexander.....		Mar 19, 1828	Lot 7, Blk 2, now Masons addition	Hatter
Eng		Theresay or Thirza QAPPS, Jabez.....	Charles E.	Jul 8 1825	Lot 2, Blk 14, O T P Lot 2, Blk 8	Shoemaker and grocer
		Rurdy Ann STAFFORD				
1830?		QAPPS, Ebenezer..		Jan 2, 1824	Lot 2, Blk 8	Grocery merchant- location of
		QAPPS, John...				
		QAPPS, Charles...				
		QAPPS, Mary....	Benjamin			
Nov 15, 1824		CARTWRIGHT, Peter..		Nov 29, 1826	Lot 5, Blk 13	Minister, never lived in Spfd.
182-		CARPENTER, William..	Catherine, Charles, Samuel, Elizabeth William & Margaret	Oct 27, 1828	Lot 1, Blk 7 & in May 6, 1825, Lot 1, Blk 10	Grocer - - Lot 1, Blk 7
1824		Margaret PEACE				
		CARTER, William B.....		Dec 6, 1830	S 1/2 Lots 3 & 4, Blk 3	Carpenter
1826		Mary A. PEAK				
		CORMACK, Jesse....		Aug 21, 1826	Lot 2, Blk 8	
		Eleanor ROBISON		Aug 14, 1826	Lot 1, Blk 14	
				Dec 5, 1827	Lot 4, Blk 13	
1821?		CORMACK, Rivera.	Sally,- Phillip FOWLER, Mary - Elias WEAVER		on the blk between Adams & Monroe and 1st & Spring.	Minister
		CONSTANT, Wm.....				Doctor
		Pheby, JOHNSON				
1822		COLLERMAN, Uriah..	John, Elizabeth, James and Mrs. Lightfoot			
		Eleanor MCKINNIE		Aug 17, 1825	Lot 1, Blk 3	Farmer, never lived in Spfd.
Nov 14, 1828?		COLLERMAN, Daniel...				
		CARVIGER, John R....		Jan 1, 1829?	Part Lot 9, Blk 1-	
1826?		CARMAN, Robert...		Mar 1, 1830	Lot 1, Blk 13	
		Sarah				

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1826	Cisena, James				
	Clemons, James		Mar. 1, 1830	Lot 1, Blk 13	Auctioneer & Merchant Clerk
	Collins, James		June 27, 1827	Lot 1, Blk 11	
1820	Constant, Thomas		June 8, 1828	Lots 4, 5 & 6 Blk. 27 & Lot 4, Blk 24	Farmer, Fancy Creek Township, never lived in Springfield.
	Chilton, Thomas Priscilla		March 4, 1827	Lots 1 & 2, Blk 28	Farmer
1830	Calhoun, John				School Teacher and Surveyor
Dec 1830	Canedy, P. C.			On Lot 8, Blk 8	Druggist - store on Lot 8, Blk 8
1825	Cromwell, Nathan				Merchant - store on Lot 8, Blk 6
	Campbell, James Britton, Maria M.	James, Richard D., Mary J.	Aug. 26, 1830	Part Lot 1, Blk 10	Merchant - firm of Campbell & Britton, store on Lot 8, Blk 6
Before 1830	Camp, Virginia				
About 1828	Crocket, Cartmel				Wool Carder
March 1825	Cantrill, William Curyea Conger				Merchant Clerk

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March 1825	Cannon, Robert , Sarah		April 19, 1829	Part Lot 8, Blk 10	Wheelwright
1830	Crockwell,	Mary, Charles, John, Catherine		S 1/2 Lots 3 & 4, Blk 3	Baker
	Cole,			Lot 1, Blk 3	
1828	Dixon, John , Rebecca		Nov 27, 1828	On Lot 7, Blk 5, & Lot 8, Blk 1	Established a ferry at Rock River and laid out the town of Dixon.
1825	Dryer, John Stevens, Cynthia	Lavina, Maria, Almira and Jane	June 5, 1827	S 7-61, 100 acres of out lot between 5 & 6 ? in NW 1/4, sec. 34	Wagon maker- First nursery man in the county and a wool carder
	DeCamp, John Orr, Melinda				Brick Maker
1828	Darling, Ephram , Jane	Elizabeth and Mary	Sept 21, 1829	Lot 2, Blk 14. Occupied in 1829	Doctor
1830	Dickey, John , Nancy	Martha A. - Wm Craig; Mary J - Enos Hinkle; Eliza T - Luther DeVore; Rebecca D - Wm Sands; William A. and Margaret N - Dudley Wickersham	June 17, 1830	N 1/2 Lots 3 & 4, Blk 3	Baker
	Danley, John , Jane		Jan 24, 1826	Lot 6, Blk 11 and sold to James Cisna, Oct 26, 1830	

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	Davis, Levi				
1830	Davis, Richard Neal, Elizabeth	George L.			
	Dillman, Michael Margaret	Elizabeth, Mary, Johnson Julia	Dec 6, 1827 Sept 6, 1828	Lot 7, Blk 27 Lot 8, Blk 27	Carpenter
About 1826	Dagget, Dick Duran	Williamson			
1821	Durley				
	Danley, John		Jan 24, 1826	Lot 6, Blk 11	
1819	Elliott, Andrew Kelly, Zlipha	Elizabeth M., Sarah M., John Wesley, Thomas W., Andrew II	June 10, 1825 Nov 7, 1823	Lot 1, Blk 7 Entire NE 1/4 Sec. 29, 16.3 his farm house was near corner of Rutledge St. and N. Grand Ave.	Tavern Keeper and Farmer
1818 S. C.	Ellis, Levi D. Bradford, Chynthia	William, Daniel, Jacob (born July 11, 1818), Fielding, Joseph			Carpenter and cabinet maker. Built a mill on Spring Creek. Moved to Fulton County.
1819 S. C.	Ellis, Jacob	Built a horse mill, cotton gin and blacksmith shop half mile west of Levi Ellis			
	Ellis, Thomas O. Mary L.		March 11, 1830	Lot 4, Blk 19	

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1819 S. C.	Ellis, Abner Y.		Oct 5, 1830	Part Lot 3, Blk 22	Merchant Clerk
	Epperson, Thomas				
1821	Elkin, Garret Constant, Mary April 20, 1823	Mary A. - May 10, 1825; Adaline C. - Sept. 28. 1827; Eliza Robison		Lots 1, 2, 6 & 8, Blk 22	Doctor
1823	Enos, Pascal P. Paddock, Salome	Pascal P., Zimri A., Martha M. And Susan P. (Nancy Dobbins), Sarah Maltby, Elizabeth Hall	Feb. 6, 1824	Entered the NW 1/4 Sec. 24, 16, one of 4 Prop. Spfld. Lots 7 & 9, Blk 5	Lawer and first Reciever of Land Office
	Ensaw, Ephan Harriet			Newsomville	
	Ewing, Wm. Lee D.		June 2, 1829	Lot 8, Blk 31	Non resident
	Eckler, Robert Kloen				Blacksmith
	Fowler, Philip Cormack, Sally	Enos, Salome	1827 or 1828	Lot 3, Blk 9	Carpenter
1827	Fleeharty, G. L. Harman, Margaret		July 26, 1827	Lot 2, Blk 21, Lots 5 & 6, Blk 24	Cabinet Maker
	Fleeharty, S. W. Charlotte		July 4, 1827	March 8, 1827, Lots 5 & 6, Blk 24 Lot 2, Blk 21	

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Ferries and Mills: Petitions and License
Board of Supervisors Proceedings: Commissioner's Court
Sangamon County, Illinois

State of Illinois) Commissioners Court
Sangamon County) March Term 1830

Ordered by the Court that Michael Mann, Henry Demint and Samuel Wilson be authorized to keep a Ferry across the Sangamon River at the place called Chapman's Ford, on the payment of Two dollars Last and that they be allowed the following rates (towit)

For each man & horse	12 1/2
For each footman	06 1/4
For a single horse	06 1/4
For every head of meat cattle	03
For every head of sheep	02
For a road wagon & team	50
For a two horse wagon or Pleasure Carriage	25

When the river overflowing it banks and before Sunrise and after sun set, double these rates.

A true copy from the record

Attest Charles R. Matheny, Clerk

(Notice of Application To Build a Mill)

Henry Lucas Sir take notice that I shall apply to the next county commissioners Court for Sangamon county for an order to build a mill on the East half of the SW quarter of Section 32 in Town 15N, Range 5W when you may attend and make your objection if any you have.

Sept. the 4th 1827

Yours Respectfully, Jepheth A. Ball

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1827	Fleming, Samuel		July 8, 1830	Lot 3, Blk 22	Tailor
1822 - 1823	Fagan, William	Elizabeth, John & George		Lot 10 in John Taylor's West Addition	Farmer
	Fruit, Penian				
1829	Farquar, George Crammer, Ann				Lawyer
	Freeman, Wm. R. Mary		Sept. 5, 1830	W 1/2 SW 1/4 S 26, 16, 5	
	Dickerson, Phillip				Plasterer
	Dunham, Charles				Carpenter
	Dowdell,				
	Dew, John				School teacher 1826
	Goodan, Levi W. Crouch, Garner	William & David	1828 or earlier	Lot 5, Blk 9	Carpenter
1826	Graham, Nathaniel	Nancy, William, Sarah, Mary & Joshua			Farmer - moved to Rochester township in 1827
	Harbor, Sarah				
1826	Gatton, Carton R.		Nov 20, 1826	Part of Lot 8, Blk 4	Merchant - of firm of Gatton & Sons, store on SE corner of Lot 8, Blk 6

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1826	Glascock		Aug 28, 1830	Part of Lot 2, Blk 14	
Mar. 10 1830	Gains, Syble (Negress)		March 10, 1830	Lot 1, Blk 31	
1830	Gray, James R. Helm, Margaret R.	Agnes & John		Blk 2, Edwards'	Doctor
	Gillis, James				
	Gillock, Greenburg				Blacksmith
	Greenwood, Buzzel				
	Glover, Harlem				
	Garrett, Joseph				Plasterer
	Lynn				Merchant
1829 KY	Grimsley, Wm. P.	Emily J., Louisa A., Elizabeth J., Harrison & Mary & Winslow P. brothers & sisters		SW Cor. Lot 5 Blk 8	Merchant - Store on the NE corner of Lot 1, Blk 7
	Morris				
1821 NY	Hamilton, Wm. H.		June 11, 1828	Lot 8, Blk 14	Blacksmith
	Robinson, Jane Jan 16, 1828		Nov 22, 1827	Lot 4, Blk 27.	

