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Moweaqua Call-Mail

1894 - 1897

Moweaqua, Illinois

VOLUME # 3

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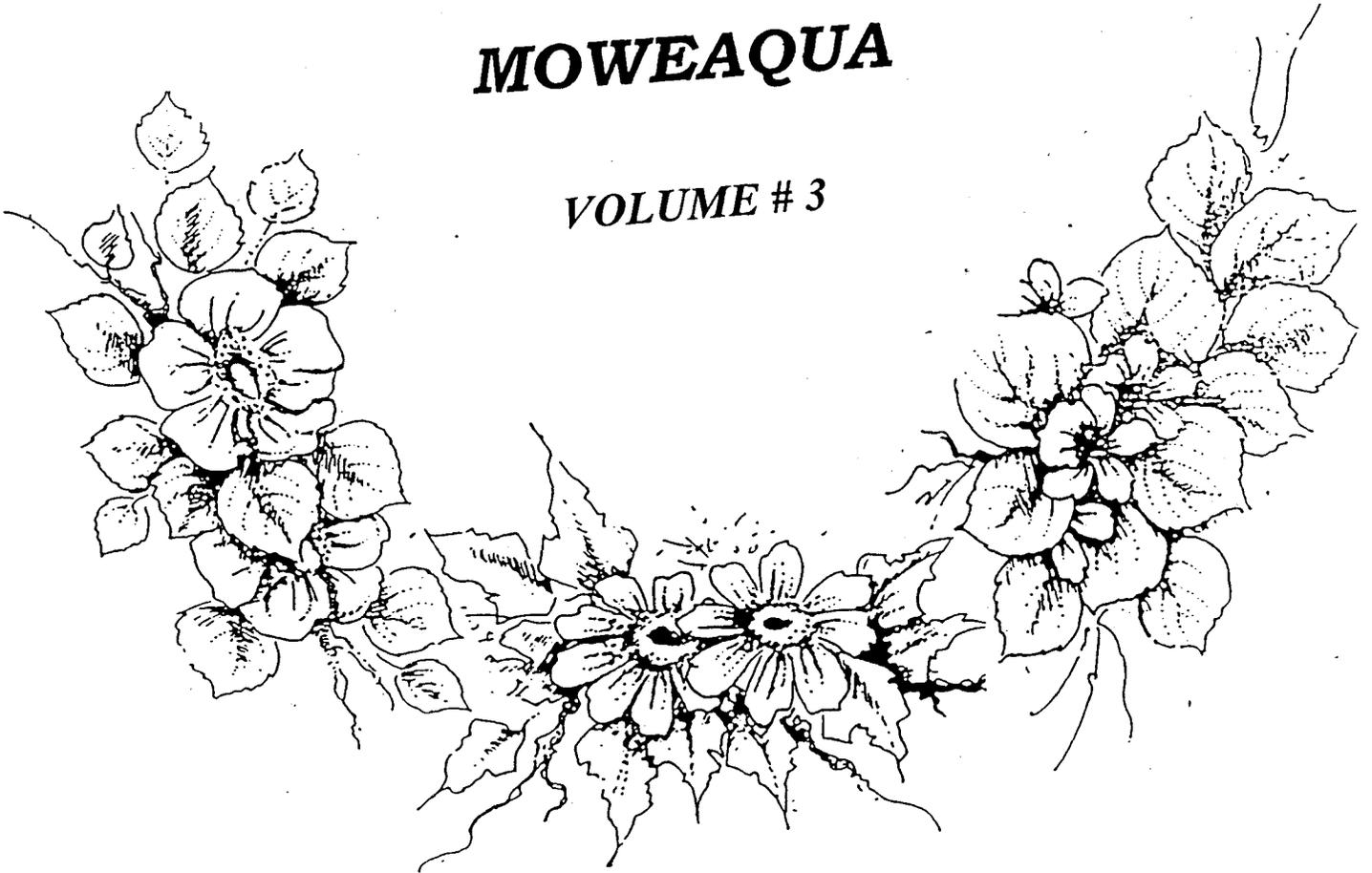


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This book is dedicated

With Love

To my three children,

Bryan S., Crista N., and Brent A. Jacober

And to my late husband,

Donald J Jacober

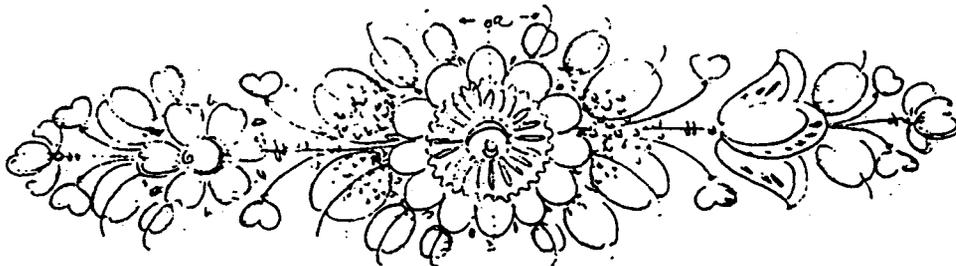
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*"The heritage of our past is the treasure of our future...
The present is the time for us to preserve it for those to come."*

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

VOLUME 3

Moweaqua Call-Mail

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TO THE READER:

This is the third volume prepared from extracts taken from the *Moweaqua Call-Mail*. **Volume 3** covers the years 1894 through the end of 1897. This volume has been expanded to include the following sections

a. Sketches of Individuals found in the *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Sketches of individuals have been extracted from newspapers when found. They are listed alphabetically on the cover sheet of that section. To add interest to this book, I have also included extracts of some of the local ads found in the various years. These ads are included in the 'sketch portion', but are not indexed

b. Common Illnesses – Old Diseases – Modern Definitions:

Many tragic deaths were attributed to strange sounding illnesses that were very common during this time. Because of antibiotics and great strides in medical advancement, many of these diseases have been cured. I have researched the most *common illnesses* mentioned and added a brief description of them for reference. These common illnesses caused much distress to our pioneer ancestors, and often times led to their deaths.

c. Newspapers Mentioned in the *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Often times articles were copied from other local newspapers and included as part of the news in the *Moweaqua Call-Mail*. When this happened, I have shown reference by listing the applicable newspaper in (). For reference only, I have compiled a list of the most frequently quoted newspapers during this time period. I have listed them in alphabetical order on the 'newspaper list', and included a brief description/history of the paper.

d. Names and Places Mentioned in the *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Some of the towns and villages mentioned may no longer appear on maps. Therefore, I have added this section, which includes a description of specific location of many of these small towns. When additional information was found, I included that information as a brief narrative.

e. Maps – Township, County, Locality and State of Illinois (1822, 1876, and 1999):

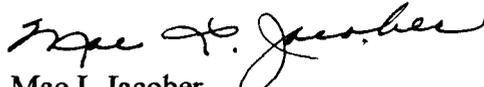
For easy reference, I have expanded the *map section*, which includes maps dated 1822, 1876, and a more recent map. This section includes township maps, county maps (plat book info) and state maps.

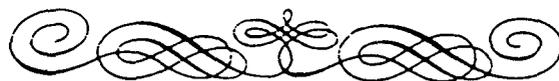
f. Extracts: Like the first two volumes, this volume includes exact calendars for each given year, births, marriages, and deaths, as well as birthday celebrations and anniversary celebrations. I have included the calendars in this work since their inclusion may help future researchers pinpoint a birthday or wedding date of specific individuals. This will add to the genealogical value of this document.

Entries are made in chronological order, however, this should not be a problem as the index provides exact page numbers. Women's names sometimes cause a problem, as their names are given as 'Mrs J D Doe', which does not distinguish if 'J D' is her initials or her husband's. Thus, women are listed as: Doe, J D (Mrs). If women's maiden names are known, they are listed under both the maiden name and the married name. Because of the type of information recorded, names may be listed on the index in several ways with several spelling variations. Names were copied verbatim as given in the articles.

If I was unsure of any information, found an obvious mistake, or did not copy an article in its entirety, I have included a '(Note)' at the end of the information given. There are over 6,500 individual names indexed. I have tried to be as accurate as possible, however, the actual papers were extremely fragile and sometimes the print was not as good as it could have been. There is some duplication of the extracts, but I chose to leave them in 'as found'. Most of the articles have been copied verbatim. Occasionally a week's issue was missing. I have annotated any omissions.

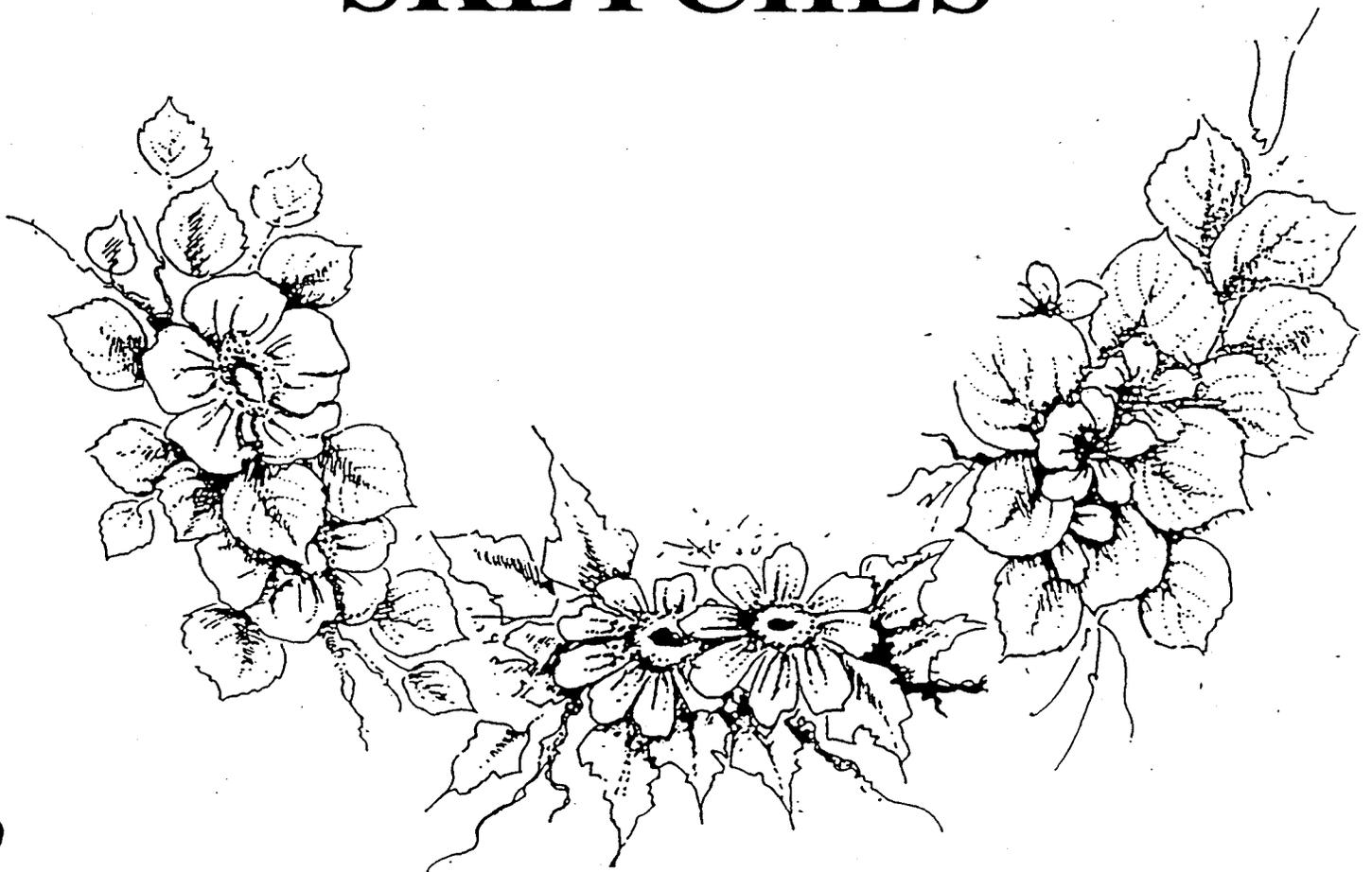
I have tried to make this an informative, easy to use book, quick reference guide for specific individuals and event, and to capture as much information concerning the ancestors of Moweaqua and Shelby County area as possible. Acknowledgement should be given to Moweaqua Librarian, Ms Barbara Collins – without her diligence, this project would have not been possible.


Mae L Jacober
Pocahontas, Illinois 62275





* SKETCHES *



SKETCHES OF INDIVIDUALS
Taken from the *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

(Note: Listed alphabetically only)

ADAMSON, David A
ADAMSON, Edwin
ADAMSON, Ollie M
BAUER, Otto
BERRY, Josiah
BILYEU, George
BROWN, Rebecca T
CLARK, John
CORRINGTON, A Fred
COWLE, Rose A (Mrs)
DAY, Henry F
DUNCAN, Robert P
DURHAM, E J (Rev)
GASKILL, Mina
GAVIN, James
GREGORY, Blanche I
HUDSON, Frank T
LOVE, Sanford H.
MILLER, William H
OTTA, Carrie (Mrs Otto Bauer)
PATTERSON, Mary E (Mrs)
SCHNEIDER, Michael
SNELL, Charles
SNYDER, Cora L
SNYDER, Karl R
SNYDER, Margaret
STEWART, James G
TOLLY, Cornelius Jr. (Picture was of too poor quality – would not copy)
WASHINGTON, Camilla A
WEST, Samuel D



The Founder of Moweauqua.
 The CALL-MAIL takes pleasure
 in presenting in this issue a most
 excellent full-shade picture of
 Michael Schneider the founder of
 Moweauqua, an account of whose



Mrs. MINA GASKILL.
 Taken from an old photograph.



death was published in last week's
 issue. The plate was made from
 an old photograph, taken long
 ago, but the likeness is considered
 very good by the children.



REV. E. J. DURHAM.



MRS. OLLIE M. ADAMSON.



DAVID A. ADAMSON.





CHARLES SNELL.
Taken from an old photograph.



HENRY F. DAY.
Grand Reporter.



MRS. CORA L. SNYDER.



KARL R. SNYDER.



ROBERT P. DUNCAN.



JOSIAH BERRY.
Commander J. V. Clements Post No. 383 G. A. R.
Moweaqua, Illinois.

The bride is the daughter of Jas. W. Gregory, one of our substantial and honored townsmen, a young lady



BLANCHE I. GREGORY.



EDWIN ADAMSON,
Valedictorian.

1896

of most prepossessing appearance and intellectual ability, whose courteous and amiable characteristics have drawn about her a host of loving friends.

The groom is the son of I. N. Corrington, Sr., who is one of Meigs' successful and leading business men, and Fred is a young man of unquestioned honor and integrity, now holding the responsible position of town clerk of



SANFORD H. LOVE,
Salutatorian.



A. FRED CORRINGTON.

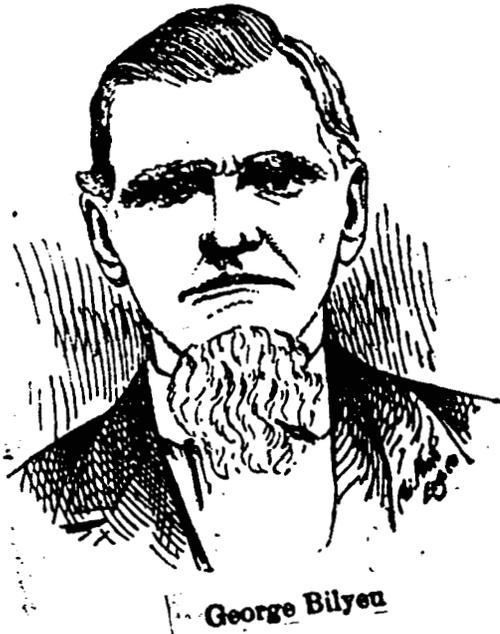




MRS. ROSE A. COWLE.



JAMES G. STEWART.
(Taken from an old photograph.)



George Bilyeu



ESQ. SAMUEL D. WEST.
Forty years a resident of Mowequa.



WILLIAM H. MILLER.



MRS. MARY E. PATTERSON.



JAMES GAVIN.



FRANK T. HUDSON.
HUDSON-SNYDER.



OTTO BAUER.

BAUER-OTTA.



MRS. MARGARET HUDSON.



MRS. OTTO BAUER.



MRS. REBECCA T. BROWN.
(Taken from an old photograph.)



JOHN CLARK,
Commander Shelby County Veterans' Association.

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Away at the Ripe Old Age of Four
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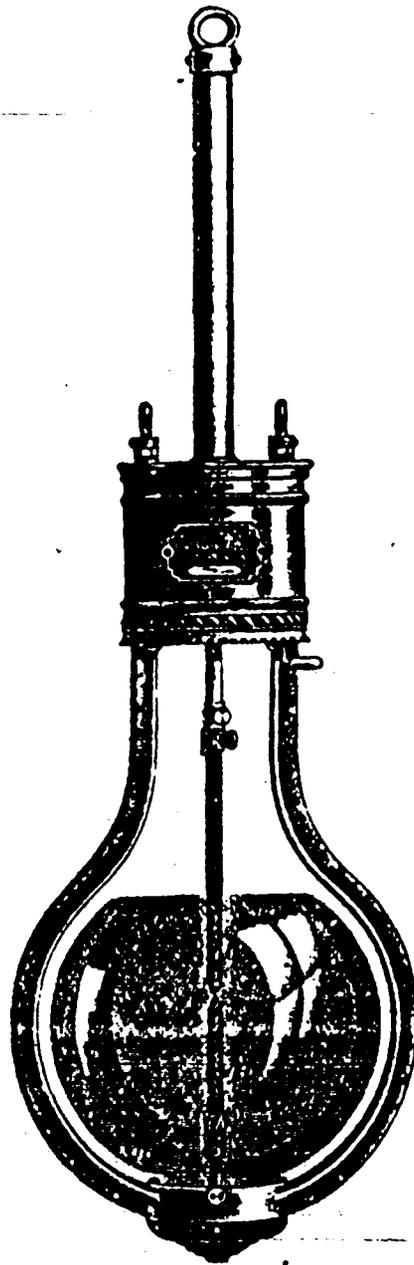
Friday afternoon, August 14,
1896, between five and six o'clock,
"Grandma" Camilla A. Washing-
ton died at the home of her
daughter, Mrs. Dr. Buck. Death
did not come unexpectedly; on the
contrary her physical vitality had
been slowly succumbing to a para-



lytic stroke for several days and
when the end came it was with the
fulnes of a God-given release from
all physical suffering.
years she had bee
bearing her

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The CALL-MAIL takes pleasure in presenting herewith a most excellent picture of a 2000—candle power "Wood" Arc Lamp, which



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THOMAS & SMITH,

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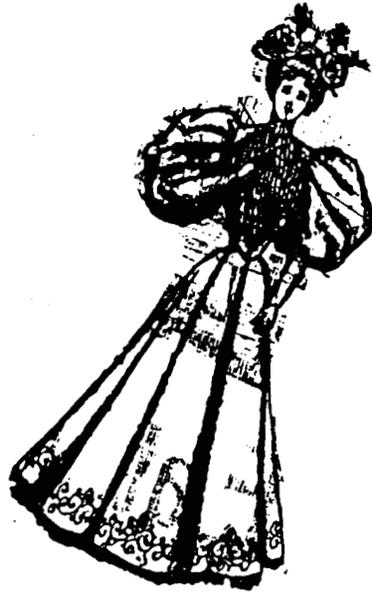
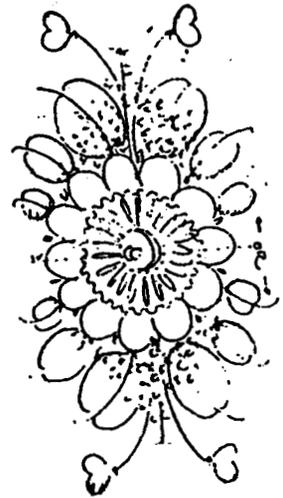
1894

On some of the gowns the bodice is cut in a very large square and in this case soft chiffon is laid in folds and so arranged as not only to drape the neck, but to partly cover the shoulders. A folded belt or narrow pointed girdle in silver filigree is at the waist. The still highly popular round waist is still used by designers and modistes for gowns of crepon and mohair or alpaca, for which there

is a rage. An immense sailor collar with pointed rever attached is a feature of these and many other gowns of the summer. Skirts accompanying these waists are shaped with gores on the front and sides, three box plaits in the back, the skirt measuring nearly five yards around the bottom. Silk net, French batiste and flowered India muslin and organdy form some of the most charming toilets of the season. Hats and parasols are often en suite.

Another beautiful textile is patterned silk grenadine which, when made up over taffeta with the prevailing color brought out in relief on the corsage, forms a very elegant and becoming toilet for dressy summer wear.

Tan, fawn and corn grass linens, both plain and in openwork patterns,



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"	9.	"	5:39 A. M.	"
"	7	"	4:06 A. M.	"
"	11.	"	11:46 P. M.	"
"	17.	"	4:30 A. M.	"
"	1.	"	5:08 P. M.	"
"		Ex. Sun.	5:18 P. M.	"

FOR THE EAST.

No.	24.	Daily	10:02 A. M.	For Indianapolis.
"	8.	"	10:29 A. M.	"
"	6.	"	11:06 P. M.	"
"	12.	"	10:12 P. M.	"
"	3	Ex. Sun.	1:40 P. M.	"
"	14	Daily	8:24 P. M.	For Effingham.

THOS. W. DODGE, Agent
Vandalia, Illinois

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In effect July 24, 1893.
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FOR THE WEST.

No.	75.	Ex. Sun.	11:30 A. M.	For Peoria.
"	76.	"	7:15	"

FOR THE EAST.

No.	78.	Ex. Sun.	8:00 P. M.	For Terre Haute.
"	79.	"	7:00 A. M.	"

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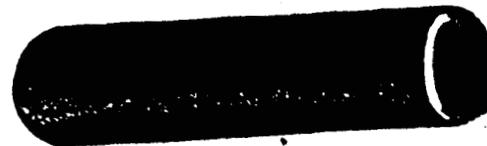
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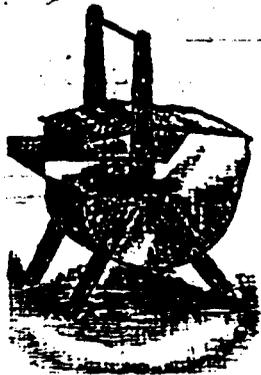
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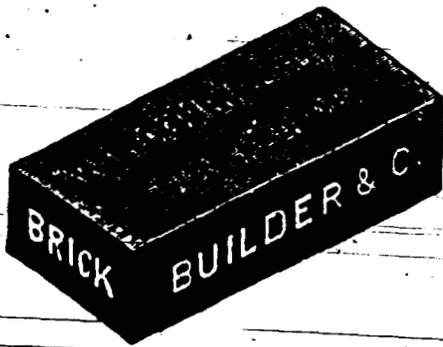
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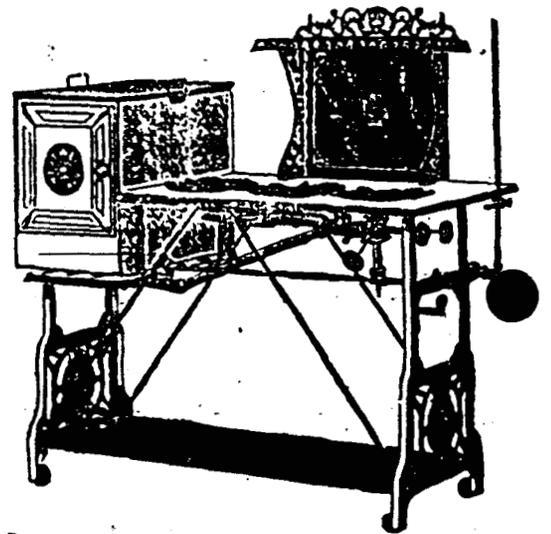
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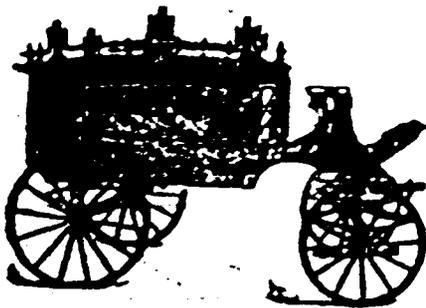
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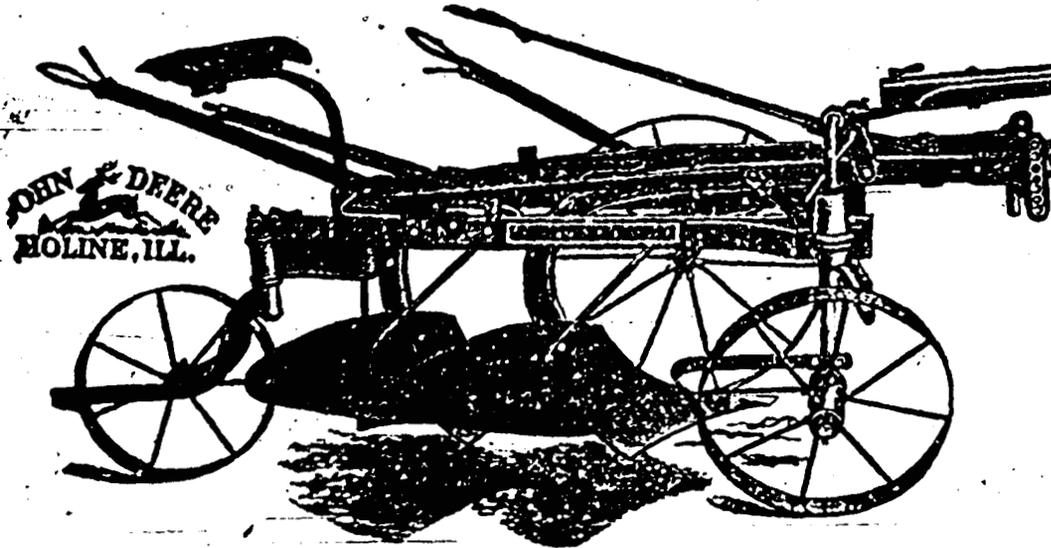
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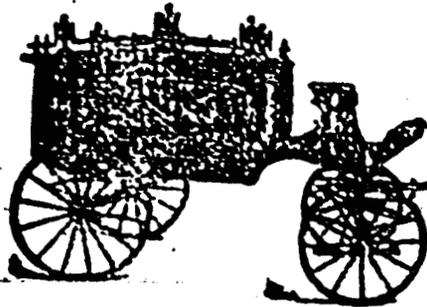
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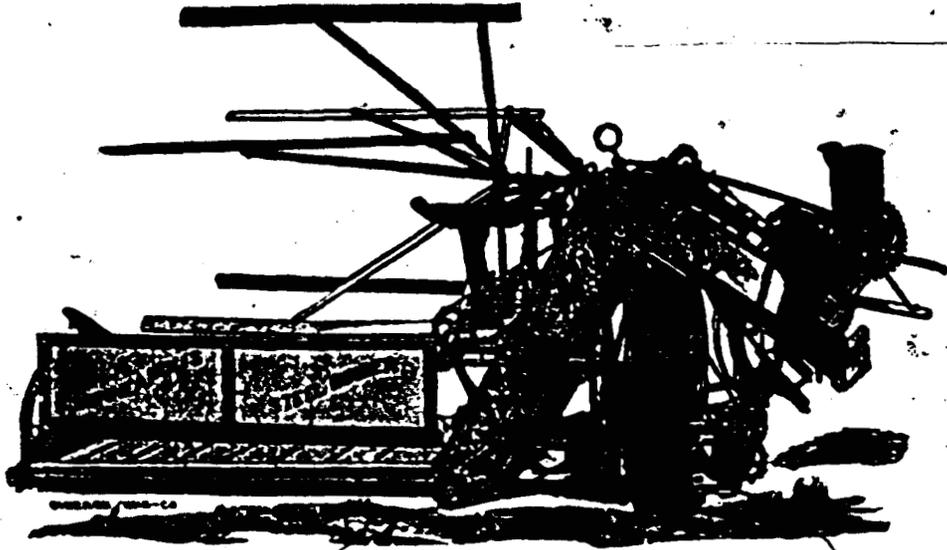
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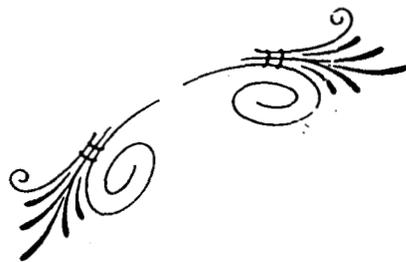
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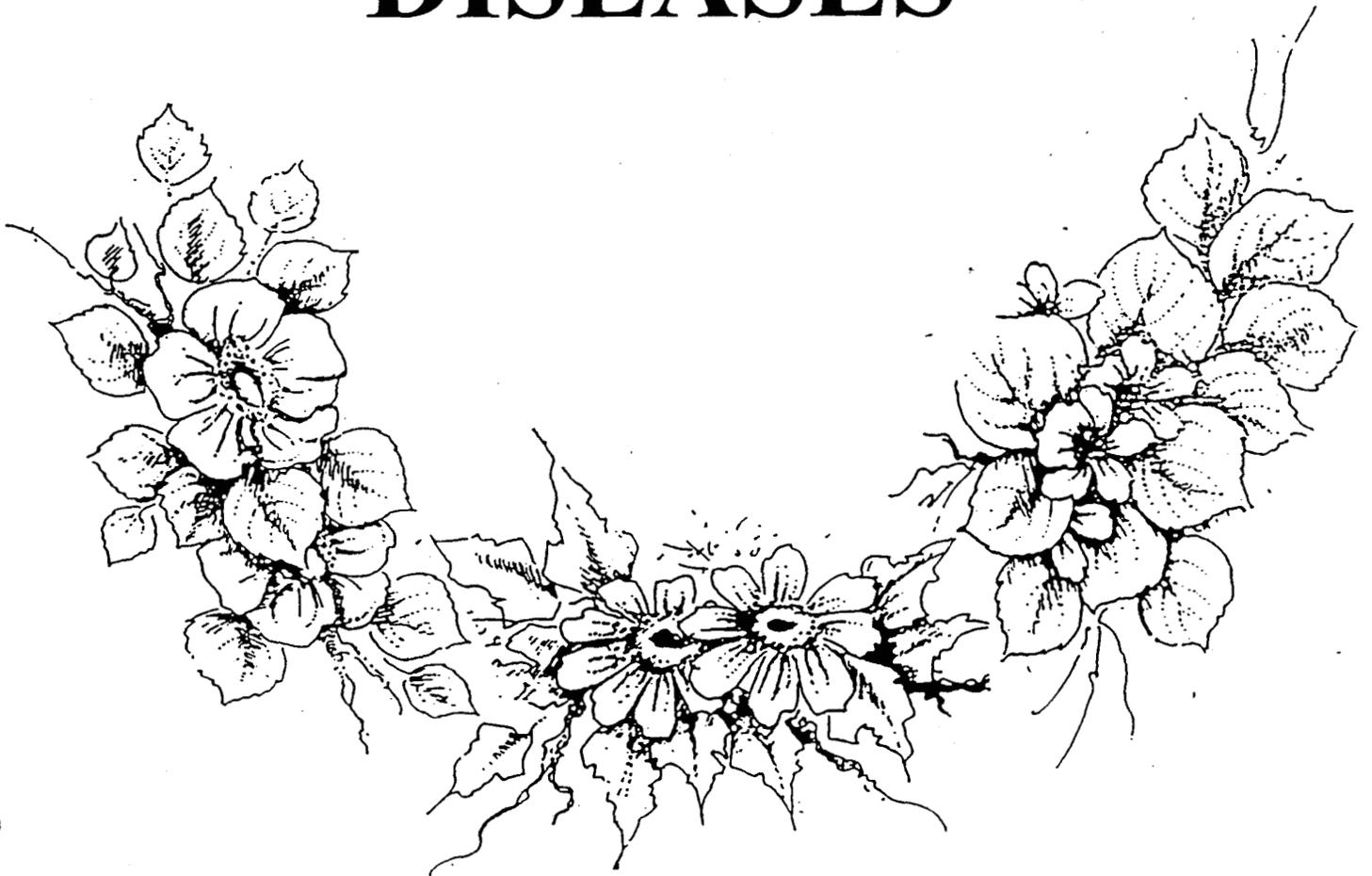
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* **DISEASES** *



COMMON ILLNESSES

Old Disease Names and Their Modern Definitions

An alphabetical listing of the common illnesses and diseases often mentioned in the extracts in this book. Many of these diseases were the cause of many of the deaths listed in this book.

Acute Nephritis: Inflammation of infection of the kidneys as opposed to the lower urinary tract. Acute nephritis disease follows infections with streptococci, which used to give rise to scarlet fever. Symptoms include sore throat, blood in urine, swelling of the face and legs, pain in the small of the back, headache and rise of blood pressure. Patient may become breathless and suffer from nausea. Treatment is bed rest, salt free diet, fluids are restricted and intake of protein cut. After a week to ten days patient showed signs of improvement. Death was usually caused by the complications associated with nephritis. (See *Bright's Disease and Nephritis*)

Apoplexy: A stroke or 'brain attack'. It is an old term, seldom used today. The condition is caused by an acute blocked or broken artery in the brain. Responsible for stopping part of the blood supply of the brain resulting in loss of consciousness, paralysis or death. The effects of a stroke may be lifelong, because dead brain cells are not replaced. A stroke can affect the senses, motor activity and speech. Today's treatment may include surgery, drugs, hospital care and rehabilitation.

Biliousness: Jaundice or other symptoms associated with liver disease; any upset leading to vomiting bile.

Bright's disease : A kidney disease. Named for Dr Richard Bright, an English Physician who first described the disease in 1827. Cause is unknown. The disease is characterized by leakage of blood protein into the urine. Sometimes the first symptoms are puffiness around the eyes or difficulty putting shoes on from swollen feet. Around 1913 physicians stopped using the term 'Bright's disease' for kidney diseases/disorders. Fatal prior to 1913/1915 era. (See '*Acute Nephritis*' and '*Nephritis*')

Camp Fever: Usually another name for typhoid fever. Typhus has appeared in the ports, but it was not a disease of the Civil War. In spite of repeated introductions from Europe and from Mexico, this form of typhus failed to form a permanent foothold in either Canada or the United States. The American Civil War of 1861-1865 was one of the few wars of any magnitude in which typhus was not epidemic among the military camps, prisons, refugee camps. (Also see *Typhoid Fever*)

Catarrh: Also spelled '*Catarrh*'. Hippocratic word meaning discharge from an inflamed mucous membrane, particularly from the membranes lining the air sinuses of the head and the air passages of the nose and throat. As a diagnosis, 'catarrh' has almost disappeared, for it is entirely 'unspecific', as the name for a symptom, it tends to linger..

Catarral Fever: See *Catarrah*

Cholera/Cholera infantum: Cholera infantum refers to cholera occurring in the very young infant and up to 2 to 3 year old youngsters; 'infantum' being Latin for 'infant'. Cause is the infection with the cholera virus; incubation period is 2 to 5 days. Greatest danger is the loss of body fluids. There are normally 3 stages: (1) Mild diarrhea and vomiting which can rapidly get worse; patient experiences severe cramps. Temperature is raised but the skin is cold and blue, patient may have a terrible thirst, which, when satisfied by water only makes the cramping worse. This stage may last 3 to 12 hours. (2) Stage of collapse; body starts to become colder, the skin dry, voice weak and husky, urine scanty and dark or altogether absent. Blood pressure falls to a low level. Young infants normally die at this stage; may occur in as little as 24 hours after the first onset. (3) In favorable cases, the third state is the stage of recovery. Follows when all the changes appear to reverse themselves, with fluid loss decreasing and the general condition improving. However, the danger lies in that a relapse may occur or the patient may sink into a condition resembling typhoid fever in which he gradually deteriorates over a period of two or three weeks. During this 'stage of reaction', the temperature may be raised and the patient may be in danger from pneumonia. Treatment is combating the loss of fluids and salts from the body by having the patient ingest a saline solution. All cases must be isolated and bedding and everything soiled by the patients must be sterilized to prevent spreading and contamination. Very severe; frequently resulted in death, especially in the very young children.

Consumption: See *Tuberculosis*. The effect of the disease was that of 'wasting away'.

Cramp Colic: Appendicitis. Inflammation of the appendix. Symptoms include stomach pain nausea or vomiting, tenderness in the lower right portion of the abdomen and fever. Prompt surgical intervention is necessary. If an infected appendix is allowed to remain in a patient, it can rupture or cause extreme infection in the lower abdomen and toxins in the body, and death will result.

Croup: Congested cough.

Death from 'Teething': Tooth infections with inflammation and cellulitis were causes of illness and death before there was adequate dentistry.

Diphtheria. A contagious infection caused by a bacteria. Infection most often attacks the respiratory system, causing severe swelling of the airways—sometimes severe enough to block most or all airflow and causing death. The infection may also cause inflammation of the heart and nerves. Prior to 1920, diphtheria spread freely, causing epidemics and often killing children and patients in a weakened condition. Prior to this time, this was one of the most frequent causes of death and most feared disease. The most common form results in a patient with a sore throat and a severe respiratory problem. A characteristic gray membrane develops over the tonsils and the back of the throat. It is a sheet of cells, bacteria and secretions that can break loose and completely block the airways, producing a medical emergency. Diphtheria infections can exhibit

several variations (sinus infections, larynx (voice box) infections, and some strains produce a toxin that damages the heart and nerves. Symptoms first appear two to five days of exposure to a person infected with diphtheria and include sore throat, runny nose fatigue, headache, fever and chills, nausea, hoarseness, difficulty breathing, cough and difficulty swallowing. Today's treatment includes immunization via vaccinations and if already contacted, antibiotics of penicillin and erythromycin are effective.

Dropsy: Edema (Swelling) Retention of body fluids in some tissue or cavity of the body, usually of the hands and feet, although other parts of the body may show visible signs. Water (fluid) retention of the body is caused by kidney or heart disease. Today is more commonly called 'kidney failure' or 'congestive heart failure'. Today's treatment includes prescribing various drugs to relieve the fluid build-up; Lasix is one of the most popular prescription drugs, although there are others available. (*See Dropsy of the heart*)

Dropsy of the heart: Fluid build up around the heart sac. Retention of body fluids in the chest cavity which, if left untreated will cause death to a patient because the body system shuts down. An old name for 'congestive heart failure'. (*See Dropsy*)

Encephalitis (Viral): Among the most severe of insect borne infections. Illness caused by a virus spread by the bit of a mosquito which has bitten an animal that carries the virus then transfer it when biting a human. Most cases of encephalitis occurring during mosquito season, from late spring until early frost. Person may become confused, feverish, sleeping, develop a headache, vomit, staggered walk, difficulty in talking or seem to be in a perpetual state of nightmare. Some of the viruses that cause viral encephalitis can destroy parts of the brain.

Erysipelas: This disease prevailed as an epidemic and many suffered terribly from this disease. When it attacked the face (its favorite site), the features were horribly swollen and distorted, the eyes closed, and when all was painted over with iodine (a frequent local remedy), the sufferer's countenance was as in-human like as can be imagined.

Falling sickness: Epilepsy

Gout: Still called this today. Inflammation of an extremity – usually the foot, resulting from some fatty blood vessel/circulation problems. Not dissimilar to arthritis, but not involving the joint in the same way. It refers to an inflammation, not just in a joint, or an extremity, caused by the formation of crystals of oxalic acid when it accumulates in the body. It most often occurs in joints where circulation is poor, but can even cause gallstones or kidney stones. Extremely painful, may cause the infected area to become hot, redden, and vary in sensitivity. Often called the '*rich man's disease*', probably comes from the fact that anything which aggravates the acid level in the blood may bring on an attack, including lots of red meat (since that was expensive until modern times, only the well-to-do might be exposed to that 'trigger' of gout). Today's remedy includes increasing the intake of water. An attack can be calmed within 12 hours or so to the point where it's possible to walk again. Without treatment, attacks diminish over a week to ten day period. Most common gout manifests itself as a swelling in the big toe joint (either

foot). The most common description is: high uric acid levels in the blood cause uric acid crystals to form in the joint linings. As the joint moves, then it's equivalent to having sandpaper rubbing against the joint linings and bone – result: incredible pain. Attacks come on very suddenly without warnings. Neither heat nor cold packs seem to make much difference.

Heatstroke: A grave emergency that is often fatal; caused by body fluids and salts they contain have been passed off from the body; person suffering from heatstroke has gotten overheated and suffers from dehydration. Act quickly to cool the victim. Symptoms include very hot, absolutely dry skin and no sweating. Body temperature is very high, from 104 degrees to an incredible 110 degrees. The victim may exhibit weakness, dizziness, rapid breathing, nausea, unconsciousness and mental confusion. Onset is dramatically sudden. Apply ice cold cloths to the head, drench clothes with warm water or pour water on them, even spray with a hose. Preferably strip the victim's clothing, wrap in a sheet then keep the sheet wet with cold water; keep victim in prone position; rub their arms and legs toward the heart.

Hydrophobia: See Rabies

La Grippe: Commonly known as Flu. 'La Grippe' is French for the English word 'grippe'. In modern days we know this as either 'influenza' or simply 'the flu'. The flu used to be a deadly disease and still can be fore people with immune systems weakened by other diseases, age or general bad health. One of the greatest dangers from LaGrippe is it resulting in pneumonia and other complications that lead to death of the patient. Modern treatment is antibiotics and bed rest; preventative measures are annual flu injections.

Lockjaw: Also commonly known as *Tetanus*. Tetanus (lockjaw) is a serious disease that is caused by an organism that produces spores that act as tiny seeds, can be found in the soil and the intestinal tracts of man and animals. The spores commonly enter our bodies through cuts, burns, scratches and other wounds. Only where there is dead tissue or the tissue has closed over a wound and excludes oxygen can the micro-organisms develop. They then produce tetanus toxin, a powerful nerve poison that travels along the nerves and produces damage to the central nervous system. The interval between the time of a wound and the appearance of symptoms ranges from a few days to months. Severe cases appear quickly. The onset of tetanus causes restlessness, irritability, stiffness of muscle groups and difficulty swallowing. Muscle spasms in a limb or jaws is sometimes the first evidence of the disease, hence 'lockjaw'. Tetanus is very severe and often leads to death. Today's treatment consists of giving oxygen to assist in breathing. Antibiotics kill the bacteria, but they do not neutralize the toxin that has already been released. It is still very serious today and preventative measures are taken by periodic tetanus injections, followed by booster shots.

Lung fever: See Pneumonia

Lung Sickness: See Tuberculosis

Malarial fever: An infection with the parasite of malaria carried by mosquitoes. The parasite must find the liver within one hour after introduction into the blood stream or they die. If they do find the liver, they grow there and reproduce. The parasites leave the liver as 'merozoites' which pass into the blood and invade the red blood corpuscles where they start their life cycle. Four main sorts of malaria; all have the same symptoms of headache, shivering, sweating and pains in the limbs. Symptoms may appear as short as 6 days after infection. Clumps of the malaria may block capillaries in the vital organs—brain and spinal nervous systems, lungs and suprarenals—at any time during the course of the disease, which may prove to be quickly fatal. Prevention includes removal of breeding places for the mosquito; keeping houses free of mosquitoes and today, use of insect repellent. Treatment of malaria since the seventeenth century was 'quinine' which acts against the parasites while they are inside the red blood cells. It is not often used now because quinine can affect the ears and may cause Blackwater fever. In acute emergencies, intravenous treatment with drugs is effective. Relapses may occur with the same force as the initial onset of malaria.

Milk Leg: In the 1800's, milk leg was common following childbirth. It was a painful swelling of the leg soon after childbirth due to thrombosis of the large veins. Today it would commonly be called '*phlebitis*' or an infection or irritation of the veins of the leg, caused by inflammation and clotting in the femoral veins, usually as a result of infection during childbirth. The more formal name is 'Phlegmasia Alba Dolens'. Today's treatment includes bed rest, elastic support and aspirin.

Nephritis: Refers to any condition that produces inflammation and damage to the kidney tubes and spaces between them. A synonym for nephritis is Bright's disease named for Richard Bright (1789-1858) who described examples of many different diseases which can be included under the term 'nephritis'. A convenient classification used to divide medical diseases of the kidney into acute nephritis, chronic nephritis and nephrotic syndromes. In the 1800's and earlier, kidney inflammation/failure led to death of the patient. Chronic nephritis was the state into which patients passed who did not make a complete recovery from acute nephritis. Treatment includes complete bed rest, salt-free diets, fluid restriction (until the patient shows improvement) and decrease of protein. (Also see *Bright's disease*)

Peritonitis: Inflammation of the peritoneum. Caused by perforation of an internal organ, the spread of a bacterial infection, or interference with the blood supply to an internal organ. May be acute. Symptoms include severe pain spreading all over the abdomen. Patient lies still, is pale and has a quick thready pulse, bad breath, dry, clammy skin, breathing is shallow and constipation absolute. Muscles of the abdominal wall are rigid. Treatment consists of antibiotics followed by fluids.

Pneumonia: Inflammation of the lungs. There are two types, lobar- and broncho-pneumonia, but they run into each other and are treated the same way. Caused from infection with bacteria, viruses and similar organisms. Symptoms include high fever, shivers, dry cough, over a few hours the cough may worsen, pleurisy may develop,

causing extreme pain on breathing. Treatment includes an antibiotic such as penicillin, bed rest and increased fluids. Oxygen may be required by the very ill or elderly patients. Bacterial pneumonia is still a severe and dangerous disease; the majority of patients respond quickly to today's treatment, however, many deaths were attributed to pneumonia before penicillin and today's antibiotics.

Rabies (Hydrophobia): This is an extremely painful, fatal disease resulting from an infection of the nervous system by the rabies virus, transmitted by an infected animal through a bite or through licking the damaged human skin. The offending animal was usually a wild species, such as a skunk, fox, raccoon, or bat, but may be carried by a domestic animal (cat or dog) that has come into contact with the wild animal. The individual loses control of their nervous system, goes into convulsions, delirium, loses control of saliva (foaming of the mouth) and runs an extremely high fever. Death comes as a blessed relief. Today's treatment involves use of a vaccine that is very painful and must be given frequently into the stomach cavity. Capture of the offending animal, observation and examination of the animal can possibly avoid an individual taking the painful shots if it is found the animal clear of rabies.

Scarlet Fever: One of the childhood diseases that have been tamed by antibiotics. It is a highly contagious infection that is caused by streptococcal bacteria with a very strong endotoxin (bacterial poison). A common cause of death in children before the 20th century; spread by coming into contact with an infected person or inhalation of the bacteria. Once a common and very dangerous illness to young children, usually between the ages of 2 and 10 years. Incubation period of two to five days after exposure, starts with a very high fever of up to 104 degrees, sore throat, followed by nausea vomiting, headache and abdominal pain. Anywhere from 12 to 48 hours later a distinctive scarlet rash appears, first on the neck and chest and then all over the body. The rash feels like sandpaper. In areas of skinfolds, such as armpits, elbow creases, the rash may have a characteristic appearance. Bright red or scarlet rash may appear, usually on the neck or chest. Glands in the neck may become swollen. The tongue becomes swollen and turns bright red. After 3 days the rash and fever usually disappear but the tongue may remain swollen for several more days. Collapse and death may come in as short a time as 48 hours. Like all infectious diseases, it appeared in 'bursts' or epidemics. Unlike certain other childhood diseases, scarlet fever CANNOT be left to run its course. It must be treated or it can lead to arthritis, jaundice, kidney problems and rheumatic fever. Like so many of the diseases common to our ancestors, this disease is no longer so violent and children are not as high a risk for these complications today. Today's treatment includes penicillin and other antibiotics.

Tetanus – See Lockjaw

Typhoid fever: A common cause of typhoid fever is impure drinking water. Several types – *malignant type* was in epidemic proportions in Eastern Illinois in 1896. Typhoid fever's danger doesn't end when symptoms disappear. Even if the symptoms seem to go away, the patient may be a carrier. If so, the illness could return, or you could pass the disease to other people. Care should be taken to wash hands after using the bathroom.

Typhus: Caused by a bacteria; you can get typhus if you come in contact with insects such as lice or fleas infected with the bacteria. More common in areas where people live in overcrowded, dirty conditions with few opportunities to wash themselves, or can be carried by fleas that live on rats and other rodents. Flu-like symptoms and a pink or red rash characterize all forms of typhus. Typhus can cause serious complications such as pneumonia, swelling of the heart muscle, or liver and spleen. If untreated, can be fatal in elderly persons or persons with impaired immune systems, and the very young. Symptoms include fever, chills, headache, weakness, muscle aches and pains, slightly raised pink or red rash, usually appearing four to eight days after the illness begins, and extreme fatigue. All forms of typhus are treated with antibiotics and respond to this. Improvement usually occurs one to two days after beginning medication.

Whooping Cough: A highly contagious respiratory infection, considered to be one of the most serious traditional childhood diseases. If untreated, it can cause lung damage and recurrent bronchial infections. In infants, it can lead to brain damage and even death. It is most associated with very young children. First symptoms – usually a runny nose, dry cough and mild fever – begin about 7 to 10 days after exposure. After another week, the characteristic cough may develop; violent spasms of coughing followed by a high pitched whooping sound, (caused as the person forces air over a swollen larynx (voice box)), though in babies, this sound is often muted. The person may cough up huge amounts of thick saliva and vomiting is common. Coughing phase usually lasts up to six weeks; patients are highly susceptible to secondary infections that can be quite serious. Other complications resulting from the onset of Whooping Cough, along with the weakened condition of the patient and dehydration as a result of the infection can cause death. Today's treatment is reducing the length and severity of the infection by use of an antibiotic such as erythromycin. Prevention is the DPT (diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus) vaccine given in five doses between the ages of two months and 6 years. The vaccine shows a 90% effective rate.



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* **NEWSPAPERS** *



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The Cowden Herald – Shelby County, Cowden, Illinois. In 1889, E W Anderson established the Cowden Herald. Mr W H Taylor took charge of the Herald in 1891 and carried forward the business for about two years. These newspaper enterprises in Cowden were attended with more or less success, the village having a paper most of the time till 18 March 1892, when the present office of *The Reflector* was established by O A Jewett and it has since been doing a good business. It was independent in politics till a few years ago, when it became a republican paper. Mr Jewett has a popular personality and is making a good paper.

The Daily Union - Shelby County, Shelbyville, Illinois. In 1874, H L Martin became the sole owner when his brother, P T Martin went out of the business in December. H L Martin has managed ably and has made *The Union* a paying plant since. He began issuing the Daily Union in January 1887, and his brother Harry Martin (now Shelbyville's postmaster) as editor—and he filled the post with marked sprightliness. The Martins are all clear and forcible writers with a flowing, easy style. James L Darby succeeded H M Martin as editor and manager, and *The Daily* has continued, under his pen and managerial methods to be bright, breezy, prosperous and popular.

The Findlay Enterprise – Shelby County, Findlay, Illinois. In Findlay, on 3 December 1892, J G Cutler brought forth the first issue of the *Findlay Enterprise*. In May 1893, Hubert Wright bought the paper who conducted it with honor and credit till May 1896, when he sold it to John W Moore, who bravely bore aloft its banner till the sheriff sold it in August 1897. It was resurrected in a short time by its founder, J G Cutler, who had been a Chicago printer after he sold out, and he has since been carrying forward *the Enterprise*. He bought both outfits new from Chicago to conform to what he thought a village newspaper plant should be and now has a paying business. Mr Cutler has a good business method and enjoys the respect of a good constituency. *The Enterprise* was independent in politics till September 1900 when it announced it would, from then on, be a Republican paper.

The Herald – Shelby County, Strasburg, Illinois. In November 1895, W H Fagen started a little newspaper in Strasburg with Harry Cartlidge as editor. In May 1896, he sold the paper to Thomas Inman, who conducted it till the following December when it suspended. Cartlidge and Inman made neat and reliable papers and helped their town by advertising it through their editorials and their ads—but the filed was too small and could not support it. Mr J H Quickset started *The Herald* which he is now managing with a degree of success.

The Moweaqua Register – Shelby County, Moweaqua, Illinois. It was in June 1872 that A M Anderson, editor, and John P Marnel, as publisher, issued the first newspaper ever in Moweaqua and it was called *The Moweaqua Register*. Anderson's incisive editorial style was enjoyed by the Moweaquans till December 1875, when it was sold to Arnold

Hughes, the payment being guaranteed by ten leading citizens of the village who knew the worth to a town of a newspaper. For about two years, Hughes ran it alone – when the enterprise was no more – the material passing to the citizens who stood surety for him. After about a year, the 7th of March 1878, F M Hughes bought the plant and started the *Register* again, and fought adverse conditions for another two years, when it ceased, the plant being taken away. On 12 January 1882, O'Banion and Co of Maroa started *The Mail* in Moweaqua with W A Steidley (now a successful newspaper man in Louisiana) as editor. It was printed in Maroa and distributed in Moweaqua until March 1882, when Steidley bought it and opened up a home in Moweaqua. In the following September, C M Hiter and A Gilliland bought it and within the year, sold it to J W Crane. In August 1886, C M Hiter issued *The Call*, which later came into the hands of Pease Brothers, and then Fred & Burres, and finally to Winter and Neblock. In May 1889, W A Steidley took it and combined it with *The Mail*, which had been moving along through the efforts of Crane; then Johnson and Elsum, and then Pease Brothers, till sold to W A Steidley on 26 July 1889, at which time he gave his paper the name of both, *The Call-Mail*. On 1 April 1893, the present proprietor and editor, Bryce P Smith, bought and has since been making a pronounced success of the paper as a money-maker, and an influence-maker. It is today published in its own building, has a modern plant and enjoys prosperity.

The Moweaqua Republican – Shelby County, Moweaqua, Illinois. C W Crane took material from the *Shelby County Citizen* and produced *The Moweaqua Republican*. History repeated itself again and the plant sank out of sight. On 11 October 1894, Mrs Wm Whitworth got possession of the office, added material, and has since carried forward the enterprise with patience, energy and ability, and the paper has influence and standing as a consistent Republican organ and a reliable business concerns.

Our Best Words – Shelby County, Shelbyville, Illinois. Started about April 1880 by J L Douthit on a monthly basis. He ran a prohibition weekly during the campaign of 1886 and soon after he issued two publications, the monthly religious edition and the weekly prohibition edition. The monthly was discontinued in 1890 and he sold to J S Barnum in 1892. Mr Barnum changed the paper to a populist paper, as well as changing the name, and he called it *The People's Paper*.

The Shelbyville Democrat – Shelby County, Shelbyville, Illinois. Mr Lloyd withdrew in July 1875 and Dr Waggoner took sole ownership. In October 1876, he said: 'Believing that at least one of the three or four democratic newspapers published in the county ought to bear the family name, we this week send this paper out to its many readers and friends as *The Shelbyville Democrat*. Dr Waggoner was a ready, lucid and forceful writer and regarded as one of the best political editors in the state. In August 1885 he sold to T J and George R Graybill. On 1 February 1887, the firm became Graybill Bros. and Co with G W Cook as the CO. George R Graybill was editor and manager till Cook became a partner, when the latter took charge of the management. *The Democrat* has a large circulation and is a prosperous and influential journal, because energy and honesty will have their reward.

The Sigel Advocate – Shelby County, Sigel, Illinois. In June 1893, W S Baichley began publishing the *Sigel Advocate* and continued with profit to Sigel and more or less benefit to himself till he sold to W A Smith in October 1896, when the present proprietor, P C Trager, took ownership and has since been making it a good local paper that is doing Sigel and Mr Trager profit.

The Stewardson Enterprise. Shelby County, Stewardson, Illinois. Began on 7 June 1878, A M Anderson and H Martin got control of the paper in a few months. Not long after, C D Shumard bought Anderson's interest. In June 1879, W B Townsend took Shumard's interest and the business was continued as Harry Martin & Co, and in the December following, A M Anderson got possession and for a time made a good paper. He was an editor of force and dash. On 16 September 1887, W H Fagen and Zip Wilson started the *Stewardson Clipper*. Mr Wilson stepped out in a few months and Fagen has since developed the *Clipper* to its present force as a good local paper, a paying business. He has a good office, a good circulation. Fagen is genial and capable and has a popular paper.

The Tower Hill Breeze – Shelby County, Tower Hill, Illinois. In November 1880, Jacob Swallow of the *Pana Palladium* bought the *True Democrat*, Tower Hill's first own paper which began operation on 20 August 1880. Mr Swallow made an independent paper of the *True Democrat* and after it had been run awhile by Nin Alexander, it was gathered to its fathers, T G Holt and I K Story. They next essayed the rugged seas of newspaperdom in Tower Hill with the *Tower Hill Breeze*, about 1892. In about a year, Mr Holt took full control, however it was not long till Mr Holt died, when U G Huntoon bought the plant and ran the paper awhile. Thos P Smith took it from him about 1896 and held it about six months when he sold it to W E McCormick, who, for about a year, held it when he sold to H J Hamlin and C W Steward. They, feeling unable to undertake continuance of the enterprise, sold to U G Huntoon (again) who has since managed the *Breeze* with ability, it being popular, breezy, and a paying business of great value to the town as well as to Mr. Huntoon.

The Windsor Advocate – Shelby County, Windsor, Illinois. This was a thriving local paper published in Windsor for a time, about 1885, by I H and Chas Gilpin, and it was one of the newsiest and best. Charley Gilpin was a ready writer and a good localizer.

The Windsor Gazette – Shelby County, Windsor, Illinois. J L Warden soon became the sole proprietor and made a good local newspaper of it. It next came into the hands of Charles and Thomas Miner (our present Sheriff), about 1889, and was conducted with energy and ability by them till a year or so, they sold to Wm E McCormick (our present Circuit Clerk) who managed it with good business method for about a year when he disposed of it to Bart Grider, who sold it after a short time to the present proprietors, Lilly and Dunscomb, who have an all home print paper on a paying basis. Mr Dunscomb is a fine printer and Mr Lilly is a good editor and manager, and the *Gazette* is neat and prosperous.

The Windsor Sentinel – Shelby County, Windsor, Illinois. A M Anderson bought a small newspaper plant from Joseph Prior to Clinton, Illinois, and took it to Windsor and began the publication of *The Windsor Sentinel* on 25 May 1876. On 7 January 1877, the plant was taken to Paris. It was but a short time, however, till the wisdom of the Windsor citizens, who knew that a local paper was a good enterprise for the delight and convenience of the people of the village, as well as a great force toward the proper growth and progress of the community, induced Anderson to get another plant and continue *The Sentinel*. He opened it up again in March, soon changed the name to *The Dollar Sentinel*, and it flourished and struggled fitfully till August 1879 when it ceased, the plant being removed to Shelbyville. Windsor knew another newspaper enterprise on 28 May 1878 when Warden Bros. began *The Windsor Gazette*.

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OTHER MISCELLANEOUS NEWSPAPERS

Blue Mound Leader – Macon County, Blue Mound, Illinois. Began publication in early 1890s. Other publications in Blue Mound: *Independent*, *Leader* and *Cyclone*.

Decatur Herald – Macon County, Decatur, Illinois. Copies of this paper is on file in microfilm form as early as May 1881, Springfield, Illinois.

Decatur Republican – Macon County, Decatur, Illinois. Copies of this paper is on file in microfilm form as early as August 1876, Springfield, Illinois. Numerous other papers listed and available on microfilm for Decatur, Illinois. See Reference #2.

Edinburg Herald – Christian County, Edinburg, Illinois. 1888

Herrick, Illinois - There have been several newspapers started in Herrick, but they did not last long. The last one there was by J A Quicksall, who moved his plant to Strasburg in 1899.

Pana Palladium – Christian County, Pana, Illinois. In publication as early as 1875. Jacob Swallow, owner of the *Pana Palladium* bought the *Tower Hill True Democrat* in November 1880.

Oconee, Illinois - Oconee had several newspapers started, but they all soon fell by the wayside and in 1896 had none.

The Stewardson Clipper – Shelby County, Stewardson, Illinois. Short lived newspaper in Stewardson.

Taylorville Breeze – Christian County, Taylorville, Illinois. Publication began in early 1890s; later changed name to *Taylorville Breeze-Courier*.

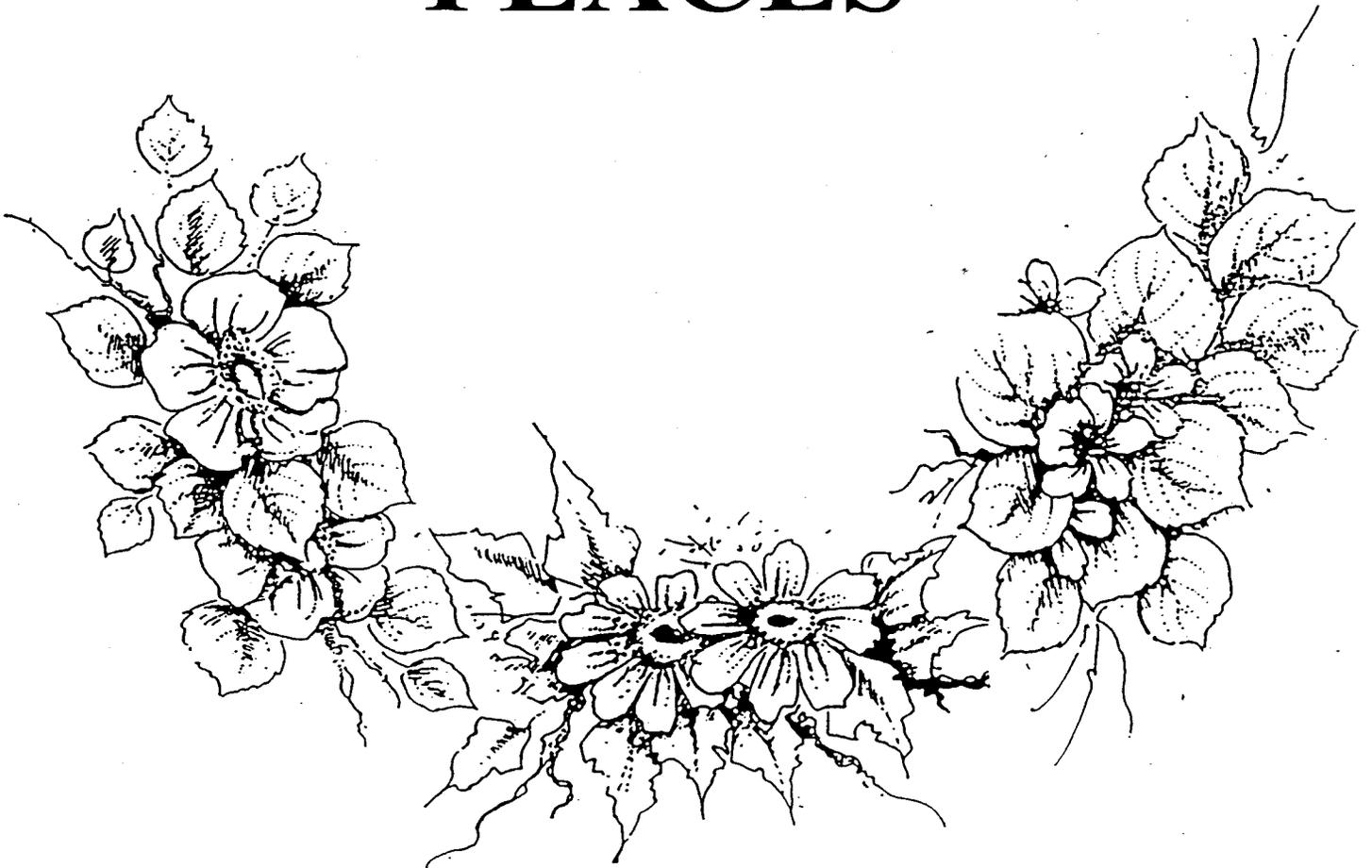
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* **PLACES** *



County). Not the present Edinburg, but located about 1 ½ miles Northeast of the present Taylorville, Illinois. Also see Robinson's Point. (Reference #5 shows a 'Bethany' located in Moultrie County at the north end of Shelbyville Lake, along Illinois Highway 121, but this location is not the Bethany identified here.)

Big Springs - Shelby County, Big Springs Township. Post Office established (Changed from Drake's Creek) 28 August 1850, discontinued 28 July 1885. See Site #3 on 1876 Shelby County Map.

Big Springs Township - Shelby County. Named for the Settlement of Big Springs (changed from Drake's Creek). Located between Ash Grove Township and Sigel Township, Shelby County.

Blue Mound - Macon County, Blue Mound township, #2 on Macon County Map of 1876. Post Office established 26 June 1861, discontinued 1 April 1864, reestablished 15 September 1870, active. RFD serves Blackland and Osbernvillle (changed from Morgansville). Incorporated as a village, 17 February 1876. Served by the Wabash Railway. Population in the 1960 Census - 1,038. Reference #5 shows Blue Mound located along Illinois Highway 48 between Taylorville and Decatur, population in 1998 is given as 1,161.

Blue Mound Township - Macon County. Named for the mound from which the village also takes its name, but the village is not actually in the Blue Mound township.

Blueville - Christian County, Buckhart Township, #2 on County Map, located near 'Edinburgh' Northwest of Taylorville. Post Office established 19 April 1855; changed to Sangamon County ca 11 November 1863; changed back to Christian County ca 14 December 1864; changed to Edinburg 18 July 1870; not part of Edinburg. (See *Edinburg, Bethany, Robinson's Point*). Not shown on Illinois State Map, 1998 - See Reference #5 - Edinburg #1.

Boody - Macon County, Blue Mound Township, #3 on Macon County Map of 1876. Post Office established 18 November 1870; active. Served by the Wabash Railroad. Population according to Rand McNally Atlas, 1958 - 250 residents. Reference #5, located about 5 miles southwest of Decatur on State Route 48, northeast of Blue Mound.

Brunswick - Shelby County. Post Office established (changed from Propeck), 17 December 1885, discontinued 31 October 1903. Now RFD, Shelbyville. Not shown on Illinois State Map, 1998 - See Reference #5. See Site #8 on Shelby County Map 'B', located in Okaw township.

Buffalo Hart - Sangamon County. Reference #5, located on State Route 54, approximately 8 miles northeast of Springfield near Logan County Line.

Canton - Fulton County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established 3 August 1826. Formerly known as Barnes' Prairie, Swan's Catch-all.

Names and Places Mentioned in the *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Note 1: Listing in order – town/village/place name, County located in, Post Office establish date or date discontinued, name of railroad serving the community, names previously called/used; population (if given). All the population figures given are from the 1960 Census records.

Note 2: Locations from the list below that I was able to identify on the included county maps dated 1876 are listed as '#1 on the 1876 county map', etc. On the map, the number is given with a circle around it. For easy reference, train routes are also shown on the enclosed maps.

Allenboro – Macon County. Post Office was established 1892, discontinued 31 January 1903. Not shown on Illinois State Map, 1998. Not found on 1876 Macon County Map.

Antioch – Shelby County. (See 1881 History of Shelby County, pg 270). The Shelby County 'Antioch' is not shown on Illinois State Map, 1998 - See Reference #5.

Argenta – Macon County, Friends Creek Township, #1 on Macon County Map of 1876. Reference #5 shows Argenta located northeast of Decatur on State Route 48 and close to Interstate 72; southeast of Maroa. Population 1998 – 940.

Ash Grove – A Township in Shelby County, Illinois. First to settle in this area: Samuel Little, 1825. Located east of Richland Township and north of Big Spring Township.

Assumption – Christian County, Assumption Township; #1 on Christian County Map of 1876. Post Office established (changed from Tascusah) on 10 March 1858; active. Rural Free Delivery (RFD) route serves Obed. Named for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Incorporated as a village, 7 March 1902. Population in the 1960 – 1,439 residents; 1998 residents per Reference #5 – 1,288

Atlanta - Logan County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Atlanta is located northeast of Lincoln on the current Amtrak line (2000). Post Office established (Changed from New Castle) 20 October 1853; changed to Atlanta about 4 March 1861. See Reference #5; located on I-55 about 10 miles northeast of Lincoln between Lincoln and Bloomington. Population 1998 – 1,616.

Beck's Creek - Shelby County. Post Office established 5 September 1848, discontinued 27 April 1850, reestablished 20 June 1852; changed to London 29 March 1882; now known as 'Herrick'. For 1998 information, see Herrick. 'Beck's Creek' (the actual creek) is still shown on 1998 Illinois State Map, running just west of Herrick from Lake Pana into the Kaskaskia River. See Reference #5.

Bethany – Christian County, Taylorville Township; Located in Section 23 of Christian County Map of 1876. (Bethany is not shown on County Map included in this book). Post Office 2 September 1835, changed to Edinburg on 22 April 1837 (then in Sangamon

Dalton City - Moultrie County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. (Moultrie County is just north of Shelby County and to the east is bordered by Coles and Douglas Counties – see County Map included in this book) Post Office established 26 April 1872, Active. Incorporated as a village 6 August 1877. Served by the Illinois Central Railroad. Population in the 1960 Census – 386. Reference #5 shows Dalton City located along State Route 121, Northwest of Bethany (Moultrie County) and south of Decatur, Illinois. Population in 1998 is given as 573.

Divernon – Sangamon County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established 23 Feb 1887, active. RFD serves Cimic. Incorporated as village 2 January 1900. Population in the 1960 Census – 997. Reference #5 shows Divernon located along Interstate 55 south of Springfield, Illinois, and state route 104, population in 1998 is given as 1,178.

Dry Point - Shelby County. Post Office established 16 August 1864, discontinued 18 October 1866.

Dry Point Township – located in Shelby County, Illinois, between Herrick Township and Holland Township.

Drake's Creek - Shelby County. Post Office established 14 July 1849. Changed to Big Spring on 28 August 1850. Named for James Drake, Postmaster.

Dunkel - Christian County; located in Pana Township, rural Pana; not shown on the Christian County Map dated 1876. Post Office established 5 April 1877, discontinued 31 August 1902, now RFD Pana. Served by the Illinois Central Railroad. Named for Elias Dunkel, Postmaster. Reference #5, located south of Assumption on 2-lane county road (unmarked), located between State Route 29 and 51, approximately 7 miles north of Pana, Illinois. No population given.

Duvall - Shelby County. Post Office established 18 April 1892, discontinued 14 April 1900. Now RFD Shelbyville. Named for Jephthah P Duvall, Postmaster. See Site #10 on Shelby County Map 'B', Okaw township. Not shown on Reference #5.

Duvall Station – Shelby County. See *Duvall*

Edinburgh – Christian County, Buckhart Township, #3 on Christian County Map dated 1876, located just south of Blueville. Post Office established (changed from Blueville) 18 July 1870. Changed to Edinburg 14 July 1893. (Note spelling 'gh' at end and 'g' at end of name). See *Bethany, Robinson's Point, and 'Edinburg' (1)*. For 1998 information – see Edinburg #1, below.

Edinburg (1) Christian County, Buckhart Township (See # 3 on Christian County Map , dated 1876). Post Office established, changed from **Edinburgh**) 14 July 1893, active. RFD serves Grove City . Incorporated as village 5 May 1874. Served by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Formerly known as Blue Point, Blueville, **Edinburgh**. This Edinburg is located 9 miles Northwest of Taylorville, Illinois. (*See Bethany, Robinson's Point and*

Population in the 1960 Census – 13,588. Shown on Illinois State Map, 1998 – See Reference #5; located Southwest of Peoria along Illinois Routes 78 and 9. Population 1998 – 13,959; home of Spoon River College.

Catlin – Vermilion County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. (Catlin changed from ‘Butler's Point’). RFD serves Peabody Junction and Riola. Incorporated as a village, 15 April 1873. Served by the Wabash Railway. Population in the 1960 Census - 1,263. Reference # 5 shows Catlin located along an unmarked Vermilion county road and a railsystem that is not identified. It is located southwest of Danville, Illinois, west of US Route 150. Population 1998 – 2,173.

Cerro Gordo - Piatt County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. See present day map included in this book. Cerro Gordo is located north and slightly east of Decatur, Illinois. Post Office established 19 August 1847. Active. RFD serves Leslie and Mason. Incorporated as a village 25 July 1873. Served by Illinois Terminal, Wabash Rail Line. Formerly known as Griswold; named for the Mexican War Battle, *Cerro Gordo*. Population in the 1960 Census - 1,067. Reference #5 shows Cerro Gordo located along State Routes 105 and 32, east of Decatur, Illinois. Population in 1998 is given as 1,436.

Cerro Gordo Township - Piatt County. See present day map included in this book. The town of Cerro Gordo is located in this township and is shown on this map. Named for the village of Cerro Gordo. Both were named for the Mexican War Battle, *Cerro Gordo*.

Charter Oak - not found

Cochran's Grove – Shelby County. Post Office established 4 November 1831, discontinued 16 May 1838. Reestablished 5 December 1838, discontinued 7 March 1839, reestablished 5 May 1841; changed to Windsor, 8 July 1856

Cove – not found

Cowden – Shelby County. Post Office established 4 April 1872, active. Incorporated as a village 4 June 1875. Served by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; New York Central and Saint Louis Line. Also known as Cowden City. Population in the 1960 Census - 575

Creal Springs - Williamson County. (Williamson County is located at southern part of Illinois, sits between Jackson and Saline Counties; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book.) Post Office established 8 February 1883. (Changed from Sulphur Springs). RFD serves Palzo, Parker, Saraville, and Willeford. Incorporated as a city on 12 August 1872. Served by Illinois Central Railway. Formerly known as Eau Mineral, Sulphur Springs. Population in the 1960 Census – 784. Reference #5 shows Creal springs located along State Route 166 near the southern Williamson County line, northeast of Lake Egypt and south of Marion, Illinois. Population in 1998 is given as 791.

Population in 1960 Census – 25. Also found a Harmony located in Jefferson County, Illinois, now RFD Mt Vernon. Could not distinguish which ‘Harmony’ was the one listed in the *Call-Mail*.

Herrick – Fayette County/Shelby County Line. In Fayette County, Beck’s Creek runs through Bowling Green and Ramsey Townships. (See #1 just under the title on Fayette County Map dated 1876; at the time of this map, ‘Herrick’ was known as ‘Beck’s Creek’). Post Office established in Shelby County, (changed from London), 16 August 1883, active. Incorporated as a village, 25 January 1890. Served by New York Central and St Louis Railroads. Formerly known as Beck's Creek, London. Population in the 1960 Census – 440. Reference #5 shows Herrick located along an two-lane county highway, no marking given, south of Tower Hill and north of Brownstown. US Highway 51 runs north about 5 miles west of Herrick. Population in 1998 is given as 466. (Also see Beck’s Creek and London)

Hooker – Shelby County. Post Office established 22 April 1863, changed to Sigel on 27 June 1871. (See *Sigel*)

Kewanee - Henry County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book.. Post Office established 2 March 1855; active. RFD serves Midland. Incorporated as a city on 14 February 1855. Served by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, includes Berrian, Blish Place, Wethersfield, and Barren Grove. Population in the 1960 Census - 16,324. Reference #5 shows Kewanee located northeast of Galesburg along US Route 34 and now being served by an Amtrak line. Population in 1998 is given as 12,969.

Loami – Sangamon County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established (changed from Lick Creek), 30 April 1855, active. RFD serves Knapp and Sudduth. Incorporated as a village, 29 July 1875, formerly known as Cleveland, Lebanon, Lick Creek, Sulphur Springs, and White Sulphur Springs. Population in the 1960 Census - 550. Reference #5 shows Loami as located on I-5 (map legend), however I could not find it; population in 1998 is given as 802.

London – Fayette County/Shelby County Line. (See # 1 on Fayette County Map dated 1876. At the time of this map, it was known as ‘Beck’s Creek’). Post Office established (changed from Beck's Creek), 29 March 1882; changed to Herrick on 16 August 1883. For 1998 information – see Herrick.

Luro - Shelby County. Post Office established 15 May 1854, changed to Oconee Station, 30 March 1855 and now Oconee as of 29 January 1872. See Site #8 on 1876 Shelby County Map. Not shown on Reference #5.

Macon - Macon County, Macon Township; located south of Decatur near the Shelby/Macon County line; #4 on Macon County Map of 1876.. Post Office established (changed from South Macon), 16 August 1864, active. RFD serves Walker. Incorporated as a city 15 April 1869. Served by the Illinois Central Railroad. Macon County is named for the city, Macon. Population in the 1960 Census - 1,229

'Edinburgh', above) Population in the 1960 Census - 1,003. Reference #5 shows Edinburg located along State Route 29 between Taylorville and Springfield, population in 1998 is given as 982.

Edinburg (2) Christian County, Taylorville Township; not shown on the Christian County Map dated 1876. Post Office established (then in Sangamon Co), changed from Bethany, 22 April 1837, discontinued 21 July 1837. This Edinburg was located about 1 ½ miles Northwest of the present Site of Taylorville, Illinois. (See *Robinson's Point*)

El Paso – Woodford County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established 21 March 1857; active. RFD serves Enright and Panola. Incorporated as city 22 February 1861. Served by the Illinois Central and TP&W Railroads. Population in the 1960 Census - 1,964. Reference #5 shows El Paso located along Interstate 39, about 12 miles north of Bloomington, Illinois. Population in 1998 is given as 2,499.

El Paso Township - Woodford County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Named for the city, El Paso.

Fame - Couldn't find Fame

Farmer City - DeWitt County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established (changed from Santa Anna, on 14 April 1869, active. RFD serves Fullerton, Harris, Parnell, Watkins and Weedman. Incorporated as a city 27 May 1869. Served by the Illinois Central/New York Central Railroads. Formerly Mt Pleasant, Santa Anna. Population in the 1960 Census - 1,838. Reference #5 shows Farmer City located along State Highway 54 and Interstate 74, just northeast of Clinton Lake. Population in 1998 is given as 2,114.

Findlay - Shelby County. Post Office established 18 December 1884; active. RFD serves Findlay Junction and Yantisville. Incorporated as village 16 May 1892. Served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad. Population in the 1960 Census - 759. See Site #7 on Shelby County Map 'B', Todd's Point Township. Reference #5 shows Findlay east of US Highway 51, east of Assumption, every near Lake Shelbyville. (also straight north of Shelbyville, Illinois along the west bank of Lake Shelbyville). Population on Reference #5 shows 787.

Findlay Junction - Shelby County. Listed in Rand McNally Book, 1956, but not in the 1958 edition. RFD Findlay. Served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad.

Flat Branch Township – Shelby County. Located next to Moweaqua Township and Pickaway Township. On the (1) Macon County/(2) Shelby County Line. Shelby County side: Post Office established 8 April 1852, discontinued 23 June 1856

Harmony - McHenry County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established 22 Feb 1849, discontinued 15 Jun 1902, now RFD Hampshire.

Mechanicksburgh - Sangamon County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established (changed from Clear Creek), 15 July 1839; changed to Mechanicsburgh, ca 4 March 1845; now Mechanicsburg (*Note spelling variations*)

Middlesworth - Shelby County. Post Office established 25 January 1870; discontinued 13 May 1874; re-established 21 January 1876, discontinued 7 August 1876, reestablished 13 November 1882, discontinued since 1931, now RFD, Shelbyville. See Site #17 on 1876 Shelby County Map. Not shown on Reference #5.

Milk-slick Springs/Milk-Sick Springs – found identified both ways; located in Clay County, now known as Sailor Springs (*See Wayne/Clay County History, page 299; see Sailor Springs – inserted for reference only; not copied in this book.*). Between 1899 and 1900, newspaper, the *Sailor Springs World* was published here. Not shown on Reference #5.

Millersville – Christian County, located in Locust Township, rural Pana; #6 on Map of 1876; located Northwest of Pana on the Mississippi Railway line. Post Office established 14 December 1872, discontinued 1931. Now RFD, Pana. Served by Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Population in the 1960 Census – 60. Reference #5 shows Millersville on State Route 29, 6 miles northwest of Pana between Taylorville and Pana, however no population record is given.

Moweaqua - Shelby County. Post Office established 6 October 1853, active. RFD serves Pleak and Prairie Home. Incorporated as a village 26 May 1877 Served by the Illinois Central Railroad. Formerly known as Moawequa (*note spelling variation*); located in Moweaqua Township. Population in the 1960 Census - 1,614. See Site #1 on 1876 Shelby County Map and Shelby County Map 'B', Moweaqua Township. Reference #5 shows Moweaqua located on US Highway 51, approximately 12 miles south of Decatur, Illinois. Population on Reference #5 shows 1,785.

Moweaqua Township – Shelby County. Named for the village, Moweaqua. Formerly known as/spelled 'Moawequa'.

Neoga - Cumberland County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book.. Post Office established (Changed from Long Point Grove) 7 January 1857, active. RFD serves Kingman, Neal and Trowbridge. Incorporated as a city on 5 April 1930. Served by Illinois Central, New York Central and St Louis Railroads. Population in the 1960 Census - 1,145. Reference #5 shows Neoga located along Interstate 57, south of Mattoon and near Lake Mattoon on US Route 45. Currently served by an Amtrak railway. Population in 1998 is given as 1,678.

Neoga Township - Cumberland County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book.. Named for the city, Neoga

Niantic - Macon County, Niantic Township. #7 on Macon County Map of 1876. Located in west central corner of Macon County, due west of Decatur. Served by the TW &W

Macon County Poor Farm – Macon County, Hickory Point Township, #5 on Macon County Map of 1876. Located northeast of Decatur and southeast of Forsythe; IT 1930 – Stringham (Stops on the Illinois Terminal Railroad as of 1930). An area created by the county as a refuge for destitute, homeless and orphaned residents of Macon County.

Maple Grove - Edwards County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book.. Post Office established 27 June 1856, discontinued 15 July 1893, reestablished 9 March 1894. Discontinued 15 Feb 1907. Now RFD West Salem (also found a Maple Grove in Lake County and Vermilion County (IT 1930 – Stringham – Stops on the Illinois Terminal Railroad as of 1930); no other information on Lake County/Vermilion County. (No individual 1876 county map for Edwards, Lake, or Vermilion Counties is included in this book). Not shown on Reference #5.

Marengo - McHenry County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established 22 January 1844, active. RFD serves Coral. Incorporated as a city - 9 February 1857. Served by the Chicago and North Western Railroad. Formerly known as Pleasant Grove. Population in the 1960 Census - 3,568. Reference #5 shows Marengo located at the intersection of State Routes 23, 176, and US Route 20. Population in 1998 is given as 4,768.

Maroa: Macon County, Maroa Township, #6 on Macon County Map of 1876. Located due north of Decatur, Illinois, near the Macon County/DeWitt County lines. Served by the Illinois Central (Main Line) Railroad. Post Office established 30 March 1855, RFD serves Crawford, Emery and Rowell. Incorporated as a city on 7 March 1867. Served by Illinois Central and Pennsylvania Railroad. Population in the 1960 Census – 1,235. Reference #5 shows Maroa located along US Route 51, north of Decatur, Illinois. Population in 1998 is given as 1,597.

Maroa Township – Macon County. Named for the city - Maroa.

Mechanicsburg - Sangamon County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established (Changed from Mechanicsburgh) (*Spelled with an 'h'*) 7 May 1886, active. RFD serves Bolivia and Buckhart. Incorporated as a village, 26 March 1869 IT formerly Clear Creek, Mechanicksburgh, Mechanicsburgh. Reference #5 shows Mechanicsburg located due east of Springfield, about 3 miles south of US Route 36 and interstate 72, about 10 miles east of Springfield. Population in 1998 is given as 538.

Mechanicksburg - Sangamon County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established (changed from Mechanicksburgh) (*note spelling variations*) ca 4 March 1845; changed to Mecahnicksburg on 7 May 1886. See 'Mechanicsburg'.

Owaneco – Christian County, Locust Township; #8 on Christian County Map of 1876. Post Office established 29 February 1856. Discontinued 12 February 1874, re-established 27 February 1874. Incorporated as a village 30 January 1902. Served by the Baltimore and Ohio Railway. Population in the 1960 Census – 290. Reference #5 shows Owaneco south of Taylorville near Lake Taylorville, located on State Route 29 between Taylorville and Pana. Population in 1998 is given as 260.

Pana - Christian County, Pana Township; #9 on Christian County Map of 1876. Post Office established 22 February 1855. Changed from Stone Coal. RFD serves Dunkel and Millersville. Incorporated as city on 16 February 1857. Served by the Baltimore and Ohio Railway; Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railway, Illinois Central Railway, and the New York Central Railway. Includes North Pana, Stone Coal. Population in the 1960 Census – 6,432 (*See Stone Coal*). Reference #5 shows Pana located at intersection of State Routes 16, 29 and US Route 51. It is located south of Taylorville, due north of Vandalia and west of Mattoon. Population in 1998 is given as 5,796.

Penn Township - Shelby County, located to the east of Moweaqua Township.

Pickaway Township – Shelby County, located to the south of Pickaway Township and east of Flat Branch Township.

Pilot Knob – Shelby County. Now known as Tower Hill. See Map references – Tower Hill.

Pleak - Shelby County. Post Office established 9 October 1895. Discontinued 20 September 1902. Changed from Pleak's Corner. Now RFD, Moweaqua; see County road 4, southeast of Moweaqua. See *Pleak's Corner*.

Pleak's Corner – Shelby County. Post Office established 5 January 1889. Changed to Pleak on 9 October 1895. Now RFD Moweaqua – see *Pleak*. Located six miles southeast of Moweaqua in Flat Branch Township. . See Site #2 on Shelby County Map 'B'. Not shown on Reference #5.

Prairie Bird – Shelby County. Post Office established 20 March 1850. Discontinued on 7 January 1862. See Site #13 on 1876 Shelby County Map.

Prairie Home - Shelby County. Post Office established 15 February 1864, discontinued 31 March 1903, now RFD Moweaqua. Population in the 1960 Census – 5. See Site #18 on 1876 Shelby County Map and Site # 5, Shelby County Map 'B', located in Penn Township. Not shown on Reference #5.

Prairieton Township – located in Christian County, North of Assumption Township and Southeast of Stonington Township.

Railroad. Post Office established 19 June 1858 (changed from Lockhart). RFD serves Fraser. Incorporated 23 August 1894. Formerly known as Lockhart, Long Point, and Prairie City. Population in the 1960 Census - 629. Reference #5 shows Niantic East of Springfield, west of Decatur along US Route 36 and Interstate 72, along County Road 19 (Exit 128). Population in 1998 is given as 647.

Nokomis - Montgomery County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established 25 July 1856, active. RFD serves Coalton and Wenonah. Incorporated as a city 9 March 1867. Served by the C & I and New York Central Railroad. Includes Oberle Place. Named for Hiawatha's grandmother, from Longfellow's poem. Population in the 1960 Census - 2,476. Reference #5 shows Nokomis located on State Route 16 and northeast of Lake Glenn Shoal, and about 13 miles south of Pana. Population in 1998 is given as 2,534.

Nokomis Township - Montgomery County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Named for the city, Nokomis.

Obed - Shelby County. Post Office established 19 February 1885; discontinued 20 September 1902. Now RFD Assumption. (See Assumption; Obed not shown on Reference #5). See Site #3 on Shelby County Map 'B', Pickaway Township.

Oconee - Shelby County. Post Office established 29 January 1872, changed from Oconee Station. Incorporated as village 25 February 1867. Served by the Illinois Central Railway. Formerly known as Luro, Oconee Station. Population in the 1960 Census - 257. Reference #5 shows Oconee located 7 miles south of Pana on US Route 51, 10 miles north of Ramsey. Population not given in Reference #5.

Oconee Station - Shelby County. Post Office established 30 March 1855. Changed from Luro; changed to Oconee 29 January 1872. See Oconee.

Okaw - Shelby County. Named for the Okaw (Kaskaskia) River

Old Stonington - Christian County, Stonington Township. Not shown on the Christian County Map of 1876. Original site of Stonington. Reference #5 shows Old Stonington northeast of Taylorville on Flat Branch Creek, south of County Route 4, between Moweaqua and Taylorville and south of current Stonington; no population given.

Osbernvile - Christian County, Northern portion of the county, near Blue Mound (Macon County), southwest of Decatur; not shown on the Christian County Map of 1876. Post Office established (changed from Morgansville), 24 February 1903, discontinued 31 July 1913, now RFD Blue Mound. Served by the Baltimore and Ohio Railway. Population according to the Rand McNally Atlas, 1958 - 35. Reference #5 shows Osbernvile located on a two-lane unidentified highway just south of County Route 2, south west of Decatur and south of Interstate 72. Surrounding villages: Mt Auburn, Blackland, Bolivia and Grove City. No population given on Reference #5.

Sigel Township - Shelby County. Named for the town Sigel

Stewardson - Shelby County. Post Office established 25 June 1883. (Changed from Stewartson (*note spelling*)) Incorporated as village, 30 September 1874. Served by the New York Central and St Louis Railways. Population in the 1960 Census – 656. Located along State Route 32, east of Cowden, north of Effingham. Population given on Reference #5 – 660.

Stonington – Christian County; Stonington Township. Post Office established 29 April 1844, active. Incorporated as village, 13 June 1885. Served by the Wabash Railway. Formerly known as Covington. Named for Stonington, Connecticut. Population in the 1960 Census – 1,076. Reference #5 shows Stonington northeast of Taylorville, about 8 miles, and about 5 miles southwest of Blue Mound located along Illinois Highway 48. Population in 1998 is given as 1,006.

Stonington Township – Christian County. Named for the village ‘Stonington’.

Sullivan - Moultrie County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established 12 August 1845. RFD serves Bruce, Chipps, Cushman, Dunn and Kirksville. Incorporated as a city on 26 March 1869. Served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois, Illinois Central and Wabash Railways. Formerly known as Asa’s Point, East Nelson, Osa’s Point. Population in the 1960 Census - 3,946. Reference #5 shows Sullivan located north of Lake Shelbyville on State Route 121 and State Route 32 between Mattoon and Decatur. Population in 1998 is given as 4,354.

Stone Coal - Shelby County. Post Office established 19 September 1853, changed to Pana, Christian County, on 22 Feb 1855. (*See Pana*)

Taylorville - Christian County, Taylorville Township; #4 on the Christian County Map dated 1876. Post Office established 1 January 1869. RFD serves City Park, Hewittville, Velma, and Willeys. Incorporated as a city 20 April 1882. Baltimore and Ohio, Chicago and Illinois Midland, Wabash. Includes Harrington Heights. Population 1960 – 8,801 (Changed from Taylorsville; note ‘s’.) Reference #5 shows Taylorville located at intersection of State Routes 29, 48, and 104. Population in 1998 is given as 11,133.

Todd’s Point – Shelby County, Todd’s Point Township. See Site #6 on Shelby County Map B. Not shown on Reference #5.

Todd’s Point Township - Shelby County. Located on North end of the county, next to Pickaway Township and above Okaw Township.

Tolono - Champaign County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established 8 June 1857. Incorporated as village, 1 April 1873. Illinois central, Wabash. Includes North Tolono. Population 1960 - 1,539. Reference #5 shows

Propeck: Shelby County. Post Office established 18 December 1884; changed to Brunswick, 17 December 1885. Named for William T. Propeck, Postmaster. Now part of RFD, Shelbyville.

Radford - Christian County, Prairieton Township; #10 on Christian County Map of 1876. Post Office established 24 March 1875, discontinued 1 February 1878. Reestablished 13 June 1879; discontinued 10 February 1887; reestablished 5 January 1888; discontinued 3 April 1888; reestablished 18 August 1888. Active. Served by the Illinois Central Railroad. Located on Shelby County/Christian County line. Population – 15 (*Source: Rand McNally Geographical and Commercial Atlas – Chicago, 1958*). Not shown on Reference #5.

Radford Station – Christian County, Prairieton Township; located on the Shelby County/Christian County line. See *Radford*

Robinson's Point – Christian County, Taylorville Township, located in Section 23 of Christian County Map. Robinson's Point is not shown on the Christian County Map dated 1876. Also known as 'Bethany'; but not the present 'Edinburg' or 'Blueville' shown on 1876 map. This settlement was located about 1 ½ miles Northeast of the present Taylorville, Illinois. Not shown on Reference #5.

Round Grove – Shelby County.

Sailor Springs: Clay County. Post Office established 21 February 1881, active. Incorporated as a village, 29 December 1892. Formerly known as Milk-slick Springs. Population 1960 – 187. Not shown on Reference #5.

Sharpsburg – Christian County, located near Taylorville/Buckhart Township line, Section 31, northwest of Taylorville, Illinois, on the Springfield Division, Ohio, and Mississippi railway. #8 on Christian County Map dated 1876. Not shown on Reference #5. Located along State Route 29, 5 miles northwest of Taylorville and southeast of Edinburg; population not given.

Shelbyville – Shelby County. Post Office established 4 December 1827. Active. RFD serves Brunswick, Clarksburg, Duvall, Fairground, Henton, Middlesworth, Moulton and Robin. Incorporated 2 March 1839. Served by Central and Eastern Illinois Railway and New York Central. Population in the 1960 Census - 4,821. Located along Illinois State Route 16, 9 miles east of Tower Hill, Illinois.

Shelbyville Township – Shelby County. Named for the city, Shelbyville

Sigel - Shelby County. Post Office established 27 June 1871 (changed from Hooker). RFD serves Roslyn. Incorporated as town, 7 March 1867. Served by the Illinois Central Railroad. Population in the 1960 Census - 387 (*see Hooker*). See Site # 16, Shelby County Map of 1876. Located at the very southeast corner of Shelby County, near Cumberland County, on US route 45 and I-57. Population given on Reference # 5 - 344.

Westminster - Shelby County. Post Office established 2 October 1849, changed to Tower Hill on 11 May 1857. See *Tower Hill*.

Westervelt - Shelby County. Located on unidentified two-lane county highway north of State Route 16 between Tower Hill and Shelbyville. No population given on Reference #5. See Site #9 on Shelby County Map 'B', Ridge Township.

Willey - Christian County, Taylorville Township; #5 on the Christian County Map dated 1876. Located Northeast of Taylorville on the Wabash Western Railway. Post Office established 14 May 1883, discontinued 30 April 1913. Changed from Willey Station; now known as Willeys. (Note spelling variation 's' at end). Reference #5 shows Willey as 'Willey's', located about 4 miles northeast of Taylorville on State route 48 between Taylorsville and Stonington. No population record given on Reference #5.

Willey Station - Christian County, Taylorville Township; #5 on the Christian County Map dated 1876. Located Northeast of Taylorville on the Wabash Western Railway. Post Office established 23 June 1871, discontinued 2 June 1876, re-established 23 June 1876, changed to Willey 14 May 1883. Now Willeys; also see Willey. (See *Willeys*)

Willeys - Christian County, Taylorville Township; #5 on the Christian County Map dated 1876. Located Northeast of Taylorville on the Wabash Western Railway. RFD Taylorville. Served by the Wabash railway. Formerly known as Willey, Willey Station. Named for the Frank Willey Family; spelling variation 'Willey'. (See Willey, above)

Winchester - Scott County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established (changed from Sandy Bluffs) 16 Feb 1833, active. RFD serves Big Swan and Bloomfield (in Morgan Co prior to creation of Scott Co, 16 Feb 1839). Incorporated as a city 4 March 1843. Served by the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroads. Included North Winchester, Rattlesnake Springs, Sandy Bluff/Bluffs. Population in the 1960 Census - 1,657.

Windsor - Shelby County. Post Office established 8 July 1856. RFD serves Quigley and Sargents. Incorporated as city 16 February 1865. Served by the New York Central Railroad. Formerly known as Cochran's Grove, Illiopolis, changed from Cochran's Grove. Population on 1960 Census - 1,021. Reference #5 shows Windsor located at intersection of State Routes 32 and 16, north of Effingham and southeast of Decatur; southwest of Mattoon approximately 15 miles. Population in 1998 is given as 1,143.

Yantisville - Shelby County. Listed in Rand McNally map of 1956, but not in 1958 edition. Post Office established 27 September 1880, discontinued 30 September 1903.; RFD Findlay. Population on 1960 Census - 4. Named for Henry Yantis. Reference #5 shows Yantisville located east of Taylorville, north of Tower Hill, on an unidentified two-lane county road about midway between Assumption and Findlay. No population given in Reference #5. See Site #4 Shelby County Map 'B', Pickaway Township.

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Tolono located along US Route 45, east of Interstate 57, south of Champaign approximately 11 miles. Population in 1998 is given as 2,605.

Tower Hill – Shelby County, Tower Hill Township. Post Office established 11 May 1857. Discontinued 23 September 1859, reestablished 15 December 1860, active. RFD serves Dollville and Skates. Incorporated as a village 17 July 1872. Served by Baltimore and Ohio and New York Central Railroads. Formerly known as Manyawper, Pilot Knob, Westminster. Population 1960 – 700. Reference #5 shows Tower Hill located along Illinois State Route 16 approximately 6 miles northeast of Pana, Illinois. Population on Reference #5 shows 708.

Vandalia – Fayette County, located in Vandalia Township, on the Kaskaskia River. (See # 2 on Fayette County Map dated 1876). Second capitol of the State of Illinois. Served by the St Louis, Vandalia, Terre Haute and Indianapolis Railways and Illinois Central Railways. Reference #5 shows Vandalia located along Interstate 70 and intersection of US Route 51. Population in 1998 is given as 6,114.

Victor - Fayette County; could not find the settlement of 'Victor' on the Fayette County Map dated 1876. Post Office established 8 February 1832, discontinued 18 March 1835. Not listed on Reference #5.

Virginia - Cass County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established (changed from Silvan Grove) 26 February 1839. RFD serves Burlingame, Cass, Jules, Little Indian, and Virginia Junction. Incorporated as a city, 19 February 1857. Served by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Formerly known as Hallville Horns, New Virginia, North Prairie, Silvan Grove, and Sylvan Grove. Population in 1960 Census – 1,669. Reference #5 shows Virginia located at intersection of State Routes 78 and 125 between Springfield and Beardstown. Population in 1998 is given as 1,767.

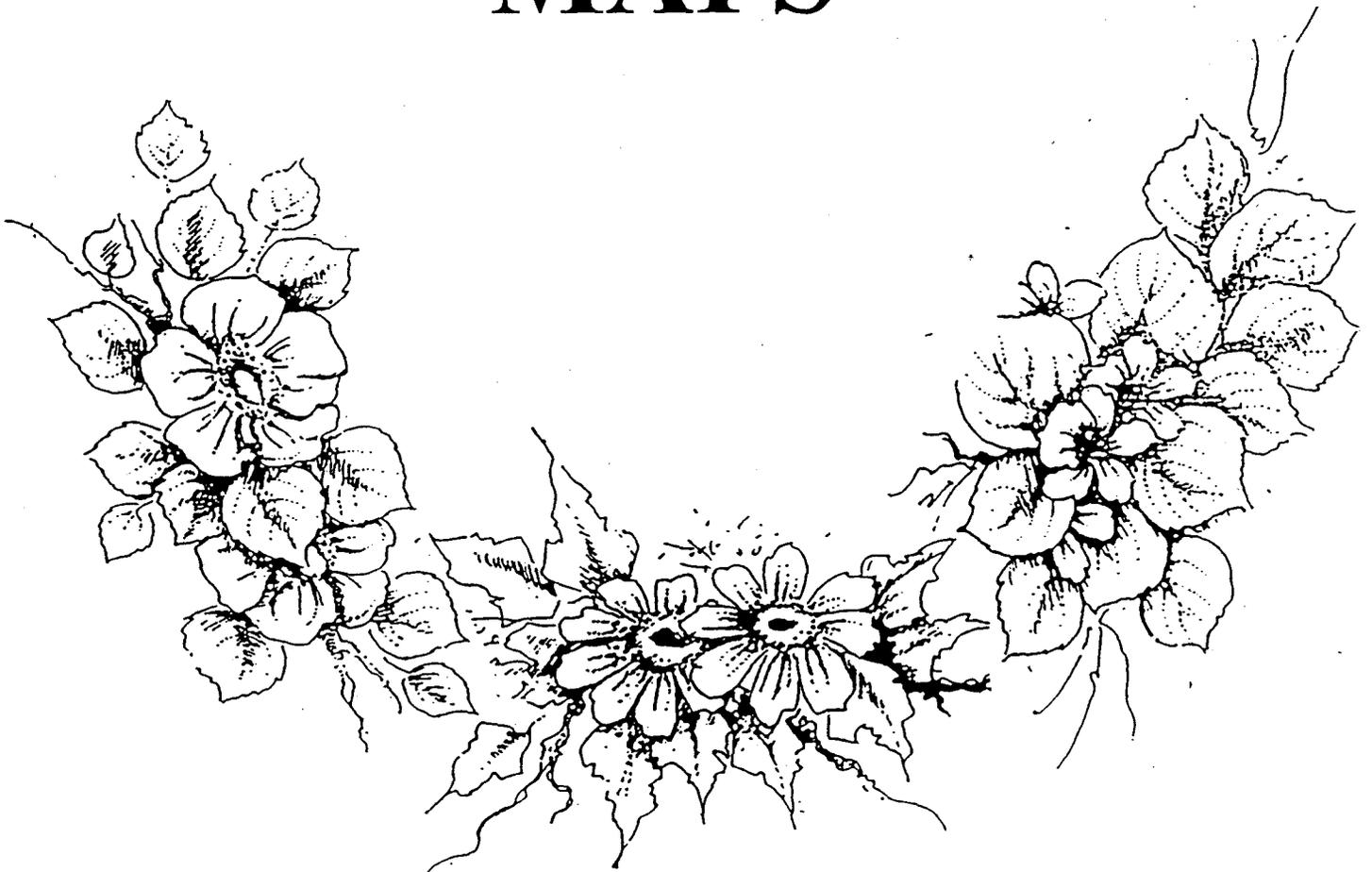
Virginia Township – Cass County – named for the city, Virginia.

Wataga - Knox County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established 15 June 1855. Changed from Urn. RFD Serves Bishop. Incorporated as village 27 February 1874. Served by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy; Galesburg and Great Eastern railways. Population in the 1960 Census – 570. Reference #5 shows Wataga located along US Route 34 northeast of Galesburg, Illinois, approximately 5 miles. Population in 1998 is given as 879.