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1827	Humphreys, A R V , Nancy		Sept 26, 1826	Lot 5, Blk 15	Blacksmith
	Hooper, John , Sarah	John & Johnathan	June 29, 1828	Lot 1, Blk 11 & Jan 8, 1828 Lots 4 & 5 Blk 31	
1825	Herndon, Archer G. Day, Rebecca	Wm. H., Elliott B., Archer G. and Nathaniel F.	April 28, 1825	Lots 1, 2 & 3, Blk 4	Merchant - Store on SW corner of Lot 7, Blk 3
1826	Hinman, Nelson , Rosannah		March 8, 1826	Lots 5 & 6, Blk 9	Laborer
1826	Henry, James D.		Aug. 14, 1829	Part Lot 8, Blk 6	Merchant and Sheriff - Firm of Henry A. Foster. Store SE corner Lot 8, Blk 6
	Hillard, Zacharia		May 19, 1827	Lot 7, Blk 2	
	Hillard, Jonathan Aug. 7, 1827		Aug. 7, 1827	Lot 7, Blk 2	
	House, Isaac S.		April 3, 1830	Lot 6, Blk 10	Minister and Tailor
	Haley, James M.		May 29, 1830	Lot 2, Blk 31	
	Harper, John		June 29, 1826	Lot 1, Blk 11 and June 4, 1829 Lots 4 & 5, Blk 31.	Baptist Minister
	Hoard, Wm.				Watch maker
	Hoard, John				

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1820	Hook, James		July 20, 1829	Lot in Newsomville	
1830	Hackett, John		Sept 24, 1830	Lot in Newsomville	
	Hooper, Henry				
	Hooper,				
Oct 1830 KY	Hutchinson, Thomas Philip, Catherine	Ann, Lucy, Jackson, Henrietta, Harriett, Elizabeth, William, Mary & Catherine	Nov 9, 1830	North 55 acres NE 1/4, S27, T16, N R5 W 3d PM	
	Houghan, Thomas				
1829	Hazlett, Robert Daigh, Rebecca	Wm. P., John A., Eliza F., Elizabeth A. & Charles F.			
	Hedrick				
	Holt, John				
	Huttonhow, John	James or Bill			
	Hoffman, Herman S.		Oct 22, 1830	Lots 5&6 Blk 9	Druggist, St. Louis
	Herndon, Wm.	James, Margaret, Felix, Row & Judy			
	Herndon, Felix				
	Herndon, Row				
	Harlow	Elizabeth - Glover, Thomas			

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1823 Mass	How, Elbridge Jerry				Presbyterian minister and school teacher of summer of 1826
1821 KY	Iles, Elijah Benjamin, Melinda April 11, 1824	Louisa and Ira Thomas Clarissa and Benjamin	1821	Entered SW 1/2 S27, 16, 3; one of the 4 Prop. Of Spfgld. Lot 3 & 4, blk 8	Merchant, store nw corner lot 4, blk 8
1823 KY	Iles, Washington Foster, Ann	Martha H., Mary E., Cordelia M. And Melinda A.	Nov. 13, 1826	Lots 4, 5 & 6, Blk 20	
	Isles, Wm. Inman	John	1825	Lot 2 & 3, blk 15, 4 lots, 7 & 8, blk 16, lots 2 & 6, blk 19	Residence Kentucky
	Insley, Jos.				
1820 NY	Jayne, Gersham Slater, Sibyl Dec. 21, 1822	Julia M. & William	Jan. 21, 1824	Lots 5 & 6, blk 5	Doctor
Fall of 1826 Ohio	Jeffries, Elias Johnstone, Rachael	George F. & Nivem A.	Feb. 10, 1827	Lot 1, blk 10 & Dec. 1, 1828, lot 2, blk 31	Carpenter
	Jeffries, George		Sept. 17, 1828	Part lot 8, blk 10	
	Johnson, Mrs. Sallie	Phebe - Wm. Constant, Nancy Pinkney, Benjamin			Tavern keeper on lots 3 & 4, blk 7

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	Johnson, Benjamin Johnson, Pickney		June 12, 1827	Lots 3 & 4, blk 7	Grocer on lot 8, blk 6
	Jones, Edward		Oct. 12, 1830	Lot 5, 6 & 7 blk 25	Lawyer
Before 1828	Jackson, Thomas				Plasterer
	Jarvis, Fels				
	Johnson, Henry				
1819 N. C.	Kelley, John Whitesides, Mary	Johnathan: Sarah - Ewell Rigg, Elizabeth - Henry Robertson, William R., Mary M.		NW corner of Jefferson & Klein Sts.	Farmer
1819 N. C.	Kelley, William Cook, Dicy Ann	Zlipha H. - Andrew Elliott; Jane - Jacob Cooper; Alta - Wm. McKinnie		Settled on W 1/2, NW 1/4, Sec. 27, 16, 5, near the NW Cor. 2d & Pine Sts.	Farmer
1819 N. C.	Kelley, Elisha Sims, Nancy				Hunter and farmer
	Kirkpatrick, Jas. L. Feriby		May 12, 1825	Lot 4, blk. 3 & Apr. 18, 1826, Lot 7, blk. 2	
	Kirkpatrick, John Mary Ann		Oct. 28, 1825	Lot 2, blk. 14.	Minister

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1829	Klein, Joseph Elizabeth	John, Margaret, Charles, Julia and William	Feb. 18, 1829	Lots 4 & 5, blk 4	Speculator and money lender
	Kendall, William Susanna		Nov. 8, 1826	Lots 7 & 8, blk. 13	
	Kendall, Henry		June 27, 1829	Lot 7, blk. 13	
	Kendall, Eliza A.		June 22, 1829	Lot 8, blk. 13	
	McKinney, Richard		May 24, 1830	Part lot 8, blk. 6	Merchant -- store S.E. corner lot 8 block 6
1830 Eng.	Keyes, Humphrey Hanley, Sarah	Gersham - born Feb. 16, 1804	Nov. 14, 1830	Lot 8, blk. 11	
	Kern, John Ballard				
	King, Preston				
	King, Benchley				
	Samuel				
1819 KY	Lindsay, John Lantermann, Sophia	Rebecca - Andrew Orr; David H.; George G.; Amanda I. - John Morgan; John P.; Abraham L.		S part E 1/2, SW 1/4, S 33, T 16 N, R 5 W 3d. P.M.	Farmer & Justice of the Peace
1819 1826	Lantermann, Ab. White, Martha	Elizabeth F. - Hiram Westlake; Alleta M.		N part E 1/2 SW 1/4 S 33. T 16 N, R 5 W 3d P. M.	Farmer

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1827	Latham, Phillip C. Taben, Catherine R.				Deputy County Clerk & Merchant Clerk
1826	Lain, John				
1830	Lavelly, William				Merchant Clerk
1830	Lightfoot, Henry Jones, Mary T.	John, Goodrich, Dolly, Margaret, Robert S., Elizabeth M. & Phillip II			
	Latham, James		Nov. 15, 1826	Lot 8, blk. 11	Elkhart, never moved to Springfield
	Lasley, John				Laborer - lived with P. P. Enos
1824 KY	Laswell, Andrew Wright, Nancy	Polly - John Crowder; Thomas; Moses; Peter; Sally; Ellen - Martin McCoy; & John & Elizabeth		NE 1/4 S 23, T 16 N, R 5 W 3d P.M.	
	Lemmon, J.				
1821	Matheny, Charles R. Ogle, Jamima	Mary - Robert Thompson; Matilda - Gershom Keys; Lucy - P. Asbury Sargeant; Lorenzo; Dow; Noah W.; James W.; Charles W. A.; Elizabeth	June 13, 1825 March 28, 1826	Lots 3,4,5,6 & parts lots 2 & 7, blk. 17. Lots 1 & 8 & pts. Of 2 & 7, Blk. 17	Minister, lawyer & clerk of all the courts and recorder
1824	Mitchel, Edward	Elijah, Cook & Maria C.		Residence north side of Mason street, at intersection of 8th	Merchant & Postmaster

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16 May 1895

Last Friday [10 May 1895], as Jacob Lowdermilk, an old and much respected resident of the southwest part of this township, was on his way to Virden, with a load of corn, in crossing the bridge over Sugar creek, near his home, the bridge broke down, just as the fore part of the wagon crossed, throw'g the unfortunate man into the chasm, the lead falling upon him. He was taken out dead. He was about 77 years of age. The funeral took place at the home; Sunday, at 2, Elds. Kitzmiller, of Girard, and Titterton, of Virden, officiating. The burial was at the cemetery near the Shanklin place. "Uncle Jake" was a longtime member and a faithful one, of the Baptist church. The wife survives and a number of grown children.

Gen	No	Name	Born	Where	Married/Where	Died	Place
4	14	Curry, Robert Whitten	27 Jun 1856	Sangamon Co., IL		26 Nov 1915	Sangamon Co., IL
4	15	Mann, Bettie June	17 Jun 1867	Sangamon Co., IL		16 Feb 1911	Sangamon Co., IL
5	28	Curry, Robert Jackson	9 Nov 1818	VA?		23 Feb 1874	Sangamon Co., IL
5	29	Bracken, Mary	Bef. 1829			24 Jan 1869	Sangamon Co., IL
5	30	Mann, Uriah	17 Sep 1810	Bracken Co., KY		20 May 1894	Sangamon Co., IL
5	31	Brimbarger, Eleanor	8 Sep 1839	Gallatin Co., KY		27 Nov 1895	Sangamon Co., IL
6	56	Curry, James	ca. 1799	Augusta Co., VA		Bef. 1860	Sangamon Co., IL
6	57	Curry, Elizabeth	31 Mar 1801	Augusta Co., VA		11 Jan 1872	Sangamon Co., IL
6	58	Bracken	ca. 1805	VA			
6	60	Mann, Peter	1783	VA		1833	Bracken Co., KY
6	61	Gaitrell, Elizabeth	Bef. 1800				
6	62	Brimbarger, John	Bef. 1829				Gallatin Co., KY
6	63	Willis, Nancy	Bef. 1829				Gallatin Co., KY

Gen	No	Name	Born	Where	Married/Where	Died	Place
5	25	Donner, Sarah	13 Apr 1813			Sep 1849	
5	26	Overly, Adam "Pap"	1825			20 Feb 1897	
5	27	Boyd, Mary				1858	
5	28	Smith, William R. "W.R."	3 Mar 1817			20 Feb 1910	
5	29	Sanders, Margaret Jane	18 Oct 1820			13 Aug 1888	
5	30	Allsman, Andrew	6 Mar 1827			Abt 1873	
5	31	Myers, Nancy	30 Dec 1826			3 Sep 1863	

Ancestor Chart of Whitten Seaver Humphreys, 1889 Tremont Road, Columbus, OH 43212

Gen	No	Name	Born	Where	Married/Where	Died	Place
1	1	Humphreys, Whitten Seaver	30 May 1936	Chicago, IL			
		Buckmaster, Nancy Jane					
2	2	Humphreys, Stark Newell	11 Jun 1914	Chicago, IL			
2	3	Kohl Carpenter, Anna June	6 Oct 1914	Sangamon Co., IL			
3	4	Humphreys, Harry Paul	30 Sep 1885	Sheffield, IL		23 Mar 1966	Chicago, IL
3	5	Stark, Grace Florence	2 Dec 1887	York Twp., Carroll, IL		aft. 1969	
3	6	Kohl, John Frederick	6 Feb 1887	Sangamon Co., IL		27 Jun 1930	Sangamon Co., IL
3	7	Curry, Edna Olive	16 Mar 1889	Sangamon Co., IL		27 Jun 1965	Naperville, IL
4	8	Humphreys, David Franklin					
4	9	Seaver, Nellie Jennie					
4	10	Stark, William					
4	11	Greeley, Ella					
4	12	Kohl, Godfrey	ca. 1862	Germany		Aft. 1888	IL
4	13	Grehn (?), Anna	ca. 1864	IL		Aft. 1888	IL

16 May 1895 Continued

Married: John
Williamson of Auburn to
Minnie Vagen of
Waverly. [11 May
1895]



Married: F. Nelson
Williamson to Orla Huff,
both of Auburn. [11
May 1895]

Married: George H.
Harris to Maggie Brash
both of Loami. [7 May
1895]

23 May 1895

Died: Uriah Mann, early
settler of Sang. Co.
(1831) near Camp
Butler age 85. [20 May
1895]

Died: Mrs. Malinda
Welch of Auburn, wife
of J. B. Welch. [16 May
1895]

30 May 1895

Died: Postmaster
George W. Sword of
Chatham. [27 May
1895]

Died: Polly (Snodgrass)
Rape widow of Henry
Rape, mother of James
H. Rape, in Taylorville,
age 82. [17 May 1895]

Died: Emily (Hardin)
Viriden, daughter of
John B. Hardin, widow
of John L. Viriden, who
for many years kept a
public house on the old
Springfield & St. Louis
stage road, just
southwest of where
Viriden stands, and for
whom that town was
called. Emily died in
Bloomington on 25 May
1895 at the age of 83.

6 June 1895

Married: Winnie Sabine
of Chatham to Charles
L. McKee of New City.

The good people
of Chatham were very
agreeably surprised by
the announcement that
a new school building is
to be erected shortly in

our town. It will be
fashioned after latest
models. On one corner
stone will be cut the
names of the present
directors - Miss M. L.
VanDeren, J. T. Lewis
and C. E. Lewis. On the
east side of the building,
above the arched
entrance, will be
inscribed, "Caldwell
School". A bronze bell
of 1,800 pounds will be
suspended in the tower,
the tones of which will
be heard for many
miles. The house will
be built to
accommodate 300
pupils.

Died: Simon K. Sallade,
of old age and chronic
diseases. [2 June 1895]

Died: John P.
Williamson, husband of
Melissa (Hayes)
Williamson, father of 12
children, age 77. [11
June 1895]

Born 14 June 1895 to
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
Murphy, a son.

Died: Mrs. Mary
Greening, wife of David
Greening. [20 June
1895]

Married: Andrew Ward Goodpasture to Claudia Williamson [20 June 1895]

4 July 1895

For the celebration at Pawnee, July 4th, 1895, the Pawnee RR will sell tickets at one and one-third fare for the round trip, tickets good to return until July 5th.

Died: Mrs. Gray, mother of Dr. G. C. Gray of Glenarm [26 June 1895] age 78. She was buried in the Cumberland Sugar Creek Cemetery.

Died: Samuel L. Bearden of Auburn Twp. [27 June 1895] age 68. He was buried in the Cumberland Sugar Creek Cemetery.

Died: James Greening of Loami [27 June 1895]. He was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Died: Mrs. Samuel (Staley) Davidson Jr. of near Glenarm [7 July 1895].

July 9 From Pawnee:
The Glorious Fourth was ushered in

at Pawnee in the usual manner - by the booming of a cannon (I mean fire crackers). While there was no oratory or band-playing, each one seemed to feel the importance of celebrating the day and of keeping fresh in the memory the immortal words of John Adams, "Independence, now



and Independence Forever." The ballroom consession and parachute drop were perfect successes, taking place about 3 o'clock. In the pony race (unbranded), Weber & Galyen, livery men, took the prize. The branded pony race was won by Wm. Baker, who lives east of this place (formerly of [Auburn]). Dan Landrey won the mule race. The wheelbarrow race was won by Wm. Smock.

A trapeze performance by a lady and gentleman, took place in the park, late in the evening. Lewis Gourly, a boy of 14, climbed the greased pole, winning a pair of shoes - each containing \$1 - that hung on the top of the pole. The fireworks were the best ever seen at this place, which held and entertained 3,000 people until 10p.m. many were noticed from your place: Capt. Jno. Nash, whom I had not before met for 25 years. Mrs. Cora Stockman (and daughter) were here meeting many of her pupils of 18 or 19 years ago, of the Beaver Dam School, 3 miles south of Pawnee.

Died: Felix McManus of Chatham [3 July 1895] age 65. He was buried in Springfield's Calvary Cemetery.

Chatham

Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. F. McManus July 3rd, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Filver, July 5th, a girl.

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Newspaper Abstracts
from the
Auburn Citizen

Gen	No	Name	Born	Where	Married/Where	Died	Place
5	27	Libbitts, Sarah					
5	28	Duncan, Francis M.					
5	29	Yoakum, Martha J.					
5	30	Stevenson, James M.					
5	31	Loving, Martha A.					

18 July 1895

Died: James E. D. Husband of Auburn [13 July 1895] age 72. He was buried in the Cumberland Sugar Creek Cemetery.

25 July 1895

The Auburn Cemetery Association have had a beautiful ornamental iron fence built across the front of the cemetery grounds. Cost, including the putting up, about \$400.

8 August 1895

Died: Mrs. Elizabeth Molohon widow of Chas. Molohon [3 August 1895]. She was buried in St. Bernard's Catholic Cemetery, Glenarm, Illinois.

Died: Emory Hines of Auburn [33 August 1895] age 21. Emory was buried in the Cumberland Sugar Creek Cemetery.

15 August 1895

John W. Dodd was married to Lizzie Hayes (both of Loami) 7 August 1895.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Price August 10, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Short August 10, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Squires of Auburn [22 August 1895], a girl of 10 lbs.

12 September 1895

Died: Mrs. Elizabeth A. Burtle, wife of William Burtle, of Springfield [7 September 1895] age 70. She was buried in Auburn Cemetery.

Died: Frank Woolsey of Springfield [19 September 1895] age 22.

Died: Isaac J. Taylor of near Williamsville, former Vice President of the Sangamon County Old Settlers Society [14 September 1895].

Born Sept. 16th [1895] to Mr. & Mrs. Jesse W. Dodd, a son far above the regulation weight.

Born Sept. 29 [1895] to Mr. & Mrs. P. M. Wells of Divernon, a son.

Born Oct. 16 [1895] a lovely daughter Miss Helen to Mr. & Mrs. Samuel S. McElvain. Uncle Milt and cousin Bert doing as well as expected.

Born Nov. 13 [1895] to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Medd [of Auburn], a son.

Born Nov. 21 [1895] to Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. Kessler [of Auburn], a son.

Born Nov. 23 [1895] to Mr. & Mrs. L[evi]. D[odd]. Goodpasture [of Auburn], a daughter.

Born Nov. 24 [1895] to Mr. & Mrs. William Albert [of Auburn], a daughter.

Born Nov. 26 [1895] to Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Williamson [of Auburn], a son.

Died: Sept. 7, 1895 Mrs. Elizabeth A. (White) Burtle, Simpson. Wid. of Mr. Simpson, mother of Jerome Simpson, wid. of William Burtle, mother of Ida and Charles E. Burtle buried in Auburn Cem.

Died: Sept. 15, 1895 Jay Calvin Cloyd in Curran Twp. age 74.

Died: Sept. 28, 1895 Eugene Price of Loami, 18 year old son of Mrs. Sarah Price buried Sulphur Springs Cem. Loami.

Died: Oct. 9, 1895 Mrs. Ellen M. (Landon) Pogue, 28 year old wife of John R. Pogue of Auburn.

Died: Oct. 11, 1895 Mrs. E. M. Sanborn of Loami age 80.

Died: Oct. 13, 1895 Julia E. (Spier) Richardson at Marine, IL age 49 wife of Louis A. Richardson buried in Marine, IL.

Died: Oct. 17, 1895 Infant child of Mr. & Mrs. F. Butler of Pawnee buried Oak Ridge Cem., Springfield.

Died: Oct. 27, 1895 Thomas Correll of Dawson age 88.

Died: Oct. 31, 1895 Paul Huffmaster age 42 of Loami.

Died: Nov. 24, 1895 Gen. Isaac B. Curran of Springfield age 76. Old time jeweler worked in Charles Tatterton's shop. Member of Ives & Curran Jewelry Shop. Buried in Alton.

Died: Nov. 21, 1895 Jacob Kessler age 76 father of Wm. W., Barnett, Benjamin C., Charles S., Lena Barbee, Bettie McGlothlin and Mary Davenport, buried in Auburn Cem.

Married: Sept. 25, 1895 Charles E. Tilley to Lena Nichols, both of Pawnee.

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recipe from someone with whom she worked at a bake sale?

Still another location in the paper not to miss is the business section. This part of the paper not only provides you with a shopping list of items available in the area, but it also lists the owners of the businesses. Many times new businesses even provided an interior photo to promote their new establishment. Every so many years, during the early 1870's and 1880's the Auburn Citizen ran a listing of all the businesses built in the past year and included a biography of the business owner. Maybe Uncle Philip Faust owned the local butcher shop. This could be very useful information to a descendant doing research on that family. (By the way, the store stayed in business until 1977.)

If there was no local newspaper for your particular area, try a nearby town's paper to see if someone submitted a column on a semi regular basis. Sometimes the area that you think is a name for a town is actually a school district. A couple of examples for the Auburn newspaper are: Pull Haul, West Grove and Cherry Grove.

Some clues to the lives of these people may help you build bridges and break down brick walls. Other clues may add more people to your family. Whatever you decide to do with your time in the microfilm area make sure you take your time reading through the old time newspapers and you might just learn something very interesting!

Newspaper Abstracts
from the
Auburn Citizen
New Business Venture
Oct. 3, 1895
New undertaking
rooms at G. W. Tarr's
Livery Barn. All calls
promptly attended to &
satisfactory work in all
cases. J. F.
Dodds

Married: Manuel
Peterson of
Auburn to Abbie
Bullard of Virden
[3 December 1895].

Died: Charles L. Camp
in Springfield, native of
Utica, NY [8 December
1895] age 78.

Died: George Wineman
brother of the late
Phillip Wineman Sr. in
Mason City, IA [11
December 1895] age
89

Died: Stephen
Workman of Loami
[15 December 1895]

age 43, leaves a wife
and eight children

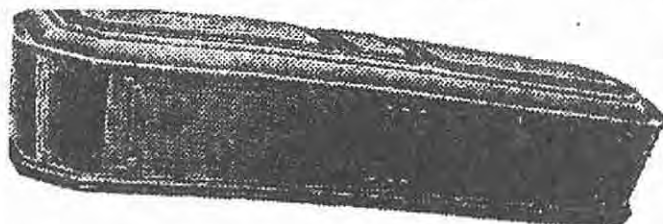
Married: Ed Divilbiss to
Fannie Shipley both of
Chatham [18
December 1895]

Married: Mack L. Alley
to Myrtle Knowels both
of Madera, CA [25
December 1895]

Married: Samuel
Harbour of Chatham to
Ancy Bell Holloway of
Loami [8 January
1896]

Born to Mr. &
Mrs. J. P. Stout, a
daughter
[16 January 1896]

Died: Samuel
Smith of Walnut Grove
[16 January 1896]
buried in Virden
Cemetery
age 33



Died: Mrs. Eliza Ayers widow of David B. and mother of M. P and A. E. both bankers of Jacksonville [16 January 1896] in Jacksonville age 92

Died: Clara (Drennan) Rice wife of Ezekiel C. Rice dau. of Mr. & Mrs. James W. Drennan of Auburn [18 January 1896] aged almost 26

Died: James Vancil killed by a fall of coal in the Sugar Creek Coal Mine north of Auburn, [20 January 1896] leaves a wife and eight children

Died: William Bobbin of Springfield fell from a coal shaft tower [22 January 1896] age about 30

Died: George L. Drennan of Pawnee [23 January 1896] age 53

Died: Helen Johnson of Manistee, MI [25 January 1896] age 14 years and 4 months

Died: Thomas Werter Higgins of Auburn [29 January 1896] age 77

Married: Joseph Crawford to Anna Case both of Divernon [5 February 1896]

Married: Wm. R. Jefferies to Emma Hermon both of Chatham [5 February 1896]



Married: Estelle E. Adair to Rev. Milton G. E. Bennett both of Mt. Air, IA [5 February 1896]

Married: John L. Lemons of Greenridge, Macoupin County, IL to Mary E. Jeffrey of

Chatham [7 February 1896]

Married: Joseph B. Matterson to Alta McCoy both of Auburn [19 February 1896]

Married: Daniel H. Garvey to Lora E. Taylor both of Auburn [26 February 1896]

Died: Mrs. Ann Jenkins of Auburn [28 February 1896] buried in Auburn Cemetery

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Bert E. Poley, Springfield, a son. [29 February 1896]

Married: Frank G. Jonah of Edwardsville to Olivia S. Richardson of Marine [4 March 1895]

Died: Y. M. Hudson, an old settler of this county [Sangamon], Tuesday at his residence west of town [Loami] aged 77 years [4 March 1895].

Died: Jacob Birzele of Girard [4 March 1895] age 70

Married: J. W. Nipper to Alice Joy both of Loami they had 100 guests [5 March 1895]

COAL REPORT - December 31, 1925
Fourth District - Logan, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon, and Scott Counties
Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals

The following is a list of mines where a fatality or injury occurred.

MINE	P.O. ADDRESS & COUNTY
Brewerton Coal Co. No. 1.....	Springfield, Sangamon
Brewerton Coal Co. No. 2.....	Lincoln, Logan
Buckley Coal Co. "B".....	Springfield, Sangamon
Central Illinois Coal Co. "A".....	Springfield, Sangamon
Chicago-Springfield Coal Co.	Springfield, Sangamon
Illinois Coal Corp. No. 1.....	Springfield, Sangamon
Panther Creek Mines.....	Auburn, Sangamon
Passini Coal Co.....	Petersburg, Menard
Peabody Coal Co. No. 6.....	Sherman, Sangamon
Peabody Coal Co. No. 51.....	Springfield, Sangamon
Peabody Coal Co. No. 52.....	Riverton, Sangamon
Peabody Coal Co. No. 53.....	Springfield, Sangamon
Peabody Coal Co. No. 54.....	Auburn, Sangamon
Peabody Coal Co. No. 57.....	Springfield, Sangamon
Sangamon Coal Co.....	Springfield, Sangamon
Spring Creek Coal Co.....	Springfield, Sangamon
West End Coal Co.....	Springfield, Sangamon

FATAL ACCIDENTS

September 9, 1925, William Olive, face boss, age 55 years, married, was killed in Spring Creek Coal Company's mine. Deceased was sounding the roof to ascertain its condition, when, without warning, slate fell killing him almost instantly. He leaves a widow and two children.