Waverly – Morgan County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established (changed from Apple Creek), 15 April 1847. RFD serves Centerville, McCarty, Maxwell, and Rohrer. Incorporated as city 25 February 1867. Served by Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railways. Population in the 1960 Census - 1,375. Reference #5 shows Waverly at intersection of State Routes 104 and 111, southeast of Jacksonville, Illinois. Population in 1998 is given as 1,402.



* **MAPS** *



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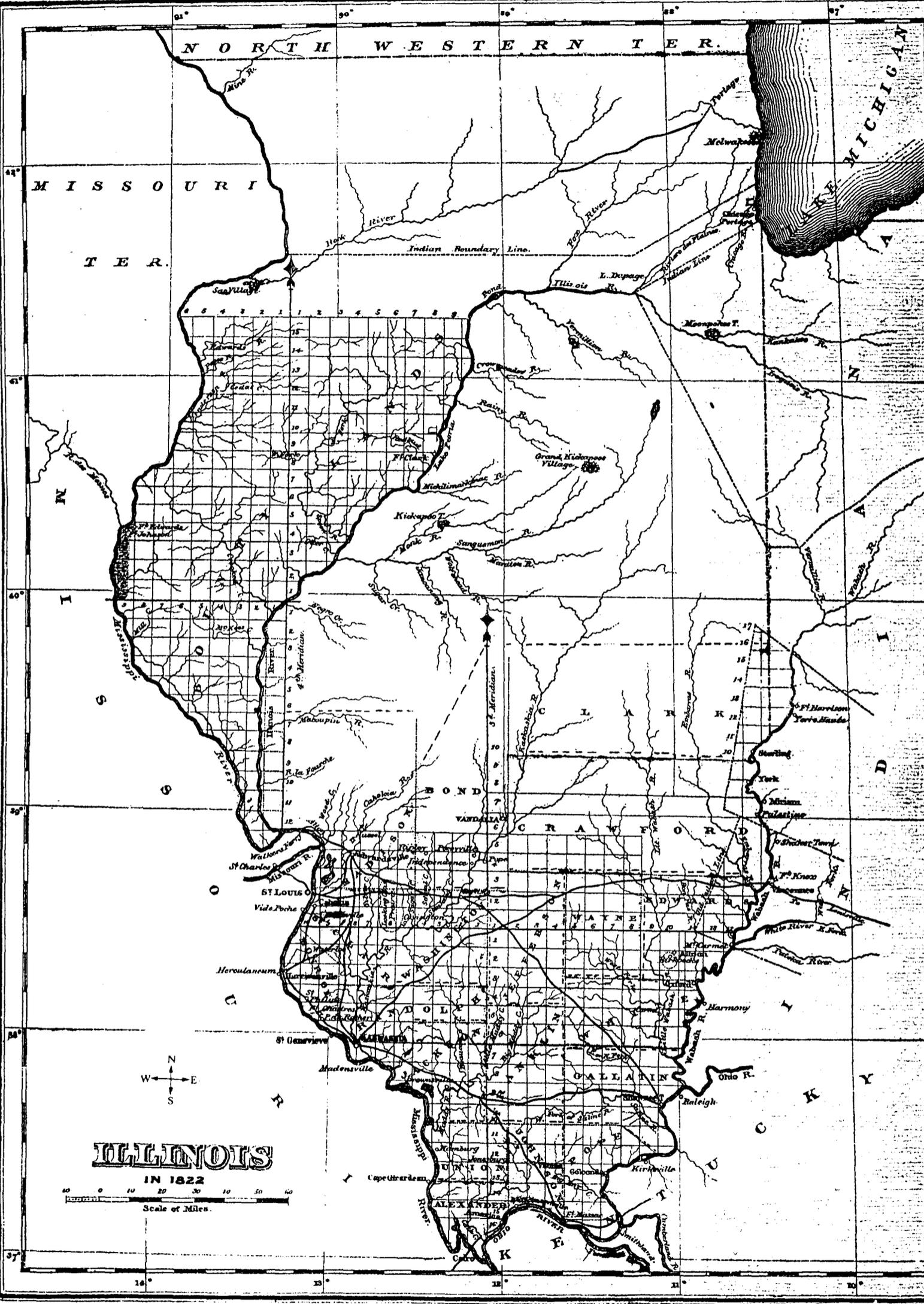
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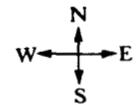
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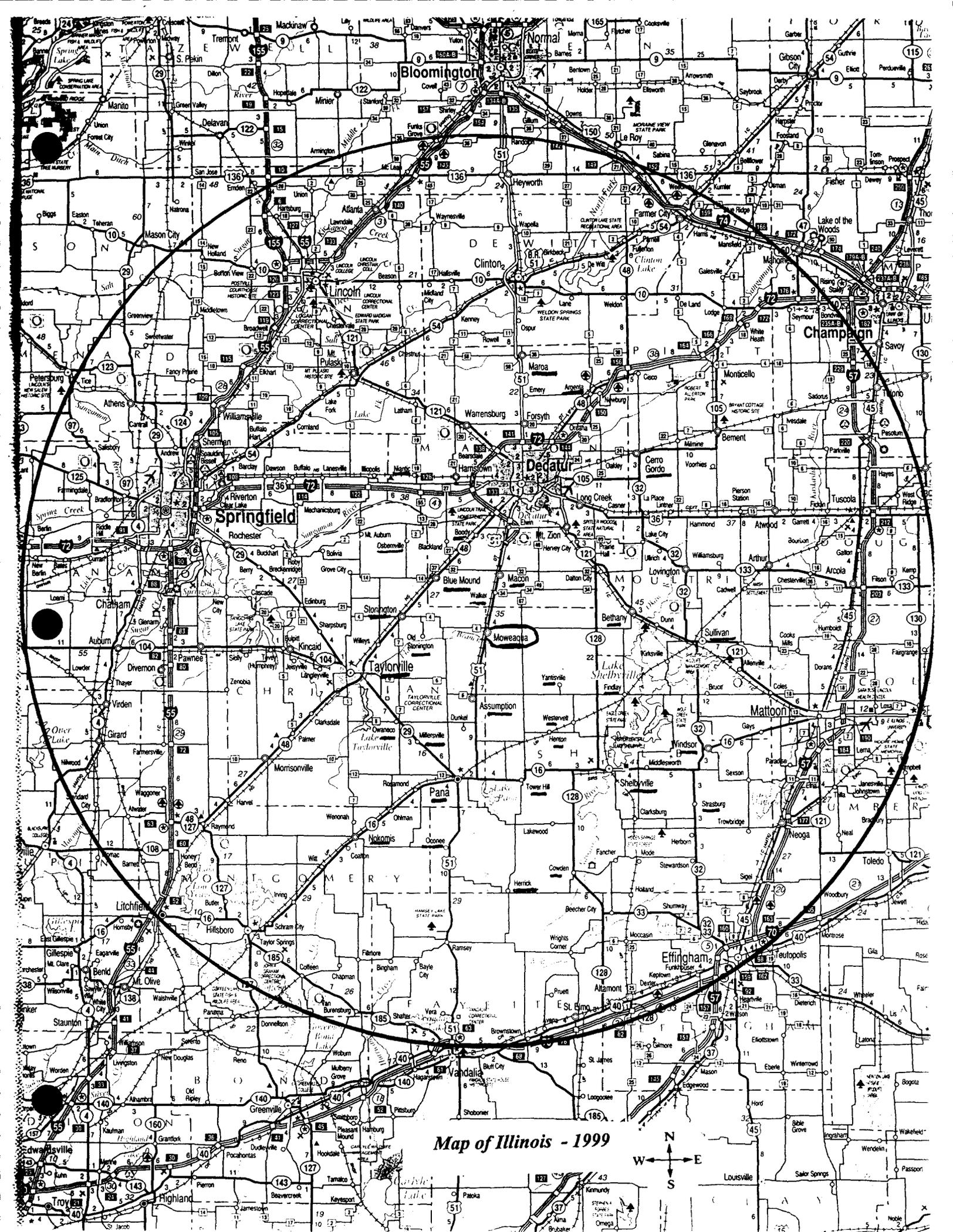
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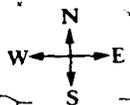


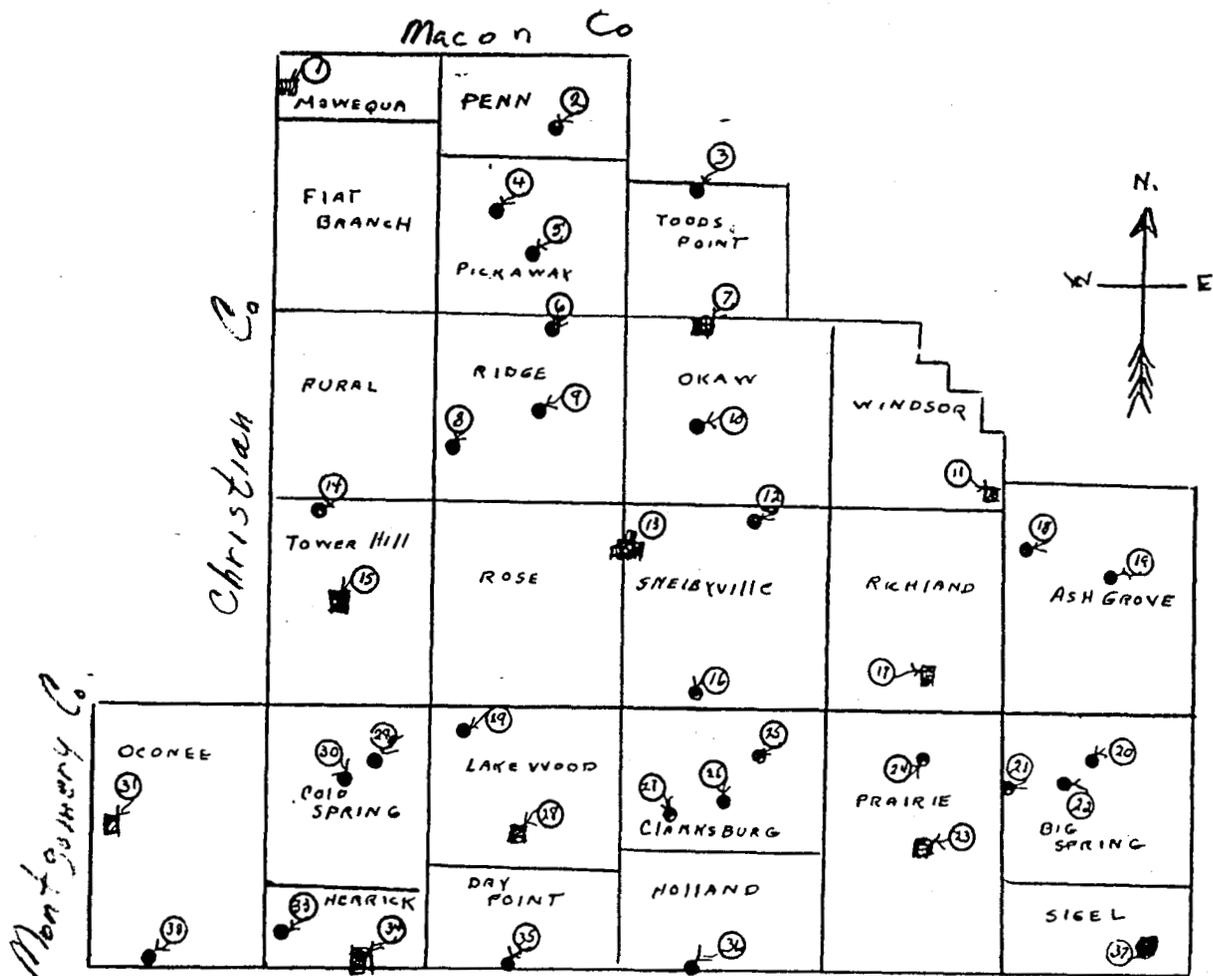
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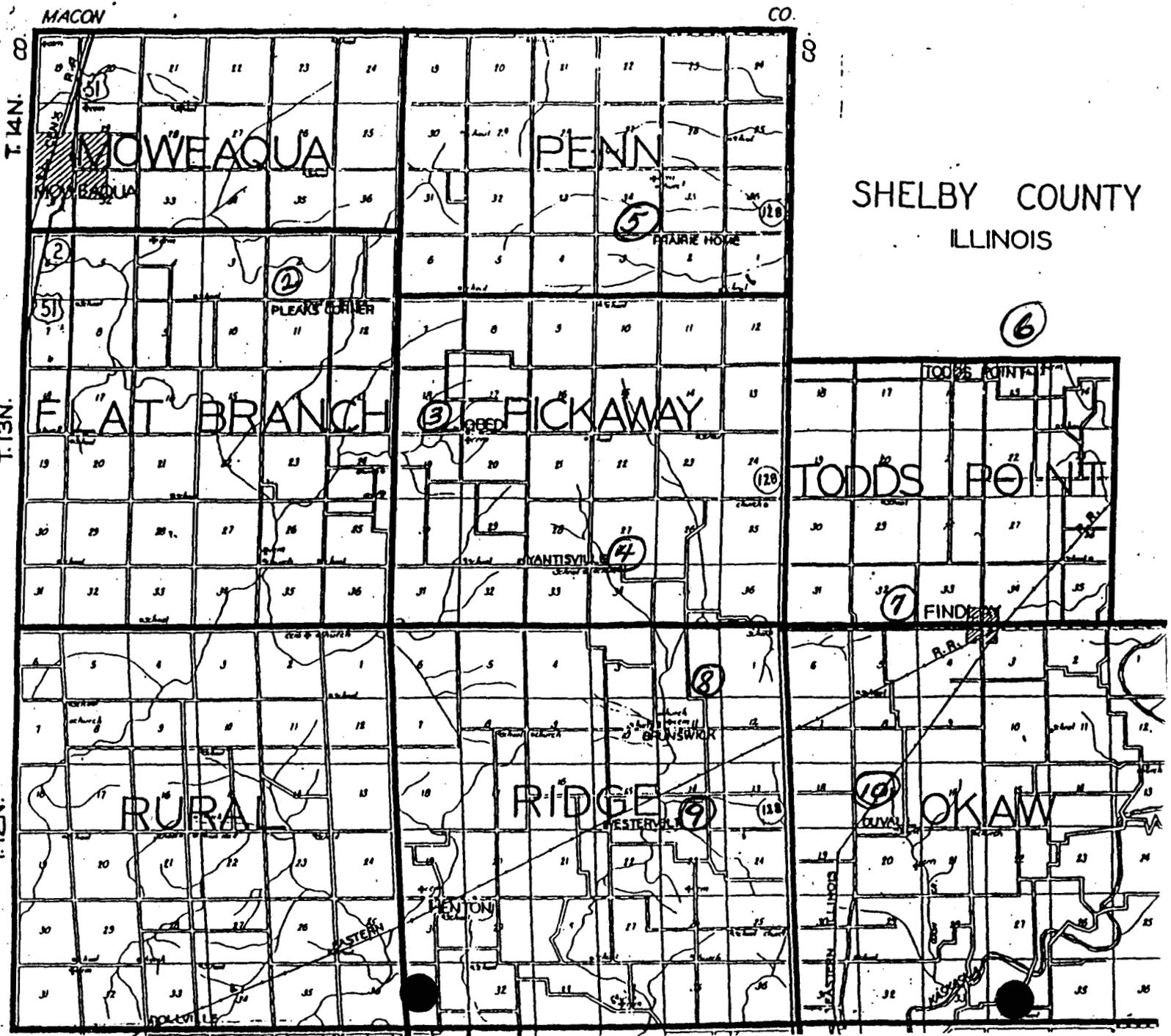




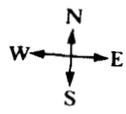
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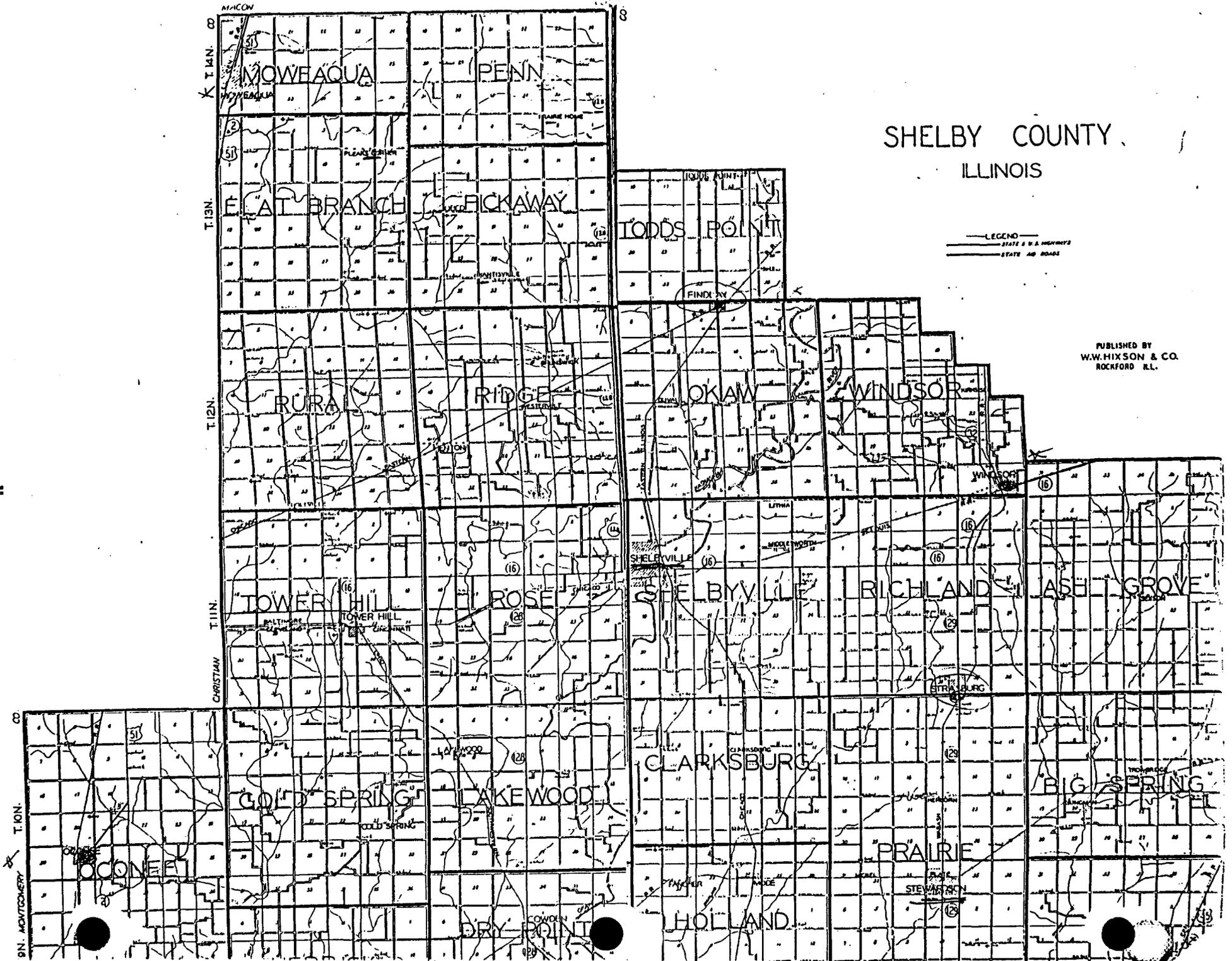
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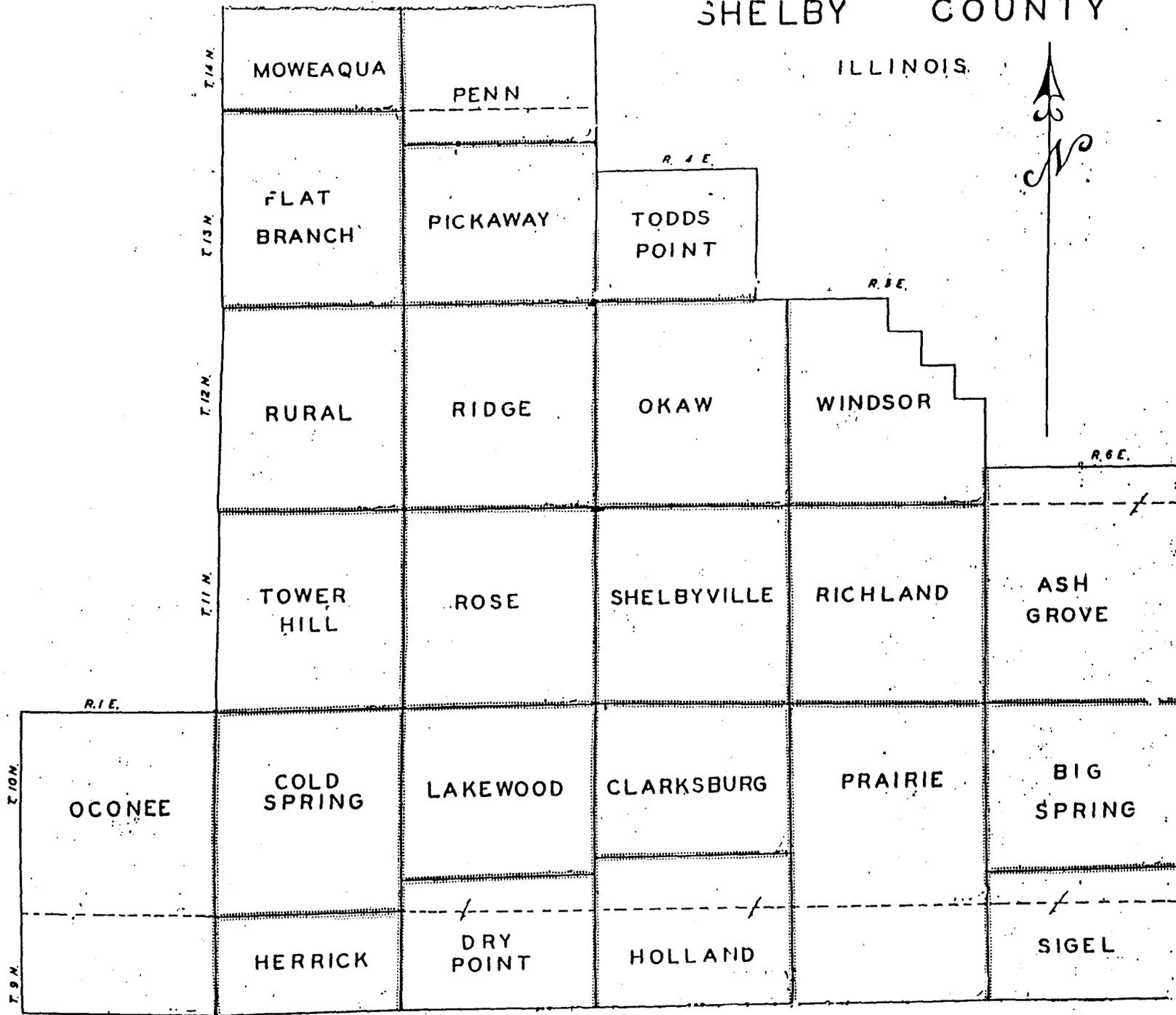
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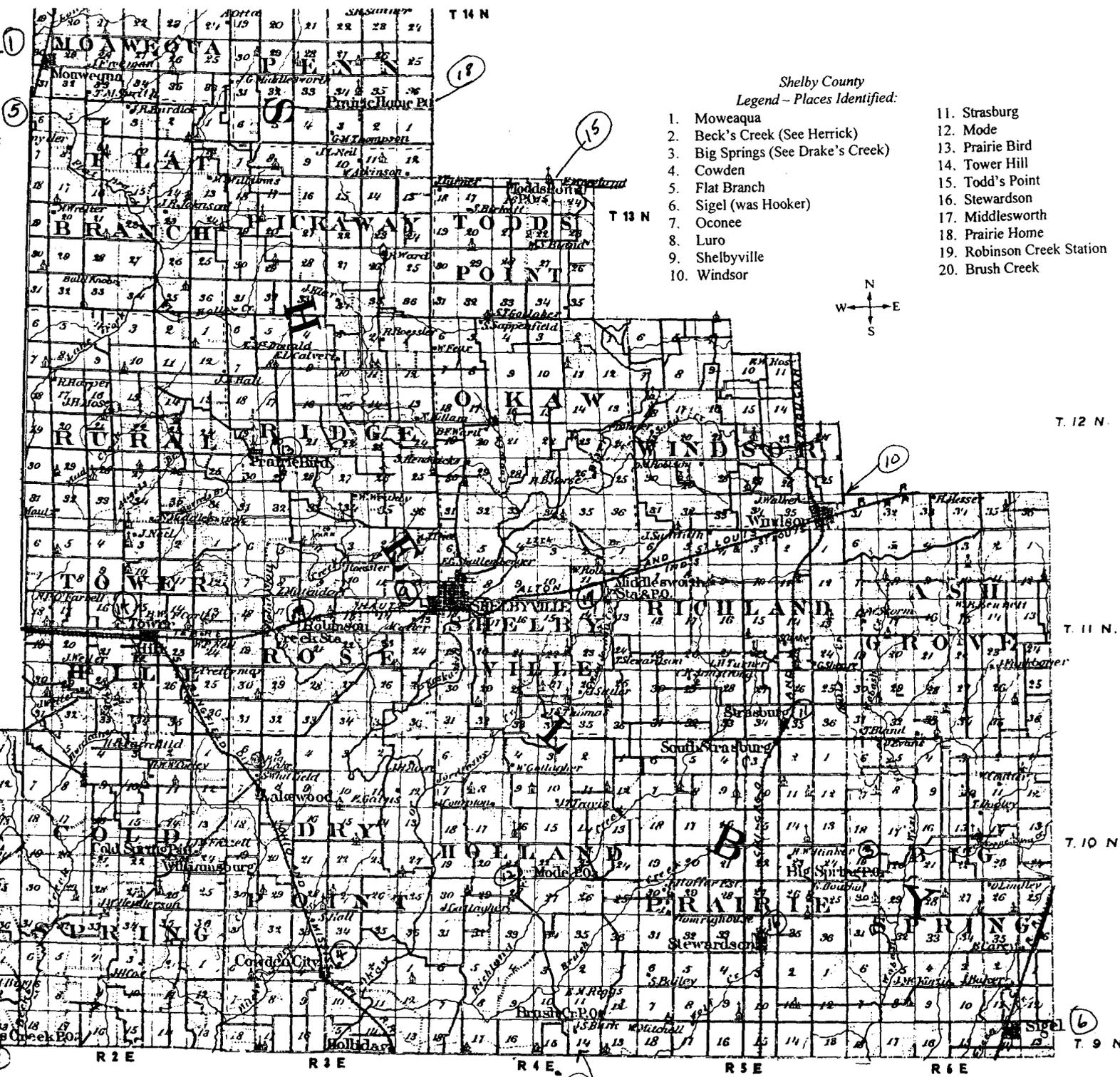
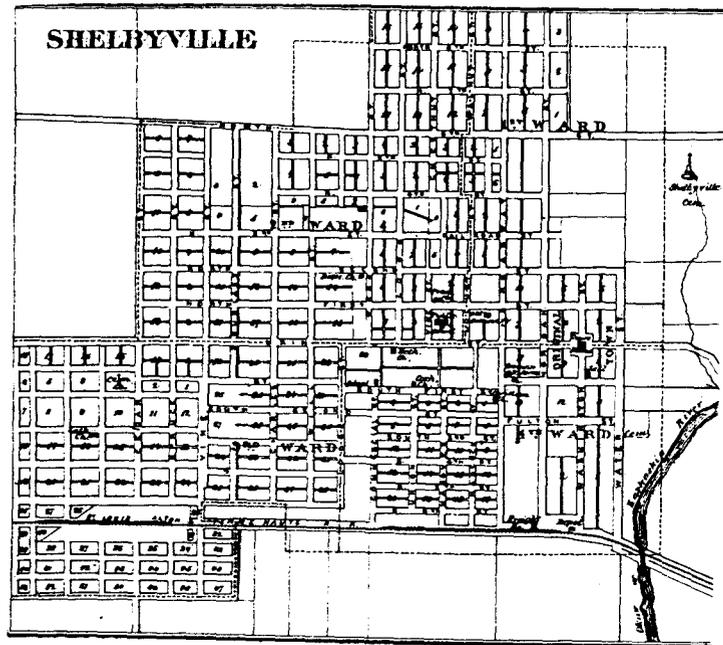
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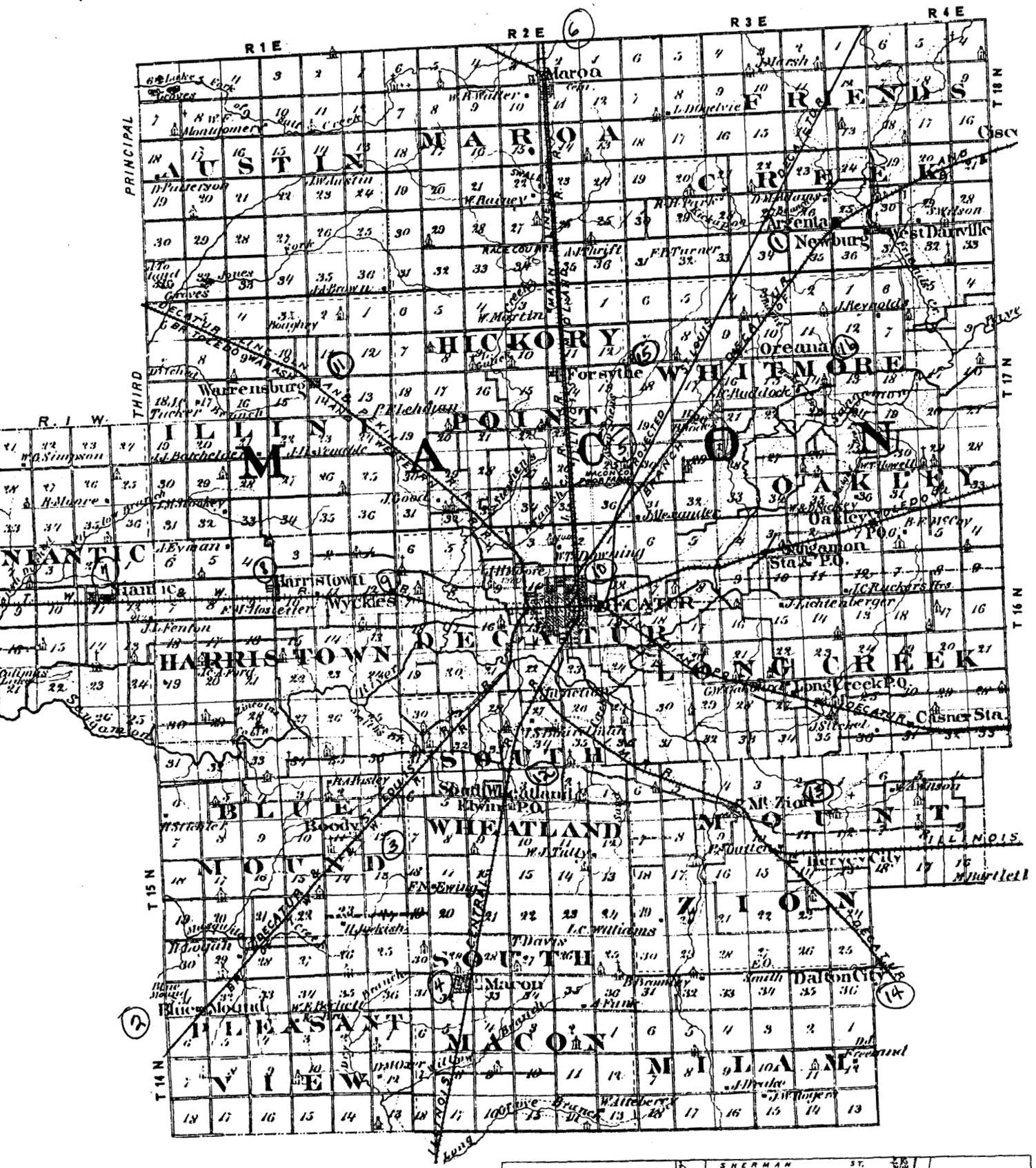
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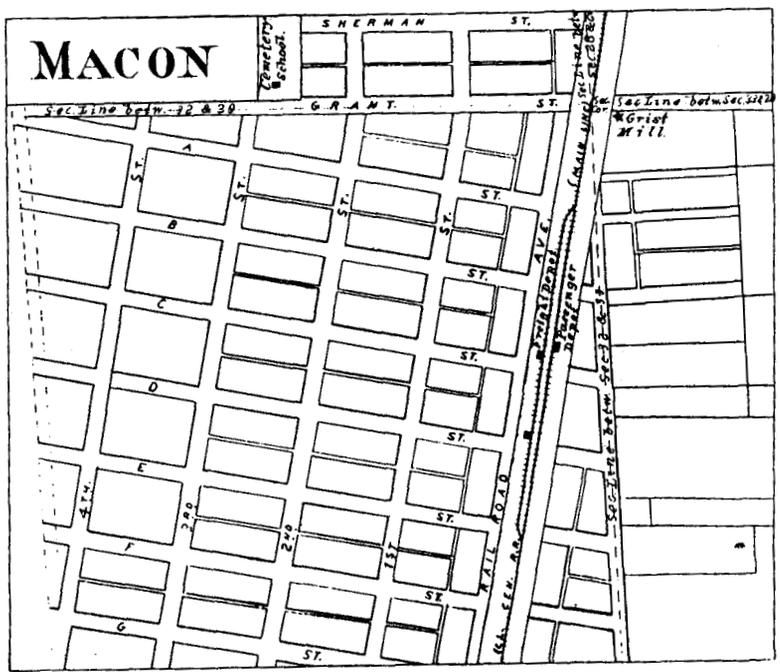
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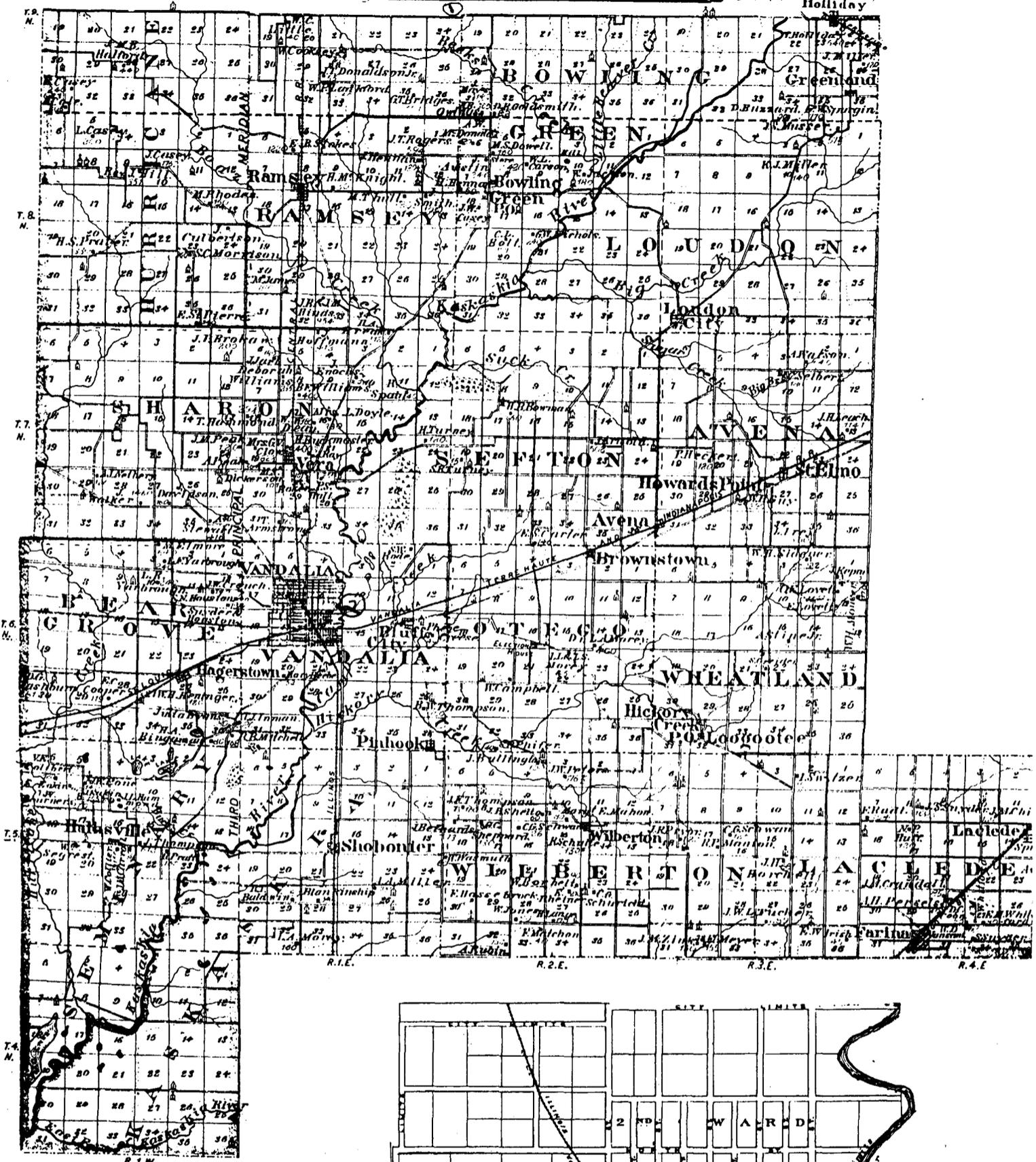


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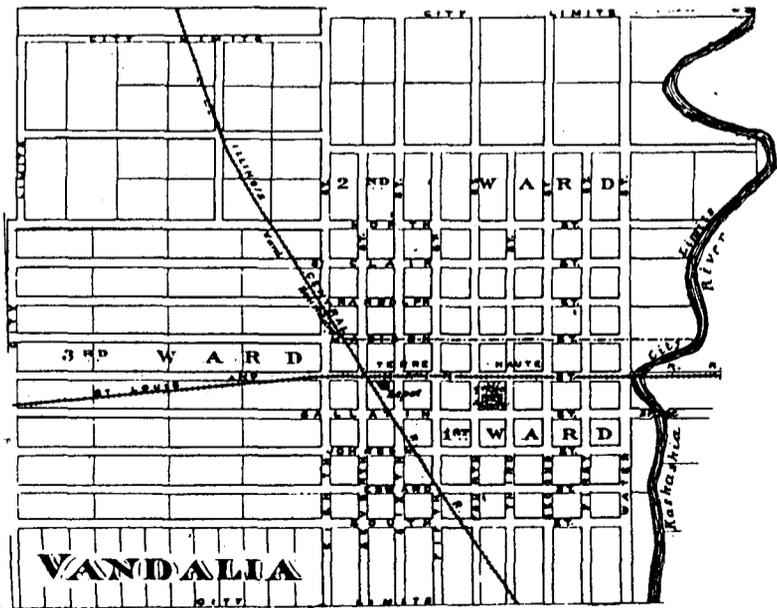
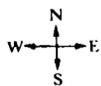
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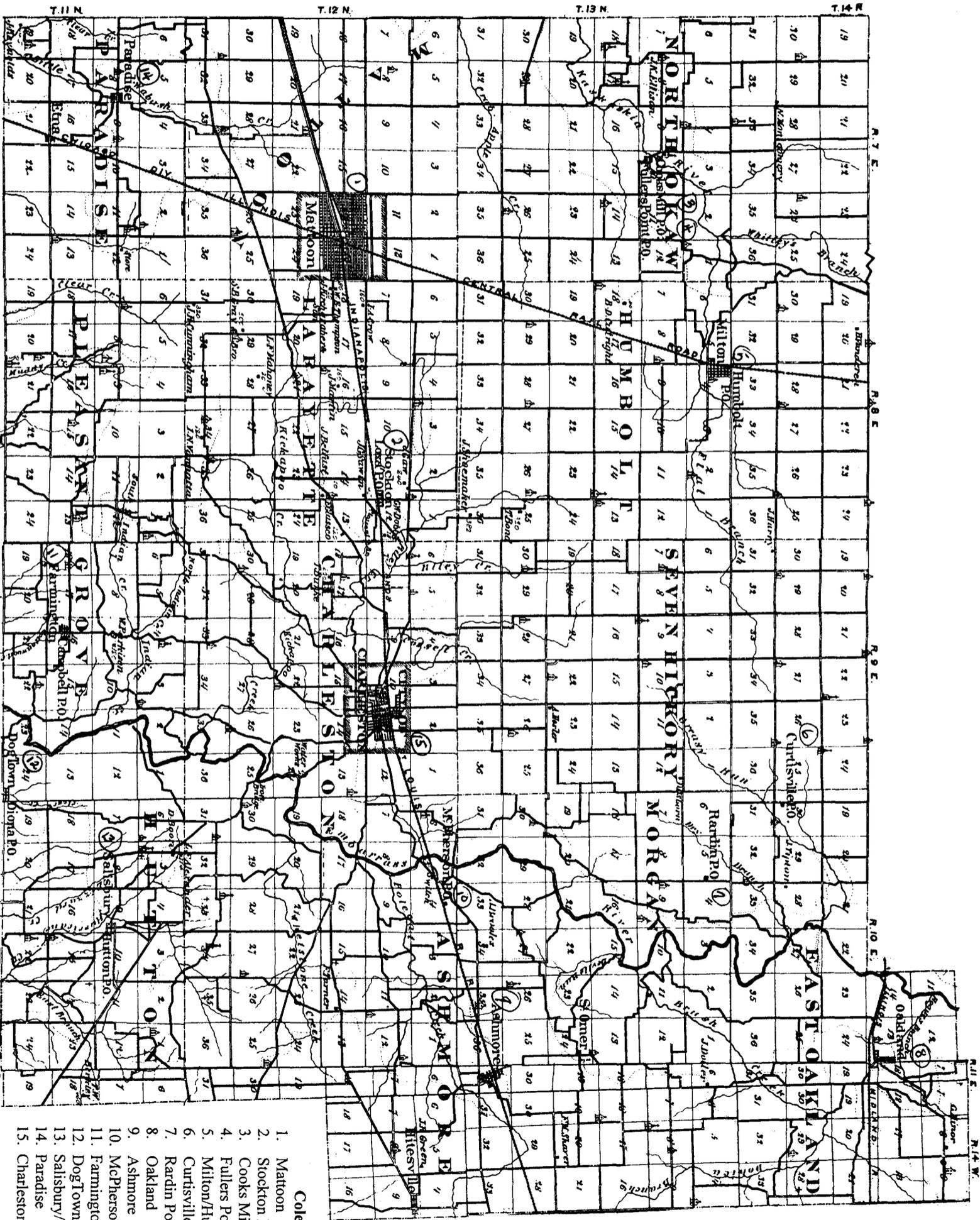
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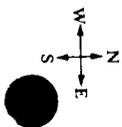


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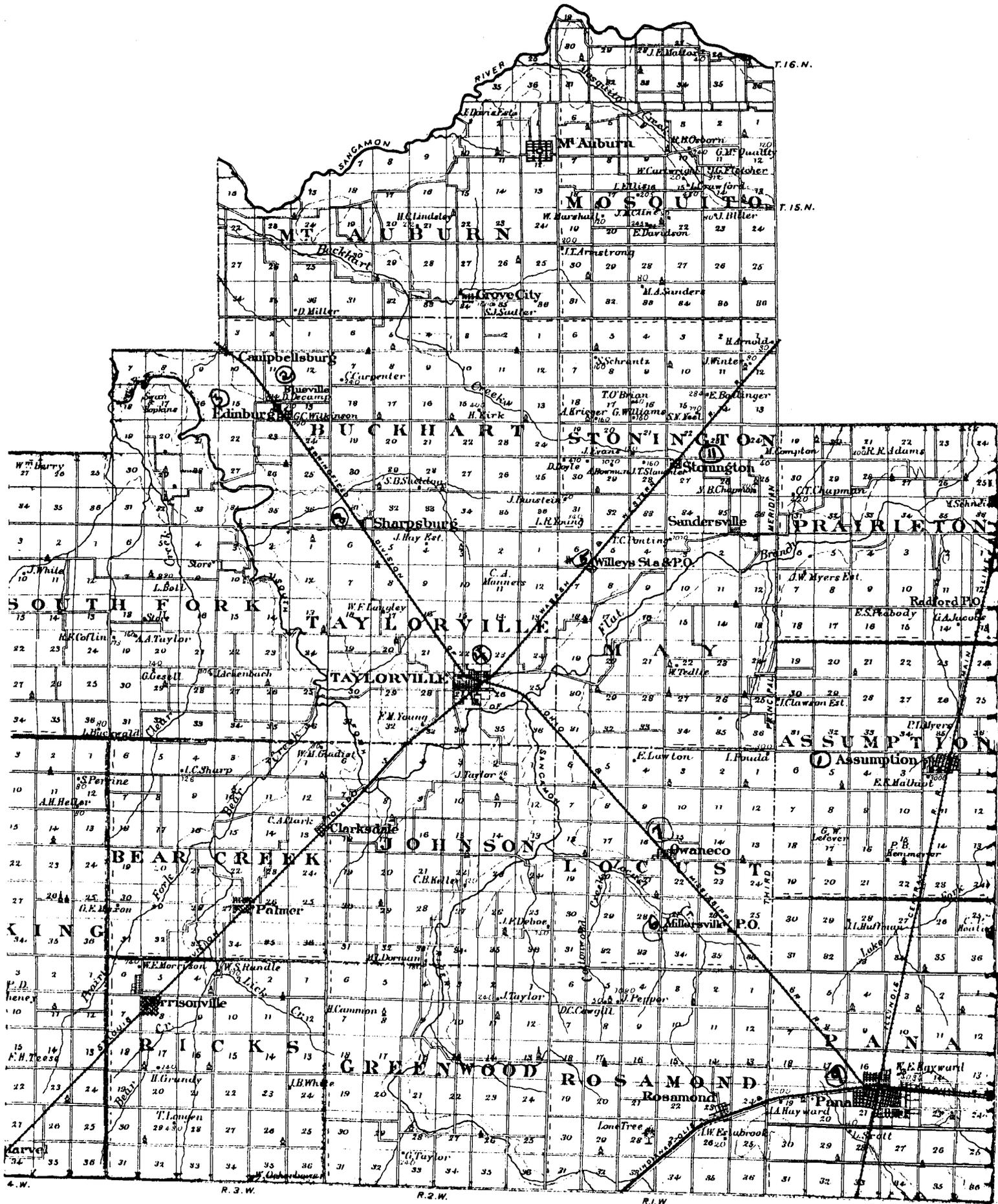


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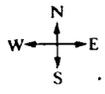
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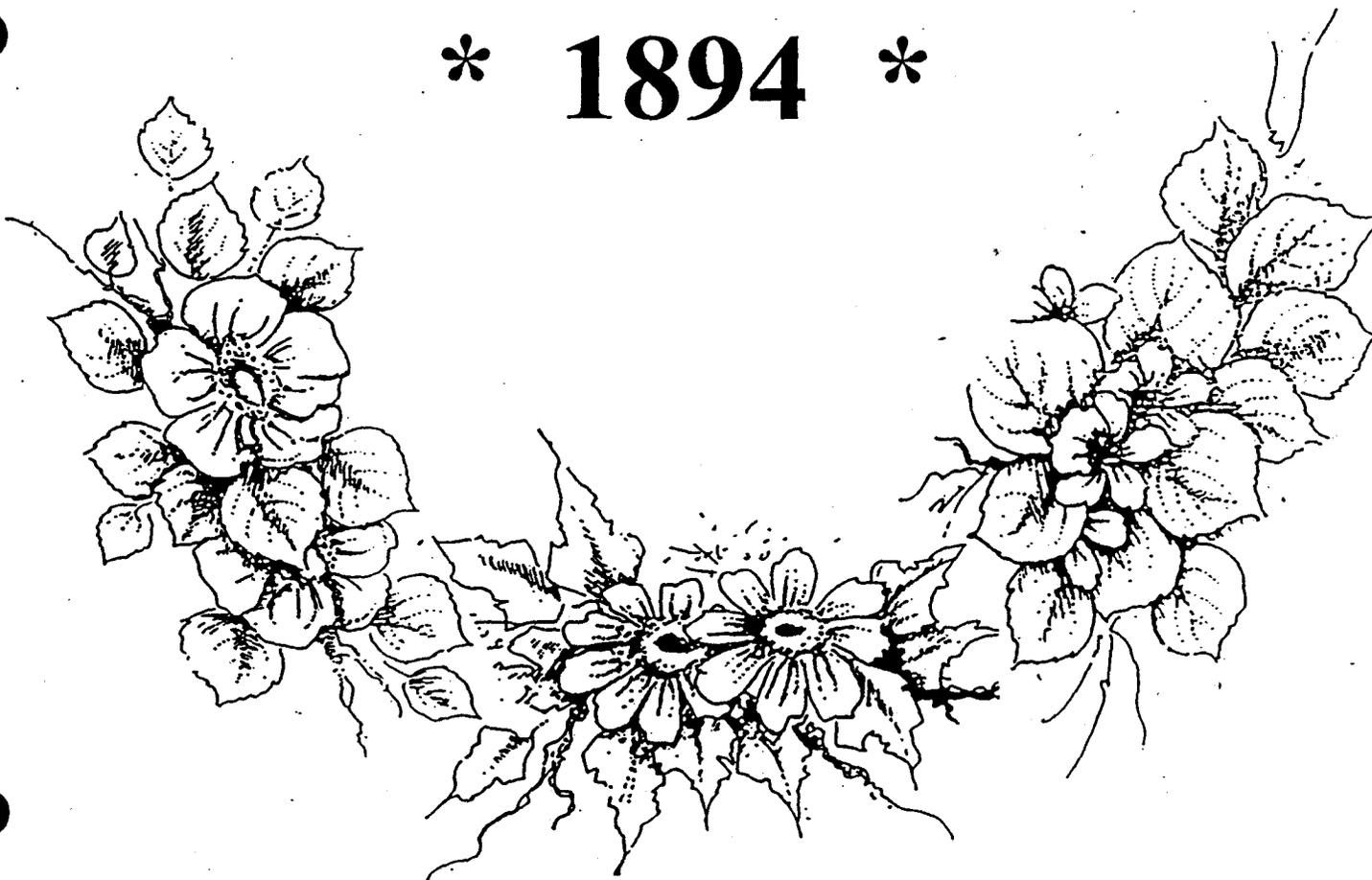


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MEMORIES FROM MOWEAQUA
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Excerpts from *The Moweaqua Call-Mail*

* 1894 *

Thursday, 4 January 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Village Clerk **James Hurry Elsum** passes away. He had been a resident of Moweaqua for 28 years. **James Hurry Elsum** was born in Whittlesea, Cambridgeshire, England, on 17 January 1831. He was educated in London, England. He was married to **Rebecca Day** on the 13th of June 1854. Seven children were born, four dying in infancy. Those living are Mrs **J G Porter**, and Miss **Minnie Elsum** of Newark, New Jersey, and Mrs **C A Hedges**, of Radford. He came to America and settled in Newark, New Jersey, in 1858, then came to Moweaqua, Illinois, in 1865, in which place he has since resided. While in England he was a member of the Episcopal Church. He united with the Methodist Church in Moweaqua in 1878. The direct cause of Mr **Elsum's** death was cancer of the stomach, which is, of course, incurable, and internal hemorrhages resulting, the end came quickly, his passing was 27 December 1893. His remains were taken to their last place of mortal rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery here. There was a large number of brethren present from Assumption, Blue Mound, Macon, Stonington, and other localities. (*Front page of this issue of the Moweaqua Call-Mail contains eulogies from the various organizations he belonged to; not copied in this book.*)

Mr and Mrs **Peter Folsom** of Bloomington, celebrated their golden wedding the other day. They were married at Harmony, Missouri, and came to Bloomington in the fall of 1845, and have lived there ever since. Mr Folsom is a civil engineer widely known, and of late years, has been in the service of several western railroad companies.

Married on New Year's evening at Stewardson, Miss **Laura York**, a former teacher in our school here, to **Grant Righter** of Shelbyville.

Thomas J Graybill of Shelbyville who had been sick for several weeks, died Christmas night about 10 o'clock surrounded by relatives and friends. From the outset of his sickness, knowing ones feared the worst, and as his sickness progressed, it was plain to be seen that the chances for his recovery grew less each day, until all hopes of his recovery were abandoned. By his request, his remains were shipped to Deer Park, Alabama, for burial. They were accompanied by his bereaved wife who arrived last week, and she remained with him to the last.

Frank E Bauer of Bunker Hill and Miss **Lizzie Otta**, the estimable daughter of **August Otta**, were married at the home of the bride's parents.

Obed news: **John Tolly's** have an additional member to the family – a little son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **James Kinney** on 31 December 1893, a little girl.

Hiram Rettig and Miss **Ida Deane** were married in Decatur yesterday.

Maud Gertrude Adams, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs **Richard Adams**, died last Thursday afternoon at the home of her parents after a lingering illness in the 19th year of her age. The disease was consumption and she had been a patient sufferer for a long period. The funeral services were preached by Rev **Strawn** of Blue Mound, and the interment took place in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Thursday, 11 January 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

At 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, 3 January 1894, Rev **A R Height** of Macon, spoke the mystic words that made the lives of **Frank E Bauer** and Miss **Louisa Otta** one. It was a very pretty and quiet wedding at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **August Otta**. Promptly at 6 o'clock, Miss **Clara Otta**, sister of the bride, began '*The Wedding Bells March*', and Miss **Carrie Otta**, sister of the bride and Mr **Otto Bauer**, brother of the groom came in, followed by the bride and groom. Following the ceremony, a lovely supper was served. They received many handsome and useful presents. The bride and groom left the next day for their future home, near Bunker Hill. The groom is a very popular young man of Bunker Hill, while the bride is the second daughter of **August Otta**, a well-known farmer, living near Moweaqua, Illinois. (*Article describes decorations, festivities and the attire of the bride and groom; not copied here.*)

James Hurry Elsum, city clerk of Moweaqua, Illinois, died at his home on Wednesday, 27 December 1893, aged about 64 years. (*Lake Arthur, Louisiana, Lake Arthur Herald*)

Susan Sweezy, sister of **Walter** and **Nathan Humphrey** of this city, was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, 20 March 1817, and was married in 1832. She emigrated to Illinois, in 1836, since which time, until her husband's death in 1883, she resided in Clay, Morgan, Macoupin, Sangamon and Shelby counties. Since her husband's death she has made her home with her children and brothers' families. She was a woman of noble qualities, an earnest, faithful, christian prepared for the Master's use. She departed this life on 25 December 1893, near Lovington, Moultrie County, Illinois, at the home of her daughter, Mrs **Sarah Lorencen**, aged 76 years, 9 months, and 5 days.

Mrs **H Bridgman** and Mrs **H Jordan** returned home Saturday from Jacksonville where they had been in attendance at the golden wedding anniversary of their father and mother. The *Jacksonville Journal* had this to say: "There are few people who get the chance to become Angels on earth, but some time back, Miss **Susan Smith** had an offer to become one and 50 years ago, she was made a seraphic by marriage with **John Angel**, and Thursday, they celebrated that great event at their home on Webster Avenue. Mr Angel was born in Spencer County, Indiana, 18 March 1823, and came here in 1826, and moved to Township 1611 where he has lived ever since till three years ago when he moved to town. His wife was born in Hickman County, East Tennessee, on 19 May 1827. She came here in 1837, and they were married on 4 January 1844. They have 11 children: **Lavina Bridgman**, **Mary E Cully**, **Thomas**, who lives at Table Grove; **Elizabeth Jordan** of Shelby County, **Maggie Foster**, **John W Angel** of Shelby Co, **Addie Black**, **George**, and **Ed**, **Bell**, **Martin**, and **Henry B**, all of whom were present except their son, **John W** who was detained by illness. There are 45 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Although the day was cloudy, it would never be known after you had once gotten into the home of the bride and groom of 50 years ago. There were bright faces and cheerful fires, and flowers to light up the door." (*Article goes on to explain how the couple renewed their vows and questions they were asked. Very nice article; not copied in its entirety in this book.*)

Miss **Gertrude Adams** departed this life Thursday after several years of suffering with consumption. The funeral services were conducted by Rev **Strawn** of Blue Mound. Blue Mound news: Sunday, 7 January 1894, was the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr and Mrs **Rose** of this place.

Miss **Ethel Bohannan** was taken ill with scarlet fever on Tuesday and Saturday morning lay a corpse. She was buried on Sunday at the Waltz Cemetery. Services were conducted by Rev **J W Strawn**. She leaves a mother and other relatives and friends to mourn her loss. (Blue Mound news)

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs **Frank Baker** of Loami died Saturday morning, 6 January 1894.

Thursday, 18 January 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Friday last, **J H Kirker** passed that milestone of life that bears the mark of three-score years. Little dreaming of the surprise his estimable wife had in store for him, he slowly journeyed home at the noon hour, only to be confronted by a number of friends, who had preceded him to extend congratulations. (*Article lists attendees; not reprinted here*)

B F Vaugh fatally stabbed **Bert Dubter**, aged 22, his stepson, at Decatur, Illinois. **Vaugh** was arrested. Dubter's dying statement was taken.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Logan Hays**, Monday, 15 January 1894, a boy.

Charlie Merriman was agreeably surprised at his home, southeast on Saturday evening, by the advent of a number of his friends, who 'just happened in' on Charlie's birthday.

In Blue Mound, on Wednesday evening, 10 January 1894, at the residence of **J W Strawn**, who officiated, occurred the marriage of **Wm F Stivers** and Miss **Clara B Baldwin**.

Rev **Bankson** went to Boody on Thursday to officiate at the marriage of **Ira G Warnick** and Miss **Lillie Hill**.

Born to Mr and Mrs **E H Baugh**, 6 January 1894, a little girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Sherman Pearson**, on Saturday at Obed, a son.

Stephen McCray wears a broad smile, and it all because of a new boy who arrived at his home in Loami on Friday.

Born to Dr and Mrs **J W Godfrey** on 17 January 1894, a little girl.

Mr and Mrs **Ben Ruffner** will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their marriage with a silver wedding celebration on tomorrow (Friday) evening.

Thursday, 25 January 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Friday last, Mr and Mrs **Ben Ruffner** celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage at their home southeast of town. The event was in every way one of those joyous and happy occasions that must naturally culminate where two such estimable people have struggled along the path of life, hand in hand for 25 years. May the sunshine of life be ever theirs to enjoy, that they may celebrate their golden wedding in 1919, with health and happiness.

Tuesday morning word reached the city that Miss **Tillie Ludwig** had quietly breathed her last at the home of her father, **P P Ludwig**, southeast. She had been a patient sufferer from consumption for a long period, and while deeply regretted, her death was not wholly unexpected. She was about twenty-one years of age at the time of her death, and a girl greatly beloved by all who knew her. The funeral services were held this afternoon (Thursday); the Rev **Buelteman** officiating, and the interment was in the German M E Cemetery, on her father's place.

Married Saturday, 20 January 1894 in Macon County by Rev **Jos Thomas**, **Frank Daughtry** and Mrs **Eliza Frampton**.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Linn** on 23 January 1894, a little girl.

Died at the home of his parents, **Cornelius** and **Mary Tolly**, Sunday, 21 January 1894, at 11 o'clock PM, their second son, **Thomas J Tolly**, aged 23 years, 11 months and 20 days. The funeral services were held at his parents' house, southeast, on Monday afternoon, and the interment took place at the Tolly graveyard.

T D Traugher, formerly of Prairieton, was made happy by a new heir on Thursday last. He says that he will call him **Grover**.

A silver wedding anniversary celebration was given by Mr and Mrs **Ben Ruffner** on 19 January 1894, near Willey. There were about 40 guests, all of which enjoyed the bountiful dinner set before them. Among the presents received were: Cake basket from Mr Ruffner's father and mother, Mr and Mrs **Thomas** and **W A Thomas** and wife of Columbus, Ohio; tea set - Mr and Mrs **Means**, Mr and Mrs **Thomas**, Columbus, Ohio; spoonholder - **Eli Ruffner** and family; butter dish - **E M Miller** and daughter **Lovie**; toilet case - Mr and Mrs **Frank Ruffner**; teapot - Mr and Mrs **Phil Stanley**; Mr and Mrs **James Steward** and Mr and Mrs **Chas Grooms**; butter knife - Mr and Mrs **Obe Harris**; money - **J L Ruffner**; watch to Mrs **Ruffner** from her son, **Marion Ruffner**; nut cracker and picks - Mrs **Fred Gray** and family; match case to Mr **Ruffner** from his son, **Marion Ruffner**, one dozen pie plates - Mrs **Armstrong** and family.

Tommy Tolly, a promising young man of this place (Pleak's Corner) died Sunday night at eleven o'clock of typhoid fever. He was buried in the old Tolly Cemetery. (Pleak's Corner news)

Mrs **Elizabeth Morris** went to Waverly Thursday to attend the wedding of her granddaughter, Miss **Flora Harris**.

Thursday, 1 February 1894 issue, *Moweauqua Call-Mail*:

Mary Matilda Ludwig was born on 27 January 1873 in Flat Branch Township, Shelby County, Illinois, and died 23 January 1894, aged 20 years, 11 months and 26 days. A year ago, she was in the bloom of health and vigor. During the month of April she suffered from a severe attack of La Grippe, which settled upon her lungs. In July she grew seriously ill, and from that time on, gradually sank lower until death relieved her. All medical skill and the fondest care of father, mother, brothers and sisters seemed of no avail to restore her health. **Tillie** was converted in the year 1887 during the pastorate of **John E Stullken**, and the same year united with the German M E Church. At half past five o'clock Tuesday morning came the death struggle, which was her greatest triumph. She called the household to her bedside. Before this her voice was scarcely audible, but now she began speaking in plain, distinct and earnest words. To her younger brothers she said 'Be good boys'. To the older ones, "Do all the good you can and preach." To the sisters, "Be good and meet me there". To father and mother she said, "You are getting older and it won't be long and you'll come too and meet me there." "Tell Josie I see Roy walking around and have him by the hand. Tell Will I see Celia and Clara, they are all in white. I see Jesus walking in the room; I am sitting in his lap. Tell all the young people I thank them for what they have done for me. They should all do good and meet me there. Tell Philip and Julia to do all the good they can and meet me there. Pollie isn't here, but tell her I'm so glad she is saved." Then she desired father to pray with her once more, after which she wished the song, 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus' to be sung. She then died quietly in her father's arms. The funeral took place from the German M E Church. Her remains were laid to rest in the Cemetery near the Church. (Note: Unable to index names of

individuals deceased left messages for (surname unknown); quoted as printed in the Moweaqua Call-Mail.)

Cards are out announcing the wedding of **Clara L Walker** to **J F Van Gundy**, both of Macon to occur 7 February 1894.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Linn** on 23 January 1894, a little girl.

The little daughter of Dr and Mrs **Smith** died at their home in Prairie Bird, Friday noon, 26 January 1894, aged 1 year 4 months, after a long and painful illness. The funeral occurred at Prairie Bird on Sunday at eleven o'clock, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Cemetery nearby. (Yantisville news)

News of the death of **W P Mauzy**, formerly of Assumption, has reached Fame.

Mr **Wm Rigsby** and Miss **Ada VanCuren**, both of Prairieton, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the Old Stonington parsonage on 25 January 1894. The ceremony was performed by Rev **J J Midkiff**, after which they returned to the bride's home. The reception the day following was a time long to be remembered by those that were permitted to partake of the good things prepared for the occasion. After supper the young folks whiled the hours away by playing until a late hour when they took their departure for home.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Eugene Harper** on Monday, 29 January 1894, a little boy.

Thursday, 8 February 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm H Elmers** on 31 January 1894, a little boy.

Born in Obed to **Henry Andrix** and wife on Wednesday morning, a little daughter.

The clerk of Obed has plunged into the matrimonial sea with one of Prairie Bird's belles.

Lawrence Cole entered into connubial relations with a fair maiden of Moultrie County.

They are now visiting home folks.

Blue Mound News: Rev **J S Clements**, of Normal, will hold memorial services on Sunday in memory of **Ethel Bohannan**, who died the first of the year. Services will be held at the Christian Church.

The **Moffitt-Cottle** wedding took place at the bride's home near Boody on Thursday at high noon (Blue Mound news)

In Prairie Home, Mr and Mrs **Chas Ryan** have a new little daughter, born to them on 2 February 1894.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Ruffner Berry** on 7 February 1894, a little boy.

Died on Sunday afternoon, 4 February 1894, of heart trouble, the infant child of Mr and Mrs **John Manly**. The interment took place on Monday in San Jose Cemetery.

Thursday, 15 February 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

From a recent copy of the *Brazil, Indiana, Democrat*, we glean the intelligence of the death of County Auditor, **Mathew R Yocum**, which occurred at this home in that place on Saturday, 27 January 1894. The deceased was a brother of Mrs **Geo F Rice** of this city, and was well and favorably known to many of our citizens. It will be remembered that he was called here by the sudden death of his brother, **W Y Yocum** in July 1892. **M R Yocum** represented the highest type of true manhood, being a recognized leader in everything pertaining to the elevation of his fellow men. Prominent in politics, he enjoyed the confidence and respect of not only his constituency, but of the entire community, and at

the time of his death, was Auditor of Clay County, Indiana. His aged sister, **Grandma Rice**, who resides with us here, has the sympathy of the entire community.

Mrs **Rebecca Oldaker**, an old resident, was found dead in bed near Atlanta, a few days ago. Heart disease was the supposed cause.

The body of **George Williamson**, owner of a grist mill at Wataga, was found near the depot at Kewanee. He probably fell from a train.

Thos H Boyce of Shelby County, and Miss **Lucy Fisher**, of Assumption, eloped last week and were married in Decatur. The bride is the daughter of **W O Fisher**, the cattleman.

Ruffner Berry is quite proud of his new boy in Allenboro.

Jeremiah D Sanborn died Monday evening, 12 February 1894, at the age of 76 years. He was buried on Wednesday by the Masonic order. (Loami news).

The double wedding of **P D Harbur** and Miss **Rebecca Holloway** and **Jesse Stanton** and Miss **Louisa Holloway**, took place in Springfield last Thursday. A large party from Loami was there. (Loami news)

Albert Bargner was called to Taylorville on Wednesday by the death of his sister, Mrs **Julia Abell**. (Loami news)

Mrs **Elizabeth Morris** was given a surprise on Saturday in honor of her 67th birthday. Mrs **D Staley** surprised her husband on Saturday night with an oyster supper in honor of his 53rd birthday. (Loami news)

Charter Oak: Born to Mr and Mrs **Cato** last week Wednesday, a little daughter. Mr and Mrs **Charles Frien** have a new daughter born last Wednesday.

J L Sanders entertained a few friends at his home on the 11th of February 1894, it being his 63rd birthday (Old Stonington news)

Blue Mound news: Mr and Mrs **Henry Hurst** have a new little girl born on 8 February 1894. Born to Mr and Mrs **Phil Spooner** on 11 February 1894, a little boy.

Prairie Home news: Miss **Myrtle Cox** and Mr **Linley** were married at the residence of the bride's mother last Tuesday.

Notice of Final Estate Settlements announced for **Mary J Potter** deceased, 2 April 1894; **W P Sellers**, deceased, 2 April 1894; both to be held at the County Court House, Shelbyville, Illinois.

Card of Thanks: To the many friends who so kindly assisted us in our late sad bereavement in the loss of our little darling, we extend our heartfelt and sincere thanks.

John and Annie Manly.

Thursday, 22 February 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, **Walter Humphrey, Jr**, son of **Nathan Humphrey**, and Miss **Debbie E Thomas**, were united in marriage. The Rev **T M Griffith** officiated at the ceremony. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's father, Rev **Jos Thomas**, in the presence of a large circle of friends. Both the bride and groom are well-known and highly esteemed in this community. Mr Humphrey has rented the farm of Uncle **John Plaine**, near Radford, and will take possession very soon. Thursday, the newly married couple were tendered a reception at the home of the groom's father, **Nathan Humphrey, Sr** where a sumptuous repast was spread and to which all did ample justice. Born on 9 February 1894, to Mr and Mrs **George Hunt**, a little girl.

Married on Thursday evening 15 February 1894 at the residence of the bride's father, **John Hartman** and Miss **Martha Calvin**. The Rev **J E Winchell** officiating.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Russell**, Thursday morning, 15 February 1894, a son. **Isaac Hill** was tendered a surprise by a few of his friends Sunday. The occasion being his 20th birthday.

Mrs **Noah Ritchie** died at her home near Obed on Saturday night, 17 February 1894, after a few weeks' illness. The funeral services were held at Little Flock on Monday at 12 o'clock, conducted by Elder **Corley**, and the remains were laid to rest in the Cemetery. She was a faithful and affectionate wife and mother.

Born to Mr and Mrs **T M Bates** in Prairieeton, on 17 February 1894, a little son.

Blue Mound news: A party of little folks gathered at the home of Mrs **Tankersley** in honor of the 8th birthday of her daughter, **Dessie**. She received quite a number of nice presents, and all had a good time. A surprise party was given on Thursday night at the home of Mr and Mrs **Blair**, in honor of their daughter, **Effie**, it being her 16th birthday. She received a handsome watch and ring.

Loami news: The remains of **Fred Bain**, who died near Chicago, arrived here this morning, and will be buried tomorrow. Deceased was born and raised in Loami.

In Pleak's Corner news: Mrs **Noah Rittgers** was buried at the Little Flock Cemetery following her death on Saturday.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Ed Matheny** at Dalton City on 19 February 1894, a son.

Miss **Clara Morton** is to receive a handsome piano this spring, a birthday present from her Aunt **Mina** and Uncle **Charlie Gaskill**.

Thursday, 1 March 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs **E A Ruffner**, last Thursday evening, 22 February 1894, at 7 o'clock, **Henry Wempen** and Miss **Lou Southworth** were united in marriage in the presence of about 50 guests. The Rev **H C Turner** officiated.

Attendants were Miss **Tillie Wempen**, a sister of the groom and Mr **George Pratt**, of Bethany. They will go to housekeeping on the groom's father (**Wm Wempen's**) farm near Allenboro. (*List of attendees, presents given, and description of bride's attire – not copied in this book*)

An account of Mrs **Wm McBurney's** death will be found in the Prairie Home items.

Mrs **McBurney**, wife of **Wm McBurney**, died 23 February 1894 after an illness of three weeks. She was the oldest daughter of **Col J H Laughlin**. Mrs **McBurney** was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a great Sunday School worker. Rev **Aimsley** of Macon conducted the funeral services.

Misses **Lulu** and **Stella Brooks** of Pleak's Corner returned home after a pleasant with friends and relatives in Pana. While there, they attended the wedding of their cousin, Miss **Ella Rhoades**.

Thursday, 8 March 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Monday morning last, at ten o'clock, in the office of County Judge, **Wm E Nelson** at Decatur, Mr **A L Brougher** and Miss **Ollie Casey**, both of this city, were united in marriage, Judge **Nelson** personally performing the ceremony. The young couple returned on the evening train and for the present will make their home with the parents of the bride, Mr and Mrs **Sam'l Casey**. Mr **Brougher** is a steady, hard working and deserving young man, and is engaged as a tonsorial artist with the firm of **J R Hudson and Co**, while Miss

Ollie is one of Moweauqua's most estimable young ladies whose host of friends wish her prosperity and happiness for the future.

On Wednesday morning, 7 March 1894, at 2 o'clock, at the home of his father-in-law, **Tilmon Weakley, Edward Deitz** suffering from consumption, quietly breathed his last. He had been gradually failing for five months and though hoping against hope, the dreaded disease at last claimed its victim. He was patient in his sickness and suffering, and was a man truly devoted to his little family. He leaves a wife, **Clara Weakley Deitz**, and a bright little boy, **Thomas Oscar Deitz**; also a mother, **Mrs Mary Smith**, three sisters and two brothers. The funeral service occurred today and the interment took place in the Odd Fellow's Cemetery.

At Allenboro, last Sunday, 4 March 1894, **Wm Portwood, Sr** and **Mrs Margaret Price**, aged respectively, 63 and 65 years, were joined in holy bonds of matrimony. The groom is the father of **Jas Portwood**, the enterprising merchant of that place, and the bride is his wife's mother and his mother-in-law. The ceremony was performed by the **Rev Jos Thomas** of this city. After the ceremony, the married couple received the congratulations of the many friends present.

George Dover, an old resident of Leroy, McLean County, committed suicide by shooting through the heart. He was 45 and leaves a family.

Word comes to us from Decatur, that Mr and Mrs **Wm Henry**, who formerly resided here, are the happy parents of twins. At last account, both mother and children are doing well. **Mrs A C Ney** and babies who have been visiting near Moweauqua, Illinois, for several months, returned home last Thursday, and **A C Ney** wears a smile something less than a foot broad in consequence. (Lake Arthur, Louisiana, *Herald*)

Married on Saturday 24 February 1894, **Wm Shelby** to **Lulu Hays** at Mr **Graham's** residence. Esq **B F Pontius** officiating.

Mr and Mrs **George A Kautz** observed the 24th anniversary of their marriage last Thursday at their comfortable home on the west side, by inviting a few friends in to dinner. Mr and Mrs **Kautz** were married in Taylorville on 1 March 1870.

Willey news: Two weddings last week: **Edward Adams** and Miss **Lilly Schrantz** were married at the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday evening by **Rev Agnew**.

Charley Gabbert and Mrs **Ida Adams** were married on Thursday evening at the home of the bride's aunt, **Mrs Ettinger**. **Rev Midkiff** of Old Stonington, officiated.

Fame news: **Mrs C Ney** and her sister, Miss **Alice O'Brien**, attended the funeral of their cousin, Mr **McCormick** at Tower Hill last Saturday.

Blue Mound news: **Mrs A Kirk** died at the home of her son of paralysis on 27 February 1894. The funeral took place at the Christian Church conducted by **Rev W Strawn**. Mr and Mrs **Henry Kirk** of Taylorville, Messrs **Dwight Kirk** and **Burt Kirk** of Grove City, and **Frank Kirk** of Edinburg, attended the funeral of **Grandma Kirk** on Wednesday. The infant child of Mr and Mrs **Charles Gordon** died on Tuesday and was buried the following day at the Waltz Cemetery. Born to Mr and Mrs **Thos Hodge** on Thursday, a girl. **Dr Foster** attended.

Allenboro news: The wedding fever is raging in this vicinity. There has been three weddings in the last 10 days, namely: **Henry Wempen** and **Lou Southworth**; Mr **Albert Bridgwater** and Miss **Nellie Barber** and **William Portwood** and **Mrs Margaret Price**. **Mrs Moize** died 5 March 1894. She was a sister of **Mrs L G Williams** (Old Stonington news).

Notice of final settlement filing on estate of **Dudley G Watson**, deceased, final report to be presented at County Court of Shelby County, at Shelbyville, Illinois, on 20 March 1894. Signed **D J Watson**, Administrator.

We have received a communication too lengthy for publication, announcing the marriage of **Lee Cornell** of California, to Miss **Mary Hoy**, formerly of this place.

Thursday, 15 March 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Saturday morning last, about daybreak, on 10 March 1894, **George Hoover** was found dead and cold in his bed. The discovery was made by his wife, who claims that while the old gentleman was not feeling particularly well when he retired, his condition was by no means dangerous. He had shucked corn all day Friday, and had complained only of feeling tired. His wife says he was awake about midnight and at that hour, she spoke to him to which he responded, therefore, death came suddenly and quietly between that time and the morning light. It is thought to have been caused by heart failure. At the time of his death **Mr Hoover** was about 73 years of age, and himself and his wife, have been residents of this vicinity for several years. They had resided on **Zealy Snell's** place but a short time. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, **Rev T M Griffith** officiating, and the remains were laid to rest in the city Cemetery. A subscription had been made up to send the remains to Monticello, the former home of the deceased, but as this could not be done, the money was donated to **Mrs Hoover**, who is not only quite old and feeble, but is entirely destitute. She will go to relations in Piatt County.

Born to **Emanuel W McCarty** and wife on 20 February 1894, a little daughter.

J Traughber and wife have a new son who was born 13 March 1894.

Mr and Mrs W H Barnes of Monticello, were here over Sunday, in attendance at the funeral of **Mrs Barnes' father, George Hoover**.

Mrs George F Rice received information last week of the death of her sister, **Mrs D Webster**, which occurred at Staunton, Indiana, the first of March 1894.

Prairieton news: Some of the boys met at **C S Burdicke's** on the night after he was married for the purpose of serenading him but their reception was cool. **Miss Maggie Grey** and **Charles Burdick** (*spelling variation*) were married at Blue Mound.

Jack Lupton died last Wednesday of consumption and was buried at Todd's Point.

(Prairie Home news)

Our sister, **Cornelia E M McBurney**, has died on the 23rd of February 1894. In the death of **Sister McBurney**, the Prairie Home Sunday School has lost one of its most zealous workers, her class of young boys, a most efficient teacher whose only aim was to implant in their young hearts, the urgent necessity of an early consecration of their young lives to that loving Savior.

Jesse Maltby, living three miles west of Blue Mound, died on Wednesday of Lung Fever. Last Thursday in Blue Mound, **Miss Maggie Grey** was united in marriage to **Charles Burdick**.

Judge **H M Vandever** of Taylorville died Monday. He was quite old and very wealthy.

Jas Vermillion, grandfather of **Mrs Wm Richhart**, died at his home near Tower Hill last Sunday.

Thursday, 22 March 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Quite a pleasant surprise was given Mrs **Merryman**, southeast of town, last Tuesday in honor of her 46th birthday. Mrs **Merryman** went to Assumption Tuesday morning and returning home found about 50 guests assembled and a splendid dinner spread before her. She received a handsome rocking chair from her children. Miss **Daisy** and **Billy Armstrong** furnished splendid music.

Prairie Home: Last Wednesday, **Frank Fry** and Miss **Allie Cole**, of Hormony, were married at the bride's home. They will move to a farm east of Bethany.

Loami news: **W A Neal** and Mrs **Mary A Parker** were married on Thursday in Springfield, Justice **Jones** of Loami officiating.

Prairieton: **Lewis Bowersock** of Prairieton and Miss **Laura Reynolds**, of Locust, were married on the 14th of March 1894, at 7 o'clock PM at the bride's home. The house was crowded with friends and relatives eager to witness the ceremony performed by Rev **Hamilton** of Owaneco. The young couple will reside on the Bowersock farm this season.

Obed news: Aunt **Sarah Stump** was tendered a surprise dinner on last Tuesday by her children and grandchildren. The occasion being her 67th birthday.

W G Colbert of Neoga and Miss **Lottie M Housh** of Moweaqua went to St Louis yesterday to get married, but as the girl was only 17 years old, the clerk refused them the license. A little questioning elicited the fact that the couple had eloped. They left the clerk's office and vowed they would go to some state where the laws pertaining to marriage were not so inconvenienced. (*Decatur Review*). The foregoing item is in the main correct, though the parties did not elope. The parents were fully informed as to the trip and its possible results. **William G Colbert** of Neoga and Miss **Lottie Housh** of Moweaqua were refused a marriage license by Clerk **Hermon** yesterday morning. The young couple had expected to get married in St Louis and return to Illinois with a surprise to their parents who had not been let into the secret. Miss Housh was not aware that the laws of Missouri required ladies who want to get married without the consent of their parents to be 18 years of age, and she unwittingly told the clerk that she was but 16. When the license was refused, the young couple looked astonished and left the clerk's office in the most abject distress. (*St Louis Republic*).

Thursday, 29 March 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Groom 83 and bride 63. The marriage of an aged couple from Flat Branch Township, Shelby County, took place in Decatur last Friday. The groom was **Wesley Scribner**, aged 83 and the owner of 81 acres of land, and the bride was Miss **Catharine Beard**, aged 63 years. It was the fourth marriage of the groom. The couple got up at 4 o'clock in the morning and drove to Decatur in a buggy, a distance of 25 miles.

Remarried after 20 years. **Joseph Degon**, aged 75, and Mrs **Degon**, aged 71, were married at Freeport. This was the second marriage of the couple. They had lived happily together for many years, raising a family of children. Twenty years ago, they were divorced, Mr **Degon** going west, where he married another. His second wife died and he returned to Freeport, and after a score of years, they were reunited.

Mrs **Nancy Barrett**, a pioneer of Christian County, died aged 85 years.

William Sherard, a resident of Joe Daviess County since 1843, a native of Ireland, died a few days ago, aged nearly 90.

Capt **Henry T Ashton**, aged 62 a pilot on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers for 40 years, died at Cairo, Illinois.

Miss **Sophia Humphrey's** 13th birthday was celebrated at the Round Grove School on Monday. After the bell rang at 12:40, and the school has assembled, the generous hearted Miss --- brought to the school room, a large white cake, bearing her name and age in pink letters. The cake was eaten by teacher and pupils and enjoyed by all.

Miss **Ida Snyder** celebrated her 17th birthday by giving a party to a number of her young friends. Among those present were Miss **Carrie** and **Emma Baumgarten**, **May Winter**, **Edna Miller**, **Jessie Stine**, **Lucy** and **Lena Snyder**, **Rev E B Baumgarten**, **Ben Winter** and **A Bohlander**.

Thursday, 5 April 1894 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr and Mrs **Walters** on 26 March 1894, a little girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Adams** on 29 March 1894, a son.

A crowd of Ridge young folks joined by some Yantisville bloods met at the Shivers place Wednesday evening to welcome **Geo McGrath** and bride to the neighborhood. They were armed with all the old cow bells, shot guns and other articles of torture that could be found and made night hideous with the noise. They were soon invited into the house and treated. (Yantisville news)

George McGrath, son of **A McGrath**, and Miss **Mettie Longenbaugh** were united in marriage on 22 March 1894.

Samuel Evans of Auburn and Miss **Kittie Collum** were married on Thursday evening at the home of the bride. Justice **Joseph Jones** officiated.

A very pleasant surprise and oyster supper was given recently by Mr and Mrs **Bridgman** in honor of their son, **William Bridgman's** 19th birthday. All report a good time.

While **William** and **John Carter**, uncle and nephew were cutting timber southeast of Pana, the ax swung by the nephew, **John Carter**, glanced and struck **William Carter** near the right ankle, severing the arteries, from which he bled to death.

David Landers, unmarried, aged 60, who had been missing several days, was found dead in his log cabin, 5 miles northeast of Virginia the other day.

Howard S Long of Springfield is a happy bridegroom after a courtship of only 15 minutes. While in Urbana, he saw Miss **Lydia Brown** for the first time. It was a case of love at first sight, and fifteen minutes after the introduction, she had said 'yes' and half an hour later, they were married by Rev **A L Powell**.

William Workman and Miss **Lydia Bilyeu**, both of Prairieton, were married last Wednesday.

Thursday, 12 April 1894 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Mrs **Barbara Dobbins** was born in Green Co, Pennsylvania, on the 18th of March 1814, and died in South Salon, Ohio, 18 March 1894, aged 80 years, passing into eternal rest on her birthday. When but a child her parents moved to Ohio, settled in Monroe County. Here she lived until 1833 when she was married to **John Curtis**. To them, were given 8 children, four of which have preceded her to the spiritland, one, a son, died in the Army. 1850 was a year of affliction for sister **Dobbins**, for her husband died, leaving her a widow with six children. In June 1851, she was married to **James Dobbins**, her now sorrow-stricken and bereaved husband. By this union, there were two children, one of which died

in infancy. When in her 13th year, Sister **Dobbins** was converted and joined the Christian Church, where she remained a consistent and faithful member till her death. She leaves a husband, five children, twenty-four grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and a large circle of friends to mourn her departure. Her funeral services were held in the M E Church conducted by Rev **Ralph Watson**, and was attended by a large concourse of people. The remains were laid to rest in the beautiful Cemetery of South Solon, Ohio.

Last evening at the M E parsonage, the Rev **H C Turner** officiating, **L F Rettig** and Miss **H Agnes Prescott** were quietly united in marriage. The bride is one of our well-known and popular school teachers, a most estimable young lady and the daughter of Esquire **E Prescott**. The groom is one of our substantial young farmers, highly esteemed by a host of friends in this vicinity. On account of the serious illness of Mrs **Dudley Porter**, the bride's sister, the wedding was a very quiet affair and the young couple will go at once to housekeeping on Mr **Rettig's** farm, south of town. We wish **Lou and Aggie** a life of unison, bliss, peace and prosperity.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Andrew Robinson**, 5 April 1894, a little girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Al Worsham** on 11 April 1894, a little girl.

Rev **H C Turner** of Moweauqua was in our city yesterday and today. He officiated at the **Weygandt-Crocker** wedding. (*Blue Mound Leader*)

Mrs **Thomas Proctor** died last Monday night soon after an operation by which a large tumor was removed. They had hopes of saving her life by the surgical operation but to no avail. The remains were laid to rest in Shelbyville Cemetery on Wednesday. The deceased leaves a husband and four grown children to mourn her sudden death. She was a daughter of Mrs **Wade** in Shelbyville. (*Yantisville news*)

David Eversole and Miss **Hope Boyce** were united in holy bonds of matrimony last Wednesday night at the bride's home in Ridge Township. Only a few of the near relatives were present. They began housekeeping on their farm near Ridge Church. (*Yantisville news*)

Willey news: **Albert Stattley**, an old resident of Taylorville, died last Thursday. The bereaved family have the sympathy of this community.

Allenboro news: Last Monday evening a crowd of young people gathered at **S E Warricks** to do honor to **Justin Gray**, it being his 21st birthday. A grand time was had by all. Present was Misses **Mabel and Chloe Stitch; Lulu Lamb, and Stella Flaming;** Messrs **Robert Hight, Chas Kemmerly, John Thompson, Stephen Atteberry, James Crossin, and Ollie Lamb.**

Uncle Wash Hall of Loami died last Monday night aged 85 years. Funeral services were held on Wednesday at South Fork Church, and interment took place in the Campbell Cemetery.

Leonard L Colburn and Miss **Flora Back** were married on Wednesday in Springfield. They will reside in Loami.

A boy was born to **L M Osborne** and wife of Fame on 2 April 1894.

Blue Mound news: Mr and Mrs **W Firey** and son went to Taylorville on Saturday to attend the funeral of Mr **Albert Stattley**, an uncle of Mrs **Firey**.

Thursday, 19 April 1894 issue, Moweauqua Call-Mail:

Rolla Boyd was attacked by a stallion in a barn in Whitmore Township in Macon County, and was mangled in a shocking manner and soon died.

Judge **William Marsh** aged 72 died in Quincy. He settled in Quincy in 1854 where he accumulated a competence. He came from New York.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Henry Otta** on 15 April 1894, a little boy.

Married on Thursday last in Decatur, **Chris Friedley** and Mrs **Amanda Gass**.

Died after a brief illness, Mrs **D E Yantis** who quietly breathed her last, at her home on Saturday morning. The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at Locust Grove, Rev **B F Dungan** officiating. Director **Stines** says that it was the largest funeral he ever saw in the country. Mrs Yantis was the daughter of **James Thomas** and a lady highly esteemed by all who knew her.

William Workman and **Lydia Bilyeu** were united in marriage on Sunday evening the 8th of April 1894. The groom is the son of Mrs **Henry Portwood**, east of town, and the bride is a daughter of Mr and Mrs **Paint Bilyeu**, living east of town.

Mrs **Samuel Hennigh** died at her home north of Prairie Home in the 60th year of her age. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon.

The community of Obed is saddened with clouds of universal sorry by the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs **Nannie Yantis**, beloved wife of **David E Yantis**, and daughter of Mr and Mrs **James Thomas**. About 18 months ago this young wife left the parental roof as a bride with high hopes and pleasant prospects, little thinking that in so short a time she would be taken from her pleasant home and her companion. The same minister, Rev **Dungan**, who officiated at the wedding, also delivered the funeral discourse, assisted by Rev Wagner. **Nannie J Thomas** was born in Shelby County, Illinois, on 4 January 1873. She was married to **David Earl Yantis** 27 September 1892. She died on 14 April 1894, aged 21 years, 3 months and 10 days. The funeral took place at Locust Grove, Sunday at 12 o'clock, where the largest assembly ever congregated at this place, had gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to one they honored. The body clothed in a beautiful white robe and encased in a lovely casket was tenderly and reverently laid in the bosom of the earth. The pallbearers were, Misses **Gertrude Jordan, Belle and Josie Cole, Laura and Edith Pontias** and **Emma Longenbaugh**. A sweet little girl baby which was born on Friday was buried in her mother's arms. There are times when death's visits seem surrounded with more than ordinary sadness and sorrow's waves seem more than mortals can breast; such was this case. Parents now stricken with sorrow, friends are veiled with sadness; associates encompassed in grief once looked hopefully into the eyes, now, alas, closed in death. Nannie was a member of the U B Church here, and also the Y.P.C.U. and was loved and respected by all who knew here. She leaves a young husband, father, mother, a brother, and two sisters to mourn her. **W E Carsell** and family of Yantisville attended the funeral of Mrs Yantis. (From Yantisville news: Crowds and crowds of people were at Locust Grove on Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs Yantis. Not more than half of them could get in the Church).

Prairie Home news: Mrs **Sam Heighney** died on Sunday afternoon and the remains buried at the Prairie Home Cemetery on Monday. (Note: Spelling variation of surname in same issue of the Call-Mail, the spelling of the name is shown as 'Heighney' and 'Hennigh'. Copied verbatim in both instances.)

Born to Mr and Mrs **Ed Murphey**, nee **Nannie Marshall**, on 15 April 1894, a son in Prairie Home.

Born in Yantisville to Mr and Mrs **Wm Hawley**, 13 April 1894, a daughter. Mother and child are getting along nicely.

Allenboro news: **Henry Otta** wears a broad grin – it is a new boy.

Thursday, 26 April 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Tuesday evening, 24 April 1894, at the Baptist Church, **John Hulet** and Miss **Lillie Daughtry** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony; the Rev **Thomas M Griffith** officiating, assisted by Rev **N L Williams** and Rev **L C Goodrich** of Pana. The bridal couple were attended by Mr **George Daughtry** and Miss **Belle Daughtry**, brother and sister of the bride. Following the ceremony, Mr and Mrs Hulet repaired at once to the residence of Dr **Godfrey** where an informal reception was tendered them. They will make their home in this city for the present.

Obed news: Mrs and Mrs **Cyrus Weekly** attended the funeral of **Wm Miller** at Brunswick on Friday.

Old Stonington news: We are sorry to have to record the death of **C C Harris**, more commonly known as **Uncle Kit**, who died at his home last Sunday, 22 April 1894. He was born in Dickerson County, Tennessee, March 1815, being a little over 79 years of age at his death. Mr **Harris** was a very quiet and peaceable citizen. He leaves a wife, son, daughter, and two brothers to mourn his loss.

William Henry Waggener was born in Prussia on 15 February 1832. He came to America in 1851 and resided in Shelby and Macon counties until 1856 when he married Miss **Elizabeth Burg** on 7 January 1856, and settled in Moultrie County. This union was blessed with ten children, two sons and eight daughters, all now living except one, which died in infancy. He united with the German Lutheran Church at the age of fourteen. His ideas of right and justice were very rigid. He was a true husband, a kind and loving father and was held in high estimation by his many friends. He departed this life at the age of 72 years, 1 month and 27 days, at the residence, southwest of Bethany, on Thursday morning, 12 April 1894. The funeral service was conducted at 11 AM Saturday, by Rev. **J F Lockey** at the C P Church. The remains were laid to rest in the C P Cemetery.

(Bethany Echo)

Born on Wednesday to Mr and Mrs **Ferguson** of Blue Mound, a boy.

Thursday, 3 May 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Last Friday morning AM, Constable **Reighley** arrested **Arthur Porter**, a young man in the employ of Hon **Jos Adams** for an alleged grave offense, Miss **Julia Bilyeu** being the complainant. A preliminary examination was to have been held but this was waived and the matter adjusted by Porter going at once to Taylorville, securing the license, and they were married the same day at the girl's home. They will reside in Christian County.

At an early hour last Saturday morning, 28 April 1894, after many weary days of pain and suffering, Rev **John Baumgartner** passed quietly into blissful sleep of eternal rest. He was the pastor of the German M E Church southeast of Moweaqua for several years, in Flat Branch Township, but owing to a stroke of paralysis the pulpit has been ably filled by his son. The reverend gentleman was 61 years of age. Services were held at the German M E Church last Monday afternoon, the presiding elder of this diocese from Belleville officiating. Remains were taken to Decatur for interment.

Mrs **J R Gorin**, aged 71, died at Decatur. She was one of the first white settlers of Chicago. She was there in 1833 when the town had but a few hundred inhabitants. She was present when the Indians were paid the money by the government for the ground on which Chicago is built.

Patrick Doyle, a lad of Assumption, aged 16, while in swimming Monday evening, was taken with cramps and drowned before assistance could reach him.

Saturday last, **Susan DeWitt** celebrated her 94th birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs **Lemual Parker**. The old lady is still hearty, and being blessed with second sight, can read the print of an ordinary newspaper.

J W Brown was called to Chicago last Thursday by the serious illness of his brother-in-law, **F J Mullberry**, who rapidly declined until Saturday when he died. The remains were taken to Taylorville for interment and Mrs **Brown** and family attended the funeral last Monday.

Mrs **Kate Corzine** died last week at her home west of Assumption. She had a wide circle of friends in this city.

Memorial by Dr **W H Sparling** for Dr **W P Buck**. **W P Buck** MD was born at Peru, New York, on 6 August 1837, and died at Moweaqua, Illinois, on 14 September 1893. He was the youngest of a family of 8 children, of whom there are now living, four brothers and one sister. One of these brothers, Dr **H A Buck** is practicing medicine in Vermont. His father, **Lemuel Buck**, was a man of intelligence and one who had the respect of the community where he lived. He early impressed upon his children the value of education and gave them advantage of all the schooling attainable in that community. In 1860, he came to Marengo, Illinois, again engaging in teaching school. He there commenced the study of medicine, but in 1862, like most of the medical students of that period, he enlisted in the Army. He left a wife and three children, two sons and a daughter. Dr **Lemuel F Buck**, the eldest, is a dentist, practicing in Moweaqua and Assumption. (*Lengthy article, not copied in its entirety in this book.*)

Last Sunday Mrs **Aden Adams** gave her husband a pleasant surprise, it being his 35th birthday. Mr **Adams** was called to one of the neighbors that morning and when he returned, there were several to greet and remind him that his birthday was Sunday, not Monday. In the dining room, the table was spread and it was loaded down with everything that heart could wish for. He received several nice presents. As the evening drew near, the crowd departed for their homes wishing Mr **Adams** many more such birthdays.

Loami news: **Charles E Fox** and Miss **Bertha Flower** were married on Wednesday in Springfield.

Miss **Sadie Ausherman** and **H H Holden**, all of Terre Haute, Indiana, on Wednesday, 25 April 1894. The bride is the cousin of Mrs **C V Ayars** of this city and has numerous friends in the vicinity of Macon. They will reside in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr and Mrs **Daniel Patterson**, four and one half miles northwest, held a pleasant affair on Wednesday evening in honor of their son, **John Patterson's** 25th birthday. (*List of attendees which is quite long, has not been copied in this book.*)

Thursday, 10 May 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, at the residence of **Thos Hudson, Sr.** occurred the marriage of **Will L Morris** to Miss **Minnie Pollock**. Prof **Fred V Clements** and Miss **Effie Hudson** attending the couple. The affair was very quiet and informal, only about

40 of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties being present. The ceremony was performed by Rev **Williams**, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this city. Mr **Morris** has been almost a lifelong citizen of Moweaqua, an honored and honorable young business man, a member of the firm of Travis and Morris, the present village treasurer, and a man with all of whom any community may well be proud. Miss **Pollock** is the step-daughter of **Thos Hudson, Sr**, and has also made this her home for many years, surrounding herself the while with a large circle of loving friends. The young couple will keep house in the handsome little cottage now being erected by Mr Morris.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Rice** on Wednesday, May 2, 1894, a daughter.

Prairieton news: Born to Mr and Mrs **I B Mann**, on 23 April 1894, a son. Mrs **Jacob Corzine** of Owaneco departed this life on Friday, 20 April 1894. She was a devoted christian, a kind neighbor and a loving companion. The deceased leaves a husband and three little children and many friends to mourn her loss.

Mrs **Mary Ellen Inman**, aged 75, fell down the cellar stairs at her son's home in Quincy. She suffered concussion of the brain and died.

Mrs **Turner**, widow of **Thomas J Turner**, who represented the Freeport district in congress several years ago, died at Ottawa, Kansas.

Thomas Elson, a farmer near Arrowsmith, McLean County, committed suicide by hanging. He was 64 years old and a man of family.

Wm Dawdy, a wealthy farmer was drowned in Cedar Creek, a few miles west of Abingdon, Knox County, and found by his son. He had gone to the creek to fish. He leaves a large family.

Wednesday, 16 May 1894 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Thursday last, 10 May 1894, at Assumption, occurred the death of **T M Travis**, a well-known and highly esteemed pioneer of Central Illinois. Mr **Travis** was 68 years of age at the time of his death and had been a resident of Illinois since 1855. He was an uncle of **H E Travis** of this city and enjoyed an extensive acquaintance here. Services were held at Assumption on Saturday, under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, of which he was an honored member.

Rev **Charles E Torrey**, pastor of the Decatur Baptist Church died the other day in Riverside, California, where he had gone for the benefit of his health.

Near New Hope Church, south of Sumner, **Ira Smith** died from wounds inflicted by **Samuel Belt**, his brother-in-law. Domestic trouble the cause.

J W Hancock, a horse dealer of Nokomis, was thrown from his buggy and almost instantly killed at Owensboro, Kentucky. He was driving two spirited horses, which took fright and ran away. The vehicle struck a tree and Hancock was thrown against it.

Dr **Dobson** was called by a telegram to attend the funeral of his aunt who died suddenly at Cerro Gordo one day last week.

Old Stonington news: **Richard Peck** died last Saturday at his home in May Township at age 78 years. The remains were taken to Taylorville for interment on Tuesday, the 15th of May 1894. He leaves many friends to mourn his loss.

Wm Potter of Old Stonington passed away from earth last Sunday. The funeral services were held at 2 o'clock PM on Tuesday, the 15th of May 1894. Rev **Midkiff** officiating. The interment took place at the High Ridge Cemetery of this place.

Born to Mr and Mrs **O Peabody** on 2 May 1894, a daughter.

Prairieton news: **Wm Potter** died of consumption last Sunday, the 13th (*as stated; date does not track, refer to calendar that is part of this book*). Funeral services were held at Old Stonington, conducted by Rev **Midkiff** from Psalms 116-15. After which the remains were taken to the Cemetery and laid to rest.

Died on Saturday, 12 May 1894 (*as stated; however, the dates do not track; see Potter obit above; also, please refer to the calendar that is part of this book*) of consumption, at her home near Allenboro, Miss **Jennie Cross**, in the 22nd year of her age. The remains were taken to Coles County for interment.

Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of Mr **George Pyatt** of Bethany to Miss **Tillie Wemp** which will occur at the home of the bride's father, **Wm Wemp**, northeast, Tuesday, 22 May 1894.

Wednesday, 23 May 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Prairie Home news: **John Jackson** and his brother, **James Jackson**, of Assumption have returned from the funeral of their sister in Tell City, Indiana.

At **H R Munson's** near Pleak's Corner, the children, friends and neighbors of **Jane Munson**, gathered with well-filled baskets in honor of her 61st birthday. The table was spread with all the good things prepared for the occasion. Elder **Mahon** being present, that good old hymn '*Blest be the Tie that Binds*' was sung, after which prayer was offered and all returned to their homes.

Blue Mound news: **W H Rankin**, father of our fellow townsman, **Steve Rankin**, died at his home in Decatur and was brought here on Friday and interred in the Waltz Cemetery. Miss **Minerva Harret** and **Lewis Moss** were married on Sunday in Blue Mound. He was 17 years of age and she was 23 years old.

Born to Mr and Mrs **F Miller** of Blue Mound on Friday, a little son.

Obed news: Esq **W Longenbaugh** tied the nuptial knot which made **John Weger** and Miss **Rose Henry** one, on last Saturday at his office. This is the squire's first attempt in this line, and we trust he bound them securely.

Mr **John R Tolly** of Cove, died in Union, 24 April 1894, at 11:20 AM after an illness of almost three days. Drs **Bacon** and **Steamcamp** were called from LaGrande in consultation with the attending physician, Dr **Ewen**, but the deceased was beyond medical aid.

Although suffering intensely Monday night, his mind seemed clear and he made repeated efforts to talk to his attendants, he was unable to make himself understood and finally passed peacefully away with the farewell messages unspoken. The direct cause of death was inflammation of bowels and lungs. A curious coincidence was that a former wife who died several years since in Cove was taken sick on the same day of the week and lingered the same number of days. The funeral was held today from **Thos Tolly's** residence and will be conducted by Rev **Anderson** of Union. The deceased was aged 63 years. (Cove Paper)

Miss **Agnes Brown** leaves in the morning for a protracted visit east, and during her absence, will attend the wedding of Miss **Jennie Dye** of Trenton, New Jersey.

Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's father, **Wm Wemp** northeast, Miss **Tillie Wemp** and Mr **George Pyatt** of Bethany, were united in marriage. Rev **A Wells** of the Bethany M E Church officiating. The wedding march being impressively rendered by Miss **Blanch Miller**. The presents were numerous and costly, the groom's present to the bride being a handsome diamond ring. The couple were married

under a beautiful wedding bell, the work of Miss **Mattie McHenry**. About 70 guests were present. Mr and Mrs **Pyatt** will reside in Bethany where they will be at home to their many friends.