September 11, 1925, Heike Harms, hoisting engineer, age 70 years, single, died from injuries received the day before, when he was drawn over the hoisting drum and thrown into the drum pit at Passini Coal Company's mine, Petersburg, Menard County.

November 14, 1925, Frank Blick, miner, age 20 years, single, was killed in Brewerton Coal Company's No. 2 mine by a fall of slate. He leaves two brothers and sisters dependent.

November 23, 1925, Carl Weigsch, miner, age 37 years, married, was killed by pit cars in West End Coal Company's mine, Springfield. He leaves a widow and five children.

FATALITIES

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence	Name of operator of mine	No. of letter of mine	M	S	W	C	D	Cause of death
1925												
SEP 9	Olive, William	55	Face boss	Springfield	Spring Creek Coal Co	-	1	-	1	2	3	Falling slate
SEP 11	Harms, Heike	70	Hoisting engineer	Petersburg	Passini Coal Co	-	-	1	-	-	-	Engine
NOV 14	Blick, Frank	20	Miner	Lincoln	Brewerton Coal Co	2	-	-	-	-	4	Falling slate
NOV 23	Weigsch, Carl	37	Miner	Springfield	West End Coal Co	-	1	-	1	5	6	Pit cars

M = married; S = single; W = leaves a widow; C = # of children; D = # of dependents.

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* Not returned to work; ** not reported.

NON-FATAL CASUALTIES - Fourth District - December 31, 1925

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Name of Company	No. or letter of mine	Character of injury and cause of accident	Time lost - days
1925							
Jul 01	Lawson, C.	62	Laborer	Peabody Coal Co	52	Body injured **	61
Jul 01	Bradley, L. P.	35	Laborer	Panther Creek Mines	--	Foot mashed, machine fell	*
Jul 02	Brannitti, Frank	38	Miner	West End Coal Co	--	Foot bruised, falling slate	*
Jul 03	Fransby, Paul	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Back injured, lifting car	33
Jul 07	Derny, Morse	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Back injured, pushing car	55
Jul 08	Twigger, A.	48	Trachman	Peabody Coal Co	52	Hand cut, caught on jack	30
Jul 09	Delaney, Aug.	43	Loader	Illinois Coal Corp	1	Body bruised, pit car	30
Jul 10	Wood, Geo.	26	Miner	Spring Creek Coal Co	--	Arm injured, struck coal rib	52
Jul 10	Markey, James	25	Driver	Peabody Coal Co	6	Fingers mashed, caught in door	51
Jul 10	Dragoo, Wm.	38	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Leg injured, setting props	30
Jul 11	Frohm, R.	50	Shot firer	Peabody Coal Co	6	Leg injured, fell down	37
Jul 11	Rubley, Theo.	26	Laborer	Illinois Coal Corp	1	Back injured, railway cars	30
Jul 15	Karzenski, E.	19	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Back injured, lifting track	34
Jul 15	Darnsby, Bryan	**	loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Fingers injured, pushing car	104
Jul 16	Kutskire, Anton	53	Loader	Illinois Coal Corp	1	Wrist broken, falling coal	71
Jul 20	Carry, Dan	50	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Finger bruised, drilling hole	31
Jul 21	Ratke, Mike	56	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Wrist injured, falling coal	*
Jul 21	Patton, F.	46	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Thumb bruised, struck rail	57
Jul 22	Jackunis, Peter	31	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Hand bruised, falling slate	39
Jul 25	McGlenn, John	42	Driver	Peabody Coal Co	6	Hand injured, pit car	44
Jul 25	Cunningham, James	40	Loader	Buckley Coal Co	8	Back strained, loading coal	37
Jul 27	Bendick, I.	44	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Back sprained, lifting clod	56
Jul 29	Eranes, Eran	**	Driver	Peabody Coal Co	57	Body injured, between door & mule	30
Jul 30	Morger, Wm.	53	Loader	Illinois Coal Corp	1	Back sprained, pushing car	31
Jul 31	Strunkel, Stanley	17	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Fingers bruised, pit car	76
Aug 03	Prorotte, J.	46	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Hand bruised, fell down	73
Aug 04	Klucenik, Joe	50	Loader	Illinois Coal Corp	1	Back sprained, lifting coal	34
Aug 04	Smith, S. S.	47	Loader	Illinois Coal Corp	1	Hand injured, pit cars	50
Aug 04	Penrock, John	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Hand cut, pit cars	46
Aug 05	Gillities, Wm.	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Back sprained, lifting coal	30
Aug 11	Koles, John	46	Miner	Cgo-Springfield C. Co	--	Foot injured, lifting car	30
Aug 11	Reiss, T.	39	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Hand injured, falling slate	72
Aug 12	Grigeskel, W.	50	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Back sprained, lifting coal	64
Aug 13	Rosbinski, Peter	50	Miner	Sangamon Coal Co	2	Leg injured **	37
Aug 13	Blais, Andrew	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Back sprained, loading car	30
Aug 14	Pera, G.	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Finger cut, hand tools	30
Aug 14	Alexander, Thos.	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Back injured, lifting car	*
Aug 14	Carlson, John	46	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Head cut, falling slate	30
Aug 15	Ray, Lloyd	26	Driver	Illinois Coal Corp	1	Finger mashed pit car	52
Aug 20	Polley, George	39	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Eye injured, flying coal	38
Aug 20	Polley, Frank	25	Driver	Peabody Coal Co	6	Leg injured, pit car	46
Aug 20	Labarto, Nick	57	Miner	West End Coal Co	--	Back strained, lifting coal	30
Aug 20	Wasileski, Alex	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Wrist injured, pit car	30
Aug 21	Spicer, Frank	22	Trip rider	Panther Creek Mines	--	Finger mashed, pit cars	33
Aug 22	Uhl, John	47	Miner	Spring Creek Coal Co	--	Toe Broken, rolling coal	*
Aug 23	Kozah, Mike	34	Driver	Peabody Coal Co	6	Finger mashed, pit cars	103
Aug 23	Samicle, Joe	36	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	53	Eye injured, flying dirt	33
Aug 24	Berger, Frank	44	Laborer	Panther Creek Mines	--	Hand cut, flying rock	53
Aug 24	Deaver, J. O.	61	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Leg bruised, pit car	43
Aug 25	Ricla, Joseph	35	Loader	Buckley Coal Co	8	Finger mashed, struck coal	31
Aug 31	Bainer, Ollie	52	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Back sprained, lifting coal	93
Aug 31	Berzine, Geo.	22	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Fingers mashed, struck slate	32
Sep 01	Dapha, Chas.	49	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Finger broken, pit car	33
Sep 01	Evangelista, S.	41	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Back injured, lifting car	47
Sep 02	Caspar, Edu.	17	Miner	Cgo-Springfield C. Co	--	Foot injured, falling coal	49
Sep 02	Hoffir, Mike	51	Trachman	Peabody Coal Co	54	Finger mashed, caught in jack	43
Sep 04	Polis, Stanley	43	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	6	Hand cut, struck slate	40
Sep 04	Boesch, Roy	30	Miner	West End Coal Co	--	Wrist injured, fell down	51
Sep 04	Vinbarto, Natale	22	Miner	West End Coal Co	--	Hand bruised **	31
Sep 05	Trigonis, John	47	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Arm bruised, fell down	46
Sep 08	Schueler, Jos.	52	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	53	Back sprained, lifting coal	44
Sep 08	Rockarto, Sam	49	Driver	Brewerton Coal Co	1	Ankle sprained, pit car	32
Sep 08	Austin, C.	25	loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Head injured, fell down	58
Sep 08	Rhodes, F.	53	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Eye injured, flying coal	43

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Sep 09	Gibson, Tom	35	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Hand injured, pit car	41
Sep 09	Duffenback, Wm.	52	Miner	West End Coal Co	--	Toe injured, falling coal	55
Sep 10	Shumkors, Jos.	34	Timberman	Central IL C. M. Co	A	Hand burned, electric wire	38
Sep 12	Hall, Ernest	27	Driver	Peabody Coal Co	54	Leg bruised, pit car	44
Sep 14	Embres, T. J.	53	Miner	Brewerton Coal Co	1	Finger cut	** 42
Sep 14	Gracuer, Frank	44	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Back sprained, lifting car	30
Sep 14	Semon, Leo	21	Timberman	Panther Creek Mines	--	Finger mashed, struck timbers	35
Sep 16	Cudar, Anton	47	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Finger bruised, struck coal rib	33
Sep 16	Gerolamo, C. D.	52	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Back injured, fell down	30
Sep 16	Spann, W. M.	43	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Leg injured, fell down	*
Sep 16	DeJohn, Frank	29	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Leg injured, falling slate	*
Sep 16	Green, Harry	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Hand injured, struck splinter	36
Sep 16	Halney, Richard	47	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	53	Eye injured, flying dust	*
Sep 17	Brownless, Tom	**	Timberman	Peabody Coal Co	57	Hip injured, falling slate	32
Sep 18	Kasper, Thomas	19	Laborer	Central IL C. M. Co	A	Fingers mashed, switch latch	40
Sep 18	Luez, Henry	56	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	54	Foot bruised, dropped rail	*
Sep 19	Yokum, James	59	Miner	Spring Creek Coal Co	--	Back injured, shoveling coal	*
Sep 21	Colratti, Anton	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Back injured, lifting	40
Sep 21	Robson, John	55	Driver	Sangamon Coal Co	--	Back injured	** 60
Sep 21	Nesch, Chas.	35	Cager	Peabody Coal Co	53	Arm broken, coal fell down shaft	*
Sep 21	Suckers, Wm.	20	Miner	West End Coal Co	--	Arm strained, pulling car	48
Sep 23	Martin, Glenn	25	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Back injured, pushing car	79
Sep 24	Boman, John	**	Driver	Peabody Coal Co	57	Back injured, pit car	*
Sep 26	Rice, Rubard	34	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	54	Body injured, pushing car	42
Sep 28	Fletcher, L. W.	33	Driver	Buckley Coal Co	8	Leg broken, pit car	*
Sep 29	Lascadi, Mike	31	Loader	Illinois Coal Corp	1	Shoulder strained, pushing cars	32
Sep 30	Bain, J. E.	45	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Back injured	58
Oct 03	Rees, Wm.	41	Miner	West End Coal Co	--	Wrist injured, loading coal	36
Oct 05	Stencilis, John	45	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Back injured, falling coal	*
Oct 05	Koslowski, Gott	55	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Finger bruised, loading car	37
Oct 09	Kerschliks, Mat	45	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Back bruised, falling slate	71
Oct 12	Hearttsor, Wm.	56	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Ruptured, lifting rock	*
Oct 12	Noposchlan, W.	24	Triprider	Peabody Coal Co	6	Eye injured, electricity	*
Oct 13	Silvey, Robt.	21	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Finger bruised, struck car	41
Oct 13	Gallagher, Jas.	65	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Body injured, falling coal	57
Oct 14	Canlatore, Jno.	24	Triprider	Peabody Coal Co	54	Rib broken, pit car	*
Oct 15	Nemith, Frank	55	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	53	Ruptured, lifting coal	*
Oct 15	Stimbers, Mike	54	Miner	Sangamon Coal Co	--	Leg injured	** 41
Oct 15	Ballen, W.	56	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Ruptured, lifting car	*
Oct 15	Shipley, Gus	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Eye injured, flying dust	45
Oct 15	Zibutes, Thos.	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Body injured, lifting coal	53
Oct 16	Deleonard, Irk	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Back strained, drilling hole	37
Oct 17	Stephens, Jacob	64	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Back injured, lifting coal	44
Oct 17	Podhelsch, P.	45	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Back injured, falling slate	37
Oct 18	Cronen, Pat	54	Laborer	Brewster Coal Co	2	Leg broken, struck by chain	*
Oct 18	Smoller, Jerry	34	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Back bruised, falling clod	32
Oct 19	Meyers, Wm.	50	Timberman	Peabody Coal Co	54	Body bruised, falling coal	*
Oct 19	Pomatto, Adolph	42	Laborer	Peabody Coal Co	54	Fingers mashed, pit car	56
Oct 20	Gearemini, John	35	Shot firer	Cgo-Springfield C. Co	--	Body injured, windy shot	38
Oct 20	Simmons, Eugene	53	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	54	Body bruised, falling coal	34
Oct 20	Jackelick, Joe	16	Trapper	Peabody Coal Co	54	Ankle bruised, motor	*
Oct 20	Medline, Harry	29	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Back injured, fell down	30
Oct 20	Bushnell, Amos	48	Laborer	Peabody Coal Co	6	Finger mashed, struck by coal	44
Oct 22	Lascadi, Geo.	28	Driver	Illinois Coal Corp	1	Finger mashed, pit car	53
Oct 22	Nickleson, John	50	Loader	Illinois Coal Corp	1	Finger mashed, loading coal	39
Oct 23	Fyfe, Alex	54	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	51	Hand injured	** 30
Oct 27	Mottley, John W.	30	Triprider	Panther Creek Mines	--	Finger injured, pit car	60
Oct 27	Pendoti, Louis	42	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	54	Head bruised, falling slate	*
Oct 27	Brandt, Henry	54	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	54	Eye lost, flying coal	*
Oct 27	Chewski, Wm.	53	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Body injured	** 42
Oct 29	Staley, G.	55	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Back injured, falling slate	57
Oct 29	Wolf, Wm.	45	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Hand bruised	** *
Oct 29	Stroke, Louis	57	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	52	Back sprained, lifting coal	32
Oct 29	Vestick, Val	50	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	52	Back sprained, lifting coal	33
Oct 29	Haynes, Joe	48	Driver	Illinois Coal Corp	1	Hand injured, pit cars	*
Oct 29	Sockel, Tony	47	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	51	Back bruised, falling slate	32
Oct 29	Andmzch, Sig	21	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	51	Back bruised, falling slate	32
Oct 30	Pasqual, J.	48	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Back bruised, falling slate	35
Nov 02	Denara, Carmen	52	Loader	Illinois Coal Corp	1	Head injured, falling slate	*
Nov 03	Jocca, H.	23	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Body injured, fell on car	31
Nov 05	Gullo, A.	40	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Back injured, lifting coal	30
Nov 07	Armash, Anton	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	57	Eye injured, flying dust	*
Nov 09	Schneider, P.	66	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Arm injured, throwing coal	*
Nov 09	Huck, Dan	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Finger cut, falling slate	30
Nov 09	Ambrosak, Henry	39	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	54	Body bruised falling rock	*
Nov 09	Millen, Mike	49	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	53	Foot bruised, lifting coal	34

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Nov 10	Thompson, J. W.	50	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	53	Eye injured, flying dust	35
Nov 12	Muldoon, Jas.	53	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	53	Foot bruised, falling coal	*
Nov 12	Hunt, Sam	33	Driver	Buckley Coal Co	8	Body bruised, pit car	31
Nov 12	Craig, Patrick	51	Loader	Buckley Coal Co	8	Finger cut	40
Nov 13	Seshnice, Joe	40	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	6	Foot injured, falling slate	30
Nov 14	Winkle, F.	55	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Ruptured, pushing car	*
Nov 14	Pill, Joe	34	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Finger injured, lifting rock	*
Nov 16	Bermite, Pete	48	Loader	Illinois Coal Corp	1	Finger mashed, loading coal	*
Nov 23	Andre, Thos.	33	Miner	Panther Creek Mines	--	Knee injured, machine crank	31
Nov 23	Soliski, Peter	54	Miner	Brewerton Coal Co	1	Eye injured, flying dust	30
Nov 25	Stampinas, Frank	43	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Leg bruised, falling coal	32
Nov 25	Grider, Chas.	50	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	54	Ruptured, fell down	31
Nov 26	Keats, John	50	Miner	Brewerton Coal Co	2	Pelvis broken, falling slate	*
Nov 28	Lyons, Harry	27	Driver	Central Il C. M. Co	A	Body injured, pit car	*
Nov 28	McLean, John	44	Trip rider	Panther Creek Mines	--	Leg injured, pit car	*
Nov 29	Metz, Mike	48	Timberman	Peabody Coal Co	51	Foot bruised, lifting slate	*
Nov 30	Meyers, Thos	**	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	51	Finger mashed, tail chain	*
Nov 30	Williamson, J.	26	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Wrist injured, machine crank	*
Nov 30	Fulcenzie, D.	68	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	52	Back injured, pushing car	*
Dec 02	Madison, Thos.	**	Laborer	Peabody Coal Co	57	Back injured, lifting ties	*
Dec 03	Armstrong, E. D.	50	Loader	Peabody Coal Co	51	Foot injured, rolling coal	*
Dec 04	Watts, Frank	24	Miner	Peabody Coal Co	53	Foot bruised, falling coal	*
Dec 05	Upston, Ed	51	Cager	Central Il C. M. Co	A	Finger mashed	**
Dec 10	Ruhm, Edw.	33	Miner	Coo-Springfield C. Co	--	Arm injured, pit car	*
Dec 19	Pierce, Hugh	83	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Hand bruised, using pick	*
Dec 22	Johnson, Alrick	30	Loader	Panther Creek Mines	--	Finger cut	**

NATURALIZATION - FINAL OATH

Thursday, July 30, 1840

This day personally appeared in open Court William Cudmore and it appearing to the Court that the said William Cudmore did at the July Term 1835 of the Circuit Court for the County of Saint Louis in the State of Missouri appear in open court and declare an oath that it was bona fide his intention to become a Citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever and particularly to William the fourth King of Great Britain and Ireland. And it being proved to the satisfaction of the court by competent testimony that the said William Cudmore has resided in the United States for more than five years continuously previous hereto, and for more than one year in the State of Illinois immediately proceeding this application, and that during that time the said William Cudmore has demeaned himself as a man of good moral character attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said William Cudmore be permitted in pursuance of the laws of the United States to take the oath of allegiance, whereupon the said William Cudmore took and Subscribed the following oath to wit:

I William Cudmore do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and I do renounce and abjure all allegiance, to all and every Prince, Potentate, State and Sovereignty whatever, and more particularly to the Sovereignty of the Kingdom of Great Britain of whom I have formerly been a Subject and I do renounce all and every title and order of nobility whatever --

It is therefore ordered to be Certified to all whom it may concern that the said William Cudmore, be and he is hereby entitled to all the rights and privileges of a natural born Citizen of the United States of America.

CHAPTER XLIII.

TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN.

The history of this township is identified with that of Island Grove until 1869, when it was set off as a political township, under the name of New Berlin, the name of its principal village.

Among the earliest settlers were John and Thomas Ray, John Foutch, and a man by the name of Johnson. The latter, about 1830, purchased three thousand three hundred acres of land near Bates station. This land now includes several large farms owned by the Smiths and Browns, and includes most of the town of New Berlin.

The township comprises about thirty-one square miles or sections of land, which is entirely prairie land. This being the case, it will be understood by the reader of pioneer history that it was not settled at as early a date as other townships in the county where timber was in abundance. After it became known and realized that the prairies were valuable for other purposes besides grazing purposes, the land was quickly taken up and settlements made.

For many years this township, together with Island Grove, was considered the best stock raising field in the county, it being said that in 1865 there were more cattle-feeders and more cattle fed within eight miles of Berlin than any other point in Illinois. The Browns and Smiths especially were noted for their fine herds.

The first railroad ever built in the State, the Northern Cross, now the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific, passes through the township from east to west, entering on section twenty-four, township fifteen, range seven, and running southwest about two miles, it then passes due west, entering Morgan county from section twenty-seven. There are three stations in the township, Island Grove, New Berlin and Bates.

There is one church in the township outside of the village of New Berlin, a Union Church, situated on section six, township fourteen, range

seven, erected jointly by the different denominations residing in the neighborhood.

In schools, outside the village of New Berlin, which has one graded public school, and one parochial school, by the Catholics, there are now two school houses in the township, the three valued at \$9,000.

ORGANIC.

As stated, New Berlin township was cut off from Island Grove in 1869, since which time it has had an independent existence. Annual township elections are held the first Monday in April, each year.

VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN.

The village of New Berlin was laid out in 1838, and its plat recorded as the property of Thomas Yates, and is described as part of the east half of the northeast quarter of section thirty, township fifteen, range seven. The date of the record is October 26, 1838.

The first building erected in the place was of brick, and built in 1838, and intended for the purposes of a general store, which was opened by Henry Yates, the father of Thomas and Richard Yates, the latter of whom was subsequently Governor of the State.

The first dwelling house was also built by Mr. Yates, and occupied by Phelan Jones. His daughter, Mary, and William Ratford were the first couple married in the place. In this same house the first death occurred—Mrs. Homer Starks.

The village of New Berlin presents a very neat and attractive appearance, and is a home-like town. It has a population of about four hundred:

EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS.

No better evidence of the well being of a place can be given than is shown in its schools and churches. New Berlin is behind no village of

its size in the State, with respect to both. The school house in the village is a large brick structure, capable of accommodating one hundred and fifty pupils. A graded school has been in existence since 1867. In addition, the Catholics have a parochial school, of which mention is made in the sketch of the Catholic Church; and the German Lutherans have, also, a school.

There are three church buildings in the village, owned respectively by the Catholics, German Lutherans, and Congregationalists, the latter having no organization, although a fairly prosperous church of that denomination existed here between the years 1869 and 1876. The Methodists and Baptists hold services every Sunday evening in the Congregational Church, but have no regular or formal organization.

The following is a history of the Roman Catholic Congregation and Church, at New Berlin, Sangamon county, Illinois, from 1860 to 1881, from writings of Rev. F. Schreiber, to-wit:

Although no written account of the fact has been preserved, there is no doubt in the mind of the readers of Catholic Missions in the West, that divine services were held at the private dwellings of early settlers, long before the above date, (January 1860). But that is the date Rev. F. Schreiber assigns for the organization of a Catholic congregation, at this place; he says: "The present secretary, (now Vicar General and Chancellor) of the Right Rev. Bishop, of Alton, (the Bishop of Alton, at that time was Right Rev. H. D. Junker, consecrated April 17, 1857, died, October 2, 1868; the present Bishop is Right Rev. P. J. Baltes, consecrated January 23, 1870,) Very Rev. J. Janssen, at the time (1860) pastor of the German Catholic congregation, at Springfield, being requested by some of the faithful Catholics, to attend from time to time, to their spiritual wants, at New Berlin, became the founder of this congregation. Inspiring the people with holy zeal for a church building, he had the pleasure of seeing it soon built."

Some of the oldest settlers still living here at the present time, (1881,) whose names appear on the subscription list, are the following: Theodore Kunst, Ferdinand Rustemeyer, Frederick Ludwig, Peter Kneffler, Joseph Burger, John Stork, Ferdinand Stelte, Henry Votzmeier, Bernard Freitag, Philip Kress, among the Germans; and Martin Ryan, Patrick Murray, Patrick Ryan, John Haugh, Richard Barnes, Sr., James Sullivan, Thomas Ryan, John Walsh, and others, of Irish nationality and birth.

The foundation of the church (now used as a school house,) was laid October 26, 1860, and

before Christmas that year, the church was ready for divine service, though it was not plastered till 1862.

Very Rev. J. Janssen was transferred to Alton early in 1863, and was succeeded in Springfield by Rev. William Busch, who attended at New Berlin for the first time, according to the baptismal register, May 10, 1863. An addition was built to the church, during his three years attendance. He died of consumption.

The first resident pastor of this congregation, was Rev. Gustavus Miettinger, who took charge about the beginning of February, 1866. During his attendance, the house now occupied by the teacher, was bought and furnished. He has also died since then.

The second resident pastor was Rev. Francis Schreiber, now located at Bloomington, Illinois, who took charge July 18, 1867. In this year Theodore Kunst donated two acres of ground, three miles northwest of New Berlin, for a Catholic graveyard. The bell now in use in the steeple of the school house was also bought at this time, costing \$87. In 1869, the cabinet organ still in use in the school was bought.