Wednesday, 30 May 1894 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

George Kurtz married Miss **Grace Henning**, one of Vandalia's most charming young ladies and she was up here visiting. The *Shelbyville Democrat* states, 'We notice in the *Moweagua Call-Mail* that Mrs **George Kurtz** had been visiting there. This must be a mistake. Don't think George is married. (*Shelbyville Democrat*). But, as subscribers to the *Call-Mail* know, **George Kurtz** is married.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Ed Sanner** on Saturday, 19 May 1894, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Arthur Porter** on 26 May 1894, a girl.

Obed news: Miss **Prucia Dow** died last Thursday at the home of **Jacob Jones**. The funeral services were conducted by Elder **L Corey** at Little Flock on Friday. Prucia was an orphan, her father and mother died several years ago, leaving two children, one of which survives. The subject of this sketch was but 16 years old, she was an estimable little girl and respected by all who knew her. She and her brother, **Dennie Dow**, were orphans, they being the children of **Marion Dow**.

Prussia Rebecca Dow, daughter of the late **Marion Dow**, deceased, aged 15 years, died last Thursday after a brief illness. Rev **Corley** officiated at the funeral and the remains were interred at Little Flock Cemetery under the direction of Undertaker **Stine**. (*Note: Age discrepancy/spelling variation. In one portion her name is 'Prucia', age 15; another portion, 'Prussia', age 16.*)

A private letter received from **W A Steidley** says that his baby boy is in excellent health and rules the roost.

Dr **Robert Tobey**, senior member of the medical firm of Tobey and Harvey, of Decatur, died shortly after 7 o'clock on Thursday morning of heart disease at Blue Mound. He left Decatur at 6:30 to go to Taylorville, feeling as usual, but when the train arrived at Blue Mound, he was feeling so badly that he got off the train and was assisted to the home of **W E Nebegin**, where he laid down. A message was immediately dispatched for Dr **Foster**, but before he could arrive, the old doctor was dead. Deceased was born in Maryland on 20 February 1828. He married Miss **B A Potter** in 1850, by whom he had 5 children, all of whom are still living. Several years after the death of his first wife, he married Miss **Cornutt** of Indiana, who with one daughter survives him. In 1869 Dr **Tobey** came to Macon County and has resided in Macon, Blue Mound, Assumption and Decatur ever since. (*Macon Leader*)

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Merryman**, 28 May 1894, a boy.

Wednesday, 6 June 1894 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Wednesday last the little two-year-old darling of Mr and Mrs **Nathan Skiff** died in fearful agony. It seems that a cup of concentrated lye had been thoughtlessly placed where the child could obtain it. The little one secured the cup and at once drank its contents. The mother is so crazed with grief that she has to be guarded constantly to prevent her doing violence to herself. The family has the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

Born to Mr and Mrs **P Lechner**, on Friday, 1 June 1894, a boy.

This evening at 8 o'clock, **Thomas Porter** and Mrs **Sarah Workman** will be united in marriage. The ceremony will be performed at Mrs **Workman's** residence in Grandview, the Rev **H C Turner** officiating. Both parties are well-to-do and worthy people and will receive the sincere well wishes of the community.

Mrs **Sarah Luttrell** died a few days ago at her home in Browning Township, Schuyler County. Mrs **Luttrell** had reached the advanced age of 102 years.

Last Sunday a surprise dinner was served in honor of the 48th birthday of Rev **Jos Thomas** of this city.

Wednesday, 13 June 1894 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Monday evening at 4 o'clock, 11 June 1894, in the city of Shelbyville, Miss **Emma Steidley** and **Richard Hill** were united in marriage. The young lady has a large circle of relatives and friends.

Knoxville Tennessee, 9 June 1894. **Pat Cox** the noted outlaw of southwest Virginia, was killed Thursday night near Wise Courthouse, while resisting arrest. He had been the terror of people of Kentucky and Virginia for years and was identified with at least a dozen murders. A few weeks ago, he killed one of his own cousins, and fatally wounded another. He went to Mexico but was located there and driven back.

Wednesday last, **George Wilson**, aged 30 years, a gardener in the employ of **N D Sanders** at Old Stonington, died of heart failure. He ate a hearty supper and retired early feeling all right, and at 9 o'clock, was a corpse. The remains were taken to Edinburg by Director **Stine** for interment.

Born to Mr and Mrs **William Coultas** on 5 June 1894, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Breeding** on 10 June 1894, a boy.

Died at his home southwest of town on Tuesday, in the 79th year of age, **Levi Gordon**, of dropsy of the heart. The funeral occurred today and the interment took place at the Tolly Cemetery.

Mrs **J E Yantis** of Yantisville gave a children's party Saturday evening in honor of her eldest daughter's seventh birthday. About 30 little people were there and enjoyed games prepared by Mrs **Durkee**. Miss **Maude Dearing** was out from Shelbyville and helped to entertain them.

The **Porter-Workman** wedding occurred on scheduled time last Wednesday and this highly esteemed couple are now receiving the congratulations of their many friends here.

Wednesday, 20 June 1894 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Died on Sunday at 5 o'clock, 17 June 1894, **Wesley Scribner** quietly passed away of dropsy of the heart in the 83rd year of his age. He was a life long resident of Pleak's Corner and a man greatly esteemed by his neighbors. It will be remembered that he was married in Decatur several months ago, his wife being 63 years of age. The funeral services were conducted by **Neally Tolly** at the residence west of the Corner, and the interment took place in Long Grove Cemetery under the direction of Undertaker **Stine**. Thursday evening at the Methodist parsonage, in the presence of only a few immediate relatives, the solemn and impressive words were spoken by Rev **H C Turner**, that united **John Clark** and Mrs **A M Green** in the holy bonds of matrimony. For a quarter of a century, the name of **John Clark** has been written in the progressive history of Moweaqua and northern Shelby County, and he has occupied every public position of trust in the gift

of our people. Mrs **Clark** that now is, removed to this city about a year ago from Penn Township, and during her residence here has surrounded herself with a large circle of sincere and loving friends. In the evening the K P Band tendered Mr and Mrs **Clark** a delightful serenade at their spacious mansion in Grandview after which congratulations were in order, followed by refreshments at the **Hemples** home. Mr and Mrs **Thos Smith**, the latter a sister of the groom, also tendered the newly married couple a magnificent wedding dinner and informal reception on Sunday last.

Miss **Jennie Davidson Dye** was married to **Arthur Park Smith**, son of the late Hon **Hinsdale Smith** of Springfield, Massachusetts. The ceremony was performed last Wednesday evening at the home of Secretary **Franklin Dye**, father of the bride. Miss **Dye** was a frequent visitor to Taylorville, visiting with Miss **Agnes Brown** and **Daisy Mulberry** of this area. *(More details of the wedding not copied here)*

The remains of **Levi Gordon** were interred at the Bethany Cemetery and not at Tolly graveyard as was stated last week.

C F and Mrs **Gaskill** and Miss **Claire Morton** were in attendance at the **Ried-Stewart** wedding at Nokomis last week, and speak of the affair as being very elegant. The groom, **Frank T Ried** is postmaster of Greenville, and Miss **Stewart** is one of Nokomis' most charming young ladies.

Son born to Mr and Mrs **David Cravens** on 14 June 1894.

Monday afternoon at 2:30, the home of Mrs **Travis** on North Broadway was the scene of a happy gathering and a pretty wedding. The contracting parties being Mr **Richard Hill**, an employee of the Wells Fargo Express Company, St Louis, and Miss **Emma Steidley**, the charming and accomplished young lady who has for several years past, been the pleasant and popular teacher in the primary department of the Shelbyville schools. Dr **W F Gilmore**, pastor of the First M E Church performed the ceremony at 2:30 PM in the parlor of the Travis home in the presence of about 30 intimate friends. Mr and Mrs **Hill** took their departure for St Louis, which is to be their future home. Mr **Hill** was formerly a resident of Windsor, and is a young man of the business ability, and employs the respect and esteem to a high degree of all who know him, while Mrs **Hill** is too well and favorably known in this city where she has resided most of the time for several years back. *(More on details of wedding, several attendees names given, and details of reception - not copied in this book)*

Wednesday, 27 June 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Died on Thursday morning at his home west in Christian County, **Henry Porter**, in the 65th year of his age, of general debility. The deceased was a brother of Uncle **Tom Porter** of this city and has been something of an invalid for many months. The remains were interred at the Long Cemetery on Friday morning.

Tomorrow, 28 June 1894, Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, at the home of the bride's mother, on the west side, Miss **Della Morgan** and Mr **John Shoemaker**, of Nokomis, will be married in the presence of only a few relatives, the Rev **Mason** of Assumption, officiating. The newly wedded couple will take the noon train for Nokomis, which place will be their future home. Miss **Della** is one of Moweaqua's most popular and charming young ladies. Mr **Shoemaker** is a well-do-do businessman of Nokomis, who enjoys the confidence and esteem of the community in which he resides.

From the *St Louis Chronicle* of 21 June 1894, we clip the following item referring to parties well-known in this city: Rev **J F Winchell**, pastor of the Baptist Church, Rockport, Indiana, who located here recently from Moweaqua, Illinois, returned to his old love and was married last Sunday at Louisville, Kentucky, to Miss **Hattie Winchell** of Tobinsport, Indiana, a distant relative. Mrs **Winchell** is a wealthy lady. From the *Rockport, Indiana Journal*, under the date of Friday, 22 June 1894, the following is given: Rev **J F Winchell**, pastor of the Baptist Church of this city, and Miss **Hattie Winchell** of Tobinsport, Indiana, were married at Fourth and Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, at the evening service on Sunday, 17 June 1894. Rev **T T Eaton** officiating. On their return they were given a reception on Tuesday at the home of the bride, and arrived here on the packet Wednesday. Mrs Winchell received her education at the Valpariso, Indiana, and Lebanon, Ohio, normal schools, and has been one of Perry County's most successful school teachers for ten years.

Matthew Lecrone, aged 67, a pioneer of Effingham County, who served in the Mexican and Civil Wars, dropped dead at his home a few days ago.

John Ashbrook, aged 16, was drowned in the Embarrass River at Lawrenceville the other day. The accident occurred while he was bathing.

Married at Old Stonington, on 22 June 1894, at 6 o'clock, **Jesse Whitsett** and Miss **Sarah I Sexton**, the Rev **Midkiff** of the Baptist Church officiating. Jesse will still work for **J Cramer**.

The marriage of **J M Whitsett** of Moweaqua and Miss **Isabell Sexton** of this place occurred at the parsonage last Friday, Rev **Midkiff** officiating. (Old Stonington news) We learn that a farmer, living about 2 miles west of Stonington, by the name of **Cooney Dechart**, went to Edinburg last Friday for a load of coal, and started for home, when the team became frightened, and ran away throwing Mr **Dechart** off in front of the wheels which passed over, and injuring him so badly that he died at 4 o'clock Saturday morning. He leaves a wife and children. (Old Stonington news)

While hauling some hogs last week to Edinburg, **Cooney Dechart** stopped to get a drink, when his team started to run, and in trying to get the lines, he fell under the wheels which passed over his chest causing his death which occurred soon after (Prairieton news; *note the spelling of 'Dechart' and 'Dechart' and the account of the accident in the same newspaper; spelling variation and variation in how the accident happened.*)

At the Old Stonington parsonage on 22 June 1894, Miss **Isabell Sexton** of Christian County, and **Jesse Whitsett** of Shelby County were married by Rev **Midkiff**. After the ceremony supper was served and young folks played until a late hour. (*as written; Prairieton news*)

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wheeler Adams**, Sunday, 24 June 1894, a girl.

Mr and Mrs **B A Richhart** were in Jacksonville on Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs **Henry R Johnson**, a dearly beloved cousin.

Wednesday, 4 July 1894 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

After several months of suffering, Mrs **Anna Bishop** died Saturday last of consumption at the age of 35 years. Mr **Bishop** and his family came here from Kentucky last fall in very destitute circumstances and ever since their arrival have been charges upon the County and charitable neighbors. Mrs **Bishop** solicited sufficient food and clothing to keep the wolf from the door of her children, while Mr **Bishop**, a strong, able-bodied man, did nothing ---

and lots of it. The funeral services took place on Sunday afternoon. Rev **L N Williams** officiated, and the interment was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Frank Johnson**, Wednesday, 27 June 1894, a son.

Wheeler Brown and wife, of Moweaqua, came up Thursday to attend the funeral of little **Nellie Hight**, and took dinner with **Isaac Peeper** and wife (*Macon Leader*).

A large family picnic was given at the country home of **John Freeman** on the Fourth of July in honor of his nephew, **Ben Freeman's** 21st birthday, at which many relatives and friends from Decatur were present.

One of the most pleasant social events of the season occurred at the residence of Rev **Smock** on Friday, June 29th, the occasion being the 56th birthday of Mrs **Smock**. Rev **Smock** took his good wife to her sisters to remain over night, but when he wished her to return on Friday, she wanted to stay for dinner because there were some new beans cooking, of which she is very fond. Finally she decided to return to her quiet home and upon arriving she found about 75 guests there, peeping from every nook and crowded on the back porch.

Thursday last, on the **Abe Middlesworth** place in Todd's Point Township, **Ed Gwin** and **Chas Lee** were at work drilling a well. A 22 inch hole had been put down 25 feet, a 16 inch hole following to the depth of 50 feet. Some obstruction was met with at that depth. The drill was removed and fastened to a rope. **Gwin** descended to remedy the matter. In some way, the rope became loose, letting **Gwin** fall 50 feet into the 16 inch hole where he was immediately suffocated with gas. In trying to release his partner, **Lee** had a narrow escape from death from the same cause. **Gwin's** body was recovered Friday afternoon, but was horribly mangled by grappling irons.

J L Foster of Loami wears a broad smile and is all because a new boy came to his house on Thursday.

Old Stonington news: Mr and Mrs **L G Williams** were surprised last Saturday by their daughters of Willey running in on them with all the eatables this part of the country could furnish. Their father was 58 years old on Friday and their mother was 58 years old on Sunday following. **Grandma Sanders** was 90 years old on Saturday, being between them, consequently, they all had a joint birthday party.

Frank Wise, who is charged with kicking his aged father to death, was taken to Rockford from Freeport the other evening by Sheriff **Burbank** for confinement in the jail until his trial in October. The will of the father, **Thomas Wise**, which was made on 18 June 1894, after the assault, was filed for probate a few days ago. He leaves a large estate, divided among his other children, but cuts off his son, Frank with just \$100.

Mrs **Ann Thompson** died at Vandalia the other night aged 79 years. She was for many years, proprietress of the Thompson Inn, an old landmark of Vandalia, and the principal hostelry during the years Vandalia was the seat of government in the state.

About a month ago, **Hazel Yount**, aged 3 years, of Springfield was attacked by a vicious dog and bitten severely. She died the other day of hydrophobia at St John's hospital in Springfield.

Maj **Edgar P Tobey**, commander of Battery D, and one of the oldest and best known citizens of Chicago, died the other day. He had been ill for 3 years with spinal troubles. **Edward Anderson**, a farm hand, who alleges that his employer, **Ben Crill** of Rockford assaulted him with a pitchfork, is suffering from lockjaw and is gravely ill. He will die.

Henry Schlenske, aged 70, an inmate of the County house at Geneva, Kane County, committed suicide by hanging to a tree in the orchard.

Prof **Benjamin H Simpson**, died suddenly at Chicago. He was the assistant professor of systematic theology in Chicago University.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Charles Brickey**, 4 July 1894, a little girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Allie Snyder** on Tuesday, 3 July 1894, a little girl.

Wednesday last, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs **R A Patton** of Prairie Home, Miss **Clara Nims** of Nokomis, was married to **Rhodes Loyd**, of this city. Miss **Nims** was lately a teacher in our city school and is held in high esteem for her many fine qualities of head and heart. The groom is a popular clerk in the Kleeman, Goldstein and Son of Shelbyville and is a gentleman of great worth.

Married at the residence of **J W Fitzgerald**, on the evening of 4 July 1894, Rev **Jones** and Rev Miss **Garner**, all of Gerard, Illinois.

Wednesday, 11 July 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

J Frank Priest, aged 47 years, died at Decatur, Illinois.

Alexander T Miller, aged 50 years, died at Quincy, Illinois.

Mrs **Martha Hackett**, aged 88, died at Jacksonville, Illinois.

The infant child of **John Lynn**, died last Thursday night, aged 5 months and 15 days. The interment took place in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery on Friday morning.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Jos Harpold** who reside near Assumption, a girl, weight 8 pounds.

The little stranger arrived on Saturday morning.

Born to **C L Swartz** and wife of Yantisville on 5 July 1894, a little girl.

Mrs **Philip Richter** died at Mascoutah from the effects of a sunstroke aged about 35 years. She leaves a husband and five small children.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Frank Atteberry** on Sunday, 8 July 1894, a little son.

Wednesday, 18 July 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

John Park of Loami was given a surprise last Saturday in honor of his 72nd birthday.

About 150 of his friends and relatives filled their baskets and came over and spent the day with him.

Mrs **Ann Bean**, a wealthy widow, was buried at Atlanta, Logan County, recently. Her will was opened in the presence of relatives, to whom was bequeathed property worth \$60,000.

Albert Weir, a well-known young man of Bloomington, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. He leaves a family to mourn his loss. Despondency is the culprit.

Wednesday, 25 July 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The body of **Wm Duffy** of Joliet who mysteriously disappeared from his home was found in the Des Plaines River. It was a case of suicide.

Lyman Robinson while running his threshing machine in Oakland Township, Schuyler County, was overcome by heat, causing death.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Jos Tyler** on Friday 20 July 1894, a little son.

Rev **Turner** and family arrived home on the Diamond Special last Saturday morning, returning via St Louis. Their visit would have been very pleasant had it not been for the death of Mrs **Turner's** brother, **Chas L Squire**, which occurred at Phoenix, Arizona, on

8 July 1894; the news of which reached the Illinois home at the time of their visit. Mr **Squire** moved to Arizona in search of health about 6 years ago.

Mrs **N Marion** died last Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock from cancer of the stomach. Interment took place in the Oak Hill Cemetery. The deceased leaves a husband and many friends to mourn the loss of one they loved so dearly.

Obed news: The funeral of **Mother Rawlings** of Yantisville occurred at Antioch on Friday.

Loami news: Rev **G W Dungan** was called to Jacksonville on Thursday by the death of his wife's mother.

Wm Staley is rejoicing over the arrival of a new boy at his home near Loami on Friday. **Samuel Mohler**, a wealthy business man and prominent politician of Bureau County died at Dover. He was 88 years of age and had been a resident of Bureau County for forty-five years.

William Smith, a boy east of Vandalia, was playing in the barn on the hay when he fell against a pitchfork, it entering his head. Death came as a blessed relief.

Wednesday, 1 August 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

On 27th July 1894, Miss **Allie Steidley's** 8th birthday, a party was given hosting quite a number of her little friends who assembled at the home of Rev **B Smock**, where she has been visiting for the past 3 weeks. A sumptuous dinner was served at 12 o'clock, after which the rest of the day was spent in music and games.

Married at Tower Hill, Sunday afternoon, 29 July 1894, **Frank Moss** and Miss **Allie Lowe**, the Rev **T C Eiler** officiating.

Ezra Thatcher of middle age, committed suicide at Aurora by taking morphine. Thatcher had been drinking heavily for several days and was reported out of money.

Estate of **Wesley Scribner**, late of Shelby County, deceased will sell at public sale at the late residence of said deceased, near Pleak's Corner, being 4 miles east and two miles south of Moweaqua on Friday, 17 August 1894. The goods and chattels of said estate, consisting of household goods and farm implements. Signed **V Snyder, Jr**, Administrator.

Wednesday, 8 August 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Miss **Pauline Laupheimer**, aged 16 of Sedalia, who was run down by an electric car in Quincy, died from her injuries. The motorman, **Joseph C Williams**, was arrested.

Dr **Samuel Wakefield**, the founder of Methodist theology in North America and his wife, aged, respectively, 96 and 94 years, attended the golden wedding at Red Stone, Pennsylvania, of the 2nd of their sons, **James A Wakefield**, and his wife, aged 73 and 72, respectively. Of the ten sons and daughters of the old couple, seven were present, all over 70 years of age.

Adolph Krone died 16 July 1894 at his home near Bluff Springs, Cass County, aged 78 years. His estate was estimated to be worth \$50,000. The executor, in taking an invoice of the effects, examined an old nail keg, used for setting hens, which was in one corner of the kitchen, and was rewarded by finding a pile of \$5, \$10, \$20 gold pieces, amounting to \$19,000.

Mrs **A S Boyden**, one of the early residents of Bureau County, died recently. She was a sister of the late congressman **Stevens**, of Tiskilwa.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Ab Graham**, 28 July 1894, a little son.

Mrs **Christiana Dowler** (as spelled), wife of **Wm Dowler**, deceased, died at her home in Bushnell on Sunday, 29 July 1894, in her 71st year. **Christiana Harmon**, daughter of **Wm Harmon**, was born in Orbizoria, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, on 26 October 1823. Was married to **Wm Dowler** on 31 December 1851, and in 1854, came to Illinois. Five children survive them: Mrs **Hannah Hood** of Mystic, Iowa, Mrs **Amanda Cushman** of Friend, Nebraska, Mrs **Belle Shaffer** of Moweaqua, Illinois, **John** and **Inda Dowler** of Bushnell. As will be observed from the foregoing Mrs **Dowler** was the mother of Mrs **Geo Shaffer** of this city. Mrs **Shaffer** was at the bedside of her mother at the time of her death, and Mr **Shaffer** afterward joined his wife and was present at the funeral.

Loami news: Mrs **Jane Hodgerson** died Friday, aged 73 years. Funeral services were held on Saturday at the residence after which interment took place in the family Cemetery. Yantisville news: We were much grieved to hear of the death of our old friend and sister, Mrs **Lucy Wright** of Findlay, Friday. By her death, little **Berth Roller**, is for the 3rd time bereft of a mother's care. Her own mother died when she was a week old, then she was kindly taken by her aunt, Mrs **Carrie Wright**, who died last winter, then she was kindly taken by 'Auntie Lucy Wright', and she is left alone again. Our sympathies are with the bereaved.

Wednesday, 15 August 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Friday, 10 August 1894, of typhoid pneumonia, **W W Portwood**, in the 27th year of his age. He was the son of **John Portwood**, and a wife and one child survive him. Funeral services were held on Saturday at 4 o'clock. Rev **Jos Thomas** officiating, and the interment under the direction of **R M Stine** took place in the Hays Cemetery. (*Another entry found reads: W W Portwood*, son of **John Portwood**, died at age 26 years, 11 months and 12 days, he being born 29 August 1867 and died on 10 August 1894. He leaves a wife and two children. Interment in the Hays Cemetery.)

Saturday afternoon, at her home near Old Stonington, Grandma **Lucretia Briggs**, quietly passed away, in the 76th year of her age. She is the grandmother of **Chas Brooks'** wife, and a lady well-known and highly respected. The funeral services took place Sunday afternoon in the old Stonington Church. Rev **Midkiff** officiating.

William Danielson and **Charles Hudson**, proprietors of a threshing machine, were instantly killed by the breaking of a highway bridge, east of Springfield. They were on the traction engine when the bridge gave way, burying them under the engine, which dropped 20 feet, and turned over on them.

John and **Mary Froriet**, husband and wife, aged respectively 76 and 74, died half an hour apart at St Mary's Hospital, Decatur, of typhoid fever, and the next day were buried in the same grave. The couple had resided in Decatur 30 years.

P A Mattson, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Bloomington, and the leading member of the class of 1894 at Augustaina Theological Seminary, and Miss **Anna Carbon** were married at Moline.

John H Runde, an old resident of Teutopolis, Effingham County, expired from heart disease while sitting in front of his place of business.

Mrs **Frank Sandahl**, of Rockford, sat a bowl of gasoline on a stove and a frightful explosion followed. She was horribly burned and died.

Wm Portwood was born 29 Aug 1867, and died 10 Aug 1894, aged 26 years, 11 months, 12 days. After an illness of sixteen days, he died of typhoid fever. The funeral services took place at the Baptist Church conducted by Rev **Jos Thomas**, after which the remains

were placed in the Hays graveyard. He leaves a wife and two small children to battle with life. (Note: Elsewhere in the newspaper, it stated he was the father on one small child. Could not verify for input in this book.)

Old Stonington news: **Grandma Briggs**, who has been quite ill for some time, quietly passed away at 2 o'clock Saturday in her 76th year. The funeral was held in the Baptist Church of which she has been a member for 30 years. The remains were interred in the Old Stonington Cemetery. She leaves many friends to mourn her death.

Born to **A McGrath** and wife of Yantisville, a little girl.

Jacob J Fritz, highway treasurer of Ridge Township, and one of its oldest and best citizens, died Tuesday morning from typhoid fever.

Wednesday evening last, the infant child of Mr and Mrs **Wm Henry** died of cholera infantum, aged about 6 months. **Claude Henry** was one of their twin children, and at the present writing the other child is far from well. The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon. Mr and Mrs **Henry** have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in their sad bereavement.

Wednesday, 22 August 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr and Mrs **Wm Smith** who were down from Decatur to attend the funeral of the former's sister, Mrs **Sarah Frazier**, last Friday. Mrs **Sarah E Frazier** was the mother of Mrs **J E Corrington** and was aged 65 years at the time of her death.

C J White, wife and daughters, **Agnes** and **Marguerite**, and son **Martie**, will go to Chicago tonight to attend the wedding of **Chas. White** which occurs there tomorrow evening in the St Pius Church (*Pana Gazette* of Friday last).

Thursday morning last, Mrs **Sarah E Frazier**, mother of Mrs **J E Corrington**, was found dead in her bed, at the home of her daughter, the cause evidently being heart trouble. Mrs **Frazier** was 65 years of age and had been a sufferer for several years. She experienced a severe attack of heart disease and came near dying last winter, and while her death was a surprise, it was not entirely unexpected. She is spoken of as a woman of noblest christian traits, being one who has surrounded herself with many loving friends. The funeral services were held at the residence of **J E Corrington** on Friday afternoon. Rev **H C Turner** officiating.

Prairieton news: A lawn party and ice cream supper was given in honor of **Willie White's** birthday at the residence of **J B White**.

Old Stonington news: **J R Holliday** is very happy at present over the arrival of a big girl on Friday. **Mike Lewis** is also the possessor of a boy.

Brantly Akin, who has been quite ill for some time, quietly passed away Sunday evening. The remains were interred in the Long Cemetery. (Old Stonington news)

Donald Crawford Reed, son of **Lillie** and **J A Reed**, was born 26 November 1893, and died 6 August 1894, aged 8 months and 11 days. **Don** (as they called him) was a sweet child, and the children had all learned to love him. But when we speak of his relation to the home and parents, we hardly express it when we say the jewel of the home was taken from their midst. We sympathize with the professor and wife in their sore bereavement. The funeral service was conducted at the house Tuesday morning and the remains were laid to rest in the Center Cemetery. (*Cowden Reflector*)

Wednesday, 29 August 1894 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Walter Hirschfeld of Carlyle died the other day; **Mrs William Pens** committed suicide at Jacksonville, taking poison.

Mrs Josiah Berry and her mother, **Mrs Sarah Ruffner**, left Friday for Lancaster, Ohio, to attend the funeral of **Mrs. Ruffner's** sister.

Loami news: **Jos Staley** is rejoicing over the arrival of a new girl at his home on Thursday.

Fame news: Cards are out announcing the marriage of **Miss Ida Macklin** to **Charles Everspecker**, near Victor, on 12 September 1894.

Mr and Mrs S C Polk celebrated their third wedding anniversary last Sunday by inviting a number of their friends and relatives in to eat dinner with them. They received some nice presents and all report a good time.

Wednesday, 5 September 1894 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

The **Mahlon Haworth** estate, Decatur, valued at \$200,000 has been equally divided among the heirs of the deceased, **Mahlon Haworth**. Recipients were **George D Haworth**, **L L Haworth**, **Mrs K H Roby**, **Mrs George S Simpson**, and **W E Haworth**. There was no friction in the settlement under the will.

Larry Lay, unmarried, 38 years of age, committed suicide near Monmouth, after taking morphine. He had worked for **Willis Weakley** for 3 years and said he would rather die than leave his employ.

At Chandlerville, Cass County, the other day, **Ed Oliver** of Beardstown, shot and fatally wounded **Anna Corlock** and then shot and killed himself.

Mr and Mrs C F Columbia, very prominent people of Champaign, celebrated their golden wedding recently. Many from abroad were present at the celebration.

Died Saturday, 1 September 1894, the infant child of **Mr and Mrs Chas Brickey**, aged just 8 weeks. Funeral services were held at the family residence on Sunday afternoon.

Frank M Points of Loami died on Tuesday of consumption, aged 52 years. Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church Wednesday morning, after which the remains were laid to rest by the G. A. R. in Sulphur Springs Cemetery. He leaves a wife and children to mourn his death.

Born to **Mr and Mrs S Harbur** on Loami on Sunday, a little daughter.

The remains of **Cyrus Hall**, who died in Waverly Saturday night, were interred in the South Fork Cemetery on Monday afternoon.

John E Lane was suddenly killed by the cars running over his body, mangling it fearfully, near Tower Hill, soon after our G. A. R. Reunion last year, and this being the first opportunity as an organization to express our esteem for the Comrade's soul and love for the union and the G. A. R. Our sympathy to the family.

Wednesday, 12 September 1894 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Sunday evening, the remaining infant twin child of **Mr and Mrs Wm Henry** passed away, after a lingering illness. Neither of the little twins had ever been strong and healthy, and their brief lives on earth had been marked with much suffering. The funeral services took place on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. In their sad bereavement, the parents have the consoling sympathy of a host of friends. Nestling peacefully within the bosom of Him

who giveth, but to take away again, free from earthly suffering, they will ever be to their parents, the brightest of all heavenly visions.

Born to Mr and Mrs **W J Huff** at Findlay, Tuesday, 4 September 1894, a little boy.

Mrs **Jas Gavin** and daughter, Miss **Marie Gavin**, attended the funeral of **Thomas Finn** at Decatur on Tuesday of last week.

Prairie Home news: Mr and Mrs **J Protsman** gave their daughter, **Pearl**, quite a surprise on her 17th birthday by preparing a splendid supper and having a large number of Miss **Pearl's** friends.

Mrs **F Gray** of Willey was called to Blue Mound on Monday by the death of her nephew.

Born to Attorney and Mrs **B F Pontius**, on 4 September 1894, a little girl.

Wednesday, 19 September 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Married at the residence of the bride's father, **S F Pease**, in the north end of town, Sunday evening, 16 September 1894, at 7:30 o'clock, Miss **Clara E Pease** and **George Fortner**. Rev **Jos Thomas** officiating. Only a few friends were present. Mr **Fortner** is at present the efficient fireman at the shaft. Mrs **John Cash** supplied the excellent music for the occasion. The newly wedded couple will reside here.

Died on Saturday, September 15, 1894, at 6:30 o'clock, at the home of her son, **Bryce P Smith** in Moweaqua, Illinois, Mrs **Sarah Jane Smith**, aged 65 years. Death came quietly and sweetly, entirely free from suffering after a brief illness of two weeks, which was not considered dangerous until the last day. For 20 years, mother had been a sufferer from asthma which wearing upon her constitution gradually wrecked her physically. Since her residence in Moweaqua, she has rarely been able to leave the house. **Sarah Jane Nash** was born in Lincoln (now Boyle) County, Kentucky, on 13 October 1829 being one of six children of **Marvel** and **Nancy Nash** who came from Virginia to Kentucky in an early day. But two of these children survive her — **Samuel Nash**, who resides in Johnson County, Indiana, and **Martha A Shipley**, who resides in Oklahoma. At the age of 8 years she contracted a disease of the eyes that resulted in total blindness and until the day of her death, her life was as dark as midnight. At 16 years of age she entered the Kentucky Institute for the Blind at Louisville, Kentucky, and acquired a most excellent education, graduating with honors, and then occupying a position as teacher of the blind in the same institution. On 26 July 1853, she was united in marriage to **Joseph Brown Smith** of Dover, New Hampshire, who was, at that time, professor of music in the Kentucky Institute for the Blind. Father was also totally and entirely blind from infancy, though at birth, his sight was perfect. Prior to his coming out to Kentucky he was a graduate of the Boston Blind school and then took a Harvard course, graduating with high honors in the Class of 1844, being the first and only blind man who ever graduated from that institution up to that date. To this union of physical darkness and intellectual light, but one child was born, the writer, though father had been married formerly in New Hampshire and a son was born of that union, **J Haydn Smith**, who is yet living. Father died on 6 May 1859, after only 6 years of married life, leaving mother and child alone to face the world. Father and mother were life long old school Unitarians, having a firm and abiding faith in the fatherhood of God. Mother died as she had lived, longing to go. No tongue can tell, no pen can portray a mother's love. She was my mother—I loved her. From childhood into mature womanhood, she was a like companion and friend, advisor, and counselor. Signed **Bryce P Smith**, Moweaqua, Illinois

Died on Monday evening, the infant child of Mr and Mrs **Thomas Tackleson**, aged one month.

Mrs **Rachael Black**, aged 55, was found dead in a barn at Warrensburg, Macon County, where she had gone to milk the cow. The verdict at the inquest was death from heart disease. Deceased was a sister of **Samuel Ritchie**, editor of the *Warrensburg Times*. Near Greenfield, a team of horses ran away with **George Turnbolt**, a farmer residing east of town, throwing his wife and 6 months old baby out of the wagon. The baby was so badly injured that it died a short time later; Mrs **Turnbolt** was found unconscious.

During a small fire at 2350 Austin Avenue, Chicago, Mrs **Christiana Peters**, 80 years of age, was burned to death while endeavoring to rescue an infant niece. The child was saved, but was so seriously injured that it will die.

Uncle **Johnnie Bartlett**, aged 95, died at his son's residence near Ava, Illinois. He was born in England in 1799 and has been a resident of Jackson County for 54 years. He was probably the oldest man in southern Illinois.

Lafayette Peek of Roodhouse who was visiting his brother 15 miles north of Guthrie, Oklahoma, was struck by lightning and instantly killed while standing on the porch watching a storm.

Mrs **Mary Bricker** of Carbondale aged 80, who had resided in the community for 50 years, died a few nights ago from the effect of paralysis.

Rev Dr **D F Carnahan**, of the Baptist denomination, aged 70, well and favorably known throughout the state, died at Champaign a few days since.

At Beardstown, the other day, **Henry Ruppel**, a prominent merchant, was found in the cistern beneath the kitchen of this house, and has seemingly been drowned about an hour before. Mr **Ruppel** rose at an early hour and was supposed by his wife to be making the fire for the breakfast meal, but when she searched for him without success, she became alarmed and called her son who made the ghastly discovery. The cistern had an opening through the kitchen floor about 2 feet square and the water almost reached the beams. He was 58 years old and was born in Germany. He settled in Beardstown in March 1869.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Nathan Humphrey, Jr**, on 17 September 1894, a little boy.

Saturday evening, Miss **Bertha Keller**, a prominent young lady of Windsor, Illinois, committed suicide by shooting herself. Miss **Keller** was a brunette, very beautiful and 19 years old. The cause of her act was a love affair, she had a quarrel about 10 days ago with a young man who had been paying his attentions to her for more than 5 years. She had frequently threatened to shoot herself when she was despondent.

E W Stine and bride (they were married last Wednesday) of Tyrone, Pennsylvania, are now in the city on their wedding tour, the guests of Mrs **Mary Coulter** and Mr and Mrs **R M Stine**.

At 12:30 yesterday, at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs **Wm Doody**, of typhoid fever, **May Doody**, aged about 4 years. The funeral was held at 11 o'clock this morning from the Catholic Church in Macon.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Workman** on Saturday, 15 September 1894, a little boy.

Wednesday, 26 September 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wm S Bailey, a resident of Rock Island County since 1848, and who, for nearly 20 years, was steward of the Rock Island County infirmary, died suddenly of heart failure, aged

67 years. He was a native of County Down, Ireland, and was the 7th generation in the line of descent from the Duke of Argyle.

Frank Poffenbarger, one of the oldest dry goods merchants of Jacksonville, Illinois, died recently. He was born in Point Pleasant, Virginia, in 1835; arrived at Jacksonville in 1867.

Michael Burke died at Bloomington recently at the age of 96 years. The elderly gent was a native of Tipperary County, Ireland, and had resided in Bloomington 40 years.

Mrs **Lydia Reed Ziegler** died in Moline, Illinois, age 81 years of age. She was the mother of 12 children, 7 of her sons fought in the Union Army.

Mrs **Ella Jenkins** of Moultrie County, aged 82 years, while attending Church at Pleak's Corner, Shelby County, fell and broke both thigh bones. Her condition appears very grave.

General **Willard Slocum** died on the 23rd of September 1894 in Ashland, Ohio, aged 74 years. He was inspector general of the Thirteenth Army Corps before and during the siege of Vicksburg, and was breveted a Brigadier-General. He was one of the two delegates appointed by Gov. **Brough** to meet with loyal men of the South in 1866.

Born to Mr and Mrs **W F Boyssel** on 20 September 1894, a little girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Pauchert** on 19 September 1894, a little girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Schumacher** on 20 September 1894, a little girl.

Little **Floyd Graham**, infant son of Mr and Mrs **Abner Graham**, was born on 28 July 1894, and died 23 September 1894, aged 1 month and 25 days. The funeral services were held at the family residence on Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock, conducted by Dr **Clark** of Pana, after which the remains were interred in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

On Saturday evening, at the home of her son, **Bryce P Smith** of Moweaqua, occurred the death of Mrs **Sarah J Smith**. The deceased was formerly a resident of this city and was very highly esteemed by many friends. Mrs **Smith** was a finely educated woman, always cheerful and contented, and yet bearing one of the heaviest burdens a human being can know, having been totally blind since her 8th year. Mrs **Sarah J Smith**, the mother of **Bryce P Smith**, formerly of the *News*, died at Moweaqua on Saturday night last. She was blind from childhood, but was a woman of fine mind and good education. The funeral occurred on Sunday last in Moweaqua.

George Myers, a brother of Mrs **John Workman** of Auburn, died of typhoid fever on 14 September 1894 after a short illness. (Oak Branch news)

Yantisville news: A large crowd attended the Fritz sale and most everything sold well.

Mrs **Fritz**, widow of the deceased, will not move to Shelbyville as was intended before Mr **Fritz**' death, and **Charles Fritz** will probably attend college in Decatur this winter.

Obed news: The infant child of Mr and Mrs **Boysel** was interred in the L G Cemetery on Friday. (Long Grove Cemetery).

Uncle **George Bilyeu** informs us that with the birth of his son, **Jacks'**, baby boy, it counts just 30 grandsons for him.

On Sunday, 23 September 1894, the infant child of Mr and Mrs **Abner Graham**, aged about 2 months, died. The funeral services were held on Monday morning. The family has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Quite a pleasant surprise was given Mrs **L Connor** last Sunday, the day being her 55th birthday. A large number of relatives and friends gathered at her home about 11 o'clock with well filled baskets and soon spread before her such a dinner as is seldom seen. The afternoon was spent in social chat and music.

Rev **Albert Ludwig** and bride who were married at Warrington, Missouri, on Wednesday were in the city yesterday on their way to Moweaqua to visit Rev **Ludwig's** parents. Rev **Ludwig** has been re-appointed to this charge at Bible Grove (*Decatur Review*).

P P Ludwig and family have been entertaining their son, Rev **A Ludwig** and wife (nee **Lautenschler** of Warrington, Missouri). They left on Monday to visit relatives in Peoria and Pekin, after which they will go to Bible Grove, Illinois, their future home. They were recently married in Warrington, Missouri.

About 40 friends and neighbors of **Jas B Workman** greatly surprised that gentleman Saturday evening last by assembling at his home, southwest, and enjoying a good old time dance. It was the occasion of Mr **Workman's** 44th birthday.

Wednesday, 3 October 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

John Vratney, aged 27, a coal miner employed at Glen Carbon, Madison County, committed suicide at the home of his mother in West Belleville by shooting in the right temple, dying an hour and a half afterward. Vratney was to have been married that day. The evening previous he visited his intended bride to arrange for their marriage. He ate sparingly of breakfast, but gave no sign of any intention to end his life. Shortly afterward, he retired to his room and fired the fatal shot.

At Rockford, Miss **Dr. E N Huntley** was thrown from her carriage in a run away while not driving. Miss **Robinson** of El Paso, Illinois, who was with her was also injured. At the time it was thought that neither was dangerously injured, although badly bruised. Miss Huntley died 2 days later from the effects of her fall. She had been a resident of Rockford since 1873 and enjoyed a good doctor practice. Her parents live at South Columbia, New York.

Thirty years ago, there lived in Joliet, Illinois, **Sarah McLaughlin** and **Bridget Leahy**. Their maiden name being **McNamara**. From Joliet, they went to Ottawa, Illinois, where all trace of them was lost. A thorough search is now being made for them, as a valuable estate of their deceased **McNamara** sister is awaiting them in California.

Irving Woolsey, a prominent young farmer, met a horrible death near Sycamore by sliding down a straw stack and alighting upon a pitchfork, the handle passing straight through his bowels.

Dempsey N Solomon, aged 73, and Mrs **Martha Hulse**, aged 54, both of Palmyra, Illinois, were married at Jacksonville, at the Dunlap house, by Rev **S B Moore** of the Christian Church. Never too old to love.

Mrs **Maria Evans Lawrence**, colored, aged 70, has begun suit in Chicago to recover the \$100,000 estate left by her late white husband, Dr **Perry Lawrence**.

George Neville of Waynesville was killed near Bloomington by being thrown from a wagon and run over. His ribs, spine, and arms were all broken.

Loami news (too late for last week): Mr **Ben Alexander** of Auburn and Miss **Julia Price** were married Sunday evening at the residence of the bride's mother, Rev **R M Elder** officiating.

The bright smile that illuminates the countenance of **George Adams**, and the numerous congratulations he has been receiving is all on account of a fine boy that arrived at his home on Thursday morning last. Mrs **Adams** and the baby are both faring well.

On Sunday, 30 September 1894, at his residence near Prairie Home, **John Pogue** aged

80 years, died. He was an old and highly esteemed resident of Shelby County and the Prairie Home area. Funeral occurred on Monday.

Wednesday, 10 October 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs **Charley Mills** of Vandalia died suddenly the other day just after finishing the noonday meal.

Miss **Mary Addison Sechler** of Moline and **Howard Owens Edmonds** were married the other evening. The bride is a daughter of **T M Sechler**, carriage manufacturer.

Miss **Nellie Sexton** of Sycamore and **Burton Snow** of DeKalb eloped to Beloit, Wisconsin, and were married.

W L Main, a man aged 52, twice a widower, and **Minerva Canaday**, a young lady aged 16 years, were married in a drug store at Marshall.

George C Harner, editor of the *Clark County Democrat*, and Miss **Maude Bartow** of West Union, were married the other day.

Joseph P Winebrenner of Decatur, aged 74 years, and Miss **Mattie Blessing**, aged 30 years, were married recently at Wooster, Ohio.

Mr and Mrs **Cyrus Mitchell** will celebrate the 15th anniversary of their marriage with a crystal wedding on Saturday evening next at their home. The affair was postponed to this date because of **Irene's** illness. She is improving.

Wm Enoch Winslow died at his home 1 ½ miles west of Willey at 2:30 o'clock on the morning of 2 October 1894. The deceased had been ill but eleven days with typhoid fever, up to the time of his fatal illness, he was one of the strongest and healthiest men to be found. He was born in this County on 6 October 1869. His father died some years ago and he always lived with his mother. He was married to Miss **Iva Willey** of this place on 21 December 1892. To this union was born one son, who with his mother, survive him. Besides the above named, he leaves a mother, two brothers, and 3 sisters to mourn his early death. He will be sadly missed, not only by his family, but by those around him. He was a loving husband, a kind son and a faithful friend. The funeral occurred at the family residence, Elder **Weedon** officiating. A large concourse of friends and relatives followed him to his last resting place. Remains were interred in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Prairie Home news: The funeral of **John Pogue** was largely attended and the remains were taken to Antioch for burial.

Edmond Bilyeu and Miss **Ada Ward** were married at the Old Stonington parsonage on 26 September 1894. Rev **J J Midkiff** officiating. After congratulations they returned to the home of the bride's sister, Mrs **Dave Workman**, where a splendid supper was spread. The young couple will live in Prairieton. (Oak Branch News)

The remains of **John C Stansburg** who died in Chicago were buried in the Sulphur Springs Cemetery on Monday by the Masonic fraternity. **W B Workman** received a letter on Monday announcing the death of his brother, **Peter Workman**, at Winfield, Kansas. (Loami news).

Exquisite invitations have been issued announcing the marriage of **Adelaid M Black** to **Mart S Ayars** on Thursday, 25 October 1894, at seven o'clock in the M E Church. Mrs **W P Buck** will tender the young couple a reception the same evening at her home.

Wednesday, 17 October 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Sunday morning at the Hotel Brunswick in Decatur, **John W Hardin**, an official of the Illinois Central Railroad at Clinton, and Miss **Emma Jacobs**, daughter of a wealthy farmer, near Radford, Illinois, were married by Rev **D F Howe**.

After a painful illness of four weeks, **Robert P Duncan** died of typhoid pneumonia in Christian County, Monday afternoon, 15 October 1894, at 3 o'clock in the 37th year of his age. (*Obit also has a fine penciled sketch of Mr Duncan*) It was the 4th anniversary of his marriage to **May Sanders**, daughter of **N D Sanders**, and their home since marriage had been made with Mr **Sanders**. He was a man greatly beloved by all who knew him, being a man among men, one whose friends could be numbered by the score. Always kind and courteous, with the highest regard for honesty and integrity of purpose, his loss to the community in which he has so long resided will be deeply felt. **Robert P Duncan**, was born near Greenfield, Green County, Illinois, on 10 November 1857, and removed to Moweaqua with his parents, **Joseph** and **Susan Duncan** in February 1867, where he has since resided until his marriage on 15 October 1890, to Miss **May Sanders**, who survives him. The deceased had been, for many years, a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and in that sublime faith, he died as he had lived. The funeral services were held this Wednesday morning at the residence. Rev **J J Midkiff** of Old Stonington Baptist Church officiating, and the remains were laid to rest in the Peabody Cemetery. His parents, **Joseph, Sr.**, and **Susan Duncan**, three brothers, **Mart K**, **James T** and **Joseph Jr**, one sister, Mrs **Nathan Francis**, survive him, who with the bereaved wife, have the sincerest sympathy of the entire community. A very large crowd of people attended the funeral from here this morning.

Saturday evening last, Mr and Mrs **Silas R Mitchell** celebrated the 15th anniversary of their marriage. Quite a number of invited guests being present to congratulate them.

Refreshments were served and emblematical of the occasion a large number of handsome and useful presents were presented. (*List of guests given in the article, not copied here*).

At Venedy, Washington County, Mr and Mrs **Christian Torck** died within a few hours of each other, leaving a babe of a few weeks.

Chas Bane and Miss **Christina Tillman**, both of Chicago were married at Kankakee. The groom is a Japanese, the bride is an American.

Michael Lawlis, one of the oldest French residents of Christian County, died recently, aged 82 years. He belonged to the G. A. R. and was wealthy.

Born on Thursday, 11 October 1894, to Mr and Mrs **Ira T Baird**, a little boy

Born at Westlake, Louisiana, on 1 October 1894, to Mr and Mrs **W A Steidley**, a little girl.

Jacob Cohen, returned from St Louis Friday morning where he had been welcoming the advent of a little daughter. Mrs **Cohen** will return home about the first of the month.

Willey news: Mrs **Enoch Winslow**, whose husband died a short time ago, is now staying with her aunt, Mrs **Mary Ettinger**.

Edward Baird and Miss **Jennie Robinson** were married on Sunday evening at the home of the bride's parents. (Prairie Home news)

On Saturday, 13 Oct 1894, a surprise dinner was given **Grandma Campbell** at the home of her daughter, Mrs **James Casey**, in honor of her 65th birthday. It was a complete success in every way, Grandma being in town that morning, all had arrived and spread such a table as would surprise anyone. She was provided a rocking chair and a neat cot

that was made by **Chris Friedley**, among other fine gifts. (*List of attendees, not copied in this work*)

Wednesday, 24 October 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

At the residence of the bride's father, **C W Taggart**, near Prairie Home, on Wednesday evening, 18 October 1894, Miss **Belle Taggart** and **Elmer Pelton** were united in marriage. Rev **Paisley** officiated. An informal reception followed and an elegant supper was served. On Monday, 22 October 1894, at 5 o'clock PM at the parsonage in Macon, the Rev **J H Eckman** officiated at the marriage of **Grant B Clipstone** and Miss **Maggie B Tolson**. The bride is a daughter of Mrs **Margaret Tolson**, and a young lady of many estimable qualities who has numerous friends in Moweaqua. The groom is the son of **J K Clipstone**, one of our substantial farmers of this vicinity, and an exemplary and industrious young man. The bride's mother tendered the young couple a reception on Monday evening at her home just north of town where a sumptuous repast was spread. Mr and Mrs **Clipstone** were the recipients of numerous handsome and valuable presents, among them \$50 in gold coin, the gift of the groom's mother.

Amos Wallack, formerly City Marshall at Pecatonica, and an old G. A. R. man, was fatally injured while running a patent stump pulling machine. A small boy nearby, touched a spring, releasing the machine, which stuck him in the breast, crushing it in and killing him.

The 50th anniversary of the wedding of Mr and Mrs **Solomon G Lybarger** was celebrated at their home in Astoria, Fulton County.

Born to Mr and Mrs **George Bradshaw** on 17 October 1894, a little boy.

Died Tuesday last at his home near Dunkel, in Christian County, **William Austin**, in his 35th year, of typhoid pneumonia. Mr **Austin** was a well-known and substantial farmer and the brother of Mrs **Jesse Adams**.

The boy preacher, **Harry Abbott**, was married on Sunday evening to Miss **Barton** of near Lakewood. They will visit friends in this vicinity before their departure for the west, their future home. It is expected that Harry will preach at Union on Wednesday night.

(Yantisville news).

Loami news: Weddings were galore Thursday. Among the young people of the village who were parties married were: **J E Walker** and Miss **Effie Judson**; **John W Gray** and Miss **Ethel Smith**; and **Fred Smith** and Miss **Laura Hovey**.

G W Park and Miss **Josie Brocklesby** of Edinburg were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents on Wednesday evening. They will reside on a farm two miles west of Loami.

Born to Mr and Mrs **L Harlan** on 23 October 1894, a little boy.

Born in Los Angeles, California, to Mr and Mrs **J B Longuevan**, on 16 October 1894, a little son. Mrs **Longuevan** is the daughter of Esquire **S D West** of this city.

Wednesday, 31 October 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The most brilliant social event that Moweaqua society has anticipated for many months occurred on Thursday evening last at the M E Church when in the presence of fully five hundred persons, Miss **Adelaide M Buck** and **Mart S Ayars** were united in marriage. The bride is the daughter of Mrs Dr **Wilber P Buck**, a charming young lady, as beautiful as she is accomplished, and as noble and good as she is beautiful, who has been a life long

resident of Moweaqua. The groom is the son of Mrs **B F Ribelin**, a young man possessed of those sterling qualities which maturing, creates highest nobility of manhood and citizenship. The presents were both numerous and costly. Mr and Mrs **Ayars** went to housekeeping at once in the beautiful little cottage in Grandview, the gift of Mrs **Ribelin** to the groom. (*Article contains a partial list of attendees, gifts presented, and description of attire and Church decorations, not copied in this book*).

John Lovesee, of Rosco, the third white settler to enter Winnebago County and take up a claim in 1835, died recently; aged 80 years of age.

Martin S Ayars and **Addie Buck** were married at Moweaqua. **James Schadwick** and Miss **Emily Taylor** were married at St Jacob; **Henry E Gilmore** and Miss **Minnie M Brown** were married at Vandalia; **George H McClure** and Miss **Harriette Rudy** were married at Mattoon.

Mr and Mrs **Wash Mitchell**, well-known people, who reside near Ashland, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary the other day.

Ed Parks and Miss **Ellis Corry** of Centralia, were married the other day. The bride is a granddaughter of **Lord Corry**, of the Isle of Man, and among the presents was \$125 in gold from the Lord.

Capt **E L Gillham** of Merritt, Scott County, died at his home the other day. The deceased was born near Riggston in 1823, and was a son of **James Gillham**, the first settler in that part of Cass County. He served in the Mexican war, also in the war of the rebellion.

Born to Prof. and Mrs **J W Carle**, on Thursday, 25 October 1894, a little girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **George Virden** on Wednesday, 24 October 1894, a little girl.

Loami news: Mrs **C C Colburn** died of cancer of the breast last Friday aged 46 years.

Funeral services were held on Sunday in the Christian Church and the interment took place in Sepulchur (*as spelled*) Springs Cemetery. She leaves a husband and three daughters to mourn her sad death.

Died Saturday morning, the infant child of **John** and **Ida Whitsett** at Decatur, aged 7 months. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Died on Sunday evening, 28 October 1894, of typhoid fever, the infant child of Mr and Mrs **Ed Wempen**. Funeral occurred yesterday morning and interment at Long Grove Cemetery. Mr **Wempen**, the father, is also very ill with typhoid fever.

William J Austin, second son of the late **Jesse W Austin** and **Mary Austin**, died at the residence of his mother, five miles north of Pana on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Deceased was taken ill two weeks ago and came to town for medicine but was not confined to bed until a week and a half ago with typhoid fever; but the immediate cause of death was heart failure. His youngest brother, **Owen Austin**, who was away at school, did not reach home in time to answer the wants of his dying brother. The deceased was the oldest single son of Mrs **Austin** and had entire charge of her large farm which he managed successfully since his father's death over three years ago. He was an exemplary young man, bearing an excellent reputation and will be greatly missed by his widowed mother, sister, and brothers to whom he proved a father. Mr **Austin** is well-known to Pana and surrounding County. **William John Austin** was born 12 October 1864 and died 17 October 1894, being 30 years and 5 days at the time of his death. His father was accidentally killed by a hay-derrick on 3 July 1891. The surviving members of the grief stricken family are **Mary Austin**, the mother; Mrs **Anna M Adams**, an affectionate sister whose home is located 3 miles west of Moweaqua; **Alonzo** and **Owen Austin**, both

devoted and highly respected brothers. **Alonzo** is the husband of **Maria**, daughter of **Cyrus Rayhill**, well-known and highly esteemed by the citizens of Pana. The deceased came to the end of his earthly existence in the very prime of his buoyant manhood. (*More on his character and religious beliefs, not copied in this article*). The funeral service took place from the family residence on Friday, 19 October 1894, at 10 o'clock AM, conducted by Rev **E M Everhart**, of the First M E Church. Remains placed by those of his father in the Mound Cemetery to await the resurrection of the last day. Pallbearers were **Cyrus Rayhill, James and Dan McAfee, Charles and Frank Priest and Myron Wilson**.

Wednesday, 7 November 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Died on Sunday evening at five o'clock at the home of his father, **C W Taggart** near Prairie Home, **Clinton Taggart**, in the 26th year of his age of Bright's Disease. The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence. Rev **Paisley** officiating and interment was made at Prairie Home Cemetery.

Dr **E Howell** died at Hillsboro, aged nearly 85. He was one of the 1834 pioneer settlers of Bunker Hill and its first practicing physician.

Died on Saturday, 3 November 1894, at her home near Obed, **Sarah Andrix**, aged 71 years. She was highly respected by all her neighbors. The funeral occurred on Sunday morning at Locust Grove.

Samuel Myers, a wealthy farmer living near Dunkel, was kicked in the head by a fractious horse, Saturday afternoon and died a few hours later of congestion of the brain.

Mr and Mrs **J B Haffey**, who are now residents of Atlanta, Illinois, have recently suffered the loss by death of their little daughter, **May Haffey**, as will be observed by the following clipping from an Atlanta paper. A very sad death occurred on Sunday at 9 PM being that of little **May Haffey**, aged 3 years and 3 months. She was up some during the day and the case was not known to be serious until a physician was called in the afternoon when it was pronounced alarming. The disease developed into spinal trouble and went to the brain. She was a sweet little girl and her parents are heartbroken over the affair. The family came here only a few months ago, when Mr **Haffey** was employed with the B S Green Company of Bloomington. On Tuesday at 10 AM at the family residence, was held the funeral. Nothing could look more angelic than she as she lay in her little white casket covered with flowers. Rev **C F McKeown** spoke very touchingly and was assisted by Rev **T B Stanley**. The mortal remains of little **Margaret May Haffey** were then laid to rest. Among those who were present from other points were Mrs **Margaret Bache** of Clinton, grandmother of the child and Mr and Mrs **J W Peacock** and Mrs **Hastings** of Bloomington.

Oak Branch News: **Jacob Workman** and **Bertha Penn** were married on 1 October 1894. Squire **Akins** performed the ceremony.

Loami news: Mr **A Barger** died Friday night, aged 84 years. Funeral services were held in the M E Church on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev **G W Dungan** after which interment took place in Sulfur Springs Cemetery.

Prairie Home news: Died at the home of his father, **C W Taggart** on Sunday evening, 4 November 1894, at 4:30 o'clock, **Clinton Taggart**. The deceased was sick only a short time and his death was unexpected to his many friends. **Clinton Taggart** was a graduate of an Iowa business college and was a successful teacher in Macon County public schools. He was always prompt in his Sunday school class, being a member of the Presbyterian Church. Two years ago he bought a farm and since that time has been farming.

Wednesday, 14 November 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

At his home in this city, Friday morning last, November 9, 1894, at 8:15 o'clock, surrounded by his loved ones after several days of intense agony, **Charles Snell** passed from human suffering into restful and peaceful realm of immortality. At the time of his death he was in the 35th year of age, and suffered from Bright's disease. **Charles Snell** was born on 19 May 1860 on his father's farm in Flat Branch Township. He lived there until he was 22 years of age when, on account of failing health, he removed to Decatur, residing there three years. He then returned to this city, and he married **Beatrice McDonald**, on 18 July 1888, who survives him, with her two children, **Clifton McDonald**, aged 5 years, and **Markie McDonald**, aged 2 years. **Fred P** and **Eliza Snell**, his parents, and their children, **Mark, Frank, Will, Elmer** and **Cora Snell** also survive him. During his life, **Charlie** most competently filled many positions of public trust, and while his religious convictions were of the highest and purest nature, he was not a member of any Church. He was the family advisor and many of the darkened paths of life were made clear by him. He always took the side of right. Services occurred Sunday morning at the Baptist Church which was filled to its utmost capacity by the relatives and friends of the deceased. All that is mortal of **Charles Snell** lies peacefully at rest in our Cemetery. *(Article lists pall bearers, describes his funeral services, songs said and passages read, not copied in this article. Obit also contains a very nice hand drawn sketch of Charles Snell 'taken from an old photograph'.)*

Died at the home of her daughter, Mrs **Adam Snyder**, in this city, on Friday morning, 9 Nov 1894, Mrs **Sarah Jarman**, relic of the late **William Jarman** of Richmond, Kentucky, in the 73rd year of her age. She had been here only about a week at the time of her death, having returned from Kentucky with Mrs Snyder. Death came sweetly and quietly and that infinite transition into eternal light was sublimely peaceful. Brief funeral services were held here at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon, and the remains, accompanied by Mrs **Snyder** and her brother, **J P Jarman**, of Trenton, Missouri, were taken to her old home at Richmond, Kentucky, where they were interred beside those of her husband in the family burying ground.

The marriage of **Charles T Stevenson** and Miss **Lottie McLean** of Bloomington occurred at the home of the bride Mrs **Carmichael**, in Bloomington. The groom is the son of **Wm M Stevenson**, a prominent business man of Bloomington, and the nephew of Vice President **Stevenson** who was one of the guests.

Mr and Mrs **Arthur Frazee**, a newly married young couple of Albany, Missouri, have been enjoying a portion of their wedding tour in this city, the guests of their cousin, **Oscar Frazee**.

About a half hour before the death of **Charlie Snell**, his cousin, **Sallie Belle Miller**, residing nine miles southeast, passed away, in the 25th year of her age. She was taken very sick just about the same time Charlie's final illness came. She was a woman much beloved by her neighbors and by all who knew her. She was married on 10 June 1890, to **Thomas Miller**, who with one child survives her. The funeral services were held at the Bethany Church on Saturday morning. Rev **N L Williams** officiating.

On Thursday eve, 25 October 1894, occurred one of the most elaborate weddings of the season, it being the 40th anniversary of Mr and Mrs **T W Tankersley** and the marriage of their youngest daughter, **Vina E Tankersley** to Mr **George E New**. Promptly at the hour

of seven, Miss **Nettie Coultas**, cousin of the bride, began playing the wedding march. Miss **Nettie Perkins** and **Lenard Tankersley**, bridesmaid and groomsman entered, then came the happy couple, who were joined as one by Rev **J H Waterbury**. Mr and Mrs Tankersley received many handsome presents, among them being a handsome gold watch from the sons to their father, and a lovely astrican circular to the mother from her daughters (*Winchester paper*) (*Article describes attire and decorations of the wedding parlor, plus reception and food, not copied here*).

Mrs **Sarah Andrix** died at the home of her daughter, Mrs **Samuel Abrams**, on Friday night, at a little over 71 years of age, after a painful illness of ten weeks. She was laid to her quiet rest in the Locust Grove Cemetery on Sunday morning. She was the mother of six children, all of whom save two daughters, Mrs **Jane Burwell** and Mrs **Abrams**, have preceded her into the great beyond. The funeral services were conducted by Rev **Hamilton** in the presence of a large audience. (Yantisville news)

Wednesday, 21 November 1894 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Saturday evening last, **Laura McCarty** arrived in this city from Monroe City, Missouri, bringing with her a child about 18 months old and proceeded at once to swear out a state warrant against **W H Murphy**, who resides on the **Wm Snyder** farm, charging him with being the father of her child. Constable **Reighley** served the papers at a late hour Saturday night, Mr Murphy was given an audience with Miss McCarty, and in pleading guilty before Esq **Donnell**, signed an agreement to marry the woman Monday. Monday morning, Mr **Murphy** and Miss **McCarty**, went over to Shelbyville and were married. Prior to their departure, Mr Murphy arranged with his former alleged wife (she was once his wife but they are now legally divorced), but transferring to her, all his available property. She and the children will probably leave in the near future. The Mrs **Murphy** that was, left Monday night. The entire matter possesses many peculiar surroundings over which the *Call Mail* is disposed to throw the mantle of charity, as it is unfit for publication.

Yantisville news: Mrs **Thomas Miler** (Nee **Spence**) died at her home west of here, of typhoid fever, and was buried from Bethany Church on Saturday. She leaves one child who is in a pitiful condition from being sick so long, the father and Mrs **Spence** are both very sick.

William Sutton of Curran, formerly of Loami, was killed Tuesday by a runaway team. Last week, **Charlie Boys**, son of **James Boys, Sr.** one of the richest men in Ridge Township, created a ripple of surprise by coming to town and claiming Miss **Della Risacker**, daughter of **Jacob Risacker**, the brick layer, as his wife. This rather startled the girl's family as they had no knowledge that the young man as then had any special claim upon their daughter, other than that he had be a-courting her real steady for several years. And, he was generally considered as her 'best fellow', but when Charlie produced a certificate showing that the two had been duly and lawfully made husband and wife at Vandalia, better than two years ago, they cheerfully turned the new found Mrs **Boys** over to her husband and sent them away, rejoicing with their blessing. The young couple is spending their honeymoon at Deer Park, Alabama. (*Shelbyville Leader*).

Wednesday, 28 November 1894 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Thursday last, 22nd November 1894, Aunt **Sarah Hays**' 74th birthday and her many relatives celebrated the event at the home of the estimable old lady in Grandview. About

noon they assembled from near and afar, much to Mrs Hays' surprise, and about 25 guests enjoyed a sumptuous dinner. Mrs Hays was also the recipient of numerous useful presents.

Mrs **Jenkins**, the old lady who fell and broke both legs while over in Flat Branch attending a meeting several weeks ago, died a week ago last Friday and was buried in the Whitfield Cemetery. Mrs **Jenkins** was a resident of Findlay about a year, and was the mother of Mrs **Cheezum**. She was over 80 years of age. (*Findlay Enterprise*).

Tonight at 8 o'clock at the handsome residence of the bride's father on the west side, Miss **Blanche I Gregory** and **A Fred Corrington** will be united in marriage. The Rev **Ezra J Durham** of the M E Church will officiate. The wedding will be a very quiet one, only the immediate relatives being present. Both the bride and groom have been lifelong residents of this city, and it can be truthfully said that they have been highly esteemed by a large circle of friends from infancy. The bride is the daughter of **Jas W Gregory**, one of our substantial and honored townsmen, a young lady of most prepossessing appearance and intellectual ability, whose courteous and amiable characteristics have drawn about her a host of loving friends. The groom is the son of **I N Corrington, Sr.** who is one of Moweaqua's successful and leading business men, and **Fred** is a young man of unquestioned honor and integrity, now holding the position of town clerk of Moweaqua Township. He recently became associated as junior partner in the firm of Corrington Bros. and Co. The attendants will be Miss **Selia Thomas** and **I N Corrington, Jr.** The newly married couple will repair to the lovely home of **I N Corrington, Sr** where they will reside for the present (*Article states the decorations for the ceremony, attire of both bride and groom and other miscellaneous wedding details, not copied in this book. Article also includes a hand drawn likeness of both Miss Gregory and Mr Corrington*).

During the past few months, train loads of gravel have been hauled away from a big bank north of Decatur by the Vandalia Railway Co to ballast right of way. Many **skeletons** were tossed out of a section of the bank where that had been a graveyard. The work has been stopped by **D A Moffit**, whose wife's grandfather was buried there. The owner of the land will assert his rights, claiming that he had a deed for the ground. There is no record of deeds to the burial ground. It is state the remains of at least 30 people have been distributed by the grave diggers.

John Fairweather, Chief City Marshal of Galena, died of heart failure the other morning, aged 50. He had held office since 1887.

Mrs **Martha Porter**, one of the oldest residents of Rock Island County having lived near Moline since 1883, died at her home in Hampton Township, aged nearly 93 years of age.

William Hill, Sr dropped dead on the streets of Urbana.

Mrs **C H Baddely** died at Champaign. **James R Heath**, a prominent businessman of Princeton died recently.

Died at Blue Mound, Illinois, on 17 November 1894, **Clara Mabel McClusky**, aged 15 years, 8 months and 23 days. She was born in this city where she resided many years and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. The remains were interred on the 20th of November 1894 at Owaneco, Illinois.

Died Saturday night in this city between eleven and twelve o'clock after a lingering illness of typhoid pneumonia, **Minnie L Scribner**, daughter of **Lewis Scribner**, in the 19th year of her age. The funeral services occurred at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Rev **T M**

Griffith officiating and the interment was at Long Grove Cemetery. The deceased possessed many lovable traits of character and had a large circle of friends.

Minnie Luella Scribner was born near Long Grove, 4 ½ miles east of Moweaqua on 16 September 1875, and died at her father's home in Moweaqua, on 24 November 1894, aged 19 years, 2 months and 18 days. She had been complaining for some time prior to her fatal sickness and was beyond human aid before a physician was called. Her parents desired to call a doctor, but she refused until unconscious, and it was discovered she was too far gone for medicine to reach her disease, acute nephritis. She united with the Christian or Campbellite Church about 2 years ago and lived a very consistent life since her profession. She requested that the hymn, "I'm Going Home to Die No More" be sung after her death. Rev **T. M. Griffith** preached from the testament, Heb. 13-14, "For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

Wednesday, 5 December 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Kindly, genial, whole-souled **Tilmon Weakly** is no more. The angel of death visited the household, taking therefrom a devoted husband and a loving father. Shortly after nine o'clock on Thanksgiving morning, **Tilmon Weakly** suffered a paralytic stroke at his home. Medical attendance was summoned at once, but nothing could be done, except in a measure to ease his suffering. He lingered until two o'clock Friday morning, when, surrounded by the loved ones of his household, death came to his relief. It is said that at that time, his suffering was intense, and appeared to be produced from concussion of the brain. The deceased had been a resident of this city for 17 years, and his vocation was that of a wagon maker and machinist. In his particular forte, he was a skilled mechanic, whose pride was to do well, any piece of work that was worth doing at all. He was of a jovial and pleasant nature and a kindly greeting from Tilmon came as brightly and heartily as it was earnest and sincere. He was a member of Shelby Lodge I. O. O. F. The funeral was held under the auspices of that order on Sunday morning last at the Presbyterian Church, the Rev **E J Durham**, officiating in the absence of the regular pastor. The remains were laid to rest in the Odd Fellow's Cemetery. **J O Armstrong, Silas Mitchell, Jas A Stewart, M. H. Miller, John W Cowle, and Elias Snell** acted as pall bearers. **Tilmon Weakly** was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, on 6 August 1832, and married **Sarah Ellen Connard** on 25 October 1859. Of this union, 8 children were born, 7 of whom, together with his wife, survive him as follows: Mrs **Mollie West, Thomas Weakly, Israel Weakly, Mrs Jennie Johnson, Alice Weakly, Mrs Clara Deitz, and Lydia Weakly**. He joined the Presbyterian Church on 4 March 1883 and lived a consistent member thereof until the time of his death which came Friday morning, 30 November 1894, in the 63rd year of his age. Thursday last being the 61st birthday of Mrs **Cr. Shroll**, her relations and friends tendered her a most agreeable surprise, at dinner on that day at her home northeast of town. Mrs **Shroll** was the recipient of not only numerous congratulations, but several substantial evidences of esteem from those present. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

Eugene Duff, son of **Charles D Duff** was accidentally shot and killed at Clay City by **August Cunningham**, the 10 year old son of Rev **W H Cunningham**. Young Cunningham was playing with a rifle and it accidentally discharged, striking young Duff. In a fit of rage, **Wm Damon**, Decatur, Illinois, drove his wife and child from the house and then put a bullet into his brain. The body was found the next morning at the open kitchen door, with the pistol next to the body.

William Gibson, aged about 22, committed suicide at Pleasant Plains, Sangamon County. While husking corn recently, he ran a corn stalk into his ear, affecting the brain and unbalancing his mind.

Cyrus Harrom, one of Cass County's prominent settlers, died at the age of 74 years. Miss **Elizabeth Reed** of Nashville was married to **Phil Schneider** of St Louis. Mr **P J Rapperty** of Springfield and Miss **Nora Mehan** were married in Petersburg.

Invitations have been issued announcing the marriage of **Karl R Snyder** to **Cora L Snell** on Thursday, 13 December 1894, at eight o'clock. The wedding will take place at the residence of **Fred Snell**, the bride's father.

Thos Weakley of Kenney and Mrs **Jack Rutledge** and son, **Charlie**, were here on Sunday in attendance at **Tilmon Weakly's** funeral.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Bridgman**, 25 November 1894, a little boy.

Mr **L R Hedrick** of Taylorville died last Friday of pneumonia and was buried on Sunday. (Willey news)

Phil Stanley and **Cyrus Weakly** attended the funeral of the latter's uncle, **Tilmon Weakly** at the Presbyterian Church at Moweaqua on Sunday (Obed news).

Wednesday, 12 December 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

This evening at 6 o'clock at the residence of the bride's father, **Seth Marshall** and Miss **Pauline Suppes** will be united in the holy bonds of wedlock. Rev **T M Griffith** of the Baptist Church will perform the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of **John Suppes**, one of old Shelby County's substantial and respected farmers, and is a young lady possessed of many estimable qualities that has drawn about her a host of friends in this community where she has so long resided. The groom is an honest, industrious boy who is fully capable of holding his own and making his way in the battle of life. The newly married couple will reside on the **S Primmer** farm the coming year.

L C Uhl and family moved into their nice new home last Tuesday. Nineteen years ago on that day, Mrs **Uhl** came to this city as the newly wedded bride of **L C Uhl** and then moved into their elegant home. On that day was a happy celebration of that event (*Smith County, Kansas, Pioneer*). Mrs **L C Uhl** will be remembered as Miss **Rose Widick**, daughter of **Abner Widick** of this vicinity, and though nineteen long years have passed, she has a host of relatives and friends here who extend to her warmest congratulations.

Invitations have been issued announcing the approaching marriage of **David Adamson** to Miss **Ollie Steidley**, which will occur at the Baptist Church on Monday, 24 December 1894, at 6 o'clock.

John McRoberts, a coal miner, was instantly killed in the Assumption coal mine last Friday by a large quantity of rock falling on him. He had been married but just three weeks.

Wednesday evening, 5 December 1894, at the residence of **R F North** in Mechanicsburg, Illinois, by Rev **Chas Lavcock**, pastor of the Christian Church of Niantic, **Grant Jacobs** and Miss **Sarah A McGinnis** were united in marriage. The newly wedded couple arrived here the following evening (Thursday) and were tendered a sumptuous repast at the home of Mrs **Malinda Jacobs**, the groom's mother, northwest. Miss McGinnis, having formerly resided here, is well-known and highly esteemed as a most estimable young lady. The groom, well, everybody knows **Grant**—and to know him is to admire his sturdy and honest manliness. Mr and Mrs **Jacobs** will permanently reside on the farm with Mrs

Malinda Jacobs. (*List of attendees and description of reception in article, not copied in this book*).

Prairieton news: **Grant Jacobs** and Miss **Sarah McGinnis** were married on Wednesday. Miss **Minnie Edwards** and Mr **Ira Heaton** of Osgood, Indiana, were married in Springfield on Monday (Loami news).

In a runaway, Mrs **Nancy J Hobson**, wife of **Joseph Hobson**, was thrown from a buggy at Decatur, striking upon a brick pavement. Her skull was fractured by the fall, and she died a short time later.

Charles H Fox, nephew and confidential man of **H W Fox**, a capitalist, died at Rockford from blood poisoning, as a result of having two ulcerated teeth extracted.

Mrs **Emily White**, wife of Capt **E M White**, and a resident of Princeton for 40 years is dead. On account of literary work, she is well-known.

William Calvert, born in Ireland, and a well-known citizen of Central Illinois, died in Cass County at age 60. He served in the Union army.

Wednesday, 19 December 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Ed Austin, west of town, suffered a severe stroke of paralysis Monday morning and is now in a very critical condition. *Later:* He died last night.

Died: Mrs **Sorona Cotton**, mother of Mrs **Geo Dean** died Saturday morning of dropsy of the brain. She was 74 years of age and had been an invalid for a long time.

Thursday evening, 13 December 1894, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **Fred P Snell**, at 8 o'clock, Miss **Cora L Snell** and **Karl R Snyder** were united in marriage. Rev **E J Durham** of the M E Church officiated. **Karl R Snyder**, the groom is well-known in Moweaqua and vicinity for the *Call-Mail* to indulge in a superfluity of extravagant adjectives concerning him. He is the son of **V Snyder, Jr** and is now a junior partner in the banking house of **V Snyder and Co**. The bride, **Cora L Snell**, is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs **Fred P Snell**, a young lady whose friends are numbered by the scores in Moweaqua. The presents were quite numerous and many of them very costly, among them being a deed to a house and two substantial checks from **V Snyder Jr**, one each to the bride and groom. They will reside with Mr and Mrs **Snell** for the present time. (*List of attendees, presents, and description of the decorations, ceremony and the bride's attire, as well as attendants. Also a hand sketched likeness of both Ms Snell and Mr Snyder are contained in the article*)

Nathaniel Miner, an old settler, was buried in Jersey County the other day. Had he lived until New Year's day, he would have been 94 years old. He was born near Old Crown Point, New York, and emigrated to Jersey County in October 1832, and soon after entered the land on which he thereafter lived and died. He assisted to erect the first frame house built in Jerseyville, and was the first constable elected in Jersey County.

Miss **Lulu Lafayette** and **David Russell** were married at Assumption the other day.

Ben A Sweet and Miss **Mae Emerson** were married at Marshall; **Seth Marshall** and Miss **Pauline Suppes** were married at Moweaqua.

Born to Mr and Mrs **E G Polk** on Saturday, 15 December 1894, a girl.

Married on Wednesday morning, 12 December 1894, at the residence of Esquire **Jesse Donnell**, at 10 o'clock AM, **Ezekiel Merryman** and Miss **Nancy (Scribner) Housh**. The groom is a brother to **Charles Merryman**, and the young couple are well-known and have many friends in this vicinity.

Obed news: **Franklin Andrix**, formerly of this place, now a resident of Findlay, was born in Shelby County on 1 August 1869, and died on 12 December 1894, aged 25 years, 4 months and 24 days. He leaves a wife and two little children, two sisters and two brothers and a host of other relatives and friends. Frank was a kind hearted young man. Funeral services were held at the U B Church of this place, conducted by Rev **Hamilton** and Rev **Wagner**, after which the remains were interred in this Cemetery.

Loami news: **S Staley** bought the estate of **Lydia Bowen**, deceased, which was sold on Tuesday at \$62.50 per acre.

Loami news: Friday afternoon, as the 3:45 train was pulling out, **W R McCray** started to cross the track on main street ahead of the train with a team and wagon. The engine struck the wagon broadside and Mr **McCray** was so seriously hurt that he died a few hours later. Funeral services were held on Monday morning at the Chapel under the auspices of the G. A. R. Deceased was a farmer 70 years of age.

Ira T Baird, executor, will sell the personal property of the late **Samuel Hennigh**, deceased, consisting of farm implements, household and kitchen furniture, at public sale on Monday, 31 December 1894, at 1 PM, at the Hennigh home, one mile north of Prairie Home.

Wednesday, 26 December 1894 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Monday evening, 24 December 1894 at 6 o'clock, in the Baptist Church, **Ollie M Steidley** and **David A Adamson** were united in marriage. The Rev **T M Griffith** officiating. The bride is the daughter of **Ed C Steidley** and a niece of **W A Steidley**, formerly publisher of the *Call-Mail*. She is a most charming young lady, who maturing into noblest womanhood within our midst, has drawn about her a host of loving friends. She has ever been an earnest, unceasing worker in the Baptist Church and Sunday school, thus endearing herself to those who labored with her in the Master's work. Her watchful care and devotion to an invalid mother has made her presence at home almost priceless. The groom is the son of **Eph Adamson**, who with his father, has resided on the **James Freeman** farm for many years. Dave is an earnest, steady and hard working boy. The past year in farming for himself, he has developed the fact that he possesses those traits of character that go to make a successful life, application, honest and integrity. Mr and Mrs **Adamson** have secured one of the Ribelin cottages in Grandview, and will reside in the city during the winter, being at home after January 1, 1895. (*Article has hand-sketches of both Miss Steidley and Mr Adamson, list of presents and the giver; describes her attire and the wedding ceremony, not copied in this article.*)

Miss **Edna Segar**, the 16 year old daughter of **Edward T Segar**, and a high school pupil, left her home on Friday for Attica, Indiana, ostensibly on a visit. She really eloped with **Frank Sollars**, a painter, and the son of a Decatur widow. The pair went to Covington, Kentucky, where they were married last evening. They returned to Decatur tonight. Sollars had asked Segar for his daughter's hand, but it had been refused because of the age of the maiden. Miss Segar is the granddaughter of Mrs **A C Campbell** of this city and is a young lady with many friends here.

Myrtle Grable was found dead in bed at the home of Col **C A Shively** in Monticello. She had taken her own life by taking chloroform with suicidal intent. She left a letter which read: "Think it not strange. I was a happy, sweet girl; now I am a moral and spiritual wreck and all for an untrue husband who might have made me a happy good woman if he

would. *Goodbye to all. You have been kind to me.*" She had been married to **George Wead** of Flora, Illinois. She was a graduate of the Flora Business College and a member of the Brethren Church. Her mother and brothers live at Pemberton, Ohio.

Peter Graff, one of the old time residents of Quincy, died the other night, aged 80 years. In his early life he was an expert cannoneer in the German Army and during target practices at Quincy at the time of the late war he rarely failed hitting a barrel that was placed at long ranges on the sandbars on the Mississippi. He was always in demand for celebrations in the city, and in 1872 his repeated discharges of the cannon in several blocks broke window glasses to the damage of \$840. The bill was paid by his friends. He was widely known as a contractor and for 8 years was the street commissioner.

Miss **Minnie Tressler**, 18 years of age, was burned to death at Saybrook. She was engaged in cooking when her clothing caught fire from the store.

Michael Fisher, a Macon County farmer, died the other day, the result of being crushed by a loaded wagon which passed over his body.

Gen **E S Dennis** died at his home in Carlisle a few days ago. Gen **Dennis** had reached the ripe old age of 83 and was well-known in the community.

George M Barbour, who was supposed to have been murdered near Pana, Illinois, is alive. He turned up alive and well at his home in Chicago, on the 19th inst. while his father was making preparations for the burial of his supposed remains, which were afterwards identified as those of **Arthur L Binnion** of Vernon, Illinois.

Theo Huston died at El Paso, Texas, across the Rio Grande from Paso del Norte, Mexico, to which place he was the American Consul. **Huston** was born in McDonough County, Illinois, on 13 November 1852. He graduated from Abingdon College in 1870. In 1886 he was elected sheriff of McDonough County. He took an active part in the campaign of 1892. In May 1893, President Cleveland appointed him American consul at Paso del Norte. His demise, although it came suddenly, was not altogether unexpected. He had been in poor health for several years.

Mary S Workman was born 8 May 1831 in Monroe Co, Illinois, and was married to **Stephen Workman** in 1847. She is the mother of nine children and was the daughter of **David** and **Levinah Hays**. Mr **Workman** was killed on 3 April 1869, and **Mary S Workman** was married to **Geo S Reynolds** on 12 February 1875. She died on the 14th of December 1894 with paralysis of the brain.

Married on Wednesday, 12 December 1894 by Esquire **Donnell, Ezekiel Merryman** and Miss **Nancy (Scribner) Housh**. The young couple who reside at present with Mrs **Merryman** were in the city last week receiving congratulations from their many friends. On what was considered reliable authority, the *Call Mail* last week announced the sudden death of **Edw Austin** from paralysis on Tuesday night. This proved to be an error. Mr **Austin** did not pass away until Thursday morning. He had been a sufferer more or less for more than a year and on Friday, the 14th of December 1894, he experienced a severe stroke of paralysis from which he did not recover, but succumbed at his home west of town early Thursday morning, the 20th inst. Mr **Austin** was an old soldier and a member of J. V. Clements post of this city. He enlisted in the 41st Illinois Regt in 1861 and gallantly defended the flag of his country. He was born in Decatur, Illinois, on 25 September 1834, and was in the 55th year of his age at the time of his death. He married Mrs **Sarah Segar** in February 1866, and was the father of nine children, six of whom with his wife, survive. He was a good father and husband, a faithful friend and an honest man. The services were

held under the auspices of the G. A. R. post last Friday and the interment was made in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery, he being buried with all the military honors. Rev **T M Griffith** officiated.

Aunt **Jane Tolly**, a pioneer resident of Flat Branch Township, was favored with a grand surprise dinner one day last week, the occasion being her 55th birthday. A large number were present, and the good lady was the recipient of many warm congratulations. (Elm Grove news)

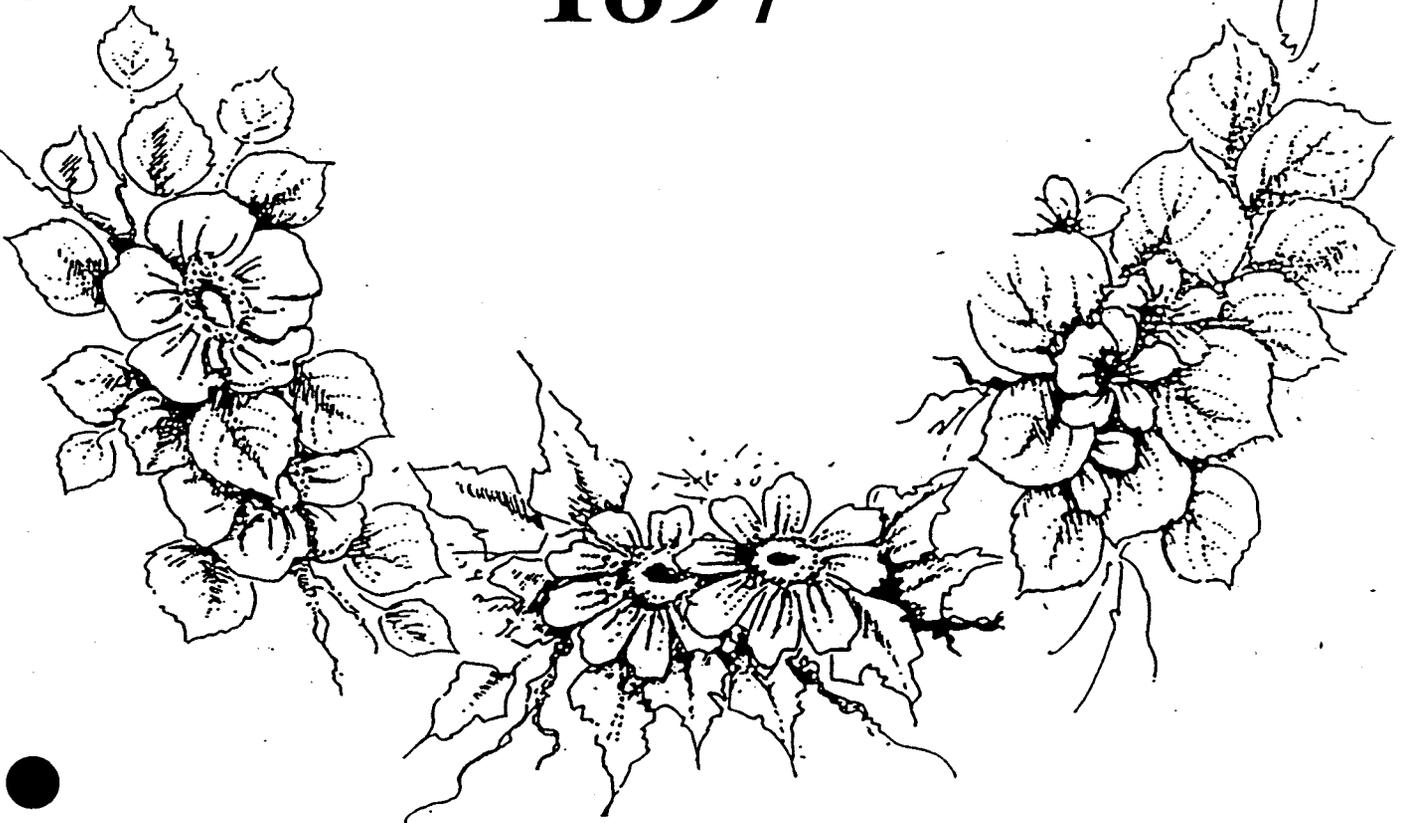
Married at the home of the bride's father, **Wm B Craycroft** in Mt Zion Township, on the 18th of December 1894, by Rev **A M Danely**, **Edgar M Craycroft** of Salem, Indiana, and Miss **Dora Bess Craycroft**. The bride is the niece of Mrs **W J Clark** of this city. There were about 40 guests at the marriage, and there was a fine wedding feast. Mr **Craycroft** and bride have gone to Astor Park, Florida, where they will spend the winter with the parents of the groom.

Yantisville news (too late for last week) Monday was Uncle **Ike Longenbaugh's** 73rd birthday, and his children and grandchildren gathered in with well filled baskets and spent the day with him. **Uncle Ike** was born in December 1821 and he has long been a resident of this state. Long may he live and enjoy many birthdays.

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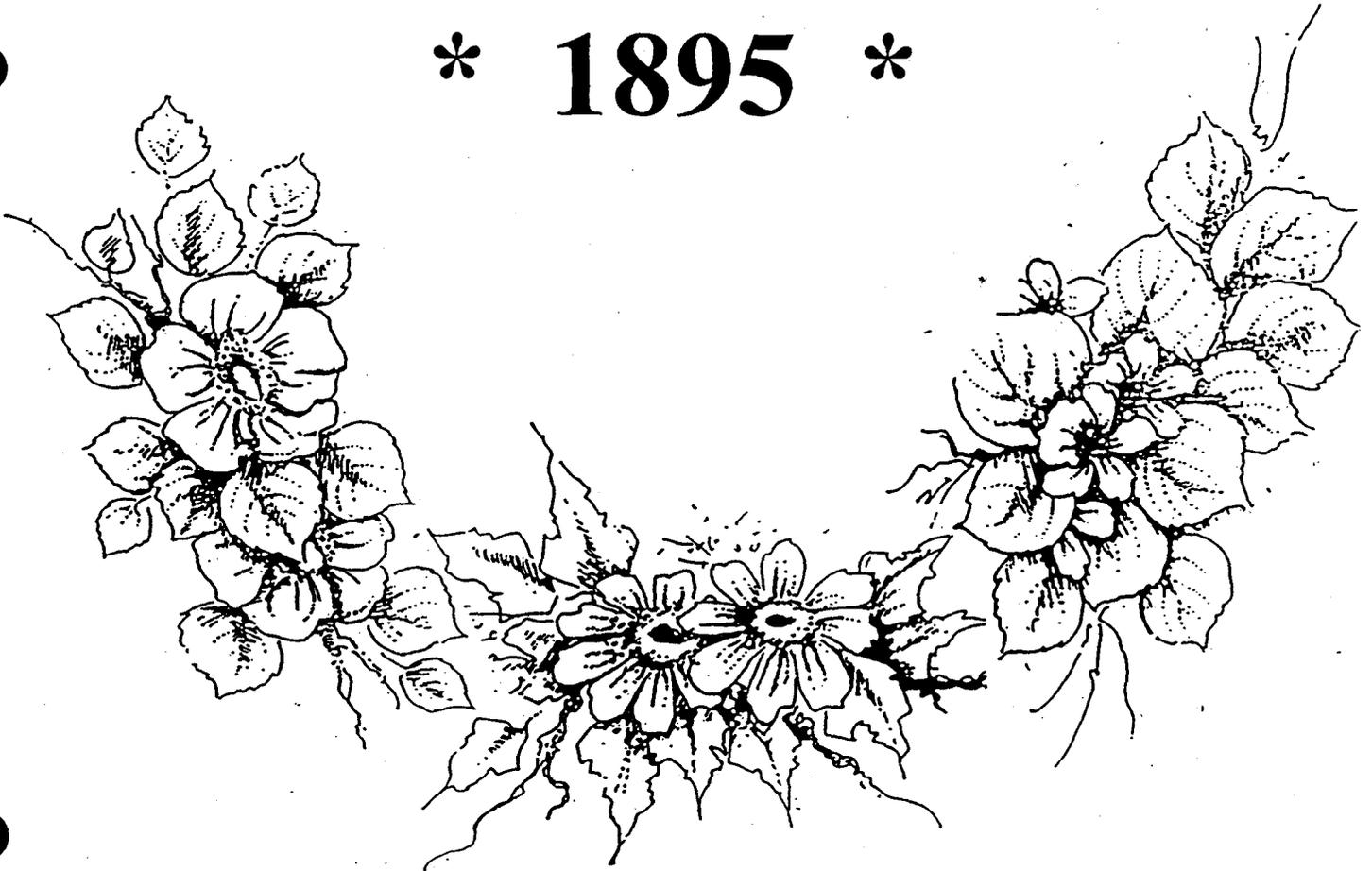


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Wednesday, 2 January 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Friday, 28 December 1894, at the home of his father, **J C Tryon**, west of town, **Burk Tryon**, died of typhoid fever in the 19th year of his age.

Miss **May Winter**, daughter of **George Winter**, and Rev **C E Baumgarten** were married by Rev **Schwind**, on 24 December 1894. Rev Baumgarten is the former pastor of the German M E Church here. The happy couple was attended by Miss **Emma Baumgarten**, sister of the groom, and Mr **John Michel**. The newlyweds left immediately for Chicago, enroute to their new home in Mt Pleasant, Iowa.

Edna Segar, daughter of **Edward T Sager** and **Frank Sollars**, eloped to Covington, Kentucky. The bride is but 16 years old; the elopement took place in December 1894. (Note spelling variation – one name spelled 'Sager', the other spelled 'Segar'; copied as spelled.)

Dave Beck and Miss **Nora Stuart** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on 27 December 1894 by Rev **Smock**. Thursday evening, 27 December 1894, at the residence of **B Smock**, **Nora B Stuart** and **David Beck** were united in marriage with the Rev **B Smock** officiating. The bride is the daughter of H Stuart and is a most charming young lady. Her watchful care and devotion to an invalid mother has made her presence at home almost priceless. The groom is the son of **Levi Beck**, a prominent farmer in Richland Township. David is an earnest, steady hard working boy. The past year in farming for himself, he has developed the fact that he possesses those traits of character that go to make a successful life.

Obed news: **Dave Beck** of Flat Branch and Miss **Nora Stuart** of Pickaway, were united in marriage on Wednesday (note date difference) at the home of the bride. Rev Smock officiating. Mr Beck is a young man of good, moral habits, and Miss Nora is one of Pickaway's choicest girls.

Ezekiel Merryman and Miss **Nancy Housh** were married by Esquire **Donnell** on 12 December 1894.

George Gordon, the son of **Abe Gordon** and Miss **Katie Bryson** were married on 30 December 1894.

Miss **Lucy Fisher** and **Thos H Boyce** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in December 1894. She is the daughter of **W C Fisher** of Assumption. The couple eloped and were married in Decatur, Illinois.

Miss **Virginia Chew**, 16 years of age, daughter of Col **R P Chew**, and grand daughter of **John Augustine Washington**, the last private owner of Mt Vernon, and a great-grandniece of **George Washington**, died at Charleston, West Virginia, on the 25th of December 1894.

Maggie McClure, 12 year old daughter of a western farmer in Kansas, was thrown from a pony on 25 December 1894 and dragged to her death. The pony ran a distance of a half mile, dragging the helpless girl by her foot which was caught in the stirrup.

Charles Edward Duffee, aged 28, died at Mobile, Alabama, on the 25th of December 1894, following a bout with consumption. He was well-known as "**Home Run**" **Duffee**, an ex-member of the St Louis Browns of the national league and the American association and also the Washington club of the national league.

Friday, 28 December 1894, at the home of his father, **J C Tryon**, west of town, **Burk Tryon** died of typhoid fever in the 19th year of his age. The funeral services were held on Saturday. Rev **E J Durham** officiated at the services. Interment took place in the Odd Fellows cemetery. **Burk Tryon** was born on 16 March 1875 and died 27 December 1894, with that dreaded disease, typhoid fever. Burk was a bright, industrious boy, a kind and dutiful son and a loving brother. He went to Sunday school and lived a moral life, always trying to do right. He died, he passed quietly as one going to sleep.

H Jones of Illinois is engaged to Mrs **Nellie Grant Sartoris**, General **Grant's** daughter. Mrs **Myrtle Simpson**, wife of a Peoria saloonkeeper, took morphine and died. She was the daughter of a wealthy farmer of near Silver, Indiana.

Mrs **William Shedd**, who was in her 85th year, died in Fairburg, a few days ago. She was staying with her son at the time of her demise.

At the home of Mr and Mrs **John Lakins** of Sycamore, a double wedding occurred a few days ago. **Frederick Barber** of Maple Park, brother of Mrs Lakins, and Miss **Blanche M Anderson** of Aurora, Illinois, and Miss **Ella L Lakins**, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lakins, and **Henry P Elliott** were married in a double wedding ceremony.

Miss **Maud L Calhoun**, daughter of Hon **W F Calhoun**, editor of the *Decatur Republican*, and **Elmer K Towl**, son of **Levi Towl**, director of the Citizens National bank, were married the other night. The bride is a teacher in the Decatur Schools and the groom is a member of the high school faculty and graduate of the Illinois Wesleyan University.

Wm D Herrick, aged 56 years, died at Pana. He was a locomotive engineer for many years.

Mr and Mrs **Solomon G Lybarger** of Astoria, Fulton County, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple were married in 1845.

Jack Williams was killed by his brother-in-law, **Thomas Pritchard** at Ridgely, Sangamon, County.

In drunken anger in the Twister Flats at Shelbyville, **Ike Sills**, shot himself in the neck and stomach. It is said he committed this deed because his wife no longer loved him. He will not live.

George Barnes who resides near Paxton, died at age 70 years. He was a native of Lincolnshire, England, and had resided in Ford County since 1872. He leaves a widow and 5 children.

Wednesday, 9 January 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to **Roy Brougher** and wife on 5 January 1895, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Everett Corrington** on New Year's Day, 1 January 1895, a girl.

Death has again entered our neighborhood and claimed the life of **Ethel Irene Davis**, the infant daughter of **Ed** and **Minnie Davis**. The child died 4 January 1895 and was buried in the German cemetery. (Fame news)

Rumor has it that **Walter Walker** of Macon who is soon to become a resident of this city and will bring with him, a fair young bride, a Miss **Eckman** of that city. They will occupy the **Chas Groom's** property in the north part of town.

This evening at 4 o'clock, Miss **Inez Combs**, daughter of **E B Combs** of Macon, and Mr **Joseph Price**, will be united in marriage. She is the niece of **A J Combs** of this city.

Wednesday, 16 January 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to **Douglas Hutchinson** and wife on 7 January 1895, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **W T Robinson** of Prairie Home, 10 January 1895, twin boys.

A pleasant party was given at the residence of **A H Dotson** in honor of Miss **May Dotson's** 15th birthday. Quite a number were present at the affair.

Mrs **Rose McDonald**, who was probably the oldest person in Illinois, died at Lockport, Will County, at 104 years. Her father lived to be 102 years of age.

Thomas C Forbes, aged 91 years, the oldest resident of Vermilion County, died the other day. He was rich and had resided in Danville since 1833.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of **Walter E. Walker** to Miss **Mamie Eckman** on Wednesday evening, 23 January 1895, at the residence of the bride's father, Rev **Eckman** of Macon.

Our old friend, **Ben Ruffner**, was most substantially remembered by his friends that last Sunday was his 48th birthday. He doesn't look it, does he?

Alfred W Ellet died at El Dorado, Kansas, the other day. At the beginning of the war, he resided in Macoupin County. He served through to the end and was made a brigadier-general. He has resided in Kansas since 1869.

Maj **James C Holbrook** died at Chester, aged 78 years. Mr **Holbrook** entered the army in 1862 and was made paymaster with rank of major. From exposure during the war, he became physically disabled and had been drawing a pension of \$75 a month.

Duane Knapp, aged 18 years, died at Bement. He had secured an appointment at West Point and was to go there soon.

Mrs **Thomas Butter** died at Decatur at age 69 years. Her twin sister, Mrs **Ellen Hughes**, died in St Louis, a few days previous.

James H Pratt of Dixon died suddenly of heart disease while on his way home from church. He was 70 years of age and leaves a widow and two children.

Col **Ulysses G Sheller Dubuol** died at Galena, aged 71 years. He was a native of Switzerland and was with Kossuth in the Hungarian uprising, coming to America, where he became eminent in his profession – civil engineering. He constructed the fort at Paducah, Kentucky, during the war, and otherwise distinguished himself during the struggle.

Wednesday, 23 January 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Everett Corrington celebrated his 32nd birthday on Sunday by giving a dinner for relatives at his home. The affair was quite pleasant.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Dowd** on Tuesday, a boy, who arrived 22 January 1895.

Radford news: An infant son of Mr and Mrs **Markwell** died on Wednesday and was buried at Blue Mound on Thursday.

Wednesday last, at the home of his father, Esquire **M F Pleak** of Pleak's Corner, **Frank Pleak (M F Pleak, Jr)**, third son of the esquire, passed peacefully from life into death in the 21st year of his age. The burial was deferred until Sunday last at 2 o'clock that his brothers, **Arthur** and **Morton Pleak** could get home from school and gaze once more upon the face of their beloved brother. The deceased was an exceptionally fine young man who bore the respect and esteem of all that knew him. He was buried in Locust Grove Cemetery. **M F Pleak, Jr** was born on 14 May 1874, in Maury County, Tennessee. In

1877, he moved with his parents to the present place of residence where he spent his childhood days and grew into noble manhood. After a decline of fifteen or eighteen months, he died on the 16th of January 1895 at his father's home. He leaves to mourn his loss, his father, mother, three brothers and a sister.

Frank Richardson, a merchant of Danville, and a retired farmer, shot and killed **J P Campbell**, a Georgetown blacksmith. Both **Campbell** and **Richardson** were married. Richardson formerly lived in Georgetown, where he joined the odd fellows. He was summoned there for trial the other evening and drove there, accompanied by his wife and half-grown son. Campbell who had been living in Ridge Farm, heard of the proposed trial. He went to Georgetown and, it is said, notified parties that he intended to beat Richardson up. Richardson attended the lodge meeting and at 8 PM, Campbell was observed standing at the foot of the stairs that led to the hall. He made no concealment of the fact, so observers say, that he was laying for **Richardson**. The town constable and several others reasoned with him but he was obstinate and would not listen.

W L Musson and Miss **Lulu Meller** were married at Effingham.

Dr **J B Torrence** and Miss **Jessie McAdam** were married at Chester.

Paul Balbach and Miss **Katie Powers** and **Arthur Hoffman** and Miss **Carrie Nethercorn** were married at Fairbury.

Over 300 guests attended the wedding at Princeton of Dr **Charles W Hodgman** and Miss **Maud Munger**, daughter of the mayor.

Oscar Balcom, son of Dr **Balcom**, of Marshalltown, Iowa, committed suicide at the home of his brother, **Ansel Balcom**, of Sycamore, with a shotgun. Financial troubles was the cause.

As **Fred Vance**, aged 12, and his brother, aged 17 years old, were returning from a rabbit hunt near Chrisman, the gun on the elder boy's shoulder was discharged, and the contents entered the back of Fred, just below the left shoulder, causing his death in five minutes.

Frederick Wiegand of Jacksonville, was intoxicated the other night and threatened his wife. In a fit of desperation, she seized a revolver and shot him through the chin, with probably fatal results. As Mrs **Wiegand** stood by the body of her husband, she was seized with remorse and tried to take her own life, but was prevented in doing so. **Wiegand** is a butcher.

At the home of her father, **David Cravens**, 4 ½ miles northwest, after a brief, but very severe illness, **Lillie Cravens**, died Saturday morning, 19 January 1895, of an internal trouble contracted not long after being thrown from a wagon by a runaway team. Her age was just 16 years, 2 months and 21 days. She was born 28 October 1878. The funeral was held on Sunday last, at one o'clock by Rev **Waggoner** of the U B church, officiating. Remains were laid to rest in the Little Flock cemetery. Mr **Cravens** has three members of his family lying very ill with typhoid fever at this writing.

Mr **J M Sinnard** of Assumption and Miss **Etta Mauzy** of Moweaqua were married Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock in Decatur, at the courthouse by Judge **Hammer**, returning home on the six o'clock train. They were serenaded by the young ladies and gentlemen of Fame that evening. Mr and Mrs **Sinnard** will reside with the bride's parents.

This evening at the residence of the bride's parents in Macon, Miss **Mamie Eckman** and Mr **Walter Walker** will be united in marriage. The bride is the daughter of Rev **Eckman**, pastor of the Methodist church at Macon, a most charming young lady whose warm friends are numbered by the score. The groom, a son of **Elijah Walker**, has recently gone into

business with **Elmer Snell** in this city and comes to us as an honorable and honored young man. He has a prominent position among business men in this city. Mr and Mrs **Walker** will come at once to this city to reside and the *Call-Mail* bids them a most cordial welcome to our lovely little city.

Wednesday, 30 January 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A notable event at Macon last Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, was the happy marriage of **Walter E Walker**, son of Mr and Mrs **Elijah Walker**, and Miss **Mamie E Eckman**, the accomplished daughter of Rev and Mrs **J W Eckman**. The church was crowded by relatives and friends of the handsome couple. At 7 o'clock, as last notes of the wedding march, rendered by Miss **Kittie Smith**, fell upon the ears of the guests, the bride and groom, unattended, entered from the west door of the lecture room and took their places before the altar. Rev **C Galeener**, Decatur, elder of the Methodist church, pronounced them husband and wife. After the ceremony, they were escorted to the parsonage adjoining the church, where an elaborate wedding supper was served. Mr and Mrs **Walker** received in the parlor, assisted by Miss **Anna Eckman**, sister of the bride, and Miss **Mamie Alison**. They were recipients of a large number of costly and useful presents. The young couple are quite well-known in Decatur, the bride being a former student of the High School and the groom of the Decatur Business University. The bride has always been a favorite with her large circle of acquaintances. The groom is a young man of most estimable character and good business ability. Mr and Mrs **Walker** will immediately begin housekeeping in their new home in Moweaqua where the groom will engage in the implement business. Following were among the guests from a distance: **Frank Hight**, Assumption; **E W Walker** and family; **Jos Walker**, Moweaqua, **J W Walker** and family, **W M Eckman**, **Robert Bivans** and family, **A McGee** and wife and Rev **C Galeener** and wife of this city. (*Decatur Republican*).

Mrs **Margaret Crane** died Saturday at Loami of consumption and was aged 35 years. Born to Mr and Mrs **John Linn** on 23 January 1895, a girl.

Mr and Mrs **Wm Wier** and Mr and Mrs **J Smith** were among those that surprised **Dallas Faught** on his 50th birthday at Antioch last Sunday.

Mrs **Margaret Crane** of Loami died on Saturday of consumption. She was aged 35 years of age.

Mrs **Rose A Cowle** passed away in the seventy-sixth year of her age on Monday morning at 6:15 o'clock at her home just five miles east of town. **Rose Ann Cowle**, breathed her last, and her death, while not entirely unexpected came rather suddenly upon many of her friends. She was in the seventy-sixth year of her age and rather feeble and the direct cause may be attributed to a peculiar stomach trouble and general debility. She had resided in this community for thirty years and was a woman whose noble unselfish life had surrounded her with a host of loving friends. The deceased had been a faithful and conscientious member of the Christian church the larger part of her life and when the end came for this loving mother, it was simply a transition of life into eternal light. She leaves six children to mourn the loss of their mother: **Charles Cowle**, **J W Cowle**, **George Cowle** of Kansas, Mrs **H Goodwin**, of Normal; Mrs **L J Cooper** and Mrs **F E VanGundy**, both of Macon. Services were held at her home this morning. Rev **L N Williams** officiating and the interment took place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. (*A hand drawn sketch of Mrs Cowle accompanies the obituary which is included in the front of this book.*)

Died – Little **Lillie Florence Cooper**, the three months-old daughter of **Calvin and May Cooper** died on 25 January 1895. Funeral was held on Saturday AM in charge of **Rev E J Durham**. Interment was made at the Snyder Cemetery.

Died on Wednesday 23 January 1895, of an internal trouble, Mrs **Wm Abrams**, at her home near Yantisville in the 31st year of her age. The funeral services were held Thursday last at Locust Grove, and the remains were interred at the same place. The deceased leaves a husband and four children, and is spoken of by all who knew her as a most excellent woman.

Wednesday, 6 February 1895 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Clarence Oburne, the infant child of Mr and Mrs **M M Oburne**, southeast, died at age 2 years. The funeral was held on Saturday. **Rev E J Durham** officiated.

Mr **J M Sinnard** of Assumption and Miss **Etta Mauzy** of Moweaqua were married Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock in Decatur.

Mrs **H J Conover** was given a surprise on Tuesday in honor of her 63rd birthday at Loami. **Jas King** and wife attended the **Lane-King** wedding at Prairie Bird last week.

James G Stewart passed away. The deceased was a member of J V Clements Post G. A. R., Shelby Lodge I. O. O. F. and the Knights of Honor, holding \$2,000 insurance in the last named organization. He and his wife were earnest and consistent members of the M E Church of this city from which sanctuary he will be buried on Thursday (tomorrow) morning at eleven o'clock. **Rev E J Durham** officiated at the rites. **James G Stewart**, was born in Pennsylvania, on 27 September 1840, and at the time of his death was aged 54 years, 2 months and 7 days old, passing from his life on 3 February 1895. After nobly serving his country during the war, he removed to Moweaqua in 1866, and in the fall of 1868, he married Miss **Lizzie Friedley**. To this union, three children were born, all of whom are now deceased. Mrs **Stewart** died also in the summer of 1877, in the 27th year of her age. The deceased was again married to Miss **Tryphena M Brooks**, who with three children, **James F Stewart**, **Malcolm W Stewart** and **Charles L Stewart**, survive him. Two brothers and four sisters survive him. **F B Stewart**, Washington, DC, **A M Stewart**, Altoona, Pennsylvania, (both of whom arrived this morning to attend the funeral), **Mary C**, **Rachel**, and Mrs **F Snyder**, all of Altoona, Pennsylvania. (*Hand sketched likeness included in the front of this book.*)

Thursday last, Mr **Charles Selby** accompanied by **Rev Ezra J Durham**, went to Decatur and there met Mrs **Namie Summerfield** of St Louis, who arrived on the morning Wabash train. The party repaired at once to the Brunswick hotel and were united in marriage by the Reverend **Durham**. Mr and Mrs **Selby** came down to Moweaqua on the evening train and will make this city their future home. It was Mr **Selby's** intention to defer the marriage until spring, but owing to the peculiar position in which he is placed here with his children, he thought it best to have the marriage consummated at the present time. Sunday morning last, this community was suddenly shocked and deeply grieved by the intelligence that **James G Stewart** was dead. At first, the report could hardly be accredited. The afternoon before he had been in town trading and seemed to be enjoying excellent health. Bright and cheerful, as was his disposition, he had been shaking hands with his numerous friends and the news of his death so suddenly, created a most profound sensation. When he arrived home on Saturday evening, he started to pull some water from the well when the attack came and he was prostrated. His family physicians worked

heroically with him all night long, but without avail. He died at seven o'clock on Sunday morning. **James G Stewart** was a noble character. He was a good man, was manly in every sense the word implies and was beloved by everyone. His footprints upon the sands of time are indelible impressions upon the hearts of his friends and neighbors. His death is a public calamity.

Wednesday, 13 February 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

This evening at six o'clock at the M E Parsonage, the Rev **E J Durham** officiating, **J William Tolson** and Miss **Lina L Drew** will be united in marriage. The wedding will be a very quiet affair and at its conclusion the newly married couple will adjourn at once to the home of the bride's father, **J D Drew** where they will be tendered a reception by Mr and Mrs **Drew**. The groom is a steady and sturdy young representative of an Illinois farmer, well-known and esteemed in this community, the son of Mrs **M Tolson**. The bride is a charmingly prepossession young lady, having those ideal traits of character that go to make a bright and happy home. Mr and Mrs **Tolson** will reside on the Mrs **M Tolson's** farm the coming year, while Mrs **Tolson** will move to town and reside in the **F G Penn** property recently acquired by her.

Jos Cameron and wife have a new son born 8 February 1895 – weighed in at 10 pounds! **Philip J Dagenhart**, aged 55 years, for 30 years employed by the Chicago and Alton, as a locomotive engineer, dropped dead from heart disease in Bloomington.

Lotus Miles, aged 76, chief clerk in the state auditor's office in 1849 and continuously in the employ of the office since until two years ago, died in Springfield.

Mrs **Sarah Davis**, wife of **Alfred Davis**, 5 miles southwest of Bunker Hill, killed herself by shooting. Her mind had evidently been affected by illness.

J D Brown, one of Joliet's oldest merchants died the other day at age 68 years. He resided in Joliet about 50 years and leaves a large estate.

Silas White was found hanging from the limb of a tree at Urbana. He was an old soldier, had lived for many years in Urbana and was in ill-health.

Harry, alias 'Goose' **Garland**, was shot, probably fatally, at Spring Valley by Officer **Knowles** while resisting arrest.

Benjamin Hypes, the oldest resident in St Clair County, celebrated his 90th birthday recently.

The infant daughter of State Senator **H M Dunlap** died at Savoy. Mr **Dunlap** had been summoned home from Springfield by telegram, but did not arrive at his daughter's side until after her death.

The foregoing clipping taken from the *St Louis Chronicle* explains itself, but it's probably not true. Findlay, Illinois, 9 February 1895. Word was received of the death of **Dr W J Huff** by suicide at St Charles, Illinois. He formerly lived here and had a large practice but moved several years ago.

Gladys Weakly, the daughter of **James Weakly**, southeast, Sunday, 10 February 1895, of lung fever in the sixth year of her age. The funeral services took place at Locust Grove on Monday. Sunday morning the death angel visited the home of Mr and Mrs **James Weakly** and took from their embrace their little daughter, **Gladys Weakly**, aged 6 years, 10 months and 10 days. The devotional services were conducted at the home by Rev **Hamilton** and the funeral services were held at the Locust Grove Church by Rev **Baker**. Survived by

parents, four brothers, 2 sisters, all who are left to mourn here, but little **Gladys** is safe in the arms of Jesus, with the little sister who has gone on before.

James M Barger died last Monday, aged 69 years. Funeral services were held Wednesday in the M E Church and the interment took place in Sulphur Springs Cemetery. (Loami news)

Wednesday, 20 February 1895 issue, Moweauqua Call-Mail:

Saturday last, being the 69th birthday of Mrs **Washington Gregory**, the estimable old lady was treated to a genuine surprise by having her children, relatives and friends appear enmasse about the noon hour, bringing with them a wagon load of the good things of life. **Uncle Wash** was just as much surprised as his good wife, and when the table was spread, the dinner—nay, banquet—was fit for kings.

Rev **J W Eckman** officiated at marriage of **Howard Chew** of Macon and Miss **Minnie Sibert** of Moweauqua. The bride and groom were accompanied by a number of friends and relatives. They are both well-known in this area.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Harvey Miller** on 14 February 1895, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **L C Whitehead** on 14 February 1895, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Thos Hudson, Jr**, on 14 February 1895, a girl.

J M Portwood received the sad intelligence of the death of his sister-in-law in Nebraska. This evening at the Baptist church, Miss **Ada Roff** and Mr **Henry Uphoff** will be united in marriage. Rev **T M Griffith** officiating. The bride is the daughter of **Ed Roff**, a pleasant young lady, whose friends are numbered by the score in Moweauqua. The groom has resided several years in this vicinity, and bears the reputation of a hardworking and straight-forward young man.

Frank H Whitsett and Miss **May Hays** of Moweauqua were married Saturday by Justice **Short** at his office. The happy couple came alone and witnesses from the adjoining offices were pressed into service. The ceremony was finished in first class style and Mr and Mrs **Whitsett** left on the afternoon train for Moweauqua. (*Decatur Review*, 17 February 1895)

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Hipes** on 15 February 1895, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Sam Sampson** on 16 February 1895, a son.

Six lady pallbearers acted at the funeral ceremony of Mrs **Joseph Berdell** at Washville, Montgomery County, last Saturday. The deceased was a member of the order known as the Home Forum. It was the first funeral probably ever held in Central Illinois at which ladies acted as the part of pallbearers.

Resolution of respect dated 16 February 1895 from the J V Clement Post No 863 G. A. R in memory of our departed comrade, **J G Stewart**.

Mr **C D Stump** and Miss **Dora Abrams** of Pickaway, stood before Judge **Ames** on Thursday at 2 PM before he executed his official function to make them man and wife. Mr **Stump** is one of the best citizens of Pickaway and is a worthy gentleman. His handsome bride is the highly respected daughter of Mr and Mrs **Samuel Abrams** of Obed.

(*Shelbyville Democrat*)

Rose Anna Fanning was born in Newark, New Jersey, in 1819, in which city she resided until she was 17 years old, when she was united in marriage to **Daniel Cowle** of Ballaghn, Isle of Man, August 28, 1836. From that city, she, with her husband, moved to Connecticut, in which state they lived only a short time, when they concluded to try their fortune in Virginia, where they removed about 1839. After a brief, but eventful residence

among the mountains and canals, where entered 160 acres of land, they concluded that fortune was far too fickle for them in that state. So they packed up their worldly goods and, with their two children, **Charley Cowle** and **Harriet Cowle**, they started for Illinois, and reached Macoupin County, in the early 1840s, locating near Bunker Hill. After a few years, they moved to Madison County where they lived until the spring of 1865, when with their four children then at home, **John, George, Louisa, and Fannie Cowle**, they came to Shelby County, locating near Moweaqua, where she met with the crowning sorrow of her life, the loss of the faithful partner of all her sorrows and joys, who died 22 February 1878, and where she, after a continuous residence of nearly 30 years, died 28 January 1895, aged 76 years. Mother has been the recipient of, and has experienced many of the varied trails and vicissitudes of early Illinois life, born and reared to early girlhood in the city, never knowing a father's watchful care, or scarcely realizing a mother's tender love, as she lost her father in her infancy and her mother when she was 12 years old. Taking upon herself, family ties when young, bringing in after years, the cares and responsibilities of a large family, coupled with inexperience with only ambitious womanhood and unfaltering faith in Him who rules, she fought the battle of life to a victorious ending. She was surrounded at no great distance by her children, who were all with her when she passed away.

Mrs Anna Barton Shastid died at the home of her parents in Pittsfield.

John Drake died at Kappa, Woodford County, from pneumonia, aged 90 years. Mr **Drake** was a native of Virginia and when the rebellion broke out he was living in Tennessee. He was an uncompromising Union man and in 1864 was seized three times by rebel guerrillas and hanged as many times to a tree, to force him to reveal where he had hidden his money. He did not give up his possessions, however, and when he escaped from the guerrillas, located at Kappa where he has lived ever since. He leaves four children, ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Five deaths occurred at Metropolis the other night: **A J Kebler**, aged 67 years and a grand army man; **Anna**, daughter of **C S Rush**, MD., aged 18 years; **Richard Cunningham**, aged 23 years; **Mary**, wife of **C W Lukins**, aged 23 years, and an infant child of **Ed Wheeler**.

Mr and Mrs **J H Wheat** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Rockford, and the same evening, Mr and Mrs **Wm Dickinson** observed their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs **W H Vest**, the white victim of **William Bush's** viciousness at Decatur, died of brain fever the other evening, having been ill ever since the sensational assault, which occurred on 1 June 1892. **Bush**, it will be recalled, was captured and placed in the Decatur jail. At an early hour on the morning of 3 June 1892, the jail doors were broken in by a mob, and the Negro, naked, was hanged from the cross-arm of a pole in front of the courthouse. Subsequently, 45 of the farmers and citizens in the mob were about to be indicted but the jury was divided on the question. They were sent back twice by Judge **Vail** and finally discharged to give place to a special jury, which also failed to agree. Gov **Altgeld** at the time, offered a reward for the detection of the ringleaders of the mob, but their names were never revealed.

Died Sunday morning at her home near Old Stonington, Mrs **Jacob Adams** of heart trouble. The funeral services were held on Monday. She was about 60 years of age and an old resident of Christian County.

G B Harpole and **Casey Gregory** of Fairfield were found dead in their room at the Brunswick Hotel in Springfield. It is said they blew out the gas. Both had been

summoned to the city as witnesses before the United States grand jury. In the morning, when the hotel clerk went to awaken them, the hotel corridor was filled with gas fumes. He entered their room through the transom and found their dead bodies in bed. The clerk himself had a narrow escape from asphyxiation in his endeavor to ventilate the room.

Harpole was 45 or 50 years of age. **Gregory** was a young unmarried man.

John Anderson, aged 83 years, died at Decatur.

Mrs Nancy J Young died at Galena aged 90.

Jacob D Tunison, aged 69, a farmer, died near White Hall.

Edward H Kane and **Miss Mary McVicker** were married at Henry.

J William Thompson and **Miss Drew** were married at Moweaqua.

Louis Shaw, a wealthy farmer of Will County, aged 31 years, was mysteriously assaulted on the highway at night. He died of his injuries.

Frank Adkinson, who shot and killed **Lena Zipper**, with whom he was infatuated, and then attempted to commit suicide, has been indicted for murder at Peoria.

George Bosser, a prominent business man of Bloomington, and **Miss Laura F Johnston**, daughter of a wealthy farmer, were married recently, but it was several days before their friends were made aware of the fact.

The grand jury of Vermilion County refused to find an indictment for manslaughter against **F A Richardson** who killed **J P Campbell** at Georgetown. The jury considered the incident was done in self-defense. They did indict **Richardson** for carrying a weapon.

Mrs John Portwood died at her home near Edgar, Nebraska, of inflammation of the stomach and blood poisoning on 6 February 1895, aged 33 years. **Lizzie Culver** was a daughter of **Edward** and **Elizabeth Culver**, former residents of Macon County, but now deceased. She was born in Christian County, Illinois, in 1861, and came with her parents to Macon County in 1865, and was united in marriage to **John Portwood** on September 1877. In 1879, she and her husband removed to Edgar, Nebraska, where they have since resided. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn her loss. Her brothers and sisters are: **John H Culver**, Decatur, Illinois; **Jas Culver**, Springfield, Illinois, **W T Culver**, Moweaqua, **Mrs D Portwood**, Edgar, Nebraska, **Mrs R F Scott**, Ridgway, Colorado, **Mrs J Mossholder**, Pond Creek, Oklahoma Territory; **Mrs H F Hughes**, Cheto, Oregon. On her death bed, she gave evidence of a christian faith and that she was passing to be with her redeemer.

At Monmouth, **Hal Hartman** was released from custody, having served a jail sentence, and was killed by a train near the city that evening.

Stephen H Velie, secretary of Deere and Co, the plow manufacturers, dropped dead of organic heart trouble at his home in Moline. He was aged 65 years.

Timothy Pryor, aged 40 years, a farmer in Keene Township, Adams County, was instantly killed, his head being caught between logs that he was hauling.

Patrick Kiley, aged 70 years of Bloomington, sat down to read after supper and fell asleep. When an attempt was made to awaken him, it was found that he was dead.

Jessie Grant was found dead in a room at Carbondale with a bullet in his head.

Mrs Ann Honselman of Monticello celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary the other day.

Mrs Honselman is a daughter of **John Piatt**, after whom Piatt County was named. She occupies the log cabin built in the early days of pioneers. She does all the work for the family, and bids fair to live a number of years.

Misses **Flo Goodwin** and **Agnes Brown** drove to Taylorville on Monday to attend the funeral of little **Essie Anderson**, a niece of Mrs **Brown's**.

Wednesday, 27 February 1895 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Absolom Stubblefield, one of the pioneer settlers of McLean County died from pneumonia, after a week's illness, aged 79 years. He was a wealthy landowner, farmer, and stock dealer. He leaves seven children. His aged widow is lying critically ill, also with pneumonia.

Dame rumor says there will be a double wedding at Ridge on Wednesday, the contracting parties being **Tony Baptist** and Miss **Cora Boys**, **Charles Roessler** and Miss **Louella Boys**.

A pleasant surprise was given Mrs **P F Heiser** last Sunday, it being her 65th birthday. She was taken to church in the morning and on her return found a crowd of both young and old assembled there to celebrate her birthday. On going to the dining room, she beheld the table loaded with every good thing imaginable prepared by her daughter and many friends. February 16 being the occasion of Mrs **Rachel Breeding's** sixty-sixth birthday, a sumptuous birthday dinner was tendered her, at which a large number of friends and relatives were in attendance. There were seven persons there who were born in February, five of whom were over the age of 65. Guests were **S L Breeding**, Mrs **Ruth E Smith**, **Wm Spence**, **Jonathan Alkire**, Miss **Sallie Alkire**, Mr and Mrs **W J Clark**, Mr and Mrs **F P Snell**, Mr and Mrs **J W Clark**, Mr and Mrs **L Spence**, Mr and Mrs **Wm Breeding**, and Mr and Mrs **J P Breeding**.

Dennis Staley of Loami is the happiest man in town, and it is all because a ten-pound boy came to this home on Wednesday.

Clarence Mathias Obourne, little son of **Mathias** and **Etta Obourne**, died 1 February 1895 after a short illness, aged 2 years, 2 months and a few days. The funeral was conducted by Rev **E J Durham** at the German M E Church after which remains were laid to rest in the German cemetery.

Thursday evening last at the conclusion of the performance given in Ribelin's opera house by Carlton and Brown's comedy company, Mr **Ben Simmon** and Miss **Minnie Mutterer** were publicly united in marriage upon the state in the presence of the audience. The couple were members of the company and the ceremony was artistically performed by Rev **Nathan Humphrey**.

Died Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, **Essie Anderson**, daughter of Mr and Mrs **J Riley Anderson**, of tonsillitis and heart failure. She was born in July 1892. Her funeral services were held in the C P Church at two o'clock on Monday. Rev **M B Irving** officiating and her remains were interred in Oak Hill cemetery. (*Taylorville Courier*). The mother of the deceased is the daughter of **J Wheeler Brown** and the family have many friends in this city.

Mrs **Tryphena M Stewart** has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of her husband, the late **James G Stewart**, deceased.

As announced in the *Call-Mail* of last week, the wedding of Miss **Roff** and **Henry Uphoff** was solemnized at the Baptist church, Wednesday evening last. Mr **Jeff Roff** and Miss **Clara Fieker** were the attendants.

Wanda E Hinckley, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs **Hinckley**, born 12 October 1894, died 3 February 1895. (Article includes a poem written in her memory and signed, 'Grandma')

George Curtis, an aged Negro, was found dead and frozen solid in his hovel at Bloomington, having apparently been dead a week. He was a veteran of the Union, having served in the Fifty-sixth Massachusetts, enlisting in Boston.

At White Hall, a four-year-old son of **U S Dugdell** accidentally discharged a shotgun, killing his two-year-old brother.

The golden wedding of Mr and Mrs **W G Simpson** was celebrated at Illiopolis, Sangamon County. Invited guests were present from Decatur and other cities.

At Menominee, the wedding ceremony of Miss **Matilda Hilby** to **Peter Espeiding** was interrupted by a telegram from Waterloo, Iowa, stating that he had a wife living.

Ralph O Dupee died at Earlville, LaSalle County, of apoplexy, aged 48 years. He was a wealthy member of the Dupee Bros and also vice president of the First National Bank and had served in the war.

John D Henderson, aged 80 years, died at his home in Wilmington, Will County. He was one of the earliest settlers in Will County and was prominent in politics.

Dr **Mathew D Gordon**, one of the most prominent physicians in Clinton County, died at Huey, the other night, very suddenly of heart failure. He was aged 33 years.

Christian Sturman and Mrs **Catherine Yost**, **Henry Kramer** and Miss **Louise Gross** were married at Mendota. This ceremony was a double one and was performed at the Grand Opera House.

A terrible tragedy occurred in Dillon Township, Tazewell County, the other evening.

John Bowlby, a farmer, was seated in the parlor of his home with his wife. **Albert Wallace**, his brother-in-law, and **Thomas Lyman**, a hired hand. They were singing and passing a pleasant evening. Suddenly, **Wallace** entered the bed room and, taking a number of shells, he walked around the house a few times, and finally commenced shooting through the window at the persons inside. The first shot tore a large portion of one of **Bowlby's** hand's off, while the second entered his wife's chest, causing injuries which it was thought would certainly result in her death. By this time, **Lyman** was on the front porch to investigate, and was greeted with a regular fusillade. The first shot badly scarred his head, while the second, fired from a revolver, entered his left side and the third his hip. He retreated to the house. **Jessie Trowbridge** hastened for officers and doctors, who soon arrived. The wounds were dressed. The next morning **Wallace** surrendered to the authorities and was locked up. A few years ago, **Wallace's** father was shot and instantly killed by a tenant, with whom he had a dispute, and **Wallace** has ever since brooded over the disposition made of his father's property. This is regarded as the cause of the tragic shooting.

Lawrence Lyman, another victim of **Albert Wallace's** shooting in Tazewell County, has passed into eternity, making two deaths as a result of this tragedy. **Lyman's** body contained 80 buckshot. He made a death bed statement which brands **Wallace** as the murderer beyond any doubt. **Lyman**, on his deathbed, stated that by moonlight, he distinctly saw **Albert Wallace** as he leveled the shotgun and fired through the window at **John Bowlby** who is fatally wounded. **Wallace** then fired again through the door hitting **Belle Bowlby** who died. **Wallace** was taken to Peoria and jailed for safekeeping.

Mrs **Carl Woodburn** aged 23 years, died at Greenup.

Mrs **David P Elwood**, aged 77 years, died at Decatur.

Louis Heile and Miss **Harriet Wynn** were married at Dixon.

Scott Dowling and Mrs **T A Troutman** died at Charleston.

George H Herdfreder and **Julia Beamer** were married at Quincy.
Miss **Minnie Ducey** and **John Metzger** were married at Pittsfield.
Alexander McKee aged 56 years, fell dead from heart disease at Quincy.
Dr **C S Davis** and Miss **Stella Ballzell** were married at Champaign a few days ago.
Frank Haynor and Miss **Lizzie Random** were married at Fairbury, Illinois, the other day.
G W Headley aged 74 years, the oldest resident of Paloma, Adams County, died recently.
Born to Mr and Mrs **Webb Adams** on Thursday, 21 February 1895, a girl.
Mrs **Anna Aldrich** of Charleston, and Mr **Albert Davis** of Polston, Indiana, were married recently.
Miss **Anna Roff** and **Henry Uphoff** and Miss **Stella Mutterer** and **Ben Simmon** were married at Moweaqua.

Wednesday, 6 March 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr and Mrs **David Humphrey**, 5 March 1895, a son.
Allenboro news: **George** and **Chas Cowle** and **James Van Gundy** removed the remains of their father, Mr **Cowle** to Moweaqua last week. He had been buried 17 years, passing in 1878. His remains will be laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery here next to his beloved wife, **Rose Cowle** who died on the 28th day of January 1895.
Last Wednesday evening Miss **Mamie Braden** and **Hiram Pogue** were united in marriage at the residence of **Ezekiel Braden**. They were chivareed on Saturday night and the boys made such a racket that Mr **Pogue** would not treat. (Prairie Home news)
Rev **E J Durham** returned last week from Arcola where he had been to assist at the funeral services of **James Beggs**, president of the First National Bank of Arcola. He had been President of the First National Bank of Arcola for over thirty years; death was caused by pneumonia. He was 58 years old and leaves a widow and eight children.
Jesse Wheaton, founder of Wheaton, DuPage County, and one of the pioneer residents of the state, died recently, aged 80 years. He left a valuable estate.
Wm Stafford, aged 56, a well-known farmer near Walnut, Bureau County, shot himself. Despondency is supposed to have been the cause.
Jas Fitzpatrick the famous Derby hermit was found dead in his hut at Derby, Connecticut, yesterday. Half a century ago, he was disappointed in love, and for forty years, he had not spoken to a woman.
John Hoker and Miss **Winnie Patton** were married at Fairbury.
J W Lee, a traveling man from Odin, was married to Miss **Clare Tucker** at Carlyle, who ran away from home and met her lover.
Aaron Pierce, a mute from northern Illinois was instantly killed at Clinton, Iowa, by a freight train. He was walking on the tracks.
Hank B Hornback, the 17 year old son of **Henry Hornback**, a prominent well-to-do farmer of Livingston County, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head brought on by financial affairs and thus was the cause of his committing the awful deed in the presence of his father.
Bert Bierbower committed suicide at Anchor, McLean County, by shooting himself in the head. He was 21 years old and was married on Thanksgiving Day. His widow is but 17 years old. The cause was temporary insanity. He was the son of **David Bierbower** of Saybrook.

Friday last being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr and Mrs **Geo A Kautz**, which occurred on 1 March 1870, the event was observed by the entertainment of a number of relatives at their pleasant home on the west side, with an anniversary dinner. The affair was entirely informal and the occasion was one of numerous congratulations, and oft-repeated 'many happy returns'. Present were Mr and Mrs **Wm Dolby** and Miss **Dolby** of Taylorville, Mr and Mrs **Wm Wall** of Iowa; Mrs **Richardson**, Mrs **Lizzie Bond** of Champaign, Mrs **Emma Montgomery** of Champaign, Mr and Mrs **Tom C Ponting** and Mrs **Jessie Adams**, and Mr and Mrs **V Snyder, Jr.**

Thursday, 21 February 1895, being the sixty-fourth birthday of **Uncle Isom Adams**, his numerous relatives under the leadership of Hon **Joseph Adams**, assembled at his home about noon hour and treated him to a most glorious and complete surprise. A sumptuous feast was spread of which just sixty-four persons – one for every year of his life – partook with joyous relish. **Uncle Isom** was the recipient of a very handsome sofa lounge and an abundance of well wishes.

Gilbert Raymond Atteberry, son of **Luther and Nora Atteberry**, was born at their former home northeast of town on 1 August 1880, and at the time of his death, 27 February 1895, was fourteen years and seven months old. His parents removed to Pitwood, Illinois, about the first of the present year, and it was then that **Gilbert** contracted his trouble – meningitis – which resulted in death, after a very brief illness. The remains were brought to this city on Thursday evening and the funeral services were held in the M E Church on Friday afternoon. Rev **J W Eckman** of Macon officiating. Remains were laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Pallbearers were **Wm Snell, Clifton Winchell, Sam'l Riley, Jr, Frank Hudson, H L Smith** and **Henry Baldrige**. Those persons from Macon in attendance at the funeral were Mr and Mrs **Shaddock** and family, Mr and Mrs **Steve Atteberry** and family, **Louis Stich** and family and **Thos Atteberry**. The deceased was known by all his associates as a noble, tender-hearted boy, free from small vices and manly and honest, cheerful and open hearted in his daily walks of life. **Gilbert Raymond**, son of Mr and Mrs **D L Atteberry**, died at his home near Pittwood, Illinois, after an illness of a few hours. Deceased was born in Moweaqua on 1 August 1880, living here and near here until 1 January 1895, when he, with his parents, removed to their present home. He was a bright, intelligent young boy, beloved by all who knew him. Funeral services were held at the M E Church, Moweaqua. Rev **Eckman** officiating, after which interment was made at the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

It gives us pleasure to reproduce from the Winfield, Kansas, *Courier*, of recent date the following clipping, which relates to a most estimable young couple from this vicinity: A very pretty wedding occurred at the parsonage of the First M E Church at 7 o'clock last evening. **Allen Flesch** of Moweaqua, Illinois, claimed as his beautiful bride, Miss **Etta Workman**, of Winfield. Rev **Alexander B Bruner** pronounced the service. The attendants were Miss **Nellie Workman**, sister of the bride, and Mr **J R Bowman**. The young couple left on the 10:05 Frisco train for their Illinois home followed by the best wishes of a host of friends. Mr and Mrs **Flesch** arrived here on Monday and will go to housekeeping at once on the **Jake Johnson** Farm.

Wednesday, 13 March 1895 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Thursday morning, 7 March 1895, about nine o'clock, Esquire **S D West** quietly passed from earth into the infinite unknown. For 40 years he had been a resident of this city and

perhaps no man in this vicinity enjoyed a more far reaching acquaintance. A blacksmith by profession, his life was one of almost continuous labor, and truly may it be said that literally, his bread had been earned by the sweat of his brow. Esquire **Samuel D West** had been an invalid for nearly a year prior to his death, and his last few weeks on earth were attended with great suffering. Esq **West** was an honored member of Moweaqua Lodge A. F. and A. M. having united with the lodge in 1856, and who conducted the services under the auspices of that order, last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the Baptist church. Rev **T M Griffith** officiated. Pallbearers were **Wm Johnson** and **Robert Patterson** of Macon, **S M Adams**, **Henry Fowler**, **E M Warren** and **N T Skiff**. Died at his home in Moweaqua, Illinois, on Thursday, 7 March 1895, at 9:30 AM, **Sam'l D West**. He was a native of New York, born 12 August 1821. His age at the time of his death was 73 years, 6 months and 25 days. He learned the blacksmith trade when young and became an expert in iron and steel. He married Miss **Emily J Baggerly** on 28 May 1844, by whom he had five children, **Harrison**, **Jaries**, **Olin**, **Frank** and **Jennie**. Two only are living. He moved west about 40 years ago and settled at Moweaqua. He united with the M E Church shortly after coming west, becoming dissatisfied, he united with the Church for the Deciples (*as spelled*), about 20 years ago. He was for a layman, very well versed in the New Testament. His listening ear, his retentive memory, his keen perception, and his desire for scriptural knowledge made him a prompter to even the ministry of the village. Many years ago he became addicted to the drink habit, and it was a serious question to him and his friends, who should he master. The struggle was fierce and long; the victory seemed to perch on the banner of the 'demon' and he finally found vantage ground and availed himself to the 'Murphy or Blue Ribbon movement' and took the pledge and donned the blue ribbon, since which time an exemplary life began to assert itself. Card of thanks signed by **Frank West** and family. (*Hand sketched likeness included in the front of this book.*)

Death of **James Gavin**. The community was shocked Tuesday morning to learn of the death of the old and highly respected citizen, **James Gavin**, that occurred at about five o'clock that morning. **Uncle Jimmy** was beloved and esteemed by all who knew him and a complete obituary will be published next week. He was born in Monaghan County, Ireland, and at the time of his death, he was in the 78th year of his age. He leaves a wife and two children and one brother to mourn his passing. Funeral services will be held in Macon on Thursday morning and interment will be in Decatur.

There was a rumor about sometime back that Dr **W J Huff**, lately of Findlay, was dead, but as he writes back to the contrary, we are constrained to believe the rumor wasn't sore and to extend our apologies. The man is quite sick, however, at Troy, Indiana.

(*Shelbyville Leader*)

Mayor **Wm Oliver** of Shelbyville died Saturday night, 2 March 1895, in the fifty-eighth year of his age. He was a worthy and valuable citizen of the County seat.

Sylvia Ruth Steidley, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs **Ed C Steidley**, died of brain fever, Friday night, 8 March 1895, aged 2 years, 4 months and 23 days. The little darling had been ill for several months, and when the end came, silently, peacefully, sweetly, in reality, it was but the dawning of a heavenly morn. The funeral services were held Sunday morning last, the Rev **Jos Thomas** officiating and the interment took place in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

Friday evening, 8 March 1895, at 7:15 o'clock, **Mary E Patterson**, died at her residence in this city, age 70 years and one day. The funeral services were held Sunday morning from the M E Church. Rev **E J Durham** officiated. The services were largely attended for dear old **aunt Mary** had a host of friends in this city. **Mary E Corrington** was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, on 7 March 1825. With her parents, she moved to Green County, Illinois, in 1835, and was married to **Gilbert Patterson** in the spring of 1850. To them were born seven children. Mr **Patterson** died on 26 January 1866, and five of the children have passed away. Only two daughters survive their mother, Mrs **Luther Atteberry** and Mrs **Chas Hipes**, both of whom are now very ill. In 1863 the family came to Moweaqua, Illinois, and until her death, she had been a resident of this place. She fell asleep in Jesus on 8 March 1895, being one day more than 70 years of age. She was converted to the Methodist Episcopal church when 14 years of age. For 56 years she has walked the narrow way. (*More in the article concerning her religion beliefs, not copied in this article*)

Died at the home of her daughter, south of Prairie Home, **Rebecca Rollins** in the 81st year of her age. The funeral occurred Sunday and the interment was at Prairie Home cemetery. Mrs **Rollins** was a native of England and a highly esteemed old lady. She was the mother of Mrs **Wm Baird**.

Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of Miss **Carrie Otta**, daughter of **A Otta**, a prominent farmer residing near Allenboro, to **Otto Bauer**, of Bunker Hill, Illinois, for Wednesday evening next, 20 March 1895, at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride's father. This is the second member of the **Bauer** family to enter the household of Mr **Otta**, and take therefrom, another of his charming daughters. (*Hand sketched likeness of both Miss Carrie Otta and Mr Otto Bauer are included in the front of this book*)

This evening at the Locust Grove church, the Rev **Waggoner**, of the U B church officiating, Miss **Belle Cole**, the estimable daughter of Mrs **E J Cole** and Mr **Oliver Sprinkle**, son of **John Sprinkle**, will be united in marriage. The young people have a host of friends in the vicinity of Obed who unite with the *Call-Mail* in extending sincere congratulations.

Mrs **Caroline S Clark**, mother of Mrs **E J Crowden**, departed this life Sunday, 10 March 1895, at Clinton, Illinois, aged 81 years, 3 months and 10 days. Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs **E J Crowden** on South Monroe Street, Monday afternoon, 11 March 1895, at two o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev **D MacArthur**; interment in Woodlawn cemetery. *Letter to editor*, Clinton, Illinois, 12 March 1895: Dear Sir – I mail you a funeral card of my grandmother, and as she formerly lived in Moweaqua, perhaps it would be of interest to some of your readers. She moved to Moweaqua in the year of 1881, living with her sons, **Spencer** and **Calvin** until the year 1884, when she moved to Decatur, remaining there until 1891, then came to Clinton to live with her daughter, Mrs **E J Crowden**. Respectfully, **G A Crowden**.

Wednesday evening next, at 7:30 o'clock at the M E Church, Miss **Margaret Snyder**, daughter of **M Snyder, Jr** and **Frank T Hudson**, son of **Joshua Hudson**, will be united in marriage, the Rev **E J Durham** officiating. After the wedding, Mr and Mrs **M Snyder, Jr** will tender the newly married couple a reception to which exquisite cards have been issued. (*Hand sketched likeness of both Miss Margaret N Snyder and Mr Frank T Hudson are included in the front of this book*)

Wednesday, 20 March 1895 issue, *Moweagua Call-Mail*:

This evening at 7:30 o'clock in the M E Church, Rev E J Durham officiating, **Mr Frank T Hudson** and Miss **Margaret M Snyder** will be united in marriage. At the above appointed time, Misses **Mattie Snyder, Aileen Day, Grace Coffman, and Daisy Armstrong** will act as ushers at the church, while Miss **Blanche Miller** will preside at the organ. **Mr Homer Tolly** and Miss **Birdie Curtis** will be the attendants. The bride is the eldest daughter of our esteemed fellow townsman, **M Snyder, Jr** and is a young lady whose many excellent traits of character has greatly endeared her to a large circle of friends. **Mr Hudson** is the son of **Joshua Hudson** and is a fine mechanic. After the ceremony, a reception will be presented at the home of the bride's parents. In the very near future, **Mr and Mrs Hudson** will go to housekeeping in the **Allie Snyder** property, just over the line in Christian County.

Born to **Mr and Mrs Michael Workman Jr**, on 11 March 1895, a boy.

A Jacobs and Miss **Maude Beasley** of Madisonville, Kentucky, were married on Monday at the home of the bride. They were given a reception Tuesday by the groom's parents. (Loami news)

Born to **Mr and Mrs Thos Brown** on Tuesday, 19 March 1895, a son.

Monday morning at two o'clock old **Uncle George Bilyeu** passed from life into death at his home west of town in Christian County in the 80th year of his age. Few men in this community were better known and more highly respected. The funeral services were held at the Christian church at eleven o'clock this morning. **George Bilyeu** was born in Overton County, Tennessee, 12 December 1815 and died 18 March 1895. He moved to Sangamon County, Illinois in 1829 and married **Elizabeth Workman** in 1840. He moved to Christian County in 1850 where he has resided for 45 years. **George Bilyeu** was the father of 12 children, 6 boys and 6 girls, six of whom survive him (three boys and three girls).

Mr Wm Tolly and Miss **Maggie Proctor** were married this morning by the Rev **Eli Corley** at his home. **Mr and Mrs J W Proctor**, parents of the bride will tender the newly married couple a reception this evening at their home in Grandview. **Mr Tolly** will farm the Duncan forty just east of town this year.

At the palatial home of **August Otta**, near Allenboro, this Wednesday afternoon, will be solemnized the marriage of his charming daughter, Miss **Carrie Otta** to **Mr Otto Bauer** of Macoupin County, Illinois, the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Macon officiating. The attendants will be Miss **Emma Bauer**, cousin of the groom, and **William Otta**, a brother of the bride. The maids of honor will be Miss **Emma Otta** and Miss **Minnie Davidson**. It is a rather strange coincidence that just a little over a year ago, **Mr Frank Bauer** entered the Otta household and took therefrom, one of its estimable girls, and now comes **Otto Bauer**, and plucks another from the family circle. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a sumptuous wedding feast will be spread to which 50 or more invitations have been issued. **Mr and Mrs Bauer** will leave for Gillespie in the near future and will commence housekeeping on a farm near that city, owned by **J H Bauer**, the groom's father. Thursday morning last, **Mr and Mrs Otto Bauer** left for their future home in Macoupin County, near Gillespie. Among the wedding presents was a check for \$1,000 from the father of the groom and a check for \$250 from the father of the bride. (See note above on sketches of Miss Snyder and Mr Hudson).

Area happenings: Mrs **S G Wright**, aged 83 years, died at Decatur.

Ben T Hull was found dead in bed at Shelbyville.

Mike Petrie aged 60 years, and a farmer living near Lacon, dropped dead.

Mrs **Lizzie Manuel** died suddenly of heart failure at Decatur.

Dr **A C Baker**, a pioneer physician of Barry, died a few days ago.

James Temple, the veteran abolitionist, died at Chicago, aged 70 years.

Miss **Mary E Hess** of Ashland, was found dead in bed.

Mrs **Richard Milner** died at Beardstown at the age of 73 years.

Henry Fricke, a pioneer merchant of Galena, died recently aged 78 years.

John S Hawley, aged 75, a wealthy dry goods merchant of Aurora, died the other day.

Mrs **Elizabeth Hartung**, aged 95 years, died at Joliet.

Mrs **Margaret V Buffum** aged 26 years, died at Louisiana.

David Kester, aged 85 years, died at Greenup. He was the oldest inhabitant of that place.

Sebastian Forbinger, a resident of East Dubuque for forty years, died recently. He was 90 years of age.

While watching the recent eclipse of the moon, Mrs **Joseph Weilhoner** of Melrose township, Adams County, was stricken with paralysis and total blindness resulted. She died the other day. She was well-known as a 'Mrs Brent', who kept a general store in Quincy during the war. She was 79 years of age and had been married 7 times.

Riley E Purnell, colored, died at Quincy. His burial certificate said that he was 100 years and one day old at the time of his death. He had lived a long while in Quincy and was at Hannibal, Missouri, when there was but one house in that city.

The widow of the late **Charles Gross** of Galena, died the other day. She was 83 years of age and was identified with the early settlement of Galena, where she resided for nearly half a century.

W H Newcomb, aged 54, a pioneer of Pana, dropped dead in his store of neuralgia of the heart. The deceased was a democrat and served as mayor and postmaster.

Uncle **James Gavin** has passed from earth into the infinite spirit world of eternal rest. He was a man truly beloved and respected by all his neighbors. **James Gavin** came to this township in 1858 and went to work as a farm hand at \$8.00 per month. By thrift and economy, he acquired a valuable heritage which within itself speaks volumes for his enterprise and business ability. The funeral services were held in the Catholic church at Macon, Thursday morning last. Rev **Maurer** officiating. His neighbors and friends for miles and miles around, drove up in wagons to pay the last and final respect for their dear friend. Remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery at Decatur. **James Gavin** was born 4 November 1817 in Monaghan County, Ireland, and died at his home near Moweaqua, Illinois, on Tuesday 12 March 1895, aged 77 years, 4 months and 8 days. He leaves a wife and two children, **Maria** and **James Gavin** and one brother, **Patric Gavin** who resides in St Louis. (*Hand sketched likeness of Mr Gavin included in the front of this book.*)

Mary E Patterson was born in Bourbor County, Kentucky, 7 March 1825, and at the age of ten years, removed to Green County, Illinois. At the age of 25 years she was united in marriage to **Gilbert Patterson**, to them were born seven children. Five of the children and the father preceded mother to the better world. Twenty-eight years during this time she battled with life's hardships with the remaining two children, teaching them of purity here

and Jesus, and his saving power. (*Hand sketched likeness of Mrs Patterson included in the front of this book.*)

Wednesday, 27 March 1895 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Uncle **George Bilyeu**, one of Christian County's pioneers, died at his home west of town at an early hour on Monday morning, 18 March 1895. The *Call-Mail* takes pleasure in presenting this week, a most excellent portrait of **Uncle George Bilyeu**, one of Christian County's pioneers who died at his home west of town on 18 March. Uncle George has resided in this vicinity nearly half a century and during his life drew about him a multitude of friends and admirers. He had been a life long member of the Christian church, and politically he was a democrat of the Andrew Jackson stripe. His funeral services were held Wednesday morning last at the Christian church west of town and was largely attended. By request, his obituary is a reprint of last week. **George Bilyeu** was born in Overton County, Tennessee, on 12 December 1815 and died on 18 March 1895. He moved to Sangamon County, Illinois in 1829 and married **Elizabeth Workman** in 1840. He moved to Christian County in 1850 where he has resided for forty-five years. He was the father of 12 children, 6 boys and 6 girls; six of whom survive him – three boys and three girls.

(*Hand sketched likeness of Mr Bilyeu included in the front of this book.*)

Mrs **Nancy Aubrey** was called to Monmouth Monday by the death of her father. (Loami news)

Died at the home of **Fletcher Shride** near Obed yesterday about noon, his little daughter, **Cora Shride**, aged about 6 years. The funeral services were held today at 10 o'clock. Rev **Dungan** of Dalton City officiated. Interment in Little Flock Cemetery.

J W Brown received a telephone message this morning announcing the death of his little grandson, **Roscoe Anderson**, aged about 6 years, of diphtheria. The child is the son of Mr and Mrs **Riley Anderson**, who reside at Taylorville. Mr and Mrs **Brown** went over this morning in a carriage to attend the funeral.

Promptly at the hour named in last week's issue of the *Call-Mail*, the Methodist church was filled to overflowing with the largest crowd ever gathered therein to attend a wedding. The program of the **Hudson-Snyder** nuptials was carried out precisely as heretofore published, and the wedding feast that followed at the home of the bride's parents was worthy of a follower of Epicures. Among the many useful wedding presents of which Mr and Mrs **Hudson** were the recipients was a warranty deed to the **Allie Snyder** property on the west side, in Christian County, valued at \$800. This was deeded to them by Mr and Mrs **M Snyder, Jr**, parents of the bride, the consideration being love and affection and one dollar in cash. Mr and Mrs **Hudson** will go to housekeeping in the home about the middle of April. Among those present from a distance were Mr and Mrs **Warnick Halbert Potter** and Misses **Mable** and **Anna Milstead**, and **Arnold Hargroves**, all of Decatur.

Wednesday, 3 April 1895 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Died on 26 March 1895, of dropsy, **Cora Edith Shride**, daughter of Mr and Mrs **A F Shride**, aged 5 years, 11 months and 24 days. The funeral services were conducted by Rev **Dungan** of Dalton City on Wednesday at 2 o'clock PM at the Little Flock church. **Cora** was a bright and industrious little girl with a great desire to live and gain knowledge. She suffered for weeks.

Among those present were Mr **Tuttle, John Breman** and wife of Moweaqua, Mrs **Kinder, I T Kramer** and wife, **Thos Kramer** and wife, **Frank Smith**, and **Jas Kinder**. A reception was given at **I T Kramer's** the 28th.

Married 27 March 1895, at the hour of 7 o'clock PM at the residence of the bride's father, **J P Dinkins**, Miss **Mary I Dinkins** to Mr **Chas Kramer** of Sangamon Co. Rev **Midkiff** of Stonington officiated. After the ceremony a grand supper was served, and Saturday, the happy couple left for Sangamon where they will reside the coming year. A reception was given them at **I T Kramer's** on the 28th. Among those present were Mr **Tuttle, John Breman** and wife of Moweaqua, Mrs **Kinder, I T Kramer** and wife, **Thos Kramer** and wife, **Frank Smith**, and **Jas Kinder**.

A pleasant surprise party was given to Mrs **Oliver Loser** at her home six miles south east of Assumption on 26 March 1895, it being her 30th birthday. The party was gotten up by Mr and Mrs **Russ Smith**. They had it arranged that in the morning, Mr and Mrs **Loser** went to Assumption. While they were gone, the invited guests gathered there with filled baskets and spread the tables with everything that is good to eat. When Mr and Mrs **Loser** returned home, they were met at the gate by her father, mother, and sister, Mr and Mrs **N M Beck** and **Edna**, but never thinking of seeing any one else, but in the parlor, she was very much surprised to see so many smiling faces of her friends. (*List of attendees and presents given; not copied in this book.*)

Ervil McDaniel, the youngest child of **O D** and **Clara McDaniel**, died 20 March 1895 of scarlet fever. He was 2 years, 7 months and 5 days old (Fame news).

John C Thompson who resided northeast of Allenboro, Macon County, Illinois, was born 20 December 1832, and died 30 March 1895, being 61 years, 3 months and 10 days old. Mr **Thompson** was as truthful and honest a man as can be. He was a good neighbor and a peace maker to all, never was a man more loving to his family than he. Mr **Thompson** lived in Green County till 16 years old, when, with his parents, he moved to Montgomery County near Litchfield, living there until he was 22 years old. On 20 December 1854, he and **Luvina Atteberry** were married, and in 1866 they moved to Shelby County in which time four children were born to them, all of which were girls, two of them dying before their mother and two shortly after her death. In 1869, he was married to Miss **Sarah Ann McCarty** of Macon, Illinois, living in Shelby County till 1874, then they moved to Bruce, Moultrie County, living there 18 years. In 1877, he made a confession to Christ and united with the Regular Baptist Church. Since then there never was a more faithful member than he, and he was ordained a deacon in the church shortly after his confession. In 1892, they moved to Macon County, Illinois, where he spent the remainder of his life. Mr **Thompson** leaves a wife and three children, and three sisters to mourn his loss. Remains were interred in Long Grove Cemetery to await the resurrection.

Allenboro news: Died Saturday, 30 March at his home near Allenboro, **John Thompson** died of dropsy of the heart, aged about 62 years. The funeral was held under the supervision of Director **Stine** Sunday morning and interment was at Long Grove Cemetery. Mr **Thompson** had been a resident of that vicinity for many years and was well-known and highly esteemed. A special funeral sermon will be delivered for him in the near future.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Pestorius** on 2 April 1895 – twin sons.

Samuel Felter who resides on the **Nancy Gordon** place, 4 miles north died last night of heart disease. Burial was under the auspices of the I. O. O. F.

Wednesday, 10 April 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Miss **Pauline Bechtel Seger** and **L T Armstrong** were married last night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **E T Seger**, 721 North College Street. Rev **W C Miller** performed the ceremony. Only the members of the bride's family were present. Mr and Mrs **Armstrong** went at once to their own home in the 800 block on East Wood Street where they had a house already furnished. The Sons of Veterans and Ladies' Aid Society planned to give them a surprise house warming there last night. The bride is Miss '**Kittie**' **Seger**, a grand-daughter of Mrs **A C Campbell**, and has many warm friends in this city. The groom is the bookkeeper at the Hatfield Mills. The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs **E T Seger**. (*Decatur Review* of 5 April 1895)

Mrs **Emma Smith**, a sister of Mrs **Leonard Snyder**, died of consumption during the past week. Mrs **Snyder** was with her at the time of her death. Mr and Mrs **Snyder** and other friends attended the funeral from here. (Charter Oak).

The eldest son of Mr **W Dodd** celebrated his 23rd birthday on Wednesday evening by joining in festivities arranged by his parents at his home for that occasion.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Nichols** on 4 April 1895, a girl.

The funeral sermon of **Uncle George Bilyeu** will be preached on Sunday morning, 5 May 1895, the first Sunday in May, at the Christian Church west of town by Rev **J D Morgan** of Odin, Illinois.

Something more than two weeks ago, **Boyd Thompson** severely cut himself with a hedge knife and at the time the wound was regarded as nothing serious, but it began to swell and be painful in about four days, then blood poisoning set in and Thursday, last he died from the effects of the wound. He was the son of Mrs **H B Thompson** who resides south of Prairie Home and was a most excellent young man. He was aged 19 at the time of his death. The funeral services were held Friday morning at the Prairie Home Church; Rev **Paisley** officiating. Interment was made in the church yard cemetery.

Miss **Emma Smith**, a sister of Mrs **Leonard Snyder** died of consumption during the past week. Mrs **Snyder** was with her at the time of her death. Mr and Mrs **Snyder** and other friends attended the funeral from here. (Charter Oak news)

Frank Adkinson was found guilty at Peoria of the murder of his sister-in-law, **Lena Zipper** last February and sentenced to life imprisonment in Joliet. **Adkinson** killed her because she refused to marry him. **Adkinson**, after the murder, attempted suicide.

The marriage of **S S Chamberlain** aged 80 years old, a wealthy retired businessman of Joliet, came to light recently and was a surprise to his family. His bride was **Alice Ripson**, aged 45 years of age, of Saginaw, Michigan, formerly of Lockport, Illinois.

Mrs **Jane King Singleton**, wife of Capt **John S Singleton** of the Goodrich line, died in Chicago the other date aged 56 years. She was a member of one of the leading families of St Louis,

Mrs **Jacob Stautz**, one of the oldest and most prominent of the German residents of Bloomington, died recently after a long illness. She was aged 55 years.

Died 26 March 1895 of dropsy, **Cora Edith Shride**, daughter of Mr and Mrs **A F Shride**, aged 5 years, 11 months and 24 days. The funeral services were conducted by Rev **Dungan** of Dalton City on Wednesday at 2 o'clock PM at the Little Flock church. **Cora** was a bright and industrious little girl with a great desire to live and gain knowledge. She suffered for weeks, and all that kind and loving hearts could do, was done for her.

At the residence of her mother, Mrs **Katherine Snell**, Tuesday evening, 9 April 1895, at 6:20 o'clock PM, of kidney trouble, Mrs **Hiram Goatley** died, in the twenty-ninth year of her age. The funeral of Mrs **Alice D Goatley** will be tomorrow, (Thursday) at ten o'clock from the M E Church and interment at the Masonic cemetery, east of town.

Sunday night about 10 o'clock, Mrs **John Pistorieus** died at her home south of town, but a little over a week since she became the mother of twin boys. The children died on Saturday. The funeral services were held yesterday at the German church, and was largely attended.

As was briefly chronicled in last week's *Call-Mail*, **Samuel B W Felter** died at his home north of town Tuesday night, 2 April 1895, of heart disease. He had been a sufferer for many months and his death came as a blessed relief from all suffering. The funeral services were held at his house Thursday afternoon. Rev **E J Durham** officiated. The remains were sent to Pleasant Plains, Ohio, for interment. Being a member of the I. O. O. F., Shelby Lodge No 274, took charge of the remains. The following gentlemen were pall bearers. **J C Wilson, A M Phillipson, Elias Snell, J O Armstrong, L L Walker, and William Whitworth.** **Samuel B W Felter** was born near Sharonville, Hamilton Co, Ohio, 27 December 1830. His parents moved near Goshen, Clermont County, when he was two years old. He was married to **Eliza Schooley** on 28 July 1853, to whom twelve children were born, eight surviving him, 5 girls and three boys. The oldest daughter residing at Fayetteville, Brown Co, Ohio, and one son at Pleasant Plain, Warren Co, Ohio, and the remaining children residing in this state, Illinois. Five are now married. He moved to Clay County, Kansas, in February 1884. On 1 May 1889, his beloved wife died. In the fall of 1890, he moved to Macon County and in the spring of 1892, he moved near Weldon, Dewitt County, and from there to Christian County in the spring of 1894. He died 2 April 1895, aged 64 years, 3 months, 5 days.

Wednesday, 17 April 1895 issue, *Moweauqua Call-Mail*:

Mrs **Katherine Pistorius** of Flat Branch, died on Sunday evening, the 7th of April at 10 o'clock, PM, following the birth of twins almost a week ago. The twins preceded their mother in death, dying on Saturday. She was the daughter of Mr and Mrs **M Bohlander** of Mascoutah, Illinois, and was born at that place on the 26th day of December 1862. She was married to **John Pistorius** (*Spelling variation: Pistorieus; Pistorius*) of Boody, Illinois, on the 3rd of March 1887, with whom she lived a happy life. Six children were born to them, three of whom preceded their mother to the better world. Thirteen years ago she professed religion and joined the German M E Church at Boody, and lived a consistent christian life. She was an affectionate wife and mother of a joyous disposition, ready for every good work and always trying to make her surroundings happy. On Sunday morning when she realized that the end was near, she bid an affectionate good-by to her husband, children, brother, sister and friends that were attending her, thanking them for all their kindness. The funeral took place on Thursday PM at the German M E Church at Flat Branch of which Mrs **Pistorius** was a member. Rev **Wm Schwind** officiated. She leaves a husband, three children, a father and mother, two brothers and two sisters, one of whom is Mrs **Sahland** of Boody. One of her brothers is Rev **Geo Bohlander** of Keokuk, Iowa, who was present at the funeral. She reached the age of 32 years, 3 months and 12 days.

Born to Mr and Mrs **R E Wetzel** on 9 April 1895, a girl

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Boyer**, 5 April 1895, a boy.

Sunday, 7 April 1895, at Troy, Indiana, **Heber J Cutler**, son of Capt **E B Cutler** and Miss **Mary Smith** of that city were united in wedlock in the presence of the immediate relatives only. The bride is the daughter of **Philip Smith**, one of the wealthy and prominent farmers of that section, who has served his constituency ably in the Indiana Legislature and at one time was a prominent newspaper man. She is a most estimable young lady, who having visited Miss **Cutler** here, made many friends in this vicinity. The groom is the second son of Capt **Cutler** of here, a young man too well-known and too highly esteemed hereabout to need special words of emulation at our hands. Mr and Mrs **Cutler** arrived here on Thursday and went at once to the Captain's home where they will reside.

Born to Mr and Mrs **R J Hill** at Shelbyville last week, a boy. Mrs **Hill** was remembered here as Miss **Emma Steidley**, formerly one of Moweaqua's esteemed teachers.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Clark** on Monday, 15 April 1895, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Charles Clark**, Saturday, 13 April 1895, a boy.

The funeral services of Mrs **Alice D Goatley** took place Thursday morning at 10 o'clock from the M E Church. Rev **E J Durham** officiating. The interment took place in the Masonic cemetery east of town. The following young ladies acted as pallbearers: Misses **Blanche Miller**, **Rose McKay**, **Agnes Brown**, **Sue Rice**, **Minnie Elsum** and **Flo Goodwin**.

From the Freeport newspaper: **Thomas Beverly**, sentenced to be hanged in Freeport on 15 March 1895, and whose sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by Govt.

Altgeld, shortly before the date of his execution, is an innocent man, according to the statement of Mrs **Otto Herbig**, who died here. Mrs **Herbig**, on her death bed, stated in the presence of Justice **Weaver**, Rev Father **Horan**, and other witnesses that her husband, **Otto Herbig**, struck the blow which killed **August Altemeir** in this city last October.

Thomas Beverly is her brother, and together with **Otto Herbig**, was with three others, tried for the murder of **Altemeir**. The evidence was largely circumstantial, but Beverly had been mixed up in a number of scrapes before, and the jury convicted him, fixing the penalty at death. Herbig was found guilty as an accessory and given eighteen years. The trial created great excitement in this vicinity and when first arrested, Beverly was in danger of lynching. Mrs **Herbig** stood by her husband until the last. She saw him strike the blow that killed **Altemeir**, but kept his secret until upon her deathbed. After the conviction of her brother and husband, she slowly pined away and died of a broken heart. Beverly will probably be released from prison within a few weeks.

Alice D Snell, daughter of **Wm H** and **Catherine Snell** was born 10 November 1866. She was married to **Hiram Goatley** on 22 November 1888, to them were born two children, who are now left without a mother's love and care. She died on Tuesday, 9 April 1895, aged 28 years, 4 months and 29 days. She was converted about 12 years ago, but did not unite with the church. This she requested during her last sickness and said that as soon as she was able to attend services she would unite with the Methodist Episcopal church.

(Note: Several accounts of her death; age varies in them; copied exactly as provided in the Call-Mail)

We are extremely sorry to chronicle the death of an old friend and associate, **Lemuel Weakly** of lung fever on Saturday of last week. The funeral occurred Monday at the Knobbs church near his home at Tower Hill. He leaves a wife and two small children besides a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Last Saturday night, the baby of **Lyon and Ruth Baird** died and was buried at the cemetery on Sunday afternoon.

Saturday, 13 April 1895 will be remembered as a red letter day in the history of **Aunt Mary Reed's** life. Mrs **Preston Hunter** and Mrs **J Cross**, two of her near neighbors, planned a surprise for her, it being her 56th birthday. At 5:30 o'clock the neighbors to the number of about 60 people swooped down upon her and took the place by storm. The tables were soon loaded with everything calculated to please the eye and tickle the palate. (*List of attendees not copied in this book*). Her friends presented her with a pair of gold rim spectacles and a picture of Uncle **Johnathan Alkire's** handsome residence of which she is deservedly proud. All departed at a late hour wishing her many happy returns of the day.

Wednesday, 24 April 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr. and Mrs **Wm Workman** on 17 April 1895, a little girl..

Resolution of respect: In memory of **Harris Boyd Thompson** of Prairie Home, Illinois, who died on 4 April 1895. We mourn the early death of our young brother and extend our warmest sympathy to his bereaved mother, sister and brothers and we pray the Divine Master's blessing on our great loss.

Wednesday, 1 May 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The will of the late **James Gavin**, a Moweaqua township farmer has been probated in the County court. The will was first drawn in 1888 and is very vague and uncertain in its terms as several codicils have been added. As near as the court reporter could decipher it, the widow, **Ellen Gavin**, is given the household goods and a buggy, one third of the personal property, the NW NE Sec 28, town 14, range 2, absolutely and the SW NW Section 27 and two rooms in the home during life or widowhood. The one third each of the personal property with a colt apiece is given absolutely to **James Gavin and Maria Gavin** and the remainder of the real estate is bequeathed to them for life with their mother as trustee.

Born to Mr and Mrs **A Gilliland** on 14 April 1895, a baby girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Robert Hill**, southeast, 13 April 1895, a boy.

Mrs **Tryphena M Steward** has placed an order for a very handsome monument to be erected by the Taylorville Marble and Granite works in memory of her late husband, **James G Stewart**, deceased. It will cost about \$400 and will be erected shortly.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Henry Portwood** on Saturday, 27 April 1895, a son.

Miss **Hattie Bethard** most charmingly entertained a number of her young friends last Thursday evening in honor of her brother, **Edward Bethard's** 16th birthday. (*List of attendees, not copied here*).

Wednesday, 8 May 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

James Bailey, one of the oldest settlers in Clay County, died recently. He was 79 years old and the father of 24 children, 16 of them still living. His descendants number more than 100.

Wm Chappell, aged 84 years, one of the oldest and most influential farmers of Jersey County, was found dead in his barn. Probably apoplexy.

Chas Parker and wife left Thursday for Vandalia to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, **Fred Schilling**.

One of the largest funeral services ever seen in this section of the country was held Sunday last at the Christian church west of town. It was preached in memory of **Uncle George Bilyeu** by Rev **J D Morgan** of Odin, Illinois. Hundreds of people attended from this city who were unable to gain admission to the house of worship, so large was the crowd.

Elder **Corley** preached the funeral of **John Bridgman's** baby Thursday afternoon at Locust Grove.

Died on Wednesday, 1 May 1895, the infant child of Mr and Mrs **John Bridgman**, aged 6 months. The burial took place at Locust Grove cemetery the day following. Elder **Levi Corley** officiated.

A party was given at the home of Mr and Mrs **Y Palmer** in honor of their son **Charles's** birthday. A large crowd was there and a good time was had. (Maple Grove)

Chas Gabbert is receiving the congratulations of his many friends and all on account of a little girl which arrived at his home on 26 April 1895.

Wednesday, 15 May 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

On Tuesday, 14 May 1895, at the home of her daughter, Mrs **Myron Curtis**, in this city, Mrs **Lydia Daughtry**, died at 11:30 am, aged 80 years, 4 months and 19 days. Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock today. Rev **E J Durham** officiating. Mrs **Daughtry** was a highly esteemed old lady, and the family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Edw Bilyeu** on 13 May 1895, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **James Doyle** on Tuesday, 7 May 1895, a boy.

Born to **Charles Pope** and wife on Sunday, 12 May 1895, a boy.

Mr and Mrs **John Nichols** attended the funeral of the latter's father, Mr **J Maxwell**, near Spring Creek on Thursday (Willey news).

Mr and Mrs **August Myers** were agreeably surprised Monday evening last, the occasion being the 31st anniversary of their marriage. A large number of their friends and relatives from a distance were present to participate in the joyous occasion.

Miss **Lizzie Harris** of near Spring Creek quietly breathed her last on Saturday, 11 May 1895. She had been a patient sufferer of catarrh of the throat and a complication of diseases for about three months. She leaves a mother, father, two sisters and two brothers, besides numerous friends and relatives. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

The interment took place Monday at 3 o'clock in the old Harris cemetery.

From a copy of the *Jamestown Comet*, under the day of 3 May 1895, we take the following relative to the marriage of Miss **Birdie Hawk**, daughter of **H B Hawk**, who for many years was an esteemed resident of Moweaqua. Miss **Birdie Hawk** has a score of friends here who unite with the *Call-Mail* in extending congratulations. The wedding of Miss **Birdie Hawk** and Mr **Asa Fields** last Wednesday evening was a pretty affair. The young people entered the parlor to the cadenced strain of the wedding march, played by Miss **Ida Helmer** of Fairfield. (*List of attendees, not provided in this book*).

Saturday evening last, in Decatur, at the home of Mrs **Lou Booker**, the bride's sister, Judge **Hammer** officiating, **James M Erpelding**, of this city, and Miss **Emma Price** of Windsor, were united in marriage. The young couple came to this city at once and will make their home for the present with Mrs **Erpelding**, the groom's mother. The affair was a complete surprise to **Jim's** numerous friends, who little dreamed that when he went up to

Decatur Saturday, he would return with a charming bride. He is a hard working mechanic in the employ of Travis and Morris. They will live in Moweaqua.

Wednesday, 22 May 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

After a lingering illness of several months, **W H Miller**, an old and highly esteemed citizen quietly passed away last night, 21 May 1895, at 9:40 o'clock while sitting in his chair. He has been a sufferer for many months, his trouble being a complication of diseases which finally culminated in dropsy of the heart. He was a genial, cordial old gentleman, whom everyone knew and everyone liked. At the time of his death he was 71 years, 3 months and 27 days. He was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, on 24 January 1824. The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock from the Presbyterian church. Rev **L N Williams** officiated.

D Eversole and wife are the happy parents of a son, born 11 May 1895.

Lydia Daughtry who was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on 25 December 1815, died at Moweaqua, Illinois, 14 May 1895, aged 79 years, 4 months and 19 days. She was united in marriage to **Bryant Daughtry** in her 19th year, and to them were born 7 children, 5 of whom are living. With her husband, she came to this state in 1850. Mr **Daughtry** died during the war in 1862, in the service to his country. Sister **Daughtry** was converted in her 18th year and united with the Methodist Episcopal church in 1871. She was loved by all who knew her and especially by her children. Sister **Daughtry** has walked in the path of live over 60 years and came down to life's close with christian confidence unshaken. She was ready to respond to the Master's call.

Born to Mr and Mrs **H Jordon** of Obed, 19 May 1895, a son.

D Eversole and wife are the happy parents of a son born 11 May 1895.

Wednesday, 29 May 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr and Mrs **H Jordan** of Obed on 19 May 1895, a boy.

As was briefly noted in last week's issue of the *Call-Mail*, the funeral of the late **Wm H Miller** occurred Thursday morning from the Presbyterian church, Rev **L N Williams** officiating. Interment took place in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. The pall bearers were **S M Adams, B H McHenry, Jos Duncan, Sr, John Corrington, J H Kirker** and **J W Procter**. The deceased was a quiet, unostentatious gentleman, a hard working and thorough mechanic, and a man who most favorably impressed those with whom he came in contact, during the ordinary routine of life. As an invalid, he patiently bore his suffering, as one who felt that the coming of the end was but the beginning of a newer life, free from human agony. **William H Miller** was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, on 22 June 1824, and died in Moweaqua, Illinois, 21 May 1895, leaving a wife, **Marietta Miller** and six children, **M H Miller**, Moweaqua; **John R Miller** and **Allen J Miller**, Assumption; Mrs **Henry Schwab** of Danville; Mrs **Jacob Schwab** of Taylorville, and **Harvey Miller**. At the age of 18 years he united with the German Lutheran Church, and was married to Miss **Marrietta Boyer** on 14 August 1851. He and his family have been highly respected residents of Moweaqua for about 10 years.

Born to Dr and Mrs **Pelton** on Friday, 24 May 1895 a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Ed Hayes** on Friday, 24 May 1895, a girl.

Wednesday, 5 June 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr and Mrs **Thos Jeter** on 31 May 1895, a girl.

Mr and Mrs **Samuel Miller** attended the funeral of Mrs **B Hight** in Assumption on Thursday.

At her late residence in this city, at 1 o'clock, Monday morning, 27 May 1895, of dropsy, **Sallie A Mulberry**, widow of the late **F J Mulberry**, aged 43 years of age, died.

Deceased has been in failing health for the past six years. Her maiden name was **Sallie Ann Brown** and she was born in Old Stonington, this County, where she was married to **F J Mulberry** in 1865. From there they removed to Farmersville, Montgomery County, coming to this County six years ago. She leaves three children, **Daisy**, **Pearl** and **Frank**, aged 17, 14 and 13 years respectively. She was a sister of Mrs **Edward Forester** of this city, and **J Wheeler Brown** of Moweaqua. The funeral services took place Wednesday at 2 PM from the Baptist Church. Rev **S H Bower** officiated. (*Taylorville Courier*)

Jas H Hoggarth died on 29 May 1895, at his home of heart disease. He was born at Yorkshire, England, in 1839 and was 56 years old when confirmed in the church of England. At the age of 14, Mr **Hoggarth** came to Todd's Point, and is known here as an old stock farmer and feeder. He joined the Presbyterian church here 12 years ago. The funeral services were conducted by Rev **Paisley** at the church, and the remains were interred at the cemetery on 30 May 1895. **J Richardson** and wife and Mr **Manton** of Shelbyville attended the funeral in Prairie Home of **Jas Hoggarth**. Mrs. **Hoggarth** has had a relapse since the death of her husband.

Mr **Barnett** of Decatur and Mrs **Olive G Adams** of this city were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev **W W Hopkins** officiating. (*Taylorville Democrat*) Mrs **Adams** is well-known here, being the widow of **Wm Adams**, who resided west of town and was accidentally killed about two years ago. Her numerous friends in the vicinity unite with the *Call Mail* in extending congratulations.

Little **Bessie Warren** celebrated her 6th birthday Monday by pleasantly entertaining a number of her young friends. Bessie was the recipient of quite a number of useful and handsome presents. (*List of attendees not copied here*).

Lela (*Could not read; not sure of first name*) **Prichard**, infant daughter of **S J** and **Mathie Prichard**, died in Chicago on 3 June 1895. She was born 30 April 1894, aged 1 year, 1 month, and 3 days. The father accompanied by the remains, came to this city on the Diamond Special on 4 June 1895. The mother was unable to come with her babe.

Provisions had been made to bury the child in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. The body was consigned to the earth after a brief service at the residence of **Jas E Gregory** by the pastor of the Baptist Church. Mr **N Harris**, father of the child's mother, whose affliction is so critical that it was thought better to inter the child without his knowledge. The friends here did all for the dead and living that loving hands and hearts could have done.

This community was shocked Tuesday to learn of the death of Mrs **B F Hight** of Assumption. The deceased was a niece of **Sam'l Miller** of this city, and the following from the *Assumption News* will be of special interest to our readers as she had a wide acquaintance here. **Belle M Tobey** was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, on 14 December 1851, moved with her parents, Dr **R** and **Minerva Tobey** to Lagro, Indiana, in the year 1855, where she lived about ten years, and where she met and married Capt **Loyd M Meech**. Of this marriage, one child was born, **Robert W Meech** of this city. Capt **Meech**, broken in health by exposure on the tented field, soon died. In the year 1868,

her father and mother moved to Macon, Macon County, Illinois, and were soon followed by the subject of this sketch. On 5 April 1870, at her home, she was again married, to **B F Hight**, by her then pastor, the Rev **Leonard Smith**. To them was born three children, **Ray Hight**, **Karl Hight** and **Alta Hight**. In September 1883 she removed with the family to this city, where she died after a lingering illness lasting nearly a year, ten months of it was of the most intense suffering, such as no tongue can describe, and few constitutions could ever stand. Bright's disease, that terror of all diseases, had fastened upon her, a strong hold, and though its stubborn march was fought by the best of physicians of Chicago, St Louis and other cities. She had to surrender to the fell destroyer, and she died peacefully, calmly, at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, 28 May 1895, at age 44 years, 5 months and 14 days. She was a member of the Methodist Church from her girlhood. She leaves, besides her husband and three children, three brothers and one sister.

J Wheeler Brown and his entire family attended the funeral of Mrs **Mulberry**, a sister of Mr **Brown**, which took place at Taylorville last week.

Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, **Thos J Radford** of Radford in the presence of only a few immediate relatives, Miss **Drucilla Radford** was united in marriage to Mr **W R Scott** of Little Rock, Arkansas. Miss **Radford** is a most estimable young lady who has a host of warm friends in Moweaqua who extend them congratulations. Mr and Mrs **Scott** will make their future home in Little Rock whither they will shortly go.

At the residence of **Duff Bumgardner** in St Louis, on 23 May 1895, **Edward W Barnett** of Decatur and Mrs **Olive G Adams** of this city, were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev **W W Hopkins** officiating. (*Taylorville Democrat*)

Wednesday, 12 June 1895 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

The sad intelligence reached town on Monday afternoon that **Nat Harris**, who resided east of town on the **Doyle** farm, was dead. **Nathaniel Harris** had been ill for many weeks from a complication of troubles, which finally terminated in dropsy. He had resided in this vicinity many years and was always esteemed for his kindly and congenial disposition, being one of those characters whom once knowing was an acquaintance for life. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the M E Church. Rev **D C Robertson** of Shelbyville officiating. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery. Pallbearers were **N Humphry**, **Jacob Johnson**, **Henry Portwood**, **Ephraim Adamson**, **W Adams** and **Oscar Humphry**. **Nataniel Harris** was born in Perry County, Indiana, on 15 September 1839, and at the time of his death, was in the 57th year of his age. In March 1865, he married **Nancy Jane Hyde**, to whom six children were born, four of whom are living — **Fannie H Harris**, **Debbie B Harris**, **Grace Harris**, and Mrs **Mary Prichard** of Chicago. His estimable wife also survives him, also three brothers and one sister — **J O Harris**, Moweaqua, **C P Harris**, Tobinsport, Indiana, **John Harris**, Cannelton, Indiana, and Mrs **Martha Adams**, Tobinsport, Indiana.

W A Armstrong of Decatur, aged 38 years, and Miss **Emma Long** of Moweaqua of like age, arrived in the city over the Central yesterday (Wednesday) and straightway wended their way to the courthouse in search of **F M Eckard**, and his permit for them to 'jine'. They wanted to be married, they said, in the old capitol of the state. They were accompanied by the Rev **Thomas Griffith** of Moweaqua, a man of portly physique and Godly mien, who said the words that made them one within the walls of the County

Clerk's office. After the ceremony was performed, the Reverend gentleman offered a very appropriate prayer for their prosperity in life. This last act knocked Judge **Turner**, who usually does the marriage act at the courthouse, entirely out, for it is doubtful if he remembers, 'Now I lay me down to sleep.' (*Vandalia Union*)

Died on 9 June 1895 of heart disease, **Uncle John Brinker**, aged 81 years, 2 months, 16 days. **Uncle John** was one of the first settlers in Shelby County. He suffered for months and all that kind hands and loving hearts could do was done for him. The funeral services were conducted by Rev **Hamilton** at Locust Grove church at 3 PM.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Reinhart**, west, on 10 June 1895, twins. Both of the little ones died yesterday morning.

The following are the K. P.s who attended the funeral of Mrs **A. Varney** in Assumption last Wednesday: **H E Travis, M H Miller, Geo McClelland, B L Ribelin, Con Winchel, Alec Ahl, Chas Grooms, and J V Casey.**

Born to Mr and Mrs **Ed Jacobs** on 1 June 1895, a son.

Wednesday, 19 June 1895 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Born to Mr and Mrs **H Rutherford** on 14 June 1895, a son.

Mr and Mrs **T J Hammil** left Thursday morning for Bethalto to attend the funeral of their brother-in-law, Mr **John Miller**.

J Hall and **Emma Bradley** attending the wedding of the latter's niece, Miss **Leeper**, in Owaneco on Wednesday, 12 June 1895.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Joe Macklin** on Monday, 10 June 1895, a son. (*Yantisville news*)

Wednesday, 26 June 1895 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Born to Mr and Mrs **Andrew Lettner**, 24 June 1895, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **George Allison** on 24 June 1895, a daughter.

Mrs **Mary Greening** died on Thursday aged 69 years at Loami. Interment took place Saturday in Oak Grove Cemetery. The deceased was an old settler of this County.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Cyrus Weakley** on 24 June 1895, a boy.

Word was received here this morning that **Grandma Sanders**, mother of **N D Sanders**, died at her residence yesterday afternoon. She was aged ninety-five years. We are unable at this late hour to learn any further particulars.

Miss **Lucy Snyder** celebrated her fourteenth birthday on 15 June 1895 at her father's home. The eve was spent in games, music and social chat. Present were **Jessie Miller, Mabel Richhart, Maude Godfrey, Maude Gregory, Mabel and Bertha West, Nora Smith, Lucy and Lena Snyder, Gertrude Knowls, Beulah and Bessie Warren, Sammy Miller, Loyd Snell, Clyde Mitchell, Roy Snyder, Glen Adams, Loyd Stine, Willie Keiser, John Durham, Wayne Ponting, and Quin Coffman.**

J T Coffman received a telegram yesterday announcing the death of his father in Indianapolis.

Wednesday, 3 July 1895 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Thursday last, **J M Greening**, an old and highly respected citizen of Blue Mound, passed quietly away in the 68th year of his age. He was the husband of **Martha A Bramblett**, a former resident of this city, a sister of **Jos Adams**. The remains were interred at Loami.

Loami news: Funeral services over the remains of **J M Greening** who died Thursday at Blue Mound, were held on Saturday at the M E Church. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Mrs **Wash McGinnis** died on Tuesday aged 59 years. Funeral services were held on Thursday in the Christian Church after which burial took place in Sulphur Springs Cemetery.

C Jackson and wife are the proud parents of another daughter born last week.

A Weakly is very proud of his grandson—thinks he will call him **McKinley**.

Mrs **Mary Ettinger** and daughter **Jessie** attended the funeral of **Grandma Sanders** at Old Stonington last Thursday.

An enjoyable time was had at the home of **Chas Hall** last Saturday, it being their little boys' birthday. At noon a bountiful dinner was spread, which no one but Mrs **Hall** knows how to prepare to which all did ample justice. The boys were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents and all went home feeling that it was good to be there..

Wednesday, 10 July 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr and Mrs **J B Workman** on 7 July 1895, a girl.

Ira Baird has been appointed administrator of the estate of the late **James Hoggarth**, deceased.

Miss **Julia Radford** celebrated her 19th birthday on Tuesday evening, 2 July 1895, by entertaining sixty of her friends at her father's home. The time was spent in social chat, music and games. At 10 o'clock supper was served consisting of ice cream and cake. It reads like a romance. **Philip Masterson**, of Todd's Point, was married 22 years ago in Indiana. Some trouble arising, they were divorced. The lady married Mr **Frank** and lived for years in Denven. **Masterson** opened a correspondence with the lady and she came to Todd's Point some time ago, and after visiting awhile with friends, went to Sullivan, 26 June 1895, last week, where they were again married. They had not met for 18 years. They now reside at the **Masterson** home at Todd's Point. (*Shelbyville Democrat*)

Wednesday, 17 July 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Saturday morning about nine o'clock little **Armour Adams**, infant child of Mr and Mrs **J Wheeler Adams**, the third and beloved child of Mr and Mrs **J Wheeler Adams**, aged 4 ½ years, passed from earth into the eternal realm of peace and bliss. Little **Armour** passed away at their home east of town, about 9 o'clock on Saturday morning. He was 4 years, 5 months and 19 days old. The little one had not been well for several weeks and the end came more in the nature of a blessing than of a calamity. Free from all suffering, **Armour** now enjoys that beautiful and joyous spirituality that the Savior offers little children. The funeral services were held from the residence of **T C Ponting**, Sunday afternoon. Rev **Williams** officiated at the services. The pallbearers being four sweet little girls, **Grace Harris**, **Minnie Snyder**, **Nina Carle**, and **Edna McClelland**.

A Mrs **Kettenring**, who is said to have been reared in Shelbyville, where she married a man named **McClinton** (who was murdered) is under sentence of death at Fort Smith, Arkansas, for causing the murder of her husband, Mr **Kettenring** in the Indian Territory. Leslie Hazzard, a young man who was pushed into deep water near Rockford by a companion, rescued and restored to consciousness, died of pneumonia.

Mrs **Frederick R Bartlett**, young and highly cultured, a daughter of Hon C J Fry, a wealthy and retired citizen of Freeport, died a few days ago.

The three-year-old son of Jud **McMurray**, 5 miles east of Creal Springs, was drowned by falling into the Saline river. The body was recovered later.

From the last issue of the *Mackinaw Enterprise*, we clip the following obituary of **Joseph L Davis**, who was a brother of Mrs **P M Pomfret**, and an uncle of Mrs **Bryce P Smith**.

The deceased was a highly esteemed resident of Mackinaw, was for many years postmaster at that point, and stood high in Masonry. Last Thursday morning at 6 o'clock, Mr **J L Davis** breathed his last. He was born in Weston, Vermont, on 22 April 1814. His father was an American of Welsh descent. His mother was from England and his father was in the Revolutionary War and served thirty five years in the Vermont Legislature. When Mr **Davis** arrived at the age of manhood, he lived in Boston until 1835, when he came to Illinois. In 1838, he was married to Miss **Catherine Lantz** of Canton. In 1844, he moved to this vicinity where he has lived ever since. He enjoyed the honors of public life for nearly 40 years. He was converted to Christ about 30 years ago. He did not wait for an opportunity to come to him but went early one morning to Rev **G W Miner's** residence and acknowledged his faith in Jesus and was buried with him in baptism. When he died he was a member of the Christian church at Mackinaw. He was the father of nine children, seven girls and two boys. An aged wife and 6 children are left to mourn his loss. Three girls have passed over the river before him. He left four sisters, only one, Mrs **Pomfret** being here when he died. The funeral services were conducted by the Masonic Fraternity of which he was one of the oldest and a zealous member. The body was laid to rest in the Mackinaw cemetery on Saturday afternoon, 6 July 1895.

Frederick Remann of Vandalia, representing the 18th Illinois Congressional District, died at his residence in Vandalia on Sunday Morning. Mr **Remann** had not been well for some time before entering into the canvass last fall. After the election he went to Colorado, but on the return trip, he contracted a heavy cold which confined him to his room for several weeks. He was convalescing from this when he suffered a relapse and never again left his room. Mr **Remann** was a native of Fayette County, Illinois, having been born in 1847 on a farm west of Vandalia. In his 17th year he enlisted as a soldier in the Union army. After returning from the war he finished his education in the Illinois college at Jacksonville. At the death of his father, he assumed control of the latter's mercantile business and continued its management up to the date of his death. Mr **Remann** served as a member of the 30th General Assembly during the sessions of 1877 and 1879, being at the time, one of the youngest members of the House. He voted for Gen **John A Logan** as long as he was before the General Assembly as a candidate. He has served the people of Fayette County as Supervisor and the city of Vandalia as Alderman. He was an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and for three terms was commander of McIlwain Post No 173, Department of Illinois. The funeral service was held today at 3 o'clock from the Presbyterian church of which he was a member. The services were in charge of McIlwain Post Grand Army of the Republic.

Little **Lena Walker**, aged 15 months, daughter of Mr and Mrs **Elijah Walker**, died at the home of her parents in Decatur, Sunday, and the funeral took place on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. **J T** and **L L Walker** attended the funeral of little **Lena Walker** in Macon on Monday.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Hewlitt** on Saturday, 13 July 1895, a boy.

Wednesday, 24 July 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Henry Holverson, son of **John** and **Mary Holverson**, was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, on the 25th day of September 1860, and died at the home of his father in Christian County, 20 July 1895, aged 34 years, 9 months and 22 days. He has not been well for a year past, being afflicted with consumption, and has been confined to his bed during the last six months. He died without a struggle in the home of his younger years, surrounded by his wife and parents. He was married to Miss **Annie Riggins**, 19 December 1883, by whom he had four children, three girls and one boy. Baptized a member of the Lutheran church, his is now in the hands of a merciful Redeemer. Services were held Sunday afternoon, Rev **Williams**, of the Presbyterian Church, officiating. The interment was made in the Traugher cemetery. Pallbearers were **George, Len and Ed Snyder, George Nichols** and **Dan and Joseph Stombaugh**.

Lewis McAfee, a farmer near Lincoln was shot and killed by an unknown man who had been loitering in the vicinity for several days and who two days before, was given a breakfast by Mr **McAfee**. No cause is known for the crime as Mr **McAfee** was one of the most quiet and peaceable citizens of Logan County. He had resided in the County for fifty-four years.

Isaac Ullom, an old settler, died at Zif, Wayne County. He was an extensive farmer and had been a resident of Wayne County for many years. He leaves a widow, nine children, twenty-six grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Wm Steers, a young farmer south of Fairbury met with a fatal accident the other day. While shearing a mule, and while at work on the hind leg of the animal, it kicked and the shears struck him with full force on the neck, cutting an artery which caused his death. At Galesburg, while **Allie Flake**, daughter of **William Flake**, was getting breakfast, her clothing caught fire from the stove and she was so terribly burned that her life is despaired of.

Mrs **Sarah Doty**, several years older than the century, died in Morgan County. She and her husband were in Jacksonville when that city was a village of rude huts.

Allison Westbrook, aged 33, an employee of the Taylorville Coal Company was caught by the cage and it struck his head, causing his death.

Duncan Cameron, aged 50, while hauling sheaf oats near Hillsboro, fell from the load and was run over by the wagon. His death followed in two hours.

John L Hall a farmer near Scales Mound, Jo Daviess County, was killed by lightning while at work in his field. He leaves a widow and three children.

Owen Howard, a prosperous and well-known farmer of Crow Creek settlement, south of Lacon, committed suicide by cutting his throat.

Amzi C Herron, a pioneer of Bloomington died recently, aged 77 years. He had been a resident of Bloomington since 1855, coming from Tennessee.

Robert Barclay, Jr, aged 26, was killed by lightning 5 ½ miles east of Macomb, and **Wm Cole** and **Roland McAllister** were severely injured.

Mrs **Anna Richards** was found dead in bed at Decatur. She had taken chloroform but whether purposely or accidentally is not known.

Pleasant Clark, colored, the oldest person in Gallatin County, died a few nights ago. He was said to be 100 years and 6 months old.

Capt **J C Lounsberry**, a prominent and wealthy farmer, died 4 miles north of Tamaroa aged 67 years. His death came suddenly.

Capt **Henry Snow**, aged 65 years, an early settler of Bureau County and well-known in grand army circles, died a few days ago.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Davis** at Obed, 22 July 1895, a girl.

Mr and Mrs **Frank Parker** of Pike County are enjoying the pleasures of a wedding tour and are the guests this week of the family of **Lemuel Parker**.

Dr **Wm Sturgis**, one of the oldest physicians in the County, died at his home in Macon on Tuesday evening of last week at 5:45 o'clock PM, in the 81st year of his life. The funeral took place on Wednesday last at 3 PM under the direction of Macon Lodge A. F. & A. M. of which he was a member. A large number of members of the Moweaqua Masonic Lodge attended to do honor to a highly esteemed brother.

Mr and Mrs **A Spates** attended the birthday picnic at **E Harris'** given in honor of Mrs **Harris'** mother's ninetieth birthday on Saturday.

Wednesday, 31 July 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Died at her residence in Libertyville, Illinois, on 29 July 1895 at 6:25 AM, Mrs **A G Ayers**, aged 76 years, 9 months and 22 days, after a lingering illness of 8 months. Death was caused by dropsy of the heart and general debility. She was a resident of this place for 25 years and was well-known by the old residents. **Cordelia B Watson** was born in Montreal, Canada, on 5 October 1818, and was married to **Alvah G Ayers** on 26 May 1849, in Boston, Massachusetts. They moved to Plainfield, Vermont, in 1853, where they lived till 1858, when they moved to near Moweaqua on 16 May 1858. They moved to the town of Libertyville, Illinois, in April 1883, where they have since lived and where she died on the 27th inst. She left only one child, **F W Ayers** of this place, an aged husband, and five grandchildren to mourn her loss. She was a member of the U B Church for many years, formerly a member of the M E Church.

Sunday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock PM, at his home southwest of town, **Andrew Workman** passed away, after a severe illness with typhoid fever of about four weeks duration. The deceased leaves a wife and five children. The funeral took place Monday afternoon under the auspices of Shelby Lodge, I. O. O. F. of which he was an honored member.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Wickline** on 30 July 1895, a girl.

Cards have been issued announcing the wedding of Miss **Helen G Jordan** to **J E Longenbaugh**, which will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **Hardin Jordan**, south-east, Thursday evening, 8 August 1895.

W W Thornton committed suicide at his home in Shelbyville on Thursday morning by morphine poisoning. He was 57 years of age and was once very wealthy, and one of the foremost business men in Shelby County. He died in absolute poverty.

Nannie Katharine Pontius, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs **B F Pontius** died of internal trouble at their home, southeast, Wednesday, 24 July 1895, aged 10 months and 20 days. The little darling had only been sick a short time, and its dangerous condition was hardly realized before the end came. The funeral services were held at Locust Grove on Thursday. Rev **Wagner** officiated at the services, and interment took place in that cemetery.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Clark** southwest, on 24 July 1895, a girl.

Prairie Home news: Born to Mr and Mrs **Rae Sheffler**, 21 July 1895, twin girls. This is the 4th set of twins less than one-year-old in this township.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Wickline** on 30 July 1895, a girl.

E M Adams, one of Cass County's early and prominent settlers, died the other night aged 67 years. He was born in Ohio and accumulated considerable property. He was director in the Centennial Banking association in Virginia.

Mrs **Amelia Mueller** died in the Adams County almshouse, aged 80 years. She was the widow of **Kossuth Mueller**, had been incurably insane for many years, and left \$50,000 which will go to heirs in Germany.

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Elias Sessel, aged 80 years, died at Bunker Hill. He leaves three sons, ex-Mayor **Max Sessel** of Bunker Hill; **Joseph Sessel** of St Louis and **Henry Sessel** of Fairfield.

Rev **J D Lee**, formerly of Hillsboro, for the past 25 years a missionary among the Indians, died at Hennessey, Oklahoma, aged 91 years.

George Barnhart, a young son of **Chauncey Barnhart**, a farmer near Savoy, Champaign County, was kicked to death by a horse a few days ago.

Charles Buckner, aged 74 years who was born and always resided within a mile of West York, Crawford County, and was quite well off, died.

Born to Mr and Mrs **W H Elmers** on 30 July 1895, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Clark**, southwest, 24 July 1895, a girl.

A surprise birthday party was given in honor of **Jay Coffman's** tenth birthday at the home of his parents on Wednesday evening, 24 July 1895. The evening was spent in playing games and other amusements until half past eight o'clock when light refreshments were served. Among the attendees were **Quin, Jay and Van Coffman.** (*List of attendees, not provided here.*)

Sue and Morris Hazen of Yantisville are the proud possessors of a baby sister who came to them on 14 July 1895.

Last Tuesday being **J M Hill's** 42nd birthday, his good wife planned a surprise for him. He came home at noon and found his home filled with neighbors and friends and a long table loaded with all the luxurious viands of the season. The afternoon was spent in social conversation and music. (Obed news)

The infant child of Mr and Mrs **B F Pontius** died on Wednesday and interment made in the cemetery here on Thursday. (Obed news)

Born to Mr and Mrs **Roe Sheffler** on 21 July 1895, twin girls – this is the fourth set of twins less than one-year-old in this township. (Prairie Home)

Wednesday, 7 August 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Friends of **Isaac Botts** have noted his peculiar demeanor for several weeks past, but were hardly prepared for the surprise he had in store for them last Thursday. This being the day of the Old Stonington picnic. **Isaac** secured a rig and accompanied by his sister, Miss **Josie Botts** and Miss **Hattie Jacobs**, started westward at a seasonable hour in the morning, ostensibly for the picnic. But, behold, this was not their destination, straight on to Taylorville they went, licenses were secured from the County clerk of Christian County, and those solemn words were spoken by Judge **Wm H Kaulp** that made **Isaac D Botts** and

Miss **Hattie Jacobs**, man and wife. The newly married couple returned to Moweaqua the same evening and will reside for the present at the home of the bride's parents. The groom is one of Moweaqua's representative mechanics, an honest, earnest and hardworking young man who has the good will and high regard of all who know him. The bride is the daughter of **Marion Jacobs**, a most estimable young lady of many charming attainments.

Frank R Hight died of consumption at Colorado Springs, Colorado, on Thursday, 1 August 1895, aged 20 years, 7 months and 9 days. He was the second son of Mr and Mrs Robt Hight of Macon and was born on his father's farm near that place on 22 December 1874. His early life was spent on the farm and attending school at Long Grove. He afterward attended school at Macon. In 1893, he entered the Decatur Business University and after completing a course in that institution, he with his brother, **Ervil Hight**, started the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Assumption where he remained until last May when his health failed and he went to Los Vegas, New Mexico. After staying a few weeks, he returned to Macon, and on 18 July 1895, he, with his mother, left for Colorado Springs, Colorado, but he failed rapidly and passed away a short time after reaching that place. He leaves a father, mother, four brothers, and three sisters to mourn his loss. He was converted at the age of sixteen and gave his life to the work of Christ. He was united with the M E Church. The funeral which was one of the largest ever seen in Macon took place from the M E Church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon 4 August 1895. It was conducted by Rev **J W Eckman**, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Macon cemetery.

Grandma **Laura Pixley** died at the home of her son, **F Pixley** at Friendsville, Wabash County, aged almost 96 years. She was a pioneer.

Casper Rigney, the 17 year old son of **J Rigney** of Fairbury was killed by the cars at Forest. He made a misstep and fell across the rails.

Rev **Daniel Driggs** of the M E Church aged 84 years, born in Hartford, Connecticut, but an old resident of Bloomington, died a few days ago.

A birthday party was given in honor of **Stella Osborn's** eighth birthday at the home of her parents on Friday evening, 2 August 1895. The evening was spent playing games until seven o'clock when supper was served. (*List of attendees not copied here*)

Wesley Zeitz and Miss **Anna Grimes**, both of Moweaqua were married by Judge **Hammer** at his office at 0 o'clock yesterday morning. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr and Mrs **Grimes**, father and mother of the bride, and her sisters, **Tillie** and **Stella Grimes**, **Lou** and **Edna Zeitz** and Mr and Mrs **Davis**. At 12 o'clock the wedding party took dinner at the Inman restaurant and later left for Moweaqua. The newly married couple will make their home on the groom's farm near Moweaqua. (*Decatur Review of 1 August 1895*)

Loami news: Mrs **Miralda McIntire** died on Saturday at the residence of her parents, Mr and Mrs **Jos Stanley**.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Clarence E Snyder** on 1 August 1895, a daughter. Congratulations are not only extended to the happy parents, but we bow also in humble acknowledgement to Grandpa **Vollie**.

Wednesday, 14 August 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

This afternoon at 2 o'clock in the M E Church, Rev **E J Durham** officiating, **I N Corrington, Jr.** and Miss **Minnie A Ferre** were united in marriage. The groom was attended by Miss **Agnes Brown**, and the bride supported by her brother, **Lucien Ferre**.

The ushers were Misses **Flo Goodwin**, **Laura Corrington**, **Kittie Day** and **Minnie Elsum**. The groom is the son of our honored fellow townsman, **John N Corrington**, a young man of whom it would be almost sacrilegious to sound praise. Sincere and earnest, straightforward and manly, **Nute's** life is but an open book to all who know him. The young couple will reside for the present with the groom's parents. Mr **Corrington** will teach the Good Will school this winter.

Thursday evening, 8 August 1895, at the home of the bride's parents southeast, occurred the wedding of Miss **Helen G Jordan** and **J E Longenbaugh**, Rev **P H Wagner**, pastor of the U B church at Locust Grove, officiating. The attendants were **Wm Bridgman** and Miss **Nellie Cully** of Jacksonville, Illinois, and the wedding march was charmingly executed by Miss **Jessie Angel**. The bride is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs **G H Jordan**, a young lady whose sweet and gentle demeanor has made her one of the truly beloved. As she has proved a noble, unselfish, devoted daughter, so by this simple transition, will Gertie ever remain a loving helpmate, a consecrated wife. **J E Longenbaugh** is one of Shelby County's earnest and zealous students and pedagogues, a young man held in highest esteem by all who know him. He has been engaged to teach the Locust Grove School the coming winter term. Mr and Mrs **Longenbaugh** will reside a mile east of Obed and will go to housekeeping at an early date.

At her home in Decatur on Friday, 9 August 1895 of Bright's disease, Mrs **Sarah E Stanley** died in the 45th year of her age. She was born in Kentucky, 22 September 1850, and was married to **Charles Stanley**, twenty-two years ago, and became a member of the M E Church here during the pastorate of Rev **P D Weems**. Her remains were brought down from Decatur, Saturday, and the funeral services were held from the M E Church on Sunday morning. Rev **E J Durham** officiated. The remains were laid to rest in the Hayes cemetery. The deceased was a sister of **J M Workman** and a woman highly esteemed. **Chauncey D Colton**, an early settler of Bureau County died at 'The Cedars', his home near Princeton, aged 85 years. He was a member of the Hampshire colony, and came from New York in 1834. During the Abolition movement, he took an active part and was one of the co-workers of Congressman **Owen Lovejoy** who, at that time, gained a national prominence. He was also well-known in religious circles and was a deacon of Mr **Lovejoy's** church.

Married on Thursday, 8 August 1895, at Dalton City, by Rev **B F Dungan**, Miss **Belle Weldon** of Macon County to **C W Evans**. The groom is the son of **J D Evans**.

Jos B King, a farmer, aged 55 years, who lived at Cloverport, Kentucky, was found dead in bed at Louisville in Boyle's hotel. The coroner pronounced his death due to congestion of the brain. Mr **King** was a wealthy tobacco grower and went to Louisville to sell his crop. His lifeless body was found by the hotel porter, who had been instructed to call him at 6 o'clock. He leaves a wife, two grown sons and six daughters. The remains were buried at Cloverport. Mr **King** was the brother-in-law of Mrs **Martha A Sibert** of this city and the first cousin of **John D Rockefeller**. He was born in New York, but has lived in Kentucky for the past thirty years.

John Howard, a son of Mr and Mrs **C Howard** of Radford was instantly killed by a train in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Wednesday. His parents left Wednesday evening to attend the funeral. He leaves a young wife, only being married four months. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved wife, parents, brother and sister. (Fame news)

Charles Evans and Miss **Belle Weldon** of near Dalton City were married at the bride's residence last Thursday evening.

Miss **Emily Ferre** of Perry was here in attendance at the **Corrington-Ferre** wedding.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Peter Bilyeu**, Saturday, 10 August 1895, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **J W Rigsby** on Tuesday, 13 August 1895, a girl.

Wednesday, 21 August 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday evening, last, between the hours of 6 and 9 o'clock in the evening, at the pleasant home of her parents, Mr and Mrs **M H Miller**, in Grandview, Miss **Jessie Miller** happily entertained a number of her young friends. The occasion was her 13th birthday. Miss **Blanche Miller** lent her kind assistance toward making the event successful. The hostess was the recipient of a number of acceptable remembrances. Refreshments were served. (*List of attendees given, not copied here.*)

Quite an enjoyable time was had at the home of **F Gray** last Saturday, it being little **Bessie's** 9th birthday, a crowd of twenty-five gathered and engaged in quilting until a late hour when all returned to their homes wishing her many more happy birthdays. (Willey's news)

Morrison Brown of Loami committed suicide Sunday by taking Laudanum.

John W Dodd and Miss **Lizzie Hayer** were married 7 August 1895 at the residence of **Ed Hayer**.