In 1870, the congregation had increased to such an extent that the church was much too small. Hence subscriptions were taken up and plans made to build the present elegant brick church. Dimensions of main building, forty-five by eighty feet; height, twenty-eight feet; height of steeple from ground, one hundred and four feet; sanctuary and two vestry rooms, eighteen by thirty-eight feet. Rev. F. Schreiber deserves great credit for his labor and zeal in collecting for, and managing the building of this church. Its cost up to the time he left (October 6, 1872) was about \$17,000 of which he succeeded in paying about \$11,000, and bought the large bell.

The third resident priest, who is still in charge, is Rev. John F. Mohr, who took charge January 27, 1873. During the first year (1873) he had the church plastered and painted, at an expense of near \$1,500, and had a pipe organ placed in it, and a gothic altar, also a number of additional pews. In the succeeding years three Munich statues were placed in the church, and other improvements made. In 1879, the new pastoral residence was built and paid for, costing \$1,300. Dimensions of new pastoral residence: main building, twenty-eight by thirty-two feet; and twenty-two feet high, and an L, (the former addition to old church), fifteen by eighteen feet, used as a kitchen; one front and one side porch, besides a little portico at east side of the residence. During the year

1880, a picket fence was erected in front of the new residence and school, and furniture for the new residence bought, besides other improvements, and at the present time, August 1881, new fencing around the church property are in the course of erection.

From the above short sketch it will be seen that the Catholics belonging to the New Berlin congregation have not been idle, but have, under the guidance of their several pastors, accomplished much, during the last twenty one years, for the glory of God. Many who formerly lived here, and did their share, have removed from here further West, and not a few have gone to their Eternal reward. The present number of families belonging to the congregation, which was considerably reduced by the formation of new congregations (one at Ashland, north, and another at Waverly, south of New Berlin), is about one hundred and fifteen, perhaps a few less, rather than more. The average number of Catholic children attending the parish school is sixty to sixty-five, taught by a male teacher.

INCORPORATION.

For the better government of the village, it was thought advisable by many to incorporate. Accordingly, on the 12th day of August, 1865, an election was held to learn the will of the citizens. There were cast at this election, for incorporation, thirty-two votes; against incorporation, nine.

The ordinance describing the boundaries of the town of New Berlin is as follows: "That the boundaries of the town of New Berlin shall commence at the southeast corner of the north quarter of section nineteen, township fifteen, north of range seven west, thence east one mile, thence south one mile, thence west one mile, thence north one mile to place of beginning."

The date of the annual election was fixed for the first Monday of August in each year.

The town, by the act of incorporation, was given all the authority usually given in such cases.

The following comprises a list of the principal officers elected each year since incorporation:

1865.—Trustees—John Lee, President; L. C. Warren, J. D. Batty, John Foutch, T. D. Smith; Clerk, Frank P. Gillespie; Treasurer, T. D. Smith; Marshal, R. H. Price.

1866.—Trustees—John Lee, President; T. D. Smith, J. A. Haney, Wm. Maxwell, Thos. Bell; Clerk, H. S. Trigg.

1867.—Trustees—John Foutch, President; L. C. Warren, Thos. D. Smith, Wm. M. Green, Haws Yates; H. S. Trigg, Clerk.

1868.—Trustees—M. T. Smith, *President; John Hough, Y. M. Hudson, A. A. Lakin, Wm. M. Green; Clerk, R. W. Price.

1870.—Trustees—S. B. Matthews, President; T. Berghsnider, Wm. Maxwell, Matt. Ada, Y. M. Hudson; Clerk, E. Batty.

1871.—Trustees—Same as above, save Maxwell, President.

1872.—Trustees—Wm. Maxwell, President; Y. M. Hudson, J. R. Gregory, Matt. Ada, S. B. Matthews; Clerk, Frank M. Brown.

1873.—Trustees—Wm. Maxwell, President; Matthew Ada, Y. M. Hudson, John Foutch, Theodore Berghsnider; Clerk, J. D. Rearick.

1874.—Trustees—Wm. Maxwell, President; John Foutch, William Gregory, Haws Yates, L. C. Warren; Clerk, J. D. Rearick.

1875.—Trustees—Wm. Maxwell, President; John Foutch, Matt. Ada, Y. M. Hudson, William Gregory; Clerk, George Lee.

1876.—Trustees—Wm. Maxwell, President; George Jarrett, J. V. Thon, Y. M. Hudson, J. C. Farlow; Clerk, George Lee.

1877.—Trustees—Wm. Maxwell, President; George Jarrett, J. V. Thon, Y. M. Hudson, William Gregory; Clerk, George Lee.

1878.—Trustees—Wm. Maxwell, President; William Gregory, George Jarrett, Fidel Detrick, Haws Yates; Clerk, George Lee.

1879.—Trustees—Wm. Gregory, President; Y. M. Hudson, W. M. Warren, L. W. Fulton, Haws Yates; Clerk, George Lee.

1880.—Trustees—Wm. Maxwell, President; William Gregory, John Wagonsetter, Patrick O'Neil, Y. M. Hudson; Clerk, George Lee.†

Thomas F. Bevans, merchant, residence, New Berlin, was born in Island Grove township, June 19, 1843; son of John D. Bevans, who was born in Maryland, October 5, 1813, and Nancy (Foutch) Bevans, born January 28, 1824. They came to this county in 1828, and were married at Island Grove, January 2, 1842. They had eight children, three sons and five daughters, viz: Thomas F., the subject of this sketch; Mary R., now Mrs. Haws Yates, of New Berlin; John, of Island Grove; Martha, Rachel, now Mrs. Rev. L. M. Goff, of Morris, Illinois; John D. died January 18, 1868, in Wapello county, Iowa. In an early day they lived in Springfield, where he followed clerking, and remained there until 1887; came to Island Grove after the death of his father and remained there until 1844, then moved to Wapello county, Iowa, where he purchased land

* Resigned, and R. H. Price elected to fill vacancy.

† Resigned, and W. E. Gregory elected to fill vacancy.

and made a farm and remained until his death. In politics, he was an old line Whig, of the Henry Clay stripe; was a member of the M. E. Church, and also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and received a common school education. When nineteen years old he commenced clerking for A. W. Cook, of Berlin, and remained with him one and a half years; from there went to New Berlin, where he formed a partnership with Mr. Cook, under the firm name of Cook & Bevans; remained together till 1865, when the partnership was dissolved; he then clerked for him until he sold out to Ross, Thon & Co. In 1866, he formed a partnership at Old Berlin with J. D. Batty; remained for eleven and a half years, sold out to W. B. Price & Co., then engaged to Hammon, Merrian & Co., wholesale grocers of Chicago, for a short time. He married Miss Caroline L. Collins, March 27, 1870, at Carbondale, daughter of Rev. N. G. Collins, a Baptist clergyman. She was born in Wheeling, Virginia, October 2, 1850. They had one child—Edwin F., born September 12, 1871.

Henry Boston, farmer, post office, New Berlin, was born in Hanover, Germany, 1816. In 1844, he left his native country, coming to America in a sailing vessel, being nine weeks in making the trip; landed in New Orleans, and from there went to St. Louis, by steamer, arriving January 6, 1845, where he engaged to drive team. The following March he came to Island Grove township, where he worked on a farm for Captain James Brown, and remained with him four years; rented land of a man by the name of Staley two years; after renting three years of Dr. Brown he purchased eighty acres where he now resides; since that he has bought adjoining land, that he has now in one body six hundred and fifty-six acres, which is valued at \$50 per acre. For his first wife he married Miss Charlotte Vondi, who was born in Germany. They had four children, three of whom are living: Louisa, Hammon H. and Sarah Jane. Mrs. Boston died June 27, 1861, and for his second wife Mr. B. married Mrs. Minnie Salie, October 5, 1871. She was born in Frankfort-on-the-Rhine, Germany, in 1823. In politics, he is a Republican, and a member of the German Lutheran Church. Mr. Boston came to the country a poor man, but by hard work and economy has accumulated a fine property, and is one of the large and well-to-do farmers of the township.

J. E. Coons, farmer and stock-raiser, post office, New Berlin; was born in Woodford county,

Kentucky, November 21, 1818; son of Martin and Margaret (Grimaly) Coons, natives of Kentucky. They had five sons and three daughters, five of whom are living. In the fall of 1826, his father became dissatisfied with the institution of slavery, and left Kentucky with his family for the far west; came with a spike team, camping out on the way, and arrived in Morgan county about the first of December, locating eight miles north of Jacksonville, on Indian creek. He moved into a log cabin, twelve by fourteen feet, where they remained one year. There were ten in the family. He made a claim, and afterwards sold out and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, made a home, and remained until his death, which occurred in 1863. In an early day he used to go to St. Louis for his groceries, taking grain which he exchanged for his goods. Mr. C. came to this country in limited circumstances, having but \$17 in his pocket, with a large family, and in a strange country; but with a strong arm and good constitution, he pulled through, and accumulated a fine property at his death. In 1844, J. E. married Miss Lacy Hays, daughter of John Hays, of Ohio; they had two children, John M., and Lucinda. Mrs. Coons died in May, 1847. For his second wife, Mr. C. married Miss Clarissa McDaughlin, who was born in Kentucky, December 18, 1828. There are six children: Mary E., Susan C., Henrietta, William G., David and Edward. In 1847, Mr. Coons came to this county where he rented for one year, then purchased his present home, where they have resided since; has two hundred acres of land, all of which is under a high state of cultivation, valued at \$60 per acre.

L. W. Fulton, M. D., New Berlin, was born in Loudon county, Virginia, on March 6, 1837; son of William and Mary (Elgin) Fulton. He was twice married; by his first wife there were two children: Lee M., and Mary E., who was married to Robert Lynn, of Virginia; she died in 1879. By his second marriage there were three children, viz: William, a physician; Robert, a professor of elocution, of Kansas City, and Arthur. His father was an old line Whig, and at the time of the Democrat organization joined the Democrat party and affiliated with them until his death, which occurred July 17, 1864. In early life Dr. L. W., attended school until he was seventeen years of age, then left his native place and came to Paris, Illinois, where he became acquainted with Dr. Shubal York, and commenced reading medicine; he remained two years, then went to Kentucky,

where he remained until 1863 or '64; then he attended a course of lectures at Ohio Medical College. The following fall commenced the practice of medicine in New Haven, Kentucky, in company with Dr. J. Gore, where he remained until he came to this State; still pursuing his practice until 1869, when he attended a course of lectures at Rush Medical College at Chicago. He graduated there, since which time he has followed his profession in New Berlin. He married Miss Annie E. King, a daughter of David and Sarah King; she was born in Illinois, and they have three children: Annie Lee, Charles R., and Percy K. In politics the Doctor is a Democrat, and Mrs. Fulton is a member of the Baptist Church in New Berlin.

Sigmund Gibhart, farmer and stock raiser; post office, New Berlin; was born in the State of Baden, Germany, April 13, 1836. In 1854, he left his native country and came to America in a sailing vessel, being on the water forty days; landed in New York, where he remained two days; from there he went to Rahway, New Jersey, where he worked on a farm and in a blacksmith shop. Hearing favorable reports from Illinois, he concluded to try his fortune on its prairies; came to Island Grove township, where he worked by the month most of the time, for Dr. Gibson. In February, 1862, he married Miss Jennie Fisher, born in Germany, in 1843; there were eight children, three of whom are living: John, Martha, and Jacob.

Mr. G. rented land until 1866, when he purchased the place where he now lives; has one hundred and twenty acres of land, all under a good state of cultivation; it is valued at \$50 per acre; raises about seventy acres of corn, seventeen acres of wheat, and fourteen acres of oats. In politics, he is a Republican, and is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, of New Berlin.