Misses **Jessie Angel** and **Nellie Cully** of Jacksonville who were here in attendance at the **Longenbaugh-Jordan** wedding returned home on Saturday.

Died at the family residence in Decatur, Illinois, at 6 o'clock PM on 15 August 1895, Mrs **Adison Snyder** in the 24th year of her age. The remains were taken to Monticello for interment and the funeral services were held in that city last Saturday. The deceased was well-known and her husband had numerous relatives in Moweaqua.

Wednesday, 28 August 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr and Mrs **Tom Barnett**, 23 August 1895, a boy.

Obed news: The infant son of Mr and Mrs **H Jordan** is lying at the point of death.

Minnie Hott, a girl of 16 and a daughter of **W O Hott**, a Ridge farmer, was the victim Friday last of a terrible catastrophe. In lifting a vessel filled with oil from a stove, the oil splashed out into the fire and over her, and in a moment she was enveloped in flames. Her clothing was burned off entirely and her body shockingly charred. She died in great agony.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Tom Barnett**, west, 22 August 1895, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **J R Drake** on Saturday, 24 August 1895, a son.

Wednesday, 4 September 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

David A McKinney of Moweaqua and Mrs **Parmelia Hughes** of Stonington, were married Thursday by County Judge **Hammer** in his office. (*Decatur Review*)

Carl Hardin Jordan, infant son of Mr and Mrs **H Jordan** died on Thursday morning after several weeks of intense suffering. The funeral took place at the Locust Grove church on Friday at 3 PM. Pallbearers were **Maude Stanley**, **Mabel Richhart**, **Myrtle Pontius** and **Mabel Gregory**. The remains were encased in a beautiful white casket and placed in the

cemetery here. Little **Carl** was but 3 months and 10 days old. Our sympathies to his family. (Obed news)

Two weeks ago while **Jacob Hott** of Ridge was prepared to set some wagon tires, he called his daughter, **Minnie Hott**, to assist him in lifting a vessel of hot oil from the fire, when it tipped to one side and spilled the oil over her and at the same time igniting. She was so frightened that she ran some distance before she could be stopped. Her clothing was almost entirely burned from her body. She suffered intensely and will all that willing hands and loving hearts could do, she could not be restored and died on Thursday at 10 AM. The funeral took place here on Friday at 11 AM. Rev **Wagner** delivered the rites to one of the largest assemblies that ever assembled her to pay the last tribute of respect to one who had borne so much suffering. Miss **Minnie** was a bright, industrious girl and loved by all who knew her. She was aged 19 years, 7 months and 4 days at the time of her death, and it is said was soon to have been married.

After an illness of about 4 weeks, little **Eulalia Gilliland**, daughter of Mr and Mrs **A G Gilliland**, aged about three years, passed into immortality. The little child had suffered much and every effort was made to retain a spark of life, but death finally relieved her of her suffering. **Eulalia Gilliland** was born 29 November 1892 and died Saturday morning at the family home, 31 August 1895. The funeral services were held at the family residence at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Rev **L N Williams** of the Presbyterian church officiated. The remains were laid to rest in the A. F. & A. M. Cemetery, south east of town. The little girl was the daughter of Mr and Mrs **A Gilliland**.

John Briden, aged 24 years, son of Rev and Mrs **Briden** of Maroa, Macon County, took poison and died. His body was found near Creek.

Born to **J K Clipston** and wife on Saturday, 31 August 1895, a daughter.

The infant child of Mr and Mrs **Hardin Jordan** of Obed died.

Mrs **J P Aydelott** left Saturday for Kinmundy to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, **Mr White**.

Joshua S Copland, an old settler of Massac County, died recently aged 83 years. He settled in what is now Massac County in 1816 and was one of the oldest Freemasons in southern Illinois.

Minnie Hott, a girl of 16, and daughter of **W O Hott**, a Ridge township farmer, was the victim Friday last of a terrible catastrophe. In lifting a vessel filled with oil from a stove, the oil splashed out into the fire and over her, and in a moment, she was enveloped in flames. Her clothing was burned off entirely and her body shockingly charred. She died in great agony.

David A McKinney of Moweaqua and Mrs **Parmelia Hughes**, of Stonington, were married on Thursday by County Judge **Hammer** in his office. (*Decatur Review*)

Wednesday, 11 September 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Exquisite cards have been issued announcing the silver wedding or rather the 25th anniversary of the marriage of Mr and Mrs **V Snyder, Jr** which takes place on Saturday noon, 14 September 1895, at their handsome home on the west side.

Friday, 6 September 1895, after a brief illness with brain fever, **Noel Sidney Wetzel**, infant son of Mr and Mrs **R E Wetzel**, died in this city at the residence of **Stephen Brooks**. **Noel** was aged 3 years, 3 months and 10 days. The death coming as it did, was a terrible blow to the bereaved parents, both of whom are but just recovering from a

protracted illness of typhoid fever and were hardly able to follow the remains to their last resting place. Mr and Mrs **Brooks** were unceasing in their devoted attention to the child during the illness of its parents at their home west of town and nothing was left undone to preserve the little spark of life so long as it remained. Funeral services were held from the Brooks family residence on Saturday afternoon, Rev **E J Durham** officiating. Pallbearers were Misses **Beulah Warren, Pearl and Lucy Snyder and Nora Smith**. Card of thanks signed by Mr and Mrs **R E Wetzel** and Mr and Mrs **S Brooks**.

Alonzo Frailey went home on a visit last week and came back Monday bringing with him, Mrs **Alonzo Frailey** (Nee Miss **McNutt**). They were married on Sunday evening and will keep house for Mr **Yantis** during Mrs **Yantis**' absence. (Yantisville news)

Dan Atteberry left yesterday for Greenfield to attend the funeral of an aunt.

James Richardson, married, aged 35 years, a well known farmer of Cass county, while driving through the woods, was killed by the discharge of his shotgun. His wagon struck a stump, throwing **Richardson** and his gun out, and the weapon was discharged.

Alfred Judd, aged 93 years, a hero of the Mohawk war, died at Lacon. He had resided in Marshall county sixty-four years.

Dr **Alex Hull** died at Lewiston aged 72 years. He was a pioneer physician of Fulton county.

Steven Jagers and **Nancy Bryson** were married in Decatur, Thursday, and for the present, will reside with the groom's father.

Edward Headley of Moscow, Idaho, and Miss **Jennie Greenwood** were married on Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents (Loami news)

Born to Mr and Mrs **Clem Scribner** on Saturday, 7 September 1895, a son.

The 10 year old daughter of **Mack Cantram**, a farmer was thrown from a wagon and instantly killed the other morning near Illiopolis, Sangamon County.

James B Alexander of the firm of Alexander Bros of Murphysboro, have received notification from the attorneys of **John Alexander**, who died in Glasgow, Scotland, on 10 August 1895, with a copy of the will attached. The will states he and his brother, **Walter Alexander**, had each been left a legacy of \$200,000 by the will of the deceased. The letter accompanying the will estimates the estate at about \$1,000,000.

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The *Chicago Tribune* first brought the sad intelligence of Gen **Kautz**'s death in the following telegram: "Seattle, Washington, 5 September 1895 (Special). Brig. Gen **A V Kautz**, on the retired list of the United States Army, died here last night." August **Valentine Kautz** was born at Ispringren, Baden, on 5 January 1828 and came to this county with his parents the same year. They went to Brown County, Ohio, in 1832. He was in the Mexican war, and on his discharge, was appointed as a cadet to West Point, graduating in 1852. He served in Oregon and Washington until 1859. During the civil war he received the brevet rank of Colonel in the regular army and was breveted Major-General of volunteers in October 1864, both for gallantry. After the war closed, Gen **kautz** was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the Thirty-fourth Infantry and was transferred to the Fifteenth Infantry in 1869. In 1874, he was promoted to be Colonel of the Eighth Infantry and in 1875 was placed in command of the Department of Arizona. He served in

California from 1878 to 1886, and in 1887 in Nebraska. On 30 April 1891, he was appointed Brigadier-General and was retired on account of age on 5 January 1892. The deceased was a brother of **George A Kautz** and a gentleman highly esteemed for his gallantry in military circles. He was 67 years of age at the time of his death.

Wednesday, 18 September 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday, 14 September 1870, at five o'clock in the afternoon at the M E Church, the Rev J M West officiating, **Valentine Snyder, Jr** and **Lillian Snow** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the presence of a large audience of friends and relatives. The attendants being **A T Catherwood** and Miss **Emma Salthouse**. The little old frame church has long since been replaced by the modern residence now occupied by Mrs **Jennie Bacon**. At the time of his marriage, Mr **Snyder** was a member of the mercantile firm of Snyder and Kautz who did business on the corner where Ribelin's Opera House now stands and now after 25 years, the firm is practically the same – Snyder and Kautz – Bankers. 'Vollie' has ever been held in highest esteem by his fellow citizens of Moweaqua and vicinity. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs **Arminda Snow**, who is still a respected resident of the city and has retained most excellent health and strength through the 25 long years. Saturday noon, 14 September 1895, by special invitation, a hundred and twenty relatives and friends met to cordially congratulate Mr and Mrs **V Snyder** on their anniversary. When the majority of the guests had arrived, they assembled in a compact group about the front of the house and on the upper and lower verandas, Mr **Ed Withers** made a snapshot of the group, securing two excellent negatives. Then dinner was announced and guests seated. Miss **Lillian Irene Snyder**, the accomplished daughter of the host favored the guests by several charming vocal selections. (*List of attendees, decorations, and food/refreshments given in article; not copied in this book.*)

Dr **F R Haller** for 40 years a prominent physician of Vandalia, died the other evening of apoplexy, after an illness of two weeks. He was 69 years of age.

William Workman, unmarried, aged about 32 years, fell into a newly dug well on the **Coleman Clark** farm near Petersburg, and his neck was broken. He died shortly.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Jeff Gregory** on Thursday, 12 September 1895, a son.

An elaborate dinner was given Mr **C Feiker** last Sunday in honor of his fiftieth birthday.

Those present were Mr and Mrs **George Winter**, Mr and Mrs **Valentine Winter**, Mr and Mrs **P P Ludwig**, Mr and Mrs **J Bohlen**, Mr and Mrs **Hoewing** and daughter, **Clara**, Mrs **Schwind**, Mr and Mrs **Heitmeyer** and family, Mr and Mrs **August Fieker** of Missouri, Mr and Mrs **Suppes**, **Charles Brink** of Washington County, **Philip Hoffman** and **J D Henderson** of Oconee.

Rev and Mrs **T D Weems** went to Decatur to attend the funeral of their grand-daughter, **Eulalia Weems** which took place at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, 11 September 1895. (*Cerro Gordo Clipper*).

Wednesday, 25 September 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Al Flesch was called to Oconee Monday morning by a message announcing the death of his brother-in-law, **Jake Fry**.

Born to Mr and Mrs **George Wooters** on 18 September 1895, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Dave Beck** on Saturday, 21 September a girl.

Died yesterday afternoon at the home of **S E Workman**, her father, **Mrs H A Green**, aged 32 years. At the time of going to press, the hour for holding the funeral could not be obtained.

James Higgins and wife and **Mrs Kate Bailey** of Moweaqua were here Saturday to attend the funeral of little **Gretia Fox**. (*Assumption News*)

Last Wednesday occurred the marriage of **Mrs Laura Hoover** and **Greg Heberling** at Stonington. They immediately took the train for Decatur to visit relatives, returning home on Thursday. They were given an old fashioned chivarie that night.

Born to Mr and **Mrs Dave Beck** on Saturday, 21 September 1895, a girl.

Died yesterday afternoon at the home of **S B Workman**, her father, **Mrs H A Green** at the age of 32 years. At the time of going to press the hour of holding the funeral could not be obtained.

Wednesday, 2 October 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Saturday morning, September 28, 1895, at three o'clock at her home in the north part of town, **Mrs Catharine A McCluskey** passed away after a lingering illness of many months. At the time of her death she was in the seventy-sixth year of her age, and has been a resident of this city for nearly a quarter of a century. She was a woman most honored and revered by the entire community. Everyone knew '**Grandma McCluskey**, and a host of children and grandchildren can bear testimony to her loving sympathy and tenderness.

Catharine A McCluskey was born in Liberty, Guernsey County, Ohio, on the 8th day of January AD 1820, married to **Thos McCluskey** on 1 April 1837. He died in 1867. To this union, 15 children were born to them, nine boys and six girls. Three boys and five girls survive her, all of whom reside in this city, except **D N** and **H L McCluskey** who live at Blue Mound, Illinois. She has been a resident of Shelby County for twenty-nine years, coming here with her family in 1866. The funeral services were held on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock at the family residence, the **Rev L N Williams** of the Presbyterian church officiating. The pallbearers were: **S M Adams, J P Aydelott, John T Haslam, Thos Hudson, Sr, A J Combs, and V Snyder, Jr**. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

After a lingering illness of nearly a year's duration in which she patiently endured untold suffering, **Mrs Ed Steidley** passed away on Thursday morning last, about 7:30 o'clock of consumption. She, realizing that her end was drawing near, had made full preparation for her departure, and when finally death came, it was but as a quiet rest, a calm and peaceful sleep. She was a good woman, a noble and true wife; a devoted and loving mother.

Services held from the Baptist Church on Friday afternoon, **Rev Griffith** officiating and **Rev B Smock** assisting. The pallbearers were **H E Travis, J T Kirkman, J P Aydelott, Josiah Berry, G M Keiser, and William Bowman**, all members of the K of H. Remains were laid to rest in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. The funeral was largely attended. **Mary Anna Ashcraft** was born in Richland County, Illinois, on 14 November 1864 and united in marriage to **Edgar C Steidley** on 25 May 1882. To them were born four children, **Lizzie, Allie, Grace and Ruth**. **Ruth** died in March 1895. A father, mother, three brothers and two sisters have died; she leaves a brother and one sister. She united with the M E Church about 6 years ago under the ministry of **Rev Armentrout**. She died on 26 September 1895 aged 30 years, 10 months, and 14 days. **Tom Steidley** and wife of Shelbyville attended the services.

Clarence Ashcraft of Pana attended the funeral of his sister, **Mrs E C Steidley**, last week. **Tom Steidley** and wife of Shelbyville were in attendance at the funeral of **Mrs E C Steidley** last week.

Born on Thursday, 26 September 1895, to Mr and Mrs **A F Corrington**, a boy.

Loami news: Mr and Mrs **W C Joy's** daughter, **Maude Joy**, aged one year, died on Monday of summer complaint.

Eugene Price died Saturday of hip trouble, aged 19 years. Services were held Sunday morning in the Christian Church.

Wm Tolly, son of **C Tolly, Sr** and Miss **Lizzie Gordon**, daughter of **A Gordon** of Pana were married at Decatur on Thursday. A reception was given at the residence of the groom's parents Thursday evening. (Pleak's Corner)

A little engineer now blesses **Louis Brinker's** household.

Born to Mr and Mrs **J M Tinker** on 28 September 1895, a girl.

Marriage licenses were issued in Decatur last week to **Mary E Gordon** of Pana and **Wm F Tolly**, Pleak's Corner. The groom is the son of **Neally Tolly**.

Friday last, at Shelbyville, **James E Stule** died, and his brother was said to be dying as a result, the doctors say of inhaling the fumes of boiling sorghum syrup. The boys were aged 14 and 12 years, respectively.

Married at the capital at 4 o'clock PM yesterday at the study of the First M E Church, Rev **E B Randle**, married **Benjamin P Lawson** of Sherman, Illinois, and Miss **Virginia E Fitzgerald** of Moweaqua. The groom is a farmer, 36 years old. The bride is 32 years of age. They will reside on a farm near Sherman. (*Springfield Telegram*, 26 September 1895). The bride is the daughter of **J C Fitzgerald** of this city and is well known here.

Died on Sunday, 29 September 1895, **Ralph Leaf**, the youngest child of Mr and Mrs **Eli Leaf**, aged about two years. Cause of death was typhoid fever. Funeral services were held from the residence Monday morning, the Rev **Griffith** officiating and the remains were interred at Little Flock.

Miss **Lou Marker** was called to Heyworth by telegram Thursday last, announcing the death of her grandfather, who was in the 85th year of his age. The funeral was held Friday and Miss **Marker** returned home on Saturday evening.

Harvey Cox, a farmer, 3 ½ miles northwest of Herrick, Shelby County, was killed by a Big Four train at Pana. **Jasper Oakley** saw him step back upon the track to instant death, and believes he committed suicide. He was a renter and leaves a widow and six children. His crops failed this year.

Charles N Smith, a resident of Decatur, widely known in the baseball world as 'Pacer' **Smith**, is in the Decatur jail charged with attempted murder of his wife and daughter, and with the murder of Miss **Edna Buchert**, aged 17, a sister of Mrs **Smith**. **Smith** used a six shooter, self-action revolver and went to the home of **Frank Buchert** at 4 o'clock Saturday evening to murder his wife and child and then kill himself. He first shot the little girl in the neck and then turned the weapon on his wife who fled through the house. **Smith** attempted to head her off by running around on the outside. He fired at her again twice, but missed her, one of the bullets striking **Edna Buchert** in the breast. She died in a few minutes. **Smith** was arrested with the revolver in his hand. Today he confessed his purpose. The couple had not been living together for five years, but **Smith** was allowed to go to the house to see his child. He often threatened to kill his wife and child and then take his own life. **Smith** has asked the sheriff to take him away from Decatur. He fears he will

be lynched. It is probable that little **Louise Smith**, the child, will recover, but she will be partly paralyzed. **Smith** has been repeatedly arrested for misdemeanors. **Louise** began sinking at 4 o'clock Sunday evening. It was not noticed at the time, but now the relatives can recall unfavorable symptoms they did not speak of at the time. The child was apparently in no pain. Pretty as a picture, she lay upon her bed, her luxuriant light hair in tangled curls extending out over the soft pillows. In the night she began singing in a plaintive way, little songs she had been taught by her loving mother. At first she sang alone and then she asked those who stood about in the room to join in the song with her. She asked for **Edna** who had always taken care of her and loved her dearly. 'I want to see **Edna**', said **Louise**. I want to tell her I am going to a funeral. But, of course, **Edna** could not come, she lay dead in the front room. All night long the child made little requests and sang her nursery songs until at last she became quiet and fell asleep forever. The father was indicted for murder of **Louise Smith**, his daughter and **Edna Buchert**, his sister-in-law.

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Born on Thursday 26 September 1895 to Mr and Mrs **A F Corrington**, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **J M Tinker** on 28 September 1895, a girl.

Wednesday, 9 October 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Hoover** on Sunday, 6 October 1895, a son.

Friday, 4 October 1895, at 10 o'clock in the evening at his home in Assumption. **L A Osborne**, in the 79th year of his age, death visited the Osborne residence. He had been an honored resident of Flat Branch township for many years, living on his farm four miles south of Moweaqua. About three years ago, he divided his land among his children and removed to Assumption for future residence. The services were held Sunday afternoon at the German M E Church and was largely attended.

Monday morning at nine o'clock, Justice **Wm E Seip** officiating in the County Clerk's office in Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois, Constable **Wm S Reighley** of this city and Mrs **Lottie Gellispi**e of Macon County were united in marriage. Mr and Mrs **Reighley** returned home Monday evening and will shortly go to housekeeping in Mr **Reighley's** house east of the Baptist church.

L A Osborne died at his home in Assumption at 6 o'clock PM on Friday after a short illness of lung trouble. The funeral services were held at the German church on Sunday morning. He was born in Ohio on 25 August 1822. He was the father of eight children, six of whom, with a wife, are left to mourn his loss. (Fame news)

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Hoover** on Sunday, 6 October 1895, a boy.

In Prairie Home news: The infant son of **Sam'l Goodwin** and wife died Friday, 4 October 1895. He had been sick about three weeks and all that could be done was accomplished but death took the little one, scarcely a year old, to the arms of the Redeemer. He was buried on Saturday at the Prairie Home cemetery from Mrs **Martha Goodwin's** residence. His mortal remains were laid to rest in the Prairie Home cemetery by the side of his little brother, **Ray Goodwin**, who succeeded him two years ago. Pallbearers were **Oscar Parks, David Crawford, Samuel Sanner and Willie Cowle**.

Prairie Home news: The infant son of **Sam'l Goodwin** and wife died on Friday and was buried on Saturday at the Prairie Home cemetery from Mrs **Martha Goodwin's** residence. Died on Friday, 4 October at 10 o'clock in the evening at his home in Assumption, **L A Osborne**, in the 79th year of his age. He had been an honored resident of Flat Branch township for many years, living on his farm four miles south of Moweaqua. About three years ago he divided his land among his children and removed to Assumption for future residence. Services held Sunday afternoon at the German M E Church.

Master **Leo Gregory** fittingly observed his fourth birthday by giving his young little friends a happy greeting at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs **J W S Gregory** on the west side, yesterday afternoon.

Wednesday, 16 October 1895 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Jesse Pierce of Assumption and Miss **Sallie Longenbaugh** of Obed were married at Shelbyville Wednesday. (*Pana Gazette*). The foregoing was the first intimation that the *Call Mail* ever received that such an event was about to occur. Wednesday at 1 o'clock PM on 9 October 1895, Mr **Jesse Pierce** of Assumption and Miss **Sallie Longenbaugh** of Obed, were married in the parlor of Mrs **Bigler's** boarding house in Shelbyville. Elder **Jewett** of the Christian church officiating. Those present were Mrs **Robt Hunter** of Arizona, **Walter Longenbaugh, John and Carrie Stump, S Brownback** and daughter, **Mary**, Mrs **Martin**, the northside florist; Mrs **Moore** of Pennsylvania, **Homer Hunter**, Shelbyville; Mrs **Baum**, Shelbyville, and **L Ward**. The groom is a Christian County farmer and a worthy gentleman respected by all who know him. A supper was given at the bride's home on their return from Shelbyville. They will make their future home in Assumption where a cozy house is now being erected for them.

Funeral services over the remains of **Jonah Smith** who died near Edinburg on Wednesday were held Friday in the M E Church and interment in Sulphur Springs Cemetery. (Loami news)

Dr **G W Stoddard** of Ramsey aged 33, died the other day. He had in a few years, built up a fine practice.

Mrs Nancy Holderby, mother of Judge N Holderby, of Carmi, died the other evening. Mrs Holderby had reached the age of 83.

Mrs Nancy Conover Cosner, aged 77 years, died at Virginia. She was born in Kentucky and settled in Cass county in 1825.

R J Dallange, who lives about three miles north of here (Willey) committed suicide last Thursday night by shooting himself in the back of the head. He left a note on the table for his mother and also one to the lady he was to have married next Tuesday. The direct cause is yet a mystery. His funeral was preached on Sunday at the M E Church in Stonington by Rev Agnew and the remains laid to rest in the Ponting cemetery. He leaves an aged father and mother, several brothers and sisters, and a host of friends to mourn his death.

Monday, 7 October 1895, at 12 o'clock noon, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **A B Lawrence**, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives, Miss **Ida E Lawrence** and Mr **Jerry McNeal** were united in marriage. Rev **W S Werman** of Bethany officiating. The couple were attended by **John H Lawrence** and Miss **Mary Zeigler**.

After the ceremony, the couple entered the dining room where a splendid repast was served. Mr and Mrs **McNeal** will visit in the vicinity of Prairie Home for a few days and then take up housekeeping five miles south of Moweaqua on Mr **McNeal's** farm.

George Virden and **Fannie Bryson** were married in Shelbyville on Friday and that night a reception was given at the home of the bride's parents. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing until a late hour, when all dispersed wishing Mr and Mrs **Virden** much success. This is the third marriage here in Pleak's Corner in the last month.

A daughter was born on Saturday, 5 October 1895, to Mr and Mrs **P B Housh** at Pleak's Corner.

Daniel Scott, who died in Chicago the other day, was one of the richest and best known negroes in that city. His parents were slaves on a plantation near Harrisburg, Virginia, and he was sold away from them at a very early age. He went to Chicago more than twenty years ago. His estate is said to be valued at more than \$100,000.

On Sunday, 13 October 1895, at high noon, Rev **T M Griffith** officiating, **Wm H Hays** and Miss **Emma Gillman** were united in marriage. The groom is the son of **Hank Hays** west, and the bride is a former resident of Taylorville, and has of late been residing with the family of **J D Skiff**.

Mr **Remann** of Vandalia was elected to congress to represent the eighteenth district, but never lived to serve. Hon **Cyrus L Cook** of Madison county was nominated two weeks ago to succeed Mr **Remann**, and last Friday, he dropped dead at the Great Northern hotel in Chicago. Heart disease was the cause.

Born to **Willis Virgin** and wife on 9 October 1895, a boy.

D N McCluskey of this place and Mrs **Ida Bingham** of Bement were married at the home of the bride today. They are expected to arrive this evening. (*Blue Mound Leader*)

At four o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs **Nancy Bilyeu** of Prairieton township, occurred the wedding of **Frank Hodges** to Miss **Lizzie Bilyeu**. Esquire **M E Lewis** of Christian County officiated.

Mrs **Vallie Harrold**, wife of the editor of the *Shelby County Leader*, died Sunday afternoon after a lingering illness of pulmonary trouble. The deceased was one of the most genial natured one could meet, kindly and gentle in her life and beloved by all. Mr **Harrold** is prominent in political circles here.

Cards have been received in Moweaqua announcing the approaching wedding of Miss **Harriet F Reed** of Kansas City, Missouri, (a niece of Mrs **H F Day**) to **John W Sprague** of Cleveland, Ohio. The ceremony will take place 23 October 1895 at the home of the bride's parents in Kansas City.

Wednesday, 23 October 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The little six year old daughter of Mr and Mrs **J R Hazen** of Yantisville, died Sunday last after a brief illness. The funeral took place at 11 o'clock Monday at Antioch. Rev **Levi Corley** officiated at the services. Deceased was a very bright child and her death is deeply mourned by her schoolmates and family.

A large number of sympathizing friends attended the funeral of little **Nellie Sue Hazen** here Monday. She died quite suddenly of pneumonia on Sunday noon, after an illness of just five days.

Mr and Mrs **William H Reed** have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, **Harriet Reed**, to Mr **John Walters Sprague** of Cleveland, Ohio, Wednesday evening, 23 October 1895, at 7:30 at the Reed residence, 220 Garfield Avenue. Probably no young lady in Kansas City has a greater number of admiring acquaintances in both musical and social circles. Miss **Reed** is also closely connected with the Sunday school work of the Grand Avenue M E Church. Mr **Sprague** holds a responsible position with the Root and McBride Dry Goods Company of Cleveland, and has been with the firm a number of years. At home announcements are for Wednesday after 15 November 1895 at Tilden Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. (*Kansas City Journal*)

Born to Mr and Mrs **Jas Meacham**, 16 October 1895, a boy.

Wiley news: Miss **Ora Beadle** and **Lewis Card** were married last Sunday near Sharpsburg and will reside with the bride's parents for the present. They were tendered a rousing shiveree (as spelled) on Tuesday night.

We understand **J Hardin** and wife spent their wedding anniversary with **George Jacobs** and wife at Walker (Radford news)

Mrs **Phoebe Hill** died at her home, north of Allenboro, Wednesday, 16 October 1895, of consumption.

Mrs **Ann Thompson** aged 84 years, one of the oldest persons in Will County, died recently. She was the mother of Bishop **Thompson**, Episcopal of Mississippi.

John Collins, an Oswego (Kendall County) farmer, was killed in a runaway. He was thrown out of his buggy against a fence and his neck broken.

Elikom Norton, one of the oldest settlers of Winnebago County, dropped dead a few days ago. He was 95 years old and was apparently in good health.

Mr **Nuel M Belknap**, one of the oldest business men of Nokomis, died a few nights ago. Mr **Belknap** had reached his sixty-second year.

Henry Le Crone, one of the pioneers of Effingham County, died recently at his home in Watson, aged 77 years. He came to the County in 1842.

The body of **Charles Lenhard** of Mount Olive was found under a tree by hunters a few days ago. He had been killed by lightning.

Alphonso Barbers, French farmer, aged 60, was killed near Danvers, McLean County, by being kicked in the stomach by a horse.

Mrs **Patrick Burke** an old resident of Dixon, dropped dead while at dinner. She was 63 years of age and had lived in Dixon thirty-seven years.

Wednesday, 30 October 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born on Thursday morning, 24 October 1895, to Mr and Mrs **Seth Marshall**, a boy.

Grandma Dewitt quietly passed away Monday morning. Death did not come unexpectedly for several months she had been gradually declining. During her last days she retained many of her mental faculties and the loved ones about her gave her every possible attention. (*Picture of Grandma Dewitt in a lace bonnet accompanies this article. I tried to make a copy of this picture, however it was so dark, facial features didn't show clear enough to put in this book.*) The funeral services were held from the Baptist church yesterday morning. Rev **Griffith** assisted by Rev **L N Williams**, officiating. The remains were interred in the Masonic cemetery. The pallbearers were **Jas Kirkman, Wm Whitworth, Nathan Humphrey, V F Hilvety, Thos Smith and Jos Duncan Sr.** Mrs **Susanah DeWitt** was born in Genoa, Cayuga County, New York, on the 28th of October 1800 and died near Moweaqua, Illinois, on the 28th of October, 1895, age at the time of her death was 95 years and 6 months. She married **Matthias Parker**, a native of Canada, by whom she had six children. He died in the state of New York, while the children were quite young. She married the second time, Mr **Owen DeWitt** with whom she had seven children. Shortly after the last marriage they came to Pike Co, Illinois and afterward to Shelby County. For nearly 35 years she has made her home with her son, **Lemuel Parker** and remained with him until she died. Mr **DeWitt** died in 1866, leaving her a widow almost 30 years. **Grandma DeWitt** was the mother of 13 children, 38 grandchildren, and 44 great grand-children. Only 6 of her children are now living, two **Parkers** and four **DeWitts**. About the age of 15 she was converted and joined the church of her Savior, a member of the church a little over 80 years. She greatly honored it during life, never absenting herself from services when possible to be present. She told her pastor during her whole life, she was never waited upon for dereliction of duty or any misdemeanor. She would often enquire about the well-fare of the body when she was no longer able to visit her spiritual home. Her age and infirmity prevented her attendance upon the seasons of worship. The last time she was permitted to enter the sacred portal on earth, was on her 95th birthday and was greatly delighted with the services and the greeting of old friends and brethren. *Card of thanks* accompanied obituary – signed: **The Parker Family**

J Bickel and Miss **Hattie Baker** were married Tuesday night at the residence of **Lowery Hunt**, only the immediate relatives were present. They left Wednesday for Litchfield where they will spend their honeymoon. (Loami news)

Dr F Martin Flenner died at Martinsville, aged 85 years. He was the oldest physician in Clarke County.

J W and W J Clark, a pair of twins of whom Moweaqua may well be proud, fittingly, observed their 59th birthday yesterday at the home of the first named. Those present were Mrs **A C Campbell**, Mrs **Ruth Emery** (Warren, Texas), Mrs **Rebecca Fathergail**, Taylorville; Mr and Mrs **W J Clark** and Mr and Mrs **S Breeding**, Rural Township; Mr and Mrs **Thos Smith**, and Mr and Mrs **Fred Snell**.

Friday being **John Stump's** birthday, a number of his friends gathered at his home and surprised him with a bountiful supper. (Obed news)

Today at high noon at the residence of **J G Imboden** in Decatur, **Lawson L Walker** and Miss **Harriet Vickery**, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev **D F Howe** of the M E Church officiated. The wedding was a very quiet and unostentatious affair, only a

few relatives and immediate friends being present. (*Description of the wedding ceremony included, not copied here*). At the conclusion of the ceremony, the bridal party enjoyed a sumptuous repast prepared by the generous host, after which congratulations were in order. Those present at the wedding were **Joel T Walker**, father of the groom, Mr and Mrs **J W Walker**, Mr and Mrs **Elijah Walker**, Miss **Fannie Hudson**, Mr and Mrs **T C Ponting** and **Everett**, Mr and Mrs **J Wheeler Adams**, Mr and Mrs **Cyrus Imboden**, Mr and Mrs **Wm Morton**, Mr and Mrs **John Imboden, Sr**, Rev **C C Galeener**, and Miss **Daisy Imboden**. **Fred Vickery**, of Barnstable, England, a brother of the bride was also present. He brought a beautiful wedding cake all the way from the old County, a gift from the bride's mother. The bride is a young lady who has resided in this vicinity only a few years, but has nevertheless, endeared herself in the hearts of many families, by her excellent qualities.. Her friends in Moweaqua are numbered by the score, and numerous are the regrets that she is not to remain among us. The groom is a gentleman of many excellent business qualities who holds the esteem of the entire community and in passing from a bachelor to a benedict, he leaves but a single member of the original bachelor's club. Mr and Mrs **Walker** leave tonight for Storm Lake, Iowa, where **Lawson** will become associated in the grain business with his uncle, **E B Walker**.

Jerman Tice aged 65, father of Hon **Homer Tice** died at Petersburg from the effects of a railway accident.

John A Shriver aged 56 years, a veteran of the Seventy-first Regiment died at Decatur.

Dr **J H Thompson** of West Walnut, one of the oldest practicing physicians in Bureau County, died recently.

Frank Holloway, junior member of the firm of Holloway and Son of Princeton, while superintending the construction of a pumping plant at Hollowayville, fell from a scaffolding to the bottom of a 60-foot well. On account of the well being filled with gases, he died in a few moments and it was necessary to remove the body with a grappling iron.

Holloway was 30 years old and a well-to-do-business man.

Edna Pauline Schmidt, daughter of **Kasper George Schmidt**, millionaire brewer of Chicago, and **Ernest Wahl**, the family coachman, were married the other day. Her father says she will get nothing.

G E Allen, who was born and reared in the neighborhood of Mount Vernon, where he was well connected, died recently in Brazil of yellow fever.

Flavius J Briggs died at Bloomington aged 84 years. He was a minister of the Universalist church and had resided in Bloomington for a half century.

The many friends of **J W Hazen** will be pleased to hear of his marriage to **Mary Busby** at Arcola on the 14th. He has a paying position as baggage master at DuQuoin.

Wednesday, 6 November 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Sunday morning at one o'clock after a lingering illness of nearly a year with consumption, **Marion E. Alexander** responded to the call of death, aged 26 years. The deceased resided with the family of **Jacob Jones** in the south part of town, from whom he received every care and attention. He was a member of the Alpine Lodge K of P and the funeral was held under the auspices of that order Sunday afternoon. Rev **Griffith** of the Baptist church officiating. The interment took place at Little Flock cemetery.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Bollin** on 24 October 1895, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Henry Otta**, 4 November 1895, a girl.

J M Rodman was called to McClain (*as spelled*) County Thursday afternoon by telegram announcing the serious illness of his father who died before Mr **Rodman** reached his bedside. From the *St Louis Republic* of 1 November 1895, we clip the following concerning him: "**Scamon Rodman** died at his home in Old Town Township, McLean County at 6 PM, unexpectedly after a few hours' illness. He was one of the oldest and most prominent farmers in McLean County. He was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, 86 years ago, and had lived in this County since 1852." He was buried Sunday last, and at his own request, his eight sons acted as pallbearers.

Duncan Demars of Assumption died at the hospital in Jacksonville on Thursday. His body passed through our town Friday enroute home for burial.

Irene Davis, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs **Wm Davis** died Monday night 28 October 1895. The funeral services were held at Locust Grove on Tuesday afternoon by Rev **Corley**.

The young people of the neighborhood of Obed were most charmingly entertained last Saturday night at Mr and Mrs **Jacob Longenbaugh's** beautiful home. This great affair was in honor of their son, **Burton**, whose birthday happened to be the next day. An elegant supper had been prepared. This was all a surprise to **Burton** and we think he enjoyed it as well as anyone there.

Allen Cole died Saturday and was buried Sunday at Bethany. Mr **Cole** was a resident of this township for several years, but at the time of his death lived near Dalton. (Prairie Home news)

Joseph Sweigert, alias **Joseph R Campbell**, a machinist at Moline, aged 45 years, who came from Canton, was found dead in his room, having taken his life. **Sweigert** dictated his will to a fellow boarder in which he directed that he should be buried in a rough box; that the Light Guard band should play "*The Girl I Left Behind Me*" as he was lowered into the grave, and that his friends tramp the dirt down over him. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide by morphine poisoning.

David Danner, aged 67 years, a farmer of Fulton County was found lying on the ground near his home, 2 miles north of Astoria. He probably died of heart disease and had been dead 24 hours. His family went to a distant part of the state several days ago.

While making a coupling in the Chicago, Peoria and St Louis railroad freight yards at Springfield, **Ed Parks**, a brakeman, fell in front of the moving switch engine and his body was cut in two. The deceased was a young man and his home was in Murphysboro.

Joseph Warburton, a prominent farmer of Harristown township, Macoupin County, was thrown from his buggy and so badly injured that he died.

Riley Wethforth, aged 20, employed at the Illinois Steel Co, Joliet, fell and was instantly killed. His home was in Raymond, near East St Louis.

Mrs **William Holder** died at Galena the other day at the age of 80 years. She was born in England but had resided in Galena for over 50 years.

Wednesday, 13 November 1895 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Born to Mr and Mrs **George W Hays** on 8 November 1895, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **George Fortner**, Monday, 4 November 1895, a girl.

Loami news: **Paul Huffmaster** died on 31 October 1895, aged 42 years. He was a member of the Loami Camp of M. W. A. and carried a \$3,000 policy.

Mrs **Noble Smith** attended the funeral of her brother in Pana, last Thursday.

Saturday last being Mrs **Oscar Frazee's** birthday, she was most pleasantly remembered by receiving a very beautiful rocker, the gift of her husband. The chair is of curly birch, handsomely inlaid and of a very stylish pattern.

Round Grove news: A number of our young people were entertained at the residence of **A W Smart** last Tuesday evening, the occasion being a surprise on **Ben Smart**, in honor of his 20th birthday anniversary. .

Born to Mr and Mrs **Delmer Pelton**, Saturday, 9 November 1895, a girl.

Wednesday, 20 November 1895 issue, Moweauqua Call-Mail:

Friday afternoon, **James Cochran**, aged 17 years, and **Henry Rutherford**, half brothers, were wrestling just south of where **Kirker** and **Rodman** were shelling corn, when Henry threw **James Cochran** about eight feet and he fell with tremendous force upon the ground. He did not feel the effects until Sunday when he complained of severe pains in the side. Tuesday morning he died from the effects of internal injuries received. The funeral of **James Cochran** was held at ten o'clock this morning.

The four-year-old daughter of Rev and Mrs **J J Midkiff** of Stonington died on Wednesday last of typhoid fever. Funeral director **Stine** of this city had charge of interment.

Died on Sunday, 17 November 1895, of typhoid fever, **Laura Bilyeu**, daughter of Mrs **Nancy Bilyeu**, aged 14 years. The funeral services were held from the Christian Church, west in Christian County, on Monday afternoon. Rev **T M Griffith** officiated at the services. Interment took place in Hays Cemetery.

Born to **John Roach** and wife on Thursday, 14 November 1895, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Jas Weakley** on 13 November 1895, in Obed, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **N B Livingston**, 19 November 1895, a boy.

Sunday morning last, at an early hour, Mrs **Katharine Cairnes**, wife of **John Cairnes**, peacefully passed from mortality into life eternal, through the ultimate effects of that dreaded disease, consumption. She had resided in this city a number of years, her husband being associated as pitboss with the coal shaft. She was well known and greatly beloved for her many estimable qualities. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the M E Church, Rev E J Durham officiating. Mrs **Katie Cairnes**, wife of **John Cairnes**, was born at Oakley, Fifeshire, Scotland, on 27 August 1866. She fell asleep in Jesus, 17 November 1895, aged 29 years, 2 months and 20 days. She was a regular attendant upon the church services from childhood. About 6 years and a half ago, she united with the visble church of Christ.

William Mitchell who was shot at Monmouth while playing jokes on Halloween night, died the other day from his injuries. A reward of \$100 has been offered for the arrest of **George Canning** who has disappeared, and who, it is alleged, did the shooting.

William Ellis died at his home near Arcola, the other morning. He was 88 years of age and one of the first settlers in that section of the country, having located there in 1833. He leaves a widow and large family, all grown.

Miss **Pearl Andrus Miner**, step-daughter of Mr **E H Miner**, a Bloomington attorney, eloped with **Frederick Johnson** and they were married. The bride is a grand-daughter of **Wm Von Schoick**, a Bloomington Capitalist.

Mrs **Lucy N Wright**, one of the pioneer women of Galena, died the other night at the age of 94 years. She had resided in Galena since 1829.

Wm B Ervin, one of the oldest citizens of Tuscola, died suddenly, aged 90 years. He was a prominent citizen and pioneer.

Boy born to Mr and Mrs **Mart S Ayars** on Friday, 15 November 1895, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **J T Coffman** on Thursday, 14 November, a boy.

The 4-year-old daughter of Rev and Mrs **J J Midkiff** of Stonington, died Wednesday last of typhoid fever. Funeral director **Stine** of this city had charge of the interment.

Dale Stapleton and Miss **Minnie Salmon**, both of Assumption, were married at Chester, Illinois, on Tuesday of last week. It is thought to have been a runaway match so says the *Taylorville Breeze*. The young people are well known in Moweaqua.

Died on Sunday, 17 November 1895, of typhoid fever, **Laura Bilyeu**, daughter of Mrs **Nancy Bilyeu**, aged 14 years. The funeral services were held from the Christian Church, west in Christian County, Monday afternoon, Rev **T M Griffith** officiating. Interment took place in the Hays cemetery.

Yantisville news: A twelve pound daughter was born to Mr and Mrs **Harry Hunter** on 8 November 1895.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Jas Weakly** of Obed on 13 November 1895, a son.

Born to **John Roach** and wife on Thursday, 14 November 1895, a girl. (Fame news)

Wednesday, 27 November 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

At twelve o'clock last night from a severe attack of typhoid fever, the spirit of **Cornelius Tolly, Jr** passed from earth to heaven at his home in this city. He was born in Flat Branch township on 10 October 1837, and no man was more widely known or more highly esteemed in north Shelby County. He moved to Moweaqua several years ago and has since been one of our town's most respected citizens. He married **Elizabeth Goodwin** on 11 April 1854 and to this union nine children were born, all of whom survive him. The funeral will take place from the Methodist Church tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

This afternoon at four o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, in Prairie Bird, Mr **George Proctor** and Miss **Doris Baker**, will be united in hold bonds of matrimony. Rev **T M Griffith** of this city will officiate. It is impossible at this hour to learn further particulars of the wedding.

Miss **Mabel West** pleasantly entertained a number of her young friends on Monday evening, the occasion being her 14th birthday. Among those present were: **Pearl Scribner**, **Edna** and **Jessie Miller**, **Rose Cutler**, **Bulah** and **Bessie Warren**, **Bertha** and **Della West**, **Willie Miller**, and **Sam Miller**.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr **Charles Merris** to Miss **Lottie Harper**, daughter of **E W Harper**, northeast of town. The wedding will take place at the family residence on Wednesday evening next, 4 December 1895.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wib Wilson** on 25 November 1895, a boy.

Wednesday, 4 December 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

One of the largest assemblages ever congregated in Moweaqua, paid loving tribute to the remains of **Neal Tolly**, Thanksgiving afternoon at the M E Church. At the hour of two o'clock, the strains of the sympathetic and consoling hymn, '*Nearer My God to Thee*', was sung by a quartette composed of Misses **McHenry** and **Coulter** and Messrs **Haslam** and **Corrington**. A brief prayer by Rev **Durham** and then Rev **Cox** of Danville, a minister of

the Primitive Baptist faith and a valued friend of the deceased preached the funeral discourse. At the conclusion the remains were followed by a large concourse of friends to the I. O. O. F. cemetery where they were interred. The pallbearers were **V Snyder, Jr; J N Corrington, D P Keller, F P Snell, B H McHenry, Esq Don D Moll** and **N Francis**. A beautiful sheaf of grain, entwined with ivy, emblematical of his farm life, ornamented the casket. (*Article includes a picture of Cornelius Tolly, Jr*). **Cornelius Tolly Jr** was an exceptional character. He was loved by everyone. If he had an enemy on earth, the writer does not know it. For 31 years he had been a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church and he gloried in its simple faith and lived that faith in his daily walks of life. Mr **Tolly** was a member of Moweaqua Lodge Knights of Honor, carrying \$2,000 life insurance in that order. **Cornelius Tolly, Jr**, was born in Flat Branch Township on 10 October 1837 and died at his home in Moweaqua at midnight, 26 November 1895. He married **Elizabeth Goodwin**, 11 April 1854. To this union were born ten children, nine of whom, with his wife, survive him: **James Tolly** of Charleston, Illinois; Mrs **Levi Casey** of Assumption; Mrs **W F Boysell** of Springfield; Mrs **John Moll**, Mrs **Julia Simms**, **Will Tolly**, **Charles Tolly**, **Homer Tolly**, and **Ora Tolly**. One brother, **Daniel Tolly**, survives him. Card of thanks signed by Mrs **Elizabeth Tolly** and family.

This Wednesday evening (tonight) at seven o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **E W Harper**, three miles northeast, Miss **Lottie Harper** and Mr **Charles Merris**, will be united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev **Blunk** of Dalton City, officiating. The young people are well-known in Moweaqua and have a large number of friends here. Mr and Mrs **Harper** will spread a bounteous wedding supper to which a large number of guests have been invited.

Thanksgiving evening at six o'clock at the residence of **Albert Taite**, the Rev **Jos Thomas** officiating, **George Fortner** and Miss **Leona Richardson** were united in marriage.

Mr **Mayhew Workman** and Miss **Amanda Carson** were married on Thursday at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **W P Carson** (Loami news)

Oliver N Walker, son of **Elijah Walker**, and Miss **Allie Johnson** were married.

Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **Wm Johnson** in the presence of relatives and immediate friends of the family. Rev **A Willard** was the officiating minister. (*Macon Leader*)

Born to Mr and Mrs **A Smith** on 29 November 1895, a girl.

Esquire **J H Donnell** has been appointed administrator of the estate of **Cornelius Tolly, Jr**, recently deceased old resident of Moweaqua.

Word reached the city Monday that **Edw Roff** died at Kankakee Sunday night at which place he had been for several months because of mental derangement. The remains were sent to his family in this city and the funeral services were held in the Baptist church in this city yesterday morning. Rev **Griffith** officiated, assisted by Rev **Brown**. The deceased was an honored member of Clements Post G. A. R. and served with much credit during the Civil War. He was a native of Tobinsport, Indiana, and at the time of his death, was in the 54th year of his age. He had been a consistent member of the Baptist church for many years prior to his death. A wife and 8 children survive to mourn his loss. Interment was in Little Flock cemetery.

Oliver N Walker, son of **Elijah Walker**, and Miss **Allie Johnson** were married on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **Wm Johnson**, in the

presence of relatives and immediate friends of the family. Rev **A Willard** was the officiating minister. (*Macon Leader*)

Born to Mr and Mrs **A Smith** on 29 November 1895, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **David Adamson**, Thursday, 28 November 1895, a girl.

Married at the Prairie Home parsonage on Wednesday evening, **Anson Bertzfield** to Miss **Harriet Orris**. The wedding was no surprise to the neighborhood, but no one knew just when it was going to take place till after the marriage was over and the boys were cheated out of a charivari. (*Decatur Review*)

Hugh Lilly, editor of the *Windsor Gazette*, not only advocates progressive ideas for the elevation of his end of Shelby County, but has done more—taken unto himself a handsome wife to assist in bearing the weary burdens of life and also tone up the society of that little city.

Mr **Mayhew Workman** and Miss **Amanda Carson** were married Thursday at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **W P Carson**. (*Loami news*)

J D Rittgers and Miss **Lizzie Hemer** were married Thursday at Shelbyville. A reception was given at the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **Hemer** of Allenboro.

Martin J Wiley who, until recently, was a resident of Leroy, McLean County, was killed by a train at American Falls, Idaho. He was aged 96 years. Before the days of railways, he carried on a freighting business with Bloomington as headquarters.

John Graves, aged 75 years, a wealthy farmer of Harristown Township, Macon County, was found dead in bed by his daughter. Heart failure was assigned as the cause.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Simmons** on 2 December 1895, a boy (*Prairie Home news*)

Mrs **W Humphrey** left Round Grove on Friday for Jacksonville to attend the funeral of her brother.

Wednesday, 11 December 1895 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

After a brief illness, Uncle **Louis Scribner** died at his home in this city last night at 9 o'clock of pneumonia and heart trouble in his 68th year of his age. The funeral was held this afternoon at the house and interment was made at Long Grove Cemetery.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Art Smull** on 29 November 1895, a girl.

Mail carrier **Harper** attended the funeral of his brother who died in Chicago on Tuesday. The mail was brought by his step-son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Art Smull** on 29 November 1895, a girl.

Wednesday, 18 December 1895 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

After a brief but serious illness, **Lewis Scribner**, passed away at his home in this city Tuesday evening last. He was an old settler in this community and a man much esteemed. The funeral services, as was briefly announced in last week's issue of the paper, took place from the residence of the deceased, Rev **Griffith** officiating and the interment was at Long Grove cemetery. **Lewis Scribner** was born in 1828 and died in Moweaqua 11 December 1895 of heart trouble. He had been in ailing health for some time. He was a soldier in the Mexican War. The last five years of his life were spent in Moweaqua. He was married to **Sarah Scribner** and to them were born nine children, of whom six children are now living. Surviving children are **James** and **Clem Scribner** and Mrs **Ada Powell** of Moweaqua, **Milton Scribner** of Texas, **Douglas Scribner** of Kentucky, and Mrs **Anna Goodwin** of Decatur. He was then married to **Elizabeth Gordon**, six children being born to them,

three are living: **Pearl, Effie and Bessie**. *Card of Thanks*: We extend our sincere thanks to those friends who so kindly aided us during our sad bereavement. **J R Powell** and family.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Stiner** on 8 December 1895, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **James Curtis** on Saturday, 14 December 1895, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **J B Freeman, Jr** on 15 December 1895, a daughter (*Decatur Review*).

Fame news: Born to **James Osborne** and wife on Sunday, 15 December 1895, a girl.

Information in the way of a personal letter to Constable **Reighley** reached us last week, saying that Moweaqua's ever popular boy, **John A Reighley** was married the 27th of last November to Miss **May Reed**, a charming young lady of Milwaukee. The wedding was a quiet affair and the newly married couple went to house keeping at once in Milwaukee at No. 122 Fifth Street.

This evening at 7:30 o'clock in the M E Church, Mr **Harry M Day** and Miss **Rosa McKay** will be united in marriage. Rev **E J Durham** officiating.

Philip Stanley returned Sunday morning last on the Diamond Special from Ashland, Illinois, where he had been in attendance at the funeral of his brother-in-law, **J E Hunter**, who died the 13th inst.

Mr **J J Connelly** and Miss **June Waddell** were married Wednesday, 11 December 1895 at five o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **B E Waddell** in the midst of a large assembly of relatives and friends. At the first strains of the wedding march, executed by the bride's four brothers, on their stringed instruments, the contracting parties, attended by Miss **Anna Waddell**, cousin of the bride, and Mr **Connelly**, brother of the groom, entered the parlor and took their position in one corner of the room on a long white rung. Rev Pinkerton officiated. The bride and groom are well known and we wish them all the happiness and success possible. They left on the 7:56 PM train for Terre Haute, Indiana, to visit for a short time with his parents, but will be at home after 1 January in their palatial residence in Millersville.

Thomas Black, aged 85 years, who had lived on the same farm near Carrollton since 1822, died recently.

Maurice Cahill, aged 82 years died at Jacksonville as did Mrs **Mary A Pyatt**, aged 75 years, also of Jacksonville.

John Donley, aged 69 years, died at Fairbury from an operation to remove tumorous growth on the head.

Walter Bailey, president of the People's bank of Galesburg, an old settler, died suddenly from paralysis.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John B Freeman, Jr**, on 15 December 1895, a daughter. (*Decatur Review*)

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss **M E Young** to Dr **J W Dobson** to take place on 1 January 1896.

Allenboro news: The family of **Lewis Scribner** have the sympathy of this entire community in their sad bereavement.

Born to **James Osborne** and wife at Fame on Sunday, 15 December 1895, a girl.

Wednesday, 25 December 1895 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

This Tuesday evening, 24 December 1895, at 8 o'clock, just a few hours after the *Call-Mail* is in the post office, Miss **Grace Coffman** and **Eugene Snyder** will be married at the home of the bride's father, **J T Coffman**. The wedding will be a quiet one and Christmas morning the young people will leave for Bloomington where they will reside in the future. **Harry M Day** and **Rose E McKay** united in the holy vows of matrimony during a beautiful wedding service at our church. Shortly before eight o'clock the doors were thrown open and the ushers, Misses **Kittie** and **Edna Day**, sisters of the groom, and the Misses **Jennie McKay** and **Mabel Snyder**, the former a sister of the bride, paired off, taking the side isles, the bride and groom, using the center isle, preceded by little **Olive Smith** as flower girl, all advancing in unison to the altar. The pattering of the rain and the wintry winds never sang praises of a lovelier bride. Rev **E J Durham** invoked the diving blessing upon the little group kneeling before him. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mr and Mrs **Day** went at once to their cozy and comfortable little home in the north part of town where an informal reception was held. They will be at home to their friends after New Years. The groom is a worthy young man, a native of Moweaqua, the son of Postmaster **H F Day** and now occupies the responsible position of assistant postmaster. The bride is the handsome and accomplished daughter of **I R McKay** and has been closely associated with this paper for nearly two years.

Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at his residence in this city, **W R Sanders (Uncle Billy)** passed away of pneumonia aged about 71 years. He was a native Kentuckian and had lived in this vicinity many years, an honored and upright man. His wife survives him. The funeral services were held in the M E Church on Tuesday morning and interment was at Old Stonington cemetery.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Scroggins** on 11 December 1895, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **J J Rutherford**, 14 December 1895, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **W T Breeding** on 15 December, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **James Simpson**, 17 December 1895, a girl.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss **Anna Armstrong**, Christmas day at the home of the bride.

Fred Suckel of Fame is all smiles, all on account of a little boy at his home.

Jacob Kneller, the 16-year-old son of **John Kneller**, a farmer of Ridgè township, Shelby County, pointed a shotgun, which he thought was unloaded at his 10 year-old-brother, **Ralph Kneller**, and pulled the trigger. There was an explosion and Ralph fell to the floor dead with a ghastly hole in his breast.

Mr and Mrs **George E Rockey** celebrated their fifty-third anniversary of their marriage at Joliet. A large gathering of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present. In Williamson County, Mrs **Paulina Rich**, a widow, aged 40, was married to **Joseph Wiley**, aged 19 years. The ceremony was performed by Rev **Linsey W Miller** at the bride's residence.

Joe Dedman and wife visited **Sid Dedman** and wife at Decatur Thursday and Friday. The birthdays of the Mesdames **Dedman** are 12 December and 13 December, respectively. Both events were duly celebrated at Decatur, a number of relatives participating in the celebration. This anniversary celebration has been kept up for some time alternately at each residence. (*Sullivan Progress*)

Thursday evening last, 19 December 1895, little **Arthur Marshall**, youngest son of Mrs **Phoebe Marshall**, succumbed to a severe attack of typhoid pneumonia, aged 7 years, 4 months and 21 days. The funeral services were held at the family residence on Saturday. Rev **Griffith** officiating, and interment was in Little Flock. The child is referred to as a bright and evenly tempered little fellow and his death falls as a heavy blow upon the family. Three other children are reported very ill in the family with the same malignant disease.

Wm Coffman's little child died of lung fever the latter part of last week and was buried at Taylorville.

S P Workman and daughter, **Jennie**, are visiting relatives in Moweaqua (Loami news).

Stephen Workman died on Monday morning aged 42 years. He leaves a wife and 8 children to mourn his departure. He was a member of Loami Comp M W A and carried a policy of \$3,000. (Loami news)

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Wednesday, 1 January 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

On Christmas evening at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs Sarah Smith, occurred the marriage of her daughter, Miss Emma May Smith to Edward Proctor. Rev Jos Thomas officiated. The bride is the sister of Commissioner N E Smith and a young lady favorably known in this vicinity.

William R Sanders was born in Caldwell County, Kentucky, 12 January 1825, and removed with his parents to this state in 1836. He was married to Margaret P Baldrige on 6 January 1848, who died on 17 July 1887. By this marriage were born four children, three of whom died while small. May, the youngest, died in 1881, at the age of twenty. He married Francis McKinney on 26 October 1892. He was converted and united with the M E Church at the Nebraska appointment in 1863. He died on 22 December 1895 at 2 PM, he being the last of six children.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs William Wilcox of Princeton was celebrated the other day.

Born to Mr and Mrs C H Uphoff on 25 December 1895, a girl. A joyous Christmas present, indeed.

Administrator's sale on the estate of Cornelius Tolly, deceased to be held 5 miles east and 2 miles south of Moweaqua on Thursday, 2 January 1896.

Prairie Home News, 28 December 1895 - Thompson Atkinson and Miss Nettie Marshall were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on 24 December 1895. Rev Blunk officiated. Mrs J P Davis of Loami died on Wednesday, aged 75 years.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Laura Walker to Willie Sturgess on 4 January 1896. (Loami news)

The angel of death visited the home of Vallie Harrold, of the *Shelbyville Leader* and taken his motherless babe. It is resting sweetly in Jesus' arms in the beauteous spirit world beyond.

On Christmas morning, Mr and Mrs Eugene Snyder left for their future home in Bloomington, and no better evidence of their popularity at home could be advanced than to have beheld the immense throng that was at the depot to bid them farewell. As the train drew up to the platform they were literally overwhelmed with congratulations, kisses and rice! The latter in such quantities that the young people carried enough away to make them a square meal.

Mrs F S Sanders has a card of thanks for friends who so kindly assisted us during the late illness and demise of W R Sanders.

Martha A Hall, daughter of Henry and Emmaline Hall, was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, 28 June 1848 and died in Moweaqua on 30 December 1895. Her age was 47 years, 6 months, and 2 days. She died from the effect of double pneumonia. She took a severe chill in Church two weeks ago last Sunday night and never rallied. She leaves a brother in Pawnee, Kansas, and a sister, Mrs Amanda Jacobs of this place, who faithfully nursed her during her entire sickness. Mattie, as she was familiarly called, came to Moweaqua to live with her sister, Mrs Jacobs, in 1873 and has been here ever since, except of short intervals. She made a profession of religion, 14 February 1882, and joined the Baptist Church during the pastorate of Rev David King. Sister Mattie died in the full confidence of the Church and community. The funeral services were held from the Baptist

Church on Tuesday afternoon, 31 December 1895; Rev **Griffith** officiated. Interment in I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

While out fox hunting near O'Fallon, Illinois, **Jim Rouse** was standing on a stump looking for game, when he slipped and fell. The gun was discharged and the center load entered his abdomen and ranged upward. He died within a few hours.

Thursday, 8 January 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

First picture of a deceased person found in the *Moweaqua Call-Mail* is that of **Rebecca McHenry**. Sunday morning, at 12:25 o'clock, **Rebecca**, the beloved wife of **B H McHenry**, departed this life. She had been ill only a few days, having caught a severe cold on Christmas day, which developed into lung fever and was more than her feeble constitution could withstand. Mrs **McHenry** was in the 70th year of her age at the time of her death and had been more or less an invalid for many years. Patient, uncomplaining, she cheerfully attended her household duties almost to the end. She was indeed a lovable character and her mission on earth—that of a devoted wife and loving mother—was perfectly fulfilled. She was united with the Methodist Church when very young. She was a great lover of flowers and saw in them all that was good and pure, and beautiful. The funeral services were held from the M E Church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the house was crowded to the fullest capacity the friends of the deceased. Interment in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Mrs **Rebecca Montgomery McHenry**, was born in Indiana, 15 April 1826, and died at her home in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 5 January 1896, aged 69 years, 8 months and 20 days. She married **B H McHenry** in White County, Illinois, the ceremony being performed by Rev **J A Robinson**. The family moved to Greene County, Illinois, in 1851 or 1852 and from thence to Shelby County, Illinois, where they have since resided. To them, were born 6 children, three of whom survive: **William, Belle, and Mattie**. One brother and three sisters also survive her: **Eli Montgomery** of Chicago; Mrs **Arminda Snow**, Moweaqua; Mrs **Eliza Douthitt**, Tacoma, Washington, and Mrs **Jennie Dunn** of Kansas City, Missouri.

At Freeport, **Bert Lamb**, aged 8, and **Claude Lamb**, aged 10, sons of **Andrew Lamb** were playing with a gun when Bert was shot through the brain.

George Hemer of Allenboro and Miss **Carrie Wagner** of Cannelton, Indiana, were united in marriage at the home of the bride in Indiana on Christmas Day 1895.

Yesterday promptly at 3:30 PM at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev and Mrs **W D H Young**, No 611 East Walnut Street, occurred the marriage of Miss **Mame E Young** to Dr **J W Dobson** of Arthur, Illinois. Preceded by the little niece and nephew of the bride, **Wilhelmina** and **Donald Van Petten**, 3 and 5 years old, they came down the stairway and arranged themselves in front of a bank of flowers while Miss **Katherine Young**, sister of the bride played. The bride's father pronounced the happy couple man and wife, using the ring ceremony. The ring had been carried on a satin cushion by the little maid of honor, who looked sweet enough for a bride herself, leaning on the arm of her sturdy little brother. The bride is well-known in Bloomington, having lived here a number of years and has been quite active in musical circles. Dr **Dobson** is a practicing physician in Arthur, Illinois, where he and his lovely wife will live. They left last evening at 9 PM for Peoria where they will be tendered a reception this afternoon and evening by Mr and Mrs **G C Yale**, uncle and aunt of the bride. From there they go to Cerro Gordo, where they will be

given another reception by the father and mother of the groom, Mr and Mrs **George Dobson**. (*Bloomington Pantagraph*, 2 January 1896)

In news from Willey – Mr and Mrs **J J Connelly** who have been visiting the former's parents at Terre Haute, Indiana, returned last Monday, and are the guests of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **B E Waddell**.

Son born to Mr and Mrs **John Pinkston** on 7 January 1896.

New Year's night, at Taylorville, **Charles W Morgan** was united in marriage to Miss **Nora Johnson**, daughter of ex-sheriff **Johnson** of that city. The newly married couple started at once for some point in the south, to enjoy their honeymoon. **Charlie** is well-known in this city, having resided here for many years. For over two years, he was a faithful attaché to the *Call-Mail* office. The bride is a charming social satellite of Taylorville society.

In letter from Mrs **Minnie Ney**, a former resident of this vicinity to **W J Snyder**, she writes, "I am sorry to learn that **Lizzie Snyder** is dead, especially so for **Chris** and the boys, they will surely miss her very much."

J M McCullough and wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Christmas. Both are natives of Kentucky. Mr **McCullough** was a cousin of **John Morgan**, the raider.

Mr and Mrs **M L Bobo** of Paxton, observed the 50th anniversary of their marriage a few days ago. Fourteen of their grandchildren were present besides relatives from other states.

Wednesday, 15 January 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs **Lucke M Kistenmacher**, aged 72, the oldest German and most highly respected resident of Pana died recently at her son's, Alderman **Jehl Kistenmacher**.

Mr and Mrs **Harry Hunt** have a new baby born on 12 January 1896 – a boy.

Willey news: Born to Mr and Mrs **Bunstein** on last Friday, a baby girl.

John Linscomb, 66 years of age, of Morris, a brickmaker by trade was instantly killed about a mile west of Minooka by a passenger train.

Thomas E Johnson committed suicide in Havana in the presence of his wife. Shooting himself in the head, he died instantly.

Mr and Mrs **John D Shreffler**, of Plainfield, Will County, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently. The bride and groom of 50 years ago were attired in their wedding costumes. About 150 guests were present. Both Mr and Mrs **Shreffler** are over 80 years of age.

Edwin Gritton and **J M Pearson** had a fatal encounter in Vermilion County on account of Gritton's wife. The two men met at a lonely place in the highway. **Gritton** had an ax and **Pearson** was armed with a pistol. **Pearson** fired three shots, all of which took effect, and it is impossible for **Gritton** to recover.

William McLean died at his home in Peoria the other date at age 54 years.

During the funeral of **James C Hart**, a traveling man, while relatives came to the casket to have a last look at the remains, **Peter Hart**, a brother, aged 53, who as he looked down upon the lifeless body, reeled, and fell to the floor, dying in a few moments. The body of one brother was borne away to the Cemetery and that of the other to the house to await the inquest. It was ruled heart failure and the deaths occurred in Joliet.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Harry Hunt** on 12 January 1896, a son.

Estate of **Lewis Scribner**, Deceased, notice is given that **Clem Scribner**, administrator, will appear before the County court of Shelby County on the first Monday in March 1896.

Estate of **William R Sanders**, deceased, notice is given same as above.

Born to Mr and Mrs **J W Hardin** on 11 January 1896, a ten pound boy (Radford news)

Loami news: **S M Harber** and Miss **Belle Holloway** were married Wednesday in Springfield. **Willie Sturgess** and Miss **Laura Walker** were married Sunday afternoon.

They will reside on a farm near Bates.

Mr and Mrs **John Angel** went to Tower Hill Saturday to attend the funeral of **Wm Foster**.

Rev **Hamilton** and **C Weakley** attended the funeral of Mr **Shaffer** of Assumption last Saturday. (Obed news)

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Cramer**, on 14 January 1896, a little girl.

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs **Chas Stiner**, five weeks old, died Sunday and the funeral services were held yesterday. Rev **Jos Thomas** officiating. The interment was at the Hayes Cemetery.

Rev **Jos Thomas** received a telegram Saturday announcing the death of his brother-in-law, **George Cook**, who resides Prairie Bird. The deceased was also a brother-in-law of the **Smith** boys.

Wednesday, 22 January 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs **Mary Jane Reading**, beloved wife of Col **Wm Reading**, departed this life at there home near Pana, 14 January 1896, on Tuesday at five o'clock AM after a protracted illness with pneumonia. Mrs **Reading** was born 23 April 1834 and hence at time of death was aged 61 years, 8 months and 22 days old. She with her family have been residing on the Col **Smith** farm four miles north of Pana for several years, and it was there that she passed away. In addition to the bereaved husband the deceased leaves a family of three daughters, all model young ladies Mrs **Reading** was a mother in Israel for many years being a professing and confessing Christian and a faithful member of the M E denomination. She was a woman of many lovable traits and admired and loved by all who knew her. The funeral services were held from the M E Church in the city Wednesday at 11 o'clock. Rev **Miller** of Owaneco, assisted by Rev **Stout** of this city, having charge of the services. The interment was made at Greenwood Cemetery (*Assumption News*)

Miss **Flora Cripe** and **Martin Plunket** and Miss **Artilla Cripe** and **Alfred Morrison** of Mansfield were married recently. The brides are sisters.

John H Liter, a farmer near Literberry, Jackson County, dropped dead while in Jacksonville the other day. Heart disease probable cause.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Arthur Porter** on 19 January 1896 a little girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Carroll**, 17 January 1896, a boy.

Word comes to us that **F W Flich** of Springfield, a former resident of this community and a brother of **Al Flich** will be married in that city on Tuesday, 28 January 1896, to Miss **Amy Reid**.

We note by Thursday's *Decatur Review* that a marriage license was issued to Mr **Rice Radford** and Miss **Mary Greer**, both of Decatur. The former is well-known in this city, having been employed at Wilkinson's mill during the past two years. He was divorced from his wife at this term of the circuit court. (*Taylorville Breeze*)

George Cook, near Henton, died Saturday. Mr **Cook** was a member of the M. W. A. at Yantisville, Camp No. 1442. After the funeral services were conducted by Rev **Allspatch**, at the Church in Henton, Monday, his remains were interred by the Yantisville and Tower Hill camps in the presence of a vast multitude of friends and spectators who deeply

sympathized with the bereaved wife and two little children. Mr Cook carried \$2,000 life insurance. (*Findlay Enterprise*).

Willey news: **Wm Bunstein** died of quick consumption on Sunday and was buried on Monday. The funeral services were held in the Baptist Church at Stonington and the remains were laid to rest in the Oak Hill Cemetery. He had been ill only 6 weeks.

Fame news: The infant son of Mr and Mrs **L Moses** died Sunday, 19 January 1896, and was buried on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Hay's Cemetery.

Allenboro news: **Geo Hemer** and wife returned home from Indiana last Wednesday. The boys treated them with a chaivari.

Wednesday, 29 January 1896 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Miss **Ann Loveless** died at her home at Calock, McLean County. It is stated that she took 'Rough on Rats' by mistake for medicine for the relief of a toothache. She was 30 and the daughter of a farmer.

Mrs **Henry Hall**, aged 40, wife of a farmer of Downs, McLean County, committed suicide by taking laudanum and belladonna. She was laboring under mental depression following the recent death of a relative.

Born on 28 January 1896, a boy to Mr and Mrs. **Ed West**.

Born to Mr and Mrs **E H Withers** at their home in Frankton, Indiana, on 20 January 1896, a daughter.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss **Josie Cole** to **Harley Oman** on 5 February 1896 in Obed.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Swartz** in Yantisville on Monday, 20 January 1896, a daughter.

Samuel Heiter has returned from Penn where he had been called to attend the funeral of his brother. (Obed news)

Wednesday, 5 February 1896 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

A special telegram from the *Chicago Chronicle* of Saturday last tells its own story. Mrs **Frybarger** is well-known here. Shelbyville, Illinois, 31 January 1896. - Mrs **Ella Frybarger**, a widow, 40 years old and of large means, broke the winter's dullness of the town by eloping to the village of Tower Hill last evening and marrying **John Ballard**, her Hostler, aged only 20.

Friends of **James Keiser** met at the home of **Wallace Gregory** last Friday evening and then swooped down upon **James Keiser** at his home, giving him the surprise of his life. The occasion was his 20th birthday. He was presented with a very handsome Bible. (*List of attendees, not copied here*).

Near Vandalia, **Jabez Luther** and **Theodore Lynch** quarreled over an ax, when Luther threw his ax at Lynch, inflicting probable fatal wounds.

Frank W Flesch and Miss **Annie Reed**, both of Springfield, were married at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in that city yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev Father **O'Connor**. The attendants were **P J Cadigan** and **Marguerite Reed**, sister of the bride. The bride was attired in a brown traveling dress with hat and gloves to match. The happy couple reached Pana last evening where they will visit the groom's parents and in a few days will go to Sedalia, Missouri, to visit the bride's sister, Mrs **T J Solon**. On their return, they will make Springfield their home. The groom

formerly resided in Moweaqua and is a brother to **Al Flesch**. (*Pana Gazette*, 1 February 1896).

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Gordon** on 31 January 1896, a little boy.

A W Smart is in receipt of wedding cards announcing the marriage of Miss **Niana Little** to **Henry Davis, Jr** of Springfield. The wedding occurred on 27th inst.

Another wedding the in he Tallman House parlors – Tuesday noon, Esq **Johnston** officiated. The principals were Mrs **Lena Stivison** of Flat Branch and **Thomas A Burrus** of Herrick. (*Shelbyville Democrat*)

Fame news: The infant daughter of **Ed and Winnie Davis** was buried in the German Cemetery Tuesday at ten o'clock. Rev **Hafelee** of El Paso officiated.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of **Alex Ahl** to Miss **Rosella Simons**, daughter of Mr and Mrs **Conrad Simons** of Tobinsport, Indiana. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride on Wednesday afternoon, 19 February 1896.

Wednesday, 12 February 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

This evening at the handsome residence of our esteemed fellow citizen, **Samuel Miller**, will occur the marriage of his charming daughter, Miss **Edna Miller** to **Jesse W Roff**, of this city. Rev **E J Durham** will perform the ceremony which will take place at 8 o'clock. The affair will be a quiet one, only the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends will be present. The attendants will be Miss **Ida Snyder** and Mr **Ben Smart**.

Last Wednesday evening, at the residence of Mrs **Josephine Cole**, was a scene of pleasure. The occasion was that of the marriage of her second daughter, Miss **Josie Cole** to **Harley Oman**. About 70 invited guests were present and at 6:30 o'clock, the solemn and impressive vows were taken which made them man and wife. Rev **H T Athy** of the UB Church officiated. Mr and Mrs **Oman** will make their future home near Sedalia, Missouri, where they will go soon. The groom is an enterprising young farmer from near Shelbyville. The presents were beautiful and useful. (*Article describes their attire, not copied here*).

At one o'clock this morning, **Grant Atterberry** was taken from the County jail at Sullivan, dragged to the court house yard and hanged to a tree by an armed mob of fifteen men. They carried sledge hammers, battered down the doors, secured the prisoner who fought like a demon, all the while protesting his innocence. The sheriff offered practically no resistance. The *Decatur Herald Dispatch* of this morning says, "Under the tree to which he was hung, **Atterberry** realized fully that he was to die—die like a dog, and while pleading piteously, protesting his innocence, saying: '*Thank God, you are hanging an innocent man*'. The mob was wild and restless until the wretch was strung up in the air when they instantly dispersed. The gang was well organized, masked with white, and they worked with decision, and everything was most auspicious for the accomplishment of their purpose. One hour after the lynching, the body was taken down.

Frank Maley, a former resident of this city, and a brick mason by profession who has resided for a number of years in Decatur, fell dead on the street in that city Monday, the result of a severe hemorrhage of the lungs. His remains were buried yesterday morning in the potter's field.

William P Bruner and wife, **Angeline**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Metropolis. He was the second sheriff of Massac County.

Valentine Hammerly, a pioneer of Clark County, aged 76, while watching a freight train at Marshall, stepped in front of a passenger train, and was so badly injured that he died in a short time.

Mr and Mrs **William N Carlew** celebrated their golden anniversary at Hillsboro.

Died: **Frank Smith**, aged 76, first merchant of Sailor Springs; **Abraham Harrison**, one of the pioneers of Illinois, near Stanford, McLean County, aged 80. **Fred C Turner** one of the best lawyers in Jacksonville, Illinois, has died. He was the youngest son of **J B Turner**.

Born to Mr and Mrs **George E Kirkman** on Sunday, 9 February 1896, a boy.

V Snyder Jr and **Ralph Ayars** attended the funeral of **Parke Hammer** in Decatur on Sunday.

Born to Mr and Mrs **B F Pontius** on Sunday, 2 February 1896, a girl.

Mrs **Mary Kreider** was called to Stonington last week by a telegram announcing the death of her sister, Mrs **Anna Montley** who died 6 February 1896 of dropsy of the heart.

The many friends of Miss **Daisy Pratt** and Mr **Syd Potter** were surprised on Tuesday by the announcement of their marriage at the residence of Rev **George F Hall**, pastor of the Decatur Christian Church, who performed the ceremony on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The happy couple returned to Assumption on the evening train.

On Tuesday, 4 February 1896, **Lillie Ponting**, the five year old daughter of Mr and Mrs **J T Ponting**, who live two miles north of Stonington, ate some pills that contained arsenic and died in a few minutes. The funeral services were held at the residence on Wednesday afternoon after which the interment took place at Old Stonington. Revs **Midkiff** and **Agnew** conducted the services.

Born to Mr and Mrs **W P Sanner** on Friday, 7 February 1896, a boy.

Mr **J M Dodd** and Miss **Lucy Miller** were married Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **W G Miller** (Loami news)

Born to Mr and Mrs **D N McDaniel** on 6 February 1896, a 11 pound boy (Fame news)

Allenboro news: **John Thompson** and Miss **Martin** were married near Sullivan last week and are now at home to their friends.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Will Sanner** of Allenboro, 7 February 1896, a little son.

Willey: The many friends of **Ed Willey**, a former resident of this place, but now of Oconee, were pleased to learn of his marriage on 30 January 1896 to Miss **Garber**. They went to housekeeping last week.

Wednesday, 19 February 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Cards have been issued announcing the wedding of Mr **Judson Carr** to Miss **Hattie Sanner** which will occur Wednesday evening, 26 February 1896, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **E B Sanner** near Prairie Home.

Miss **Mina Gaskill** passes away. After a lingering illness of many months, during which time, with Christian fortitude, she patiently awaited the end, that she knew full well was near at hand, Miss **Mina Gaskill** passed from life into eternal light. Her death came on Sunday evening about 10 o'clock at the home of her mother in this city. Miss **Gaskill** was aged 43 years. For several years past, she has been in the millinery business in this city, succeeding her sister, Miss **Ella Gaskill**, and because of declining health, being succeeded by Miss **Effie Hudson** last fall. She was a woman greatly beloved by all who knew her. In business and in social life she was one of those characters with whom it was always a

pleasure to come in contract. Services held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and the dwelling was crowded to its utmost by loving friends who came to pay their last tribute to the memory of the deceased. Rev E J Durham officiated. Pallbearers were **M H Miller, W Z Richhart, W L Morris, L Ferre, G E Kirkman** and **Ralph Ayars**. Interment in the I. O. O. F Cemetery. (*hand drawn sketch, taken from an old photograph, accompanies this obit.*) Miss **Mina Gaskill** was born at Wellsville, Ohio, on 6 July 1852. She removed with her parents to Nokomis, Illinois, on 5 April 1865, where she lived until the removal of their family to Moweaqua, Illinois, on 6 March 1883. Since that time, she has been a resident of this place until her death. She united with the Christian Church at Nokomis, Illinois, in September 1865, and has been a faithful follower of her savior ever since. She leaves to mourn her loss, her aged mother, three brothers and her niece, **Claire Morton**. Card of thanks included in obit signed: Mrs **M E Gaskill** and family.

Saturday morning at an early hour at his home in Pickaway Township, after an illness of several weeks, **John Luffers**, an old pioneer of 1846, breathed his last. In many respects, Mr **Luffers** was a wonderful man. He came to this country penniless and has been a veritable Illinois bread-winner for half a century. What he made, he saved. He was born in Germany in 1826 and married Miss **Louisa Smith** in 1859. His wife survives him but no children ever blessed their union. They, however, raised a splendid girl, who is now the wife of **M F Cutler**. At the time of the failure of Thornton's Bank, Mr **Luffers** had several thousand dollars on deposit there but he took his loss philosophically, and went right on earning money to the end of his days. Reposing special trust and confidence in **Ralph Ayars** of this city, it was among the old gentleman's dying requests that **Rollie** be appointed administrator of his estate. The funeral services were held at Little Flock on Monday afternoon. Rev **Smock** officiated. Interment was made at the same place. The deceased was a life-long Baptist and died in the fullness of the faith. He leaves two brothers and one sister and a host of friends to mourn his loss. His brothers and sister live in Delaware County, Iowa.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Tolly** on 15 February 1896, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **L Rettig** on Monday, 17 February 1896, a little girl.

The marriage of Miss **Maggie Robb** of Pana and Mr **Chas Woltz** of Moweaqua was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **Samuel Robb** on E Second Street on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The wedding was a quiet and informal affair and witnessed only by the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The ceremony was pronounced by Judge **Lawrence**. The bride is a very comely and popular young lady and possesses many friends in this city with whom she is quite a favorite. Mr **Woltz** is a promising young farmer of Moweaqua Township and a most exemplary young man. They will reside at their home in the groom's residence of his farm near Moweaqua. (*Pana Palladium*)

Estate of **Neal Tolly**, deceased, announced by **J H Donnel**, administrator, will appear in the Probate court of Shelby County at Shelbyville on the first Monday in March 1896.

Loami news: **Albert Barger** died on Thursday of cancer of the throat, aged 44 years.

Mrs **James Ferguson** and Miss **Lucinda Barger** were called to Virginia on Wednesday by the death of their aunt, Mrs **Harriet McClure** (Loami news)

Allenboro news: Miss **Minnie Davidson** and **Wilbur Gibson** were married at the home of the bride's parents last Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the presence of about 40 guests. The presents were numerous and costly.

Invited guests, numbering over 40 persons, gathered at the residence of Mr and Mrs D R Coulter Thursday evening to witness the marriage of Miss Mary E Coulter, niece of D R Coulter, to James A Harrigar. Miss Minnie McBurney received the guests and performed her part well, making all feel comfortable at the home. At 7:15 o'clock promptly, the guests assembled in the front parlor with Mrs Paisley at the organ. The couple was preceded by the bride's brother, Chas Coulter, and Miss Nellie Thompson, who took their places, and Rev M F Paisley then stepped forward with a parchment in his hands and officiated at the ceremony. A sumptuous supper was prepared by Mrs D R Coulter, Mrs S H Thompson, and Mrs F P Sheffler, whose culinary qualities are unsurpassed. The groom is a well-to-do young farmer, highly respected in this community, and is from Clarion County, Pennsylvania. Mr and Mrs Harrigar expect to make their home in Iowa. *(More details of wedding ceremony included, not copied in this book).*

Mr and Mrs Sam Jacobs of Radford were called to Stonington recently to attend the funeral of Mrs Jacob's sister, Mrs Anna Montel, who died the 7th of February 1896, of heart trouble.

Dr Isaac B McNutt died Saturday, 8 February 1896, at his home in Herrick. He had been a resident of Shelby County for 31 years and was held in high esteem. He was buried on Sunday with Masonic honors. He was also an active member of the Modern Woodmen and Home Forum secret societies, holding \$2,000 in life insurance from Modern Woodmen.

C W Beaman, an old and honored resident of Assumption, died at his home in that city on Saturday last, in the 68th year of his age. The funeral was held at the Baptist Church on Monday, Rev T M Griffith of this city officiating. He was the father of Jesse M Beaman, and a man highly esteemed by all who knew him. Mrs Martha Jacobs and her daughter, Mrs King, attended the funeral from this city.

Wednesday, 26 February 1896 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

This evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs E B Sanner, Miss Hattie R Sanner and Mr Judson Carr will be united in marriage. The bride is a young lady possessed of those numerous charming capabilities that will make her a true and devoted wife. The groom is a well-to-do farmer.

The 11th birthday of Miss Edith Ayers was charmingly celebrated at her pleasant home last Saturday evening. A number of her young friends joined in merry-making and the little hostess was the recipient of a number of pretty and useful remembrances.

Harrison Burdick aged 68, a wealthy resident of Plainfield, Will County, and Miss Hanna Himtz, aged 17 years, both of the same town, were married recently.

Miss Katie Haver, aged 23 years, committed suicide at Red Bud by shooting self with a shotgun. Death was instantaneous. Cause was unknown.

During the blizzard, Christian Rastner, a well-to-do young farmer of New Redford, who was married in Princeton a week before, lost his way, and was run down and instantly killed by a railroad train.

Wallace Penny, aged 25 years, committed suicide at Springfield, taking carbolic acid. A lovers' quarrel was the cause of the rash act.

The lifeless body of Elmer Murray, a young farmer near Centralia, was found in the road near his home. He attended Church in the evening at Walnut Hill and is supposed to have

been thrown from his horse. His head was badly crushed; his body was frozen stiff when found.

Wm D Perry of Payson, editor of the Adams County news, aged 61 years.

Wm D Claybourn, a Jefferson County Pioneer, served in First Illinois cavalry.

Margaret Rainey, aged 81, one of the oldest residents of Marion County, where she had resided for 72 years, has died. She was the mother of three doctors, namely: **Dr George S Rainey** of Salem, **Dr A H Rainey** of Centralia, and **Dr J K Rainey** of St Augustine, Florida.

James Jones, 87 years old of Decatur, veteran of the Black Hawk War, has died. **Moses M Donaldson**, aged 85, died at Ramsey. **Mrs Caroline Tunison**, a pioneer of Pana, died at age 85.

Mrs Nannie Field, wife of **Marshall Field**, the Chicago merchant, died at her home in Nice, France. She had been in poor health for several years.

Wesley Carey, an old and well-known citizen of McLeansboro died.

Charles S Thompson, aged 32, of Lacon, well-known in banking and real estate circles, died at Phoenix, Arizona.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Corley** on 19 February 1896, a boy.

Since the death of Miss **Mina Gaskill**, her mother, and niece, Miss **Claire Morton**, have taken up their residence with **C F Gaskill**. **Mrs Gaskill** will make her permanent home with him, while Miss **Claire Morton** will make her home with an uncle at Galesburg.

The community of Willey was terribly shocked on last Monday morning to hear that little **Paul Clutter**, aged 14 months, son of Mr and Mrs **A L Clutter**, turned over a tub of hot water on himself, scalding himself so seriously that he died in less than 2 hours. **Mrs Clutter**, the little boy's mother, was at the home of her sick mother, **Mrs L G Williams**, at Old Stonington, at the time of the accident. A large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends followed the body to its last resting place. Interment took place at the Old Stonington Cemetery at two o'clock on Tuesday. Great sympathy is felt for the family in their time of affliction.

Administrator's notice for the estate of **Martha A Hall**, deceased, late of the County of Shelby, State of Illinois, appeared in this issue.

Wednesday, 4 March 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Administrator's Sale on Wednesday, 11 March 1896, at two o'clock, will sell the entire household effects of the late **Mina Gaskill**, deceased, at her former residence in Moweaqua, Illinois. The last will and testament of the late Miss **Mina Gaskill** of Moweaqua, admitted to probate today bequeaths \$1,000 in cash to her brother, **Chas F Gaskill**, and the remainder of the estate, realty, personal, etc to the niece, Miss **Clara L Morton**. The instrument bears date of 3 March 1892, with the signature of **Effie Hudson** and **V Snyder, Jr** as witnesses. **Chas F Gaskill** is made executor, to serve without bond. Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock at the residence of **Rev T M Griffith**, that gentleman officiating, **Asa Cottrell** and Miss **Edith Carwile** were united in marriage. The wedding was a strictly private affair only a few of the relatives being present. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the young couple repaired to the home of **Mrs Sarah Hays** in Grandview, where an elegant wedding supper was served in honor of the event. **Mr Cottrell** will work for **Tom Hays** the coming season.

Will of **John Luffers**, one of the richest farmers of Pickaway Township, after providing for the payment of his debts, contains the following bequests: One Half (½) of all his real estate to include the home improvements, one half of all his other property and also testator's watch, one cow, one cider press, corn in crib and wheat in granary, etc to his widow; to **Herman and Ben Luffers, Elizabeth Kruger** and to **Laura E Cutler**, the other half of all his real estate and property. **Ralph Ayers** is appointed the executor. This will is known in the law a 'nuncupative'. That is, made verbally, and not reduced to writing, the testator being so immediately near death that he was unable to sign his name, or there was not time to write his directions down. The will must be proved by four disinterested parties who heard the testator's declarations and expressed desire for the distribution of his property. This will was declared by Mr Luffers on 15 February last, and he died the next day. (*Shelbyville Leader*)

Clark Taggart and his sweet heart were married Tuesday (as we are informed) in the lady's home in Missouri. Clark is a good young man of good family and will farm at home. Don't know his wife, but bet a coon skin that she is a fine young lady, otherwise she would not have captured him.

The large barn of **Andrew Crawford**, two miles east of Belvidere, was destroyed by fire, and in attempting to save the stock in the barn, **Andrew Crawford, Jr** was caught in the burning building and cremated.

Abraham Rhue, aged 64 years, and Mrs **Rebecca Rooks**, aged 55, were married in Union Township, Cumberland County. The groom was recently divorced and this is the fourth marriage for both the bride and groom.

John Hostetter, aged 19 years, near Carlyle, died the other night from lockjaw. Three weeks previous, a gun exploded in his hands, inflicting a wound which eventually caused his death.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Brooks** of Decatur, on 17 February 1896, a little son.

George W Reynolds, aged 29 years, and Mrs **Martha Greening**, aged 48, were married by Judge **Hammer** at his office in Decatur last Tuesday. They returned to Blue Mound on the evening train and will make their home on the bride's farm, southeast of town. (*Blue Mound Leader*)

Joseph Nipper and Miss **Alice Joy** are to be married on Wednesday at the residence of the bride's parents in Loami.

Martin Clark and **Anna Middleton** were married at the bride's home by Rev **Griffith** at Noon on Feb'y 27th. (*Fame news*)

Wm T Robinson was pleasantly surprised on 1 March 1896, it being his 39th birthday. Friends and relatives went with well filled baskets. While Mr **Robinson** was in the room chatting and having a good time the ladies were in the dining room loading the table with delicious eatables. In the afternoon they spent the time in pleasant conversation, then the young folks washed his face in the snow, and all went home wishing him many happy returns of the day.

Mr **Judson Carr** and Miss **Hattie Sanner** were married at the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday evening in the presence of about 50 invited guests. Rev **Blunk** performed the ceremony. **Judd Carr** and wife will occupy the **H C Montgomery** farm this year. (*Allenboro news*)

Lawrence Warren, youngest son of Mr and Mrs **Nelson Warren**, was married last Wednesday to Miss **Lulu L Newcomb** of Pana.

Born to Mr and Mrs A C Simmons on 2 March 1896, a little girl.

Mrs **Hattie Sanner**, now Mrs Carr (recently married) will be very much missed by the Sanner Chapel people in Prairie Home.

C L Taggart returned from his trip to Decatur and King City, Missouri, and brought home Miss **Minnie Roberts** as his bride. They were given a reception at the residence of **A L Cox** on Friday evening by his Sunday school class mates. They will live at the **Taggart** homestead for the present and **Clark** will amuse himself by farming 160 acres they own and the 120 acres of rented land.

Joseph Nipper and Miss **Alice Joy** are to be married Wednesday at the residence of the bride's parents (Loami news)

H Burke of Fame ate birthday dinner with his brother in Decatur on Saturday.

Wednesday, 11 March 1896 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Died Wednesday, 4 March 1896, of lung fever, the infant child of **Sherman Rutherford**. The funeral was held from the family residence and conducted by Rev **Joseph Thomas**. Miss **Gertie Anderson** of Moweaqua, and **J E Graham** were to have been married Wednesday at the home of Mr **Graham's** parents in Decatur, but the wedding had to be postponed on account of the serious illness of the young man. He is now at the home of his sister in Moweaqua, suffering an attack of diphtheria. There will be no wedding until Mr **Graham** is out of danger. (*Decatur Republican*, 5 March 1893). (Later: 'Lige' is improving nicely at his home in the north part of town and will be out very soon.)

Thursday morning, 5 March at 9:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Esq and Mrs **A W Love**, in this city Miss **Maude Love** and Mr **Herman Weber**, of Brazil, Indiana, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the presence of the family only and a few intimate neighbors. Rev **J W Thompson** of Taylorville, an old and highly esteemed Presbyterian minister and a warm friend of the family, came over to perform the ceremony arriving on the nine o'clock train and departing on the 10:29 AM train. Well was the secret preserved, and when Mr **Weber** arrived in the city to claim his bride, but few persons were aware of what was to occur until after the wedding had taken place. The bride is a young lady holding a position of highest esteem among a large circle of friends in this, her almost life long home. Mr **Weber** has indeed secured a priceless treasure from Moweaqua's casket of jewels. The groom is a well-to-do young business man of Brazil, Indiana, bearing a most excellent reputation and takes his bride to a home of their own, where they will go at once to housekeeping. Mr and Mrs **Weber** left on the morning train Thursday for their new home in Brazil.

After a brief illness, the malady being a severe attack of la Grippe, **John Cairns, Sr** died on Friday morning at one o'clock at the residence of his daughter, Mrs **Robert Reid**, in this city. He was a quiet and unobtrusive old gentleman, a hard working, having gone to work in the Scotch collieries at the age of nine years and devoted the larger part of his life to mining coal. Funeral held Saturday afternoon from the Methodist Church under the auspices of Moweaqua Lodge A. F. and A. M. with whom he affiliated, being a mason of high degree. Pallbearers were Messrs **S M Adams, J D Drew, A W Smart, N T Skiff, Harry Hunt and L L Wisner**. Interment in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery. **John Cairns Sr** was born in Salem, Kinrosshire, Scotland, 15 March 1825, and died in Moweaqua, Illinois, at one o'clock, 6 March 1896, aged 70 years, 11 months and 21 days. He was married to Miss **Agnes Leighton** in Scotland in the year 1848. To this union, 6 children were born,

five of whom survive him. **John Cairns, Jr.**, and **Mrs Robert Reid** of this city, **Miss Isabel Cairns** and **Mrs Barry** of Scotland, and **Mrs Wm Baird** of Oklahoma. He has been a resident of this County for fourteen years and has resided in Moweaqua for three years. In Masonry he ranked in the 32nd degree. His certificate given at Free Mason Hall, Edinburg, Scotland, shows that he was made a member of St James Lodge No 135, the same Lodge in which **Robert Burns** was a member. He was created a Royal Arch Mason by Chapter 148 at Auchinlech, 9 May 1876. Though not a member of the Church, he recently experienced an entire change of heart and died in full assurance of the faith. **Capt Alexander Hugh Johnson** died at his home in Trenton the other afternoon from pneumonia at age 81 years. **Capt Johnson** was a veteran of the Mexican war and served as captain in the union army during the Civil War.

John McNamara, an old settler, died at Litchfield at age 70.

Jonathan Douse, an old veteran died at St Jacob after a lingering illness.

Mrs Thomas Rhodes, wife of one of the oldest citizens of Bement, died.

Charles A Filley, son of the late **M H Filley** of Alton died at age 40.

Mrs Elizabeth Hurst, a resident of Galena for nearly sixty-three years, died at the age of 87 years. **John Bishop**, a prominent citizen of Leroy, McLean County, died. His father founded the town of LeRoy.

George Little, one of the pioneer residents of Rushville, died suddenly the other morning. He had been engaged in the mercantile and banking business at Rushville for 60 years and was one of the wealthiest men in the County. He was 88 years old. In 1836 he commenced business in Rushville, and up to the time of his death, he had been an active public spirited man. At the time of his death, he was president of the Bank of Rushville, Proprietor of a large department store and carried a large grain business. He leaves a wife and a family of grown children.

Mr and Mrs John Gorham celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Jacksonville at the residence of their daughter **Mrs John McAhan**. **Mrs Gorham** has lived in Jacksonville for 74 years and is one of the oldest citizens.

Howard Knowles, for many years internal revenue collector, and **Mrs Ella C Conger** were married the other night at the home of the bride's parents, **Dr and Mrs M J Chase** at Galesburg. **Rev Dr Stocking** officiated. They left on a trip to California.

Wm Pryor, aged 21, was found dead, two miles east of Vandalia, with a gunshot to the head. He went hunting and failed to return at night. It is supposed to have been an accident.

Mr and Mrs John J Meyers celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary at their home near Aurora. **Mr Meyers** is 94 years of age and his wife is 82 years old. Both are in excellent health.

Mr and Mrs Sam Goodwin have a son born on Tuesday, 3 March 1896.

Nathaniel Ahl and daughter, **Miss Frankie Ahl**, returned from Indiana on Thursday where they had been in attendance at **Alex Ahl's** wedding.

The funeral sermon of the late **John Luffers**, deceased, will be preached at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, 22 March 1896, at Little Flock Church. It was among the last requests of **Mr Luffers** that **Rev Barber** of Woburn, Illinois, officiate, and the reverend gentleman will occupy the pulpit for the occasion.

Samuel Goodwin and wife have a new son born 3 March 1896. He and his wife recently moved to his mother's farm near Maple Grove.

The grandchild of Esq and Mrs M F Pleak, a lovely little girl, age five years, was buried at Locust Grove on Monday. We are unable to learn the particulars.

N M Crawford, the venerable father of J S Crawford and Mrs C J Carle, died last night near Prairie Home, aged 77 years. The funeral services will be held from the M E Church in this city tomorrow (Thursday morning at eleven o'clock).

Mrs Solomon Shetter died at 2:30 PM Monday, 9 March 1896, at the family residence, 1013 West Macon Street, Decatur. She was 65 years old and leaves a family of grown children. She had been sick but a short time. Her death was caused by erysipelas. The body will be taken to Miami, Illinois, on Wednesday morning for interment. She was a sister of Sam Workman of this city.

The little three months' old daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Smull of Prairie Home died at the home of Arthur's parents, Mr and Mrs H Smull, in this city on Thursday night. The funeral was held on Saturday morning at 10:30 from the M E Church. Rev Blunk of Prairie Home officiated. Pallbearers were Misses Cora Gabriel, Blanche Cazalet, Cleo Barber, Nellie Gardner, Vanda Willard, Dora Gabriel, Bessie Redman and Lena Draper. Remains were laid to rest in the Macon Cemetery (*Macon Record*)

M and Mrs Henry Wempen lost an infant child on Tuesday. The remains were laid to rest in the Allenboro Cemetery. Mrs Wempen is also very dangerously ill at this time.

Estate of Martha Hall, deceased - any persons having a claim against the estate should appear at the courthouse in Shelbyville, on the first Monday in May next. Signed:
Amanda M Jacobs, Administratrix.

Wednesday, 18 March 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the home of his son, J S Crawford, east, the venerable Noble Mortimore Crawford succumbed to a stroke of apoplexy in the 77th year of his age. He had been a resident of the vicinity for several years and had greatly endeared himself to the community. Especially was he beloved by the good people of Prairie Home who assembled in large numbers at his funeral to pay the last sad tribute to his memory. Services were held in the M E Church Thursday morning. Rev Blunk of Bethany officiated. Pallbearers were C. W. Taggart, O. H. P. Avey, J. W. Clark, Sam'l Riley, Sr, Ephraim Adamson and J. H. Kirker. Noble Mortimer Crawford, son of Wm Stuart and Mary Collier Crawford was born in Ross County, Ohio, on 21 July 1819, and died 10 March 1896, aged 76 years, 7 months and 18 days. He was the oldest of a family of 8 children, 4 sons and 4 daughters, of which only two survive, Mrs Sarah Crawford Murray of Greenfield, Ohio, who was unable to be present for the services, and Mrs Julia Crawford Brown, of Linden, Ohio, who was present. He was married on 17 February 1842 to Miss Maria A Moma of Salem, Ohio, to which union were born 11 children, 8 of whom survive (two sons and six daughters, all being present except one daughter). The names of the children are: John S Crawford of Moweaqua, Illinois, James W Crawford of Blue Mound, Illinois, Mrs Daniel Reed of Mansfield, Illinois, Mrs S T Long of Seymour, Illinois, Mrs George M Gillespie of Champaign, Illinois, Mrs George N Poops of Chillicothe, Ohio, Mrs J W Carle of Moweaqua, Illinois, Miss Effie Crawford-Reed of Mansfield, Illinois. He came to Illinois in the fall of 1891. He united with the M E Church in 1892, sometime afterward he united by letter with the Presbyterian Church of which he remains a member until his demise.

Mrs Valentine Snyder, Sr was the recipient of an appreciative surprise Wednesday last, the occasion being commemorative of her 62nd birthday. A large number of friends and relatives assembled at the pleasant home of this estimable old lady, north of town, bearing numerous tokens of love and esteem. Mr and Mrs **Snyder** have been almost life long residents of this community and have greatly endeared themselves to a large circle of friends.

This Wednesday morning (today) at the residence of **Oscar Humphrey** in Grandview, at 9:30 o'clock, **Charles Stith** and Miss **Carrie Humphrey** were united in marriage, the Rev **Joseph Thomas** officiating. The young lady is a grand-daughter of Esquire **Humphrey**, and the groom is an energetic young farmer. They will reside with the family of **Frank Smith**, south, and Mr **Stith** will farm a portion of that land.

Hounded to death: **Henry Bastian** of Rock Island, hanged himself in a barn on his farm near Rock Island the other day. Since the murder of **Frederick Kuschmann**, whose body was found close to Bastian's farm, **Bastian** had been shadowed by the authorities as the guilty party, and his arrest was expected. It was also found that Bastian had forged his father's name for \$13,000 by mortgaging the farm, which belonged to his parents. This was more than he could stand. He leaves a widow and a little daughter. While Bastian had been shadowed by authorities upon the suspicion of having committed murder, he declared he was innocent.

Violet Ringo, the two-year-old child of Mr and Mrs **J C Ringo** of Quincy, died from scalds received by accidental upsetting of a bucket of hot water.

Mr and Mrs **George Barnett** have a son born 8 March 1896. Mr and Mrs **John Barbre** have a son born Sunday, 15 March 1896, and Mr and Mrs **Hugh Carsei** have a little girl born on Saturday, 14 March 1896.

Mr and Mrs **Charles R Howell** have a boy born on Sunday, 7 March 1896.

The funeral sermon of the late **John Luffers**, deceased will be preached at 11 o'clock Sunday Morning, 22 March 1896, at Little Flock Church. Card of thanks from Mrs **Luvica Luffers** and Mrs **Laura Cutler** and family. Notice of Application for Letters of Administration: To the heirs and legatees of **John Luffers**, to wit: **Herman Luffers, Ben Luffers, Elizabeth Kruger** and **Laurie A E Cutler**, heirs, and legal representatives of said deceased, **John Luffers**.

Yantisville news: A son was born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Hawley** on Monday, 9 March 1896. **A W Klar** is here from Clinton visiting his mother and brothers. Report says that he will take a bride on his return to Clinton. **John A Wallace**, an old schoolmate of many of us here, died at his home in Okaw last week from the effects of an accident with a gun. His nose was split open and his skull badly crushed.

Loami news: The remains of Mrs **Solomon Shetter** who died on Monday in Decatur were buried here on Wednesday.

N M Crawford, the venerable father of **J S Crawford** passed peacefully away Tuesday, 11 March 1896, after a short illness. On Sunday, he fell and hurt himself and it proved to be fatal (Maple Grove news)

Mound City, Illinois: **Dill Taylor, Robert Taylor** and wife and another son and daughter of **Dill Taylor**, living near Craig, ten miles from here, at noon yesterday were poisoned from drinking coffee. Last night, **Dill Taylor** died and the others are expected to die at any time. Two younger children drank milk instead of coffee and are not sick. The coffee grounds were thrown into the hog slop and seven hogs died from eating it. Where the

poison came from is a mystery. Those who drank the coffee say it tasted as if there was pepper in it.

Wednesday, 25 March 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Monday being the 80th birthday anniversary of **Grandma Washington**, her daughter, Mrs **Dr Buck** had Mrs **Snow**, Mrs **Jacobs** and Mr and Mrs **Mart Ayars** in to dine, thus honoring the event most pleasantly. **Grandma Washington** has been a resident of Moweaqua for many years, and by her sweet and gentle characteristics, has greatly endeared herself to this community.

While felling a tree near Milton, Pike County, Illinois, **George Richards**, aged 22, was struck by a limb and killed. He was married not long ago.

Hon **Oliver Whitaker** of Toulon, died at Winter Haven, Florida, where he was spending the winter. He was an old settler of Stark County and had reached the age of 90 years.

Andrew Lindberg, a well-known Swedish citizen, was found dead in the street at Rockford. He had three bullet holes in his head. There are various theories—murder or suicide?

Born to Mr and Mrs **C D Stump**, 19 March 1896, a little boy. Mr and Mrs **Frank Gregory** have a new boy born 19 March 1896. Mr and Mrs **Hugh Carsell** have a son born to them on Saturday, 14 March 1896.

Quite a number of friends and relatives assembled at the residence of Mr and Mrs **Oliver Harbert**, southeast of Macon, 22 March 1896, in honor of Mr **Harbert's** 42nd birthday. At noon a sumptuous dinner was spread.

At the bride's home in Tower Hill Saturday evening, 14 March 1896, Mr **Wm Winkleman** and Miss **Sallie Richards** were joined in the bonds of wedlock. Rev **Thos Parks** officiating. The groom is a clerk in the auditor's office of the B&O SW railway system in Cincinnati while the bride, formerly vocal instructress in the Shelbyville schools, is too well and favorably known here to need introduction or commendation from the Union. Suffice it to say Mrs **Winkleman** is a highly accomplished and most estimable young lady and has a wide circle of friends here from here and share in best wishes to the couple (*Shelbyville Union*).

Obed news: Mr and Mrs **Chas Stump** have a new 12 pound boy born to them last Thursday. Mr and Mrs **J M Hill** have a boy born to them last Friday.

W T Chewning, an old soldier, and father-in-law of **Albert Hoy** of Prairie Home, died at his home in southern Indiana on 9 March 1896.

Born to Mr and Mrs **D C Baise** on March 22, 1896, a little girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Scott** of Radford on 22 March 1896, a little son.

Wednesday, 1 April 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

J E Graham and Miss **Gertie Anderson** of Moweaqua were married in Decatur yesterday by Judge **Hammer** at his office. The groom is the young man who was so seriously ill with diphtheria on the day set for his wedding about a month ago. At the present, he is with his bride, a guest of his father, **J A Graham** in Decatur (*Decatur Review*, 28 March 1896).

Edward S Davis, one of the most prominent citizens of Pana, and a commission merchant, walked out beyond the suburbs of the city, and placing a pistol to his head, killed himself.

Davis was formerly mayor of the city, and was a member of the school board. No cause is assigned for the deed. He leaves a widow and 2 children.

Mr and Mrs **H S Herr** of Bloomington, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary the other evening. Mr **Herr** is 81, Mrs **Herr** is 78.

Oliver Whitaker died at Kewanee. He located to Illinois in 1837.

Vincent Richardson died near Jacksonville. He was almost 100 years old and resided in Morgan County nearly all his life. He came from England when a small boy, and he died a wealthy man.

Mrs **Catharine Cradock**, aged 88 years, died at her home near Arcola. She was a pioneer and an extensive real estate owner, and leaves an only son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Bridgman** on 25 March 1896, a little girl.

Born to **Wm Shelby** and wife on March 20th, 1896, a little girl (Pleak news)

Bud Potter and Miss **Sarah Stamper**, both of Decatur, were married at the residence of Rev **Penhallegon**, Wednesday, 25 March 1896. **Tom Nicols** and Miss **Fannie Austin**, cousins of the groom were the attendants. They came to Moweaqua on the 10:25 train and were given a reception by Mrs **Jennie Miller** at noon, Mrs **M Snyder Jr** at night and Mrs **L Gilliland** on Thursday. They returned to Decatur on Thursday evening.

Wednesday, 8 April 1896 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Died. Thursday last, at her home southeast, Mrs **Nancy Chadwick**, aged 47 years, after a protracted illness, passed from earth to her heavenly home. The funeral services were held Saturday morning at Little Flock, the Rev **Levi Corley** officiating. The following obituary has been handed us for publication: **Nancy Ann Chadwick**, daughter of **Nathan** and **Betsy Lamb** was born in Richland County, Illinois, on 4 January 1849. She was married to **James Trainer** on 3 February 1867. He died 6 March 1872, and she was married to **Chester Chadwick** on 19 November 1874. Mr **Chadwick** died 31 January 1878. Mrs **Chadwick** died 2 April 1896. She leaves to mourn her loss, a mother, three brothers, one sister, four children, and other relatives. **Sister Chadwick** was a faithful and consistent member of Little Flock Baptist Church. Elder **L Corley** conducted the funeral services on 5 April 1896, and the remains were laid to rest in the Little Flock Cemetery.

Mr and Mrs **George Cox** have a new girl born on 2 April 1896.

Born to Mr and Mrs **George M Bilyeu**, on 3 April 1896, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Frank Hempel**, 6 April 1896, a 12 pound son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **William Schumaker** on 31 March 1896, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wes Hoy** last Thursday at Obed, a little son.

Mrs **Chadwick** of Obed who has been suffering with consumption for the past year, died last Thursday evening. The remains were interred in Little Flock Cemetery on Saturday.

Omen McDaniel, the infant son of **O D** and **Clara McDaniel** died on 2 April 1896, of heart disease and was buried at the Assumption Cemetery on Friday at 2 o'clock.

A J Harwood, an elderly farmer of Tower Hill Township, in attempting to lead a cow from a burning barn Monday morning, was overcome by the heat, and before he could be rescued was so badly burned that he will die.

Mrs **W F Turney** of Shelbyville, a cousin of Mrs **Julia Friedley** of this city, died at her home in that city Monday morning.

Wednesday, 15 April 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

While playing near a burning straw pile, a four-year-old daughter of **Benjamin Becker** of Carlyle was fatally burned before she could be rescued.

At Kankakee, **Emma Desan**, aged 2 years, thrust a bean into her mouth and in two minutes she was dead. The bean lodged in her windpipe.

Mrs Lucas Zepp of near Decatur choked to death at one o'clock the other morning while lying in bed at the side of her husband. Her age was just 45 years.

Mr and Mrs Merritt R Benton celebrated their golden anniversary of their wedding at Peoria, the other evening, where they had resided for the past 41 years.

John S Rendleman, aged 88, near Coden. He was the only survivor of the Black Hawk War in Union County. He was born and reared in the County near where he died and was a successful farmer, well beloved by all who knew him. He leaves a large land estate and a large family.

John J Barrett, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Litchfield died, aged 69 years.

Mrs Daniel Bradley, aged 91 years, a pioneer of Adams County died. **Geo Miller** aged 69, died at Bloomington where he had resided for nearly 30 years.

Wm Anderson of Normal died at age 81 years. In 1858, on his way back from Pike's Peak, he made a small investment in land at Omaha, Nebraska, which a few years ago, made him a large fortune.

George Waite and his two brothers returned on Monday from Mt Vernon where they had been in attendance at their brother's funeral.

Last Monday a number of friends of **L E Harlan** gathered at his home four miles east of town to give him a surprise, the occasion being the 52nd birthday. His friends came with well-filled baskets and a bountiful repast was spread to which all did ample justice.

Monday morning at the Catholic Church, the priest from Pana officiating, **Jan Yenik** and **Miss Maria Buschok** were united in marriage. This is the first wedding ceremony ever performed in the Catholic Church here. The bride has only been in America 3 weeks. The groom is a coal miner.

Born to **Mr and Mrs Homer Miller** on 10 April 1896, a little girl.

Born to **Mr and Mrs Miller Ross** on Thursday, 9 April 1896, a girl; born to **Mr and Mrs Frank Hudson** on Wednesday, 8 April 1896, a son.

Elder Corley was called to Findlay Sunday to officiate at the funeral of **H A Davis**, an old and highly esteemed citizen of Findlay. He formerly resided at Yantisville, but had moved to Findlay expecting to rest, after a life of toil on the farm. He was buried at Antioch.

Willey news: **Mr and Mrs B E Waddell** were called to Owaneco on Wednesday by the sudden death of their niece, **Mrs C Hunter**.

Mrs Iva Winslow a former resident of Willey, but now of Stonington, was married to **J A Cook** of Indiana, in Decatur last week.

Mr and Mrs G H Jordan of Obed attended the funeral of their niece, **Mrs Henry Brown**, near Boody, last Tuesday.

Allenboro news: **A Otta** and daughter **Emma Otta** attended the funeral of **Miss Ottie Ott** at Decatur on Friday. (Note: announcement stated 'Ott').

Wednesday, 22 April 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday afternoon, 15 April 1896, the infant boy of Mr and Mrs **Oscar Frazee**, only five weeks old, suddenly succumbed to an attack of brain fever. The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon from the family residence. Rev **E J Durham** offering a few brief words of consolation to the grief stricken parents and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery. Misses **Beulah Warren, Lucy Snyder, Olive Aydelott** and **Julia Haslam** acting as pallbearers.

Wednesday afternoon last, at four o'clock, at the residence of the bride in this city, Miss **Allie VanCuren**, daughter of Mrs **Thomas Porter**, and Mr **Edwin Compton**, of Christian County, were united in marriage. The Rev **Midkiff** of Stonington, officiated in the presence of only a few of the immediate relatives and friends. The bride is a most estimable young lady, the daughter of Mrs **Sarah Porter**, and a young lady fully capable of holding her position of the highest womanhood in life's great battle. The groom is a sturdy young farmer who resides with his mother near Stonington. He has the good will and high esteem of all who knew him. Following the wedding the bridal party enjoyed a luxurious repast prepared for the occasion by the bride's parents. Thursday the groom's mother tendered the newly married couple a joyous infair. Mr and Mrs **Compton** will reside on the home place of the groom in Christian County.

On Sunday **Charles C Miller** celebrated his 21st birthday at his home, 1019 North Union Street. His father, **Wm C Miller**, presented **Charles** a check for \$1,000 and a deed for 40 acres of land situated near Moweaqua. Uncle **Billy** says if the boy makes good use of the start given him, there will be more to follow. Miss **Flo Goodwin**, Mrs **Miller's** daughter was presented with a purse of \$200. (*Decatur Republican*)

At 9 o'clock Friday morning at St Mary's Catholic Church in Assumption, Father **Maloney** officiating, **Joseph Cushing** and Miss **Lillian Salmon** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Both parties are well-known in this city.

George Walker, aged 70, owner of 1,200 acres of good land in Tazewell County, and a relative of the late **David Davis**, hanged himself, it's believed he was in poor health.

Edward Pardridge, the noted Chicago board of trade speculator and ex-dry goods man, died the other morning from Bright's disease.

The funeral of Dr **John F McKenzie** of Leroy, McLean County, a cousin of Vice President **Stevenson**, was attended by a great concourse of people. It was conducted by the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. Vice President **Stevenson** was one of the active pallbearers, the others being his brothers, **William W** and **Thomas W Stevenson**; his nephews, **James B** and **Charles T Stevenson**, all of Bloomington, and a cousin, Judge **William G Ewing** of Chicago.

William Smart appropriately celebrated his 19th birthday Friday evening at the pleasant home of his father, **A W Smart**, east of town. A number of his young friends gathered and had a jolly good time.

Son born to **Harvey Denton** and wife of Pleak on 14 April 1896.

Wednesday, 29 April 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The area was saddened to learn that Mrs **Midkiff**, wife of Rev **Midkiff** died at her home in Stonington yesterday of childbirth. The funeral will occur at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

August Mueller, for many years a business man of Mendota, died very suddenly upon the street. Heart disease was the cause.

Gabriel Johnson, an old resident of Andover, Henry County, died at age 80 years.

Mrs Phoebe Gilmore of Leroy, aged 81, died. She had lived in McLean County for nearly 50 years. She leaves 8 children, 45 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren to mourn her passing.

George Dilliner, one of the first settlers of Douglas County, died at his home northwest of Arcola. He was aged 69 years.

Carl Florschuetz, one of the founders of Mendota died at age 65.

Gen Nicholas Greusel, aged 79 years, died at Aurora. He served in the Mexican war, and fought at Pea Ridge, Corinth, Stone River, and a dozen other battlefields.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Tom Gordon** on 24 April 1896, a little boy.

A crowd of people assembled at the residence of **Wm Sims** on Tuesday evening, the occasion being a birthday surprise for **Herman Sims**.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Geo Spates** of Willey on Tuesday, 21 April 1896, a little girl.

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs **Jas Simpson** of near Obed, died Saturday night. The remains were interred here Monday at ten o'clock. **Helen Simpson**, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs **James Simpson**, east, died Saturday night, April 25, 1896, aged 4 months.

Services were held on Monday, Rev **A G Blunk** officiating; interment was at Long Grove Cemetery.

Wednesday, 6 May 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mollie Evans of near Knoxville, Knox County, aged 14, while demented, committed suicide by drowning in a cistern. She was the daughter of **Milford Evans**, a prominent farmer.

Patrick Ganey, one of the oldest citizens of Litchfield, died recently, aged 81. Mr **Ganey** had been a resident of Litchfield for 30 years and was the father of Chief of Police **Ganey** of East St Louis.

J Blankenship, formerly one of the wealthiest merchants of Ramsey, but who, of late has been peddling spectacles, was found dead at the home of **R Wooten** of Assumption where he was boarding.

Thomas Thornton, aged 80 of Wilmington, Will County, committed suicide by taking arsenic. He had had a quarrel with his daughter. He had lived 40 years in Wilmington and was an industrious and sober citizen.

Mr and Mrs **Baldwin C Cook** celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage at their home in Bloomington. They were presented with a purse of gold and other gifts. They were married in Ohio, and have lived in that city for 40 years. Mr **Cook** is aged 75, and his wife is 68, both are active and well.

Bernard Bradley, one of the leading merchants of Decatur, and Miss **Evalyn Caldwell**, daughter of **C M Caldwell**, were united in marriage the other evening. The couple left for the east on a bridal tour.

Col **W H Bolton** died at the State Soldier's home in Quincy, aged 63 years. He organized and commanded Bolton's battery during the late war.

Bertha Wilson Midkiff was born 28 February 1834, near Flora, Illinois, and died at Old Stonington, 28 April 1896, aged 42 years and 2 months. Her death was the result of child birth. She professed faith in Jesus at the early age of 12 years and joined the Flora Baptist

Church. A more devoted christian could scarcely be found. On 12 May 1881, she was united in marriage to Rev **J J Midkiff** in the Bethany Baptist Church, Wayne County, Illinois. To this union were given nine children, two of who preceded the mother to the mansions of rest, **Herbert and Abbie Pearl Midkiff**. Sister **Midkiff** greatly desired to be spared to raise her children, but said, the will of the Lord be done. Rev **Midkiff** has seven little children left to his care, a great task indeed, but the God in whom they trusted will provide. The funeral sermon was preached by **S H Bowyer** of Taylorville, and the remains were interred in the Old Stonington Cemetery.

Word reached this city Monday morning that Esquire **Allen J Snyder** of Monticello, died Sunday afternoon at his home in that city. The deceased was a brother of Mrs **S H Mitchell** of this city and **Addison Snyder** of Decatur. Mrs **Mitchell** went over on Tuesday.

Wednesday, 13 May 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wm C Spence was born in Warren County, Ohio, 16 February 1829, and died at his home in Flat Branch Township on 11 May 1896. He married **Martha H Snell** in 1857, the only surviving child being **Edward Spence**. The funeral services were held yesterday at Bethany Church, Rev **L N Williams**, formerly of this city, officiating. The deceased had been a resident of Flat Branch Township since 1864 and was a worthy and honored citizen. **C B Litt**, one of the pioneers of Boone County died at his home in Belvidere a few nights ago. Mr **Litt** had reached the good old age of 92.

Mrs **M J Briggs**, one of the oldest pioneer settlers of central Illinois, died at the home of her daughter in Argenta, Macon County. She was 97 years of age and moved to Illinois in 1852. She went to California across the plains by wagon in 1843 and again in 1849. She was a woman of remarkable vigor, making her third and last visit to California by train after she was 90 years of age.

Mr and Mrs **Henry Lancaster** have a new boy born on 7 May 1896.

Born to **M Wolf** and wife of **Pleak**, a girl on 5 May 1896.

Mrs **Betsey Simonton**, a sister of **Fred and Zeally Snell** died at her home in Columbus, Ohio, Friday last at a ripe old age.

After a lingering illness of thirteen weeks, **Myrtle Portwood**, aged 9 years, daughter of Mr and Mrs **P R Portwood**, died at the home of her parents in this city, Sunday morning last. Cause of her death was typhoid fever. The funeral services were held on Monday, Rev **T M Griffith** officiating and the interment was at the Hays Cemetery.

Wednesday, 20 May 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

David Shanafelt, over 83 years old, and one of the pioneers of Marion County, died at the family home west of Salem a few nights ago.

Gregory Farmer, aged 32, was found hanging to a tree a few miles from Jacksonville. He had been missing for several days. He was a man of sober and industrious habits and no motive could be assigned for the deed.

Mrs **Margarath Bocquet**, an old and esteemed citizen of Mascoutah, died recently at age 73. A son of the deceased, who was crippled with rheumatism, committed suicide a few weeks ago in his mother's presence by shooting and she never recovered from the shock.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Jas M Workman**, Monday, 11 May 1896, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs. **A. W. E. Perry** on Thursday, 14 May 1896, a little girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs I N Corrington, Jr, on 16 May 1896, a son.

Died at the home of her son-in-law, **Lyman Baird**, on 4 May 1896, Mrs **Isabela H Orris** in Prairie Home. She was born 7 Oct 1832 in Centre Co, Pennsylvania and was married to **Frederick Orris** on 27 December 1853. She was the mother of 11 children, 7 of whom survive her. She was a sister of **Ira T Baird**, and was a faithful and devoted member of the Presbyterian Church and entertained great faith in her divine Master. Funeral services were conducted by Rev **Paisley**. In compliance with her request before her death, the choir sang '*Beckoning Hands*'.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Raymond Sallee** on 17 May 1896, a little girl.

Honorable **D P Keller** and wife went to Columbus, Ohio, last Thursday to attend the funeral of a brother of Mr. **Keller**.

J A Custer, a St Louis traveling man, and Mrs **Hattie Sears**, a young Shelbyville widow, was married in that city on Monday after two weeks' acquaintance.

Wednesday, 27 May 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Rev **Forbes**, aged 84, died at Leroy, at the home of his daughter, Mrs **Dr Haig**. He was a Methodist and the oldest living member of the Indiana conference, carrying the conference cane given to the most aged preacher. His grandfather was a member of the first Methodist Church ever organized in America and donated the land on which stands the old St John Methodist Church in New York City.

William Gillen, a farmer, aged 60 was killed at Danville. His team became frightened at a bicycle. **Gillen**, in jumping off the wagon, caught his foot in the front wheel and was thrown to the ground.

Mrs **Isaac Witherspoon**, colored, of Bloomington, aged 22, was so dreadfully burned by an explosion of gasoline that she died in great agony.

Mrs **Mary Henderson**, living a mile from Jerseyville, celebrated her eighty-first birthday recently. She has lived on the same place for 64 years.

The two-months-old child of **Wm Frederick** was taken to Salem for medical treatment. While the parents were in a store, the infant died.

A **Lincoln Shride**, son of our esteemed neighbor and friend, **George A. Shride**, died at the home of his brother in Carrolton, Missouri, on 22 May 1896, after a brief illness of ten days of typhoid fever, aged 31 years and six months. For many years a cripple, he was never able to do hard work and so followed bookkeeping and other such pursuits that did not require physical strength. He was the trusted collector of Pickaway Township for several years and faithfully did discharge his duties. He left this community in March and after a pleasant sojourn in Bloomington, where he canvassed for books, he went to the home of his brother in Missouri. His father and brother, **Frank Shride** were with him in his last hours and brought the remains back to old Shelby where they were laid to rest in the Antioch cemetery by a large and sympathetic audience. Elder **Corley** officiated at the services.

Mrs **I J Perkins** of Willey, who has been in St Louis for several weeks past, for the doctoring of a diseased foot. It was amputated on Sunday but she was too weak to stand it and died on Wednesday. Her remains were brought to this city where she was laid to rest Friday in Greenwood cemetery. She leaves a husband and three sons besides a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Died near Carrollton, Missouri, on 20 May 1896, with typhoid fever, **A L Shride**, son of **George Shride**, of Obed. The remains were brought back and interred in the Antioch cemetery.

Wednesday, 3 June 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Powell** on 29 May 1896, a little girl.

Born to **Joseph Carrol** and wife on 30 May 1896, an eight-pound girl in Prairie Home.

Prairie Home news: A child of **John Bly** was buried yesterday.

Dallas Huggins of Loami died on Tuesday of consumption, aged 22 years.

Killed at New Baden, Illinois, in Clinton County as a result of a tornado on 29 May 1896 was: **P S Meyer** and daughter; **Mrs Rust** and little girl; **Peter Krausz** and wife, **Jacob Lee**, **Ida Barnes**, **Adam Peter**, little daughter of **J Feckloser**; killed near Mascoutah, Illinois: **Johnnie Beatty**, aged 7; **Jacob Mallrich**; Killed in Jefferson County, Illinois: **Mrs Margaret Carrol**, **Robert Foster**, three children of **Robert Foster**, sister of **Robert Foster**, six scholars, **Mrs George Lee**.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Jacob Bilyeu** on 2 June 1896, a little girl.

Monday, 1 June 1896 after a very brief illness from spinal trouble and inflammatory rheumatism, **Peter Lechner**, age 6 years, the sweet little boy of Mr and Mrs **P Lechner**, quietly breathed his last. The funeral services were held this afternoon in the Presbyterian Church, **Rev E J Durham** officiated.

Wednesday, 10 June 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Rev Mitchell and wife of Arcola celebrated their golden anniversary the other day. One hundred guests were present.

Israel D Janes died at Danvers, McLean County, aged 84. He was the founder of the city library of that place which he built, stocked with books, and presented to the city. He was born in Connecticut and located in McLean County in 1837, building the first house in Stout's Grove, near Danvers. He was a wealthy farmer.

Elidia Dickinson, a pioneer, died at Leroy, aged 86. He was a native of Hartford, Connecticut. He located in Pike County in 1826, and was engaged in business at Perry until 1865 when he moved to the Leroy neighborhood, where he has ever since resided. He leaves 3 children. He was an original member of the republican party and was prominent in the history of the Unitarian Church in Illinois.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Nathan Humphrey, Jr** on 4 Jun 1896, a little girl.

The spirit of **Mr Gibson** took its flight Monday evening at 8 o'clock, 1 June 1896. He had been ailing about one week before his death, and with all that loving hearts and hand could do, he departed on this earth only to awake in the realms of Heaven. He has long been a member of the Predestrian Baptist Church at Pleak, Illinois, and lived a humble and Christian life. He was born 15 July 1815, and died 1 June 1896, reaching the venerable age of 80 years, 10 months, 16 days. He has resided with his daughter, **Mrs Sarah Scribner** at Pleak, the last years of his life. His wife passed away a few years ago. He was the father of nine children, four having preceded to the better land, three daughters and two sons survive him. His remains were laid to rest in the Tolly cemetery near Pleak on Wednesday afternoon.

The six-year-old son of **Joseph Carrol** was buried last Wednesday in the Prairie Home Cemetery.

Mrs **Laura Elmore** was given a surprise Thursday afternoon in honor of her thirty-second birthday.

Josiah Hall and **Emma Bradley** attended the **Leeper-DeMotte** wedding at Owaneco on Thursday evening (Willey news)

Miss **Fannie Hudson** attended the **Akin-Hoxey** wedding in Shelbyville last Wednesday. In his last will and testament probated in the County court, **William C Spence**, a Flat Branch farmer, aged 67, who died on the 11th of May 1896, made the following disposition of his property. To his son, **Edward C Spence**, he gives all his personal property, on condition that he pay all of testator's debts, funeral and administrative expenses, also all his real estate, except the west half of NE quarter of Section 25 and SW of SE of SE Section 23 town 13, which is given to his grand-daughter, **Mattie L Miller**, subject to the control of the executor until she becomes 18 years of age, and if she dies without issue, to go to his son, **Edward Spence**. **George Story** is appointed executor. The estate will inventory over \$15,000. (*Shelbyville Leader*)

Wednesday, 17 June 1896 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Miss **Bertha Willis**, aged 13 years, died of heart failure at the home of her parents in Penn Township. The funeral services were held yesterday at Prairie Home Church. Rev **Paisley** officiated. The funeral was largely attended and the pall bearers were Misses **Thompson, Primmer, Pogue** and **Carle**.

Mr and Mrs **John Peel**, Mr and Mrs **Lewis Whitehead**, Mrs **Emily Keiser**, Mrs **Attie Snell** are in Old Stonington today attending the wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs **Thomas Richardson**.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Al Dothan**, 12 June 1896, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Tom Hays**, 14 June 1896, a boy.

Miss **Bessie** and **Anna Adams** of near Moweaqua were in the city yesterday attending the **Fear-Lacharite** wedding. (*Assumption News*)

Maple Grove news: Born to **Thomas Goodwin** and wife on 8 June 1896, a little son.

Pleak news: Born to **Steve Jaggars** and wife on 10 June 1896, a little daughter.

B W Kerns and Miss **Dora Eaton** were married at Stonington Monday evening last at 5 o'clock. The young couple have many friends in Moweaqua who extend congratulations. Miss **Rebecca Coulter** and the Misses **Sue** and **Edna Rice** were in attendance from this city.

Wednesday, 24 June 1896 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Alvah G Ayers died at his home in Libertyville, Lake County, Illinois, on 18 June 1896, aged 83 years, 1 months, and 25 days. **Alvah G Ayers** was born near Plainfield, Vermont, on 23 April 1813. When a young man he went to Boston, Massachusetts, and engaged in the mercantile business where he also edited a paper for some time. He was married to **Cordelia B Watson** (who preceded him to the spirit world) in May 1849. He with his family removed to Illinois in 1858, where he worked at his trade that of a carpenter until 1883, when he moved to Lake Co. He was well-known to the older residents of this place as 'Uncle Alvah'. He was a Free Will Baptist for many years, afterward joining the U B' Church.

John Kinkade, for nearly 60 years a resident of Galena, died the other day, aged 80 years. He was prominent in the Mexican war. At Monterey, he was an eye witness to the tragic

death of **Victor Galbraith**, a musician from Galena, whom **Longfellow** has immortalized in his poem, '**Victor Galbraith**'.

Mrs Eliza Watson, aged 93, died at the home of her son, **Chas W Watson**, Greenville, Illinois. She was the oldest resident of that section of the state.

Mrs Ellen Gaven and daughter, **Miss Maria Gaven** attended the funeral of **John Finn** at Decatur on Thursday.

Alvah G Ayers, the venerable parent of **Frank Ayers**, died at his home in Libertyville, Lake County, Illinois, on 18 June 1896 at six o'clock in the morning. He was in the 84th year of his age.

Born to **J S Crawford** and wife of Maple Grove, 21 June 1896, a son.

Born to **Henry Walter** and wife, a little son, born in Fame on Thursday, 18 June 1896.

(Another part of the newspaper says: Born to Mr and Mrs H Walters, June 19, a boy).

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Adams**, 17 June 1896, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Dan Coultas**, 23 June 1896, a little girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **J S Crawford**, 21 June 1896 a son.

Wednesday, 1 July 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Monday, 29 June 1896, at one o'clock, after a very brief illness, **Uncle Billy Robinson** died at his home in Christian County, southwest of town, aged 74 years. The funeral services were held yesterday; interment in the Jacobs cemetery. The deceased was a highly esteemed old gentleman and leaves several children: **Mrs Wm Portwood** and **G A Robinson** being among them.

James C Haworth, ex-mayor of Kinmundy, and for many years, prominent in business circles, died suddenly of heart disease at age 55 years.

Rev Claiborne Wright, aged 78, died at Mason, Effingham County. He was an old resident of the County, having moved from Indiana in 1852.

Miss Cora Steele, a beautiful girl of Richland Township, Shelby County, was drowned the other day. She and four other young ladies who were with a camping party on the Kaskaskia River, went wading in the stream, which was swollen from recent rains, and were carried off their feet by the current. By desperate efforts, **Miss Steele's** companions succeeded in reaching and clutching bushes on the overhanging banks and saved themselves, but **Miss Steele** was caught in the whirlpool of **Hidden Mill's Dam** and sucked down to her death.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Coultas**, on 25 June 1896 a boy.

This evening at 6 o'clock, **David Yantis** and **Miss Emma Longenbaugh** will be united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Supervisor and **Mrs Longenbaugh**, near Yantisville. *(Yantisville news - meant for last week. Next Wednesday, 1 July 1896, at six o'clock PM, will occur the marriage of D E Yantis to Miss Emma Longenbaugh second daughter of Mr and Mrs Jacob Longenbaugh in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends.)*

Aunt Lottie Brinker died at her home near here last Saturday night with catarrh of the stomach. Funeral services were conducted by **Rev Hamilton** on Sunday at 4 PM, and the remains were interred in the **Locust Grove Cemetery**. **Wm Brinker** and family of Kansas attended the funeral. (Obed news)

Loami news: **Miss Leta Coleman** and **Mr J E Stringer** of Springfield were married Saturday evening.

L C Sweet and sister, Mrs Jas Ferguson of Loami returned Tuesday from Winchester where they were called by the death of their aunt, Mrs Caroline Snell.

Wednesday, 8 July 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Several weeks since Dora E Hays, the 12 year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Hays dropped a table fork, the prongs of which unfortunately struck her foot and made a severe wound. From this puncture, blood poisoning set in, and after a brief, but very painful illness, death resulted at eleven o'clock on the night of 1 July 1896. The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, Rev Griffith officiating, and the remains were interred at the Hays cemetery.

Nancy E. Watkins: Wednesday at 4 o'clock, Nancy Watkins, the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Watkins, departed her life, age 4 years, 8 months, and 5 days. The funeral services were held on Thursday morning, Rev E J Durham officiating, and the interment took place in the Hays Cemetery.

George Van Hoe, aged nine, son of Gustav Van Hoe of Rock Island, attempted to start a fire with coal oil and was burned to death.

Wm Hess, a blacksmith residing near Ivy Landing, Monroe County, committed suicide by drinking ink. Cause unknown. He left a large family.

While letting a cage down in the new mine of the Litchfield Coal and Carbon Co, the rope broke and two men dropped a distance of 150 feet, killing Morgan Jones instantly and fatally wounding Charles Veit.

The wife of Rev J Hudson, who lives near Shelbyville, fell from a fence and died from the effects of her injuries. Mrs Hudson was out in the yard catching a chicken. A sow with young pigs was disturbed by a dog, and when the sow made a vicious attack upon the dog, it frightened the woman, who ran to a fence to escape danger. In some way, she fell, and it is believed ruptured a blood vessel, which in a few hours ended her life. She was well-to-do and had been married only one year.

A six-year-old child of William Stone of Renault, was drowned in a cistern. The child fell asleep on the platform, when a board broke, throwing him into the water.

Born to Mr and Mrs Ed Wempen, 6 July 1896, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs Jesse Whitsett on 4 July 1896, a little girl.

Charlotte Brinker was born in New Jersey on 2 October 1823, and died 27 June 1896, aged 72 years, 8 months and 25 days. Her parents moved to Ohio, when she was five years old and located in Hocking County. She was married to R C Reynolds in the year 1845. To this union was born one daughter. Mr Reynolds died in 1847, and this daughter also died, leaving Mrs Reynolds with three step-children, one of which since died, the other two, Mrs Ayers of Shelbyville and B J Reynolds of Findlay, are both residents of Shelby County. Mrs Reynolds again married, her second husband being Mr John Brinker, in 1853, and to this union was given three sons and two daughters, those surviving her being F E Brinker of Indian Territory, Wm P Brinker of Goodland, Kansas, and Mrs C A Hott of Obed, Illinois. J. Brinker died on 10 June 1895, leaving Mrs Brinker with three children, and six step children as follows: Silas Brinker, Adam Brinker, Mrs Nancy Corley, and Obediah Brinker are living in Shelby County; P M Brinker in Eureka, Kansas; Stephen A Brinker in Port Townsend, Washington. She also leaves four brothers and one sister behind, all living in Ohio, and in all, 21 grandchildren, 35 step-grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren. There was but one of her relatives present at

her death on her father's side, a nephew, **Wm Vorhees**, of Ohio. She was converted and united with the UB Church when nine years old and remained a faithful and consistent christian through life, shouting the praises of her Redeemer upon her dying couch. She stated the day before her death that there was no doubts or fears. Calling her children around her, she bade them one by one farewell, saying: *'Meet me in Heaven'*. Services were conducted by Brother **Hamilton** in the 1st U B Church of Obed, her remains were interred in Locust Grove Cemetery beside her last husband, **John Brinker**.

Wednesday evening last, at the home of the bride's parents, Supervisor and Mrs **Jacob Longenbaugh**, the hour being six o'clock, **David E Yantis** and Miss **Emma Longenbaugh** were united in marriage. Rev **Athey** of the Locust Gove U B Church officiated. The attendants were Mr **Bert Longenbaugh** and Miss **Bertha Richhart**. An elegant wedding supper followed the ceremony and the Yantisville string orchestra contributed their sweetest strains for the occasion. Mr and Mrs **H Yantis** gave the young couple a reception the day following.

Friday, 26 June 1896, the nine month's old daughter of Mr and Mrs **Robert Atterberry** died from cholera infantum. The funeral was held from the Christian Church on Saturday morning. Elder **L M Doughty** conducted the services. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery. Mrs **Atterberry** is quite low with consumption and a short prayer service has held at the house for her benefit and return to good health. (*Assumption News*)

Wednesday, 15 July 1896 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

This evening at 8:30 o'clock, **L Conrad Winchel** and Miss **Effie Hudson** will be united in marriage at the Presbyterian Church.

There was a party four miles north of Macomb the other night and during the evening a young man named **Collins** took a young lady who was a girl friend of a man name **Spicer**, buggy riding. When the couple returned, **Spicer** went for **Collins** with a heavy board. **Collins** drew his knife and made a cut at **Spicer's** neck. The jugular vein was completely severed and the man, Mr **Spicer**, bled to death.

Edward Thompson, unmarried, aged 30, killed himself at Danville. He had a grudge against his brother, **Otto Thompson** and went to his house with the intention of killing him, but he was unable to find his intended victim. **Edward Thompson** was walking on the highway when he met Preacher **Kerson**. He said, *'Tell my brother, Otto, that I am dead.'*, and immediately shot himself, thereby committing suicide.

Cyrus Alden died at the home of his son-in-law, **R H Fiddick** in Galena at the age of 92 years. He was a native of Auburn, Maine, but settled in St Louis in the early 1830s, going to Chicago in 1839. A few years later, he settled in Mount Morey's Illinois where for years, he was a prominent banker.

Mrs **Rebecca Albers**, aged 77, died at Warsaw. She was the grandmother of the present **Lady Bennett** of England.

Alderman **Charles Lippert** died in Mascoutah and Mrs **Tillie Smith** of Kinderhook, Pike County, aged 50 was found dead in bed.

George Samuel Creel, a pioneer of McLean County, a wealthy farmer and land owner died at his home in Holder, at age 72. He was born in Warrenton, Virginia, and located in McLean County in 1848. He leaves one daughter.

Mrs **Henry Leyhe**, aged 81, of Warsaw, mother of Captain **Henry** and **William Leyhe** of Alton, prominent steamboat owners on the Mississippi was buried at Warsaw, aged

81 years.

George Wilson was instantly killed at Table Grove, Fulton County, while working in a coal mine 80 feet under the surface. A large piece of slate roof, weighing about 10 tons caved in on him.

John Stubblefield, a well-known desperado, 8 miles east of Red But, was shot and instantly killed by **Tom Ryan**, a farmer, in self-defense.

Eunice Hawkins, the four-year-old daughter of Mr and Mrs **Jo Hawkins**, who live 12 miles northeast of Mt Vernon, was drowned by falling into a well.

Mrs **Adaline Elliott**, widow of **Temple Elliott**, one of the first settlers of Litchfield, died a few days ago. She was quite wealthy.

Mrs **E B Sanner** was called to Bunker Hill, Illinois, Saturday by the death of her brother-in-law, **S S Clark**, a venerable old gentleman who was in the 90th year of his age. The funeral took place the 13th inst.

Mr and Mrs **J W Clark**, Mrs **John Clark**, and Mrs **Thos Smith** were called to Taylorville on Monday by the death of their nephew, **Clark Fathergail**. Mrs **F P Snell**, Mr and Mrs **W J Clark**, and **John Clark** also attended the funeral of **Clark Fathergail** in Shelbyville on Tuesday.

Alida J Milstead, widow of the late **James O Milstead**, died of consumption at her home at 1204 East Condit Street, aged 38 years, 5 months and 10 days. She had been ill a long time. Her husband died about three years ago. She is survived by seven children, four girls and three boys. The funeral occurred on Sunday afternoon, the services being held at Grace M E Church at 3 o'clock. Mr and Mrs **M Snyder, Jr** and Mr and Mrs **Samuel Miller** attended the funeral from Moweaqua. (*Decatur Herald Dispatch*).

Wednesday, 22 July 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church, in the presence of about 200 invited guests, **L Conrad Winchel**, the popular proprietor of the Palace Hotel, and Miss **Effie Hudson**, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock. Rev **Moore**, pastor of the Church officiated. Miss **Julia Hudson**, her sister was her attendant; the groom was attended by his cousin, **Clifton Winchel**. (*Article contains more details of the wedding, organist, and decorations of flowers, ferns, palms and potted plants, among other items included in the details, not copied in this book*) Mr and Mrs **Wm Morris** and Miss **Fannie Hudson** efficiently officiated as ushers. The ceremony at the Church was followed by an informal reception at the Palace Hotel to which place the newly married young people were followed by the large majority of those who witnessed the ceremony. The presents were numerous and especially handsome. The bride is a young lady whose life has been spent in our midst. The groom has long been a resident of the Moweaqua area and is the present proprietor of the Palace Hotel. A quiet, dignified and courteous gentleman, **Con** is held in high esteem by all who know him.

Wm Reighley, Sr died at his home just north of town on 17 July 1896, about noon. Death was not entirely unexpected, for the old gentleman had long been in poor health, and those nearest him in love and affiliation have noted a rapid decline in strength for several weeks past. A quiet and inoffensive old gentleman, an earnest and respected citizen, a devoted husband and affectionate parent, he held and maintained the respect and esteem of the community. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon from the M E Church, Rev **Hamilton** of the First U B Church of Obed, officiating, assisted by Rev **E J Durham**, in

the presence of a large congregation. The children of the deceased and their families, all being present, namely: **James Q Reighley** and family of near Pana; Mr and Mrs **John W Reighley** of Wisconsin, and **Wm S Reighley** and family of this city. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearer: **F P Snell, Dan'l Moll, J D Drew, Esq Nathan Humphrey Jos Duncan, Sr, and Sam'l Miller.** The remains were laid to rest in the family lot in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery. **William Reighley, Sr,** was born 22 November 1810, in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, and died at his home in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 17 July 1896, aged 85 years, 7 months, and 25 days. He emigrated to Adams County, Ohio, in 1838, and was married to **Rachel Bailey** on 24 March 1840. To them were born four children: **Susan M Reighley, James Q Reighley, William S Reighley, and John W Reighley.** The three sons and their mother survive the deceased. **William Reighley** emigrated to the State of Illinois in 1853 and located near Saybrook in McLean County. He moved from there to Paxton, Ford Co, Illinois, in 1858, and moved from Paxton to Gibson City in 1869, from Gibson City, he moved to Moweaqua in 1875, where he has since resided. He was converted in Adams County, Ohio, in February 1843, and united with the M E Church in which he lived for 13 years. After coming to Illinois he united with the U B Church of Mich. He had been a consistent member to the day of his death. *Card of Thanks:* To the many sympathetic friends who so kindly tendered their assistance in our hour of sad affliction, we desire to return our sincere thanks. Signed: Mrs **Rachel Reighley** and children

William Blumhurst, a well-known Washington County farmer, residing near Venedy Station, was bitten on the toe by a rattlesnake while plowing and died a few days thereafter. The unfortunate man's toe was amputated and it was thought that he would not suffer any serious results from the bite of the snake. Several days after the amputation, however, he grew violently ill and died shortly thereafter.

As a result of despondency over failure in business, Mr and Mrs **Louis S Gradke** of Galesburg, took morphine and were the next morning discovered by their daughter, **Jennie Gradke,** in a dying conditions. Doctors were summoned but could do nothing. They had failed in the saloon business and were despondent and they mutually agreed to commit suicide at the same time. Mrs **Gradke** wrote a letter to the children in which she asked for forgiveness, and told how she wanted distributed among the children a \$5,000 insurance policy. Mr and Mrs **Gradke** were both 64 and were kindly, well liked people. They leave 3 children.

John S Winthrop, sheriff and collector of Perry County, died of consumption at his home in Tamaroa. He was well and favorably known throughout southern Illinois, and always took an active part in politics. He leaves an estate valued at \$100,000.

Mrs **Susan Beard** died at Bloomington, aged 86. She was the widow of **Jacob M Beard,** a pioneer of Bloomington and was a native of Maryland. She removed to Bloomington from Mount Carroll, Illinois, 40 years ago. She was prominent in Methodist circles and in charitable work.

Mrs **Margaret Filson** died at Arcola of old age. She was born in Scott County, Kentucky, in 1809 and came to Illinois in 1829 where she has lived ever since. Mrs **Filson** was married in 1830, and was one of the oldest living settlers in central Illinois.

John W Lanchart died in Chicago of peritonitis. Mr **Lanchart** was a member of the state democratic central committee and was formerly a law partner of Gov **Altgeld,** his brother-in-law.

Rev **Marion Rose**, born near Knoxville, Knox County, and for 25 years, well-known in Indiana and Illinois Methodist conferences, died at Virginia aged 49 years.

Charles and Leonard Birner, brothers, aged respectively 22 and 18 years, went in swimming near Quincy, were seized with cramps and drowned shortly thereafter.

Mrs **John Angel** of Obed was present at the marriage of her brother, **Grant Jolly** last Monday morning at Kansas, Illinois.

Mrs **Kittie Alexander** of Loami died Friday at age 79 years.

Wednesday, 29 July 1896 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Alfred and Edward Kasserman, aged 24 and 21, respectively, and two horses which they were driving were killed by lightning a field in Jasper County to which they were going for hay. They were well-known. **Frank Drewhurst** was severely shocked.

Policeman **Frank Smith** at Danville, arrested four vagrants. One of the prisoners he recognized as **Thomas Garry** who killed **Pat Keefe** 12 years ago near Danville in a drunken brawl. **Smith** and **Garry** had been schoolmates.

Rev **Joshua Miles**, an old Christian minister, died at Clinton. He was a graduate of Brown University, a contributor to *Wilford Hall's Magazine* and a number of other periodicals of the Disciple Church.

Near Quincy, **Frederick Baumgartner**, a young man went in swimming, and suddenly called for help. **George Gross**, aged 20, went to his assistance and both were drowned.

John Beckmann, aged 64, a resident of Moline nearly 50 years, died suddenly. He was one of the founders of the Concordia Germania turnverein.

John Clough, a well-known stock dealer died at Carrollton a few days ago. Mr **Clough's** death was sudden and caused by apoplexy

Hollowell A Perrin of Wyanet, one of the early settlers of Bureau County is dead at age 82 years. He located there in 1841 from Massachusetts.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Eli Ruffner** on 25 July 1896, a little boy.

Rev **E J Durham** was called to Arcola last week to unite in the holy bonds of matrimony, Miss **Estella Begg** of that city and Mr **Robert Warren** of Auburn, New York.

Mesdames **John Angel** of Flat Branch, and **W H Silvers** of this city, went to Kansas, Illinois, on Sunday to witness the marriage of their brother, **Grant Jolly**, to Miss **Rhoads**, a handsome and good young lady of Kansas. She's good if she deserves to have **Grant** for a husband (*Shelbyville Union*)

John Freeman is dead. Kindly, cordial and genial always, combining a clear practical business ability with an inexhaustible supply of wit ever strictly honorable in the highest degree, **John Freeman** was known and beloved throughout north Shelby and Macon counties. He was the first supervisor of Moweaqua Township and at one time was chairman of the Shelby County board of supervisors. He was a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, and Knights of Honor. A large number of persons from here and surrounding country went up to Decatur this morning to attend the funeral, many going on train, others driving up. The *Call-Mail* clips the following from the *Herald Dispatch* of Decatur: **John Freeman** of Moweaqua died of paralysis on Monday afternoon at the home of his son, **J B Freeman** on West Macon street. Although his home was at Moweaqua, he is looked upon more as a citizen of this place. He made his home here for a number of years and until recently had been in the shoe business with his brother, **James Freeman** on Merchant Street. During his residence here he lived on West Main street and for a time

was identified with **Oscar Spaulding** in the Deming Hotel business. When **Mr Spaulding** went to Champaign a few years ago to run the Hotel there, **Mr Freeman** returned to his farm near Moweaqua and has since resided there, although he spent a considerable amount of his time in this city. He has not been in robust health for a year or more past. Ten months ago he came to this city to visit his son, **J B Freeman** preparatory to going south in the hope that he could recuperate his strength. While here he was stricken with paralysis and has never recovered from the effects of it. **Mr Freeman** was a native of Boston, Massachusetts, having been born there on 14 January 1831. He came to Illinois in 1841 and settled first at Hillsboro, Illinois, attending the Shurtleff College. While he was yet a student, the California gold excitement broke out and he joined a party of western adventurers. He crossed the plains with them, and for three years worked in the Mariposa gold fields. At the end of three years, he came back east and went to his old home in Boston, Massachusetts. He said to have been among the first white men to enter the Yosemite Valley. **Mr Freeman** returned from Boston to Illinois in 1856 and took up his residence near Moweaqua. He invested in a big farm, which he retained until his death. He cleared up the land and made it into a typical Illinois farm. It is among the best in Central Illinois and is known as *Paradise Farm*. A wife and two children survive him. The children are **Mrs. O. F. Spaulding** of Champaign and **John B Freeman** of this city. He is survived by two brothers, **James Freeman**, the well-known shoe dealer, and **Benjamin S Freeman** of Boston. One sister, **Mrs. Anna F Watson** lives at Oakland, California. **Mr Freeman**, while taking no active part in politics was an ardent republican. He had many warm personal friends in this and Shelby County and was a citizen of whom any community would feel proud. He was an affable and companionable gentleman of the old school and the friendships that he made were lasting. In his country home at Moweaqua, he was an ideal host and his hospitality was unbounded. The funeral will be held from the residence of his son West Macon Street on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment will be in the Greenwood Cemetery in Decatur. Mr and Mrs **Eph Adamson** of here attended the funeral of **John Freeman's** in Decatur today. Mr and Mrs **H F Day**, **Jas Duncan, Sr.**, **J G Hudson** are in attendance at the funeral of **John Freeman**. (*Next week's edition (5 August 1896, Moweaqua Call-Mail) had a description of the services of John Freeman. No additional information was provided except the pall bearers names, Messrs Hinkle, Dimock, Bohon, Maffit, Saxton and Hays. The choir that sung the funeral anthems was composed of Messrs Lindamood and Kepler, and Mrs Frank Howard and daughter, Beatrice. No other info regarding this description was extracted for this book).*)

The remains of **Miss Josie Harvey** were interred in the new cemetery at Union on Tuesday morning in the presence of a large audience. Elder **Corley** spoke words of comfort to the bereaved family. They moved to Yantisville from Ridge Township to the **Hiram Pogue** farm in Yantisville last spring. **Miss Josie** had been suffering from consumption for a long time, but within a few days of her death, had been able to ride out. She took to her bed a short time ago and the end came Sunday morning early. She was aged about 28 years. Born to **E A Ruffner** and wife on 25 July 1896, a little son at their home in Allenboro. **Mrs Miles Sells**, one of the wealthiest and best-known women in St Louis died Wednesday night at an eastern watering place after a brief illness. Her remains will be brought home for interment (*St Louis Globe Democrat, 24 July 1896*)

We acknowledge the receipt of a very handsome announcement of the marriage of Miss **Effie B Hudson** to Mr **L C Winchel** at Presbyterian Church, Moweaqua, Illinois, at 8:30 o'clock PM, 15 July 1896.

Wednesday, 5 August 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

About half past eleven o'clock, Thursday, 30 July 1896, at the home of her parents, **Lucile Tankersley**, the infant child of Mr and Mrs **Wm Tankersley**, east of town, died of cholera infantum, aged 9 months and 17 days. Death came most unexpectedly, the child having only been sick but a few hours and the mother scarcely realized that the child was dangerously ill, until death relieved it of all suffering. It was a sad and sudden blow to the grief-stricken parents, and they have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement. The funeral services were held from the home of the parents Friday morning. Rev **E J Durham** of the M E Church officiating assisted by the M E Choir. Mr and Mrs **Leonard Tankersley** of Winchester, Illinois, and **Douglas Tankersley** and family of Manchester, Illinois, were present at the funeral. An immense assembly of sympathetic and sorrowing relatives and friends followed the remains to the I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

Last Wednesday, 29 July 1896, at 7 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **Winzel Bartscht**, in the presence of about forty invited guests, **Q Elmer Holmes** of Shumway (Effingham County) and Miss **Sara Bartscht** were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev **Gallagher** officiating. After partaking of a delicious supper, Mr and Mrs **Holmes** started on a wedding trip to California. During their trip they will visit a sister of the groom's in Belle Plains, Kansas, a week, then to Denver, Colorado, a week, then to Salt Lake City, Utah, then to Oakland, California, a week, and then to San Francisco, a week and from there to Eureka near Blue Lake, Humboldt County, California, and spend a few months. The presents were numerous and especially handsome. Mr and Mrs **Holmes** who have spent their lives in our midst will be missed from our circle of young folks. They were followed by the congratulations and best wishes of a host of relatives and friends

Monday morning, 27 July 1896, **Daisy Belle Chew**, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs **Howard Chew**, aged 4 months, 2 weeks and 5 days, died of cholera infantum after an illness of several days. The funeral took place on Monday evening and was conducted by Rev **Jos Thomas**. Interment in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

David Richards, aged 83, one of the earliest settlers in Will County, died at Joliet. He was interested in the construction of the Illinois and Michigan Canal. He was well acquainted with the earliest businessmen in Chicago and was the first white man that drove cattle into Wisconsin. He leaves a large estate and six children.

Charles P Bascom, for many years, one of the prominent businessmen of Princeton and well-known in political circles, died recently. For the last 20 years he had been one of the editors of the Bureau County Republican and during the Harrison administration was the postmaster of Princeton.

Mrs **E J Hoffman**, wife of the president of the Cream City Mirror Plat Co, Rockford, and the young son of Attorney **Stanton A Hyer**, who had been camping on the banks of the Kiswaukee River near Rockford were drowned while bathing.

Mrs Christian Keller was fatally burned and her husband seriously injured at Ottawa. The woman's clothes took fire while she was preparing dinner and her husband attempted to save her. Their home was destroyed.

James Grammer, an old resident of Union County, died of sunstroke. He was a veteran of the late war and prominent in grand army circles. He was 54 years of age and leaves a wife and one child.

Mrs Hannah Yard who resided seven miles west of Medora, was kicked by a horse while out in the barn gathering eggs. She died a few hours later.

Mrs Anna Blazer, widow, 65 years of age, was found dead in bed the other morning at her home near Milan, a Rock Island suburb of heart disease.

Philip Yund, Jr, a young German farmer who resided near Kinmundy, Illinois, was prostrated by sunstroke the other day and died the following morning.

Born to Mr and Mrs W C Little on 1 August 1896, a little son.

Born to Mr and Mrs Karl R Snyder on 29 July 1896, a son. The rate of interest and exchange is reduced at the bank, and the father is doing as well as could be expected.

Mrs John Barruckman died at her home near Brunswick, Friday, and the remains were buried in the Antioch cemetery Saturday afternoon, by the side of her son who was drowned some years ago in Robison Creek while bathing. A large audience gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to one who had lived among them for so many years.

A son was born to Mr and Mrs Jesse Pierce of Yantisville on 31 July 1896.

Born to Mr and Mrs C Frank Johnston of Allenboro on Sunday, 2 August 1896, a boy.

Wednesday, 12 August 1896 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Saturday, 8 August 1896, being the birthday of **Lou Moss**, who resides just west of Radford, a number of his relatives and friends swooped down on him with well filled baskets, making the day and hour one that will long be held in pleasant memory. Those present were **William Moss** and family, **Wm Sinnard** and family, **Aug Zeitz** and wife, **Misses Emma** and **Lulu Workman**, **Ed Moss**, **Wheeler Rose**, **B M Craig**, **Abe** and **Jesse Workman**.

Samuel C Ware, ex-postmaster at Towanda, and for many years, one of the most prominent men of eastern McLean County, died recently, aged 86. He was a native of Massachusetts and located in McLean in 1863. He leaves eight children, one of whom is the wife of **Paul Van Der Voort** of Omaha, the celebrated populist leader. Mr Ware was a republican leader and prominent in the Presbyterian Church.

George Kellerberger of Mendota died suddenly from heart disease at the fair grounds. He was president of the Mendota Union Fair Association, president of the East Side High School Board, assessor of Mendota Township and for a number of years was postmaster. He had been a resident of Mendota 40 years and was identified with nearly all public enterprises. He was 52 years old.

O W Pond of Rockford received a telegram the other day announcing that his son, **Ralph** had drowned in a lake near Little Falls, Minnesota, and that the body had not been found. Mr Pond had a presentiment several days before that his son would meet his fate.

G W Reynolds, aged 76, capitalist and pioneer, being a resident of Winnebago County since 1840, died at Rockford of paralysis. For many years he was one of the most extensive dealers in horses in the northwest, furnishing a large number of horses for the Civil War.

James Hamerick, one of the early settlers of Bureau County died at his home near Wyanet. He was well-known in political circles and for many years was a member of the board of supervisors and also held other offices. He was 82 years old.

John Warfield one of the old and wealthy residents of Princeton and known for his many philanthropic acts, died recently, aged 86. He lived in Princeton for 50 years.

Robert S McIlvane of Bloomington, one of the most prominent and widely known commercial travelers in the state, also prominent in Church work died recently at the age of 62 years.

Mrs **Fred Kleinhenz**, wife of the secretary of the Peoria democratic city central committee, was prostrated by heat a few days ago and died in a few minutes.

At Litchfield, **William W Smith** died while sitting at the dinner table and **Henry Catherall** passed away after a short illness. Both were well-known in the Litchfield area.

William Bell, a wealthy farmer, aged 82, while walking from Georgetown to Riola, Vermilion County, was overcome by the heat and died in the road.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Charles Pebernat** on Thursday, 6 August 1896, a girl.

Little **Hazel Smith** entertained a number of her young friends Thursday afternoon at the home of her parents in Grandview, the occasion being her 8th birthday. Misses **Pearl Snyder** and **Jessie Miller** assisted in entertaining the children and the favors were initial stick pins.

Cards have been received this city for the marriage of Miss **Wilhelmina A Young** to Dr **Robert A Campbell** which will occur on Wednesday next, the 19th inst., at Bloomington, Illinois. Miss **Young** is most favorably remembered here as an efficient teacher in our grammar school. Dr and Mrs **Campbell** will be at home after September 15, 1896, at Pomona, California.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Jesse Pierce** on 31 July 1896, in Obed, a boy.

Wednesday, 19 August 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Friday afternoon, 14 August 1896, between five and six o'clock, Grandma **Camilla A Washington** died at the home of her daughter, Mrs Dr. **Buck**. Death did not come unexpectedly, on the contrary, her physical vitality had been slowly succumbing to a paralytic stroke for several days and when the end came, it was with the fullness of a God-given release from all physical suffering. (*Article has a picture of Mrs Washington*). For many years, she had been an invalid, bearing her affliction with noblest of christian fortitude. Always bright and cheerful, ever kind and lovable through all her years of suffering she held to the end a mind and heart bright and strong, filled with warmest of love and affection for all the world. For thirty years our people have known here—always just the same—with a loving word of christian advice, with a sweet and tender sympathy and consolation for all in affliction, her heart was as a bubbling spring of love and charity. **Camilla A. Mann** was born in Todd Co, Kentucky, 23 March 1816. She was married to **Fairfax Washington** in January 1837. To them were born three children. The family moved from Kentucky to Texas in 1846, and came to Moweaqua in 1867. Of the family, one daughter died in Texas, the only son died in this place, and Mr **Washington** passed away in April 1878. **Grandma Washington** fell asleep on Friday evening, 14 August 1896. Mrs Dr. **Buck** is the only surviving member of her family. Sister **Washington** was converted at a Methodist camp-meeting of the old Ash-Spring campground in Logan Co, Kentucky, 1 Oct 1839, and soon after united with the Methodist Episcopal Church of

which she has been for 57 years, a faithful and efficient member. She was one of those few now left whose experience connect the heroic past with the present in Church life; one of those straightforward earnest souls to whom life with its responsibilities—character with its solemn outcome—salvation by grace, with its rich experience; divine companionship and gracious privileges were all living realities. Nine times she had read the Bible and nearly the tenth time. How she delighted on the 1st of each October to look back to the old camp ground and praise God for the beginning of the new life that came to her at 1 o'clock on that date. She was laid to rest beside the remains of her husband, **Fairfax Washington** in the Moweaqua City Cemetery. *Card of thanks* signed by Mrs **C A Buck** and family.

Yesterday morning at 3 AM, **Robert Hudson** was discovered to be in a dying condition at the home of his brother, **Joshua Hudson** in this city. His health has been very bad since his arrival here from Oklahoma about a year ago. Friday last, in attempting to lift a ten-gallon keg of cider, it fell, crashing into his side, fracturing a rib. He received medical attention at once, but his injury, coupled with the rupturing of a blood vessel produced paralysis, from which he did not recover. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon. Rev **E J Durham** officiating, and the interment was in the city cemetery. **Robert Hudson** was born on 3 January 1840, in Staffordshire, England, and came to Moweaqua, Illinois, in 1860. He went to Cairo, Illinois, in 1865, married Mrs **Janette Green** in March 1866, who died at Villa Ridge, Illinois, in 1873. He again came to Moweaqua and resided in this vicinity until 1885, when he went to Kansas and then to Oklahoma, returning to this city, last October.

Hon **William Chew**, a pioneer resident and one of Shelbyville's most highly respected citizens and lawyers, was found dead in the yard at his home just before three o'clock Monday afternoon. He had gone out a half hour before to hitch up his horse to go out to his farm. Someone inquired for him at the home and Mrs **Chew** said he had started out with that purpose and she supposed he had gone, but going to the window, saw the horse and buggy still there and her husband prone upon the ground. The neighbors were at once called in. Mrs **Shade** being one of the first to come. Others came very soon and the unfortunate man was carried into the house and laid on the bed, but his life was extinct.

William Chew had gone to his reward. (*Shelbyville Union*).

A vicious boar attacked the two-year old son of **John Zinn** of Kinmundy and before the father could come to his rescue, the child was almost torn to pieces. He died in just a few minutes.

Sarah Draper, wife of **W L Draper** of the Salem Flour and Milling Co, died recently. Besides the husband, three grown sons, and a young son and daughter survive.

Richard Boston, a prosperous young farmer south of Carthage, committed suicide with strychnine. He was rendered insane by the heat, it is said.

J J Wolf, one of the wealthiest farmers of Henry County, died recently. He had a varied political career, having filled nearly every County office.

Dr **John H Norris** died at Metropolis, aged 66 years. He was ex-mayor of the city and served throughout the war in the Thirteenth Illinois cavalry.

O S Cowan, one of the most prominent business men of Danville, died the other day of heart disease. His death was unexpected.

Mrs **Charles C Leonard, Sr**, aged 79 years, died at Joliet the other day. The deceased located there 40 years ago, and leaves five children.

Miss **Florence Ashcraft**, the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs **Ashcraft** of Pleak departed from this earth at her home in Pana, 12 August 1896. She was afflicted with that dreadful disease – consumption, and for weeks she had suffered, although with a christian conscience she endured it patiently. She was yet in the bloom of youth, aged 17 years, 8 months and 11 days. Her remains were brought here for burial and laid to rest in the Tolly cemetery, on Thursday, 13 August 1896.

Yantisville: A son was born to Mr and Mrs **Fred Bare** on Saturday.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Ream Wetzel** on 11 August 1896, a little boy.

Married at his home by Rev **D F Howe**, 10 August 1896, **Walter B Craycroft** and Miss **Mary W Fisher**, both of Shelby County. (*Decatur Republican*).

Wednesday, 26 August 1896 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Rev **Abner Clark** of Quincy and Miss **Julia A Toot** of Bloomington were married the other day. The bride has been recently a member of the faculty of the Wesleyan College of Music of Bloomington. Mr **Clark** is a member of the Illinois, conference of the M E Church.

William Campbell, an early and prominent settler of Cass County, died the other day. He was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, on 18 April 1818; reared and educated in Ireland, came to America in 1840, making the journey from New York by water, rail and stage to Pittsburgh, thence the Ohio, Mississippi and Illinois, rivers to Beardstown. He accumulated considerable wealth, owning 1,000 acres of land near Virginia. For a number of years, he was a member of the Petefish, Skiles and Co banking house, also served on Cass County Board of Commissioners.

The body of **William Dixon**, aged 21, was found on a sidewalk in Bloomington the other morning. At the corner's inquest a verdict was rendered that **Dixon** was murdered.

Judge **Richard N Warfield** died at his home in Harrisburg at the age of 77. He located in Saline County from Kentucky 40 years ago. He was a mason.

John Kendall, aged 70, and Miss **Ida Brown**, aged 90, were married at Ashley, Illinois, a few nights ago. Rev **J Carroll Harris** of Mount Vernon officiated. (*Ages as given*)

F H Kenney, an early settler of Mendota, and for many years, well-known in LaSalle County, died recently. He was 78 years of age.

Chas G Pomfret of Lincoln, Illinois, was the guest of his mother, Mrs **P M Pomfret** and sister, Mrs **B P Smith** last week.

John Booker of Gibson City, spent the latter part of last week in this city, the guest of his parents, Mr and Mrs **Jas Booker**.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Alphens Jacobs** of Loami, on Thursday, a little daughter.

Sunday night, Mrs **P B Housh** died at her home southeast of town in the 41st year of her age. She had been sick for several weeks but had greatly improved until a relapse came from which she did not recover. The funeral services were held yesterday from the family residence. Rev **B Smock** officiating; the interment was in the Little Flock cemetery.

Wednesday, 2 September 1896 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

After a painful illness of several weeks, Mrs **James R Smith**, died at her home in Taylorville on Sunday afternoon from injuries sustained by the explosion of a gasoline stove not long since. The deceased was well-known in this city, her husband having formerly been in business here. She was a sister of **Ed H Adams** of this city. The funeral

occurred on Monday. Mr and Mrs **E H Adams**, Mrs **E G Keiser**, Mrs **Chas Snell** and **M H** and **Mrs Miller** went over from here.

Tuesday morning at 3:15 o'clock, after a painful and lingering illness of several weeks, the spirit of **Flavia J Love** was wafted into the realms of immortality. After a sever attack of typhoid fever, she acquired a combination of other troubles which producing heart failure, resulted in death. She was the eldest daughter of Esq **A W** and Mrs **E D Love**, and at the time of her decease, was 27 years, 2 months and 8 days old. She was a kindly, quiet, unostentatious little woman, embodying those noble christian traits and characteristics that go to create a loving daughter and the highest type of pure and noble womanhood.

Beloved by all who knew her, a sorrowing throng of loving friends will mourn her loss. Services will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Presbyterian Church. Rev **T M Griffith** officiating. Mrs **Maude Weber**, a sister of the deceased of Brazil, Indiana, arrived yesterday, and Mrs **Flora Slinkard** of Edwardsport, Indiana, a sister of Esquire **Love**, arrived this morning to be in attendance of the funeral services. **Flavia Jane Love** was born in Martin Co, Indiana, on 23 June 1869 and died in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 1 September 1896. She made a profession in a revival a meeting of the Protestant Methodist Congregations held in the Corrington school house south of town in the year 1884. She was a prominent worker in the Sunday School at that place, after she moved to Moweaqua she usually attended the Presbyterian Church. She spent two years in Edwardsport, Indiana, learning the trade of seamstress, working with her aunt. She was a prominent Church worker while there. She then followed the work of seamstress in Moweaqua and vicinity for a number of years, to the time of her illness. Flavia took sick about 1 July 1896 with typhoid fever, which grew very complicated, passing into 'catarrh of the stomach' and lastly, heart failure. During the last few days of her sickness, her mind wandered and she talked incoherently and on the nearing the close, her words were indistinct. She seemed to be trying hard to say something to those who were watching at her bedside. The saddest of all was that she could not say any word of farewell.

Adam Pfaff, a prominent business man of Mascoutah for 30 years, died the other day of typhoid fever, aged about 55 years. Deceased was a veteran of the Civil War and leaves a widow and family of grown up children.

Thomas Dailey, a brakeman on the Big Four Railroad, was killed by an engine running over him in the yards of the Cairo division in Paris. His home was in Mattoon.

Mrs **Eleanor Vedder Ellwood**, wife of Hon **Reuben Ellwood**, ex-member of Congress from the Fifth district, died at her home in Sycamore, aged 70 years.

Rev **J C Walraven**, aged 87 died at Centralia. He was one of the pioneer ministers and the oldest Odd fellow member in that part of the state.

A team of **R A Jabur's** ran away at Fremont a few days ago, and caught the little daughter of **Joseph Amidons**, killing her instantly.

William Coker, one of the pioneer citizens of Hamilton County, died at his home in Knight's Prairie, a few days ago. He was aged 83 years.

Mrs **Martha W Taylor** died at Warsaw in the 93rd year of her age. She was the oldest resident of that city.

Born to **George Virden, Jr** and wife on 28 August 1896 in Pleak, a daughter.

Mrs **J R Smith** of Taylorville, who got burnt some weeks ago by the explosion of gasoline died Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock and was buried on Monday. (Willey news)

Born to Mr and Mrs **Walter McDonald** on 1 September 1896, a little girl.

Wednesday, 9 September 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Between eleven and twelve o'clock Saturday, 5 September 1896, in the 84th year of his age, at the home of his daughter, Mrs Tom C Ponting in Christian County, **Grandpa Michael Schneider** quietly and peacefully breathed his last. He had been quite indisposed for several weeks, though his condition was not considered dangerous even up to the hour of his death. **Grandpa Schneider** was one of the early pioneers of central Illinois, the founder of our beloved little city, and a man whose sterling integrity will long survive him. To him, is the city indebted for the beautiful city park, which was a give in fee simple, cheerfully given for the benefit of the public at large. **Michael Schneider, Sr**, the honored founder of the city of Moweaqua is one of the early pioneers of Central Illinois, and his name is indissolubly linked with its rise and growth. His progressive public spirit and generous benefactions bestowed with rare judgement and critical discernment as to the future needs of the community and the best way to promote its highest interest, have been instrumental in pushing forward various enterprises that have been of great benefit to this section of the state. On the banks of the beautiful Rhine in Germany, our subject was born in October 1812. His father, who bore the same name as himself, was born in the same Rhenish province and was there reared on a farm. He married **Mary Bauer** who was a native of that part of Germany and died there in 1820. In 1824, the father of our subject resolved to emigrate to America, where he hoped to better his condition. He came to this country accompanied by five of his seven children and first settled at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. In 1827, he removed to Ohio, and for a time, resided near Cincinnati. He subsequently identified himself with the pioneers of Brown County, in the same State, and on the farm that he bought there, passed the remainder of his life. **Michael Schneider**, of whom these lines are written, was a lad of eleven years when his father came to this country, and he and a sister were at that time, left in charge of an uncle, but two years later the father sent for them. They set sail from Hamburg in May 1826, landing at New York, 80 days later. Our subject went to Ohio with his father and for a time lived with him near Cincinnati, which was then only a good-sized village. He was a strong, self-reliant, manly boy, and at once commenced to earn his own living, finding employment with **Andrew Heredes**, with whom he remained for some years, and in 1833, he came with him to Illinois, making the journey hither over those great highways of pioneer travel, the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. He located with his employer on Lick Creek, in Sangamon County, and there Mr **Heredes** erected one of the first steam grist mills ever operated in the State of Illinois. In 1835, Mr Schneider borrowed \$50 of Esq **Campbell** and entered forty acres of Government land in what is now Christian County, his purchase adjoining the present site of Moweaqua. He bought the claim of Mrs **Denton**, and five acres of it were cleared, and a log house stood on the place. There were no railroads here for many years after he settled on his land in 1837, and he had to draw all his grain to St Louis with ox-teams where he sold it for 37 and ½ cents a bushel, and his hogs only brought him \$1.25 to \$1.50 a hundred pounds. Deer were plentiful and with prairie chickens and wild turkeys, formed a welcome addition to the fare of the pioneers. Mr **Schneider** worked early and late in the upbuilding of his new home, being greatly assisted by the active cooperation of his wife and he prospered exceedingly in his efforts to secure a competency. He invested his money judiciously, continually entering and buying other land near his original purchase until he had 2,000 acres, all told of land of surpassing fertility. This included the land upon which the thriving city of Moweaqua now stands. Attracted by the

unrivaled beauty of the spot and the natural advantages for the site of a town, our subject determined to plat the land, and afterward carried out his plans, which have given to this County, one of the brightest ornaments, 'one of the prettiest villages of the State', to quote from an enthusiastic admirer, and here center many lovely homes and happy firesides in dwellings of a modern and attractive style of architecture. Its people are cultured, thrifty, prosperous and enterprising; its Church privileges and educational advantages are exception, its varied industries and business enterprises are ably conducted under sound financial methods. One attraction of the city, though it may be a negative one, is eminently worthy of mention and that is that fact that there have been no saloons for the sale of liquor here for years, which speaks well for the temperance and sobriety of the citizens. The blessings of a happy married life have been vouchsafed to our subject, as by his marriage in October 1833, with Miss **Margaret Kautz**, he secured a true and loving wife, and they have lived in peace and harmony for nearly fifty-seven years. They have reared seven children to honorable and useful lives: **Michael, Christopher, Margaret, William, Valentine, Adam and Caroline**. Mrs **Schneider** was born in Baden Germany, 21 March 1811, and is a daughter of **Christopher and Caroline Lichtenbarger Kautz**, who were also natives of Baden, Germany. (Note: According to the 8 January 1896, Call-Mail extract (above), there was a letter from a Mrs **Ney** that stated she was sorry to hear of the death of **Lizzie Snyder**; apparently Mrs **Snyder** died near the end of 1895 or early 1896). Her father spent his entire life there, while her mother came to America in the latter part of her life and died in Brown County, Ohio. (Note: From the Biographical Record of Shelby County the Call-Mail gleans the above dates and notes about the deceased). (Note: The deceased father's name was spelled 'Schneider' in the Biographical Record, but have found it also spelled 'Snyder'. I have copied it exactly as it appeared in the Call-Mail - showing the obit verbatim.) Services were held from the M E Church on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev **E J Durham** officiating and the attendance was very large. Pallbearers were six grandsons of the deceased: **Karl R and Ralph Snyder, Everett Ponting, Arthur Gregory, Ernest Snyder and Eugene Snyder**. His remains were laid to rest beside those of his wife in the family lot in I. O. O. F. cemetery. The children, seven in number surviving the deceased are Mrs **Tom C Ponting, Mrs J W Gregory, M Synder, Jr., Wm J Snyder, V Snyder, Jr, Chris Snyder, and Adam Snyder**. (Note: The Call Mail sincerely regrets that the handsome half-tone picture of Grandpa Schneider has not arrived for use in this issue. It is the first time our engravers have ever disappointed us). (Sketch of Mr **Schneider** is found at the beginning of this book in the 'Sketches' section). Monday afternoon, 7 September 1896, Mrs **Mary E Gaskill** was taken seriously ill at the home of her son, **Chas F Gaskill**, with what proved to be a congestive chill. She grew rapidly worse, dying a few minutes after 6 o'clock. Mrs **Gaskill** was in the 78th year of her age at the time of death and ordinarily her health has been very good. Her sudden demise was indeed a severe shock to the loved ones with her. She was a quiet, unobtrusive christian woman, one whom to know was to love and respect. The funeral services will be held this afternoon from the residence of her son, **Charles Gaskill**. Rev **E J Durham** officiating. **Mary E Roberts** was born at Buffalo, New York, on 15 February 1819. With her parents she removed to Mount Union, Ohio, about 1835. While residing there, she was united in marriage with **David W Gaskill** of New Lisbon, Ohio. To them were born 7 children, four daughters and three sons. The husband and all the daughters have gone before. The three sons are left to mourn her loss. The family moved to Wellsville, Ohio,

on 1 April 1844. On 6 April 1865, she, with her family, removed to Nokomis, Illinois, where she resided until 6 March 1883 when she came to Moweaqua, Illinois, where she has since resided. At noon on Monday, 7 September 1896, she expressed a wish that when her end came, it might be without a long sickness and at six o'clock that afternoon, she was not, for God had taken her. Sister **Gaskill** united with the Christian Church early in life. Monday afternoon, at her home east of town, Mrs **Frank Sanders** passed to rest after a lingering illness with typhoid fever. She was a most estimable lady greatly respected by all who knew her. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the family residence. Rev **Joseph Thomas** of this city officiating. The deceased was a sister of **Frank Mitchell** of Blue Mound, **S R Mitchell** and Mrs **Wm Whitsett** of this city. **Lou Wilson**, a farmer who lived three miles from Neponset, Bureau County, killed his wife, their 4 year old son, and then himself. When found by **William Malson**, who worked for **Wilson**, the latter still clutched a revolver in his hand. **Wilson** was well-known, having resided in the vicinity all his life. He was about 38 years of age, industrious and steady, and business seemed to prosper until within the last two years when he was in financial straits. He had been in despondent moods lately, at times being plunged in profound melancholy. **Malson** had been in their employ for several months. He was out with a team on the day of the tragedy leaving the house at noon and returned at six o'clock as was his daily habit. He stopped at the house but finding no one there, drove on to the barn to put up the horses. He unharnessed his animals and put them into their stalls and started to the loft to throw down some hay. He was astonished to discover three bodies lying on the floor and horrified to find life extinct from them. All three had been shot in the head at close range. There was no doubt that Mr **Wilson** had shot his family and then himself.

Mrs **Eunice Ellinsworth**, a pioneer of Richland County, died at age 90 at the home of her daughter, Mrs **Thomas Ratchiffe** in Olney a few days ago.

Mrs **Rose M Hill**, wife of **Thomas P Hill**, president of the Warsaw Woolen Mill Co, died at Warsaw of typhoid fever at age 28 years.

George B Hull, one of Moline's oldest and most widely known retail dry goods merchants died recently at age 60 years.

Miss **Mary Reuss**, aged 30, jumped into a well at Shiloh Valley, Belleville, and was drowned. No cause is known for the deed.

William Devon, a wealthy agriculturist of Henry County, died at the age of 76 years. He lived in the country for 50 years.

John Schulte a well-to-do German citizen was found dead in bed near Flanagan, Livingston County. He was aged 72 years.

Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of Mr **D L Davidson** to Miss **Viola Johnson**, youngest daughter of **Jacob W Johnson**. The ceremony will occur Wednesday, 16 September 1896, at 8 o'clock PM at the home of the bride's father, east of town.

Mrs **Addie Smith**, wife of ex-Mayor **James R Smith**, who was frightfully burned by a gasoline stove explosion on the afternoon of 1 August 1896, peacefully passed away last Sunday afternoon after a month of untold anguish. For four weeks she laid in one position on her back in a mass of charcoal, unable in any way to help herself, and while she suffered intensely all the time, her agony was greatly increased whenever her injuries were dressed, for the wounds were severe. Services were held in the Christian Church last

Monday at 2 o'clock PM, Rev W W Weedon officiating. She was 42 years old and left a husband and two children to mourn her loss. (*Taylorville Democrat*).

R McDaniel of Assumption and Mrs Ida Blackburne of Eureka, Kansas, were married Thursday at high noon at the bride's uncle, Mr Brownback, east of Assumption. Quite a large crowd of relatives attended. They were also given a reception supper at the groom's brother, O D McDaniel's on Friday at 5 PM, one hundred relatives and friends enjoyed the feast. (Fame news)

Joseph Jones left Loami on Saturday for Leadville, Colorado, in response to a telegram announcing the death of John Megioney.

Quite a number from Willey attended the funeral of Joe White at Old Stonington on last Tuesday.

Born to Mr and Mrs Jesse Kimmel on Friday in Loami a son.

Wednesday, 16 September 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Picture of Michael Schneider, (Michael Snyder) founder of Moweaqua is on the front page of this issue of the Call-Mail. A full account of his obituary was in last week's edition of the paper. The plate was made from an old photograph taken long ago but the likeness is considered very good by his children. (See the 'Sketches' portion of this book).

This evening at eight o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Jacob W Johnson, Mr D L Davidson and Miss Viola Johnson will be united in marriage. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr Johnson, a young lady possessing those numerous attributes that combine to create a gentle, tender and loving helpmate and an earnest, practical wife. She will be gowned in an exquisite white silk with lace and ribbon trimmings and orange blossoms. The attendants will be Miss Fannie Harris of this city and Mr William Otta of Allenboro. The groom is the son of Jerome Davidson of south Macon County, a young man possessing many friends who hold him in high esteem. Tomorrow, Mr and Mrs Davidson, parents of the groom elect, will tender the newly married couple a reception at their beautiful home east of Macon. The young people will occupy the Johnson farm this winter.

Owing to the non-arrival of Mr J W Gaskill from Bridgeport, Ohio, until Wednesday evening, the interment of Mrs Mary E Gaskill was deferred until Thursday morning when the remains were laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. The pallbearers were S M Adams, V Snyder, Jr, J P Aydelott, J H Kirkman, J H Donnel, and W Z Richhart. Mr Jos Gaskill of Galesburg was also present. (*Note: The obit contains a very fine picture of the deceased, Mrs Gaskill*).

Amanda E Mitchell was born in Pennsylvania, on 15 October 1855. At an early age she united with the Society of Friends of Quakers, and ever lived a simple, earnest unassuming Christian woman. She married Frank Sanders in 1876, and left a husband and four children to mourn her loss.

Perry McCune, aged 75 years, mail carrier between Vandalia and Clarksville, was thrown from his horse and sustained injuries which resulted in his death.

Mrs Mary Du Hodway, wife of Dr Caleb Du Hodway, one of the oldest physicians of Jerseyville, died a few mornings ago in the 61st year of her life.

At Elmwood, Peoria County, Mrs Maria Canvera, aged 23, poured oil from a can on a fire recently ignited, when the can exploded and in less than 30 minutes the woman was a corpse.

Elisha Wood of Mendota, died at Hudson, near Bloomington, aged 45 years. His son, aged 15 lies at the same place at the point of death. Wood and his son were removed from an Illinois Central train while on their way from Arkansas to Mendota. They were taken sick with malarial fever in Arkansas.

The funeral of the late **Jonathan Davidson** occurred near Mt Auburn on Thursday afternoon. His death occurred on Tuesday. He was 94 years old and was said to be the oldest man in Christian County.

Yantisville news: Mrs **Aren Small**, an old and highly respected lady near Ridge Church, died suddenly Wednesday of congestive chills. She had been ill only a few days. She was aged 65 years and one month and was born in Germany. She was the mother of thirteen children, nine of whom are living, 5 are married, four are single. The funeral occurred at Prairie Bird Church on Thursday at eleven o'clock by Elder **Corley**. Her remains were laid to rest in the Old Creg graveyard.

Quite a number of friends and relatives gathered at the home of **Edgar Winslow** on last Tuesday night and surprised him with a huge supper, it being his birthday. (Willey news) Miss **Laura Portwood** died of typhoid fever on Tuesday afternoon, 15 September 1896, at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs **J S Portwood**, 1044 North Water Street. The deceased was 17 years of age. The funeral will occur from the Christian tabernacle at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Rev **Hall** officiating (*Decatur Herald Dispatch*).

Wednesday, 23 September 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Wednesday noon, 16 September 1896, **Dem Carsell** breathed his last. His illness had been a long and painful one and despite all that was done to alleviate his suffering, at times the agony of excruciating pain was intense. He had been afflicted since last March with cancer of the bone at the thigh which had reached an enormous magnitude. At the time of his death he was in the 22nd year of his age. The funeral services took place at Locust Grove Church on Thursday afternoon. Rev **T M Griffith** officiated and interment was in that cemetery. Pallbearers were: **Grant and Vert Cutler, George Ryan, Charles Palmer, Irwin Primmer and Henry Marshall**. **Deming Ray Carsel** was born on 22 January 1875, at Lilly Dale, Perry Co, Indiana. He died at the home of his brother-in-law, **Eli Connor** on 16 September 1896, aged 21 years, 8 months and 24 days. He came to Illinois on 15 September 1884 with his parents. He took sick on 1 March of this year with cancer on the left thigh. The doctors who attended him said they severe saw a worse case of cancer. He told a friend that he had often resisted the Spirit of God. During some meetings at Locust Grove he thought he must surrender but his companions prevented him. His convictions for sin while sick were pungent. Alternating, rising and subsiding until at last he was on the verge of despair. He surrendered and became resigned to his fate, willing to die, but had a great desire to live. His resignation and patience toward the close of his life gives the family much consolation. A very brief funeral service was held at the residence of **Eli Connor** on Tuesday, 17 September 1896, at 11:30 o'clock PM. Services were conducted by Rev **T M Griffith**. He leaves a widowed mother, Mrs **R J Carsell**, four sisters and three brothers to mourn his loss.

The marriage of Mr **Jacob W Johnson** of Moweaqua Township and Mrs **Sarah B Ward** of this city was quietly solemnized at the home of Rev **J E Jewett** at 8 o'clock Thursday night. Immediately following the ceremony, the happy couple repaired to the Big Four depot, departing for the east on a brief wedding tour. The groom is one of northwestern

Shelby's most highly respected and thrift farmers and stockraisers, having for many long years owned and resided on one of the best farms in his Township, three miles out of Moweaqua. The bride, a daughter of Mr **Abram Middlesworth** of this city, is a most estimable lady. Having passed most of her life near and in this city, she has a wide circle of friends who wish sincere congratulations to the couple. Moweaqua is Mr **Johnson's** home and a residence of many years has established him in highest esteem for manhood, honor and integrity. It is said that Mr and Mrs **Johnson** will make their future home in Decatur. Mr and Mrs **Johnson** arrived in Moweaqua on Saturday, and were driven at once to Mr **Johnson's** home, east of town. That even, a large number of Mr **Johnson**, admiring friends, accompanied by the Moweaqua K P Band went out and favored the newly married couple with a genuine old time serenade.

Wednesday evening on 16 September 1896, at the home of **Orrin Avery**, near Prairie Home, occurred the marriage of Mrs **Mamie Elvis** to Mr **Harry Powell**, both contracting parties being from Indianapolis, Indiana. The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs **O. H. P. Avey**, and a very pleasant little lady who has many warm friends in Penn Township. The groom is a successful and well-to-do business man engaged in a terra-cotta manufactory. The ceremony was performed by Rev **E J Durham** of this city, assisted by Rev **Paisley** of Prairie Home and at its conclusion was followed by a most substantial wedding feast. Mr and Mrs **Powell** left for Indianapolis on Friday evening, bearing with them, hearty good wishes of a host of friends.

On 15 September 1846 at Carrollton, **Mary L Samuels** was married to **William P Barr**. They moved to Morgan County in 1861 where they have lived ever since. Mr and Mrs **Barr** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Jacksonville the other day.

Miss **Mattie Burke**, a teacher in the public schools of Charleston, died the other morning. She was taken ill with congestion and a dose of morphine was administered. She never recovered consciousness.

Edward Shannon, an old resident of Belvidere, shot his wife in a railway car as she was about to leave for Chicago to live with her children. She had just secured a divorce after a bitter fight.

Mrs **Emily M Kennedy**, one of the early settlers of Bureau County, died recently. She located there in 1843, coming from Pennsylvania. She was 67 years of age.

Wm E Williams who had resided in Henry County for 45 years, died recently. He was born in Wales and came to America in 1834.

Etta Emma Otta, daughter of **Henry** and **Anna Otta**, was born 4 November 1895, and died 18 September 1896 of cholera infantum, aged 9 months and 14 days. Rev **T M Griffith** officiated and preached the sermon from Isa. 40:11. The little body was laid to rest in the Long Grove Cemetery to await the last trumpet.

Maple Grove news: The infant child of Mr and Mrs **Henry Otta** died on Friday and was interred in the Long Grove Cemetery on Saturday.

A beautiful tribute to **Michael Schneider**. On the banks of the Rhine in Germany, was born **Michael Schneider** in October 1812. Sixty-one years ago he came where Moweaqua now stands. He was its founder and its life long benefactor, for he was a true Christian man with a most worthy helpmate and they had sons and daughters that rose up to honor them. There he lived, or near here, till September 5, 1896, when he slept to awake in that land where they never grow old. "**Grandpa Schneider** lived to this sweet, ripe old age (84 years) without beer or whiskey, and gave his vote and money to keep others sober. We

remember gratefully that he was among the first to volunteer aid to us in Our Best Words warfare against the liquor traffic, was this noble German. "Here is a little help," he said as he quietly handed us a \$10 bank note. Now he rests from his labors and his words do follow him. Blessed evermore be the memory of **Michael Schneider** of Moweaqua!—Our Best Words of Shelbyville.

Tuesday evening, 15 September at 2:15 o'clock, **Laura A Portwood** departed this life at the home of her parents at 1044 North Water Street, Decatur Illinois, after a painful and lingering illness of four weeks. She was the eldest daughter of **J S Portwood**, and at the time of her death, was 17 years, 6 months and 11 days. The funeral services were held at the Christian tabernacle on 16 September 1896 with Rev **Hall** officiating. **Laura A Portwood** was born in Shelby County, near Long Grove, on 4 March 1879, and died in Decatur, Illinois, on 15 September 1896. She was a very patient sufferer during all her sickness and bore her pain uncomplainingly. She was a kind and noble girl, beloved by all who knew her. She leaves a father, mother, two brothers and one sister to mourn the loss of a kind and faithful daughter, a devoted and loving sister.

Mrs E A Bowman died at her home near Stonington on Monday evening, 14 September 1896. The deceased had been an invalid for several years and had many friends who mourn her loss. She was 64 years of age. The funeral services were conducted by Rev **Agnew** on Wednesday from the M E Church of which she was a member at the time of her death.

Wednesday, 30 September 1896 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Thursday, last, **Mrs Lucy J Workman** entertained quite a number of her friends at her home three miles west, the occasion being her 35th birthday.

Hiram Goatley of Moweaqua and **Florence Bowen** of Blue Mound were married on Wednesday by Judge **W L Hammer** at his office in the courthouse. The couple came in just at noon and were soon sent out as man and wife to get their wedding dinner together. (*Decatur Review* of 24 September 1896).

Martin Gordon, the oldest man in the vicinity of Galena, Illinois, died the other night at the age of 102. He was a native of Ireland and came to Galena over 50 years ago. He was in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Co for many years, from the time the railroad was built into Galena in 1854. His wife died 10 years ago. He had been blind for years, otherwise, he retained his faculties to a remarkable degree.

Joseph Mulnell, an inmate of the Vermilion County poorhouse was arrested for the murder of **William Hill**, an old man and also a pauper. **Hill** had directed **Mulnell** to water the cows; **Mulnell** refused. A row followed and **Mulnell**, after knocking **Hill** down, kicked him several times in the stomach. **Hill** died.

The body of **James Knott** the only centenarian in Peoria County who reached his 100th birthday five months ago was buried at Northampton, Peoria County, recently. He was of English birth and had lived in Peoria County 50 years, and had farmed there for 30 years. **Martin McLean**, aged 75, an old and respected citizen of Montgomery County, died at his home in Bois D'Are Township. He leaves several children to mourn his loss, among them is **John J McLean** of Hillsboro.

Charles Berryman, an old resident of Jo Daviess County, died at his home in Scales Mound at age 81. His widow and 11 children survive him.

Frederick Hendricker was found dead in bed, eight miles west of Virginia. He was aged 93 years of age and had resided in that vicinity for 50 years.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Frank Stroud** on 29 September 1896, a little boy.

Invitations have been issued announcing the wedding of Mr **L Dow Evans** and Miss **Mary Pleak** which will take place at high noon on Sunday, 4 October 1896, at the home of the bride's parents, Esq and Mrs **M F Pleak**, southeast.

On Monday evening of last week, Mr and Mrs **S H Thompson** gave their daughter, Miss **Nellie Thompson** a surprise party in honor of her birthday. Games were indulged until a late hour when refreshments were served and the guests departed for home. (*List of attendees not copied in this book.*)

Hilda Chloe, daughter of **Hiram** and **Alice Goatley**, died on Wednesday evening at 10 o'clock with croup at the home of her grandmother, Mrs **Goatley** in Assumption.

Hilda Chloe Goatley was just 5 years and 21 days old. The funeral services were held at the Baptist Church in Assumption on Friday at 9 o'clock AM. Rev **Butler** officiated. The remains were buried in the Masonic cemetery near Moweaqua by the side of her mother who died about a year ago.

About 50 friends of Mrs **Chas Mathias**, accompanied by well filled baskets, invaded her quiet home on Friday, 25 September 1896. With the assistance of **Sam Longenbaugh** and **Chas Hall**, the ladies soon had the large table filled with the choicest viands, which all present did ample justice. This was suitable presents reminded Mrs **Mathias** of the anniversary of her birth. (*List of attendees not copied in this book.*)

Born to **Grant Bethards** and wife of Allenboro on Saturday, 26 September 1896, a son. Little **Chloe Goatley**, aged 5 years, 23 days, died on Wednesday evening, 23 September 1896, at the home of her grandmother, Mrs **Goatley** in the north part of town after a two days illness with throat trouble. She was a daughter of **H L Goatley** whose wife died about a year ago. The funeral occurred from the Baptist Church on Friday at 9 o'clock. Rev **Butler** officiated. Interment at the Masonic cemetery one mile south and one mile east of Moweaqua. (*Assumption News*)

Wednesday, 7 October 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

The little city of Moweaqua was enveloped in a shroud of gloom Saturday when the sad news was received that the spirit of Mrs **J Wheeler Brown** had taken its flight to the world beyond. Most dearly was she beloved among us. A sweet and gentle character, with a warm and loving hear for all mankind. (*Note: There is a very good photo of her included in this obituary. It states 'taken from an old photograph'*). Services were held at the M E Church in Blue Mound on Sunday, 4 October 1896, Rev **E A Wandless** officiated, and the interment was in the family burying ground at the Old Stonington Cemetery. Pallbearers were Messrs **Ralph Ayars**, **Mart Ayars**, **Lucien Ferre**, **Wm Morris**, **Dave Adamson**, and **Chars Ahl**. **Rebecca T Catherwood** was born in Belmont County, Ohio on 14 October 1840. She was the beloved wife of **J Wheeler Brown**, the daughter of **Joseph** and **Lydia Catherwood**, and was one of a family of ten children, five boys and five girls. Three of whom, **Catherine**, **Joseph** and **Allen**, have passed on before, leaving to survive them, **John Catherwood**; **Wm T Catherwood**; **Eliza J Bonnell**; **J Steel Catherwood**; **Lydia A Catherwood**; **Emma Powell**, together with the mother, who is in her 93rd year, and who resides in Taylorville with the two daughters last named. Mrs **Brown** had attained the age of 55 years, 11 months and 18 days at the time of her death. The deceased

removed with her parents near Middletown, Guernsey County, Ohio, in the year 1846, at which place her father died. The family removed to Shelby County, Illinois in 1857, and in 1859, removed to near Old Stonington, Christian County, Illinois. On September 30, 1862, she was united in marriage to **J W Brown**, of the same place and at which place she resided for 28 years. To this union four children were born: **Mary A Anderson** of Taylorville, **Grace L Briggs** of Old Stonington, **S Agnes Brown**, and **J Arthur Brown**, all of whom survive her. The latter two children and the husband reside in Blue Mound, Illinois. **Mrs Brown** was converted at her home in the fall of 1867 and immediately united with the Nebraska school house class, which at that time, was an auxiliary of the M E Church at Moweaqua, Illinois. In 1890, the family removed to Normal and **Mrs Brown** removed her Church membership to that place. In 1893 the family came to Moweaqua, Illinois, and **Mrs Brown's** Church letter was transferred to the ME Church of this place, and she remained a consistent member of the Church until the time of her death. During her last sickness of seven months duration, she manifested such patience as only Christians can. She passed away peacefully at her home in Blue Mound at 3:15 PM, 2 October 1896. Sunday, 4 October 1896, at high noon at the residence of the bride's father, **Esq M F Pleak**, the marriage of Miss **Mary Pleak** to **L Dow Evans** was impressively solemnized. The **Rev Samuel Piety** officiated. Attendants were **Arthur Pleak** and **Miss Amanda Heiser** and **William Warren** with **Miss Kittie Humphrey**. Following the ceremony, a most elegant and substantial wedding dinner was enjoyed by those present. (*Note: Article describes more about the ceremony and their personality traits – not copied in total in this book*). The bride is a young lady of very attractive appearance and many excellent attainments. She has been reared in Shelby County, and by her gentle demeanor and sweet disposition, has surrounded herself with a large number of friends. The groom is a hard working, practical and successful young farmer, well-to-do not only in a worldly sense, but in heart and mind. **Dow** is a man who holds the esteem of all who know him. The presents were numerous and very handsome. **Mr and Mrs Evans** will reside on the farm of the groom, southeast of town.

Thursday, 1 October 1896, in the parlors of the Brunswick hotel, in Decatur, Justice **George P Hardy** officiating, **John A Prescott** and **Gertie May Jackson** both of this city, were united in marriage. The groom is the son of **Esquire E Prescott**, a most excellent hard working young man, fully capable in every particular of assuming the responsibilities of married life. The bride is the daughter of **Weighman Jackson** of the coal shaft, a very young though never-the-less a very earnest and practical girl with a large circle of acquaintances. **Mr and Mrs Prescott** will reside this winter with the **Esquire's** family and in the spring will remove to the farm southwest of town.

Saturday, word reached our city that **John T Trimble** died at the asylum at Kankakee last Friday night, the direct cause of death being a severe rupture. For many years **Mr Trimble** was an honored and respected blacksmith at Pleak. Not long ago since his mind failed and he was sent to Kankakee where the remains were interred. At the time of his death, he was about 73 years of age.

Yesterday, **Mrs John Freeman** was paid the sum of \$2,000, the amount of insurance carried by her late husband, **Mr John Freeman** in the Knights of Honor. **Mr Freeman** died several months ago.

The fractured skull of the dead man, together with two hammers, a pocketbook, revolver, telegrams, notes, bloody clothing and a hotel register, was offered in evidence in the case of **Joseph W Meyers**, on trial at Decatur for the murder of **August Hackman**.

William Rosenow, a well-known German farmer was found dead on the roadside near Kewanee with a charge of shot in his head. He had been out shooting prairie chickens and it is believed the gun was accidentally discharged.

Edward Taylor, a farmer on Cahe Island, opposite Mound City, was hauling wood when his team became frightened and ran away. He was thrown out, his neck broken.

Mr and Mrs **Edward Rouse**, living six miles northeast of Danville, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary a few days ago.

Thomas Stemons was murdered in Edgar County. In the trial of **Benjamin McAlmont**, accused of the murder of **Thomas Stemons**, on 12 September 1896, in Edgar County, the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty for Mr **McAlmont**.

Bernard Grievang, aged 14, who was accidentally shot by his uncle, **Clement Schmidt**, near Quincy, while out hunting, died from his injuries.

Born to Mr and Mrs **E G Bethard** on 27 September 1896, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Roy Brower**, 29 September 1896, a girl.

John Portwood of Edgar, Nebraska, arrived on Monday, being called to the bedside of his father, **William Portwood**. **William Portwood** died Monday evening at 8 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Albert Cooley** on 30 September 1896, a boy.

Wm Portwood, the venerable father of Postmaster **J M Portwood** of Allenboro, died at the home of his son on Monday evening, 5 October 1896. Cause of death was dropsy; he was in the 69th year of his age. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon and interment was at Long Grove Cemetery.

Wednesday, 14 October 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Mr **Basil Craig** of Moweaqua and Miss **Emma Workman** of Radford, were united in marriage at 8 o'clock last night by County Judge **Lyman Grundy**. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends at the residence of **Marcus Floyd** on East Adams Street, Taylorville. Both the bride and groom are highly respected young people. They will make their home on a farm near Moweaqua. (*Taylorville Breeze*)

Monday evening at the home of the bride's father, Capt **A B Cutler**, east of town, Mr **George Alward** of Canton, Illinois, and Miss **Florence Cutler**, the charming daughter of the captain, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The wedding was a very quiet and unostentatious affair, only the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends being present. The bride elect has a large circle of friends in this vicinity.

After a very brief illness with membranous croup little **Russell Kreider Abersman**, infant son of Mrs **Annie Kreider Abersman**, aged 4 years, died at the home of his mother yesterday morning at three o'clock. The funeral was held this afternoon (Wednesday). The family have the sympathy of a large number of friends.

Friday, 2 October, 1896, **Maggie Harpold**, daughter of Mr and Mrs **Joseph Harpold**, aged 2 years, 3 months and 2 days died of membranous croup. She had been ill for several weeks having taken with chicken pox which finally developed into the above complaint. The funeral services were conducted from the family residence on Sunday at 10 o'clock AM by Rev **E O Butler**, the pastor of the Baptist Church (instead of from the

Baptist Church as was announced in the funeral notices, owing to the contagious character of the disease). The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement. (*Assumption News*)

William Portwood the subject of this sketch, died at Allenboro, Illinois, on 5 October 1896 at 8 o'clock. Deceased was a native of Kentucky, being born in Jessamine County, on the 14th of May 1827. His father's name was **Simpson Portwood** and his mother's maiden name was **Lamb**. She being an aunt of **John and William Lamb**, long since dead and former citizens of Long Grove. At an early age, he moved with his parents to Sullivan County, Indiana, and from thence to Macon County, Illinois, settling near Long Grove cemetery where he was buried. He was married in 1848 to **Sarah Luke** in Crawford County, Illinois, and moved to Macon County, Illinois, in 1849. By his first marriage, six children were born, two of whom died in infancy near the time of their mother's death, which occurred in March 1855. One daughter, **Eliza Jane Portwood**, died in 1869. Three children are still living, they are **Nancy**, wife of **D T Atteberry** of Davis City, Iowa, **Simpson Portwood** of Rosalia, Washington, and **Mary**, wife of **Reden Scribner** of Decatur. On 19 June 1855, he was married to **Elizabeth Atteberry**, by this union, three children were born, one of which died at eleven years of age. Two are still living, **John H Portwood** of Angus, Nebraska, who arrived but a few hours before his father's death, and **J M Portwood** of Allenboro, Illinois. His second wife died in October 1891. On 4 March 1894, he was married to Mrs **Margaret Price** who survives him. They were living with his youngest son, **J M Portwood** at Allenboro at the time of his demise. He was satisfied and even longed to die, in the hope of gaining a better home in Heaven. He was a member of the Christian Church, being baptized by Elder **Morgan** in 1894.

The golden wedding of Capt and Mrs **David Blalock** of Decatur was celebrated the other day. Mr **Blalock** is a son of a soldier of the American Revolution.

Noah Harris was starting into the country from Cairo in a wagon to visit his farm when a friend going hunting asked to be allowed to ride. In climbing into the wagon the hammers of the gun in his hand struck against the side of the wagon and both barrels were discharged, the entire contents entering Harris' leg, tearing it to pieces. He bled to death before a surgeon could render any assistance.

R A Gurney and wife celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage in Kewanee the other day. They were married in New York State and located in Henry County, Illinois, in 1805. Their six children, from as many (6) different states, were all present at the golden wedding celebration.

Born to Dr and Mrs **J W Dobson** of Arthur, Illinois, on 10 October 1896, a fine boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Spindle** in Willey on Thursday, 8 October 1896, a little son.

The **Waddell Brothers** played the wedding march for the **Slanker-Price** wedding on Wednesday evening. The vows were solemnized at the home of the bride's uncle, **Sylvester Schrantz** of near Stonington.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Greg Heberling** on 8 October 1896, a boy. (*Willey news*)

Last Thursday about 50 of the friends and relatives of Mrs **Nancy Goodwin** accompanied by well filled baskets invaded her quiet home and reminded her that it was her 56th birthday. A large table was filled with the choicest of eatables, to which all did ample justice. (*Obed news*)

C B Sweet of Loami was called to Waverly on Sunday by the death of his mother.

Wednesday, 21 October 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

The marriage of **Martha E Bramlett** and **George W Reynolds**: The story of the marriage and separation of **Mrs Martha E Bramlett** and **George W Reynolds** reads like a romance. **Mrs Bramlett**, nee **Reynolds**, is a lady widely known and highly respected. A woman who has perhaps as many friends in this section of the country as any other person. She has ever been straightforward and honest and has raised a most estimable family within our midst. She is a woman who has been the victim of a combination of peculiar circumstances, which redounded as a misfortune rather than a fault of hers. The story of her marriage with **Reynolds** is a woman perhaps 50 years of age and **Reynolds** is probably 30 years old. As the result of a singular infatuation, these two were married at Blue Mound early last Spring. On the day of her wedding, **Mrs Reynolds** conveyed by deed 80 acres of land as a free gift to **Reynolds**, and selling her personal effects at the Mound, she removed to Moweaqua with her young husband and family. It was not long before she discovered the dissipated and profligate character of her husband. **Reynolds** chased every dollar out of sight that came within his reach finally making a grand stand play to sell the 80 acres that his wife had deeded him. At this time, **Mrs Reynolds**' children interfered, **Frank Bramlett** going so far as to question his mother's sanity, and finally through legal process had her estate thrown into the hands of a conservator. Following this, **Mrs Reynolds** visited relatives in Missouri for a few weeks. It was during this time that the sportive **Reynolds** displayed his real character, and wound up by being heavily fined for gambling. In the meantime, **Mrs Emma Boyd**, a daughter of **Mrs Reynolds**, arrived from Kentucky and **Mrs Reynolds** returning from Missouri, listened to the pleadings of her loved and loving children, and consented to a separation from **Reynolds**. As a result of several conferences, it was determined to pay **Reynolds** a consideration to release all his right title and interest in any and all properties belonging to his wife. This was done one day last week, the consideration being about \$65 and **Reynolds** has vanished. **Mrs Reynolds** has removed her family to Blue Mound where they now permanently reside. The infant boy, aged just three weeks, of **Mr and Mrs Frank Stroud** died on Thursday afternoon about 4 o'clock PM after a brief, but very severe illness with stomach trouble. The remains were taken to Maroa for interment in the family burying grounds on the 'Daylight Special' on Friday morning after a brief funeral service at the residence here. **Rev E J Durham** officiated at the services.