John R. Gregory, liveryman, New Berlin, was born in Breckenridge county, Kentucky, on the 15th day of October, 1837. Son of William and Sarah (Pierce) Gregory; father a native of Virginia, and mother of North Carolina. They emigrated to Sangamon county in 1848, where they stopped on the head of Lick creek a short time. Thence went to McDonough county, Illinois, where they spent two years, then removed to Sangamon county, where they bought land; is at present living in New Berlin. Mrs. Gregory died May, 1869. The subject of this sketch married Miss Minerva L. Reynolds, a daughter of Joseph Reynolds, of New Berlin. She was born in Macoupin county, Illinois, in 1838. The fruits of this marriage was one

child—William E. Mrs. Minerva L. Gregory died in 1867. He again married Miss Rachel J. Hodgerson, a daughter of William and Jane Hodgerson, of Sangamon county, where she was born, in 1844. By this union there were four children, viz.: Lee A., Sarah J., Nellie and Maud. In politics, he is a Democrat. His property in New Berlin is valued at \$2,500. Mrs. Gregory is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Gregory has fourteen livery horses, and one carriage, one hack, and seven buggies.

George Hart, farmer and stock raiser, section thirty-three, post office New Berlin, was born in Prussia, Germany, April 1, 1821, where he worked on a farm until 1853; then left his native country and came to the United States. He landed in New Orleans; thence by steamer, up the river to St. Louis; then to Jacksonville, where he worked by the month, on a farm, for a man by the name of Richards, one year; rented land until 1865. Bought a farm in Morgan county, where he remained until 1879; then bought his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres, all under a high state of cultivation, and valued at \$50 per acre; has a fine orchard of five acres; raises sixty acres of corn, sixty acres of wheat, and five acres of oats; has one hundred hogs, fifteen cows, and six horses.

Ferdinand Keller, farmer and stock raiser, post office, New Berlin, was born in Baden, Germany, May 29, 1831. He followed farming until 1854, when he left his native country for the United States, coming in a sailing vessel; was caught in a storm, and forced to run into Portugal for repairs; remained one week; was one hundred and eighteen days in reaching New York. From there he went to Easton, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in a foundry; remained six weeks, then went to Toledo, Ohio, for a few months, where he was employed by a railroad company in building a depot and track; then came to this township, where he worked six years, by the month. In 1859, he married Miss Frances Deitrich, who was born in Baden, Germany, in 1838. They have had seven children, viz.: Thomas, Agnes, Mary, Rosa, Maggie, Josephine, and Annie. After marrying, Mr. K. rented near Old Berlin, where he remained four years; then, in 1863, bought his present place of forty acres, which he has increased, until now he owns two hundred acres, all of which is under a high state of cultivation, and valued at \$60 per acre. He came to this country in limited circumstances, commenced at the lower round of the ladder, and by good judgment has accumulated a fine property and home, and is one of the

prosperous farmers of the county. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Maurice Lee, farmer and stock raiser, was born in county Limerick, Ireland, in April, 1842. He came to the United States in 1855; landed in New York, where he remained a short time; from there went to New Jersey, where he attended school, and remained five years. In August, 1860, he came to Morgan county, Illinois, and lived two years; in 1862, came to New Berlin, where he rented until 1865; then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on the wild prairie, which he has succeeded in bringing under a high state of cultivation. He married Miss Emeline Campbell, who was born in this county, November 7, 1848. They have had ten children, seven of whom are living, viz: Johnny, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Barbara E., Annie, and Maurice. In politics, Mr. Lee is a Republican, and was once the nominee of the party for supervisor. He raises one hundred acres of wheat and thirty acres of corn; has fifty hogs, ninety-seven head of stock, and nine horses. Mr. Lee came to the county a poor man, but by hard work and good management, has accumulated a fine property.

John Martin, farmer, section thirty-one, post office, New Berlin, was born in Cambridgeshire, England, March 25, 1819; was a son of Thomas M. and Mary (Harrison) Martin, natives of England. They had eight children, seven of which are living. In 1850, Mr. Martin came to the United States and stopped in Morgan county, where he worked by the month. In 1856, bought his present place, where he has resided ever since; has forty acres of land under a high state of cultivation, valued at \$60 per acre. In 1859, he married Miss Nancy Jackson, a native of Indiana; her parents came to the State in 1828, and located in Morgan county; she was born March 25, 1820. They have one child, John William, born in this county, April 1, 1860.

Mrs. Martin died and Mr. Martin married Miss Eliza Wonderlick, born in Germany, January 31, 1819; they have had eight children, four of whom are living, Christ, William, Caroline, and George.

In politics Mr. M. is a Democrat, and a member of the German Lutheran Church.

John McGinnis, farmer and stock raiser, post office, New Berlin, was born in County Clare, Ireland, June 24, 1824; came to the United States in May 1847, in a sailing vessel; after leaving Liverpool was caught in a storm, and was driven onto the northern part of Ireland, where they were detained one week; then started

cut and made the trip in eighteen days, landing in New York, where he remained a short time; then went to Monmouth county, New Jersey, and worked for Dr. Arthur V. Conover about four years on a farm; then came to Jacksonville, Morgan county, Illinois, where he worked on a farm for six months; was next employed at Morgan Mills for six months; afterwards was employed on the farm of Stephen Dunlap; worked for Theodore Stout for two years; rented land until 1863; then bought his first eighty acres of land. He afterwards bought ten acres of timber; in 1866 bought an adjoining eighty, and in 1876, bought his place where he lives, of one hundred and forty-two acres, making in all three hundred and twelve acres, nearly all of which is under a high state of cultivation, valued at \$55 per acre. He raises two hundred acres of corn, forty acres of wheat, thirty acres of oats. Has forty hogs, eleven cows and sixteen horses and mules. In 1850, he married Miss Ann Cain. She was born in Kings county, Ireland, in 1824. There were nine children born, seven of whom are living, viz: Cornelius, Daniel, Mary A., John, Patrick Henry, James and Rosie Ellen. They are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. McGinnis came to the country without money, but with a strong arm and good constitution, and a willingness to work, started at the bottom, and by hard work and good management accumulated a fine property.

Rev. John F. Mohr, New Berlin, was born in Ohio, February 2, 1839; son of John and Mary A. Mohr, natives of Bavaria, Germany; father came to this country in 1830, and mother in 1833; they were married in Munster, Ohio, in 1834. There were four children, two sons and two daughters, all of whom have passed away except the subject of this sketch. His father died in 1847, and his mother died in 1864. When Rev. John F. Mohr was thirteen years of age, he attended St. Mary's Seminary at the Barrrens for two years, then went to St. Thomas' Seminary, Nelson county, Kentucky, where he spent three years, then to St. Frances Seminary, near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he finished his course of studies; was ordained at Alton, Illinois, November 24, 1861, by Bishop H. D. Junker. His first charge as pastor was at Prairie Du Long, Illinois, where he remained a short time, then to Red Bud, Randolph county, where he remained six years. During the last eighteen months of that period was Vice-President of St. Patrick's College at Ruma; also was President of the same institution for a short time. From there he was transferred to St.

Peter's and St. Paul's Cathedral at Alton, where he remained three years, then to New Berlin, where he is pursuing his pastoral labors up to the present time.

James R. Morrison, merchant and grain dealer, Bates, Illinois, was born in Butler county, Ohio, November 28, 1827. Son of William and Martha (Mathers) Morrison, also natives of Butler county, Ohio, where they were married, about 1824. The family consisted of two sons and two daughters, two of whom are living—James R. and Martha Ann; Mary died in 1852, and William P. in 1848. In 1853, his father came to Sangamon county, and stopped one year in New Berlin; bought a farm, upon which he lived until his death, which occurred in 1878. Mother died in 1876. In 1852, Mr. Morrison married Miss Sarah V. Auld, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Walton) Auld, of Ohio. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 27, 1833. They had six children, five of whom are living, viz: James F., William A., Mary M., Martha V. and Sarah C. B. After coming to this county, he followed farming four years, then was employed as agent, by the Wabash railroad company, at Bates, which position he held up to 1881. In the meantime he handled grain, and various branches of business. In 1879, he handled one hundred and two thousand bushels of corn and twenty thousand bushels of wheat; since that time has shipped about sixty thousand bushels per year. Mr. M. says he never cast but two votes in his life, and one of them was for Abraham Lincoln. He has one hundred acres of land, all under a high state of cultivation, valued at \$50 per acre. He has just commenced in the grain business, and carries a stock of \$2,000.

Joseph Reynolds, retired, farmer, New Berlin, was born in White county, Tennessee, April 20, 1810; son of Joseph and Mary (Sorrels) Reynolds; parents left Tennessee in 1810 for the far West, coming on three packed horses, on which they brought all their worldly goods, wife and two children, and located near Edwardsville. There was only one log cabin north of them in the territory, where a man by the name of Starkey lived. They remained in Madison county but a short time, then went to Greene county, built a cabin north of Macoupin creek, one mile north of where Carrolton now stands; remained nine years; made a farm; sold out and moved to Madison county, one mile west of Franklin; took up government land and made a home, where he remained until his death, which occurred in September, 1862. His wife survived him about four

years. Mr. R. was a member of the Dunkard Church, and Mrs. R. of the Baptist. They had six children, five sons and one daughter, viz: Joseph, Samuel, Lewis, Minerva, Abraham—Levi, Joseph and Minerva, now living. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and received a good education. He remained there until he was twenty-four years of age, when he married Miss Mary W. Clark, September 17, 1833. She was born in December, 1815. They had six sons and three daughters, of whom three are living, viz: Elzina J., James A. and Lewis C. Mrs. Mary Reynolds died January 27, 1854. For his second wife Mr. R. married Mrs. Nancy M. Lankston; she was born in Scott county in 1828. They had six children, only one of whom is living—Jacob T. Mr. R. has been a farmer till 1871, when he retired. He has held several local offices and has represented the people as their supervisor two terms. He has about six hundred acres of land, which is valued at \$30 per acre.

John Rhea, farmer and stock raiser, post office New Berlin, was born in Barren county, Kentucky, July 14, 1817; son of James and Rachel (Jolleff) Rhea. Was reared on a farm and received his education in a log cabin, attending about three months in the winter. He married Miss Julia A. Starks, November 14, 1839; she was born in Rutland county, Vermont, June 21, 1821; was baptized into the fellowship of the Berlin Baptist Church in 1842, and retained her membership in the same church until her death. She was deeply interested in the benevolence of the church, in ministerial education, home and foreign missions; she was a true Christian woman of the noblest type. A large concourse of people attested her worth at her funeral, at Berlin, Rev. J. Bulkley, of Alton, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Rhea had seven children, four of whom are living, viz: James B., Stephen E., Thomas T., and Martha E. Mr. R. has been identified with the interests of the county all his life; has seen the broad prairies change from their wild and uncultivated state, to one of the best cultivated counties in the State. He can remember when there was but one house in Waverly, and at the time it was called Shurtleff Point. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and has been since its organization. He has a fine farm of three hundred acres near New Berlin, where he resides.

Thomas F. Rhea, farmer and stock-raiser, post office, New Berlin, is a brother of the preceding, and was born in Jefferson county, Illinois, July 27, 1824; son of James Rhea, born June 3, 1780, and Rachel (Jolleff) Rhea, born

November 16, 1788; were married in Virginia, November 20, 1801, and in an early day emigrated to Boone county, Kentucky. In 1812, he enlisted in the war and was with Commodore Perry, at the battle of Lake Erie. After the close of the war he returned to Kentucky, where he remained until 1820, when he left his Kentucky home for the far west, or the Sangamon country, as it was called at that time. He located in what is now Jefferson county, Illinois, where he remained until 1827, when he came to Sangamon county, where he bought and improved eighty acres of land, with a log cabin into which the family moved, and remained until he could build a more commodious one. He remained here until his death, which occurred February 12, 1843. They were members of the Emancipation Baptist Church, and were instrumental in organizing the first Sabbath school in Berlin township. They died as they had lived, sincere Christians. The subject of this sketch came to this county when he was three years old; was reared on a farm, and received his education in the pioneer school house. He married Miss Lucinda Wilcox. She was the daughter of Ellis Wilcox, a native of Kentucky, and was born February 15, 1825. They had five children, viz: Annie L., born August 17, 1845; Clarinda, born August 1, 1850; Eliza E., born April 3, 1852, and died in childhood; Rebecca, born December 2, 1856, and died December 20, 1865; Lou, born December 7, 1859. Mrs. Lucinda Rhea died December 7, 1877, a member of the Missionary Baptist Church; was respected by all who knew her. For his second wife Mr. Rhea married Mrs. Louisa Yates, a widow of Henry Yates, deceased, who died October 3, 1871, leaving four children: Henrietta, Minnie L., Grace, who died July 20, 1872, and Laura. Mrs. Rhea was the daughter of Francis Arnz, who figured prominently in the political arena, in Cass county; held several local offices in the gift of the people, representing his district in the legislature; also was appointed Minister to Austria and Germany. Mr. Rhea came to the county in an early day; has seen it from its infancy to one of the most flourishing counties in the State. He has five hundred and five acres of beautiful land, all under a high state of cultivation, valued at \$50 per acre, and is one of the large and prosperous farmers of the county; has held several local offices, and represented his people as supervisor.