Thursday afternoon about 6 o'clock PM, **Gladys Marie Powell**, the only child of **Mr and Mrs J S Powell**, died of lung trouble, aged 4 months and 15 days. The child had been an invalid almost sine its birth and death came as a sweet relief of a life of continuous suffering. The funeral services were held from the M E Church on Friday afternoon; **Rev E J Durham** officiating, and the interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Pallbearers were **Edith Ayers**, **Jessie Stine**, **Minnie Spencer**, and **Bertha Curtis**.

Born to **Dr and Mrs L F Buck** of Chicago on 13 October 1896, a son.

Born to **Mr and Mrs Walter Humphrey, Jr**, on 12 October 1896, a girl.

Born to **Mr and Mrs C A Hedges** on 18 October 1896, a boy.

Born to **Mr and Mrs Isaac Botts** on 17 October 1896, a girl.

Born to **Mr and Mrs R A Berry** on 17 October 1896 a girl.

Born to **Mr and Mrs Frank Homrighous** of Assumption, on 15 October 1896, a girl. **Mrs E H Withers** and that awfully cute little baby of hers, left yesterday to join her husband, **Ed Withers** for the winter at Frankton, Indiana.

Born to **Lane Huss** and wife of Prairie Home, 7 October 1896, a little boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Zicafoos** on 15 October 1896, a girl.

Mr Rodolph Thomas and family have returned to Prairie Home from Decatur. They were guests at the **Alward-Cutler** wedding last Monday.

Born to **D Rittgers** and wife of Pleak on 12 October 1896, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **R A Berry** in Allenboro on Sunday, 18 October 1896, a girl.

Harry Peek and Miss **Anna Baker**, two of Stonington's estimable young people were married Monday evening at 7 o'clock by Rev **S H Bowyer** at the Baptist parsonage. Mr and Mrs **Peek** will reside on a farm near Stonington. (*Taylorville Breeze*).

Wednesday, 28 October 1896 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

The angel of death spread its wings and carried from our community, another victim of membranous croup. **George S Hayes**, aged about one year, the infant son of Mr and Mrs **George W Hays** of Prairieton died early Saturday morning after an illness of two days, of that most fatal of all diseases, combined with diphtheria. Brief services were held on Sunday morning, and the interment was at the Hays cemetery.

Sunday morning about six o'clock, **James W Scroggin**, infant son of Mr and Mrs **Wm Scroggin**, died of lung trouble. The child was ten months old and had been sick but a few days, though the condition was not considered to be serious until shortly before death relieved him of all suffering. The funeral services were held from the Baptist Church on Monday afternoon. Rev **Jos Thomas** officiating.

Joseph Meline, a wealthy Portuguese citizen of Jacksonville, committed suicide by taking 'Rough on Rats'. He had been subject to attacks of melancholy brought on by the death of his wife. He leaves a large family.

Capt **Ezra J Chacey** a wealthy resident of Hillsboro, died suddenly of asthma and heart disease. He had been for many years a captain on upper Mississippi steamboats, serving last year on the Saturn.

The suicide of **Charles F Biggs**, aged 60 a well-known citizen of Carlyle, occurred at his boarding house. Intense pain from a paralytic stroke was the cause of the deed. A revolver was the weapon used by Mr **Biggs**.

A four-year-old child of **B F Blankenship** of Carson Township, Fayette County, was burned so badly by his clothes catching fire that he died from the burns.

Jacob Alschuler, one of the best known citizens of Aurora died recently at the age of 75 years. He leaves a widow and four children

George Roth died at his home in Belleville the result of injuries sustained by falling backward from his wagon. He was 67 years old.

Mrs **Constance Bock** aged 84, was struck and killed by a Chicago and Alton passenger train while crossing the tracks at Bloomington.

Frank W Knowles has sued the Rushville Electric Light Co for \$5,000 for the loss of his son who was killed by touching a live wire.

Born to Mr and Mrs **W F Corrington** on 26 October 1896, a little girl.

Wednesday, 4 November 1896 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

This evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev and Mrs **T M Griffith**, their charming daughter, Miss **Rose Griffith**, will be united in marriage to **Henry Marshall**. The father of the bride will officiate. But a limited number of invitations have been issued

and only the immediate relatives and a few friends will be present. Both the contracting parties are widely known and highly esteemed in the community. They will reside for the winter in a cozy home prepared by the groom in the east end of town.

Saturday morning at 3 o'clock AM, **Muriel May Bethards**, the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs **Grant Bethards**, who reside near Allenboro, died of diphtheria, after a brief illness. The funeral services were held at the family residence on Sunday. Rev **Joseph Thomas** officiating and the interment was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery. *Card of thanks:* We extend our heartfelt thanks to the friends who extended aid and sympathy at the funeral. Of our little daughter, **Muriel**. Signed: Mr and Mrs **E G Bethards**

The mystery of the midnight murder of young **William Dixon** seems to at last to have been solved, says a dispatch from Bloomington. **James W Sprague**, formerly of Bloomington was arrested in Springfield, charged with the crime, and is now at the County jail there awaiting the arrival of an officer from this County. **Dixon** was a prominent Irish-American resident of the city, a son of **Patrick Dixon** and old and respected resident and an ex-alderman. He was a partner with his brother in a foundry and was a general favorite. Mr and Mrs **Marshall P Ayers** of Jacksonville, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage the other evening. A number of invited guests were present and the house was decorated with palms, chrysanthemums and autumn leaves. Mr **Ayers** is the senior member of the banking firm of M P Ayers and Co and is the oldest private banker in the state.

Charles Richardson, aged 50 years, a well-known farmer in Beverly, committed suicide by sending a bullet through his head. He attempted suicide 20 years ago.

John Wheeling, auctioneer, was found dead in the street at Pittsfield. The coroner found that death was caused from excessive use of alcohol.

Uncle **Billy Florey** who was tortured at his hermit home in Decatur a year ago by robbers, died of his injuries the other evening in Decatur. He was aged 71 years.

A birthday dinner was given for Mrs **M F Pleak** on Sunday at her home. A good crowd was present and a nice team had by all present.

Mr **Grant McGinnis** and Miss **Dora McGindis** were married in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They were cousins. (*Loami news; names as spelled in the article*)

Misses **Katherine** and **Bessie Day** left this morning to attend the wedding of Miss **Lizzie Armentrout** which will occur at her home in Griggsville on Thursday, 12 November 1896.

On Wednesday evening of last week, the Misses **Adamson** entertained a number of friends at her home, *Paradise Farm*, the occasion being Miss **Ida Adamson's** 17th birthday. The evening was spent playing games and listening to music. (*List of attendees, not copied here*)

Wednesday, 11 November 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Israel Beeda, a 16 year old boy, residing with the **Heman family**, one mile east of Edwardsville, shot himself, probably accidentally, in the forehead and died.

Miss **Rose Griffith** and **Henry Marshall** were married at Moweaqua. The bride is the daughter of Rev **Thomas M Griffith**, who performed the ceremony uniting his daughter. **Henry Jenkins**, who, up to a short time ago, was living in Litchfield, was struck by a train, near Raymond and instantly killed. He was somewhat deaf.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Howing** on Monday, 9 November 1896, a son.

Exquisite cards have been issued announcing the wedding of Miss **Elizabeth Adams**, daughter of Hon **Joseph Adams** to Mr **Hervey Corzine** of Assumption. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's father in Prairieton Township, Christian County, at half past eight o'clock on the evening of Wednesday, 18 November 1896.

George Johnson, a farmer residing in the first house north of the Bolivia school house in Christian County, committed suicide Wednesday afternoon by shooting himself. He sent his wife to the mill, while he remained on the farm, gathering corn. He had a lot of corn in a crib; the crib came apart and let the corn out on the ground. From sheer vexation it is presumed, he went to the house and shot himself. His wife, on her return, found him lying on the floor with a revolver in his hand lying across his breast and a gaping wound. Coroner Durbin went out Wednesday night to hold an inquest. He left a wife and one child. (*Taylorville Journal*).

Mr **Henry Lutz** and Miss **Alice Thompson** were united in marriage last Wednesday. They will make their future home on a farm in Pickaway (Prairie Home news).

John Welton, assessor and a prominent resident of Prairie Township dropped dead at his home eight miles northeast of Stewardson Friday morning. Heart failure is believed to have taken him off. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Wednesday, 18 November 1896 issue, *Moweagua Call-Mail*

This evening at the home of Hon **Joseph Adams** in Christian County, his charming daughter, Miss **Elizabeth Adams** will be united in marriage to Mr **A Hervey Corzine** of Assumption. The *Pana Gazette* published the following: Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss **Elizabeth Adams**, daughter of Hon **Jos** and Mrs **Adams** of Moweagua to **A Hervey Corzine**. Our readers are doubtless acquainted with the Adams family, as they are one among the wealthiest families and stand high throughout Southern Illinois. The young lady is a beautiful and highly accomplished belle in the community in which she resides, and it is with sighs and regrets that she will henceforth be missed from among the gay throng in which she was pleased to mingle. The fortunate young man who has drawn such a priceless jewel is to be congratulated. He, too, stands prominent in the circles of the social world, his name is the watchword in many homes where he is wont to reside.

Jeremiah L Becker died at Kewanee. He was a pioneer of Henry County, having located there in 1839. He served in the Mexican war, and acquired the rank of Captain. At the outbreak of the civil war, he raised one of the first companies of volunteers which left the County. He leaves six children.

Thomas McNeil died at his home in Centralia the other day in the 73rd year of his age. This makes the fifth old time citizen who has passed away in Centralia within the past month. The others were **David Blythe**, **Thomas H Robertson**, **H L Lowe** and **S L Hand**. **Frederick Aholtz**, aged 69, dropped dead at his home in Decatur. He was the owner of many dwellings in Decatur until a few years ago. He became involved in endless litigation and had a number of cases at the supreme court.

Rev **C E Garst** of Stanford, McLean County, died in Riverside, California, recently, aged 32, from dropsy of the brain. He was a minister of the Unitarian Church.

Henry D Kelsey, a resident of Moline since 1858, died recently aged 74. He was at one time, a prominent business man, but he died in poverty.

While **Luther Painter**, aged 13, of Litchfield, was playing with a revolver, it was discharged and he was wounded so badly that he died.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Clark** on 12 November 1896, a little girl.

Clara Belle Moore of Prairieton Township, Christian County, asks that the legal ties which bind her to **William L Moore** be broken. She says she was married to him in December 1890 and that six months afterward, he deserted her and has not been back since. (*Taylorville Courier*)

Mrs Sarah Boys, well-known in this vicinity, died at her home north of Shelbyville on Thursday night.

J S Crawford and family attended the funeral of his brother's child at Blue Mound last Thursday.

Maple Grove news: Mr **Crawford** and family were called to Bement on Thursday to attend funeral of the former's brother's little son who was buried there on Thursday. About one hundred people gathered at the residence of Mrs **Housh's** on Sunday, the occasion being her 71st birthday. Of course she was not at home, and when she did arrive about noon, she found the house loaded with her friends and neighbors to remind her it was her birthday. On entering the house, she found a table loaded with all the luxuries that could be procured. And cakes, Oh My! They were enough to satisfy one's appetite by looking at them. Everyone got enough to eat except **Charles Van Meter**. It is doubtful whether he satisfied his appetite or not. At a very late hour they dispersed wishing 'Aunt **Betsey**' many other birthdays. Attendees included: Mrs **Hyde**, Mr and Mrs **T J Hammil**, Mr and Mrs **Bryson**, **C Tolly**, Rev **Cox**, Mr and Mrs **Dala**, Mrs **Armstrong**, Mr and Mrs **M F Pleak**, Mrs **Heizer**, Mrs **Merryman**, **J O Housh**, **M Wolf**, wife and baby, Mr and Mrs **Siford** and children, Mrs **Goodwin**, Mrs **Stivison**, **L Dow Evans** and wife, **Wm Sims** and wife, **J Sims** and wife, **C B Friedley** and wife, **W F Armstrong**, Mrs **Laura Beaumont**, Mrs **Chloe Tolly**, **H Denton** and family, Mrs **Graham**, **George Virden** and family, **V Janes** and family, **Z Housh** and wife, **J M Housh** and wife, **W G Colbert** and wife, **P B Housh** and family, Mrs **Mauzy**, and children, Messrs **Stephen Atteberry**, **G M Hammil**, **Arthur** and **John Pleak**, **J H Armstrong**, **Roy**, **Vollie** and **Manna Merryman**, **Herman** and **Jennie Sims**, **George W Goodwin**, **Gid** and **Ed Housh**, **Marion Heizer**, **Roy Wolf**, **Chas Van Meter**, **Chas Armstrong**, **Estal Sims**, Misses **Barbara**, **Lulu** and **Mora Merryman**, **Zadie Stivison**, **Amanda Housh**, **Amanda Heizer**, **Ella Graham**, **Dana** and **Leslie Hyde**, **Bird** and **Essa Armstrong**, **May Wolf**, **Rose Sims**, **Nellie**, **Louella** and **Jessie Housh**, **Daisy Goodwin**, **Tressie Armstrong**, **Emma Hammil**, **Eva Housh**, and **Pearl Housh**.

Born to Mr and Mrs **C Clark** on 19 November 1896 in Fame, a girl.

J S Crawford and family of Allenboro attended the funeral of **Abe Crawford's** little son at Blue Mound on Wednesday.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Frank Cunningham** on 16 November 1896, a little girl.

Wednesday, 25 November 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Rev **James Miller**, a Methodist minister well-known here was foully murdered at Decatur on Tuesday night. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive. The murderer is still at large. Rev **Miller's** home is in Bloomington, and he was a gentleman highly esteemed. Following deaths of pioneers in Illinois, recently: **James Wallace Campbell**, aged 77, a pioneer of Roberts, Ford County. Mrs **Thomas Bean**, aged 86, a pioneer of Galena; **Wm Kreis**, aged 32, a merchant of Mendota; **James Gibson**, early settler of Henry County, at Kewanee; **John Sullenger**, aged 85, who built one of the first houses in Litchfield, died recently.

William D Moore, one of the early settlers of McLean County, died at his farm in Towanda Township, recently, aged 77 years. He was born in Champaign County, Ohio, in 1821, and had lived in McLean County since 1852. He leaves a widow, five sons and two daughters.

Daniel Downey, a resident of Charleston, who was reputed to be 105 years old, died recently. He came from Ireland many years ago.

Married at the home of the bride's mother in Warrensburg on Wednesday 18 November, Mr **George W Walker** and Miss **Mrytle Wade** of that city. The groom is an excellent young business man, proprietor of the grain elevator at Walker, Illinois, and is well-known here.

The scene presented at the handsome residence of Honorable and Mrs **Joseph Adams** in Prairieton Township, on Wednesday evening last, is one long to be remembered (*Much detail is provided in this lengthy article providing the details of the marriage; not copied in this book*). At half after eight, two sweet little girls, nieces of the brides, Misses **Essie Cazalett** and **Nomie Harpold**, led the way, opening the wickets beneath a large bell. They were followed by Miss **Anna Adams**, the handsome sister of the bride, who exquisitely gowned in rose satin, acted as maid of honor. The groom then entered, being escorted by Mr **Gus Kieburtz** of Assumption, and then following the bride elect, Miss **Elizabeth Adams**, resting upon the arm of Miss **Gertrude Gillette** of Springfield, the latter being attired in a lovely pale blue silk with tinsel gauze over dress. The bride is the daughter of Hon and Mrs **Jos Adams** of Prairieton Township, one of the best known and wealthiest farmers in Christian County and an ex-member of the Illinois, general Assembly. She is a beautiful girl, possession those numerous attributes that combine to make a noble and lovable character. She is a graduate of the Bettie Stewart Institute at Springfield. The groom, **A Hervey Corzine**, is a well-known and popular business man of Assumption, being associated with the Farmers and Merchants bank and the Corzine Furniture Company. Mr and Mrs **A Hervey Corzine** will go to housekeeping at once in Assumption where Mr. Corzine has just completed a lovely little cottage in which to domicile his bride. Mr and Mrs **B E Waddell** and others from Willey area attended the funeral of Mrs **Coffman**, south of here, on Tuesday last.

A new heir at the home of Editor and Mrs **Graybill**, a daughter. The little one arrived on Sunday and all interested were reported to be getting along nicely. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Miss **Lizabeth Armentrout** was married at her home in Griggsville on 12 November 1896, to **Delbert Wade**. Rev **A C Armentrout** performed the ceremony.

Mrs **Sam'l Workman** died at her home west of town yesterday and was buried this morning at the Hays cemetery. We were unable to obtain the particulars.

Wednesday, 2 December 1896 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail

From the Prairie Home correspondence of a Decatur paper, we glean the following:

Howard Thompson and **Miss Emma Carlyle** were married in Bethany on Tuesday evening, 24 November 1896, at 5 o'clock. Rev **Plunk** performing the ceremony. Mr and Mrs **Thompson**, on their return from Bethany, moved into their new home that Howard just had built and furnished and where they will reside. They were received on their return by Mr Thompson's mother and sister, Mrs **Thompson** and Mrs **Henry Lutz**. The orchestra from Shelbyville was out and gave the newly married couple quite a serenade. The bride and groom came to the door and invited party into the house and furnished them a nice treat, after which the orchestra rendered some very nice music, and which they all enjoyed. Following refreshments, after which the party took their leave, wishing the bride and groom a long and prosperous life. The serenading party was gotten up and officered by Captain **J E Garman** and **Else S Foster**.

Six weeks ago an old man was found dead in the yards at the Big Four at Pekin. The body was identified as that of **John Bippus**, a farmer who had lived near Delavan.

Ferdinand Nelke, a prominent dry goods merchant of Quincy, dropped dead the other morning from heart disease. He was 66 years of age.

Capt **John G Gilkerson**, oldest riverman in Quincy, died recently, aged 87 years. He suffered from paralysis in 1878 and never walked afterwards.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Frank Hodges** on 23 November 1896, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Woltz** on 28 November 1896, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **J Harvey Scribner**, 22 November 1896, a girl.

Mr **F Ponder** of Assumption, and Miss **Tena Gray**, a charming young lady of Willey who has many friends in Moweagua, were married last week in Springfield.

Mr and Mrs **Clark Taggart**, Mrs **Luther Cox** and Mrs **Kate Coulter** took dinner Tuesday of last week with their old friend and neighbor, Mrs **L McNaul**, the occasion being the nature of a birthday gathering.

The numerous relatives and friends of Uncle **Zeally Snell** treated him to a genuine surprise on Sunday, the occasion being his seventy-fourth birthday. A sumptuous dinner was most thoroughly enjoyed and numerous were the congratulations and happy return bestowed.

Mr **Howard Thompson** and Miss **Emma Carlyle** were married last Tuesday at the residence of Rev **A G Plunk** in Bethany. **H Thompson** has lately built a fine residence on his farm in Prairie Home, and had it nicely furnished and will make their future home there.

Born to Mr and Mrs **George Workman** in Fame on 26 November 1896, a son.

Ira Harris, the 14 year-old son of Mr and Mrs **O Harris** departed this life on Sunday night, 29 November 1896, of catarrhal trouble.

Peter Workman and Miss **Martha Harbur** were married on Tuesday at the residence of **G W Beaver**. The groom is 38 years of age and the bride is 15 years old.

Miss **Jennie Lamb** died Tuesday morning about 7 o'clock AM of diphtheria. (Allenboro news). **Jennie**, the beloved daughter of Mr and Mrs **John Lamb**, aged 14 years, died of that dreaded disease, diphtheria, on Tuesday morning, 1 December 1896. The funeral took place today at one o'clock and, the interment was at Long Grove cemetery.

After a very painful illness, **Cyrus E Harris**, second son of Mr and Mrs **J O Harris**, died Sunday night at the home of his parents, southeast, of abscess of the brain, aged 16 years. The funeral was held yesterday morning from the German M E Church, south of town.

Rev **E J Durham** assisted by Rev **Underkoffler** officiating. Interment in the Masonic cemetery. **Cyrus** was born in Perry County, Indiana, 4 December 1880, and was of bright and cheerful disposition.

It has now been fully determined by unquestionable evidence that Rev **James Miller**, who was found dead in an alley in Decatur one day last week, and was supposed to have been murdered, really committed suicide. The revolver with which the deed was done, was purchased by Rev **Miller** himself in Springfield. The following is the verdict of the coroner's jury: "We find that Rev **James Miller** came to his death by a pistol shot fired by his own hands with suicidal intent, done at Decatur on 23 November 1896, about the hour 11 PM." Signed: **R L Walston, H D Heil; H C Jones; A M Drew; Cass Chenoweth; W W Conrad**. The funeral services were held at Decatur, Friday, and interment was at Greenwood cemetery. No plausible there has as yet been assigned for the deed. The deceased carried considerable life insurance. Services in memory of the late Rev **James Miller** who was found dead in an alley in Decatur last Tuesday morning, were held Sunday afternoon at the Grace Church in Bloomington, of which he was pastor. The congregation filled the Church in every available part. Rev **Frost Craft** spoke briefly, and was followed by Rev Dr **W. H. Wilder**, president of the Illinois Wesleyan university of that city. The benediction was pronounced by Dr **Edwards**. None of the speakers particularly alluded to the manner of Dr **Miller's** death. The widow and her children were present. At Grace Methodist Church on Sunday morning, Rev **W F Gilmore** touched very briefly on the tragic death of Rev **James Miller**. He did it in a very few words but so effectively that all the congregation were able to satisfy their own minds as to the cause. Rev **Gilmore** said: "In view of the tragic death of **James Miller**, I wish to state to the congregation that Rev **Robert Stevens** told me on Friday night in my house that **James Miller's** brother, **Martin Miller**, and his son, both died in an insane asylum in California. This will account for the 'taint in the blood.'" (*Decatur Herald Dispatch*)

Wednesday, 9 December 1896 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Wm Tohill, son of **N W Tohill**, a farmer living 12 miles east of Decatur, was leaning over to get some oats out of a bin when the sliding door dropped on him and broke his neck. The father found his son dead.

Thomas Casey, who for 40 years, blew the whistle at the Chicago and Alton general shops in Bloomington, died the other night at age 70 years. He had been in charge of the great engine shop since 1856.

David R Downing, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens in the vicinity of Virginia, died recently in Kansas City, Missouri, at the home of a son. He was born in Kentucky in 1807 and had resided in Cass County since 1849. He was an uncle of Congressman **Downing**.

Frederick Gossner, a young farmer of Arrowsmith, McLean County, was fatally wounded by the accidental discharge of his gun while he was out hunting.

Chas Brown, aged 24, was caught in the machinery of an elevator at the Waverly Milling Co.'s plant at Waverly and was so badly injured that he died.

George Watson of Maroa went to the country where his daughter was teaching, kissed her, left and soon shot himself. He had had a lot of trouble.

Born to Mr and Mrs **O J Harvey** on 6 December 1896, a little girl.

Isaac S Lautz, an old and prominent citizen of Shelbyville, died in his home in that city on Thursday last.

Mr Ray Garrett and **Miss Nellie Dotson** will be married today, probably at Taylorville. Word recently received from Rison, Arkansas, the adopted home of **Esq F G Penn's** family is to the effect that the Squire has almost a cinch on the Rison Post Office, being the only white Republican available. From the same source, we learn that his daughter, **Miss Emma Penn** will come north this winter and will be united in marriage to **Chas W Cram** of the *Macon Record*.

Wednesday, 16 December 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

John Chapman, a wealthy farmer in Blue Mound Township, Macon County, went into his barn to feed his horses. One of them kicked him in the stomach and he died almost instantly.

Thomas Hobbs, aged 90 years, one of the first settlers in Litchfield, died the other day at the residence of his daughter, **Mrs Hugh Bickets**.

George Hill, formerly a builder and contractor, and afterward for 20 years, a manufacturer of stoneware at White Hall has died recently. He was 70 years of age.

Thomas Armstrong a farmer, nine miles south of Pittsfield, accidentally shot himself the other day with a loaded gun. Death resulted instantly.

Born to **Mr and Mrs J M McNeil** on Wednesday, 9 December 1896, a girl.

Cards have been issued announcing the coming wedding of **Mr Robert L Hammil** to **Miss Rose M Gregory**, which will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, **Mr and Mrs T J Gregory** on Wednesday evening, 23 December 1896, at 6:30 o'clock.

Thursday evening last at the home of **Mr and Mrs Frank Hempe**, in the presence of a few immediate relatives and friends, **Mr A C Stevens** of Decatur and **Mrs Elizabeth Eperlding** of this city, were united in marriage. **Rev E J Durham** officiated. The groom is a well-to-do real estate man of Decatur, and the bride, who has been a resident of this city for 34 years, is a lady of high esteem and enjoys a large circle of friends. **Mr and Mrs Stevens** left Friday for Missouri for a brief visit, after which they will locate at Des Moines, Iowa. The bride is 56 years of age and the groom is 72 years of age. 'Squire **Stevens** is quite well-known in Decatur and throughout the County. He has served Decatur Township as a justice of the peace and is a member of the Dunham Post No 141, Grand Army of the Republic. He served in the late war as a member of the 116th Illinois regiment. A few years ago, he lost his first wife by death, since which sad event, he had been making his home with his son at Des Moines and at intervals in Decatur. **Mr Stevens** was in Decatur on Wednesday, having just arrived from Iowa. He had nothing to say then about the wedding. Probably he wanted to spring a surprise on his friends. He has succeeded in doing so, but all will forgive him and join in wishing him joy. (*Decatur Republican*)

Since the mysterious death of **Rev James Miller**, there have been afloat many conflicting statements as to the manner of the death of a brother of the deceased, **Rev George Miller**, who died in 1869 or 1870. The *Republican* sent a letter to **W B Hodge, Jr**, County Clerk of Clark County at Marshall, Illinois, in which County Westfield is located. He was asked to make close inquiries and inspect the record of the coroner. Here is the reply: "Marshall, Illinois, 8 December 1896. *Republican*: I made inquires of the most prominent people of Westfield here attending court, and they say that no man by that name ever committed

suicide there and the coroner's records do not show it. Yours, **W B Hodge, Jr.**" (*Decatur Republican*). Dr **I N Dixon** of Springfield has made a number of experiments with the revolver and he thinks that Rev **James Miller** was murdered because his face was not powder burned, nor on the inner surface of the skin surrounding the wound, which is not blackened. "In my judgement, it was not a case of suicide, but murder."

The remains of **E L Calvert** of Yantisville were removed from their temporary resting place in the Union Church yard last Saturday, and laid away in the new cemetery just west and a little south of the Church.

Mr **Will Howard** planned a delightful surprise on his brother, **Roy Howard** on Friday evening, 11 December 1896, that being the date of his 21st birthday. The guests numbered about 45 and arrived at 9 PM. Supper was served, consisting of oysters, fruits and cake. All seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves with games and social chat. They departed in the wee small hours of the morning, with best wishes to **Roy** for many other such happy occasions of his birthdays.

Bert Wilson, a son of **George Wilson**, died on Saturday evening. He was buried in Decatur on Sunday.

Wednesday, 23 December 1896 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Robert L Hammil and Miss **Rose May Gregory** were united in holy wedlock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **T J Gregory**. Rev **T M Griffith** performed the ceremony. The groom is a sturdy young farmer, the son of our esteemed fellow citizen, **T J Hammil**, and a young man in every way fitted to make a success in life. (*Note: Short notes concerning the ceremony and character of the parties, not copied in this book*).

To be married tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 6 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **J D Evans**, east of town, Miss **Emma Evans** and **Charles H Miller** will be united in marriage.

Alexander McWhorter, aged 84, who has been a resident of Effingham County for 70 years, and who served in the Black Hawk War, died the other night.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Doud** on 19 December 1896, a little boy.

Tomorrow night at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **A P Weakly** at Obed, **J A Trout** and Miss **Annie L Weakly** will be united in marriage.

Friday, 18 December 1896, being the date of **W A McGinley's** 21st birthday, his parents wished to remind him of that interesting fact. They decided to plan a surprise in which about 45 of his young friends participated. A delightful repast was served consisting of oysters, cakes and fruits.

Mr **Jas Murry**, the youngest son of Mrs **M E Murry** of this place (Obed), and Miss **Myrta Jones**, the oldest daughter of Mr and Mrs **N D Jones** of near Cowden, Illinois, were united in wedlock. Rev **Bechtel**, formerly of the Locust Grove circuit, united the couple at his residence near Cowden, at 4 o'clock PM on Sunday, 21 December 1896. On Monday, the handsome couple returned to Mr **Murry's** mother where an elaborate feast was prepared and friends all awaiting his arrival, when at the appointed hour, they began to surround the table filled with all that causes the appetite to cease its wants and the mind its longings. To say they did ample justice to 'that turkey' is putting it mildly. Present were Mr and Mrs **O Brinker** and daughter, Mr and Mrs **C Weakly** and children, and Mr and Mrs **Robert Murry** of Dexter and **J A Trout**.

On Wednesday evening, 16 December 1896, at the home of Mr **Brustine**, occurred the marriage of his oldest daughter, **Ethel Brustine**, to Mr **Frank Kelly** of Stonington, Rev **Boyer** officiating. About 60 friends and relatives being present to witness the ceremony. The bride was attired in white silk while the groom wore the conventional black. Death has entered this community (Willey) and takes, this time Mrs **Mills**, the beloved wife of **Albert Mills** who lives one mile north of here. All that could be done for her was done, but it was all of no avail. She passed away Saturday morning, 19 December 1896, at 10 o'clock, after a short, but painful, illness of a complication of diseases.

Wednesday, 30 December 1896 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

On Thursday evening, 24 December 1896, at five o'clock in the afternoon, at the residence of the bride's parents near Brunswick, Illinois, with Rev **D W Hamilton** of Obed officiating, **J A Trout** of Lakewood, Illinois, was united in marriage to Miss **Laura A Weakly**, the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs **A P Weakley**, in the presence of nearly a hundred invited guests. The bride is a young lady bearing the good will and high esteem of a large circle of friends. The groom is the popular school teacher of Obed. Mr and Mrs **Trout** were tendered an infair and reception by Mr and Mrs **Collie Trout** at Lakewood on Saturday last. They will reside for the winter on the home place of Mr **Weakly** near Brunswick. Mr and Mrs **A P Weakly** presented the couple with a bed room suite, set of silver knives and forks, and a large rocker. *(Note: The article describes the ceremony, decorations, and the gift list and giver. Not copied in this book)*

Last week on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **J D Evans**, east of town, Mr **Charles H Miller** and Miss **Emma Evans** were united in marriage. Rev **T M Griffith** officiated in the presence of a large assembly of relatives and friends. Attendants were Miss **Smith** and Mr **Curtis Evans**. Mrs **Blanche Corrington** was at the organ. The bride is a very attractive young lady who bears the esteem of all who know her. The groom is an honest and industrious young man who will bravely fight the battle of life in double harness. Mr and Mrs **Miller** will be the guests of Mr and Mrs **Evans** for the present.

George H Campbell, proprietor of a hotel in El Paso and who is said to have had a wider acquaintance with the traveling public than any landlord in Central Illinois, died recently. **John Coray**, aged 40 years, living 4 miles east of Xenia, was thrown from his buggy and his feet caught in the front spring. He was dragged a mile and was so badly injured that he died.

Joshua Tibbits, a prominent and wealthy resident of Quincy, died recently at the home of his daughter in Dallas City, Hancock County. He was aged 85 years.

James H Robinson died at Moline at age 69 years, where he had been a resident since 1844 and was prominently identified with the lumber interests.

Mrs **Rachel Cowen** born in Ohio, and one of Cass County's early settlers, died on Christmas day at the age of 80 years. Her husband was once sheriff.

Jos Guth, an old resident of Pana, died the other day at age 76 years, and **A B West**, for 50 years, a resident of Vandalia, passed away suddenly.

Gustaf Thoreen, one of the oldest Chicago, Burlington and Quincy employees at Galesburg, was killed by the cars there a few days since.

Benjamin Christy St. Cyr died at Galena age 87 years of age. In early days he controlled one of the largest smelting furnaces in the lead region.

Marvin Nay, aged 8 years, son of **Charles Nay**, of LeRoy, was found dead near the family wood pile. A large log having rolled upon him caused his death.

Boy born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Evans** on 24 December 1896.

Born to Mr and Mrs **L C Whitehead** on 23 December 1896, twins – a boy and a girl.

Mrs A F Ludwig of Waltersburg, Illinois, is the guest this week of Mr and Mrs **P P Ludwig**, enroute home from Pekin where she had been in attendance at the funeral of her brother.

G W Swink of Loami died on Thursday at age 76 years.

Wat Flowers was called from Loami to Bradfordton on Thursday by the death of his mother.

Miss Jessie Ettinger committed suicide at her home near Willey at 7 o'clock Monday morning by shooting herself with a revolver. More particulars will appear next week.

Born to Mr and Mrs **James Eperlding** on 23 December, a little boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **C Suddarth** on 23 December 1896, a little boy.

Jessie Ettinger, aged 19 years and single, living six miles northeast of Taylorville committed suicide this morning by shooting herself with a revolver. She arose in the morning as usual and was half dressed before shooting herself. There was no apparent cause. **Miss Ettinger's** mother is one of the wealthiest land owners in Christian County.

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Wednesday, 6 January 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Thursday evening last at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **Frank Abrams** in Blue Mound, **N Eugene Corrington** and Miss **Myra A Abrams** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the Rev **Wandlass** of the M E Church officiating. At the conclusion of the ceremony a sumptuous supper was served, and the evening was spent in social enjoyment and a general interchange of thought among the guests. The groom, a son of Mr and Mrs **N E Corrington, Sr**, is one of Moweaqua's most popular and estimable young men. He has already reached the goal in practical and demonstrative engineering, where he occupies the responsible position of engineer at the Catlin, Illinois, coal shaft. The bride is a young lady of excellent social standing in Blue Mound, a most charming girl. Of rarest ability and intelligence and one that will lend brave assistance to her husband, as hand in hand, love responsive to devotion, they journey through life's pathway. Mr and Mrs **Corrington** came over to Moweaqua Friday morning and were tendered an informal reception by the groom's parents. They left Saturday morning for Catlin where they will reside in the future.

The will of **Camilla A Washington** of Moweaqua has been recorded in the probate courts. Bequests of \$100 each are made to testatrix's grand children, **Wilbur P Buck**, **Lemuel F Buck**, and Mrs **Addie Ayars**, all the residue of the estate going to her daughter, **Camilla A Buck**. **B H McHenry** and **W H Sparling** witnessed the will.

William Oliver, an extensive landowner of Empire Township, McLean County, died at LeRoy, aged 89 years. He came from Ross County, Ohio, in 1852.

Miss **Lulu Shaddock** and **Joseph Brookshier** were married at the home of the bride's parents near Walker on 23 December 1896. They will live on a farm near Macon. (*Macon Record*).

Died after a brief illness with pneumonia, Mrs **James Portwood**, aged about 60 years, died at her home west of town on Monday morning at 10 AM. The funeral services were held yesterday morning and interment was in the Tolly cemetery, east. The deceased was a most estimable old lady and held the love and esteem of all who knew her.

Mr and Mrs **Burrus** of Pleak are the happy possessors of a fine baby boy.

Mrs **Iva Cook** who was formerly a resident of Willey, but now of Princeton, Indiana, was here in attendance at the funeral of her cousin, **Jessie Ettinger**.

This community was shocked on last Monday morning by hearing the news of suicide of Miss **Jessie Ettinger**, the only daughter of **Mary Ettinger** who lives one and one half miles southeast of here. **Jess** arose first in the morning as was her usual custom and after partly dressing her feet, she shot herself with a revolver which always laid on the wash stand at the foot of the bed where she and her mother were sleeping. Her mother jumped out of bed at hearing the report, and at the same time, **Jessie** climbed back over the foot of the bed into her place saying, "Oh mama, I've shot myself." Her brothers who were sleeping in the room above came down at once and **Hayden**, her oldest brother, rushed to her, and bending over her, begged her to speak to him, but she only breathed three times and passed away at about 7 o'clock. **Jessie** was born 10 July 1877 and was at the time of her death past 19 years old. She was of cheerful disposition have no more trouble than any other girl at her age. It is the belief of her many friends and relatives that she did it for the sole purpose of ending her life and thus avoiding any more trouble. The funeral was held

at the family residence on Wednesday at 10 o'clock by Rev **Bowyer** of Taylorville. She leaves a widowed mother, two brothers, besides a host of sorrowing relatives and friends to mourn her loss. The remains were laid to rest in the Oak Hill cemetery at Taylorville by the side of her father. Fifty-two buggies and carriages followed her to her last resting place.

Information was received in this city this week that Rev O P **Galoway** died in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, on 2 December 1896. He leaves a wife and two sons. He was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this city in 1888. (*Assumption Independent*)

Wednesday, 13 January 1897 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Richard Peel, a brother of **John Peel** of this city, died at his home in Taylorville, on 10 January 1897, of consumption, aged about 49 years. The funeral was held in Edinburg on Monday, and the interment was in the cemetery of that city. The deceased leaves a wife and two children.

Miss **Selia Thomas** was the victim of a surprise. Her Sunday School class learned it was her birthday, and planned to spend the evening with her. They presented her with an elegant water set. (*List of attendees, not copied here*)

Samuel B Tuttle, aged 66, who killed his wife last October at Graymount, died in the Kankakee hospital for insane recently. He was an officer in **John Brown's** army, afterward served in the Michigan legislature and was three times elected by Illinois, odd fellows to represent them in the grand lodge.

Born to Mr and Mrs **L Bullock** on 10 January 1897, a little girl.

Jas Curtis and wife who were called here on account of the sickness and death of **D S Adams'** little babe have returned to their home. (*Cerro Gordo Clipper*)

The remains of **George Hall** who died in Springfield on Thursday were buried in the Campbell Cemetery near Loami on Saturday.

Born to **Wilbur Gibson** and wife on Sunday, 10 January 1897, a baby boy in Maple Grove.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Peter Bohlen** on Saturday, 9 January 1897, a son.

Born to **Ed Baird** and wife of Prairie Home on Sunday, a boy.

Marriage licenses were issued last week to **John Russell** and Miss **Fannie Gordon**, both of Prairieton township. The young lady is the daughter of Mrs **Nancy Gordon**, formerly a resident of Moweaqua.

Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of Miss **Ada L Combs** to **Benjamin Armstrong** at her home, 2 miles east of this city, on Wednesday, 27 January 1897.

(*Macon Record*) The young lady is the sister of **A J Combs** of this city and has many friends about Moweaqua.

Charles Homrighous and Miss **May Cones** were married Wednesday evening at the home of the Bride's mother, Mrs **M Cones** in Shelbyville. About 100 guests attended the ceremony. The house was beautifully decorated, the presents many and valuable and the occasion one of the usual festivities. Rev **Williams** of the Baptist Church officiated.

Wednesday, 20 January 1897 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Monday afternoon, a little after four o'clock, **James Ryan**, having occasion to go into Room No 5, found the body of **Jacob Spitz** lying cold in death, covered with slate. He had been dead more than an hour. **Spitz** was working alone at the time and it is supposed that

in loosening coal above him with a pick, a mass of slate fell with tremendous force and weight, striking him down instantly. His skull was fractured in one place, sufficiently to have caused death. He was morose and at times despondent, and had frequently been heard to say that he 'wished the roof would fall in on him'. He was 53 years of age, a German by birth, unmarried, and had no relatives in this County. An inquest was held yesterday, Esquires **N Humphrey** and **W G Colbert** acting in connection with the County coroner. The deceased came here from Chicago about the first of December and had boarded while here with Mrs **C Thomas**; that he had but little personal property, including \$2.79 in cash which was found on his person. The funeral services of the deceased were held yesterday afternoon from the Baptist Church, and remains interred by Director **Stine** in the city cemetery. Verdict of the jury was that **Jacob Spitz**, came to his death by slate falling on the left temple or left side of his head, crushing and as a result, he came to his death. He was mining in Room Number 5, third entry, south, on west side of the coal mine operated by the Moweaqua Coal Mining and Manufacturing Company at Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, and that said death of **Jacob Spitz** was ruled accidental. There was all evidence that the said company had used all necessary care to insure the safety of miners working in said Mine Room No. 5. Signed **J H Donnel**, Foreman

A telegram reached the city Sunday last, announcing the death of Uncle **Abe Workman**. The old gentleman was in his seventieth year and because of his failing mind, had been an inmate of the asylum at Kankakee for nearly a year. During this period his mind has continued to fail and death came as a sweet release to all mental and physical suffering. **Uncle Abe**, as he was familiarly called, was the father of eleven children, 6 boys and 5 girls. In conversation with ex-supervisor, **J M Workman**, of Flat Branch, one of the children, he told us that the old gentleman had always been an earnest Church member and it had ever been his endeavor to raise an honest and upright set of children. Remains were brought from Kankakee to Moweaqua on Monday, the services were held that afternoon from the residence of Mrs **Wm Moss**, a daughter of the deceased. The remains were laid to rest in the Hays cemetery.

John Perry owner of 2,000 acres of fine central Illinois land, died in Danvers Township, McLean County, aged 72 years. He leaves a widow and several children.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Hays** on 19 January 1897, a girl.

Richard Peel died on Sunday morning at 3 o'clock AM at his home on West Market Street, after a lingering illness. He contracted consumption about a year ago, and it was this malady that caused his demise. Soon after having been made aware that dread disease had gained a foothold in his system, he went to Oklahoma upon the recommendation of his physician. The change of climate was not in the least beneficial and he gradually grew worse. Three months ago, he returned to Taylorville, knowing that death would soon ensue, and preferring to die among his relatives than in a land of strangers. The deceased is survived by his wife and one son, **Seth Peel**. The latter resides in Oklahoma. **Wm Peel** of this city, is a brother of the deceased. The remains were taken to Edinburg on Monday morning and interred there. (*Taylorville Breeze*)

Last Friday, 15 January 1897, Mr and Mrs **Ephraim Adamson** celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage by entertaining a few of their friends to dinner. Those present were Mr and Mrs **C F Dunkle** of Macon; Mr and Mrs **Wm Dunkle** of Kansas, Mrs **Emma March** and children of Macon, **A W Smart** and family, Mr and Mrs **David**

Adamson and baby, Madge Adamson. Mr and Mrs Adamson were married in January 1867.

The infant child of Mr and Mrs **Wilbur Gibson** departed this life last Tuesday night, 12 January 1897, aged just three days. This lovely bud, for a short time enjoyed a parent's love, but is now transplanted to richer soil. He buds and blooms from above. Death came with a friendly care; the opening bud to Heaven conveyed, and bade it blossom there. The dear little body was interred in the Macon cemetery on Thursday, last. Our sympathies to the bereaved family in their loss. (Maple Grove news)

Yantisville news: Diphtheria has broken out in Ridge township, in the family of **J W Carpenter**, the second son died on Thursday after a painful illness of about ten days. Three others have the dreaded disease. Dr **Kerr** is on the road almost day and night attending the sick both far and near.

Last Sunday was Miss **Nora McDonald's** 19th birthday and after she had gone to Sunday School, all the neighbors and relatives, by previous arrangement, gathered in and soon had a long table spread with good things, and everything was readiness for the 'surprise'. She received many useful and pretty gifts and many well wishes for the returns of other birthdays. (Yantisville news)

Born to Mr and Mrs **Sam Sampson** on 17 January 1897 a girl

Born to Mr and Mrs **Al Worsham**, 16 January 1897, a son.

Mrs **Minerva Cooper**, relict of the late Mr **John Cooper**, died at the family home in Shelbyville on Monday at 11:15 o'clock, AM, after a two weeks' illness of catarrhal fever. The deceased was an aunt of **Oscar Frazee** of here.

Wednesday, 27 January 1897 issue, Moweauqua Call-Mail

Wednesday, 20 January 1897, Mrs **T J Gordon** received a telegram announcing the death of her venerable father, **Lindsey H Lamb**, aged 73 years and seven months, which occurred on the morning of that day at his home in Nevada, Missouri, the direct cause being softening of the brain. The old gentleman had been an almost lifelong resident of Christian County, west of Moweauqua. He had removed to Missouri only a few years ago. He was a man of large acquaintance and that he was possessed of many friends in this vicinity and was fully evidenced by the immense throng that gathered at the M E Church on Sunday afternoon to pay the last tribute of respect and esteem to his memory. Despite the excessively cold weather, the church was crowded on that occasion. The remains arrived here for interment on the evening before, accompanied by Mr and Mrs **R B Morgan** of Nevada, Missouri. The funeral sermon was delivered by Rev **E J Durham** and appropriate reflections were rendered by the choir. Interment was in the family lot at the Long Grove Cemetery, west of town. **Lindsey H Lamb** was born in Virginia, 24 June 1824, and while yet a boy, he went with his parents to Ohio. He came to Illinois in 1865. He was united in marriage to Miss **Sarah A Crompton** of Pennsylvania in 1847. To them were born 11 children, four boys and 7 girls. Eight of the children survive him: **Harry, George and William Lamb; Mrs T J Gordon, Mrs Samuel Carpenter, Mrs J A Miller, Mrs Bessie Carpenter, and Mrs R B Morgan.**

Cards have been issued by Mr and Mrs **John B Porter**, 335 Hunter Street, Joliet, Illinois, announcing the approaching wedding of their daughter, **Maud LaBelle Hunter** to **Elmer E Snow**. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride on Wednesday evening,

3 February 1897. Mr and Mrs **V Snyder, Jr** will be in attendance from this city and the Thursday evening following, they will give a reception in honor of Mr and Mrs **Snow** at their handsome residence on the west side of Moweaqua.

This evening at the residence of **J J Combs**, east of Macon, his charming daughter, Miss **Ada L Combs** will be united in marriage to Mr **B H Armstrong** of Decatur. The young lady is the sister of **A J Combs** and is well-known in this city and her numerous friends will unite with the *Call Mail* to wish them success.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Stith** on 21 January 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Andrew Adams**, 19 January 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Dave Humphrey**, 20 January 1897, a boy.

Died, the infant child of Mr and Mrs **Thos Stringer**, aged just two months, died on Thursday of croup and was interred on Friday at the Jacobs cemetery.

Dr **P E Chapman**, a prominent physician of southern Shelby County was killed by an I C train at Sigel early Saturday morning.

Mr and Mrs **W J Snyder** and daughter, Miss **Mabel Snyder**, attended the funeral of Mrs **Hopson** in Macon on Friday.

Married Saturday afternoon 16 January 1897, by Judge **L G Grundy**, in the office of **James B Ricks**, Mr **Wm Austin** and Miss **Mary Workman**, both of Prairieton township. The couple will reside near Moweaqua. (*Taylorville Democrat*).

Miss **Maude Stewart** and **Ed Younger** were married last week. (Prairie Home news)

Jas A Hall of Loami was given a surprise on Saturday in honor of his seventy-sixth birthday. About one hundred of his friends and relatives came in and spent the day with him. Good time had by all.

Born to Mr and Mrs **H Bishop** on 21 January 1897, a little daughter.

Aaron C Hinckley, a railroad official of East St Louis, and Miss **Adah V Truville**, a daughter of Roadmaster **Truville**, of the Air Line, were married at the bride's residence in Mount Vernon the other day.

A N Bain, president of the Charleston state bank, died at Battle Creek, Michigan. He was born in Ohio in 1828 and came to Illinois some 40 years ago.

Mrs **Julianna Schupp**, aged 85 years and her neighbor, Mrs **Winnie Warning**, aged 71 years, both neighbors in Quincy, died the other morning after each suffering strokes of paralysis.

John Burns, an old and respected citizen, died in East St Louis a few days ago. He had resided in East St Louis for nearly half a century.

Samuel Farr, aged 43 years, dropped dead near Astoria, Fulton County, Illinois, a few days ago. Mr **Farr** was one of the wealthy farmers of Fulton County.

Mrs **Wilson** of near Dalton died on Saturday. We failed to learn the particulars.

Married at the parsonage in Bethany by Rev **A G Blunk**, **Edward Younger** and Miss **Maude Stewart**. The groom is from Moultrie County. (Prairie Home news)

Wednesday, 3 February 1897 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Raymond C McCluskey, the four and one-half month old son of Mr and Mrs **D N McCluskey**, died on Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock AM. The little one had suffered from an attack of lung fever extending over a period of nearly two months. The funeral services were held at the residence at one o'clock today. Rev **W L Bankson** officiated. Interment took place at the Waltz Cemetery. (*Blue Mound Leader*)

This evening, at the residence of the bride's parents in Joliet, **Elmer E Snow** and **Miss Maud Porter** will be united in marriage. Mr and Mrs **Snow** will come at once to Moweaqua and will be tendered a reception by Mr and Mrs **V Snyder, Jr** tomorrow evening.

At Lincoln, **Ben Huston** was acquitted of the murder of **George Kitson**. **Huston** is the son of a wealthy farmer, and in company with his friend, **Kitson**, on Thanksgiving, attended a village dance at which they quarreled over a girl. They met later in the rear of a saloon, where **Kitson** was killed by a bullet from **Huston's** revolver. **Huston's** plea was that he did not know the gun was loaded.

Brevet Maj Gen **John F Smith**, retired, died at his home in Chicago at age 80 years. He was born in Berne, Switzerland, in 1816. During the Civil War, he was colonel of the 'Lead Mine Regiment', the Forty-fifty Illinois. Gen **Smith's** father served under Napoleon through the Russian Campaign and at Waterloo.

William Arnelt, one of the best known turfmen in northwestern Illinois, died at Kewanee, aged 61 years. He was proprietor of the Sharon Stockfarm.

While engaged in tacking carpet rags at her home in Fillmore, Montgomery County, **Grandma Miller**, aged 77 years passed away. She was seated in a chair.

Nicolas Foley, aged 75 years, wandered from home in Bloomington, scantily clad and wearing slippers. He was found badly frozen and later died.

Born to Mr and Mrs **George W Adams, Jr** on 29 January 1894, a girl.

Died on Saturday, 30 January 1897, the infant child of Mr and Mrs **Chas W Evans**, aged about 4 months. The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at the family residence, and the interment was at the German cemetery.

Little **Sammie Bly**, aged 9 months, the infant child of Mr and Mrs **John Bly** died of lung fever. The funeral was held yesterday morning at Prairie Home church. Rev **Blunk** officiating.

Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Justice **J Benson Simpson**, in Prairieton township, who officiated, **George Mackey** and **Miss Olive Littleton** were united in holy matrimony. The groom is a young farmer of Prairieton township. His bride is the daughter of **James Littleton**, also of Prairieton. Neither of the contracting parties have attained their majority (*Taylorville Breeze*)

Wednesday, 10 February 1897 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Cards have been issued announcing the wedding of Mr **S Homer Tolly** to **Miss Birdie M Curtis**, which will take place on Wednesday evening, 17 February 1897, at 7:30 PM in the M E Church.

Wednesday evening, 17 February 1897, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs **Harriet Merryman**, in Flat Branch Township, Mr **M T Smart** and **Miss Barbara Merryman** will be united in marriage.

Wednesday evening, 3 February 1897, at the residence of the bride's parents in Joliet, **Miss Maud LaBelle Porter**, and Mr **Elmer E Snow** were united in marriage in the presence of a large assembly of guests. The bride is the daughter of Mr **John B Porter**, a prominent insurance man of Joliet, and a most charming young lady. Mr and Mrs **Elmer E Snow** arrived in Moweaqua on Thursday afternoon and that evening, Mr and Mrs **V Snyder, Jr** served six o'clock dinner in honor of their coming. About 50 of the grooms intimate friends were present to extend congratulations to the newly married couple and to which

them God-speed on life's journey. Mr and Mrs **Snow** are now keeping house at No. 217 North Broadway, Joliet, Illinois. (*Note: Article describes the ceremony, personality of the parties, and the reception held at Mr and Mrs Snyder's residence, not copied in this book.*)

It will be a pleasant surprise to the many friends of Mr **Elmer E Snow** to learn of his marriage in Joliet today to Miss **Maud LaBelle Porter**, a charming society bell of that city. The nuptial event had been kept a secret and this first announcement will cause a flutter among the acquaintances of the groom. He is the well-known salesman for Harber Brothers and has made this city his headquarters for a number of years. The bride and groom will visit a few weeks at Moweaqua, the home of the latter's parents, and will then return to Joliet which will be their future home and the future headquarters of Mr Snow. The oldest citizen of Rockford, **Richard Sealy**, died recently, at age 94 years. He was a native of England, but had resided in America for more than a half a century.

Robert G Wells, aged 47, who died in a hospital at Chicago, was well-known at Decatur in church and Sunday School work. He leaves a widow.

Mrs Mary Wray celebrated her one hundred and fifth birthday anniversary at Fairbury. Her eyesight is still good, and she is still able to do housework.

A child, which has been named **Archibald Nesbitt, Jr**, recently was born in Chicago and was only 1 ½ pounds in weight. A silver 25-cent piece covered one hand.

Elmer Fowler, agent for the Chicago Great Western at Stockton, and Miss **Augusta Keiser**, of that place, were married on a passenger train.

Four of the oldest residents of Upper Alton died within 48 hours. **Mrs Elizabeth M Miller**, who came from St Louis to Alton in 1829, died at the age of 93 years. **Mrs Miller** was the oldest living member of the Upper Alton Baptist Church, which she joined in 1830, being a member over 67 years. **Jesse Wright**, a son of **Mrs Miller**, and one of the oldest residents of Upper Alton died at the age of 74 years. Mother and son were buried together. **Mrs Margaret Christy** died at the age of 84 years in Alton. She had been a resident of Alton for 70 years. **George Schlott, Sr** died at the age of 79 years. He had lived in Upper Alton 60 years.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Nute Jacobs**, 2 February 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **S M Brown**, 4 February 1897, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Isabel** on 5 February 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Jas V Casey** on 6 February 1897, a girl.

Mrs W L Porter, sister of **J M Sinnard** of Fame, died at her home in Pana on 2 February 1897. She was the daughter of Mr **A. Sinnard** and was born near Blue Mound, Illinois, on 21 November 1857. She was aged 39 years, 3 months, and 11 days. She was united in marriage to **W L Porter** on 5 September 1882. By this union there were four children, one of which died in infancy. **Mrs Porter** was a kind and devoted mother and wife, and all who knew her loved her and will always remember her for her sweet disposition. She leaves a husband and three little daughters, **Nana, Cleo and Pauline**, an aged father, two brothers, two sisters, and many friends to mourn her loss.

A former resident of this place (Allenboro), a Mr. **Armstrong** was brought here from Iowa and was buried here on Saturday night.

Wednesday, 17 February 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

John Barding, aged 68 years, died Friday morning at the residence of his son, **John F Barding**, seven miles southeast of Pana, with whom he made his home. Deceased had

been a sufferer from dropsy, which caused his death. He is survived by eight children, his wife and three children, having preceded him across the river of death. **Mr Barding** was an upright citizen and a christian gentleman, and held the respect of all who knew him. The remains were conveyed over land to the Morgan cemetery, near Moweaqua on Saturday, where the funeral was held in the afternoon at 2 o'clock PM and interment was made on Saturday.

Yesterday morning at the home of **August Otta, Grandma Doufer**, the estimable mother of **Mrs Otta** quietly passed way in the eighty-sixth year of her age. She had been suffering more or less with the gripe for about a month and this, combined with old age was the probable cause of her demise, which came rather suddenly and unexpectedly. The funeral services will be held at eleven o'clock tomorrow from the residence of **Mr. August Otta**. The oldest settler of Morgan County, **Mrs Emma Freeman Rearick**, died at her home in Jacksonville recently. She was 83 years of age and was born in Monmouth, New Jersey, in 1814. Locating in Jacksonville when young, she was identified with the earliest history of the city and County.

Dr Samuel M Martin died at Jacksonville after a lingering illness. He was 69 years of age and nearly all his days were spent at Jacksonville. He was a medical attendant to the Blackfeet Indian Agency under President Cleveland.

William Corlew, one of the oldest settlers of Montgomery County, died suddenly the other day at his farm, eight miles south of Litchfield.

Louis Thurman shot his wife and himself at London Mills, Fulton County. He is dead; she will recover. Jealousy is given as the cause.

Sylvester E Harlowe of Fairbury died recently at age 67 years. He invented quite a number of articles, among them being the wooden butter dishes.

Born to **Mr and Mrs Thos Hudson Jr** on Thursday, 11 February 1897, a girl.

Born to **Mr and Mrs N T Skiff** on Wednesday, 10 February 1897, a daughter.

George B Adams and **Miss Emma Easley** of Moweaqua visited this city on Monday and were united in marriage at the home of **Sidney Dedman**, 550 North Main Street. The ceremony was performed at noon by **Rev D F Howe** of the First Methodist Church and was witnessed by a few friends of the couple. It was a quiet affair, but was none the less happy for that. After the ceremony the company sat down to an elegant wedding repast which had been prepared by **Mrs. Dedman**. **Mr and Mrs Adams** returned to their home near Moweaqua on the afternoon train. The groom is a prosperous young farmer living in that section of the country. (*Decatur Herald Dispatch*)

The many friends of **Mrs Lydia Corley Bryant**, who resides in Lakewood, will be pleased to learn that a bouncing big boy was born to them on Sunday morning, 7 February 1897.

Mrs Bryant is the daughter of **Bryant Corley**.

Mr and Mrs O E Baughman were in Taylorville on Tuesday at the funeral of the latter's sister, **Mrs Joseph Henson**.

Prairieton news: **Uncle John Barding** departed this life on Thursday the 11th of February 1897, at his home 5 miles southeast of Pana. The cause was old age.

Married at the residence of **Mr L N Seaton** in Prairieton township on 11 February 1897, **Mr William Rushing** of Assumption, Illinois, and **Miss Sallie Stevens** of Decatur, Illinois. **J Benson Simpson**, J P Officiating.

Mr **S Homer Tolly** and Miss **Birdie Curtis** will be married this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the M E Church and the ceremony will be followed by a reception given by Mr and Mrs **Myron Curtis** at their home on the west side.

Mrs **James Freeman** has gone to Carlinville to visit relatives and attend the wedding of her sister, Miss **Anna Wilson**, formerly a school teacher in this city, who will become the bride of **Lewis Stoddard** at Carlinville next Thursday. **A F Wilson, James Freeman** and **Allerton Freeman** will also attend the wedding. (*Decatur Review*)

Peter Yeakley of this city and Miss **Edith Davis** of Moweaqua, were married by County Judge **Grundy** in his office at 4 o'clock PM yesterday afternoon. The groom has been working in a coal mine at Moweaqua for the past four months and while thus employed, met his bride, who is a very lovable young lady. Mr and Mrs **Yeakley** will make their home in this city, the groom having gone to work for the Taylorville Coal Co. (*Taylorville Breeze*)

An extremely pretty wedding took place last evening at the residence of Mr and Mrs **John B Porter** on Hunter Avenue when their daughter, Miss **Maud L Porter** became the bride of **Elmer E Snow** of Bloomington. The couple were proceeded by two children, **Maud Skeel** and **Paul Porter**, a brother of the bride. The young couple will be at home on 10 February 1897 at 217 Broadway, Joliet, Illinois. The wedding gifts were unusually numerous and beautiful. A solid silver tea service from Mr **Snow's** employers being particularly handsome. (*Note: Article describes wedding ceremony, lists names of attendees – not copied in its entirety in this book.*)

Wednesday, 24 February 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

This evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs **Martha Goodwin**, east, Mr **John Hemer** and Miss **Rose Goodwin** will be united in marriage.

On Wednesday evening of last week in the M E Church the solemn words were spoken by Rev **E J Durham** that joined in holy wedlock, Mr **S Homer Tolly** and Miss **Birdie M Curtis**. About one hundred fifty invited guests were comfortably seated in the sanctuary at the hour appointed. (*Note: Long article detailed the decorations, ceremony, reception and guests – not copied in this book.*) The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs **Myron Curtis**, a sensible, practical and earnest girl, who is fully capable of meeting the responsibilities of life. The groom is the youngest son of Mrs **C Tolly Jr**, an energetic young business man with the ability to view the realities of life as they exist and make the best of them.

Reception was held at the home of Mr and Mrs **Curtis** on the west side where a reception was tendered the newly married couple. The young ladies quartette was present and rendered several sections from their charming repertoire, after which the guests did ample justice to an elegant supper. Mr and Mrs **Tolly** will reside for the present with Mr and Mrs **M Curtis**.

Wednesday evening at six o'clock, at the residence of Mrs **Harriet Merryman**, four miles southeast, in the presence of a large number of invited friends, **M T Smart** and Miss **Barbara Merryman** were united in marriage. Rev **Samuel Piety** impressively officiated. Attendants were Miss **Stella Armstrong** of this city and Mr **Wm Smart**, a brother of the groom. Miss **Daisy Armstrong** presided at the organ, her selection for the occasion being the wedding march from Lohengrin. Barbara is a girl who knows how to work and to make every moment count. Her life has been spent in this vicinity and they who know her best, love her most for her many excellent qualities. The groom is the son of our esteemed

fellow citizen, **A W Smart**. He is a native of Christian County and a hard working, practical young man and will make a success in life. 'Mose' has a host of friends that unite with the Call Mail in extending to him and his handsome bride, sincerest congratulations. Mr and Mrs **Smart** will go immediately to housekeeping on the Mrs **Beery** farm northeast of town. (*Note: Large article describes ceremony, traits of the bride and groom and the extensive guest list both for the ceremony and reception – not copied in this book*).

Mrs **Lina Passwater**, aged 82 years, widow of a Union soldier who died in front of Vicksburg, and the mother of 12 children, died in McLean County.

George Blunt, crippled and deformed was found dead beside a hedge near Bloomington. The coroner's jury ruled that he had died from exposure to the harsh weather.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Elijah Thomas** on 15 February 1897, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Edward Day** on Saturday, 20 February 1897, a girl.

J T Walker attended the funeral of his brother's wife, Mrs **E B Walker** at Macon on Saturday.

Mr and Mrs **Alex Ahl** of Tobinsport Indiana, are the happy parents of a sweet little girl.

Prairie Home news: Married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **John Fry**, last Thursday Miss **Eva Fry** and **Amos Bushant**.

Quite a number from the Willey neighborhood attended the funeral of Miss **Nettie Harris** near Spring Creek on Friday morning of last week.

Mrs **William Elmers** from Ohlman, attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs **Doerfer**, at this place last Thursday. (*Allenboro news*)

John Hemer and Miss **Rosa Goodwin** will be married on Wednesday. (*Allenboro news*)

Mrs **E B Walker**, formerly of Macon, died at her home in Storm Lake, Iowa, Wednesday morning and the remains were brought here on Friday morning for burial. The funeral services will be held in the Methodist Church Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Mrs **Walker** has a host of friends who will be shocked to learn of her death, as she was very popular here. (*Macon Record*).

James Huff, an old and highly respected resident of Macon County, died at his home in Maroa on Saturday night, aged 84 years. For forty years, he had been a resident of that town and was known to most of the older people in the County. The deceased was the father of Mrs **W A Steidley** of Westlake, Louisiana. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon from the M E Church at Maroa.

The funeral of **William B Craycroft** occurred from the family residence in Riverside at 1 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Rev **Howe** officiating. The funeral was in charge of Masonic Lodge of Masons No 312. The remains were interred in Mt Gilead Cemetery. The deceased was a highly esteemed resident of Decatur and a brother-in-law of Mrs **W J Clark** of this city. Mr and Mrs **Clark** were in attendance at the funeral.

The marriage of Miss **Jennie McCarty** and Mr **Joseph P Bergin** was duly celebrated at St Patrick's church in Pana on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Rev Fr **Wm Weigand** officiating. There were present a large number of friends of the contracting parties to witness the ceremony. The bride and groom were attended by Mr **Timothy Bergin** and Miss **Emma O'Brien**.

Wednesday, 3 March 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Little **Mildred Corrington**, the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs **Wm F Corrington**, aged four months, died rather suddenly after a brief illness on Friday morning at one o'clock. The little darling had been sick with symptoms of the grippe for about two weeks, but was not considered at all dangerous until Thursday when brain fever set in, ending ultimately in death. The funeral services were held from the family residence on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev **Durham** of the M E Church officiating. Death coming to such a little one is but a beautiful transition from life material to infinite spirituality. Though the parting is sad, the final reunion of parents and child in the world of eternal love will be supremely blissful. Mr and Mrs **Corrington** have the sympathy of a large circle of friends and relatives in this community.

Edwin Penrose, formerly a prominent farmer in the suburbs of Quincy died recently at age 66 years. The death of **Edwin Penrose** closes the career of one, who ten years ago, figured in a case in which was involved much that was sensational and mysterious. The **Penrose-Judd** forgery case once occupied much of the time of the Quincy courts and finally resulted in the indictment, trial and conviction of **Edwin Penrose**. The case was peculiar because it involved people, who, it was afterward shown, had no existence. **Penrose** served two and one half years in the Joliet penitentiary.

Lucius M Hoyt, aged 24 years, son of **L P Hoyt**, a wealthy citizen of Aurora, died recently, after a week or more of terrible suffering with a severe case of hiccoughs.

John Wolf, a pioneer of Richland County, where he located in 1836, who laid out Olney, and was the first County assessor, died recently. He was an elderly man.

John W Whipp aged 78 years died in Bloomington a few days ago. He was for many years, prominent in state affairs and in banking.

G F Ledbetter was called to Windsor on Thursday by a telegram announcing the death of his mother.

Mrs **F L Metcalf** and Mrs **Ella B Wolfe** of Nilwood, Illinois, sisters of **Wm F Corrington** were here on Saturday to attend the funeral of **Mildred Corrington**.

Marriage licenses were issued in Taylorville last week authorize the marriage of **B F Murphy** of Moweaqua and Miss **Nellie Neff** of Assumption.

Aunt Oma Weakly of Pickaway township, died on Tuesday of last week at the home of her sons, **O F, Jacob, and Charles Weakley**, having reached the venerable age of 70 years. She was among the early settlers of the County and in maidenhood was a Miss **Wagner**. Both her and her husband's family have given many useful members to this County. Her funeral took place on Thursday from the Locust Grove United Brethren Church, of which she was a long time member. The services were conducted by Pastor **Davis** of Ridge, before a large congregation. (*Shelbyville Leader*).

Born to **Owen Barber** and wife of Prairie home last Thursday, a little son.

Married at the home of **J Simmons** on Sunday evening, 21 February 1897, in Prairie Home, Mr **Ed McKeefer** and Miss **Hattie Denton**. We extend to them our hearty congratulations. They will begin housekeeping and farm one of **G Goodwin's** farms.

Miss **Rose B Goodwin** and **John L Hemer** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at Decatur last Wednesday. **Rose** is the third daughter of Mrs **M Goodwin**, a young lady, who by her kind and loving disposition has drawn about her a host of loving friends, who will wish her success through life. The groom is the son of **George Hemer, Sr**, and is an energetic young farmer, capable in every way of being a sincere helpmate. A reception

was tendered the young couple by the groom's parents on Thursday. They will reside at present with the groom's parents. (Maple Grove news)

G F Ledbetter was called to Shelbyville to be at the bedside of his mother who is not expected to live. (*Later: The mother of G F Ledbetter died in Shelbyville*), **J Ed Carroll**, a time honored friend and former pupil of 'ours' was united in holy wedlock to Miss **Lillie Thomas**, daughter of **Marion Thomas** at the bride's home at high noon, last Wednesday. The happy couple expect to make their home in Iowa.

Frank Murphy and Miss **Nellie Neff** were married at the bride's home near Assumption on Thursday evening, 25 February 1897, at seven o'clock PM by Rev **W Underkoffler**, in the presence of a few relatives. **S. Murphy** returned to his home in Missouri on Friday, after a three week's visit with relatives in the vicinity. (Fame news)

(*Received too late for last week* - Pickaway news). Born to Mr and Mrs **Lewis Cox**, on 22 February 1897, a ten pound boy.

Miss **Josie Jones** and Mr **Fred Horn** were married on Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents. Only the immediate relatives of each family were present for the event.

The will of the late **W B Craycroft** was filed in Macon County. It bequeathed to the wife the household effects and some other articles, along with \$500, provided she abided by the will. To his children, he gave as follows: To **Walter B Craycroft**, 120 acres; **Maude Craycroft** - 89 acres; **Wm T Craycroft** - 90 acres; **Frank Craycroft** - 85 acres, and **Dora Craycroft** - 91 acres. The balance of the estate to be divided share and share alike to the children. The estate consisted of 550 acres of land valued at over \$50,000. **Walter** and **Frank Craycroft** were named as executors.

Wednesday, 10 March 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Charles H Corrington and Miss **Goldie H Allsman** were united in marriage at Decatur on Wednesday afternoon of last week by Judge **W L Hammer** at his office in the courthouse. The young people are both under age, but in each instance had the consent of their parents. The groom is the youngest son of **I N Corrington, Sr**, and comes of one of Moweaqua's most estimable families. **Charlie** is a hard-working, practical boy, and is quite popular. The bride is the grand-daughter of **W F Turney** and a most excellent young lady with a large circle of friends. Mr and Mrs **Corrington** will reside for the present with Mr and Mrs **Turney**. Our sincere congratulations.

On Thursday evening, 25 February 1897, at the home of Mr and Mrs **G Neff**, three miles northeast of Assumption, occurred the marriage of Mr **B F Murphy** of Moweaqua to Miss **Nellie Neff**, Rev **F W Underoffler** of the United Evangelical church, officiating. It was a very quiet but enjoyable occasion, only a few of the relatives and friends of the family being present. The contracting parties are favorably known to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who wish them a happy and prosperous life.

Lyman W Hall, who murdered Constable **Francis DeLong**, was sentenced at Joliet to the penitentiary for life. **Hall**, who is 24 years old, caused considerable trouble at his grandmother's residence, where he made his home, and on 4 November last Constable **DeLong** went to the house to serve a paper on him and **Hall** shot him dead. **Hall** was without money, and pleaded guilty to the charge of murder, for which he received his sentence the other day.

Rev **Joseph S Best**, aged 62, an old time Methodist circuit-rider, died at Freeport the other day, the result of a stroke of paralysis received several weeks ago.

Charles Wiseman, aged 16, who lived a few miles from Quincy was bitten by a dog six weeks ago and died the other night from blood poisoning.

Tom Waller of Marshall County was thrown from his horse the other day and killed, the head of the unfortunate man, striking a tree and causing his demise.

Born to Mr and Mrs **George Scheiverly** on Wednesday, 3 March 1897, a little boy.

Prairie Home news: Married at high noon by Rev **Paisley** at the home of the bride's parents, Mr **George Braden** and Miss **Ethel Noon**.

Loami news: Mrs **Nancy Carter** of Loami died on Saturday of heart failure, aged 60 years.

Wednesday, 17 March 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Mrs **L F Webb**, a sister of Mrs **G M Keiser** of this city, died at her home in northeast Assumption, Wednesday evening, 10 March 1897. Cause was quick consumption, after a lingering illness of nine weeks. Funeral services took place from the M E Church on Friday, 12 March 1897, at 2 o'clock PM. Those attending from Moweaqua were Mr and Mrs **G M Keiser**, and Miss **Mattie McHenry** and Rev **E J Durham**.

For sometime some Clinton boys from 12 to 15 years old have been stealing rides on freight trains going to Decatur or Maroa and returning on the same. Yesterday, some of these boys were returning home on a freight train and when at the southern limits of the city, **Willie Steinhart**, aged 14, who was riding between two cars, fell and received fatal injury. It was not known he had been hurt until about half an hour afterward when he was discovered by the crew of another freight train. He was taken to the home of his father, **Chas Steinhart**, on East Main Street. It was found his right arm and shoulder were badly crushed and there was a hole in the back of his head. There was little hope of his recovery and death came at 4 o'clock this morning. (*Clinton Register*)

Alfred P Barnett, a member of one of Madison County's pioneer families died in Edwardsville in his 64th year. He spent his entire life in Madison County.

Born to Mr and Mrs **W Z Richhart** on 16 March 1897, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Johnson Drake** on Friday, 12 March 1897, a little girl.

Mr **John Bancom** and Miss **Georgia Miller** were married on Wednesday at high noon, at the residence of the bride's parents. Only the immediate relatives of each family were present. (Loami news)

Will McGowan of Pana and a member of the second Regiment band of that city, died at Lexington, Kentucky, last Saturday morning on 6 March 1897, while on his way home from Marietta, Georgia. His mortal remains arrived in Pana the following day and were interred to rest Monday afternoon.

Wednesday, 24 March 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Howard Hardin, a former resident of Moweaqua, died Thursday afternoon at the home of **William Logan**, in Decatur, of consumption. Deceased was 36 years of age and a native of Lancaster, Kentucky, and since his removal from this city, has been a resident of Macon County for a period of about 12 months. He has no living relatives nearer than cousins, three of whom live in Decatur, Mrs **Milton Layton**, of West St Louis avenue, and **William**

and **David Logan** of West Decatur Street. The remains were shipped to Kentucky that afternoon.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs **Samuel H Petefish** was held at their home in Virginia. Many friends were present to share in the couple's 50th anniversary celebration.

A W Smith, known as the '*Poet of Shelby*' died at Oconee. He was a mason and was buried with the honors of the fraternity.

Mrs **Ellen D Warren** died at the residence of **Robert Warren**, her eldest son, one mile east of Creal Springs, at the age of 106 years.

Esquire and Mrs **Colbert** spent Sunday in Decatur, attending the funeral of Miss **Etta Lord**, a relative of Mrs **Colbert's**.

Charles L Braden died Monday, 15 March 1897, at 1 o'clock PM at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs **E Braden**, aged 21 years, 6 months and 8 days. **Charles** was a strong, healthy young man, and anticipated great hopes in the future which lay before him. He attended several terms at Dixon College, Dixon, Illinois. He taught several terms in the country schools. He took a severe cold about a year ago, which he could not overcome, and it finally settled in consumption. His last teaching was at Mt Tabor school near Shelbyville, but was not able to finish the term. The nearest relatives who mourn his death are his father and mother, his brother, **George Braden**, his sister, Mrs **Hiram Pogue**, and other relatives and friends. The funeral took place from Prairie Home Presbyterian church of which he was a member. Rev **Paisley** preached the funeral sermon. Those attending from abroad were: **P P Loughlin** and daughter, **Lulu** of Decatur; **Daniel Braden** of Ohio. The funeral was one of the largest ever attended.

Mrs **J M Housh** has returned to Pleak from Decatur where she had been in attendance at the funeral of her half-sister, Miss **Lord**, who was buried on Sunday.

Major **J C McFarland** and wife celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Bloomington a few days ago. The occasion was made memorable by a family reunion.

John Collier of Belvidere searched for his father for 33 years, finally locating him at San Diego, California. When he arrived he found that his parent, the elder Mr **Collier** had just died.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Hanisko** on 29 March 1897, a little girl.

Mrs **Sarah I Brown** who died recently at Bloomersburg, Pennsylvania, left all of her fortune of \$80,000 to the Methodist church.

Friday, 26 March 1897, marking the twentieth anniversary upon life's calendar for Miss **Ida Snyder**, her young friends took advantage of her being at church that evening and arranged a surprise for her return, that was a complete success in every particular. (*List of attendees, not copied in this book*)

Elmer E Leslie of Cerro Gordo, was killed last week by a Wabash train which he tried to get on while in motion. So it goes and if the practice of riding trains is kept up here, we will soon have to record some serious accidents of deaths. Whose boy will it be?

(*Stonington Star*)

Mary Ann Tobins was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1832, died 23 March 1897, aged 64 years, 11 months and some days. She was married to **Joseph Klar** in Pickaway County, Ohio, in the year 1853. They moved to Shelby County, Illinois, in 1855. To this union was given two daughters and seven sons. **Clara Ella** died when 1 year and 10 days old, **Susie**, **Adam** and **Emanuel** are living at Clinton; **William Franklin** in Oakland,

California, **Nelson** near Bement; **Manassech** near Findlay, **Edward** and **Pearl** near Obed. She was converted when quite young, and joined the Evangelical church, where she remained until 1885, when she came with a letter and was received into the United Brethren Church, where she remained a faithful member until called home. The funeral was preached by her pastor, the Rev **D W Hamilton** from the First U B church of Obed, assisted by Rev **Athey** of the Liberal U B Church of Locust Grove. Heart disease was the cause of her death.

Mr and Mrs **J S Crawford** of Allenboro went to Blue Mound on Tuesday to attend the wedding of Mrs **Crawford's** brother.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Workman** on 29 March 1897, a boy.

Mrs **Mollie Donison** of Assumption, Illinois, requests information of the St Louis Police in regard to her 20 year old brother, **Charles Finnegan**, of Virginia, Illinois, who left that place about two weeks ago. She writes that she has heard that he had been drown from a boat. (*St Louis Globe Democrat*)

Wednesday, 7 April 1897 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Sunday next, 11 April 1897, **Aunt Nancy Hays** will have reached her ninety-sixty annual milestone in life's journey. Born in Virginia in 1806 she came to Illinois about 1827 and for 70 years, has resided in this state. She is the mother of Mrs **Major Hays**, Mrs **Ezekiel Prescott**, Mrs **Malinda Jacobs** and Mrs **Louisa Hays**. This venerable and estimable old lady is yet hale and hearty, and bids fair to round out the century. Her numerous relatives and friends will assemble at her home, which she makes with Mr and Mrs **Major Hays**, on her birthday and tender her joyous greeting in honor of the occasion.

At her home in Prairieton township on Wednesday, 31 March 1897, Mrs **Isom Gordon**, in the forty-ninth year of her age. The deceased was a sister of **J B Workman** and a lady with many friends. The funeral was held the day following; interment was in Adams Cemetery.

Wednesday next 14 April 1897, at the home of the bride in Galesburg, Illinois, Miss **Claire Morton** and Mr **Wm Warren** of this township will be united in marriage. The wedding will be a quiet and informal affair. Both parties have a host of admiring friends in Moweaqua who wish them well.

Mrs **Martha A E Hamel**, aged 90, one of the oldest inhabitants of Clark County, died at Casey, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs **F A Shimel**.

C L Hastings, an abstract clerk in the law office of Judge **E P Kirby**, Jacksonville, was found dead in the office, having been murdered.

At Bloomington, the jury in the trial of **Ben McCoy**, for the murder of **John T Bullock**, deceased having failed to agree on a verdict, was discharged.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Henry Wempen** on 5 April 1897, a girl.

Mr and Mrs **C F Gaskill** and Miss **Helen Aydelott** will leave the first of the week for Galesburg to be present at the **Warren-Morton** wedding in Galesburg.

Today in Decatur, Mr **Frank Wooters** and Miss **Anke Wempen** will be united in marriage. This evening the newly married couple will be tendered a reception by the bride's parents Mr and Mrs **Wm Wempen** at their home near Allenboro.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Robert Orris** of Prairie Home on Wednesday morning, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Fletch Shride**, 4 April 1897, a son.

At the home of the bride's parents, **J Sims** near Obed, Miss **Rose L Sims** and Mr **Stephen E Atteberry** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Wednesday evening. Rev **Hamilton** officiating. Only the immediate relatives and friends being present. The bride is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs **J Sims**, who by her sweet and loving disposition, has drawn about her, a host of kind friends. The groom is the youngest son of Mrs **Cross**, a hard working, worthy young man, who will in every way, prove a sincere and faithful helpmate. They will reside with the groom's mother.

Allenboro news: Miss **Anka Wempen** and Mr **Frank Wooters** were married in Decatur, Wednesday, 7 April 1897. **Stephen Atteberry** and Miss **Rosa Sims** were married last Wednesday night, 31 March 1897.

Just after the noon hour yesterday, word reached the city that Mrs **H A Pratt** was dead. The news cast a shadow of gloom over the entire community. Mrs **Pratt** had not been ill, though complaining at times of neuralgia. Monday night she suffered much from the trouble, and Tuesday morning the family physician visited her, but did not consider her at all dangerously ill. About noon on of the boys came to town for a physician, but her life had passed out before the doctor reached the house. Death was evidently the result of neuralgia of the heart. Mrs **Pratt** was a woman dearly beloved by all who knew her. A noble wife, a tender and affectionate mother, a kindly and generous neighbor her loss will be deeply felt and greatly deplored by the entire community. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church of this city for 26 years, having united with the church in December 1870. We regret that we are unable to announce the day and hour of the funeral which will be held as soon as it is possible for her daughter and other children to return home.

Born to Mr and Mrs **James Higgins**, 5 April 1897, a girl.

This evening at eight o'clock at the residence of **J D Gaskill**, Galesburg, Illinois, will occur the wedding of **Wm Warren** and Miss **Claire Morton**. The young people are both true Moweaquans to the manor born. The bride being the niece of **C F Gaskill**, and a graduate of our high school, and the groom is a son of **Milton Warren**, northeast. After the wedding the newly married couple will enjoy a brief honeymoon in Chicago, returning to Moweaqua on Saturday morning. They will be tendered a wedding dinner and a reception by Mr and Mrs **Milton Warren**.

As was announced briefly in the last issue of the *Call-Mail*, Mr **Frank Wooters** and Miss **Ankie Wempen** were married in Decatur, Wednesday last by Judge **W L Hammer**. The young people drove up with Mr and Mrs **J Wheeler Adams**, who acted as their chaperones until the sacred knot was tied. The bride is a young lady in every way fitted to grace the home of the most worthy young groom, who has prepared a pretty little home on Mrs **James Stewart's** farm for her reception.

The funeral of Mrs **H A Pratt** was held from the family residence south of town, Thursday morning, 9 April 1897, and despite the excessively inclement weather was fairly attended. The remains were laid to rest in the Masonic Cemetery. Mrs **Angelina L Pratt**, nee **Foster**, wife of Mr **H A Pratt**, died on neuralgia of the heart near Moweaqua, Illinois, on 6 April 1897. She was sick only a few hours. She assisted in preparing dinner, and in two hours, her spirit fled from the body. She was born at Jacksonville on 6 October 1840. She was 56 years and 6 months old. She married **H A Pratt** on 6 February 1863 and moved to Moweaqua, Illinois, in 1870. They were united with the Baptist church here in 1872. She was the mother of eleven children, five of whom are dead; five sons and one daughter are living. The sons are **Albert H Pratt**, **Chas O Pratt**, **Harry J Pratt**, **Edson Foster Pratt**

and **Willie A Pratt**. The daughter, **Eva**, was in Vermont, and could not be present at the funeral. The distance and nervous shock, together conspired to prevent her attendance. Two of the sons were in Iowa, and could not come to the burial of their mother.

Mr and Mrs **W J Snyder** left Monday for Sardinia, Ohio, in response to a telegram that Mrs **Mary Bauer** was at the point of death. Mrs **Bauer** is the youngest sister of the late **Michael Schneider, Sr** and is the last of the family living now. (Note spelling: 'Snyder' and 'Schneider')

That was a joyous and happy throng which assembled at the home of **Major** and Mrs **Hays** last Sunday to do homage to the venerable lady, Mrs **Nancy Hays**, whom they found bright and cheerful and proud to be able to welcome the dawn of her 96th birthday, and to extend the hand of cordial greeting to the several generations of loved ones about her.

About 50 guests were present and Photographer **Kyle** secured an excellent negative of the group. It was an occasion long to be remembered by those participating. The old lady was the recipient of many valuable and useful presents, and the dinner served was of such a character as to fully establish the reputation of **Major Hays** and his wife as royal entertainers. Among those present were children, grand-children, great grand-children and one great-great grandchild. The music was nicely furnished on the organ by Mrs **George Hays**, Mrs **Hattie Botts**, Mrs **Mae Whitsett** and others. All returned home wishing **Aunt Nancy** a few more happy returns of her birthday and hoping to see her live to be five score years old.

Copied from the Ogle Co Press: Wedded at the home of the bride, Rev **William W Underkoffler**, of Moweaqua, Illinois, and Miss **Della Moyer**, of Lanark, on 25 March 1897, by Rev **H C Stephan** of Brookville. Miss **Moyer** is an active church worker, a cultured and much respected young lady, a graduate of the Lanark high school, in the class of the Columbian year. Rev **Underkoffler** is an earnest, devoted and successful minister in the Illinois, conference of the United Evangelical Church. A large number of friends were present for the happy event. As the bride's sister played the march, the wedding pair, attended by the bridesmaid and groomsman, marched before a large and beautifully arranged pyramid of flowers. The bride was tastefully dressed in pure white brocade satin, trimmed in lace. After the ceremony, all enjoyed a bountiful repast. The happy couple will spend a few weeks in Chicago attending the Moody Institute.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr **A Anderson** of Owaneco to Miss **Rebecca Weber** at the German church on Wednesday evening at half past 7 o'clock.

Born to Mr and Mrs **W C Rawlings**, 2 April 1897, a daughter.

Wednesday, 21 April 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Saturday, 10 April 1897, being the fourteenth birthday of **Ross Richhart**, he duly celebrated the event by inviting his playmates and having a gloriously good time.

Refreshments were served and merriment reigned supreme for the evening. Those present were **Jessie Miller**, **Jennie Gibson**, **Iona Campbell**, **Mabel** and **Bertha West**, **Bertha Adams**, **Lucy Snyder**, **Grace Jackson**, **Grace Harris**, **Nora Lyon**, **Clara Robertson**, **Bulah Warren**, **May Reighley**, **Sam Miller**, **Recie Robertson**, **Chester Bruner**, **Ira** and **Guy Robertson**, **Ray Snyder**, **Willie Miller**, **Sam Marshall**, **Ross** and **Lee Richhart**.

On the evening of 14 April 1897, Rev **E J Durham** united in marriage at the Fame church, south of town, Miss **Rebecca Webber**, a niece of Commissioner **C Feiker**, and Mr **J D Anderson** of Wenona, Illinois. The bride is an attractive young lady with a large circle of

friends. The bride chose Miss **Myrtle Kemp** of Rutland as her maid of honor; Miss **Anna Fieker** was the bridesmaid. **Wm McClusky** of Owaneco acted as best man and Mr **Harry Anderson**, brother of the groom was the groomsman. (*Article describes wedding attire, floral decorations, and the ceremony, along with the list of attendees, not copied here in entirety*). Letters of regret were received from St Louis, Evanston, Kansas, Texas, Rutland, Springfield, Royleton, Warrenton, Missouri, and Iowa. A reception was tendered the young people at the home of Commissioner and Mrs **Feiker**. (*Note spelling variation 'Fieker' and 'Feiker'*).

There took place on Wednesday evening, a charming home wedding at the residence of Mr and Mrs **J D Gaskill**, North Cherry Street. The bride was Miss **Claire L Morton**, a niece of Mr **Gaskill**, the groom was **William A Warren** of Allenboro. The guests were confined to relatives, and from outside the city, the following were present: Mr and Mrs **A F Gaskill**, Moweauqua, Miss **Helen Aydelott**, Moweauqua; Mrs **W T Metcalf** and daughter, **Edna**, and Miss **Jennie Maxwell**, Macomb. (*Article describes the wedding ceremony and decorations, and wedding attire – not copied in this book*). After the ceremony, light and delicious refreshments were served. The time subsequently until the hour came for Mr and Mrs **Warren** to leave for Springfield, was pleasantly passed in conversation. The guests accompanied the newly married couple to the train and a merry time resulted, the rice and 'old shoe' announcing to the people, the fact of a wedding. The bride, for the last year, has been making her home with Mr and Mrs **Gaskill** and has impressed all who met her as a sweet, charming and lovable lady. She is a student of both music and painting, and as an artist shows marked talent. The groom belongs to a wealthy and influential family, his father being a prominent stock raiser, well-known though his section of the state. The farm is known as '*Walnut Place*'. Mr **Warren** is a young man of sterling qualities and fine character and his personal appearance is such as to commend him highly. He, as is his wife, is a Christian worker, being a member of the Methodist church. Mr and Mrs **Warren** will live in a spacious and beautiful home at Allenboro, as Mr **Warren's** parents intend soon to move into Decatur. Wednesday evening of next week, there will be a reception at the home in Allenboro, to which guests have been invited. Of the wedding presents, it can be said that they were numerous and beautiful. (*Galesburg Republican Register, Thursday, 15 April 1897*).

At Paxton, the jury in the case of **Frederick W Helman**, alias **Fred Hartman**, indicted for the murder of Mrs **Weibke Gedde** at Sibley on 2 December 1896, returned a verdict of guilt, and fixed his punishment as death.

At Bloomington, **Ira Cooper** shot **Pat Kelly**, recently from Montana, in the neck. The bullet lodged, and the chances are that he is dead.

Charles B Pickerell was found dead at Eureka by his wife. He had been in his usual health, and arose early and went out of doors. He remained so long that his wife became uneasy, and on seeking him, found him dead. His death was the result of heart disease.

Mr **George W Shride** died at his home in Pickaway township on Thursday afternoon after a protracted sickness of stomach trouble. Mr **Shride**, aged about 72 years, was one of old Shelby's thrickest and most highly esteemed farmers and stockraisers and his demise will occasion sincere regret among a circle of friends extending largely over the County in which he spent the grater portion of a long, useful and successful life. Mrs **Shride** preceded her husband to the grave, having joined the silent majority years ago. Among those left to mourn the departure of '**Uncle George**' are seven children, grown to man's

and woman's estate. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at Antioch, Ridge Township. Interment following at the cemetery at the church. (*Shelbyville Union*) Mr and Mrs **Chas McCarty** entertained a few friends on Saturday night in honor of the latter's brother, **Henry Hemer**, it being his 18th birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent in dancing until a late hour when they departed expressing that they were highly entertained. Attendees were Misses **Daisy Goodwin, Mary Wempen, Miss Speries, Dollie Combs, Maud LaVigue**, Messrs **Henry Hemer, Bee McCarthy, George Goodwin, Chas Kimmerly, Herman and John Wempen, Fred Combs, L McCarty, John Stubblefield, Warren Warren** (as given), **T Jeter, John Matthew, Ollie Lamb**, and Mr and Mrs **John Hemer**.

Quite a large crowd attended the funeral of Uncle **George Shride** which occurred at Brunswick last Saturday. (*Pickaway news*)

Quite a number of Fame folks attended the **Anderson-Webber** wedding at the German church on Wednesday evening at half past seven.

Mr and Mrs **M G Warren** gave a reception Saturday in honor of Mr **Will Warren** and wife. A large crowd was in attendance and all did ample justice to the excellent dinner set before them.

The Epworth League gave Mr **Bert Stitch** a surprise party in honor of his twentieth birthday on Monday night. There were about 30 guests present. Music was furnished by Messrs **Elmer Cole, Newton Miller, and Gardener Thompson** on the mandolin and guitar, and on the organ by several young ladies. Oysters were served and all departed wishing Will many more birthdays. (*List attendees, not copied here*)

At the home of the bride, in Beardstown, Illinois, Wednesday evening of last week, Mr **John Buchen** of this city, and Miss **May Schneider** were united in marriage. The groom is a well-known and popular young mechanic, the junior member of the firm of M L Buchen and Son and one of the best workmen in his particular line that has ever resided in Moweaqua. Mr and Mrs **Buchen** returned home yesterday and were the recipients of many congratulations.

Worthy of a Graybill Canto. On 11 April 1897, Mrs **Nancy Hays** of Moweaqua where she resides with her daughter, Mrs **Major Hays**, was 96 years old. She was born in Virginia in 1801 when Thomas Jefferson was president of what is now known as **Mark Hanna's** and **Bryce Smith's** country, and has lived in Illinois, since this state was just nine years old. (*Shelbyville Democrat*). Now that's all right, George, can't you write a pretty little piece of poetry about it??

Wednesday, 28 April 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

After a protracted illness of nearly two years, Mrs **Sarah J Cox** passed away at her home east of town Sunday afternoon, about three o'clock. She was the wife of **C C Cox** who died suddenly in the harvest field several years ago and was born in Macon County in 1841, being 56 years of age at the time of her demise. She was the mother of thirteen children. The funeral services were held at Prairie Home Church on Monday. Rev **Piety** officiated and interment was in the cemetery adjoining the church. Mrs **Cox** was a woman much beloved and of many estimable qualities and the family of sympathy of a large circle of friends.

David Cozart, the oldest person in White County, aged 95 years, died recently. He leaves a widow, aged 93 years. They traveled life's road together for more than 75 years.

Mrs **Sorrels** was burned to death near Rushville. Fire dropped from her pipe into the bed, which caught fire, consuming the house and Mrs **Sorrels**.

Mrs **Anna Wade** died at Bloomington, of pneumonia, aggravated by a fall. She was a resident of Fairbury and was visiting at Bloomington.

Rev **Peter Johnson** of Sycamore died suddenly with asthma, and his daughter, Mrs **Chauncey Gustafson**, died at nearly the same time with consumption.

Wm Keifhaber of Beaver Dam, Pennsylvania, is the guest this week of relatives, the families of **R M Stine** and Mrs **Coulter**.

Officer **Andrew Lord** of Decatur, father of Mrs **J M Housh** of Flat Branch, died Sunday night of an infection of the bowels. As a policeman, Mr **Lord** was always a conscientious and earnest worker in the interests of the city and performed his duties as an officer to the best of his ability. His funeral was held yesterday morning from the First M E Church of Decatur.

Word was received from **W J Snyder** that Mrs **Eliza Bauer**, who was so ill, died Sunday morning at her home in Arnheim, Ohio, and was the youngest and last of the **Schneider** family, being a sister of the late **Michael Schneider, Sr.**

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Davis** last Saturday at Pickaway, a little daughter.

Mrs **Cox** died last Sunday afternoon. The remains were interred at the Prairie Home cemetery Monday afternoon.

The will of **Uncle George Shride** was ready at Shelbyville last Friday. We cannot give anything farther at this writing.

Mrs **J M Housh** and daughter Miss **Nelle Housh** of Pleak, were called to Decatur on Saturday by the death of the former's father.

Pet Gamp, aged 72 years and Miss **Sallie Simons**, aged 11, were married at Jellico, Tennessee, one day last week. They lived at Corbin, Kentucky, and eloped to Tennessee. The girl's parents were opposed to the match, and the father followed the pair with a Winchester, but they eluded him. (*Pet Camp - name as was given in article*)

Wednesday, 5 May 1897 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Clark** on 1 May 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Webb Adams** on 29 April 1897, a boy.

Wm Reinhart, aged about 45 years, who, with his wife resided as a tenant on **Tom Gordon's** farm, died on Thursday morning. The funeral services were held at his home on Friday morning. Rev **Midkiff** of Stonington officiated. The remains were interred in the Hays Cemetery. He leaves only a widow, three children having passed away before him.

Born to Mr and Mrs **R F Osborne** of Fame on 23 April 1897, a girl.

Wednesday evening, 12 May 1897, at the First U B church at Obed, will occur the wedding of Miss **Mary L Hamilton**, daughter of Rev and Mrs **D W Hamilton** to **Pearl E Klar**. The bride's father will officiate.

The funeral of Mrs **Sarah J Cox** on Monday afternoon, 26 April 1897, was the largely attended by relatives and friends from Prairie Home.

John Eilers and Miss **Elizabeth Perlix**, **Charles Aufdencamp** and Miss **Anna Perlix**, all of Chapin, were married at Jacksonville. The brides are sisters.

Born to Mr and Mrs **A C Simmons** in Prairie Home, on 19 April 1897, a little boy.

Mrs **Susan Wells Davis** died at Mount Vernon in her 89th year. She was born in Alabama, but had lived in Mt Vernon nearly 70 years.

Peter Schlichter, an old and well-known citizen of Mascoutah, and a veteran of the civil war, shot and killed himself the other day.

A quiet little wedding occurred at 8 o'clock Thursday night at the home of the bride on East Vine Street, in this city. Judge **F O Edler**, assisted by Judge elect **O B Hewitt**, performed the ceremony that united the lives of **Thomas A Wilmot** and **Lola G Radford**. The groom is a young coal miner with many friends in this city, while the bride's charming ways and general sociability has made her friends legion and her name a household word. It is the bride's second marriage, she having been divorced from **Rice Radford** a few years ago. (*Taylorville Breeze*).

Wednesday, 12 May 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Charles Waterman, one of the earliest settlers and most widely known citizens of Freeport committed suicide by drowning. While temporarily insane, he deliberately walked into the Pecatonica River, refusing the proffered aid of a passerby. He was born in Herkimer County, New York, 80 years ago. His mind was impaired by a sunstroke he suffered years ago. He had carefully prepared for suicide, writing letters to several of his old friends apprising them of his intention. Mr **Waterman** located in Northern Illinois, in 1838, and with his brother, the late **James S Waterman**, founded and laid out the town of Sycamore, DeKalb County, that year. He also established at Newburg, the second mill built in this state north of the Illinois, River. He located in Freeport in 1840 and was one of the city's pioneer merchants. He later became a miller and distiller, amassing a considerable fortune. He retired several years ago and had lived quietly since, doing many deeds of charity. In the early days, he was instrumental in breaking up the **Driscoll brothers'** band of prairie pirates, which gave him a reputation throughout Northern Illinois. He was a brother of ex-governor **George Waterman** of California, the multi-millionaire who died suddenly a few years ago.

Little **Guy Stephens**, the two-year-old son of **W H Stephens**, a prominent farmer near Farmingdale, Sangamon County, fell into a fire and perished.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, to Mrs **Harriet Reed Sprague** on 7 May 1897, a son.

Mrs **Nancy Beeman** passed away this evening at her home in this city, at the age of 64 years. Funeral occurred from the M E Church on Saturday, 8 May 1897, at 2 o'clock. (*Assumption News*)

Mr and Mrs **W J Snyder** returned home from Ohio, Saturday morning after having remained at the bedside of Mrs **Bauer** until the end came, and then assisted in settling up her estate.

Last Sunday being Mrs **Samuel Jacobs'** 48th birthday, her friends and children arranged a surprise on her. Her husband took her to Moweaqua in the morning to church and in the meantime, the company arrived and prepared the dinner. (And the table fairly groaned under its weight of good things). The afternoon they were entertained with music by Misses **Nelle** and **Bertha Richhart**, **Homer DeWitt** and **George Jacobs**. (*Names of attendees also listed, not copied in this book*)

In Loami, **Joseph Jones** was given a surprise Wednesday evening in honor of his fifty-ninth birthday. Light refreshments were served.

Mrs **Jennie Ayers** attended the funeral of her uncle, Mr **Stouffer** at Macon on Tuesday. Born to Mr and Mrs **Grant Clipston**, 7 May 1897, a little girl.

Wednesday, 19 May 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

At the First U B church of Obed on Wednesday evening, 12 May 1897, Mr **Pearl E Klar** of Yantisville and Miss **Mary L Hamilton** of Obed, were united in marriage. **E M Klar**, brother, and **Elson Corley**, cousin of the groom were ushers. The groomsmen, was **Joseph Hamilton**, brother of the bride and the bridesmaid was Miss **Ida M Price** of Decatur. The bride is the second daughter of Rev and Mrs **D W Hamilton**. They will reside on a farm near Yantisville. (*Article provides details of the wedding, describes the attire, and lists the guests, not copied in this book*)

Born to Mr and Mrs **James Jackson** on last Wednesday, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Aug Bunning** on 9 May 1897, a son. (Prairie Home news)

Nancy Beeman was born near Mulberry Grove, Illinois, on 27 August 1832, and was married at the same place to **Charles Beeman**, 14 April 1852. She was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church in 1854 and has been a consistent and an earnest worker in the Lord's vineyard ever since. In 1865, together with her husband, she removed to this city, where she has resided ever since. She was the mother of three children, two of whom died in infancy the other, **Jesse**, still lives to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate mother. Her husband preceded her to the land of rest on 15 February 1896. She also leaves two sisters to mourn her demise. (*Assumption News*)

Wednesday, 26 May 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Mrs **Sarah Gallup Gregg**, aged 87, died at Ottawa. During the civil war she served as nurse in two regiments and as matron in the United States General Hospital at Camp Butler, near Springfield. At the siege of Vicksburg, she took a corps of nurses down the river, remaining there three months, finally bringing back 1,800 sick and wounded soldiers of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Ohio regiments.

Born to Mr and Mrs **George Jacobs**, on 17 May 1897, a boy.

Cards are out announcing that the nuptials of Miss **Edna Buck** and **William S Middlesworth**, assistant cashier of the First National Bank will be celebrated on 2 June 1897. (Shelbyville Leader)

Judge **Jacob Fouke** of Vandalia, died at his home in Vandalia Tuesday morning 18 May 1897, of softening of the brain. His funeral took place Thursday afternoon from the Fayette County court house. He was a just and able jurist, and had presided in this judicial district for several years.

Pleak news: A birthday dinner was given Mr **A Bryson**, Sunday, it being his 71st birthday. Quite a large crowd was present and a nice time was had by all.

Wednesday, 2 June 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Wednesday evening, 26 May 1897, at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev and Mrs **T M Griffith**, in the presence of a few relatives and immediate friends, Miss **Viola Griffith** and Mr **Levi Jackson** of Windsor, Illinois, were united in marriage, the bride's father officiating at the ceremony. Miss **Sella Thomas** provided a very charming wedding march. A delightful supper followed the ceremony. The Mrs **Barnhart**, also **Charles** and **Aden Jackson**, all of Windsor, brothers and sisters of the groom were present. Mr and Mrs **Jackson** left Thursday morning for Windsor where they will reside on a farm near that thriving little city.

Born to Mr and Mrs **B M Craig**, on 27 May 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Will Austin**, Tuesday, 25 May 1897, a girl.

James Beaumont and Miss **Gertie Tilley** were married Wednesday, 19 May 1897, at Tower Hill and will be at home to their friends in the **George Butts** property in the southwest part of town

Henry Evans went to Decatur Saturday, to attend the funeral of his little niece, **Jessie Prescott**, aged 3 years, who died Wednesday morning. Her parents were Mr and Mrs **Walter Prescott**.

William R Whittaker, a well-known stock buyer and former clothing merchant of Macon, died at his home in that city at 11 o'clock Thursday night. He was 60 years of age and leaves a wife and five children. They are **Belle, Jessie, Carl, and Willie Whittaker** of Macon and **James Whittaker** of Kansas. It is said that Mr **Whittaker** had been under the influence of intoxicating liquor for several days and that on Thursday night he drank a number of bottles of lemon extract, and that it was that which caused his death. (*Decatur Review*).

Prescott, Iowa, 25 May 1897. Mrs **James F Scribner** departed her life 23 May 1897 in Prescott, Iowa. She was the daughter of Hon **John and Mahala Casey**. She was born in Shelby County, Illinois, on 18 Nov 1834 and was married to **William S Howse**, on 18 November 1852. Her husband died 12 October 1854. One child was born to them, **John William S Howse**. He died 28 December 1868. She was married to **James F Scribner** on 28 February 1856, in Shelby County, Illinois. To this union were born seven children, four boys and three children, namely: **Carrol J Scribner; Levi C Scribner; James F Scribner; Mrs B K Lamb; Charley Z Scribner; Mary M Scribner, and Mrs W W Staley**; only three living, two boys and one girl, Mrs **W W Staley, Charles and James Scribner** of Missouri. Two were with her at death. She leaves three sisters and one brother, Mrs **James Thomas, Mrs Barnett Smock** of Obed, Illinois, and Mrs **Joe Smock** of Hopeville, Iowa. Mrs **Scribner** was a member of Union Church at Pleak, Illinois, over 19 years. At the time of her death she was 62 years, 6 months and 5 days. She died praying and said that she was not afraid to die. The funeral was conducted by Rev **G W Payne**. She left Illinois, with her husband and daughter on 10 September 1895, living in Prescott, Iowa, since. Elder **Ben Mahon** baptized her and her husband. She leaves a husband and children to mourn the loss of a wife and mother. Signed: **J F Scribner** and family.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Palmer** on 24 May 1897, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Robert Beck** on Wednesday, 26 May 1897, a daughter.

Yantisville news: Elder **Corley** was called to Robinson Creek Wednesday to preach the funeral of Mrs **Russell Middleton** who died on Monday night.

Word was received here Thursday that **W H Sabin** of Stonington had died at his home last night of consumption. The deceased was postmaster of Stonington under **Benjamin Harrison's** administration. He leaves a wife and three children. He was well-known in this city and well liked. The funeral occurred from the family residence in Stonington, Friday afternoon at two o'clock. The remains were brought to this city and interred in Oak Hill cemetery. (*Taylorville Breeze*)

Wednesday, 9 June 1897 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Ralph Brickly, aged 21 months, the infant son of Mr and Mrs **Chas Brickly** of Windsor, but formerly of this city, died Wednesday morning after an illness of about two months of

inflammation of the bowels. The remains were brought to this city Thursday, and interred in the family burying grounds at the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Five miles north of Sterling, **George Kauffman**, was murdered, his skull being crushed and a bullet put through his head. His body was thrown on a strawstack and set on fire. Mrs **J H Peck** of Bloomington, was fatally shot the other evening. A revolver fell from a dresser, and striking the back of the chair, was discharged, the ball entering Mrs Peck's abdomen, which proved to be the cause of fatal wounds.

W T Cunningham, one of the best known citizens of Danville, died the other day, suddenly, from heart disease. He was 63 years old and was well-known in Danville.

James Morgan was found dead in the house of correction at Quincy a few days ago. He was serving a term in the institution for theft.

Judge **Robert Walker**, one of DeWitt County's venerable pioneers, died at his residence near Clinton the other day of Bright's disease.

Mrs **Nancy Shannon**, aged 80 years old, died at Pana, the other morning. She was one of the early pioneer residents of southern Illinois.

Born to Mr and Mrs **E Harper**, 5 June 1897, a boy.

Marriage license was issued last week in Decatur to **Elijah Ehrhart** and Miss **Anna Crews**. The lady is a former well-known resident of this city.

William S Middlesworth and Miss **Edna Buck**, the daughter of **George N Buck** of Mattoon were married at Shelbyville, 2 June 1897 in the Presbyterian church. The groom is at the head of the First National Bank of that city. After the ceremony a reception was given at the residence of Miss **Ino Gregory** at the bride's home. The newly married couple departed the same evening for a month's tour of the Atlantic coast.

Jennie E Lamb, beloved daughter of **J W** and **M E Lamb** was born in Shelby County, Illinois, five miles northeast of Moweaqua on 8 July 1882, and died at her home, the same place on 1 December 1896, of diphtheria. She was a kind and living daughter and loved by all who knew her. She told me she was dying, but I told her I could not part with her. She said, "Ma, I must go; I am called; I hear angels singing." She said not to grieve that it was wrong to cry, that she would soon be at rest. She asked her only sister to play the organ. I asked her what she wanted played, she said, "Nearer My God to Thee". She wanted us to sing, I told her I could not; I asked her if she could sing, she said, "Oh, yes". And she sang it in a whisper, and when finished, said, "Oh, how sweet". She kissed us all and bid us a last farewell and said it was so nice to die, told us how to dress her and the kind of casket she wanted, then she went to rest. Written by her mother.

Memorial poem written upon the death of **Jessie E Prescott**, daughter of Mr and Mrs **W A Prescott** of Decatur, by **Janette Evans**. "Gone Where the Flowers Never Whither". (*Not copied in this book*)

Born on 4 June 1897, in Fame to Mr and Mrs **M Obourn**, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Tryon** on 4 June 1897, a girl.

Sunday morning, Rev **T M Griffith** preached the funeral sermon of the daughter of **J W Lamb**. The attendance was very large and much sympathy was manifested for the family of the deceased.

Levi Jackson and Miss **Viola Griffith** were married on Wednesday evening, 26 May 1897, at the bride's home in Moweaqua. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev **T M Griffith**. The happy couple came home on Thursday, and were given a dinner and reception by the groom's parents, Mr and Mrs **L P Jackson**. They have gone to

housekeeping near Mr **Jackson's** and have the best wishes of all. The groom is one of Windsor township's hustling young farmers and his bride is a successful teacher and having formerly lived in Windsor, will be gladly welcomed by her old associates.

(Windsor Gazette)

Wednesday, 16 June 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

The sudden demise of Mrs **Jennie Bacon** has cast a shroud of gloom over the entire community Saturday night about 10:30 o'clock. She was taken very ill after having retired and her moaning aroused Mr **J T Walker**, a boarder, who tendered all assistance in his power as quickly as possible, assisting her from her room to a seat on the south porch. Her continued suffering attracted the attention of Mrs **J H Kirkman** and Miss **Mollie Kirkman** who reside next door, and upon the arrival of Mrs **Kirkman**, Mr **Walker** at once went for Drs **Godfrey** and **Sparling**, but before their arrival, life had become extinct. Mrs **Bacon** was conscious almost to the last moment and frequently said that she was dying. She had been working very hard all day, and this exertion, combined with the excessive heat, and the fact that she was subject to occasional attacks of heart disease was, her physicians think, ample cause for the complete collapse of her nervous system. She was a lady dearly beloved by all who knew her, an affectionate and loving mother, and a character who had surrounded herself during her long residence here with a host of friends. Services were held yesterday from the M E Church, Rev **E J Durham** officiating. Following the services, the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. The floral tributes were very beautiful. The relatives and friends in attendance from a distance were Mrs **Nancy Winters** of Jacksonville a sister; Mrs **Ellen Corgan** of Tamaroa, a sister; **Andrew Bacon**, a brother-in-law, and daughter of Jacksonville, and Mr and Mrs **N T Watson** of Decatur. **Jennie Redding** was born three miles east of Jacksonville, Illinois, on 9 September 1845, and passed away on 12 June 1897. She was married to **G W Bacon** at Tamaroa, Illinois, on 3 March 1864, who died on 27 January 1884. She was the youngest of six children, of whom, three are still living, two of these, Mrs **Ellen Corgan** of Tamaroa, Illinois, and Mrs **Nancy Winter**, of Jacksonville, Illinois, were present today. She is survived by two children: Mrs **Louella Gregory** and **O E Bacon**. She was united with the Methodist Episcopal church of this place in the winter of 1885.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Harry M Day**, 10 June 1897, a girl, weight nine pounds.

Mr and Mrs **S L Breeding** of Rural tendered an elegant reception Sunday last to their recently married son, **J Allen Breeding** and wife who were married 10 June 1897 at Grand Blance, Michigan. Those present from Moweaqua were Mr and Mrs **John Clark**, Mr and Mrs **K R Snyder**, Mr and Mrs **Frank Snell**, Mr and Mrs **F P Snell**, Mr and Mrs **J W Clark**, Mr and Mrs **W J Clark**, Mr and Mrs **Thos Smith**, Misses **Gertrude** and **Maude Green**, **Pollie Clark**, **Nora Smith**, and **Elmer Snell** and **Lloyd Snell**.

B Ruffner and family, **F Ruffner** and wife, Mr and Mrs **J K Southworth** and **Henry Wempen** and family called on **E A Ruffner**, Friday, 11 June 1897, to remind him that it was his birthday. **Eli** did not know they were coning, consequently he was completely surprised when he came in from work and found an elegant feast spread. Mrs **Ruffner** planned the whole thing successfully.

Wednesday evening at the pretty home of Mr **Wm Breeding** there occurred a pleasant surprise in the honor of their son **George's** 18th birthday. *(List of attendees, not copied in this book)*

Wednesday, 22 June 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Mrs **Elias Snell** received a telegram Sunday night saying that her cousin, **Thos. Stansifer**, of Litchfield had been drowned the day before. Particulars of the sad affair have not yet been obtained by us.

Born to Mr and Mrs **W A Ray** on 15 June 1897, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **P Bilyeu**, 19 June 1897, a boy.

Mrs **Eliza Weir** who has been so very ill at her home near Yantisville, died on Monday noon and was buried at three o'clock yesterday.

The infant child of Mr and Mrs **Chas Brickly**, a little girl, about four months old, died at their home in Windsor, Friday, 18 June 1897, of stomach trouble. The remains were brought to this city and interred on Saturday. This is the second child they have lost within a few weeks. They have the sympathy of many friends here.

A number of young friends of Miss **Lucy Snyder**, commemorated the occasion of her 16th birthday on Wednesday evening last, by giving her a genuine surprise at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs **M Snyder, Jr.** Ice cream and cake were served and the young people had a good time (*List of attendees, not copied here*).

Gus Smith died on Sunday at the residence of **W W Joy**, aged 17 years (Loami news).

Frank Barker, 22, unmarried, died on Monday night at his home in Richland township, this County, from the effects of strychnine, taken with suicidal intent. There is no known cause for the self murder.

Wednesday, 30 June 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Sidney Crutchley, aged 24, son of **Mace Crutchley**, a farmer, near Smithboro, was found hanging from a rope in his father's barn. He had been despondent for some time through long illness, and recently he met with an accident in which he broke his leg.

Mrs **Louisa Moncrief King**, related by blood and marriage to a large part of the nobility to England, lies dying of dropsy in a basement room of a Chicago dwelling. She is 71 years of age.

Frank Barker, aged 22 years and the most popular young man in Richland Township, Shelby County, committed suicide by taking strychnine.

George Washington Greeley, who settled in Tazewell County in 1836, on Tremont Prairie, died at his farm from paralysis, aged 73 years.

Rev **F S Holt**, who was prominent in the Baptist church of southern Illinois, died very suddenly at his home in Upper Alton.

Barney McGinnis, a farmer near Dixon, was struck by lightning and killed during a storm the other night at Dixon.

Dr **Josiah H Dodge**, aged 76 years, died suddenly at Pana. He had practiced medicine in various Illinois, towns for over 50 years.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Henry Jacobs** on 23 June 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **A Gilliland**, 24 June 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Jas Carwile**, 24 June 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Rigsby**, 24 June 1897, a boy.

Eliza A Weir was born in Shelby County, Illinois, on 24 September 1856 and died 21 June 1897, aged 40 years, 8 months and 27 days. She was married to **Wm Weir** in 1880. To this union were born two girls and three boys. She professed a hope in Christ and at the

age of eleven years united with the Baptist Church with which she has lived a consistent member. She carried an insurance policy for \$2,000 in the Home Forum. The obsequies occurred at Little Flock Baptist church, Pickaway, conducted by Rev M C Jones, Tuesday at 3 PM. (*Shelbyville Democrat*)

Born to Mr and Mrs **Sherman Pearson** of Obed on 28 June 1897, a little girl.

James T Stansifer, aged 54 years, a prominent real estate man of Litchfield, was drowned in Shoal creek at Wright's Ford about 4 miles northeast of that city on Saturday evening. When Mr **Stansifer** left home he told his family that he was going to St Louis, but instead of doing so, he hired a horse and buggy and left town, and nothing was known of him until Sunday morning when his horse, which was tied to a tree near the creek attracted the attention of **David Welch**, who resides in the vicinity of Wright's Ford. When he reached the creek, he discovered part of Mr **Stansifer's** head above the water, and with the aid of some neighbors, he was brought ashore. The funeral was held on Monday under the auspices of the GAR. (*Harvel Era*)

Wednesday, 7 July 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Albert C Jones of Moweaqua and Miss **Nannie Ryan** of Harristown were married on Sunday afternoon at the parsonage of the Edward Street, Christian Church, 371 West William Street. The Pastor Rev **Marion Stevenson** officiating. Both the groom and bride are school teachers and are well-known in the County. He will teach this winter near Moweaqua and the bride will teach near Warrensburg. **Albert** is the son of **I C Jones**, west and a bright and practical young man. The bride is a former teacher of Charter Oak. **J F Rohman** and Miss **Henrietta Knoblauch** were married at Metamora. The bride has been editor of the *Metamora Herald* for four years.

Merton Kenney, the 16 year old son of the late **J F Kenney** of Wall Township, Ford County, was kicked by a colt on the head and died.

Adam Kolker, a well-known citizen of Quincy, died the other night. Mr **Kolker** dropped dead. He had reached the age of 62 years.

At Hampshire, a small village north of Elgin, **Roy Ream**, son of **Israel Ream**, accidentally shot and killed himself.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Eli Leaf** on 2 July 1897, a girl.

The infant child of Mrs **Nettie Portwood** died Sunday afternoon and was buried from the Baptist Church Monday afternoon at three o'clock. Rev **Rogers** officiating.

Thursday morning Mr and Mrs **R R Adams** started to town in a single seat spring wagon and while enroute met **Thyler Chapman**, who they asked to share the seat with them. Continuing on their way the seat being crowded, the team took freight at a passing covered wagon, and Mr **Adams** was thrown violently to the ground, breaking three or four ribs and sustaining other injured. Dr **Godfrey** and **Sparling** were summoned at once and gave all possible relief but it was soon evident that Mr **Adams** was injured internally and too quite seriously ill. Sunday he was much worse and after much suffering Sunday night, he passed away Monday morning. **Randal R Adams** was one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of east Christian County. At the time of his death he was in the sixty-third year of his age and enjoying excellent health. His physicians say that the direct cause of his death was from a laceration of the lungs caused by his fall from the wagon. A strange fatality seems to follow this family as Mr **Adams'** brother, **William**, was killed in much the same way about four years ago, and two brothers have been seriously injured by

runaway horses. The brother killed was driving a load of hogs to market when he fell out of the wagon and the wheels passed over his neck. He died instantly. The funeral services took place yesterday afternoon at the family residence west of town. Elder **W L Ennefer** of the Blue Mound Christian church officiating. The G A R post and the Masons lodge of this city, of which Mr **Adams** was an earnest and active member participated in the burial ceremonies. The funeral procession met at the I. O. O. F. cemetery where his mortal remains were laid to rest. **Randal Richeson Adams** was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, on 17 June 1835, and was married to Miss **Mary E Northcutt** of Christian County, Illinois, 16 March 1858. To them were born ten children, **Andrew E Adams, Aden L Adams, Thomas B Adams, George B Adams, Anna L Adams, Illinois, P Adams, Mary B Adams, Maude G Adams, Jennie N Adams, Salina T Adams**, of which three have preceded him to a better world, **Mary B, Maud G and Thomas B Adams**. He united with the Christian church in 1861 and moved his membership to Blue Mound, Illinois, of which society he was a member until death on 5 July 1897, aged 62 years and 18 days. Three brothers and one sister still survive him. Esq **J Benson Simpson** of Prairieton, united in marriage on Monday, **Howard Hutchins** and Miss **Mary Bowman**.

Wednesday, 14 July 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Mrs **Inez Price**, a daughter of Mr and Mrs **E B Combs**, and a niece of **A J Combs** of this city, died at her home near Macon, Sunday last, of quick consumption. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, Mr and Mrs **Combs** driving up to be in attendance, and the interment was at the Macon cemetery.

Miss **Emma Penn**, formerly of this city, and Mr **A S Winston** were married at Rizon, Arkansas, the latter part of June. The bride is the daughter of Esquire **F G Penn**.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Eli Conner** on 7 July 1897, a girl; to Mr and Mrs **H L Goatley** on 6 July 1897, a girl; to Mr and Mrs **John Mundy**, 9 July 1897, a girl; to Mr and Mrs **Wm. Sanner**, 9 July 1897, a girl; to Mr and Mrs **Conrad Winchel**, 7 July 1897, a girl.

Mrs **Susan J Arnold** of Orlando, Florida, who many years ago, was a resident of this vicinity, died at her home in the south one day last week. She was well-known and highly esteemed in this city, her husband at one time being pastor of the M E Church here.

Born to **H L Goatley** and wife on 6 July 1897, a little girl. (Fame news)

Will Sanner walks awfully proud now in Maple Grove. A new baby appeared at his home on 9 July 1897.

Miss **Bulah Bartlett** very pleasantly entertained a number of her young friends on Saturday afternoon, the occasion being her 10th birthday.

Wednesday, 21 July 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Born to Mr and Mrs **Joe Edwards** on 16 July 1897, twins – both boys.

A Chicago and Eastern Illinois, passenger train killed **Oscar and Florence Starkey**, two small children who were playing on the tracks near Alvin, Vermilion County. Three of their playmates escaped injury.

Ferdinand Bromley, a pioneer farmer of Macon County, aged 62 years, was found hanging from a rafter in his barn the other morning.

Mrs **George Small** of Deer Creek, Tazewell County, wife of the newly appointed postmaster at that place, died suddenly of heart disease.

John H Miller of Woodford County, a well-known citizen, died the other day of paralysis. He leaves a widow and seven children.

Fernando Bromley, aged 70 years, and the owner of a farm of 160 acres, hanged himself Tuesday morning of last week to his porch. No cause has been assigned for the act. He lived west of Dalton City and was one of the best known citizens in southern part of Macon County.

Wednesday, 28 July 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

After a painful illness lasting many weeks, **Mrs B Scarlette** finally succumbed to that dreaded disease, internal cancer, and passed away yesterday about noon. She was 62 years of age last Christmas and had been a highly esteemed resident of Moweaqua for many years. She was the wife of **Barney Scarlett**, an attorney of much ability and formerly postmaster of this city. The funeral services were held from the family residence this afternoon. Rev **Rogers** of the Baptist church officiated; remains were laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery, southeast of town.

Early this morning, **Dan Stombaugh** and Miss **Sadie Lyon** drove up to Decatur to be married. They were two of Moweaqua's most highly estimable young people.

Charles Stoll, aged 40 years, of Beatrice, Nebraska, committed suicide at Joliet by shooting. **Stoll** at one time was a wealthy citizen of Joliet, but lost his money in the west. He had trouble with his wife, and they had parted, and, on his wife refusing to live with him again, took his life.

Bailey Zimmermann, one of the oldest, wealthiest and most prominent citizens of Oakland township, Coles County, was found dead. The body was found under a tree in a field where he had been at work. Mr **Zimmermann** had gone out to cut thistles, and it is supposed that he was overcome by the heat. He was over 70 years old, and was worth perhaps \$75,000. He was born in Augusta County, Virginia, and came to Illinois, in 1838. Mrs **Gingerich**, wife of a wealthy farmer of Yuton, near Bloomington, died recently at age 72 years. Her son, **John Gingerich**, was killed in a runaway in Bloomington recently. Mrs **Gingerich's** death is attributed to her grief over her son's death.

Miss **Grace Stephens**, the 18 year old daughter of **George Stephens**, east of Bloomington committed suicide by hanging in the barn of her father. Domestic trouble was attributed to the cause.

John Kamm, an old soldier, committed suicide in the cemetery at Anna by taking two ounces of carbolic acid. He was 65 years of age and was considered mentally deranged.

Jacob Leiz, a farmer who lived about four miles north of Hull, Pike County, dropped dead at his house, presumably from heart disease.

Son born to Mr and Mrs **Clark Taggart** on 25 July 1897, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **James Webb** on Sunday, 25 July 1897, boy.

Misses **Lena** and **Lucy Snyder** very pleasantly entertained a number of their young friends last Thursday evening at the home of their parents, Mr and Mrs **M Snyder, Jr**, the occasion being Miss **Lena's** twelfth birthday.

G J Walker was given a surprise Thursday evening in honor of his 78th birthday. Light refreshments were served. (Loami news)

Funeral services over the remains of Miss **Carrie Purviner**, who died Thursday near New City, were held on Friday in the Christian Church. Services conducted by Rev **W A Thompson** of Springfield. (Loami news)

Wednesday, 4 August 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Sunday about noon, **John Barnett** died at his home with Mr and Mrs **Finch**, in Christian County, aged 37 years. The direct cause of his death was a carbuncle, from which he had suffered much. He was the last of his family, his wife and child having preceded him. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon and the interment was in the Adams' cemetery west of town.

Wednesday evening, 11 August 1897, at 6 o'clock at the residence of Mr and Mrs **B A Richhart**, the bride's parents, will occur the marriage of Miss **Nellie Richhart** and Mr **J Harley Nordyke**. The wedding will be a very quiet affair, cards not having issued because of the recent death of the groom's father.

Wednesday evening of last week, **John** and Mrs **Manely** were the recipients of a genuine surprise by their hosts of neighbors and friends, the occasion being the 20th anniversary of their marriage. The plans were well laid and carried out to perfection. It is estimated that over a hundred were present and the numerous baskets of edibles accompanying them combined to make a sumptuous feast.

Dr **W W Skinner**, one of a party camping six miles down the river from Kankakee, died of blood poisoning, caused by handling tainted liver fish bait.

The five-year-old son of **Harman Scott** of Earnest, Clark County, was riding on the tongue of a separator that was hitched to a traction engine when he fell and was run over and killed.

In a fatal street fight at Rankin, **R R Herring**, was cut nine times with a knife, in the hand of **James Lovejoy** and was fatally wounded.

Hubert Benedict of Marshall was gored and trampled by a bull and died from his injuries. He was nearly 80 years of age.

Born to Mr and Mrs **H T Gray** on 31 July 1897, a girl.

Irene May, infant daughter of **Louis** and **Lydia Bullock** was born near Moweaqua, Illinois, on 10 January 1897, died of cholera infantum on 31 July 1897, aged 6 months and 21 days. Her father had gone to Moweaqua to visit a sick brother, and was summoned home after the death of the baby. The funeral was held at the Baptist church. Elder **T M Griffith** preached the sermon. The little one was laid to rest in the new I. O. O. F. cemetery north of town.

Written in memory of Mrs **David B Wood** of Woodburn, Illinois, and step-mother of Mrs **M Goodwin**, east of town. **Mary A Clanton** was born in Serre County, North Carolina, in the year 1819. She removed with her parents to Bond County, Illinois, in 1830, and was united in marriage to **David B Wood** on 15 April 1847. She, with her husband, united with the Baptist Church in 1862. She passed away on 25 July 1897, leaving a husband, two sons, one daughter, and one step-daughter to mourn her loss.

Mr and Mrs **Hi. Goatly** lost their infant child yesterday about two weeks of age.

As was briefly announced in the last issue of this paper, **D H Strombaugh** and Miss **Sadie Lyon** were married on Wednesday last in the study of Rev **W H Penhallegan** in Decatur. The bride is the estimable daughter of **J M Lyon** of this city, a young lady possessing those admirable traits that go to make a charming woman and practical help mate. The groom is an honest, earnest and sturdy farmer boy who thus far in life has made a success of his calling. **Dan** has the ability and disposition to properly care for, love and protect the

lady of his choice, Mr and Mrs **Stombaugh** will reside for the present with the father of the groom, northeast of town, on whose place Dan is farming this year.

Mrs **M Goodwin** returned Monday from Woodburn where she had been in attendance at the funeral of her mother. Her father, Mr **Wood** accompanied her home for a sojourn of several weeks.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Yantis** of Obed on 1 August 1897, a daughter.

Quite a number of young folks spent Sunday last with **Maud Standley** in honor of her sixteenth birthday. A birthday dinner was served; all was pleasant and they all returned home in the evening wishing her many more birthdays.

Leroy T Nordyke died at his home 4 miles northwest of Assumption on Thursday, 29 July 1897, at 12:30 o'clock AM, aged 51 years, 3 months and 10 days. The funeral took place from the M E Church on Friday, 30 July 1897 at 10 o'clock AM. Rev **J A Stout** officiating. The interment was in Greenwood cemetery. His death was caused from cancerous tumor of the stomach.

Wednesday, 11 August 1897 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Tonight at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **B A Richhart**, near Pleak, Illinois, the hour announced being six o'clock, will be solemnized the marriage of Miss **Nellie E Richhart** and Mr **J Harley Nordyke**. Rev **Athey** of the Locust Grove U B church will officiate. Attendants will be Miss **Bertha Richhart**, a sister of the bride, and Mr **George Jacobs** of Radford, Illinois. The bride is a young lady whose life from childhood has been closely identified with everything that is good and pure and enobling in the social atmosphere of this community. She graduated from the Moweaqua High School in the class of 1895 with honors and then took up the work of teaching. The groom has indeed possessed himself of a treasure whose priceless value will become the more apparent, as time unfolds the trials and triumphs of human existence. **J Harley Nordyke**, the groom is a well-known and successful young school who taught at the Jacob's school, west of town last winter and it was largely through his efforts that school has been brought up to its present excellent standard. Mr and Mrs **Nordyke** will reside near Assumption where Mr **Nordyke** has an excellent school for the coming year.

Mr **Charles Perry** and Miss **Emma White**, 10 miles south of Shelbyville, have been suitors many months against the wishes of the young lady's parents. The doctor, who is prominent and the young lady decided to marry, and Monday, through a friend, he arranged for **Emma** to meet him in a blackberry patch a mile from her home. When the girl arrived the doctor appeared with two bicycles. Securing the prize, he started toward Shelbyville. Soon after they had departed, they were surprised to hear the report of a revolver behind them. Looking back, they saw Emma's father on a bicycle in hot pursuit. They hastened their speed, as did the old man. He fired another shot from his revolver and punctured the tire of the girl's wheel. The doctor placed her on the handle bars of his wheel and the race was on again. They soon distanced the irate parent and were made one before he arrived in Shelbyville, completely winded. (*Taylorville Courier*).

Saturday, 24 July 1897, at Charleston, Illinois, **Thos H Greaves** of this city, and Miss **Luella Funkhouser**, a popular school teacher of Coles County were united in marriage. **Tom** is a true Moweaqua boy, to the manor born, possessing both energy and the intelligent application thereof. A thorough and brilliant scholar, a most successful and excellent teacher, he is in every way fitted to assume the role of benedict through the

remainder of life's journey. His wife has visited here frequently and is a most estimable girl. Mr and Mrs **Greaves** will make their home in Gays this fall and winter where **Tom** has the principalship of the public school at an excellent salary.

Efil Tolliver, the seven-year-old son of **Frank Tolliver** was drowned in the Little Wabash River near Louisville. He was playing in a boat and fell out, causing his drowning.

Mort Stewart, a blacksmith of Winslow, while throwing up brick to be shot at, was accidentally shot and killed by **James Trickle**.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Alex Matthews** on 2 August 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Russell** on 5 August 1897, a boy

Miss **Edith Cook**, a society young lady of Shelbyville, met with a fatal accident on Thursday evening. While out driving the horse became unmanageable and ran way, throwing her out. Her injuries were of so serious a nature that she expired at 10:30 PM. Little **Ethel Humphrey**, daughter of **Oscar Humphrey** celebrated her ninth birthday on Thursday last at the home of her papa in Grandview by inviting a number of her young friends and charmingly entertaining them.

Miss **May Booker** of this city and Mr **John Corey** of Decatur were united in marriage in that city yesterday. **R M Stine** and wife, Mrs **Coulter** and Miss **Rebecca** leave this evening, via the **Richhart-Nordyke** wedding, for a brief visit at Lithia Springs. **Wilbur** and Mrs **Buck** are also at the Springs.

Wednesday, 18 August 1897 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail

Monday, at the home of her parents at Pleak, Illinois, Miss **Ida Rittgars** who has been an invalid for many years, peacefully passed into the infinite world. The funeral occurred yesterday morning and interment was in Little Flock cemetery.

Rev **J M Johnson**, aged 55, well-known as a Methodist clergyman in the vicinity of Quincy, died at La Prairie, Adams County.

David Shearer, one of the earliest settlers of Marshall County, died the other day at Kewanee. He had reached the age of 89 years.

Amos Peabody, aged 81 years, died the other day at his home in Stonington. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Christian County.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Frank Middleton** on 16 August 1897, a girl.

Mrs **Ed Roff** received the sad intelligence a few days ago of the death of her father, Mr **Riley Clemmons**, who resides at Cloverport, Kentucky, aged 75 years.

Little **Pearl Gregory**, daughter of Mr and Mrs **Richard Gregory** very charmingly observed the anniversary of her ninth birthday Saturday afternoon by entertaining a number of her young friends at the pleasant home of her parents on the west side.

On Monday evening, 2 August 1897, **Joseph Hamilton** on arriving at his home near Obed was reminded of his 21st birthday anniversary by seeing the yard illuminated with torches, the table spread with cake, flowers and popcorn and about 35 of his friends, who had gathered to give him a birthday surprise. Ice cream and cake was served, about 12 o'clock, all returned to their homes. (*List of attendees, not copied here*)

Aaron Small, an old and beloved citizen of Ridge Township died Sunday night of dropsy, aged about 60 years. The funeral occurred on Tuesday morning at Prairie Bird Church, interment at the Craig cemetery. This is the fifth death in the **Small** family in just eleven months. They being Mr and Mrs **Small** and daughter, **Minnie Small**, and two little grand children. Elder **Corley** conducted the funeral services.

Wm Weir has purchased an elegant monument to be erected in memory of his beloved wife, Mrs. **Eliza A Weir**.

A daughter was born to **Linder Middlesworth** and wife near Tower Hill last week.

Ida Rittgers departed this life on Monday, 16 August 1897, and interment took place in the Little Flock cemetery.

Wednesday, 25 August 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Monday morning, 30 August 1897, at six o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents in Blue Mound, Mr **T Jeff Jarvis** of St Louis and Miss **Ollie Blanchard** of Blue Mound will be united in marriage. The Mr and Mrs **Jarvis** (to be) will leave on an early train for St Louis which city will be their future home.

Wednesday, 1 September 1897, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the residence of the bride's mother, Miss **Minnie White** of this city and Mr **Herbert C. Griffin**, of Kankakee will be united in marriage.

Eliza Jane Rittgers was born in the State of Illinois, on 21 November 1867, and departed this life on 16 August 1897, aged 29 years, 8 months and 25 days. She was sick four years and all that time she was cheerful until her death. **Ida**, as she was familiarly called, was beloved by all who knew her. Her death was hourly expected as she had been very low for some time. She made a confession before death saying she would meet her mother who preceded her to the better land. She leaves a father, five brothers, four sisters and many friends to mourn her loss. The funeral was held in the Little Flock church on 17 August 1897 in the presence of a large crowd. Elder **Levi Corley** officiated at the services.

Sincere and heartfelt thanks to our many friends who so kindly assisted us in the sickness of our beloved daughter and sister. Signed: Mr **N. Rittgers** and family.

Porter Parks, aged 13 years, son of **Harry Parks**, a traveling man, committed suicide in Quincy. His mother says that he was naughty, and to punish him, she sent him to his bedroom shortly before noon. About noon a younger brother entered the room and found his brother's body hanging to the closet door. Life was extinct when the horrified mother reached the scene and took down the body.

Suicide and grief caused the death of husband and wife at Danville. **Henry Hammett**, an aged and respected citizen, died from the effects of an opiate, and his wife, prostrated with grief, expired three hours later. Ill health was the cause assigned for the suicide.

Hammett was 62 and his wife was 63 years of age.

William Ellis, a manufacturer of Decatur, fell dead on the street. He was with his wife and daughter at the time of his death. Heart disease considered the cause.

Sampson Jones, aged 66 and **Dina Leshman**, aged 54 years were married at Metropolis.

S P Michaels, aged 60, and **Mary J Lee**, aged 55, married at Flora.

While **Holmes Wendell Oliver**, aged 19, was driving across a railway track near Danvers, he was struck and killed by a passenger train.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Prescott** on 22 August 1897, a little girl.

Mrs **Sarah Price** died on Friday night at the family residence on South Fork of heart failure. She was aged 62 years.

(Willey news) Mr **F Gray** received a telegram from Ripely, Ohio, one day last week stating the death of his sister-in-law and the serious illness of his brother.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday for **Charles Graham** of Moweaqua and Mrs **Lucy Carter** of Decatur.

Wednesday, 1 September 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Married at the office of Esquire **G W Richardeson**, 24 August 1897, at 7 o'clock, Mr **Clarence A Hammel** of Moweaqua and Miss **Jessie Wallace** of Findlay. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the bride's mother, sisters, brothers, and other friends. Mr **Hammel** is a farmer near Moweaqua and a progressive and popular young man. Miss **Jessie** is the daughter of Mrs **Nancy Wallace**, a widow for many years a resident of this County. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Monday morning at 6 o'clock AM, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **Joseph Blanchard**, in Blue Mound, **T Jeff Jarvis** and Miss **Ollie Blanchard** were united in marriage. Presbyterian minister, Rev **Bankson** officiated in the presence of a few immediate relatives and friends for the early morning wedding. **T Jeff Jarvis**, the groom, is a Moweaqua boy, the son of Street Commissioner **James Jarvis**, whose friends are numbered by the score, and an artist without a superior in his life of business. He holds an excellent position in St Louis at a good salary. The bride is a most charming young lady, possessing those estimable traits of character that go to make an earnest, practical and loving helpmate. Immediately after the ceremony Mr and Mrs **Jarvis** received the warmest congratulations of those present, and then they left on the early Wabash train for St Louis, carrying with them the good wishes of their numerous friends here and at the Mound. Those present at the wedding from this city were the Misses **Ida, Neally and Belle Jarvis, Rilla McClusky**, Mrs **James A Jacobs, E W Smith** and **Sam'l Riley**.

This afternoon at two o'clock, at the pretty little home of the bride's mother, Mrs **M L White**, midst fragrant flowers and exquisite decorations of Golden Rod, Mr **Herbert C Griffin** of Kankakee, Illinois, and Miss **Minnie White**, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the presence of a few relatives and friends. **Edith White** acted as ring bearer, the ceremony being Episcopal in its character and impressively performed by Rev **E J Durham**. The bride is a strikingly beautiful young lady whose unconscious modesty, and gentle and winsome bearing has drawn about her a host of friends during her brief residence here. The groom is of a well-to-do family from Kankakee, a pleasant appearing young man, occupying a responsible position with the 'Hotel Riverview' of that city. At the conclusion of the ceremony sincere congratulations were followed by delicate refreshments, after which preparations were made for immediate departure for Springfield on the evening's train where Mr and Mrs **Griffin** will sojourn briefly, prior to taking up their permanent residence in Kankakee. They will be at home at No. 386 Merchant Street after 15 September 1897.

Mrs **Rebecca McKee**, the oldest resident of Bureau County, died the other day. Before the railroads were put through, she was well-known in northern Illinois, as the proprietor of the only hotel between Peoria and Dixon. Two months ago, Mrs **McKee** celebrated her 100th anniversary of birth.

'**Aunt Kittie**', aged 100 years! A notable celebration occurred at the little town of Mount Morris, Ogle County, the other day when some twoscore of the relatives and a number of friends of fifty years standing, among the, the oldest settlers of Carroll, Ogle, and Stephenson counties, gathered at the home of **Peter Funk**, to congratulate Mrs **Katherine Rice**, familiarly known as '**Aunt Kittie**' far and wide throughout that section of the state, upon reaching her 100th birthday anniversary. Mrs **Rice** was the youngest of a family of eight and lived in Maryland until 1840, when, at her father's death, she came west with a number of other Maryland families. They made the trip from Wheeling, West Virginia, to

Peru, Illinois, by boat and the remainder of the journey to Oregon, Ogle County, then a struggling little hamlet of less than 100 houses, in wagons. **Aunt Kittie** remembers distinctly the war of 1812, and talks of the landing of the British in Maryland and the burning of Washington city as though it has occurred but ten years ago instead of three quarters of a century.

Sixty years ago, near Joliet, **Elijah Johnson**, a stalwart, fine looking young man of 27 years, and **Clarissa Snapp**, a bright vivacious girl of 17, were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev **J E Ambrose**, one of the early Baptist clergymen of the west. Of the 50 witnesses to that marriage but one is living – Mrs **Mary Mather** of Joliet. The other day, they celebrated the 60th anniversary of their marriage at their home in Kankakee. Mr **Johnson** is hale and hearty and his venerable wife enjoys good health. She is the only living charger member of the Hadley Church, the First Baptist Church organized in northern Illinois. A son and two daughters celebrated the anniversary with them.

Mrs **Eliza Munger Capen**, widow of the late **Luman W Capen**, a prominent business man of Bloomington, died at the home of her daughter.

Born to Mr and Mrs **A F Corrington**, 30 August 1897, a girl.

Mrs **Harriet Townsend**, aged 78 years, died recently.

Harry R Mitchell, a veteran newspaper worker at the state capital, died suddenly of paralysis. He was a veteran of the civil war.

Wednesday, 8 September 1897 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Last evening about eight o'clock, Esquire **Colbert** united in marriage, **Moses Hinton** and Miss **Mary Denton**. It was the esquire's first attempt in the matrimonial line and he acquitted himself most creditably.

Mrs **Margaret Roule** of Bloomington, died recently, aged 61 years. She was the widow of Capt **P J Roule**, of the Ninety-fourth Illinois Volunteers and the daughter of the late **Jacob Mayers** of Bloomington.

Miss **Selma Beard**, 20 years old, was found the other morning in a rocking chair by **R G Roberts**, in his front yard at Galesburg, with a bullet in her brain.

Capt **Francis Fuller**, one of Galesburg's oldest citizens, and for many years, president of the First National Bank, died a few evenings ago.

William Heitkamp of Quincy, aged 17 years, was drowned the other day by the capsizing of a skiff. The accident occurred at Turtle Lake.

Miss **Carrie Stevenson** of Tuscola started a fire with coal oil. Her clothing ignited and she received injuries which resulted in death.

Josiah Babcock, an old and prominent citizen of Galesburg, and a trustee of Knox college, died the other day at the age of 74 years.

Philip Judy, a pioneer and prominent resident of Adams County, died the other day in Columbus township at aged 84 years.

Born to Mr and Mrs **E C Pelton**, 1 September 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **J W Workman**, 1 September 1897, a boy.

Loami news: Mrs **Chas Herschman** died on Tuesday at age 74 years. She leaves a husband, one son and two daughters to mourn her departure.

Saturday afternoon in Decatur, Judge **Hammer** of the County court officiating, Mr **George Goodwin** and Miss **Tressie Armstrong** were united in marriage, greatly to the pleasant surprise of their numerous friends. The groom is the son of Mrs **Martha Goodwin**, a

young man of sterling ability, a good farmer and a hard worker, a man who will make a success in life no matter the difficulties to surmount. The bride is the daughter of **Wm Armstrong** and the grand-daughter of **Beverly Armstrong**, a most charming young lady with those numerous excellent traits that combine to make a gentle, loving and noble wife.

Wednesday, 15 September 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Misses **Lulu** and **Mabel Snyder** entertained a number of their friends on Friday evening last in Normal, it also being Miss **Mabel's** birthday. (*List of attendee's given and decorations described; not copied in this book*)

A genuine surprise was planned and carried into perfect execution Thursday of last week when the numerous relatives and friends of Mrs **Zeally Snell** 'just dropped in, you know', about five o'clock in the afternoon. The occasion was Mrs **Snell's** sixty-ninth birthday and the sudden appearance of so many loved ones, tendering sincerest congratulations made the event long to be remembered.

On the morning of Saturday, 11 September 1897, a full fledged man developed at the home of Mrs **Phoebe Marshall**, in the person of her son, **Emery Marshall**, he having reached his twenty-first birthday. (*List of attendees given, not copied here*)

While **Frank Smith** and his wife, living at Westville, Vermilion County, were away from home, their 15-year-old son, to scare his 14-year-old sister, pointed a shotgun at her. The gun was discharged filling the girl's face with shot and fatally injuring her. The boy says he did not know the gun was loaded.

John O'Donnell died at Bloomington aged 102 years. He was a native of Ireland and came to American in 1864. When he passed the century mark he was active and vigorous. He had been in poor health a few months.

The golden wedding of Rev **James M** and **Jane M Cochran** was celebrated at Litchfield. They are 80 and 72 years old, respectively. Mr **Cochran** has been a Baptist minister for over 50 years and came to Illinois in 1854.

William Gill, a well-known and prosperous farmer of Jersey County, died at his home near Newburn, aged 63 years. He was a native of England.

Charley Henry Osborn aged 83 years died at Greenup. He was a native of Pennsylvania, and had lived in Cumberland County 30 years.

Born to Mr and Mrs **E L Brown** on 10 September 1897, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Henderson** on Sunday, 31 August 1897, a boy.

Saturday evening 11 September 1897, a goodly crowd of young folks assembled at the residence of Mr **Fred Burgener's** to surprise Miss **Amy** on her sixteenth birthday. The time was well spent in games and music, which was rendered by **Chas** and **Arthur Schellar** on the violin, accompanied by Miss **Amy Burgener** on the organ. At a late hour refreshments were served after which they all dispersed wishing **Amy** many more happy birthdays.

Messrs **Tackett**, **Norris** and **F Gray** and family attended the funeral of their neighbor, **W R Fisher** in Taylorville on Sunday last.

Wednesday, 22 September 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Born to Mr and Mrs **Thos Barnett** on 20 September 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Adam Bantner** on Sunday 12 September 1897, a boy.

Little **Grace Richhart** was the recipient of a very pleasant surprise by her young friends Saturday afternoon, the occasion being her tenth birthday.
A baby girl now gladdens the home of Mr and Mrs **Jim Murry** (Obed news)

Wednesday, 29 September 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Cards have been issued announcing the approaching nuptials of **Walter W Denby** of Carlinville, Illinois, to Miss **Anna Adams**, daughter of Honorable and Mrs **Joseph Adams** of Christian County. The wedding date is Wednesday, 6 October 1897, at eight-thirty o'clock, PM.

Mrs **Ann C Harris** at Charleston died. She was one of the oldest residents of the city, born in 1816 and lived in Charleston nearly sixty years.

Mrs **Robert Wilkinson** aged 75 years of Sycamore, died from injuries received in a runaway.

Talton Green, an old Negro, reputed to be 110 years old, died at the city hospital in Alton. The old man did not know the date of his birth, but he knew things that happened down in his Virginia home more than a hundred years ago.

A W Smart received a telegram on Friday announcing the death of his niece, a young daughter of **George Drennon** who resides near Blue Mound. Mr and Mrs **Smart** went over Saturday.

A W Biddle, a resident of Macon for many years, died at his home in Lawtey, Florida, on 15 September 1897, his death was caused by Bright's disease. The remains were brought here for interment and arrived Sunday morning, accompanied by his wife and daughter, her husband, **Wm Mayes**, their little daughter, **Dora**. The services were postponed until 4 o'clock PM, Monday in order that Mrs **Biddle's** mother, Mrs **Johnson**, might arrive from Iowa. The services were held from the M E Church with Rev **Bankson** of Blue Mound officiating. The funeral was very largely attended as Mr **Biddle** had a great many friends here who were grieved to hear of his death. In his will Mr **Biddle** left his furnished home and several acres of land to the M E Church at Lawtey, Florida. The many friends of Mrs **Biddle** are pleased to learn that she will make her future home here. (Macon Correspondent of *Decatur Review*.)

A handsome new stone was erected to the memory of Mrs **Eliza Weir**, deceased, this week at Yantisville. The stone was presented by her husband in loving memory of his wife. As misfortunes never go singly, so it seems now **Wm Weir's** dry house storing peaches must catch fire and burn down with as fine a lot of peaches in it as ever you saw, Sunday evening late.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John M Bridgman**, Friday, 24 September 1897, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **James King**, 24 September 1897, a daughter

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Cunningham** on 28 September 1897, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Charles Corrington** on 28 September 1897, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Arthur Porter**, 21 September 1897 a son.

Dr and Mrs **Robert Campbell** of Pomona, California, are the happy parents of a sweet little baby girl, about a month old. Mrs **Campbell** will be remembered as Miss **Wilha Young**, a former efficient teacher in our public school.

Wednesday, 6 October 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Thursday, 30 September 1897, Esquire **Nathan Humphrey** reached that milestone in life's journey that is biblically known as the allotted time of man. Though seventy years of age (Three score and ten), the genial Esquire is still hale and hearty, and is now doing overtime in a manner that bids fair to round a century. His children and a number of friends had planned a surprise for the esquire on that day which they carried into most successful execution. When the Esquire came home to dinner, he found all of his children present and twenty-three grandchildren, besides a host of friends. Of the dinner, words utterly fail in description. The Esquire was the recipient of several handsome presents, among them, a valuable set of silver napkin rings from Mr and Mrs **E M Doyle**, and an elegant rocking chair from the children. Among the attendees were: Mr and Mrs **E D Humphrey**, Mr and Mrs **Nathan Humphrey, Jr**; **Oscar Humphrey**, Mr and Mrs **Walter Humphrey**, Mr and Mrs **L E Harlan**, Mr and Mrs **J R Drake**, Mr and Mrs **T Smith**, Mr and Mrs **E M Doyle**, Mrs **Heiser**, Mr **T M Heiser**, Mr and Mrs **A W Smart**, Mr **Eph Adamson**, Misses **Mollie Doyle**, **Amanda Heiser**, Mrs **R J Wood**, of Elwood, Indiana, and Miss **Ada Smith** of Madison, Indiana.

The infant child of Mr and Mrs **Thos Brown**, aged about one year, died on Monday after a lingering illness of stomach trouble. The remains were taken to Assumption yesterday for interment.

Today in Decatur, will occur the marriage of Miss **Stella Armstrong**, the charming and estimable daughter of Mr and Mrs **J O Armstrong**, to **Joseph Gregory**, a popular and well-to-do young citizen of Macon County who resides near Blue Mound, and whose parents possess a handsome farm of 400 acres. Miss **Stella** is a young lady greatly beloved by a warm circle of friends in Moweaqua who will greatly miss her from among them. Mr and Mrs **Gregory** will reside for the present with the groom's parents.

James McCrary of Charleston died. He was born in Harrison County, Kentucky, in 1814, came to Illinois in 1837, was one of the pioneer farmers of Coles County, held the office of County clerk eight years and was one time postmaster of Charleston. He leaves a widow and a large family of children. His oldest son, **W E McCrary**, being president of the First National Bank of Charleston. Mr and Mrs **McCrary** celebrated the fifty-ninth anniversary of their wedding on 20 March 1897.

Dr **L F Stoddard**, aged about 70 years, died suddenly at his home in Ramsey. The doctor came from New Hampshire in the 1830s and practiced for nearly 50 years in Fayette County, Illinois.

Mrs **Minerva Landley**, aged 77 years died at Taylorville. She was one of the pioneer settlers of Christian County and had resided in Taylorville for 73 years.

Maltbie Hoyt, one of the pioneer farmers of DeKalb County, died in Chicago at age of 68 years.

Rev and Mrs **A A Stevens** of Peoria celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a dinner party at which their children and grandchildren, all of whom are living, were present. They were originally from Connecticut and were married in New York by **Sherlock Bristol**, a brother of Mrs **Stevens**, who is living and still well in California, at the age of 82 years.

Mrs **Benjamin Bryner**, aged just 16, and married but three months, was accidentally shot and killed by **Frank Kahl**, aged 12 year, at Mrs **Bryner's** home in Chillicothe.

Joseph Auble, aged 22, who lived east of Sycamore, was hauling gravel, and while loading the side of the pit where he was standing, caved in and suffocated him.

The 11-year-old daughter of **L Dickey** of Cerro Gordo, died from the effects of burns sustained from her clothing catching fire while playing.

R W Webb, a brother of **Clinton Webb** of Macon, died at his home in Decatur on Wednesday of last week.

Dr Bruner presented his daughter, **Miss Lulu Bruner**, with a handsome gold watch for her birthday this week.

Mrs Frank Snell received a telegram Friday announcing the death of her aunt, **Mrs Tom Watson** at Jerseyville, Illinois. She left on the 10:12 train Friday for that city.

This evening at the residence of the bride's parents, **Hon and Mrs Joseph Adams** in Prairieton township, **Miss Anna Adams** and **Mr W W Denby** of Carlinville, Illinois, will be united in marriage. **Rev E J Durham** of this city will officiate.

Monday, 4 October 1897, precisely at high noon at the residence of the bride's parents, **Mr and Mrs B A Richhart**, southeast, **Miss Bertha Richhart** and **Mr George W Jacobs** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. **Rev Ezra J Durham** impressively officiated. The wedding was a very quiet affair, only a few of the relatives and immediate friends of the family being present. The bride and groom were attended by **Mr and Mrs J Harley Nordyke**. The short and impressive ceremony tightly tied the knot, and after which, the wedding party then adjourned to the dining rooms where a feast had been prepared of which words would fail to give an adequate description and to which all did ample justice. The bride is a young lady of whom Moweaqua is and may well be proud. Socially and in all church work, she was ever a leading spirit. The groom is a promising and practical young farmer of Christian County, the son of **Sam J Jacobs**, residing west of Radford. **Mr and Mrs Jacobs** left for Pana that afternoon, from which point they took the train for a bridal tour to the St Louis fair and exposition. Upon their return they will make their home with **Mr and Mrs Sam Jacobs** near Radford.

Mr Jesse Park and **Miss Jessie M Colburn** were married Thursday evening at the residence of the bride's father. (Loami news)

Last Saturday evening, **Mrs Spera** and daughter planned a surprise of **Mr Spera**, the event being his fifty-third birthday. **Mr and Mrs Spera** went to town and on arriving home, found a number of his friends assembled at his home to remind him it was his birthday. Upon entering the dining room, he found a delicious supper prepared by **Mrs Spera** and **Lillie** and his many friends. **Lillie Spera** furnished entertainment on the guitar, **Henry Hemer** on the violin, and **Mrs Spera** on the organ. (*List of attendees, not copied in this book*).

Born to **Mr and Mrs David Adamson**, 30 September 1897, a boy.

Born to **Mr and Mrs Lew Moss**, 1 October 1897, a girl.

Born to **Mr and Mrs A Blake**, 29 September 1897, a boy.

Born to **Mr and Mrs F H Whitsett**, 28 September 1897, a son.

Monday, 4 October 1897, in the parlors of Huff's hotel in Decatur, **Mr John Risler** and **Miss Mary Sibert** were united in marriage. **Elder A R Spicer** of the Moweaqua Christian church officiated. The young people left in the afternoon for a brief visit at St Louis. On their return home, they will reside with the family of **E O Smith** where the groom is employed.

Wednesday, 13 October 1897 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

One of the most beautiful weddings that has ever been witnessed in Central Illinois, was that which occurred at the home of Hon and Mrs **Joseph Adams**, a few miles west, in Christian County. The guests, probably a hundred and fifty in number began to arrive about seven o'clock and despite the constantly swelling tide of humanity surging back and forth through the spacious parlors, so complete were the arrangements in every detail, that at no time was the crowd uncomfortable. At eight thirty, the Pana mandolin orchestra gave notice of the coming of the bridal party. Misses **Wenona Harpold** and **Essie Cazalett** appeared at the doorway, advancing forward distributing flowers along the pathway and opening the wickets leading to the alcove. The groom, Mr **Walter W Denby** of Carlinville, then followed, supported by the groomsman, his brother, **John Denby**. The bride, Miss **Anna Adams**, then appeared, leaning upon the arm of her lady attendant, Miss **Bertie Bugg** of Taylorville, and they were followed by Rev **E J Durham**, who officiated. Little **Olive Smith** served as ring bearer completing the processional. The bride, Miss **Anna Adams**, is the youngest and the last of the children of Mr and Mrs **Adams**. She is a beautiful girl and is possessed of numerous high attainments. The groom is a prominent and wealthy young farmer and stockman of Macoupin County, the son of Mr and Mrs **P L Denby** who reside near Carlinville, and who are present at the wedding. The consummation of this wedding thus links in a measure, the destinies of two very prominent families. Mr and Mrs **Denby** departed the day following to Carlinville where they will be home after October 15th.

Jerry Hogan, aged 73, an Irish pioneer of Pana, died recently.

Isaac N White living five miles west of Olney, died at age 77 years.

Ed Dougherty, one of the oldest merchants of Charleston, Illinois, died recently.

Jessie Shields, for over half a century a resident of Moline, died at age 77 years.

John Spain, of Kingman, who had lived in Shelby County longer than any other person, died recently at age 91 years. In point of service he was the oldest postmaster in the country. His service as such began at Big Springs in 1823, under President Adams, and continued uninterrupted until during Cleveland's last term, when he resigned.

Miss **Edith Clements**, aged 17 years, was instantly killed at Clinton while attempting to cross the railroad tracks on her way to school. She was a daughter of **Charles Clements** who is connected with the bridge department of the Illinois Central railroad. She was a member of the first year class in the high school.

Wm Ensmore, a young farmer near Sycamore while driving standing up in his wagon, fell as the horses started suddenly, and striking his head, broke his neck, which resulted in his death.

Clifford J Knapp, aged 19 years, and **Pearl Gardener**, aged 16 years, eloped from Canton to Lewiston and were married. The girl's mother supposed her to be in school.

Frank Riley, 24 years old, car inspector at Bushnell, was crushed to death in the Toledo, Peoria and Western yards a few days ago.

Wm J Henderson, a carpenter, was killed by falling from the roof of General **Dick's** new residence in Bloomington. He neck was broken.

Huldah Brown, daughter of **Richard Brown**, of Stanford, was burned to death by her clothing catching fire from a cookstove.

Mr and Mrs **Joseph Gregory** (nee **Estella Armstrong**) were the guests Sunday of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **Jos Armstrong**.

Saturday evening a number of friends and relatives of **Elias Snell** favored him with an impromptu visit, taking him entirely by surprise, and made the evening of his forty-fourth birthday a pleasingly commemorative occasion. An elegant supper was prepared by **Elias'** estimable wife to which the guests did ample justice.

Sunday at the pleasant home of **Mrs P M Heizer**, east of town, occurred the marriage of her only daughter, **Miss Amanda Heizer**, to **Joseph H Armstrong** at high noon. **Rev Jos Thomas** officiated. The bride was handsomely attired in a dove colored costume elegantly trimmed. The groom wore the conventional black. The attendants were **Mr and Mrs Chester Jenkins** of Prairie Bird, Illinois. Only a few of the intimate friends were present. The bride is a lady of rare tact and ability, and numbers her friends by the score. The groom is a farmer and a nephew of **Beverly Armstrong** and has the reputation of being an honest and reliable young man. They will reside at present with the bride's mother. Those present were **Mr and Mrs Chester Jenkins** of Prairie Bird, Illinois, **Mrs George Goodwin** of Normal, Illinois, **Mr and Mrs T J Hammil**, **Mrs B Armstrong**, **Mrs Jas VanGundy**, **W F Armstrong**, **Mrs John Woodand**, **Miss Ada Smith** of Indiana, **G M and Ed Hammil**, **Mrs A J Thomas** and daughter, **Rose** of Bethany, **Irene and Emma Hammil**, **Berd and Essa Armstrong** and **Willie Woods**.

The infant child of **Mr and Mrs Henry Jacobs** of near Radford died on Monday afternoon, after a severe illness at the age of three months. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon. **Rev Durham** officiating.

The infant child of **Mr and Mrs J R Drake**, northeast, age ten months, died of cholera infantum on Monday. The funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church on Tuesday. **Rev J B Rogers** officiating and interment was in the city cemetery.

Sunday, 10 October 1897, the infant child of **Mr and Mrs Wm Portwood**, southeast, aged three months died. The interment took place on Monday.

Thursday being the birthday of **Ezra Townsend**, his friends stole a march on him and surprised him Wednesday night, while wrapped in the arms of slumber, but he was quickly awakened. Games were played, refreshments served and a good time had by all. (*List of attendees given, not provided in this book*).

The marriage of **Miss Estella Armstrong** and **Joseph Gregory** was duly consummated at Decatur, Wednesday, 6 October 1897. The ceremony was performed by **Judge W L Hammer** of the country court. **Mr and Mrs Gregory** reside with the groom's parents in Macon County.

Wednesday, 20 October 1897 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Quite a pleasant affair occurred at the residence of **Mr and Mrs J P Aydelott** Thursday evening, the occasion being their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary. They invited a few of their friends in to an elegant repast, which was bountiful in the extreme. It was an event of exceeding pleasure and socially to. Those present included **Mr and Mrs Oscar Frazee**, **Mr and Mrs W H Sparling**, **Mr and Mrs S M Adams**, **Mr and Mrs C F Gaskill**, and **Mrs M L White**.

Sunday night occurred the death from membranous croup, **Esther Belle Rettig**, the infant daughter of **Mr and Mrs L F Rettig**, aged twenty months. The child had been sick for several days, but was so much better on Sunday morning as to be considered to be almost well. The funeral services were held from the **M E Church** yesterday. **Rev Durham** officiating and the interment was in the **I. O. O. F.** cemetery.

At Decatur, the grand jury on the presentation of the voluntary confession of the prisoner at the Pontiac reformatory, voted to indict **Roy Dupuy** for the murder of **Walter B Carlisle** in Decatur on 28 July 1896.

The infant child of Mr and Mrs **James Higgins** died yesterday of cholera infantum after a lingering illness. The remains were taken to Assumption this morning for interment.

Little **Mae Portwood**, three-year-old daughter of Mr and Mrs **Willie Portwood**, died on Sunday, 10 October 1897, at the family home, seven miles southeast of here. The funeral took place at the Tolly grave yard on Monday at 11 o'clock AM. She was loved by all who knew her.

John Bancom died Tuesday of consumption near Assumption. The young man was aged just 24 years of age. (Loami news)

Miss **Grace Graham** and Mr **Charley Baker** of Gittner, Nebraska, will be married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride. (Loami news)

The infant son of Mr and Mrs **J B Henderson** died Saturday, aged 4 weeks. (Loami news)

Mrs **D W Marks**, a niece of Mrs **Julia Friedley** of this city, died at her home in Shelbyville on Thursday, 14 October 1897. The funeral services were held Saturday morning from the M E Church. The pastor, Rev **A. L. T. Ewert**, conducting appropriate and impressive services in the presence of a large assembly of mourning relatives and sympathizing friends. Mrs **Friedley** and Mrs **Nicholson** were in attendance at the funeral.

Wednesday, 27 October 1897 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail

Earl Corley, the infant child of **Oscar Corley**, that was so badly injured by a horse last week is improving nicely and in a fair way to recovery. *Later:* **Earl Corley**, son of **Oscar Corley** of Moweagua was kicked to death by a horse.

Mr and Mrs **Abram Brokaw**, of Bloomington, celebrated their golden wedding. He is 82 years of age and his wife is 83. Mr **Brokaw**, who is the proprietor of a plow factory, works every day at the bench in his shop beside his mechanics, and manages his immense money lending business and his scores of farms without the assistance of a bookkeeper or even a secretary.

A marriage license was issued last week in Christian County to **C. W. A. Evans** and **Sarah A. Bilyeu**, both of Prairieton township.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Frank Baldrige**, a boy on Saturday, 19 October 1897. **Frank** now looks fully six inches taller than usual. (*Stonington Star*)

At Danville, a jury returned a verdict of \$54,333.33 damages against **J H Gernand**, a wealthy widower, aged 71 years of age, for the breach of promise to marry Mrs **Carrie Corbett**, a widow aged about 34 years. The jury was out only a few moments.

While **Henry Paupert** and wife of Chicago were asleep, their 15-month-old son found a bottle of whisky in a closet, drank some of it, went into convulsions and died before a doctor could be called.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Sinnard** on 19 October 1897, a little boy. (Fame news)

Saturday, 23 October 1897, at his home northwest, in Christian County, **Edward Bilyeu** aged 63, and a pioneer of Central Illinois, quietly breathed his last. His trouble was on an internal character, and he had suffered much for many weeks. He was a brother of **J S Bilyeu**, a highly esteemed citizen of the County and his demise will be sadly regretted by many friends. The funeral services were held from the family residence Sunday afternoon

at two o'clock. The Christian pastor from Blue Mound officiating. Remains were laid to rest in the Bilyeu cemetery.

Earl Corley, son of **Oscar Corley** of Moweaqua, was thrown from a fractious horse Wednesday forenoon and kicked to death. The **Corley's** are well-to-do people. Young **Corley's** funeral occurred Thursday afternoon. (*Exchange*) (*Note from the Call-Mail editor: The foregoing item has appeared in several of our exchanges. The Call-Mail is glad to announce that little Earl is alive and there is now every prospect for his complete recovery.*)

Born to Mr and Mrs **Fred Schauckel** on 23 October 1897, a son. (Fame news)

On Saturday morning there came to the home of **James Robison** and wife in Prairie Home, a ten pound boy.

P E VanCleve and **Melvina Baughman**, both of Blue Mound, were quietly married at three o'clock Friday afternoon by **Rev E B Randle**, at Decatur, Illinois.

Wednesday, 3 November 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Mrs Ida Daughtry Hays, wife of **Thomas Edward Hays**, died at 136 West Main Street, Decatur, Illinois, on Friday afternoon, after a very brief illness. The funeral services were held at the residence on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and the corpse taken at once to the train to be shipped to Moweaqua. She leaves two little girls, one aged 6 years and one aged 3 years. **Rev A M Danely** conducted the services at the home. (*Decatur Review*) The remains arrived here Saturday afternoon and were met at the depot by the relatives and friends of the deceased and conveyed at once by funeral director **Stine** to the cemetery.

After a brief service was held by **Rev Durham** of this city, the body of **Ida Daughtry** was laid to rest. The deceased was a daughter of Mr and Mrs **Frank Daughtry**, and she and **Ed Hays** were married by **Rev Durham** in 1890, being married at Sullivan. The bereaved father and little children have the warmest sympathy of many friends here. *A card of Thanks:* To those who so tenderly and lovingly assisted in laying away to eternal rest, the remains of our beloved wife and mother, we extend our heartfelt thanks. Signed: **Thomas Edward Hays** and Children

J A Ford, candidate for Postmaster at Paxton died at age 53 years. He was a soldier in the rebellion.

J C Coke, aged 92 years, a pioneer of Hancock County, died recently.

Charles Atterberry, a prominent businessman of Ridgway died.

Robert Curdie, Sr, one of the oldest residents of Madison County, died at Alton at age 81 years of age.

Mrs I J Boyd, a venerable resident of Godfrey died. She came to Illinois, from New York with her father in 1820.

Lawrence Hubert, aged 53, in Carlyle died. He was a native of France and had resident in Clinton County all of his 53 years.

Green Bryom, aged 67, near Big Ridge died. He was a prominent citizen of Saline County and a member of the G. A. R.

Nels Jebson, a wealthy farmer near Kewanee, who disappeared two months ago, was killed by the cars at Rockford. His widow believes that he was deranged.

The little son of **Paul Zintecle** of Pana fell into a tub of hot soapsuds and drowned.

Charles and **George Robinson**, sons of **Lincoln Robinson** of Hanover, Jo Daviess County, were burned as was also their mother, by the explosion of gasoline which the boys

had mistaken for kerosene and had used for filling a lantern. Mrs **Robinson** may recover, but the boys will not live.

Mr and Mrs **William J Veatch** celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary at their home near Wesley Chapel Church, White County. There were 520 people who attended the celebration.

Mr and Mrs **Jacob Frank** of Bloomington celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage. Mr **Frank** is aged 83 years, Mrs **Frank** is aged 84.

Mr and Mrs **William A Martz** of New Canton, Pike County, celebrated their golden wedding. Guests were present from abroad.

Died on Tuesday afternoon, the infant child of Mr and Mrs **William Shelby** after a brief illness of capillary bronchitis.

One day last week **Willie Milton**, a Macon County farmer, residing near Blue Mound, was killed by being run over by a wagon load of apples. The front wheel of the wagon passed over the small of his back and the hind wheel passed over his neck, breaking them. He was a prominent member of the Modern Woodmen.

J R Hazen of Yantisville, and family, were called to Arcola last week by the sudden death of the former's sister, Mrs **Anna Holland**, which occurred 18 October 1897. The funeral was held from the Baptist church of which she had been a member a long time. Interment was in the Arcola cemetery. Mrs **Holland** was a victim of quick consumption, having only taken to her bed a week. She leaves a husband and three little daughters besides a host of friends. The youngest child was dangerously ill, with but small hopes for its recovery.

Married at the residence of the bride's home, two miles west, on the evening of 27 October 1897, Mr **Edward McDonald** was united in marriage to Miss **Emma Wagner**. Elder **L Corley** officiated at the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs **Thomas Wagner** and is an energetic and accomplished young lady. The groom is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs **John McDonald** and a grandson of **Uncle Billy McDonald**. They will go to housekeeping on the farm vacated by **Ed McDonald, Sr.** (Yantisville news)

B E Waddle and family were among the many who attended the **Decker and Ziegler** wedding north of here on Wednesday evening. (Willey news)

Cards were received announcing the marriage of Miss **Grace Hamilton**, formerly of this place (Obed), but now of Owaneco to Mr **Stevens**.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Aaron Rutherford** on 29 October 1897, a girl.

John Calvin and Miss **Francis Kreider** were married at Shelbyville on Sunday, 31 October 1897. They will make their home in Moweaqua.

Thursday at high noon, occurred the marriage of Miss **Mabel Dodge** to Prof **G F Alexander** of Pana, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **S Dodge** in west Assumption. Rev **J A Stout** officiating.

Mr **Levi P Tolly** was surprised on Tuesday, 2 November 1897, that being the sixty-ninth birthday of our esteemed townsman. His daughter, Mrs **Wm Z Richhart** and his wife, Mrs **L P Tolly**, planned and carried into successful execution, an elegant dinner, which was wholly unexpected and a complete surprise to Mr **Tolly**. Participating were **Wm** and Mrs **Richhart**, **George** and Mrs **Daughtry**, **Frank** and Mrs **Stewart**, Esq **Donnel** and wife, **G W Hyland** and wife; Mrs **Elenor Dean**, **Ross**, **Leo**, **Grace**, and **Edith Richhart**; **Earl Hyland** and **Pearl Trivillion**.

Wednesday, 10 November 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Last Friday being the 22nd birthday of **Ben Smart**, a surprise was given him in the way of a crowd of young folks driving up to his home and unloading the contents in their conveyances, preparatory for a big time of fund and amusement. At a late hour, a candy pull was enjoyed and added to the festivities. (*List of attendees not copied in this book.*)

Thursday, 11 November 1897 (*Note: Obit says '11 November', however this cannot be accurate – the issue of the newspaper is dated 10 November 1897; the date has to be 4 November 1897*), after a protracted illness with stomach trouble, **John G Polk** died at his home southeast of town. He had been a resident of this vicinity for several years and was a man greatly beloved by all who knew him. The funeral services were held from Fame church, south of town and was largely attended by the sympathizing friends and neighbors. Presiding Elder **Haffley** of the German Evangelical diocese officiated. Remains were laid to rest in the German cemetery. **John G Polk** was born 28 May 1829 at Tobinsport, Indiana, and lived there till 1892 when he moved to Flat Branch, Shelby County, Illinois, where he died 4 November 1897, aged 68 years, 5 months and 1 day. He was married to **Laura Finch** on 11 August 1859 who with nine children is left to mourn their loss, seven sons and two daughters. Surviving are Mrs **Jane Lamb**, **Addie Polk**, **Henry Polk**, **Steve Polk**, **Eugene Polk**, **Tom Polk**, **Lee Polk**, **Kenneth Polk** and **Tipton Polk**. Two have preceded him to the beyond, **Robert Polk** and **Annie Polk**, who died in infancy. He united with the Methodist Church on 2 January 1889, and lived a consistent member. He has been a regular attendant at Fame Church for several years where Elder Rev **Haffley** of Freeport, Illinois, preached the funeral. He suffered for many years with that dreaded disease of Bright's disease.

Sunday morning at 5 o'clock of cholera infantum, little **Michael Sherman**, the thirteen month old child of Mr and Mrs **Frank Sherman** died, after an eight day illness. Remains were taken to Pana on Monday morning where the funeral and interment took place.

J H Bean, aged 73 years, died near Blue Mound. He was a wealthy land owner and stock raiser in Texas.

John Grumbacker died at Galena at the age of 81 years. He had lived in Galena 60 years and he and his wife were married their some 54 years ago. His wife survives him.

An inventory of the estate of the late **Allen Gregory** of stockyards (Chicago) fame was filed in the probate court the other day. This estates has been the subject of much sensational litigation lately in the probate court, ending in Judge **Kohlsaas** declaring that **Martha Clybourn**, who was for 40 years, engaged to **Gregory**, the legal widow of the deceased. The estate, as shown by the inventory, is worth about \$500,000. Of this, \$350,000 is in personal property and the balance in real estate.

Col and Mrs **J C Winters** of White Hall, Illinois, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their marriage. The colonel, aged 85 years is an invalid, but his wife who is aged 84 years is in good health.

Monday morning, after a lingering illness with typhoid fever **Edward Howse**, an old resident of Flat Branch township, passed away in the sixty third year of his age. The funeral was held from Little Flock yesterday and was very largely attended by sorrowing and sympathetic friends of the family. Mr **Howse** had been almost blind for many years and was a man who bore his affliction patiently and with great fortitude. The deceased was born in 1832 and is survived by seven children. Elder **Levi Corley** officiated at the services.

Monday, November 8th 1897, in the County clerk's office at Taylorville, Illinois, Judge **Adams** of the County court officiating, **Samuel Riley Jr** and Miss **Jessie Hudson**, both of this city, were united in marriage. The young couple returned to this city on Monday evening and will reside until spring with Mr and Mrs **Sam'l Riley, Sr.** The wedding came as a great surprise to the numerous friends of the contracting parties, never the less, they have the best wishes from all who know them. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs **Thos Hudson, Jr.**

On Thursday morning, 4 November 1897, the relatives and friends of Miss **Grace Hamilton** and Mr **Norman Stephens** were seen coming from the north, east, south and west, making their way to the house of Mr and Mrs **D W Hamilton** in Owaneco, where they continued to come until upwards of fifty were present. Many of them failed to see Miss **Grace** until high noon, when the door was opened by Mrs **Grant Teter** and Miss **Grace Hamilton** and Mr **Norman Stephens** marched in to the parlor, preceded by Mr **D H Hamilton**, who pronounced them man and wife after a few short words. After congratulations, the company was invited to the dining room where a sumptuous repast was served. She is the oldest daughter of Mr and Mrs **D W Hamilton**. The groom is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs **Edward Stephens**. After spending several hours with their friends, Mr and Mrs **Stephens** left for Oldham and from thence to St Louis. After their return they will reside on the farm of Mr. **Stephens**. The friends on their departure, left them with many useful and beautiful presents. (Loami news)

Mrs **W C Caldwell** died on Thursday at age 52 years. Funeral services were held Friday at the residence after which the remains were laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery. (Loami news – too late for last week)

Wednesday, 17 November 1897 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

This Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **George M Clark** in Shelbyville, Illinois, will be solemnized the marriage of Miss **Lida B Clark** of that city and Mr **Charles Ahl** of Moweaqua. Rev **A. L. T. Ewart**, the Methodist minister of that city will officiate. Mrs **Annie Legg** of Pontiac will herald the approaching nuptials with a pretty wedding march. At the conclusion of the ceremony refreshments will be served, after which Mr and Mrs **Ahl** will take the train at once of Moweaqua, arriving here at 5:19 PM and go at once to housekeeping in the pretty little home in the east part of town. The groom is the son of Mr and Mrs **Nathaniel Ahl**, a typical Moweaqua boy in all the word implies. He is an earnest and practical young business man, thoroughly educated and with an unblemished reputation. At one time he was one of our most zealous and successful teachers in the public school. Of late years he has occupied a responsible position in the office of the Moweaqua Coal and Mining and Manufacturing company. The bride is a young lady whose friends in Moweaqua number many. During her residence here two years ago, she was a most successful teacher in the public school, and her gentle demeanor and winsome manner are yet held in tender remembrance by the little ones. She was born and reared in the Queen City.

Tuesday evening, 30 November 1897, at their pleasant home, Mr and Mrs **Zealy Snell** will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, which occurred 30 November 1847. Handsome invitations have been issued for the occasion.

Martin A Brookshire, who was so seriously injured several weeks ago by a runaway horse, an account of which appeared in these columns at the time, died Monday night from

the effects of his injuries. He gradually grew worse from the time of the accident and though conscious at all times, he suffered much until death came to his relief. The deceased was 63 years old, and was a pleasant and kindly old gentleman and greatly liked by all who knew him. He was a native Kentuckian and leaves two daughters and one son, **Roland Brookshire** of Kentucky. Seven brothers also survive him, **William, Elias, Wyler, John, James, and Worlington**, all of Kentucky, and **Overton Brookshire** of Springfield, Illinois. The interment was made at Pleasant view Cemetery near Blue Mound.

Born to Mr and Mrs **James B Workman** on 16 November 1897, a girl.

After a lingering illness of many weeks, Mrs **Sarah Casey**, aged 75 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs **Chas Conrad** at Tower Hill on Friday evening, 12 November 1897, at half past nine o'clock. The direct cause of her death was paralysis, with which she had been sorely afflicted. The dear old lady had been blind many years, yet with all her sufferings, she bore her afflictions, and patiently suffered with truest christian fortitude. She lived in Moweaqua at one time continuously for thirty years and naught save kindly words are said for **Grandma Casey**. Her surviving children are Mrs **Elizabeth Malone**, Mrs **Laura Conrad**, and **Sam, James, and George Casey**. The remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Tolly cemetery, southeast, Sunday morning in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Rev **Jos Thomas** of this city made a few appropriate remarks beside the grave. **Sarah Virden** was born 13 January 1821 and had arrived at almost seventy-seven years of age at the time of her death. On 26 November 1840, she was married to **Levi Casey**, whose demise occurred on 6 March 1893. The fifty-three years of married life was spent very happily by them and to the union were born five children, all of whom are still living and all the children were present except **George Casey** when the mother died. "**Grandma**' Casey as she was familiarly known here, had been totally blind for about 20 years, but she had been a patient sufferer, possessing a christian spirit and apparently happy when surrounded by her children and friends. She was a highly respected old lady and familiarly known to every citizen in this community. About 30 years ago, Mr and Mrs **Levi Casey** moved to Pana from Moweaqua and established the 'Casey House' on the site of the old Maxfield and conducted it for a long number of years until both became aged, and they moved into the residence of North Locust, where they spent the remaining days of their lives. (*Pana Beacon Light*)

A B Cass of Buffalo Hart, Sangamon County, died on the homestead upon which his father located in 1826. He had lived on the same farm ever since and had served in the Black Hawk War.

Nancy A Davis aged 85 years died at Creal Springs

John S Harvey, Sr aged 85 years died at his home near Odin. He was the oldest citizen in Marion County. His aged wife survives him.

Warren Wallace Beckwith of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, who recently eloped with, and married the daughter of Hon **Robert T Lincoln** of Chicago, is said to have offended Mrs **Lincoln** by scoffing at her views of Christian Science. Hence the new son-in-law is persona non grata in the Lincoln family.

Frank Anderson, a painter was suffocated to death in a fire in the Haynes building at Chenoa. The loss to the building was slight.

Walter King aged 25 years, son of **William King**, a prominent farmer and a large land owner in Massac and Pope counties, died by shooting in the head.

Born to Mr and Mrs **W R Breeding** on 14 November 1897, a girl.

Mrs **W F Armstrong** and mother of Maple Grove were called to Tower Hill on Thursday to the bedside of the latter's sister Mrs **Casey**, who passed away on Friday night. The remains were interred in the Tolly cemetery near Pleak's Corner on Sunday.

Chas Conrad and wife and Miss **Cora Lamb** of Tower Hill attended the funeral of Mrs **Conrad's** mother, Mrs **Casey** at the Tolly cemetery, and were also guests of **Jas V Casey's**.

Mesdames **Chas Gabbert** and **G Gabbert** attended the funeral of Mrs **Gore**, near Old Stonington on Wednesday. (Willey news)

Friday, 12 November 1897, was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr and Mrs **Fred Gray**, and it was fittingly celebrated at their home southeast of here. The festivities covered the entire day, and about thirty guests were in attendance. Singing and playing were indulged in during the day, but probably the most enjoyable feature of the celebration was the dinner, which consisted of meats, cakes, fruits and many other delicacies. (*List of attendees and presents presented were listed, not copied in this book*)

John H Bilyeu, executor of the last will of **George Bilyeu**, deceased, filed report, receipts, and resignation, all of which were accepted by the Christian County court. He lives in the West and could not spare the time nor expense of coming here to attend to the estate.

Jacob Bilyeu was appointed administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of the estate of **George Bilyeu**, deceased.

Wednesday, 24 November 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Something of a sensation was created Friday when it became known that Mrs **Leona Fortner**, wife of **James Fortner**, had disappeared from her home, taking her baby with her. It is alleged that a former sweetheart, **George McPeek** caused the estrangement of Mrs **Fortner's** affections, and that he was assisted by Mr and Mrs **Harry McPeek**. As near as we are able to learn, these four are now enroute to Missouri. Mrs **Fortner** left a note stating that she was going for good, and has since written her father saying she will not again live with her lawful husband. She is the daughter of **Jack Richardson** has been married to **Fortner** about 18 months, and a girl who always bore an excellent reputation. **Fortner** has the name of being an honest and hard working boy.

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock in the County court room at Decatur, Illinois, **Edward W Smith** and Miss **Nola Booker** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Judge **Hammer** officiating. The young people were at once driven back to Moweaqua by **Frank Smith**, a brother of the groom, arriving here at about 3 o'clock PM. Repairing to the home of the groom's parents, they were tendered a delightful reception by their numerous relatives. The groom is the son of Mr and Mrs **Thomas Smith**, a practical and business like young man, who for several years efficiently served the *Call-Mail*. He is the popular proprietor of the city news stand. The bride is a young lady who is well-known in Moweaqua and who has the reputation of being an earnest and practical girl and a most excellent housekeeper. They will reside with the groom's parents this winter.

One of the most successful and happiest surprises of the season was that planned and executed Friday last, by **Lee** and **Ross Richhart**, the occasion being the 18th anniversary of their parents, Mr and Mrs **Wm Z Richhart**. The boys arranged so that their parents would be absent from home in the early part of the evening and under some pretext, they were sent over to **Levi Tolly's**. About seven o'clock, the guests commenced arriving and under

the direction of Miss **Sue Rice** and Mrs **George Hyland**, a sumptuous feast was spread. Those present were Mr and Mrs **Frank Stewart**, Mr and Mrs **B P Smith**, Mr and Mrs **P L Tolly**, Esq and Mrs **W G Colbert**, Mr and Mrs **C F Gaskill**, Mr and Mrs **G M Hyland**, Mrs **Cunningham**, Mrs **Elenor Dean**, Esq **Jesse Donnel**, Misses **Lela Plyler**, **Sue Rice**, **Victoria Seymour**, **Pearl Trivillion**, **Edith and Grace Richhart**, and Messrs **Earl Hyland**, **Tom**, **Ryan**, **Lee**, and **Ross Richhart**.

David N Jagers, for many years an old resident of this County and at one time a prosperous farmer, died Friday afternoon at on o'clock of consumption at his home near **Pleak's Corner**. He had gradually been sinking since Wednesday, and died very suddenly. Mr. **Jagers** had been afflicted with lung trouble for a long time and his death was not unexpected. He was a man of sterling qualities and well liked by all who knew him. He was 62 years of age, and came to this state when but a boy, having resided here nearly a half century. A wife and four children, all living, survive him, two sons, **James** and **Stephen**, and two daughters, Mrs **Hayes** and Mrs **Charles Pope**. The funeral services were conducted Sunday in the Old Baptist Church at **Pleak's Corner**, Rev **Samuel Piety** officiating. The interment took place in Long Grove cemetery.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Eli Ruffner** on 21 November 1897, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Bate Adams**, 21 November 1897, a son.

The funeral sermon of the late **Martin A Brookshire** will be preached Sunday morning in **Ribelin's Hall** by Elder **Spicer**.

Another account of the wedding of Miss **Clark** and Mr **Ahl** reprinted in this issue. The wedded couple will live in **Moweaqua**.

Several people from the vicinity attended the burial of **Daniel Jagers** who was buried at Long Grove cemetery on Sunday. (Maple Grove news)

Mrs **William McCool** died at her daughter's residence in Decatur on Thursday morning and was interred at Macon on Friday. She leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Daniel Jagers was buried at Long Grove on Sunday afternoon. Mr **Jagers** was a pioneer of this community and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. (Allenboro news)

Born to Mr and Mrs **E A Ruffner** of Allenboro on 21 November 1897, a daughter.

Mrs **Mary Hemphill**, aged 98 years of Chester, Illinois, died. She was one of the oldest women in Southern Illinois, and was never ill until about 3 years ago.

Elijah Graham, aged 77 years, a veteran of the Mexican war, died at Decatur.

Christian Eberspacher, aged 71 years, died at his farm near Pana.

James E Fischer, aged 77 years, died in Pana.

Thomas Jutkins, aged 96 years, at the home of his son at Savoy died. He was the oldest resident of Champaign County. He was sick but once before - 36 years ago.

Alexander Laughlin, aged 81 years, died at Normal. He was a pioneer, served in the Blackhawk War, was born in Ohio, lived at Granville, Putnam County, Illinois, 34 years, locating in Normal in 1867.

Mrs **Jefferson Davis**, one of the oldest residents of Macoupin County, died at Woodburn.

Wednesday, 1 December 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Elmer E Baldridge, formerly of Moweaqua, but now of Stonington, proprietor of the tile factory of that place, and a young man of excellent prospects and reputation, was united in marriage at six o'clock Wednesday evening, to Miss **Lillie Showalter** at the home of the bride's grandparents, **Jacob Waltz** and wife at Blue Mound. The bride is a daughter of **Levi Showalter** and wife of Butler, Missouri, but for a number of years has made her home in Blue Mound with her grandparents. She has been very popular in Blue Mound society of which she has been one of the fairest members. The ceremony was performed by Rev **E A Wangles**. The young couple will make their home at Stonington.

November 20th 1847, at the home of the bride, near Comargo, Warren County, Ohio, **Zealy Snell** and Miss **Abigail Runyan** were united in marriage. About twenty years thereafter, just after the close of the civil war, Mr and Mrs **Snell** came to this section of Illinois, making their home in Flat Branch township, south of Moweaqua. For 30 years they have resided here. Seven children were born to them, five of whom yet are living. Four of the children were present last evening to participate in and enjoy the festivities attending the rounding out of a half century of married life by their estimable parents. Half a century – 50 years – just think of it! Yet honestly and faithfully have these two good people fought life's battle, hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, sharing alike its trails and triumphs, and lived happily through it all to celebrate their golden termination, surrounded by children and friends. Exquisite golden invitations had been issued bidding the guests welcome at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, 30 November 1897. (*List of attendees given and description of the home decorations listed in article, not copied in this book*)

Mr and Mrs **J H Gary** of Western Mound, Macoupin County, celebrated their golden wedding. Mr **Gary** was born in Virginia in 1822, and his wife was born in Bond County, Illinois, in 1828. They have resided in the neighborhood where the celebration took place most of their lives. They were the recipients of many valuable presents.

William McNall of Abingdon, Knox County, was found by the roadside near that place in a dying condition. He died that evening. It was supposed at first that he had been thrown from his horse, but later developments show that they may have been foul play, as threats to kill him, it is alleged, had been made.

Michael C Wagner, a wealthy stock raiser of Eylar, Livingston County, was shot by saloon-keeper **Emmons** in a quarrel over a woman. **Wagner** died.

The golden wedding of Mr and Mrs **Hudson Bengle** was celebrated at Kewanee. Children and grandchildren gathered from various states.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Frank Gregory**, 27 November 1897, a son.

Elder **Spicer** preached the funeral sermon of the late **Martin Brookshire** at Ribelin's hall Sunday morning.

Died on Monday morning at 10 o'clock of brain fever, the fifteen-month-old babe of **Oscar Moore**, living four miles west of town. Funeral and interment took place on Tuesday near Taylorville.

Miss **Mary Smith** and **Riley Thomas** were quietly married on Thanksgiving day. That house is no longer 'For Rent'. (Obed news)

Born to Mr and Mrs **J E Foster**, the 24th of November 1897, a girl.

Frank Rademacher, a coal miner at Pana, and a brother of **John Rademacher**, who formerly lived here, was shot and killed Monday by a farmer named **McAdams**. The shooting was the result of a dispute over a small debt.

Wednesday, 8 December 1897 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail

Joshua Brown, aged 88, a pioneer of central Illinois, died in Lafayette, Indiana, where he had been visiting. He settled in Tazewell County in 1828 and acquired vast land possessions in that and McLean counties. He lived at Normal and Benjaminville, McLean County for nearly 30 years.

Robert Taggart, proprietor of the Central house Decatur, died at the sanitarium at Battle Creek, Michigan. He was a brother of Mayor **Tom Taggart** in Indianapolis, Indiana, and was a Freemason of high degree, a Knight of Pythias and a member of the I. O. O. F.

Lyman Ferre, aged, 76, died at Bloomington. He was one of the most prominent and wealthiest business men of Bloomington. He was a native of Springfield, Massachusetts, and had lived in Bloomington since 1840.

Phillip Harpold, aged 76, a pioneer of Christian County, died at his home in Assumption.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Len Snyder** on 5 December 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Nathan Smith**, 2 December 1897, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Bollen** on 5 December 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Asa Cotrell**, 3 December 1897, a girl.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Wm Hays**, 29 November 1897, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **T M Stringer**, 2 December 1897, a girl.

Hon and Mrs **D P Keller** were the guests Thursday of Col and Mrs **James Laughlin** at Prairie Home, the occasion being the golden wedding anniversary of the last named.

Married at the home of the bride's father, Mr **H G Smith** in Okaw, Mr **W R Thomas** of Flat Branch and Miss **Mary L Smith**; Elder **L Corley** officiating. The parents of the bride and Miss **Mary J Corley** only witnessing the solemn ceremony. These young people will make their home in Pickaway, all things being beforehand made in readiness. (*Shelbyville Democrat*)

The closing of the golden wedding of Col **Laughlin**, was a reception given to the wedding guests at the home of Maj **McBurney** on Saturday. The affair was an enjoyable one, not soon to be forgotten (*Prairie Home news*)

Miss **Nellie Arnold**, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs **Henry Arnold**, died Tuesday, 30 November 1897, after a lingering illness of complicated ailment for two years. She was a patient christian sufferer and died trusting in Jesus. She penned an effecting letter several days before she died in which she told a christian revelation. She leaves a father, mother, sister and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. Interment took place at Macon Thursday; Rev **A G Blunk** officiating.

His suffering ended, **George Seymour**, aged 23 years, died at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs **Frank Seymour** at five o'clock this morning from internal injured received about four years ago. He has been a helpless invalid since that time and death comes as a sweet relief to years of suffering. The funeral will be held tomorrow, though just what hour is not as yet known.

Mrs **Lena Burrus**, aged about 30 years, and a niece of Mrs **Neal Tolly** of this city, died Sunday at Herrick, and was buried Monday afternoon at three o'clock.

Wednesday, 1 December 1897, at the residence of County treasurer, **W E Peabody**, in Taylorville, occurred the marriage of **Samuel Wreath** to Miss **Mattie Hayes**. Rev **Bowyer** officiated

At Prairie Home on Thursday, Col and Mrs **James Laughlin** celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. A company of nearly 100 of their children, neighbors and

friends were present on this occasion. The couple were married at Clifton, Ohio, in December 1847, and came to Shelby County, Illinois, in 1875. One singular feature in connection with their long career of married life is the fact that Mrs **Laughlin** is the second wife of the aged husband.

Wednesday, 15 December 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

This morning at one o'clock, **Charles Baughman** and Miss **Mamie Jackson** took the Diamond Special for Decatur where they are doubtless married by this time. The course of true love has not been running very smooth with the young people, and as a last resort, they decided to elope. They have many friends here who will welcome their return with warm congratulations.

The funeral services of **George Seymour** were held at his home on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock and were largely attended, the local miner's union attending in a body. Rev **Jo. B Rogers** made a few impressive remarks after which the funeral cortege proceeded to the cemetery west of town where the last mortal remains of the deceased were laid to rest. The pall bearers were **Tom Gilliland, Ernest Snyder, Homer Tolly, Raymond Snyder, Frank Hudson, and Ralph Snyder.**

Tomorrow (Thursday) evening, at the residence of Mrs **Stoneburner**, at 6 o'clock, **Andrew Jackson Hays** and Mrs **Belle Tatman** will be united in marriage. Rev **Jo. B Rogers** will be the officiating clergyman. Mr and Mrs **Hays** will make their home for the winter with **Aunt Sally Hays.**

Mrs **Julia Fry**, aged 91 years, died at Oakland, Coles County. She was the widow of **Caleb Fry**, who was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Elihu Foster, a Mexican War Veteran, aged 73 years died at Bement.

Mrs **Sarah L Bell**, aged 88 years of age, died at Bement.

Other area deaths include: **John Cheshire**, for over 50 years, a resident of Ogle County, died at his home near Holcomb, aged 76 years. **W P Goodall** of Paxton died; **Clarke B Church** aged 91 years died of Quincy; **Uncle James Rhodes** aged 78 years, a pioneer of Fayette County died. **W M Kemp** of Paxton died suddenly. **Solomon Tuttle** aged 72 years, for over 50 years a resident of Vandalia, died. Dr **P R Dakin** for many years, a well-known physician of Princeton died.

Walter Fuller, aged 71 years, a wealthy citizen of Kewanee died, as did **Samuel K Pershing**, aged 86 years, a resident of Moline since 1852, and **John Klish**, a well-known farmer of near Arcola.

Barrett Green, aged 70 years died in Jefferson County. He was born in Jefferson County in 1827, and had resided for the past 40 years on the farm (ten miles southwest of Mt Vernon) where he died. He served in the Blackhawk War.

Stephen Jeffers, a well-known citizen of Jo Daviess County died at Hanover, aged 76 years. He was a native of New York, but located in Illinois, in 1836, having resided at Hanover since 1844. He served as quartermaster of the Ninety-sixth regiment of Illinois Volunteers from the beginning to the close of the civil war and held many office of public trust in the County.

Joseph Summers, one of the oldest settlers in Scott County, and a former prominent business man at Winchester. He was aged 78 years.

Hugh Corrigan, one of the pioneer settlers of LaSalle County, was killed by **Wash McDonald** at the home of the latter. **McDonald** fled, but was arrested at Stockade. He

made a rambling confession of the crime. He asserts that **Corrigan** was under the influence of liquor and attempted to force an entrance into the house. **McDonald** says he stepped into another room to get his musket. **Corrigan**, who had attacked the door, then tried a window, breaking several panes of glass. **McDonald** waited no longer, but fired through the broken window into the darkness. He then awakened two women who were in the house and upon investigating, they found the body of **Corrigan** with the head nearly blown off. He dragged the body to the house, locked the doors, and with the women, fled. **Corrigan** was well-known to have had a large sum of money on his person when he left home, and some think he was lured to the place, robbed and murdered. **Corrigan** was 68 years old, prominent in local politics for 30 years and a member of the A. O. H. and a wealthy contractor.

Theodore Sloat of near Sailor Springs, Clay County, received the summons of death while chopping wood. It is believed due to heart disease.

John Neff, aged 76 years, was summoned while making soap at his son's residence east of Carlinville and his death is attributed to apoplexy.

Harry Poole, a well-known young man of Charleston, was instantly killed by a 'live' electric light wire.

A 16 year old son of **George Braun**, a farmer near Red Bud, shot and instantly killed himself while out coon hunting.

Andrew Lundeen, aged 70, a well-known citizen of Galva, was killed by a switch engine.

Archibald Brooks of Coles County, celebrated his 90th birthday anniversary recently.

Four generations were present, the eldest grandchild was 41 years old and the eldest great-grandchild was a young lady aged 18 years. Mr **Brooks** was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, and located in Coles County when it was a wilderness. He has lived on the farm on which he now resides for the past 47 years.

State's Attorney **Anderson**, on 23 December 1897, is to marry Miss **Edna Scroggin**.

Senator **Booth** of Marshall, will, on 15 December 1897, marry Miss **Mabel Dunn**.

Mrs **Frank Lynn** and Miss **Daisy Benepe** of Assumption attended the funeral of **George Seymour** on Thursday.

Died last Wednesday morning, infant son of Mr and Mrs **Sam Benner**. Interment at Hammond. (Prairie Home news)

On Thursday last a family dinner and reunion occurred at the Milliken home southeast of this place, the occasion being the birthday of Mr **Milliken**. Also on Friday, a dinner was given by Mr and Mrs **J H Baird** to their several friends and neighbors. (Prairie Home news)

Isaac Colburn died on Saturday near Loami at age 70 years. He was born and raised in Loami and was never out of the County but twice in his entire life. He was buried on Sunday in Sulphur Springs Cemetery yesterday.

Died on 3 December 1897, near Falcon, Kentucky, Mrs **Mary Haycraft** of softening of the brain. She was a sister of Mrs **Martha Sibert** of this city. Mrs **Sibert** and son, **George** arrived at her bedside a day before she died, not knowing that she was sick.

The eight-month-old child of **William Hays** died last Saturday and was buried on Sunday in the Hays cemetery south of town.

Died on Friday, 10 December 1897, the infant child of **H Hutchins**, living two miles northwest of here. The interment took place on Saturday at the Snyder Cemetery, north of town.

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Tomorrow evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **D T Workman**, their pretty daughter, Miss **Rena Workman**, will be united in marriage to Mr **Ross Green**. Mr and Mrs **Green** will reside this winter with the **Workman** family.

Tomorrow at high noon, at the home of the bride's brother, **Frank Craycroft** in South Macon, Mr **Charles Jones** of Vandalia and Miss **Maude Craycroft** will be united in marriage. The bride is a pleasing young lady, well-known in Moweaqua and is a niece of Mr and Mrs **W J Clark** who will attend the wedding.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Clarence Wise** on 14 December 1897, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs **R E Wetzell** on 16 December 1897, a girl.

Mr and Mrs **Charles Baughman** returned here Thursday morning. They were married in Decatur, Wednesday, by Rev **W F Gilmore**, the Methodist pastor of the First Church, at 218 E Jefferson Street.

Wednesday being the 49th anniversary of the birth of **F P Sheffler**, his daughter, Miss **Mertie Sheffler** and Mrs **D R Coulter** planned a surprise for which was nicely carried out. Miss **Mertie** had gone to Mrs **Coulter's** in the afternoon to have Mrs **Coulter** assist her in arranging some sewing and stayed until late in the evening. Those invited collected at the home of Mrs **Coulter** about 6 o'clock and headed to Mr **Sheffler's** and without any ceremony went into the house taking the family completely by surprise. About 7 o'clock a nice supper was served which proved the culinary skill of Miss **Mertie** and Mrs **Coulter**. (*List of attendees, not copied in this book*).

Born to Mr and Mrs **C F Wise** of Prairie Home, last Wednesday, a boy.

Born to Mr and Mrs **W L Huss**, Saturday, 18 December 1897, a boy.

Robert F Rawlings was married Tuesday at 10 o'clock AM to Miss **Lotta Yost**. The newly wedded couple immediately left via Big Four for Houston, Texas, where they will spend the winter and probably settle there. (Yantisville news)

Born to Mr and Mrs **George Yantis** on 9 December 1897, west of Yantisville, a daughter.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Ed Lloyd** on 12 December 1897, a nine pound girl. It is the first baby in the family for eleven years. (Yantisville news)

John Erisman, a farmer living near Dunkel, has been made defendant in a \$5,000 breach-of-promise suit brought by Miss **Lydia Bilyeu** of Springfield. The gay granger engaged to marry the miserable maid in 1895, just about the time the birds began to mate, but though 'often requested to do so, had failed to keep his vow'. Hence the demand for the \$5,000 solace. (*Shelbyville Leader*)

Wednesday, 29 December 1897 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Death of **Wm W Donaldson**. Shortly after seven o'clock Tuesday morning after a protracted illness of many months, **Will Donaldson** passed away. Death came as a happy relief to much suffering. The deceased was thirty-four years of age and leaves a wife and two children, and has long been a resident of Moweaqua. The funeral services took place at the M E Church this morning. Revs **Rogers** and **Durham** officiating, and the interment was in the Hays cemetery.

Thursday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **D T Workman**, in, the presence of about 25 relatives and friends, Miss **Orena Workman** and Mr **Ross A Green** were united in marriage. Rev **E J Durham** officiating. The young people are both well-known in Moweaqua and vicinity, and have the good wishes of a host of friends. The

bride is a remarkably pretty girl, gowned in white, relieved by pink ribbons, she presented a lovely picture. The groom is an honest, hard working boy who will take the best of care of his pretty wife. At the conclusion of the ceremony, those present enjoyed a most bounteous supper to which all did ample justice.

Born to Mr and Mrs **Henry Marshall** on 23 December 1897, a girl.

Died Tuesday night, 21 December 1897, at his home southeast, of typhoid pneumonia, **Robert McDonald**, aged about 30 years. The funeral occurred on Thursday and the remains were interred at Bethany cemetery. The deceased leaves a wife and a very young child. The pastor of the German M E Church officiated at the funeral.

At the home of Mr and Mrs **A T Jacobs**, 6 miles southwest of Moweaqua, quite a number of young people spent an enjoyable evening on Thursday, 23 December 1897. The occasion was in honor of their oldest son's 21st birthday. A number of **Henry Jacobs'** young friends planned to surprise him and the surprise was complete. **Henry** received several presents, among them a handsome gold watch and chain presented by his parents. The guests departed for their homes about 11 o'clock. (*List of attendees not copied in this book*).

Obed news: The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs **John Carroll** died Sunday and was buried at Locust Grove on Monday.

Born to Mr and Mrs **John Simmons** of Prairie Home on 13 December 1897, a son.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss **Lena Spates** of this place (Willey) and Mr **Mack Wetzel** of Stonington, which is to occur on Wednesday, 29 December 1897 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **A Spates**.

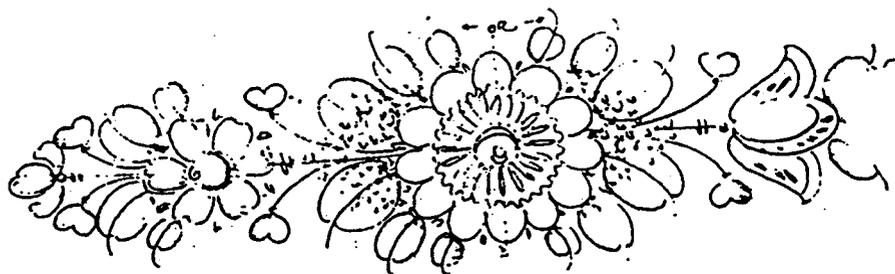
Mr **F Gray** received a message Friday from Ripley, Ohio, telling him that his brother, **John Gray**, whom he went to see last fall was dead. Just eighteen weeks before, he buried his wife.

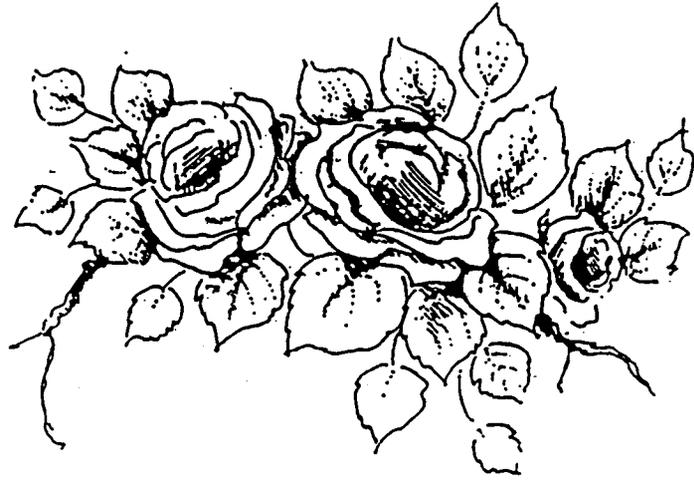
Born to Mr and Mrs **A Smull**, 25 December 1897 a girl.

William M Smith attended the wooden wedding of **J E Bachman** and wife in Decatur on Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs **O. H. P. Avey**, an estimable couple of Prairie Home, looked back, reflectively upon forty-seven years of married life dating from Sunday last, which day was their anniversary. They married in 1850. They are nearly ripe for a golden wedding.

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