Joseph S. Smith, farmer and stock-raiser, post office, Bates, is the father of the preceding, and was born in Frankfort, Kentucky, July 21, 1827:

son of Joseph Smith, who was born in Loudon county, Virginia, October 3, 1794. His parents moved to Harrison county, Ky., when he was seven or eight years old. At the age of fifteen he entered a store in Paris, Kentucky, as clerk, and afterwards became a merchant in Frankfort. He was married April 9, 1822, in Franklin county, to Sally Taylor, who was born November 22, 1807, in that part of Gallatin that afterwards became Trimble county, Kentucky. The family residence, at the time, was on a very elevated site opposite the city of Madison, Indiana, and was called Mount Bird. Joseph Smith and wife had four children in Franklin county, Kentucky, and moved to this county in October, 1834; he settled on Richland creek, in what is now Cartwright township, where two children were born. The father of Mr. Smith followed farming, and at the same time was in the mercantile business in Springfield, in connection with James F. Bradford. He represented Sangamon county in the State Legislature; died in August 1862, on the farm where he settled in 1834. His widow, Mrs. Sally Smith, resides with her son Joseph S., at Bates, in this county.

Major Smith the subject of this sketch, remained on the farm until the fall of 1861, when he enlisted in the Tenth Illinois Cavalry, and was commissioned as Captain of Company B; before leaving Springfield he was promoted to Major, serving his country nearly three years; previous to the expiration of the term of service, they veteranized and the Major resigned.

In the spring of 1865, he went to California, at that time he was handling corn, hauling it with mules from the Missouri river to Salt Lake, and receiving twenty-five cents per pound, or \$14 per bushel. In 1867 he went to Abilene, Kansas, where he engaged in the traffic of Texas cattle; since 1875, he has been buying and driving them into Colorado and other parts, and handles ten thousand head a year. He has four hundred and fifty acres of valuable land, which is located near Bates Station, on the Wabash Railroad, valued at \$60 per acre.

Dewitt W. Smith, farmer and fine stock breeder, is a son of Joseph and Sally Smith, who emigrated to this county from Franklin county, Kentucky, and he was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, December 13, 1844. He received an academic education, besides attending Bryant & Stratton's Business College, in Chicago and St. Louis. In September, 1864, he married Miss Adelia McConnell, a daughter of Andrew B. and Augusta McConnell. She was born in this county, February 22, 1845. They

had four children: Sidney, Eliza, Temple, and Augusta. Mr. Smith is one of the large and extensive farmers of the county; has under his immediate supervision one thousand eight hundred acres of land; raises one thousand one hundred acres of corn; is also an extensive breeder of fine blooded stock, of which he has some seventy-five head of shorthorns on his place, and feeds. His corn crop averages from three thousand and five hundred to five thousand bushels yearly.

In the years of 1876 and 1880, he represented his district in the legislature, and in 1879, was elected supervisor of the township; was also elected chairman of the board. In politics, is Democratic.

John P. Stephens, farmer, post office, New Berlin, was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1842; son of George W., and Martha (Patterson) Stephens. The family consisted of seven children, four sons and three daughters. In 1848, his parents emigrated to Exeter, Scott county, Illinois, where they remained until the fall of 1875, when his mother died; they then came to this county. In August, 1861, he enlisted in the Twenty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served three years. Participated in the battles of Shiloh, Pittsburg Landing, siege of Corinth, Vicksburg and at Jackson, Mississippi. After the war he returned to Scott county, where he followed farming. November 3, 1864, he married Miss Eliza Anderson, of Morgan county, Illinois, where she was born in April, 1843. They have had six children, five of whom are living: Laura B., Mary A., Ava L., Charles and Nellie. Mrs. Stephens died June 23, 1879, in this county. February 18, 1881, Mr. S. married Mrs. Harbour, widow of Levi Harbour, who was among the early settlers of Sangamon county. She was the daughter of Robert and Sarah Young, natives of Kentucky. Robert Young married Miss Elizabeth Breeding, in 1818, by whom he had three children: John, Jane and Louisa. John died while on his way home from the Mexican War; Mrs. Young died in 1825. For his second wife, Robert married Miss Sarah Vigus, in 1828; she was born in Kentucky in 1808. They had nine children, seven of whom are living, viz: Joan, Sarah, Nathan M., William A., George W., Robert G., and Viola. In 1830, Mr. Young left Kentucky for Illinois, coming through with a team, Mrs. Young riding on horse-back on a peck and carrying her infant. They camped out on the prairies and did their cooking by camp-fires. He located

in what is now Scott county, near Winchester, where they remained one year, then went to Greene county, where Mrs. Young remained. Mr. Y. went to the Black Hawk War; was on the battle-field with General Stillman, and helped to bury the dead. After the war he returned to Greene county, and in the fall of 1832 to Kentucky, on account of sickness in that county. He remained until 1853, when he thought he would again try his fortune in Illinois. He remained until his death, which occurred in Logan county, in 1876. Mrs. Stephens owns one hundred and eighty-seven acres of land under a good state of cultivation, valued at \$55 per acre.

Ferdinand Stelte, farmer and stock raiser; post office, New Berlin; was born in Prussia, Germany, May 15, 1830. In 1857, he emigrated to the United States in a sailing vessel, and was seven weeks and four days on the water. He landed in New Orleans; thence, via steamer, to St. Louis, from there to Alton, then to Springfield, where he engaged to work by the month. In 1863, he married Elizabeth Knust, who came to this State one year previous; she was born October 24, 1845. There are seven children: Mary, born January 31, 1864; Gertrude, May 14, 1866; Francis, October 8, 1869; Minnie A., September 13, 1872; Ann M., September 27, 1875; Maria C., April 16, 1878; August J., March 13, 1880. After his marriage, Mr. S. rented for four years, then bought his present place, of one hundred and sixty acres, valued at \$60 per acre. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

Francis Taylor, farmer and merchant, New Berlin; was born in Fairfield county, Connecticut, on the 27th day of November, 1821; son of Daniel and Sally Taylor, natives of Fairfield county, Connecticut, where they were married, and eight children, were born, four sons and four daughters, three of whom are living: Edward W., now of Fairfield, county, Connecticut; William H., now a resident of Boston, and Francis. His father was a boot and shoe manufacturer and farmer. In politics, was an old-line Whig; his parents died in Connecticut, after living together more than a half century.

Francis was raised on a farm, and received an academic education. In 1845, he married Miss Henrietta B. Morehouse, a daughter of Samuel T. Morehouse; she was born in Connecticut, in 1827. By this union there were four children, viz: Mary C., Albert J., Frank I., and Edward H.; Mrs. Taylor died in 1862. He was again married, to Harriet R. Rumsey, a daughter of Aaron B.; she was born in Fairfield county,

Connecticut, in 1839; by this marriage there were four children, viz: Charles R., William F., Harriet S., and Frederick D. Mr. Taylor came to Sangamon county, Illinois, in 1851; the immediate vicinity of New Berlin was sparsely settled, there being but one store building in the village when he located and made a farm, and afterwards engaged in the real estate business; has nine hundred acres of land in Sangamon county, all of which is under cultivation, valued at \$85 per acre; the present season he has four hundred and fifty acres of corn on his place. In 1881, he embarked in the mercantile business, in company with his son, where they carry a stock of dry goods, boots and shoes, and everything that is usually carried in a village store; carries a stock of \$10,000. Mr. Taylor is a large dealer in western land, owning between two and three thousand acres.

Mr. Taylor has been identified with the county thirty years, and has seen the various changes. By good management he has accumulated a fine property, and is one of the large and well-to-do business men of the county. In politics, he is a Republican.

J. V. Thon, furniture, tin-ware and stove dealer, Berlin Illinois, was born in Prussia, Germany, December 12, 1833. When twenty-four years of age he came to the United States in a sailing vessel, and was forty-nine days in making the trip, landing in New Orleans. The vessel, having cholera on board, he had to remain on board for several days. He remained but a short time in New Orleans, then went to St. Louis, where he worked a short time, then came to Jacksonville, where he worked at anything he could get to do. He married Miss Eva Rodenheber, who was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, July 29, 1845; they have two children John, born January 10, 1867, and Katie, born June 22, 1868. He is a member of the Catholic Church of New Berlin, and in politics is a Democrat. Mr. Thon has a property valued at \$3,000. Carries a stock of \$3,000, of furniture, stoves and tin-ware.

William M. Warren, banker, New Berlin, Illinois, was born May 27, 1828. Son of William B., who was born in 1802, and Ann (Price) Warren, born in 1811. They were married in Scott county, Kentucky, in 1827. They had five sons and seven daughters, five of whom are living, viz: William M., Phil., now of Springfield, a farmer and stock dealer; Maria A., now Mrs. William A. Turney, of Springfield; Louisa, now Mrs. Thomas Booth, of St. Louis; Agnes,

now Mrs. V. M. Kenney, of this county. In 1838, the parents of Mr. Warren left their Kentucky home, in wagons, and located in Jacksonville, Morgan county, Illinois. Mr. Warren was an attorney at law, but, on account of poor health, never followed his profession.

Major Warren was a man of action as well as words, and at the time of the breaking out of the Mexican war, was one among the first to give his services. Colonel Hardin, W. B. Weatherfield and Major Warren organized the First Illinois Regiment. Colonel Hardin was to have command of the regiment, W. B. Weatherfield Lieutenant-Colonel and Mr. Warren Major. Mr. Warren participated in the Mormon war, and acted as Assistant Adjutant General. After the Mexican war was over he was elected Clerk of the Supreme Court, which office he held six years. He returned to Jacksonville where he dealt in real estate, and remained until his death, which occurred April 12, 1865.

The subject of this sketch attended school in Jacksonville until he was seventeen years old; in the meantime had fitted himself for surveying, which he followed from 1845 to 1866, being employed most of the time in Sangamon, Morgan and Cass counties. In 1849, he married Miss Prescilla A. Hitt, daughter of Samuel Hitt, of Kentucky, who came to Morgan county in 1832. She was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, October 19, 1829. They had eleven children, six of whom are living, viz: William B., a practicing physician of Old Berlin; Sally, Robert H., John F., Maggie and Agnes. In 1854, Mr. W. left Morgan county and came to Sangamon county, where he located on a farm, in the meantime, following surveying. In 1865, he was admitted to the bar, practiced in the circuit courts, and still follows his profession. In 1877, he embarked in the banking business, in New Berlin. In politics, he is a Democrat, and has held several local offices of trust in the gift of the people; has been supervisor eleven years, and five of those was chairman of the board. Mr. Warren has fifteen hundred acres of land in this county, all of which is under cultivation, valued at \$50 per acre.

Lieutenant James H. Yates, farmer, New Berlin township, was born in Island Grove township, this county, son of Thomas and Nancy (Higgins) Yates, natives of Kentucky. He was reared on a farm, and received a good business education. In 1861, he enlisted in the Twenty-sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company D, and participated in the battles of Island No. 10, siege and battle of Corinth, Jack-

sonville, Mississippi, and Mission Ridge. At the expiration of his term of service, he re-enlisted in the Sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company C, and was commissioned as First Lieutenant. On the 22d day of July, he was struck by a musket ball in the wrist; returned home on a furlough; while returning to his regiment, was detailed at Louisville, Kentucky, to take through a thousand head of cattle to Sherman's army, making him too late to go

with Sherman to the sea, but later he joined him at Hilton Head, North Carolina; afterwards made a raid through the State, and at the terminus of the war, was mustered out in North Carolina, being discharged and paid off in Springfield. He married, in 1868, Miss Barbara Deibert. She was born in Germany in 1845. They had six children, four of whom are living: Frederick, Philip, Hawes, and Mattie. In politics, he is a Republican.

